Little Miss Virginia Webb celebrated

er sixth birthday at her home, Wood

side cottage, Monday, by entertaining her little friends and a few older peo-

ple. The time was pleasantly spent in games and refreshments of sand-wiches, fancy cakes, cocoa and the ad-dition of a fine birthday cake with its lighted candles delighted the children.

The little hostess received many gifts the older guests enjoying in making

the occasion a pleasant one for the sprightly, capable little miss, who is so willing to do errands when the

eather is forbidding for her elders.

The East Village clip is to hold no more meetings while there is so much sickness from the industra and the

Miss Elizabeth Piper, of Cambridge

who has been the guest of Mrs. Anna Bancroft and Mrs. Robert Gay, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Miss Piper has some thoughts of

bungalow residence here in town in

he near future, and came up to see

what winter was like in the country. As she was here during the big snow storm of last week and was snow-bound for a time, it is safe to assert

hat she has gained a very good idea

Andrew Pillsbury, employed in the

Nashua River Paper Company yard, has been off duty several days this

week with a painful hand and arm, the result of a splinter of steel in one

Mrs. C. F. Bird was quite ill last week from neuritis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maynard, but is

The Olsen family, in the extreme western part of the town, have been

sick with mild cases of the influenza,

pneumonia, but is reported better a

Charles Fuller, clerk at Rowell's

grain store, was laid off from work a part of this week with a touch of the

influenza, his parents having been ill for a week or more with the dis-

Frank Wright, of Cross street, re-

turned home on last Saturday from his five-weeks' stay in New York,

Encouraging reports come from Miss Anna Boynton from Troy, N. Y.

who was taken with pneumonia last

the nurse and a few ilnes from Miss Anna to that effect. Mrs. Boynton

started for Troy on Monday, however, but finding good news awaiting her at Pittsfield, which had been received

by telephone, she waited over there one day and went to Troy on Wednes-

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#### PEPPERELL

Notwithstanding the weather of Friday evening of last week, which kept most people at home, seventeen young people gathered at the Methodist parsonage to participate in the Epworth league social. Of the committee appointed Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hill had illness in their homes which prevented their attending to which prevented their attending to their duties. Mr. Rust substituted in preparing a program, leaving the oth-er member of the committee, Mrs. Car-roll Robbins, to attend to the refreshnents. The program was opened by musical story on Pilgrim's Progress followed by a game to try the nimble-ness of the wits, called "Bird, beast or fish." The company next tried their vits by relating what is on a penny the test proving how differently two people may view the same object. "Magic writing" finished the program pefore refreshments. All voted it ar enjoyable evening in spite of the storm.

Mrs. J. A. Donnelly was quite ill with the epidemic last week, and this week Miss Marguerite is also sick, hav-ing complications of stomach trouble and a high temperature on Monday,

Mrs. Mary Coffey returned last week from Townsend, where she had been caring for her sister, Mrs. Arlin, during an illness.

Mercedo Burke, who had been assisting at the Richardson homestead during the winter, died suddenly on Monday, aged twenty years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burke, of Townsend Harbor, and besides her parents leaves three sisters and two brothers, one of whom is in New Orleans in the navy. Miss Burke was a member of the Methodist church in Townsend, and was also member of the Townsend Grange and of the Order of Rebekahs. Services were held at her home at Townsend Harbor on Thursday afternoon, tended by the pastor of her home church, Rev. J. O. Long.

Mrs. Richard Coffey was in town on last Saturday, arranging her home on Prospect street for renting, furnished to a family by the name of Hunt, who are coming here for a short time from Manchester, N. H. The man is to be employed by the construction com-pany at work on the power plant for the mill, under Supt. Heyer. Mrs. Coffey, who was Miss Cora Cushaine, has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cushaine, in Forge Village.

On Sunday morning, at 10.45, th pastor will preach at the Methodist church on the theme "Personal servce." At 7.30 in the evening the them will be "Two ways of praying." 'Sun-day school at noon and the usua services for boys and girls at 6.45. On Tuesday evening, at 7.30, regular meeting; devotional topic, "God's care for us"; subject for mission study, "The vitalizing power of christian edu-

A letter received here by friends from Mrs. Dora Reed on Tuesday announces that Walter Reed, whom she went to care for when he was threatwith pneumonia, was improving and out of danger from the disease Mrs. M. E. Reed will remain in Dorchester for awhile.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wisnosky, Cross street,

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#### WESTFORD

#### Center.

Former Westford friends have been interested in the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Capt. and Mrs. William D. Ryan at their home in New York. Mrs. Ryan was formerly Miss Laura Roper; second daughter of turer is one of efficiency the evening Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Roper, formerly of Westford. The child is named Janet Louise, after its maternal grand-

Bertram Sutherland, a student a Wentworth Institute, came home last Tuesday evening, sick with a serious

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Marjorie Mitchell Seavey and Paul Campbell Locklin. Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence are

entertaining the latter's brother, George W. Stebbins, of Litchfield, Me. The seniors of Westford academy eparing a play to be staged a are preparing a play to little later in the season.

Another pleasant social was held for the young people last Saturday evening in the Congregational vestry. A good time and a good attendance is reported. Mrs. H. M. Gumb and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland were in charge, with Miss Lillian Sutherland at the piano. Games, music and refreshments were the order of the evening.

There will be a meeting of the Alliance of the Unitarian society at the home of Miss Emily F. Fletcher on Saturday afternoon, Miss Eva E. Fletcher is in charge of the program.

Both Mrs. John P. Wright and her daughter, Miss Alice Wright, of Cambridge, have been on the sick list and under the doctor's care at H. L. Wright's. Miss Wright came up to attend the "welcome home" dance and was taken sick with influenza, and her mother, who came up to care for her, was later ill herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Ferguson have been troubled to hear of the serious illness of their son Howard with pneumonia in California.

Doctors, milkmen, mail-carriers and all others obliged to be out of doors have had a full share of intense cold, storms and bad traveling. The blizzard last week Thursday and Friday made the no-school plan advisable, and the wisdom of this plan proved thoroughly wise. Automobile travel has been simply abandoned, while the great bulk of snow lasts. Edward Clement and John Feeney both have their trucks and loads in storage be-tween here and Boston. The school children are being transported in barges on runners, and the doctors are using horses. People obliged to go to Lowell are glad to resort to train service and it is a relief that the problems of the branch line electric are not added in this winter of unusual severity The town teams are busy making the roads in more passable condition.

Lauren Griffin, aged thirty-two years, died last Saturday in Boston at a hospital from pneumonia. The decarried on the Meyers farm, where Fred A. Meyers now lives, for a number of years. He is survived by his father and a sister, Mrs. Fred A.

The new snow-scraper, which the town recently purchased to be used with auto truck to clear roads, was tried out on Wednesday afternoon, but the ice-crusted snow made it hard to accomplish much with it.

George F. White is out and back to business after being confined to his home and under the doctor's care with bronchitis for nearly a week.

The February social at the Congre gational church has been cancelled.
This was to have been the annual 'men's supper," and a well attended committee meeting was held one evening this week, and while the men had no intention of being slackers in way it seemed best with the amount of prevailing sickness affect. ing so many families, and so much sickness to give up the plan of this

Subjects for the Sunday services at the Congregational church are, in the morning, "Holding fast to our integrity," and at the evening service, "The bible, the guide to life," at which a number will speak on the subject.

There was an all-day meeting of the Ladies' Aid on Thursday, held at the vestry. Social basket lunch at noon, with hot coffee. Mrs. Brownsey acted

Mrs. John Felch acted as organist last Sunday morning at the Congrego tional church in the absence of the regular organist, Miss Elinor Colburn Arthur E. Day is still confined to his home with iliness.

Pleasant letters come from the Misses Atwood spending the winter in Jacksonville, Fla., with accounts of being well, having good weather and enjoying various good lectures and

#### Tadmuck Club.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon in Library hall. It was a small gathering owing to weather and traveling, but an interested one. Owing to a
wood sled blocking the electric road and making a delay in Lowell, the speaker of the afternoon was delayed in arriving, but the time was profitably spent in readings from the club bulletin and in an informal discussion on some phases of present high prices and budget system of time and money and Its desirability. In connection with the thrift campaign Mrs. Herbert A. Guerney of the state federation is expected

to address the club on March 9.
Miss Mary E. Wiggin, secretary o the Consumers' lengue, gave a sensible address in connection with her work from the women's viewpoint concerning many aspects of the safety, health and well being of women in industry. The next meeting, February 24, will

be in charge of the public health committee, and Dr. Alice H. Roble will address the club on "Mothers and their daughters."

About Town.

GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher Henry F. Dupce died last Sunday a home of his brother William in South Chelmsford after a long illness, aged 66 years, 6 months, 23 days. He was the son of Edmund F. and Martha Dupee, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Zachus Read, on whose wide ly known and prosperous farm his boyhood days were spent. He attended the old Stony Brook school and is pleasantly remembered by the older scholars of the school as a geniul schoolmate and studious scholar. Af-ter having finished his studies at the Stony Brook school he attended Westford academy. After leaving the academy he engaged in business in Springfield and later in Boston. Besides his brother William he leaves two sisters, Miss Emma Dupee, of Concord, N H., and Miss Kate E. Dupee, of South Chelmsford.

The last meeting of the Grange did not appear, the wildly blowing storm appearing as substitute. It was to nave been valentine night. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 19. Owing to storms and other obstacles we are unable to announce the program, but as the lecwill be well cared for.

The Stony Brook road is still closed to everything except snow, and it must soon close for that as there is but a very shallow unoccupied space left. Daniel H. Sheehan's auto truck is still closeby, stall-bound and snow-bound, hat ought to prevent any attempt to steal it.

A flock of pheasants are enjoying popcorn at the Old Oaken Bucket farm. They skated up on the unbrokin crust of the Stony Brook road.

Edward Clement was a recent explorer of the Stony Brook road with nis auto truck before the last storm. He went it one better than his predeessor for he managed to back around about out and not be a permanent fixture there.

We are not looking for motorcycles hese perilous snowdrift times, yet we saw one without looking for it as it plunged from the road into a snow drift in the yard of the writer.

The Curran property at Westford Corner has been sold to A. H. Hale. This property consists of a one-story house and land of about one story. is a cosy place nestling in the bank on the Brookside road.

John S. Greig, having sold his milk route in Lowell, is in town again, helping on the large and prosperous farm of his father, and assisting Perley E. Wright in auto trucking to Boston.

The next farmer's institute will be neld in North Billerica on Wednesday, February 18, with morning and afterthe program, but the noon session will be devoted to wit, wisdom, oration singing and victuals.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting took place on Monday as per warnings of the warrant, the news of which was read by Charles L. Hildreth, town clerk. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was unanimously elected as moderator on the first bal-lot. The other election officers were Henry O. McDonald, T. Arthur E, Wil-

son, ballot clerks; John M. Fletcher, Alonzo H. Sutherland, ballot box. The weather conditions of the road were adverse to a large vote, but after five nours of voting it was found that sixty votes had been cast and the followng, without contest, were elected: Selectman, Oscar R. Spalding; asses-or, William E. Wright: overseer of

the poor, Wesley O., Hawkes, all for three years; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; school committee, 3 years, Arthur E. Day, John Spinner; 2 years, W. R. Taylor; trustee J. V. Fletcher ibrary, 3 years, Miss Alice Howard; board of health, 3 years, Alexander A. Cameron; 2 years, P. Henry Harring-ton; constable, Charles W. Robinson; tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith; commissioner of cemeteries, Charles O. auditor Frederick B. Smith The town voted against having anything stronger to drink than national

prohibition allows After the rush hours of voting had losed its attractions, the business end of the warrant got talked about. The article, by request, to see what the town thinks of daylight saving, now being thrown on the screen at the state house to register opinions, 21 roted to call six o'clock seven o'clock. and 20 voted to stand by the sun, just

is father used to do. A return to the warrant followed this side show. All the articles down to the eleventh related to "hearing reports," and as usual they all got avorable mention.

Article 11 gave the tax collector 14 reent as compensation for collecting. Article 12 called for money for codes, and \$12,000 was given after a plea by Hon, H. E. Fletcher that part of this money shall be applied to establishing a patrol system to care for all light repairs and watchful lookout

Appropriations were made as follows: Town debts of the miscellane-ous notes \$700; support of the poor schools \$22,000; tree pests \$1100; expenses of fire department \$850; purchase of double tank chemical motor apparatus for use of fire department \$4500; for purchase of three electric sirens for fire alarm, \$550; painting and repairing the cottage house belonging to the town on land

of firehouse \$750. Article 21, relating to free use of brehouse for boys' club, after some objections from the fire department, was voted to give free use once

week of lower hall at town house. Article 22, relating to raising the pay of fire-fighters, it was voted as per

epidemic to boost. Article 24, to appropriate \$350 for and concerts at Forge Village, Graniteville and Westford, it was so voted with delight, and the Abbot Worsted Company band, which they had so generously equipped, will deliver the

Article 25. Voted to accept report of committee on memorial to soldiers. Article 26, relating to appropriating \$50 as compensation for the fish and game warden, it was so voted. His annual report is worth that for encouragement and warning. He notes the benefits of the closed season by ncreased bird life, and favors a bird anctuary in town which will be at closed season at all times.

Art, 29. To raise money to balance counts with the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. It was so voted:
Art. 31. Voted \$150 for the cele-

town did, and prices went up as p the law of reduction ascending.

Art. 34. To see if the town will appropriate \$300 for military purposes for the maintenance of Co. H. 11th infantry, M. S. G., located in town; the

own voted favorably.

Art. 36. To see if the town will appropriate \$200 for demonstration trained nurse, who has been caring for work in agriculture and home ecoher, left for home last Monday. nomics, and elect a director as per request of the farm bureau, it was roted, \$100 of this amount to be used to provide supervision for boys' and girls' club work. W. Otis Day was

elected director. Art. 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for a public health nurse; voted \$1500.

Art, 38. To see if the town will authorize the employment of a police officer, to take charge of the police de-partment of the town. After testi-mony and cross examination had all been argued, the town decided in the interest of "safety first" and to subscribe \$2000 towards a permanent pa-trol. Of course the beat will be a fairly large one for one man, as the

town covers 18,000 acres. Art. 39. Asking for more light in Graniteville, was granted, as every-body was willing and thought it was

Forge Village.

On last week Friday evening the Westford Branch post, A. L., held its second ball in Abbot hall. The committee in charge were Frank Johnson, John Spinner, Joseph Costello, Robert Orr, Harold Hildreth, Thomas Costelle and Leon Hildreth. The Colonial singing orchestra, of Waltham, furnished excellent music for dancing. In spite of the storm and cold weather a good sized crowd was present to make the occasion a joyous one.

On last Saturday evening Abbot hall was again filled for the semi-weekly movie show. Besides the regular performance the audience was treated to a band concert furnished by the Ab-bot Worsted Company band, which lasted half an hour. Several fine se-lections were rendered. On Tuesday the attraction was Douglas Fairbanks When the clouds roll by.'

A theatre party from here attended the opera Robin Hood in Lowell Monday evening at the Lowell Opera House.

Mrs. C. Smith spent the week-end in Boston with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith. Mrs. George Sanborn has returned

after a recent visit to East Hempstead. N. H. Mrs. W. H. Cushnian, formerly Vio let Collins, of Providence, R. I., is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins.

Graniteville.

Automobiles and trucks will have t e hung up for a few days owing to noon sessions. We have not received the large amount of snow on the

Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., held largely attended and interesting neeting in their rooms on Tuesday Business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership were received.

Graniteville people extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Stiles, of Littleton Common, in the loss of their son Allen, a promising young man, who died after a brief iliness of influenza while attending his studies at Amherst college. Many from here attended the fire call that was held in the town hall, Westford, on Thursday night.

Both masses in St. Catherine's hurch last Sunday morning were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Heaney. At the first mass the mem-bers of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body. Be-tween the masses the blessing of the candles took place and after both masses came the ceremony of the blessing of the throats.

Robert P. Trask and Miss Stocking, of the farm extension bureau, gave talks to the school girls on home economics in the Abbot clubhouse on Wednesday afternoon. This meeting Wednesday afternoon. was very well attended and the talks proved to be very interesting.

The Ladies' Aid society odist church met with Mrs. Henry Blodgett on last Thursday afternoon

The members of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held their regular meeting on Thursday evening when plans were perfected for the installation of officers that will take place in the Abbot clubhouse on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

#### SHIRLEY

No cases of influenza as yet have been reported to the board of health. Shirley Post, A. L., will hold a dance

Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evenng. Collins' singing orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish music.

Mr. Ellstrom, of Worcester, will play a 'cello solo with Coleman's orchestra at the Memorial exercises of Shirley Post, A. L., to be held in Odd Fellows' hall on the afternoon of February 22. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to the people of Shir

Benjamin Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs Levi Ball, and Miss Harriet Mae Errington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Errington, was united in martage on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, at three o'clock by Rev. S. F. Good-The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride on Ballou's hill in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, the single ring service being used. groom saw service in the Canadian army, returning from overseas several months ago, and is now employed at the President Suspender factory.

The Altrurian club, who were to meet jointly with the Alliance on last Thursday with Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler, postponed the meeting for two weeks, owing to the heavy fall of snow and bad walking.

Mrs. Gilbert M. Ballou and Mrs. Henry Wolff underwent operations on ast Monday at the Clinton hospital, the former for gallstones, and the lat-ter for appendicitis. Both operations vere performed by Drs. Goodwin and Chase. Dr. T. E. Lilly was also present at the operations. Both are doing

Mrs. Catherine Fernald, of Wellesley, was in town this week to complete the sale of her house on Front street to Mr. Kelly, the Boston and Maine station agent. Mr. Kelly buys for a home, and with his wife will occupy the upper flat. Mr. Kelly will make extensive repairs, making it up-to-date

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to increase the compensation of election officers. That is just what the Products Co., at Lock Haven, Pa.

Sunney r. write arrived nome last by Miss Julia S. Conant, Mrs. S. B. in China and extends for five miles and a quarter over an arm of the Yellow Hubbard and Joseph A. Harwood, and a prior report of the recent meeting of the compensation of election officers. That is just what the Products Co., at Lock Haven, Pa.

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Mrs. Charles R. White, her daughter, Miss Doris E., and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stanley F. White, are all confined at home with a severe attack of the grippe.

Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker has een quite ill with bronchitis. Her niece, Miss Ora Breoks, of Boston, a

Mrs. Charles O. Purdy and daughte Peggy have gone to her home in Des weeks with her parents.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden is visiting with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary O. Barnard.

O. W. Oliver has been home for a few days, suffering from an attack of the grippe. On February 4, a son was born to

Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Jean. The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met last Wednesday

with Mrs. Catherine Hooper. The schools of the town reopened or last Monday, having been closed last week Thursday and Friday, owing to the severe snowstorm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman cottage master and matron of No. cottage at the Industrial School for Boys, concluded their duties last Sat urday and have returned to their home in Springfield. The cottage is to be closed for a time, owing to the small number of boys now at the school.

George H. Bryant, of Leominster has accepted a position as detail of-ficer at the Industrial school. Austin M. Fish has recently returned

from France and is now stationed in Philadelphia. A son, Melvin Proctor, was born last

week Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs Howard M. Longley. Mrs. John A. Reynolds, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Oliver since the death of

live with relatives in Lynn. Morris G. Cutler, who is taking reatment at a private sanitarium, is rapidly improving and expects to re

her husband, January 19, has gone to

turn to his home shortly. Hyman Gass, who sold his house at orth Shirley recently, has purchase a place in Pepperell and moved into

Owing to the continued illness of Mrs. C. R. White there will be no dancing classes held this Saturday. Notice of the next class will be given lue notice."

Clayton Robinson is convalescing rom an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gendron return d home last Wednesday from their honeymoon and will be at home to their friends at the home of the oride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michaud.

Mary Pickford is waiting to show you "Pollyanna" at the Strand, Ayer. Sunday and Monday, February 15th and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30.

Born on last week Friday morning son, Melvin Proctor, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Longley of Whitney road. On account of the poor traveling, rvices at Trinity chapel were omit-

ted again last Sunday afternoon. The Camp Fire Girls will hold a Valentine party on Saturday evening, Febraury 14, at the home of their lead-er, Mrs. Helen Graves. All of the pupils of the Center grammar school will be nvited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blenkhorn and Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved this week from the house on Parker road soon to be occupied by Horace C. Harris to the house at the North recently purchased y Mr. Blenkhorn from Charles Haskins.

James Mackaye of Cambridge spent he week-end with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye.

Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby spent last Saturday in Leominster at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gove. Mrs. Hattie P. Holden is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Mary O. Barnard at the Village.

Gertrude Thompson, who has been visiting in Harvard, has returned home and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Driver on Center road.

Mr. Brown, who has been confined to the home of Harold Blenkhorn, where he stays, with an attack of eryipelas, is much better.

Mrs. Clarence Clark, who is visiting it the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, is confined to the house this week with an attack of the

The next meeting of the Gronge oc curs on Tuesday evening, February 17, and will be past masters' and charter members' night. The program for the evening is in the charge of Harry H. Lynch, the first master of Shirley Grange.

Shirley Center is gradually digging her way out of the snow again, but the experience is getting to be a tiresome Some of the roads about the Center drifted very badly in last week's storm, but by Sunday all of the roads were open again. One venturesome resident of Woodsville drove a machine to Ayer, but found the trip a difficult one. Another attempte ring a machine from Ayer to North Shirley, but the last part of the trip was completed by the two horse-power was completed by the two horse-power method. Owners of machines in this vicinity have all had to give in and resort to other means of transporta-tion. Robert H. J. Holden, who has an office in Ayer, is spending most of his time in Ayer and Arthur R. Holden, who works at the Camp Devens aundry, has decided to take quarters here for a while. It is worthy of menion that during the whole series of torms this winter, A. B. Cram has not nissed a day in carrying the mail. He as taken out the mail at seven o'clock every morning, sometimes having to break his own roads, and has brought in the nine o'clock mail as soon as it reached Shirley.

#### LITTLETON

News Items

Ernest Robinson is recovering from severe attack of influenza. Fred Reed, Sr., has been sick with offuenza, and his son Fred conducted his business. Mr. Reed is now on

duty again. The Merry Go Round club will disontinue their meetings until further notice is given

The usual Washington holiday meet ing of the Littleton Historical society will be held in the reading room of the public library on. Monday afternoon February 23, beginning at 2.30 o'clock The program will consist of biogra-phical sketches of John Goldsmith, Barnabas Dodge and Nahum Harwood

Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson. All inerested are invited to be present. Howard Pope, who recently move into the W. L. Pickard house on Goldsmith street, is celebrating the event by having an attack of mumps

Mrs. Ralph McNiff has been among the shut-ins, due to influenza. Sherman Hardy, of Amherst Agricultural college, and Allen Kimball, of Worcester academy, were at home

he middle of this week. At the home of Allen Smith February 1, the birthday anniversary of Miss Augusta W. and Irving E. Smith was very pleasantly observed. They were the recipients of a large birthday cake bearing the name and the year 1920, and numerous other gifts. Besides the immediate family friends were present from Cambridge and Litleton. A dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. Florence W. Slocomb, niece of Miss P. L. White, has been invited to serve on the republican state com-mittee with the men, as the woman representative of the second senatoria William W. Scaver, head librarian

of the Woburn public library, was the Sunday guest of his aunt, Miss White walking from Ayer to Littleton. In compliance with her request Miss Hazel Murray, who has influenza, was brought home from Jackson college. Her condition is reported as favorable Mrs. Murray contracted the disease and has been very sick, but not or

the danger list.

About twenty women attended the Alliance all-day meeting with Mrs. G. E. Prouty last week Friday in spite of poor traveling. The business was takn up in the forenoon and a delicious lunch was served at noon. The after noon program consisted of a travel talk, "From Atlantic to Pacific by automobile," by Mrs. Emma K. Lem-ley, of Boston, who in her pleasing manner gave many interesting details and incidents of the 3872 miles covered in transit and descriptions of stopping places in the itinerary. Mrs Lemley was the mid-week guest of the Walter Titcombs, and the week-end guest of her brother and sister, Mr and Mrs Austin Kimball. Two voca solos were rendered by Mrs. Alice Prouty, accompanied at the piano by

Mrs. Langdon Prouty. The valentine party scheduled for Saturday night in the Unitarian vestry, for many reasons, has been calld off.

The Unitarian church was closed ast Sunday because of the severe and unpromising weather.

George Johnson, who has been in the employ of N. H. Whitcomb, has accepted a position at the webbing factory and expects to occupy one of he new corporation houses. N. H. Whitcomb recently visited his

on Harold, who has been sick at the State Agricultural college in Amherst. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant have given up their trip south for the present, owing to rail-road blockades and for other reasons. Last week-end was a busy time for he road-breaking force and all others who had paths to make. For the lover of out-door sports it furnished all that could be desired. Snow-shoes

and a party of more than twenty took keenest delight in climbing up Oak hill. Any mail lost last week may have been in the pouch that was ground up on the railroad at Littleton station

and skiis were brought into service

last week Friday morning. The supper and entertainment an ounced for Wednesday evening in the Baptist vestry was postponed until Tuesday evening, February 24, when the supper will be followed by an address by Rev. William F. Wilson, of Boston, who will come at the urgent request of friends who were once mem bers of Mr. Wilson's famous "Brown class" in West Somerville.

Miss Clara Trisden is making her home for the present with the Misses Cutter on Goldsmith street.

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L. W. C. The all-day meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Paul L. Brown of Foster street on Monday. February 16, opening at 10,30 o'clock a. m. Every member is urged to be

present. A letter from Mrs. Bertha Papazian of the Armenian National Reconstrucion committee states that secondand clothing, soap, needles, thimbles and thread will be greatly appreciated by the committee. Let as many as can bring an offering. Tea and cof-fee will se furnished and it is hoped that all will bring work and lunch, and enloy a social time together. It is surgested that each lady bring a plate, cup, fork and spoon, and for lunch bring just one kind of food, as sandwiches, a pie, or a dish of scal-lops, etc. The program of the aftersoon is to be by home talent and is in

charge of Miss Henrietta Ewings. Death. Not often is the community more touched than by the recent death of Allan L. Stiles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Stiles, who passed away after a few days of illness at Amherst on last Sunday morning, aged nineteen years. Mr. Stiles hastened to the bedside of his son at the height of the great storm last week and summoned the most expert professional aid without avail. The remains were brought to Littleton on Monday and services old in the home at the Common on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. L. Caulkins, with appropriate musical selections by Mrs. L. E. Hager. The house was filled with relatives and neighbors.

The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful, including among. them pieces from the Agricultural college at Amherst, from L. H. S. '19, the class of 1921, the Odd Fellows, which he had recently joined, the Patrons of Husbandry, the Franklin class of boys in the Baptist Sunday school, hesides those of the family. Eight of the young men of Littleton served as bear ers, and the Odd Fellows acted as es cort from the house to Westlawn ceme ery, where their burial service was ald at the grave.

Mr. Stiles was deservedly popular mong his schoolmates and friends, manly and dependable in his words fair in his sports, always kindly and helpful to old or young, carrying the spirit of cheerful good will into all his relations with his associates.

The family has the heartfelt sympa thy of the community in their deep be

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### A SANE SYSTEM

In these days of tinkering with the social machinery, it is refreshing to learn of one plan for the betterment of our daily lives that demands neither revolution nor evolution for the

attainment of its objective. Community Service is helping America do for itself in peace what, as War Camp Community Service, it aided a warring America to do. Just as in war the organization enabled communities to get the greatest value for the men in uniform from their recreational resources, so now it aims to stimulate communities to obtain for all the people the best results from leisure time opportunities. But, there is one great difference between the war work and the peace work-in the great struggle we were building for war and destruction; we are building now for peace and construction.

Community Service is getting together the finest elements in the nation life-regard for our neighbors, affection for our homes, interest in the place where we dwell-and blending them into a force working, not for our soldiers at war, but for our soldiers come back from war, for the men and women at home, for everybody in each community. Mothers and fathers, sisters, sweethearts, brothers, can all unite in Community Service with the satisfying knowledge that their endeavors are going to be reflected in better, sweeter, brighter local conditions.

This, we take it, will meet with the approval of every American. During the war a new spirit of comradeship was born in city, town and hamlet; a spirit particularly conspicuous in. those places uniting through War Camp Community Service to extend hospitality to the men in olive drab and blue. All who shared this spirit or came in contact with it hoped it might not be permitted to lapse with the coming of peace. In Community Service this fine product of war's tumultuous days

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#### PEPPERELL

News Items.

HOES RAKES

. Dr. C. G. Heald had a narrow escape on Monday from a serious mishap with his auto, while driving over the river bridge near the mill. The car slid over to the extreme edge and crashed through one section of the iron railing before the brakes took effect. Only the fact that the railing retarded the momentum saved the driver and car from a plunge down into the river bed or the waters of the canal. The car sustained some injuries but was later taken to the garage un

der its own power The Hope Circle of Loyal Girls have changed the date of their meeting from Friday to Saturday of this week and the meeting will be held at the home of Helen Varasano, Mill street, by special invitation. The change is made in order to carry out their plans for a "valentine social," and guests are expected to add to the pleasure of the

George H. Stewart and family have moved into the Pike cottage on Brook-

line street, from the home of Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Hills. At the paper mill restaurant, Mr. Geiger, who is manager and dietician, has another helper, who will take on een bought. Midnight lunches for the

night force are also to be served. Miss Gertrude Dane, whose scho n Loweli was not in session last week Friday, attempted to reach home a day earlier than usual, but owing to the storm and poor train connections she was from ten o'clock in the morning until seven that evening coming from Lowell to Pepperell, a distance of fif-

teen miles.

Scout Sunday. Scout Sunday was observed a both the Community and Methodist churches, morning and evening services. Pepperell Troops, 1 and 2, der Scoutmaster Allen, attended the Community church at 10.45, presenting a fine appearance. The numbe would undoubtedly have been larger but for the prevailing illness in many families. The sunny morning was auspicious, and the bad walking would not hinder a Boy Scout from a short trip of a mile or more. The address by the pastor dealt with the origin of scoutship, the fundamental truths us derlying the same, and the growth of the organization. He had the close attention of his particular audience as well as the congregation in gen eral who are in sympathy with thi

excellent movement.

In the evening the same body at tended the Methodist church. Mr. Rust, who is also scoutmaster of Troop took for his topic an incident r lating to a scout of ancient days. elected as the character of his sketch a young boy called in the quaint phraseology of bible times, "Paul's sister's son," relating the story of how the boy, discovering a plot against the life of Paul, sped to his side and warned him of the danger. Mr. Rust gave an admirable word picture which drew attention. This boy, having all the qualities of the true Boy Scout, alertness, wisdom and ready action to wert evil, possessed them through no training or education, and used then enturies before the organization,

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CLARENCE WILKINS. Littleton, Mass., February 10, 1920.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY W. SHATTUCK late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas ETTA A. ARMSTRONG executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell 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 Cambridge in said County, on the first day of March A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to showmasuse, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to

have, why the same should not or 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 Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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#### HARVARD

News Items.

The Grange will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening next week. The subject for the literary hour will be "Economics"—"On the farm and farm accounts," X. T. West; 'In the home, household accounts,' Mrs. E. M. Ripley." A social hour will follow the discussion. The members are preparing to put on a minstrel show early in the summer. F. R Preston has the matter under consid-

The unprecedented amount of snov has effectively upset all social affairs. The lecture, a reading by Edwin M. Whitney, which was to have been given this week, has been indefinitely The Complimentary ball has also been postponed until April, the exact date to be decided upon.

The senior dance, postponed from two weeks ago, is to be held this week Saturday evening.

The homes of Henry Knights or Prospect hill and C. Wrangham and John Madigan on the depot road have been wired for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed were guests at the wedding of Miss Gladys Higgins at Worcester last Saturday even-

Our R. F. D. carrier, Mr. Hynes, found the roads more than he could master and was obliged to cut a part of his route on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Genevieve Mead observed her tenth birthday on Thursday, February Her parents presented her with a pony and cart. Owing to the storm her party planned for the day had to be given up.

Among the list of birthdays noted in the Boston Traveler for February 11 is the name of Edward H. Atherton, educator, born in Harvard, 1856.

The next meeting of Woman's club on Monday, February 16, will be a musicale. The club's chairman of thrift, Mrs. F. W. Calkins, makes the following announcements: New thrift books in the public library are: "The efficient kitchen," G. B. Child; "House-L. Ray Balderston. Other thrift books not previously mentioned are: "How to get ahead," A. W. At-wood; "Checking the waste," M. H. Gregory; "The book of thrift," T. D. MacGregor; "Feeding the family," M. earn "How boys and girls money," C. C. Bowsfield, "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe; "Safety first for the little folks," L. M. Waldo. The following monthly report has

been given by the public health nurse: Beside calls 66, school visits 18, child welfare 24, prenatal 6. One child was taken to Clinton hospital and operated on for nasal obstruction by Dr. Mona-han with successful results. Three taken to Clinton and examined, and fitted to glasses. The nurse may be reached by phone 83-2 between eight and nine o'clock in the morning, and any call can be left after that time. She will be glad to make bedside calls on any who need her between nine o'clock in the morning and 5.30 in the afternoon.

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#### Church Notes.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday Rev. H. C. Merrill will preach the final sermon in the series, "The quest for reality-man's place in the creative

At the Congregational church Rev. F. C. Kattner will preach the morning sermon. At the suggestion of several in the parish the service will be held in the vestry during the severe weath-

The Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday, February 19, for an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Mrs.

W. F. Dickson. The Congregational Men's club will hold their regular monthly meeting on Sunday evening. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. The speaker will be announced, following the business meeting, at eight o'clock.

#### To the Editor:-

At this time when everybody seems to be tumbling over his neighbor to be the first to do something in the way of a memorial to the boys who took a part in the world war, perhaps a suggestion might not be out of place at this time. The boys seem to be unanimous in their desire for a club room and not alone for those who wore the uniform of their country, but to the young men of the town as well. Follow the youth of our town through their evening hours and you, will realize the need of a clean place for their recreation.

We have two large and expensive buildings on the common open one day each week and where religious services are held for perhaps thirty or forty people. The youth of the town are conspicuous by their ab-sence. Consolidate these churches, make one real live body of men, women and children working for the uplift of the town. Forget old differences so old in fact that no one living today knows what they ever were and then convert one of these church buildings into a good big clubroom with pool tables, bowling alley and general recreation room and give the combined church society some "real" work to do by keeping a live manager of such a place on the job all

Call it the Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Community association and Harvard would be leading the rest of the towns in New England in real up-to-date Arthur T. West.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

On account of the bad weather and the traveling the past week, the R. F. D. Carriers did not go on their trip Thursday and the public library was

closed on Saturday. The ice company completed harvesting their ice on last Sunday, the big ice barns being full. Last year the harvested ice was not much thicker than was wanted for storage, 12 to 13 inches. This season the cold has made ico twenty inches thick, and hugh quantities of chips are shaved of and washed down the sluice into

the river. Albert Pierce fell on the ice last week on Mason street and was unable to work for a few days.

A son was born last Sunday Mason street. The little on will be named Raymond Gordon. Mrs. Barbour was formerly Lillian Worden. Miss Marion Holcomb is visiting

friends in Leominster, Mass. been postponed until next Thursday, mingled with bricks of various colors.

Mr. Bedders is quite sick at his ome with acute tonsilitis.

A little daughter was born the past week to Mr. and Mrs. DeRoach in Townsond. Mrs. DeRoach was formerly Ella Butler. Wilfred Bouchard received a bac

scalp wound at the ice plant last week Bert King is spending a few days in Boston. Miss Jessie Corey has been on the ick list the past week with a bad

cold. Wilfred Bouchard has gone t ashua to live and will work in the

mill there. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey have re

arned from their visit to Boston. The boys of the world war have ormed a post of the American Legion n town, and it will be known as the Frank E. Kilduff post, in memory of their comrade who died while in serv. There are at present twenty nembers.

Mics Ester Davidson, from Port hand, Me., is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Riordan.

The help from Boston and other adjoining towns, who have been working at the ice plant, all left for heir homes on Monday, and the orses were shipped back to Boston r. Tuesday.

Wendell Taylor-was a recent visitor n Pepperell. William Riordan was in Ayer on

Monday. A little daughter was born on Feb

ruary 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Keey, of Bellows Falls. Mrs. Keey was ormerly Arline Flemming, a former teacher in town.

Will Hobart, from Nashua, has been recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Morton Klein, of Fitchburg, is at Battle Creek, Mich., for her health. Miss Lily Woods, from Fitchburg visiting her mother, Mrs. Nettie is visitin Woods.

Mrs. Kecy has gone to Bellows Falls, Vt., to visit her son, Reuben Kecy.

The sad news reached town last week Friday that Miss Flora Farrar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Farrar, of South Brookline, 'had passed away at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston, Thursday night, February 5, of double pneumonia, following a case of influenza. She and her sister Florence had been doing office work in the city. Miss Florence had been quite sick with the influenza. but was slowly gaining when her sister was stricken. The mother, Mrs. was stricken. Lucien Farrar, was sent for on Tuesday and went at once to her daugh-

Miss Flora was born in Leominster on May 18, 1894, and has always spent her summers and vacations with her parents here in town since they moved here several years ago. She had a pleasant manner and was very jovial, which won her a host of riends, who will deeply mourn her

Mrs. Farrar and her daughter Flor ence arrived home on Saturday morn ing, the body arriving on Saturday night. A private funeral was held at her home on Sunday afternoon, Rev Edward Kelley officiating. The bearers were George Rockwood, Eldorus Fessenden, Fred Rockwood and O. D. Fessenden. The interment was in the south yard.

deceased is survived by her parents; two sisters, Florence and Myrtle, and a brother Roswell. The entire family have the sympathy of all

The following, taken from a Northampton paper, will prove to be of inerest to the many friends in town of John F. Bailey:

"John F. Bailey, of Gothic street, has pened a novel and altogether pleasant delicatessen shop in a store on Masonic street. Mr. Bailey, who served three years in the army and who saw a year's sérvice in France, is making his watchword pure food prepared under sanitary conditions, and the leat and spotlessly clean appearance of the shop bears him out. Mr. Bailey poils and cooks meats, and on Wednesday and Saturday he makes a speof baked bears. A most decialty of baked bears. A most de-lightful specialty will be home-made

loughnuts. "Mr. Bailey appears to have embarked, upon a successful enterprise, as ho has a central location, large, roomy quarters, and a most attractive shop. The food on display in the windows and in the showcases is very empting. Mr. Bailey will cater to those who are experiencing difficulles because of the servant problem. He will prepare luncheons for any ocasions, for meetings of clubs or

lodges or anything of the kind." Mr. Bailey is a town boy and his many friends here wish him the best success possible, and their only regret is that they are not near enough to sample his delicious cooking.

Grange Program,

The following is an outline of the program for the Grange during the year, the meetings being held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month:

February 25—Mock town meeting. Clarence Russell, moderator; Walter Corey, Elmer Pananen, John Gilmore, selectmen; Fred Hall, clerk. March 10—In charge of Starr Barn-

by.
March 24—In charge of Eva Corey and Hazel Goss.

April 14—"Patriots' night." In charge of Blanche W. Hall.

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April 28—Ladies' night. In charge of Mrs. Della Hall and Mrs. Edna Hall. Discussion, "Should we accept federal highway aid?"
May 12—Gentiemen's night. In charge of Forace Hall and Chester Barnaby.
May 26—Neighbors' night.
Jane 9—Children's night. In charge of teachers, Lillian Parson, chairman.
June 23—In charge of Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood.
July 14—In charge of the three Graces.
July 28—Humane night. In charge

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July 28—Humane night. In charge of Mrs. Ella Rockwood.
August 11—In charge of Mrs. Maude Greeley and Taylor family.
August 25—Old home night and health night. In charge of Dr. C. H. Holcomb and Mrs. Minnie Holcomb.
September S—In charge of Mrs. Louise Parkey and Mrs. Belle Fessenden. Question, "What changes, if any, in our constitution and laws affecting the present method of taxation would be advantageous to the interests of the state?"

September 22—Neighbors' night.
October 13—In charge of Mrs. Katherine Cady.

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October 27—Halloween night. In charge of Mrs. Clara Russell.
November 10—Election of officers.
November 24—In charge of Mrs. Jennie Fossenden.
December 8—In charge of Delbert

Porter.
December 22-To be arranged.

The cleanest town in the world is Brock, in the Netherlands, It has been friends in Leominster, Mass.

On account of the storm the South
Brookline Social club meeting has



## VALENTINE VERSES.

### By Mary Humphrey.

To a Girl He Left Behind.

Dear Girl of My Dreams, I am coming, Back from war I am coming to you; And I wonder what fate will be wait-

ing for me, And will you be glad I came through? It's so strange. They have called me a brave man,

And they gave me a medal or two; In the fight I feared nothing-and yet I'm afraid Of a small brown-eyed person like

youl Do you know that I love you? I wonder. Oh, what ages and ages it seems Since I left you! Perhaps it's absurb,

That I've been the Man of Your Dreams.

### To His Fairy.

If I just dared to say it, You sure can bet I would Right up and tell you what I feel-Gee, but I wish I could! Oh, kiddo, you're so classy, With those big eyes of blue,

You've got the others beat a mile-There sure ain't none like you.

No chance for me-I know it. I'm such a roughneck guy-But If I thought you'd look at me, Oh, Boyl I'd make the try.

Believe me, you're some fairy, You're better'n i deserve; l'd send a Valentine—but gee, I just ain't got the nervel

#### A Substitute.

A Valentine I've tried to find That's nice enough for you; But there is none-so here's my heart; I hope that it will do.

#### To His Mother-

roday an old sweetheart of mine is my most precious Valentine; My best and oldest sweetheart you Are, mother dear. So loyal, true And tender always. And your love I cherish over and above Earth's fairest gifts. You've made of me All that I am and hope to be,

My Valentine.



### DAY SACRED TO LOVE MISSIVES

T WAS an enterprising young girl who first captured the valentine trade for America. Her name was Esther Howland, After graduating from Mount Holyoke seminary she resided with her father, who was a stationer in Worcester, Mass. In 1849 she received from England a manufactured valentine, the first she had ever seen. It interested her so much that she decided to see whether she could make some of these valentines and find a sale for them.

She collected some lace paper, some printed verses and sentimental pictures, fixed up a few valentines and gave them to her brother, who was a traveling salesman for a grocery store. To her amazement her brother returned with orders for \$5,000 worth of valentines! Her astonishment knew no bounds. She quickly got together some girl friends, taught them what she knew about valentines and commenced a prosperous trade that was to reach the one hundred thousand dollar mark.

First Love Missives.

It was a Frenchman who first conceived the idea of composing valentines in verse. Charles, Duke of Orleans, was taken prisoner by the English at the battle of Agincourt, in 1415. He was consigned to the Tower of London, where he spent the next twenty-five years of his life. But the cold walls of his dungeon could not completely dampen his sentimental nature, and from his gloomy vault came sunny little verses to the number of sixty, which are still to be seen among the royal papers in the staid old British museum. One of them reads:

Wilt thou be mine? Dear love, reply Sweetly consent or else deny.
Whisper softly, none shall know—
Wilt thou be mine, love? Aye or no?

Spite of fortune we may be Happy by one word from thee. Life files swiftly. Ere it go, Wilt thou be mine, love Aye or no?

England at once adopted the fad which its royal prisoner had set, and Valentine's day found the coache more than usually laden with poetic outpourings of lovers, friends and even slight acquaintances.

Old Romance Recalled.

One of the most romantic histories of Valentine children is that of Lady Sarah Lennox, born on February 14 1745. In fact, she apparently inherited a romantic temperament, for her own story is usually prefaced with a sketch of her parents' romance-by way of driving home the story's admonition, perhaps.

Her father's marriage was no more nor less than a bargain to cancel a gambling debt between the couple's parents. The young duke, then Lord March, was brought home from college to wed the plain little girl-bride just out of nursery. At the conclusion of the ceremony the indignant bridegroom fled to the continent with a tutor in tow, where he spent three years. On his return to London he carefully avoided going home, where he fancled a wrathful young woman

was waiting to swoon at his arrival. Instead, he went straight to the theatre and saw there a very handsome lady. He cursed his luck, but had breath left to ask who she might be. "Lady March, the toast of the season." informed his friends, to his utter astonishment. Then he blessed his luck, claimed his bride and, as it turned out, was very happy to the end. Her love

To Clean Brass Castings.

Brass castings may be cleaned in a moment by dipping them into a solution of three parts sulphuric acid to three parts of nitric acid, to which after they have been mixed is added a quart of common salt, the whole being stirred until the salt has been dissolved. If this is placed in an earthenware vessel the brass castings can be dipped in it, removed immediately, and rinsed in clear water. The castings can be made as bright as new by this method and there is little trou-

so great, too, that she died of grief for him after a year of widow-

Sentiment and Business

Samuel Penys has something to say in his famous diary about most of joys and disturbances, great and small, with which human nature is acquainted. Consequently one does not need to search very far to find allusions to Valentine's day and the customary pranks that it involved in the England

of the seventeenth century. On February 14, 1667, the following

entry is made in the diary: "This morning came up to my wife's bedside (I being up dressing myself) little Will Mercer to be her valentine, and brought her name written upon blue paper in gold letters, done by himself, very pretty; and we were both well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's valentine, and it will cost me five pounds: but that I must have laid it out if we had not been valentines." -

America's Noted Valentine America's most noted valentine was General Winfield Scott Hancock, born February 14, 1824. The witching influence of the saint's festival hovering about him manifested itself in the culmination of his romance. In her "Reminiscences," written in old age, Mrs. Hancock (who was Miss Almira Russell) tells of her strange wedding and proves that, after all, the American girl has determination to rise

above superstitions. To start with, her wedding day was one of the stormiest of the winter. It hailed violently, thundered and blew a perfect gale. During the ceremony, which was held at her father's home in St. Louis, the lights went out three times and repeated the performance at the wedding reception. The guests were filled with terror for the young bride who was beginning life under such suggestively evil omens. And by way of enhancing the evil influences that appeared to be abroad the crowd outside the house got the word that the bride was wearing a spun glass dress, and their curiosity reached the point of mob violence before the police could beat them back to make room

for the passage of guests. But the bride laughed in the face of these witches' pranks and lived to share the honors that her husband's career brought him.

St. Valentine's Mission.



When winter's at his oldest And coldest

And boldest, Then cometh good St. Valentine, To show that love is burning And sighing and yearning,
And breathe upon the wintry, earth
his tenderness divine.

When life is at its bleakest. And meckest And weakest. And weakest.

Then cometh good St. Valentine,
To show that love is rosy
And wistful eyed and cozy,
And breathe on every torpid hear
his tenderness divine.

Milton's Neat Recort. It was in 1660, in the fifty-secon year of his age, that Milton was visited in prison by Charles II, the restored

Stuart king. "You see," said the monarch to the prisoner, "what a pass God has brought you to for your treason. He has stricken you with blindness and brought you to this loathsome dungeon." "But by your majesty's argument," repiled Milton, "God thinks far more of me than he did of your father, for while he made me blind, he cut off your father's

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#### GROTON

News Items Fred Davis has purchased a farm in Littleton for a home and will move there the first of April.

The current events and literature section of the Woman's club, which was to have held a meeting with Mrs. Earle on Wednesday, postponed the meeting on account of the stormy weather.

The Community club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Davis with soven members present. Misses Car-rio Davis, Margaret McDonald and Ethel Patterson entertained the club. Delicious refreshments were served and a pleasant social time was enjoyed. The next meeting will be two weeks later, Wednesday, February 25, with Mrs. Peterson.

.Since Alfred C. Woods' departure for the south word has been received of his arrival in Savannah.

The Groton Rifle club have arranged a civilian inter-club match beginning February 14. practice and competition shooting on as the selection by Patrick Ryan en-Friday and Saturday evenings at seven titled "The hat my daddy wore" and o'clock. Members are urged to practice at other times also, but to come Friday and Saturday without fail.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bruce have been entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Powell, of Hudson, N. H., the past week.

Word has been received that Mrs Lella Nutting, who is staying with relatives in Virginia, is recovering from a recent serious illness.

Mrs James Lawrence, ir., recently gave a dinner in honor of John Drinkwater, the author of the play, "Abraham Lincoln."

Rev. Mr. Roddy from the Gordon Bible school preached on Sunday, February 8, at the Congregational

Miss Clara E. Sears, formerly of to be of great help. Groton, is one of the patronesses for the reading to be given by Mrs. Mar-garet Deland and Judge Grant in Bos-on last Saturday, with the uncommon garet Deland and Judge Grant in Bos-

The Book and Thimble club, which was to have held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ogilvie on February 6, postponed the meeting till a later date on account of the bad weather and the condition of the roads after the heavy snowfall.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson and her son Burton observed a robin on Sunday, February 8, near their home in Gron. A peabody bird has been a steady caller since January 30 at a feed box on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Harriet B. Robinson played the accompaniments at Proctor's Strand in Ayer during the first week in Feb-

The Rowell family, who have been quite sick with severe colds, are im-

Nearly every available man in town was out shoveling snow last week.

Margaret Mina, the infant daughter and Mrs. Maurice O'Connor of

Elm street, died Friday, February 6. The Groton School Dramatic Association will present "Charley's aunt," farcical comedy

Brandon Thomas, in the town hall on Wednesday evening, February 25, at There will be music by 7.30 o'clock. the Groton School band. Mary, Pickford is waiting to show you "Pollyanna" at the Strand, Ayer,

Sunday and Monday, February 15th and 16th. Sunday matinee, 3.30. On Sunday, February 15, at the Bapchurch the pastor will speak on the fifth in the series on the ten com- Herbert J. Folkins, George H. Woods mandments,' 'The right beginning in

P. A. Weber has received word that his daughter, Mrs. Marion Dendall of Dorchester, has an attack of influenza, which it is hoped will prove to be

Unclaimed letters at the Groton postoffice are: February 2, Mrs. Eva Honnessey, Mrs. W. W. Webster; February 4, Mrs. Ray H. Denyon, Mrs.

William Webster, Mrs. Wm. Welsh, The members of the music section of the Woman's club are preparing to give a play on the 17th of March.

Miss Elsie Shattuck went last Tuesday to Amherst Agricultural college to assist in the treasury department.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. will hold food sale in Odd Fellows' hall on February 27.

On Thursday, February 19, there will be a supper at the Baptist church at 6,30 p. m., in charge of Team There will also be an entertainment. consisting of patriotic songs speeches in memory of Washington and Lincoln.

The Neighborhood club held an allday sewing meeting on Wednesday with Mrs. Clough, working for the district nurse's outfit and will hold a similar meeting next Wednesday at the same place for the same purpose.

Mrs. Arthur E. Sargent, whose son Ralph's illness called her to Northfield the last week in January, wen again to see him last Tuesday, though he is thought to be a little better. father has remained in Northfield with

In spite of the large force of men employed in clearing away the snow. the roads are in bad condition still owing to the unusually heavy snow fall of the past few weeks.

The executive board of the Groton A. R. C., met in the lower town hall on Monday afternoon. voted to hold a meeting on the first Monday of every month at the same place at three o'clock. Some new members were added to the executive board to fill the vacancles of those leaving town. The following re-port was given: For December, 1919: District nurse supplies \$40, milk \$5.80, social service work \$10-\$55.80; for January, milk \$7,60, materials for disfrict nurse supply box \$23,36, transportation of nurse \$10.50, social serv-

Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. S. W. Sa ine and Miss Geraldine Lawrence went to Boston on Tuesday, February 3, and on the following day took the train for California for a month's ab

Mrs. William Lury has been confin ed to her bed for the past two weeks as the result of a fall from a chair and in her doctor's opinion may have to remain in bed a week longer.

Mrs. O'Donnell, of Elm street, is uffering from a quinsey sore throat. Miss Julia McGrath was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital on last week Friday for treatment for a complica-

ion of diseases. The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet with the Littleton Grange on Thursday, February 19.

Rev. Arthur V. Dimock is expected o supply the Congregational pulpit

or the remainder of this month. Funeral services for Miss Ella Reyolds, whose death took place last veek Thursday, were held at the Sacred Heart church at one o'clock on unday afternoon, and a requiem high mass on Monday morning at eight

o'clock. The bearers were B. J. Crowley, Henry Fitzgerald, William Froten and Andrew Kelly. Miss Reynolds had been a resident of Groton for a number of years, coming here from Ayer with her father, Fred Reynolds, of this town, in whose home life she will be sadly missed, as her death leaves him alone. She will be remembered pleasantly by her neighbors and friends for her quiet, unassuming manner and friendly disposi-Though a sufferer from illness some years ago, her health had improved somewhat of late years, but a

severe cold hastened her death. Owing to the crowded conditions of last week's issue some things were omitted from the account of the minstrel show given by the Farmers' and Mechanics' club. The readings by C. B. Shattuck entitled "Sielgh bells" and "The town where I was born" were much appreciated, as well "My mother," given as only Patrick at his best can do. Miss Dodge's accompaniments helped in the evening's enjoyment and some selections on the violin were contributed to the enter-tainment. The stage setting was also very good, and the Groton Cornet and made music for the dancers in their usual acceptable style.

We hope that Dr. E. George Payne the noted gifted educator, may be obtained to give a lecture on "Safety in the schools," even if Sunday afternoon has to be set apart for it. Let a sum be set apart out of the school assets and lecture funds for this. His varied experience here and abroad as student, teacher and educator gives him a practical and superior position

Dr. George M. Twitchell's very inton at the home of Miss Grace Nichols conditions of weather and travel, was on February 13, for the benefit of the Ruth Holden memorial. The head of the Lowthorpe

school, with her pupils, endorsed and encouraged it by their presence. The new president of the Farmers' Association, who has and is laboring to do more for the farmers and their interests than they themselves, was highly pleased and encouraged. The late chairman of the school committee with his family, a native who has the best interests of the town at heart, was not silent in his appreciation of such an instructive and educational aspect of things. Dr. Powell of Hudson, N. H., and his wife, a sister of Dr. H. Smith of Nashua, valued it much. Dr. Twitchell used a too-true aphorism. Dr. Powell of Hudson, N.

That in many places the farmer would rather lose two dollars than help his neighbor one." This is a part of a propaganda for a successful farmers' organization.

#### Grange Meeting:

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening thirty-four members were present. After the usual business meeting came the literary proram in charge o lecturer. A number of songs were sung by the Grange chorus. The subect of the evening was "With the present high wages and high prices is the average workingman any better off han he was twenty-five years ago? and "Is the farmer any better off?" The subject was under the charge of George S. Knapp, who ably opened the discussion. He was followed by

and Eher J Keirstead. The next subject for discussion was How can we co-operate with the Farmers and Mechanics club of This subject was under the charge of Moseey Hale. Mr. Hale being absent, remarks were made by Kennie Fletcher, Eber J. Keirstead and Mrs. Blanche Brown. The next topic was current vents by Mrs. Norah Felkins.

The second part of the program was n memory of Abraham Lincoln. The poem, "O captain, my captain," by Walt Whitman, was read by Mrs. Effic Souther. Governor Collidge's Lincoln tay proclamation was read by Mrs. Blanche Brown. Lincoln's address on the battle of Gettysburg was read by Miss Lena Breckenridge.

The public schools were closed on last week Thursday and Friday on acount of the storm.

Owing to last week's heavy snow-storm the West Groton children were obliged to go to school on the train. Miss Stockin, of the Home Economs club, was at the Tarbell school all day Monday.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marjorie Mitchell Seavey, of Westford, to Paul Campbell Locklin. Miss Seavey is the teacher of English

in the high school. Constance Jacomb, G. H. S. '17, i uite ili in a hospital in New York having been operated upon for appendicitis. Her father, William J. Jacomb, went to New York last Sat-urday, returning on Wednesday, and his sister, Miss Jacomb, went Tuesday on the midnight train to New York. The senior class of the high school nave decided to give a school play on

Friday evening, April 9. A meeting of the Home Economic lub was held at the Tarbell school on Monday afternoon with all but thre members present. Patricia Smith acted as president. Miss Stockin atended the meeting and spoke to the members about their bread-making. Club songs were sung and games enjoyed. The next meeting will be held it the home of Dorothy Bixby, when each member is to bring a loaf of her read. Elizabeth McCann and Claire Duquette were appointed as entertainment committee for the next meeting.

The Clover club met at the home of

members being present. The girls reorted the things which they had done and also the number of hours worked of which Rosa Majenski had the most —fifty-two hours. This was followed by the singing of club songs with Mrs. Blood at the piano. Games were played until the arrival of Miss Stockin the came on the four o'clock train. It being late, she was unable to give he talk on cloth as was expected, but instead she told the club about the club pin and the meaning of 4 H as mentioned in the songs-health, head, heart, hand. Refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served by Rosamond and Dorothea Cross. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mark Blood on February 20.

The following letter, dated Norfolk Va., February 4, has been received by the father of one of our former

nigh school boys:. Dear Dad-You ought to be here today. It has rained steady for two days and a half, and everything is stooded. On all the streets the water stands anywhere from a few inches to four feet deep. Anyone who has a team is reaping a fortune pulling autos and trucks onto high ground. see when they get into deep water it drowns their engines out and stop right there. Right across from where I am staying there is a long garage, and the water is two feet deep on their main floor, and there are nearly a hundred big machines they can't touch. A lot of the cellars flooded clean full.

When I was coming down I noticed here wasn't any snow in Philadelphia and points south. Why, you take here he grass is green and the mosquitoes are thick as the devil. Some different from New Yory city, for there it was so cold I thought it worse than at home.

The other night I went to a revival t a Methodist church, and believe me they sure were getting religion, jumping up and praising the Lord. Say, if you had been there you could have won a prize by telling of that forty years of christian dope I heard you spill at Ayer once when you were get

ting me converted long ago. Down here the negroes ride in the Jersey Monday evening. Jim Crow cars, and on the electrics they have the rear seats. When they get off they use the rear doors and the whites the front. When they speak to you they say, "Please, boss." this and that. They would not sit at a table to eat with a white person on their

Now, dad. I have told you all I can except that I will be home the first of May, so you can saw the wood while I do the chores. I should have anwered your letters before, but please excuse my lateness. My address for

mail is Arthur M. Shattuck Naval Y. M. C. A., Norfolk, Va.

The following account of the mar-The following account of the man and lived in West Groton the greater riage of Miss Gertrude E. Forbes to part of her life, where she was highly claire B. Foss, of Worcester, appeared part of her life, where she was highly esteemed by all who knew her. in a Worcester paper of February 9:

The wedding of Claire Bradbury Foss, of 195 Lincoln street, Worcester, and Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Forbes, of Groton, daughter of Mrs. Frances M. Forbes, took place today at three o'clock in the Old South Congregational church. Rev. John Findlay, the pastor, officiated, using the single ring service. Miss Helen A. Forbes, of Groton, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and John A. Dougan, of Clinton, was the best man. Misser Esther Samuelson, of Southbridge, and Leila Farr, of Worcester, ushered. The bride wore a pale pink georgette gown with pearl trimmings and a black panne velvet hat trimmed with gold and silver, and wore a corsage of white sweet peas. The maid of honor wore a pearl taffeta gown with a black velvet hat, and wore a corsage of pink sweet peas. Miss Farr was gowned in yellow taffeta and Miss Samuelson in light blue satin. They both carried arm bouquets of light pink carnations. The bridal party entered the church

to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Parker Le-There was a special musical land. program with chimes. An informal ception followed the ceremo church was attractively decorated with ferns, palms and bright pink carnations, pink being the predominating

Mr. and Mrs. Foss will make their home in Groton. Mrs. Foss traveled in a peacock blue suit of chiffon broadcloth with a seal collar and a black velvet hat. The bride's gift from the bridegroom was a pearl necklace, and her gift to him was a pearl stickpin. The bride's gift to the maid of honor was an amethyst brooch. The groom's gift to the best man was a stickpin of pearls and sapphires. The ushers received brooches set with pearls and ubies.

Mr. and Mrs. Foss received many peautiful gifts of cut glass, silver and noney.

Middlesex County Bureau.

The meeting of fruit growers, a announced at the Extension School held in Groton, took place in West Acton on February 4. There were over fifty growers present, representing 12 to 15 towns in the apple belt, and a nore enthusiastic, and representativ gathering could not be asked for. Groton, Bolton, Harvard, Hudson, Gleaondale, Boxborough, Stow, Westford, Acton, Littleton, Concord were among the towns represented.

Formation of officers and the formuating of by-laws as tentatively submitted by a committee chosen at the West Acton Extension school, took up most of the afternoon session. A rather long and unsuccessful discussion as o what name the organization should be known by, resulted in the postponement of any selection until a meeting two weeks hence, at which time the officers will be elected. Supper was erved at the hall, after which John H. Hardy, jr., of Littleton, related his experiences at the recent fruit growers

eeting in Rochester, N. Y. The object of this new apple growrs organization is to get men interested together at five monthly meetngs during the winter, and requainted with one another. practically all members have the same nterests and problems, and as it is difficult to further any progressive unlertaking among a crowd of strangers, the object to start with is purely soial. Later, whatever problems it may deem wise to tackle, will have a united

association is entirely distinct from the bureau, one of the by-laws urges that all members belong to their county new cards, "Cooperate with Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics," and to be posted in some conspicuous place on he premises, are now in the hands of

ody to push it along. Although this

the director, and ready for distribution among subscribers for 1920. Stephen W. Sabine, director.

West Groton. Lawrence Strand, jr., has been ill for several days with influenza, but is improving. Mrs. Strand has also been ll with a severe cold and cough.

and unable to attend to his work at the papermill. F. L. Blood is building a large henhouse on the Shattuck farm, which when completed will compete with

any in town. Charles Balcom is as-

Clinton Boutelle was ill last week

sisting with the work. The Ladies' Aid supper and entertainment was quite a success, notwithstanding the deep snow and the inconvenience caused by frozen water pipes, etc. The supper was fine, as all Ladies' Aid suppers in West Groton have proven to be. The entertainment could not be carried out as planned as it was too stormy for little tots to be present, but there were readings by local talent and vocal solos by Miss Hazel Storer of South Brookline, N. H., who is living at Mrs. William Ganley's and is employed as stenographer at Hollingsworth & Vose mill.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess has been very ill all this week, suffering with heart trouble aside from shingles.

Billy Liacos is ill with a very sever

Mrs. Lettie Webster, who has beer caring for Mrs, John Robinson, has een called to Townsend by the illness of her son. Little Ruth Strand of Lawrence i

staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand, as her mother s very ill in a sanitorium at Arlington Heights. Delwin M. Shepley, well known in

this town, has passed several winters at Palm Beach, Fla. He likes the place so much that he has decided to build at Royal Park this winter. N. A. Nutt was called to New York last week to aftend the funeral of a

relative. Miss Minnie Scott of Hyde Park has been the guest of Mrs. L. G. Strand for several days.

Arthur W. Lamb was in town over the week-end. He returned to New A letter received from Mrs. Cora

Spaulding, from Ethel, West Virginia, dated February 2, says that on that day the cun was shining brightly and it was so warm that all the doors were 'Quite a contrast to our vide open. February 2.

#### Obituary.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. John Downs. She had been in ill health for some time and decided to visit her sister, Mrs. Daniel Hickey, in Saco, Me., for a change of climate. In spite of great care and able medical attendance she died in Saco on Saturday, February 7, after receiving the last rights of the church.

The deceased was born in Roscon mon County, Ireland, on June 24, 1890, and lived in West Groton the greater

The body was brought from Maine to her home in West Groton, where the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, and burial took place in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer, Rev. Thomas P. McGinn officiating. There were many floral tributes from husband, sister, family and

riends.
The survivors are John Downs, her friends. husband; a dapphter Elizabeth, 19 month's old; three brothers, Patrick, John and Michael Regan, of Leom-inster, and a sister, Mrs. Danie inster, and a lisister, Mrs. Daniel Hickey, of Saco, Me. Chief mourners were John Downs, John, Patrick and Michael Regan; Miss Catherine Regan, niece, John and Edward Regan nephews; Misses Mabel and Irene Downs, of Boston, sisters of the deeased's husband; Mrs. Thomas Heaps, aunt, and her daughter, Miss Anna Heaps, of North Adams. bearers were Timothy Connolly, Peter Lydon, James O'Sullivan, Jeremiah Leary and Edward and John Regan.

### AYER

News Items.

for men at the Army The program-Y. M. C. A. next Sunday afternoon wi consist of special music and an address by Arthur V. Dimock on Lincoln.
The valentine social which was to be given by the Nonaicolcus Camp Fire Girls, has been indefinitely postponed. The girls will meet on Monday with Miss Amy Nixon for a slid-

ing party The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church held a very profitable afternoon last Tuesday together with members of other church who gathered to listen to Miss Margaret L. Robinson, home demonstration agent for the County Farm Bureau. She gave most useful information in remodeling old garments, drafting patterns, dyeing, etc. Several ladies brought material for the best way to be used. She suggested luncheon sets could be made from old style many gored skirts. Also, that one college girl decorated her room couch cover, draperies and sofa pillows from grain sacks, colored.

afternoon was in charge of the program committee and tea was served. Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., held its regular meeting Thursday evening, February 12, at Hardy's hall. Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by appropriate program, Judge A. M. Levy rom Fitchburg delivered the address f the evening. Rev. John R. Chaffee read the governor's proclamation and apt. I. C. DuBois of the medical department at Camp Devens, accomoanied by Miss Doris Dickerman on he piano, rendered several vocal selections in a very pleasing manner. After which Mrs. Boutwell, Mrs. Sawer and Mrs. Waterman of the W. R. served refreshments. Comrades eavitt, Loveloy, Dickinson and Stone

of the G. A. R. were present as guests. George Lindsey of Enfield is the new pastry cook at Larrabee's lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole left Satlast for an extended stay a West Palm Beach, Florida.

### TOWNSEND

Harbor., Mrs. Galen A. Proctor attended the wedding of a nephew, George Monroe, in Deverly, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and their two children are occupying the Lane cottage. Mr. Phillips is employed at Harbor farm, taking the place of Mr. Gee, who recently returned to his home in Waltsfield, Vt.

Otho Johnston is attending to Malden end of the milk supply furished by the Harbor farm.

On Monday afternoon the people of this village were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Miss Mercedes

or seven years ago Miss Burke had her tonsils removed, and the operation was not an entire success inasmuch as one of the tonsils began to grow thereby causing a sore throat whenever a cold was contracted. remedy a gargle was used. On the day of her death, Miss Burke, with the exception of a cold, was in her usual good health. All the attending circumstances indicate that in attempting to gargle her throat she by mis-

take used carbolic acid. Miss Burke was in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richardson, of Pepperell. After starting the dinner on Monday Miss Burke went to her room about 11.15, evidently by means of the usual remedy to relieve her throat. Here she was found before noon in ar unconscious condition. A physician was quickly summoned and he stated that without doubt death ensued in a few minutes after swallowing some of

Miss Mercedes Burke was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, of this village, where she was born on the third of September 1899. She had a cheerful, happy disposition and life was full of interest to her; by nature she was optimistic Last fall the family bought an autonobile and she was cagerly looking forward to the opening of spring, when she was going to learn to run the car.

Miss Burke joined the Mothodist church last summer and was president of the Dorcas society. She was a member of the Grange and also a Rebekah.

The funeral, together with Grange service, was held at her late John O. Long officiating. Three hymns were sung by Mrs. Walter Farrar and Mrs. Miller, "Face to face," "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "Nearer my God to the " Walter Farrar Googne." God to thee.". Walter Farrar, George Upham, Cornelius Keefe and W. Swinnington acted as bearers. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in

the cemetery at the Center.

The many beautiful floral offerings gave expression to the respect and affection in which Mercedes was held in the community in which she had always lived—a pillow, from leather-board mill; pillow, Grange; spray Sunday school class; spray of sweet panuay senool class; spray of sweet peas and pinks, M. E. church; spray of pinks, Epworth league; spray of pinks, Richardson family; spray of sweet peas, E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge; spray, Mrs. John Walsh and family, Ayer; spray Mr, and Mrs. Law-

ence Morgan. Miss Burke was a member of a large family, all of whom are living: Miss Rosie L. Burke, of Jamaica Plain; Miss Nellie J. Burke, supervising nurse in the Concord, N. H., state hospital; Mrs. W. F. Walsh, of Ayer; Ernest Burke, of the navy, in Cuba; Edward Burke, recently discharged from the navy, and Roger Burke.

#### BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

The news items of last week were waylaid by the blizzard. Until Sat urday evening all traffic was suspended, and not until Wednesday were all the roads broken for travel. road was badly filled in, the drifts in one place being over eight feet high

The influenza patients are improving rapidly. Mrs. Franklin Dean is up and about the house; Mr. Dean is much better, although still confined to his bed; Mr. Bernier is out of doors and Joseph Davidson is very much improved.

David Walker returned on Wednes day from a visit in Connecticut. Over 100 names have been secured on the petition to the legislature ask-

ing that the measure regarding day-light saying be defeated. On Wednesday afternoon of last week a party of fifteen enjoyed a sleighing party to Ayer, Ernest Bar-teau officiating as coachman.

There will be a church business neeting in the vestry of the Congregational church, Sunday evening, February 22, at seven o'clock.

The storm closed the schools on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Town Meeting. The annual election of town officers and town meeting was held on Mon-day, February 2, in the town hall, George Burroughs being chosen as moderator.

The following officers were elected The following officers were elected for the coming year: Moderator, 1 year, George Burroughs; selectman and overseer of poor 1 year, John Coffey; assessor, 3 years, P. W. Cunconey; assessor, a years, P. W. Cunningham; treasurer, Albert Hartwell; school committee, 3 years, Burpee Steele; highway surveyors, P. W. Cunningham, No. 1, Henry Walker, Nos. 2 and 3, Rogene Priest, No. 4; library rustees, 3 years, Mabel Robbins, Ste ohen D. Salmon; tree warden, wood Richardson; constables, Linwood Richardson, Rogene Priest; tax collector, Linwood Richardson; liquor

question, Yes 20, No 15. The articles of the warrant were liscussed and acted upon as follows: for some time in feeble health incident Voted to accept the report of the selectmen and other town

Art. 4. to exceed \$600 to be used with an equal amount furnished by the state nder the small town contributing act for the extension of work on the Lib-

rty square road. Voted to pass over the arti-Art. 5. cle, relative to fixing a fee for an annual license for slaughtering.

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate the

sum of \$1050 for highways. Art. 7. Voted to appropriate \$225 or support of poor,
Art. 8. Voted to appropriate \$75

nd one-half dog tax for the public ibrary. Art. 9. Voted to raise \$1500 by general tax to defray town expenses, debts,

nterest, the current year.

Art. 10. Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money during the current year in anticipation of revenue for said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving notes of the town therefore, payable within one year from the dates

thereof. Art. 11. Voted to appropriate the um of \$2900 and one-half the dog tax for support of schools. Voted to collect taxes not Art. 12.

romptly paid according to law.
Art. 13. Voted to appropriate \$100 repair the church horse sheds Art. 14. Voted to appropriate \$300 paint the town hall

Art. 15. Voted to discontinue the free opening of graves by the town Art. 16. Voted to pass over the article, relative to purchasing coal age, last Saturday. stoves for the schools.

Art. 17. Voted to appropriate \$500

to be used with an equal amount Burke by accidental poisoning. Six furnished by the state and county for care.

TO AYER TO TRADE

## Store News Briefly Put

In the accompanying list you will find some interesting quotations on needed things. Interesting in two ways-good quality for less than you have been paying.

#### HALF BED SHEETS

54x90 inches, made from heavy, coarse cotton; regular price \$1.19, special at.....

AND DRAWERS

BOYS' HEAVY, GRAY JERSEY SHIRTS

Sizes 4 to 14 years; regular price 69c to 79c, spe-

#### ODD LOT HOUSE DRESSES

Sizes 36 to 40; regular prices \$2.98 to \$3.98, special at .....

BOYS' AND GIRLS' UNDER WAISTS Made from heavy, fine cotton; sizes 4, 6, 8, 10

and 12; regular 50c value, special at..... CHILDREN'S FINE RIB, DARK BROWN HOSE

Sizes 7 to  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ; regular 59c value, special at..... 45cHOME BOOK OF FASHIONS FOR SPRING

is full of suggestion for the Spring Wardrobe Don't fail to purchase a copy at our pattern counter 25¢ including a 15¢ Pattern Coupon

Geo. B. Turner & Son Woolens and Worsteds

For the Spring Season Worsteds will be more popular than ever with a strong preference for Blue Serges, both in Plain Twills and in Fancy Weaves.

The conservative dresser will favor Plain Mixtures in Grays and Browns, which are shown in various shades.

The new Paramount Suiting in a large variety of Patterns, with their dash of bright coloring in the decoration, are very attractive, and make up beautifully into smart looking suits. A practical, new idea is to have the suit pattern finished by the

Cravenette" Process which adds greatly to the durability of the cloth, without any change in its appearance. The "Cravenette" Finish can be applied to any fabric and has the effect of preventing the destructive action of moisture, thereby prolonging the life of the garment and conserving its appearance.

## MURRY, Tailor

the extension of the work on the Hill

Art. 18. Voted to pass over article, relative to the election of one road surveyor in place of four. Art. 19. Voted to pass over article

relating to purchasing a new road scraper.
Art. 20. Voted to appoint a committee of five, composed of citizens with children attending school, to bring in plans for a union school building. the citizens to meet and discuss the

lang and take action thereon at some future date.

Art. 21. Voted to appropriate \$75 to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculure and Home Economics, it being understood that one-third of this amount shall be used to provide local

paid supervision of boys' and girls club work. The board of selectmen appointed the following to serve on the commit tee to bring in plans for a union school building: Ars. Maude Richardson, S. B. Hager, Leo Cunningham, Wallace

#### Robinson, John Coffey. HARVARD

Yews Items.

Thursday morning Mrs. John H. leaves passed away. She has been to her advanced age. Her husband and four of her children were with her at the last. Funeral services will be held from the home on Sunday She was eighty-three years of age Besides her husband she leaves four sons-Edgar, John, Wilmot and Herbert, and a daughter Lilla. Cleaves was a woman of ability and refinement, with a special talent for music. She was at one time a mem per of the Handel and Haydn society of Boston. She was a native of North Reading, but had lived for many years on the farm home on Oak hill. Her many friends express their sympath;

for the bereaved family. The school committee have adopted no-school signal, one long ring or he telephone lines at seven in the morning, or if a bad storm develops during the day, the same signal will be given at seven in the evening. on Thursday morning for a six-weeks

trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando C. Doe are t home on their farm in Old Mill dis trict. They were married on Mon-

As previously announced Rev. F. C Congregational church, and on the following sunday the pastor, Rev. A. ers for his patients. W. Dycer, will preach.

Still River.

Miss Eliza Bateman attended the state federation of Women's clubs at Revere on Wednesday. Mrs. Helen Morse returned to Wor-

cester, after a week's visit in this vil-Walter Haskell is laid up with an attack of tonsilitis and M. H. Gorham with the "flu," both under the doctor's

Twenty-seven attended church last Sunday morning.

The Ladies' Mission circle met with Mrs. Dadmun on Thursday afternoon, even members being present. Miss Mary Gussman, of Revere, spent Sunday with her parents, Rev.

nd Mrs. William Gussman. The blizzard caused much delay in returning of milk cans from Boston, and one farmer had to get tubs and washboilers to store about fifty cans of milk, and other smaller quantities, old the Sunday and Monday milk On Monday morning only four cans were shipped from this station instead of about fifty cans, but cans came Monday afternoon and on Tues-

day 140 cans were shipped.

New Advertisements FOR SALE.—A sleigh, good condition. M. E. CARRIGAN, Newton St.,

FOR SALE CHEAP—Driving Horse, Jamess and Top Sleigh. F. L. SMITH, River St., East Pepperell, Mass. 3123

I BUY, SELL and TRADE Cattle, Pigs and Poultry, and pay the highest prices. D. KLEINBERG, East Pepperell, Mass. Telephone 63-2. 4t22°

CARD OF THANKS

# We wish to extend our heartfeit thanks to all those who by kind words and deeds helped to sustain us through our recent bereavement; also to the Bixby-Webber Compan for their beautful floral wreath.

West Groton, Mass., Feb. 11, 1920.

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JOHN DOWNS.

Purity in drugs is vastly more important than even purity in foods because when sickness comes the full effect of the medicine must be had. We warrant absolutely that our drugs are thoroughly up to standard. No adulteration here. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth left In filling prescriptions we use the utmost care to follow the doctor's directions. No guess work. No substitution of other medicines Kattner will preach on Sunday at the in place of those he order-

> TOILET ARTICLES CANDIES

# DRUGGIST

AYER Main Street

GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher Watch the Date on Your Paper The date with your name is stamped on the margin and shows to what time your subscription is paid, and also serves as a continuous receipt.

The daily labors of the Bee, Awake my soul to industry: Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, February 14, 1920

#### AYER

#### News Items.

Edward O. Richardson has resigned as president and manager of the C. R. P. Co., to accept a more lucrative position with the H. N. Fish Chocolate Co., of Boston. His territory will be New York state and Pennsylvania of April, his family remaining here for

A regular communication of St Paul lodge of Masons will be held or Monday afternoon. Work—Master Mason degree.

A great deal of credit is due the management of the Fitchburg and left last week Saturday for Florida for Lowell street railway company for the a vacation of several weeks. efficient way in which they have kept their lines open and have handled the snow situation, which has so seriously troubled transportation lines through-out the state. Through the snowstorms of the past month this line has given practically uninterrupted serv ice, and during the storm of last week was one of the few lines in the state which was able to keep its cars run

The Boston Ice Company have com pleted their work of filling their houses at Sandy pond, and have removed their gang of employees. When last week's storm came the houses were filled with the exception of one tier of about 500 cakes. It was decided to stop the work then rather than to was needed to complete the work.

The firemen held their annual cor cert and ball in the town hall on Monday evening with a very good number present. Music was furnished by Messenger's orchestra of eight pieces from New Bedford, who not only furnished excellent dance music but gave a very pleasing concert of instrumental selections before the ball. One number which is worthy of special mention was a xylophone solo, "Medley of 1920," arranged and played by A. H. Following the concert Messenger. there was dancing until two o'clock, about 150 couples being present. feature of the ball were the attractive all of which are said to have taken those who attended the ball were a large number from out of town. The floor committee consisted of John F. Ryan, chairman, assisted by O. Hartwell Kidder and Francis B. Sullivan.

Many inquiries have been heard as to the unpleasant odor, not unlike that of the polecat, which may be noticed at times on Main street since the series of snowstorms began. This smell is caused by a gas used by the railroad in burning out the switches which have become clogged with snow and ice. The gas is said to be a by-product of acetalyne gas and is very useful in thawing out the switches.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening. Work-Entered On Friday even-Apprentice degree. ing. February 20, another special com-munication will be held at which the Entered Apprentice degree will be worked. The following week special communications will be held on Monday evening, February 23, to work the Fellow Craft degree and on Friday evening, February 27, to work the Master Mason degree.

The services in St. Andrew's church on Sunday will be holy communion at 8.30, and morning prayer and sermon nt 10.45. At the latter service Warren S. Sturgis, of Groton School, will make a five-minute address dealing with the nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church. The Sunday school will meet at noon. On the evening of Ash Wednesday, February 18, there will be a service at 7.30, at which Rev. Osborn, curate in St. Paul's cathedral, Boston, will preach the ser-

Arthur Markee, of Lynn, formerly connected with the Parcola Company here, has accepted a position with the Linde Air Products Company of New York, and will represent them in New England. Mr. Markee is now in New York city, and has recently visited in Philadelphia and Washington.

Miss Nina Fletcher, of Spencer, the talented violinist, formerly of this town, has had to postpone her concert here which was to be given March 2 as she left on Wednesday for Califor nia to go on a concert tour with Mme Schumann-Heink, but expects to ap pear here later in the season.

aomas A. Kittredge is the new representative in town for the Metropoli- 3,30 p, m. tan Life Insurance Company of New

Dr. William Mansfield of Manches H., spent Monday with Dr. Fred H. Gathercole and attended the

fireman's ball on Monday evening. The George J. Burns house on Nashua street has been sold to Harvey W. Winslow, the sale being made through the real estate office of Thomas F.

The following real estate transfer have been recorded the past week from this vicinity: Ayer-Walter H. Chomas McCarthy et ux. Groton-William V. Bixby to R. W. Harrington;

Dodge to C. A. Johnson; Thomas Mc-Carthy to R. Rush; Reuben Rush to Frank L. Blood to Thomas Aitken et ux.; A. Frank Cottrell, jr., to F. H. Briggs. Pepperell—Jennie B. Drury to E. W. Cook; Frederic H. Parker to E. E. T. Blood. Westford—Manuel J. Avila to Charles H. Gosse, land on Boston and Westford road. Lunen burg-John Smith to George W. Fielding, land on Townsend Harbor road.

A good number of Masons from town and from Camp Devens went to Lowell last week Friday evening and received the degrees in the lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite bodies.

Local merchants who have routes in the surrounding towns are having difficulty in obtaining horses to cover their routes with. All of them have been using automobiles for this work, but now the roads have become impassible for machines, and at the same tables. time they are met with a shortage of Soldiers' club will be opened for this

The library trustees met on Thurs-

White, . treasurer; - Berton, Williams, secretary; George H. Brown, Huntley S. Turner and Berton Williams, grounds committee; George H. Brown, Frank J. Maloney and Dr. Herbert B. Priest, book committee; George A. Sanderson, William U. Sherwin and Lyman K. Clark, finance committee.

Dr. R. H. Wylie has been sick with an attack of the grippe, but is now able to be out again. Leroy Smith, who holds the position

of principal of the grammar school at Nutley, N. J., resigns from his position there, March first, and will take up farming at the farm of his aunt, Mrs. Brown, in Littleton.

Gen. John J. Pershing is expected o visit Camp Devens on Fbruary 26 for the purpose of inspecting the

Mrs. John L. Kennison and son Lau-

ence, who have been ill with severe colds, are reported to be much improved. Elizabeth Draper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Draper is ill with

the chicken pox. James Draper is recovering from an attack of the same disease. Mrs. Ralph Bosworth of Holyoke is

spending a month at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanderson. made as to the printing, etc., at that Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly a vacation of several weeks.

Since the severe snow storm of last week there have been no cars through on the Fitchburg and Leominste street railway, but it is expected that by the time of going to press that the cars will be through to the square. They were able to get their cars as far as Shirley on Tuesday, where a great deal of the track had to be opened up by pickaxe work. On Wednesday they reached Camp Devens and on Thursday a point near Union street was reached. For the entire length of West Main street the tracks have been burled in snow and ice, and it has been a question of opening this all up by hand. A large gang of men has been employed in the work, but the difficulties have been so great that bother with this small amount which progress necessarily has had to be slow. Patrons of this line are wonder-ing whether there will be another fare increase asked for to meet the ex-

penses of this work. Residents on the hill are no longer worrying for fear a home for aged and deserving polecats will be started in the neighborhood. Instead they are worrying because such a home seems to exist already, and are wondering what will happen next. The citizen whose exploits in trapping were re corded last week and whose difficulties in the use of chloroform were por traved, has now become an expert He now has six victims to his credit, gowns and costumes worn by many of the chloroform gracefully and passed the ladies, the gowns for this occasion on peacefully to the "happy hunting more elaborate than for the ground" of the polecats. Whether our usual dancing parties in town. Among friend's success in pursuing the elusive but fragrant polecat is due to hypnotism, mental telepathy or other rea-sons is not known, but it has been sugrested that he follow the example of the Pied Piper of Hamlin and rid the own of these unwelcome inhabitants. The group of ladies from the Feder-

ated church, who were to meet on this Friday afternoon with Mrs. Rachel Barry on Washington street, have postponed their meeting until next Tues-

James Hastings, the popular night counterman at Brown's lunch room, gave up his position there this week. Interesting mothers' meeting are to auspices of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, discussed by Mabel Craig Stillman, and will be held on

March 4, at four o'clock. There will be a regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club on Wednesday evening in the vestry of the church. Misses Amelia Goold and Ab-

Thursdays, February 19 and 26, and

bie Robinson will be hostesses. The annual Washington Birthday dinner will be served jointly by the Ayer Branch Alliance and the Unitarian Girls' club at the vestry of the

church on Monday, February 23. After an absence of five weeks Mrs. Clarence H. Kinney returned Thui from Pittsburgh, Pa., where a daugh ter, named Helen Isabella, was born on January 19 to her daughter, Mrs John M. Nairn. Mrs. Kinney reports a temperature of 55° on Wednesday

and no snow in Pittsburgh. Mrs. George Rose, sister of Mrs Arthur E. Dykes and William Tinker died in Lynn on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dykes and Mr. Tinker left for that city on Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral.

This Saturday the Strand presents Mabel Normand in "Pinto." This picture presents the vivacious little star in a role that is in direct contrast to the characters she has portrayed in the past. Pinto is a girl of the west has grown up under the guardianship of five ranchmen in care her father left her when he died. Her daring exploits on her pony, Legs, nearly drive the cowboys on the ranch The younger members of the family to distraction. Sunday and Monday, who ha February 15 and 16, Mary Pickford in proved. "Pollvanna." Sunday matinee at

public Tuesday at the Northeastern department. The announcement means that students attending the various college military training courses will have a period of summer instruction at Ayer, and the war department confident that the majority of the 600 students taking those courses will at-In addition to the infantry camp, there will be a camp of instruc tion at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. This camp will take care of the cavalry enrolled in the colleges in the cavalry

course! The Mohawk Camp Fire Girls will present at the Soldiers' club on Thursday evening. February 26, three oneact plays, namely, "Johnny's new suit, "The mystic seven" and "An oldfashioned mother." The latter written by Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild. This will its first presentation. The group of plays will be rehearsed and pre ented under their direction. special arrangement the Soldiers' club

will be opened for this occasion,

"The noble outcast." A play with plenty of good wholesome comedy and heart interest will be presented at the with the play there will be conducted a sale at the food, candy and novelty By special arrangement the

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will day evening and organized as follows: hold an afternoon whist at the home Lyman K. Clark, chairman; George H. of Mrs. Edna Zoller on Friday. Feb-Brown, vice president; Howard B. ruary 20, from 2.30 to five o'clock.

Mrs. J. Harold Atwood of East Main street, who is ill with "flu," is slowly recovering and expects to be up in

few days. Mr. Murry, the tailor, is at the spring opening in Philadelphia. He will purchase his spring woolens.

Watch for his opening March 1, 2 and Louis H. Cushing, who has been confined to his home with illness, is ble to be out again. who has also been ill, is also improv-

At the meeting of the Merchants' League of the Board of Trade at the Board of Trade rooms on Wednesday evening, the evening was given up to discussion of problems arising in connection with the proposed advertising sheet which is to be published. J. Harold Atwood reported that the local merchants had responded practically unanimously and that practically all had subscribed to advertising space in the proposed sheet. It was the opinion of the meeting that the doctors and lawyers be not canvassed for advertising as professional ethics do not allow them to advertise. It is expected to have the preliminary work on the advertising sheet completed before the meeting next Wednesday eve

Mrs. Kenneth M. Wilson of East Main street was taken on Tuesday by Dr. Hopkins to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, where she underwent a serious abdominal operation. At last reports her condition, which is considered to be very serious, remains unchanged.

ning, so that definite decisions can be

At the meeting of the board of seectmen on Monday evening, Douglas C. Smith was appointed superintendent of streets.

A well attended dance was held in the town half on Wednesday evening under the management of several sol-diers from the 13th infantry. Music was furnished by a jazz orchestra from the 13th infantry and several special entertainment numbers were ntroduced during the evening. large number came down from Fitchourg for the dance, but as the 8.19 train on which they came was an hour and twenty minutes late, they were somewhat late in arriving. A mardi rras and confetti dance will be held y the same management in the town hall on next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Ellen (Keane) Hurey, wife of Daniel F. Hurley, of Shirey street, passed away on Sunday afernoon from the effects of dropsy Mrs, Hurley was fifty-six years of age and was born in Bealcragge, Kilmaley County Claire, Ireland. Thirty years ago she came to this country and located in Lowell, where she was later married to Daniel F. Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley came to Ayer about eighteen years ago and have since mad their home here. Beside her husband Mrs. Hurley leaves two sons, Richard B. and Thomas F., both of Ayer; a niece, Miss Margaret Callahan of this town, and a sister, Mrs. Nora Callahan of Bealcragge, Ireland. Requiem high mass was held at St. Mary's church on Tuesday morning, Rev. Thomas Brennan officiating. The bearers were: Frank Murphy, Thomas McGuane, J. Leo Organ, John F. Hurley and Jas F. Meehan, Burial was in St. Mary'

Lester Whitcomb, manager of the Ayer Electric Light Company, is confined to his home with an attack of the influenza. His wife is also ill with the same disease.

The C. R. P. Company, whose pres ident and manager has resigned, will be managed by Frank S. Pierce, who will be assisted by his son, Kendall V. Pierce.

A local educational service committee has been appointed to have local control of the various features of the educational plan of the educational committee of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. The committee are: Robert H. J. Holden of Shirley, Waldo G. Conant of Littleton. George Barrows, George L. Osgood and Frank C. Johnson of Ayer.

The management of the White Rib bon Home have aranged for an oper house and donation day to be held in next Tuesday. The public are very ordially invited and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance, and generous response to the needs of Donations of anything the home, which may be of use about the home will be greatly appreciated. A cafetera lunch will be served at noon and speaking has been arranged for the afwomen making their home here, the oldest being ninety-one years of age. A special meeting of the corporation which manages the home will be held on the morning of the Donation day. Mrs. William C. Jackson of Wash

ington street underwent an operation on her ears last Saturday, Dr. Kittredge of Nashua performing the operation. The operation was very suc-cessful and Mrs. Jackson is recovering nicely under the care of a nurse who have been ill, are all much im

A handsomely mounted salmon is or infantry camp at Camp Devens will open June 17 and continue for six weeks, according to infantry the formation in the window of George H. Hill's drug store, which was caught by infantry camp at Camp Devens will open June 17 and continue for six weeks, according to information. August 27, 1919 I; measures 284 nches in length, 15 inches in girth and

weighs nine pounds. A whist party, under the auspices of Vestra Rebekah lodge was held at the home of Rubert M. Green on Whitcomb avenue last Saturday evening, nearly forty being present. Mrs. Ella F. Hovey scored highest with 43 points and was awarded a box of correspondence cards. Mrs. David H. Young, who had 16 points was consoled with box of sweet chocolate. Gorham K Brooks, George E. Millson and Henry W. Waterman each had a score of 41. in cutting for the prize Messrs, Millsor and Waterman tied again and Mr Brooks won the cigars. Glenwood W. Ross was presented with a box of sar-

lines haved score 11. Walter R. MacDonald, Maple street s employed as fireman at Camp

Miss Bessie Eaton, who has been iving at the home of her uncle, Gorham K. Brooks, returned to her home in Freeport, N. S., this week. Mrs. John M. Maloney has been

quite ill at her home on Williams street with influenza, a nurse being in attendance. Clyde, Ora and Mildred Brooks of

Boston spent Sunday with Gorham K Brooks. The little daughter of Harry Chauwho has been at the Clinton hos-

pital for an appendicitis operation, ar ived home Tuesday night. At the last meeting of Vesta Rebekah lodge, February 4, six applica-

### Proctor's Strand, Ayer



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Tuesday-H. B. WARNER in "Haunting Shadows," from the novel, "The House of a Thousand Candles." Mack Sennett Comedy.

Wednesday—GLADYS LESLIE in "The Midnigh Bride." Rainbow Comedy. Current Events.

Thursday—"The Westerners," with ROY STEWART and an all-star cast. Big V Comedy.

Friday—"The Blue Pearl," with FLORENCE BILLINGS, FAIR BINNEY, etc. A six-reel super feature that is picturized from a play that took the country off its feet. Vitagraph Comedy. Ninth episode of "The Invisible Hand."

Saturday-ALICE BRADY in "The Fear Market," a Realart picture. Big V Comedy. News.

Matinee 2.15

Evenings **6.15** and **8.15** 

ions for membership were received. Mrs. David H. Young was installed ap by the term "Monroe Doctrine." right supporter by Mrs. Nora Fol-kins of Groton, assisted by Miss Lois Wright of the same town as marshal. A full attendance is requested at the next meeting, February 18, as a rehearsal follows the transaction of

outine business. A whist party, under the auspices of Vesta Rebekah lodge will be held at the home of the noble grand, Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, 77 East Main street, Saturday evening, to which members and friends are invited. Play-ing will begin at 7.30 o'clock.

They do say Doc. had the first dance

The Woman's club meets Wedneslay, February 18, in Hardy's hall. The peaker will be Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley and the subject will be "Julia Ward Howe." Mrs. Beatley, is a fine speaker and she had a personal acquaintance with Mrs. Howe. Every lub member should try to be present. It is a rare opportunity that will be

The observance of father and son week in this community is to be preceded by a banquet to be given at the Army Y. M. C. A. this Friday night at 6.30 by the Ayer Sunday school committee on boys' activities. The guests will be fathers and their sons of the 'teen age. The address will be given by E. P. Conlon of Concord, N. H. Following is the menu provided by the "Y" and the churches of Ayer: Olives, pickles, celery, roast Vermont turkey, dressing, potatoes, squash, turnip, onions, rolls, cranberry sauce, apple pic, ice cream, coffee and cocoa.

Daniel W. Fletcher, William A. Wright, Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Frank S. Pierce attended a conclave of Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, at Fitchburg on Thursday. Among those who entered the order on Thursday. were Major Leonard W. Hassett, Lieut. Morton M. Vance and Sergt. Pomeroy Edwards of Camp Devens.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

K. of C. Notes.

Judge Warren H. Atwood addressed the Knights of Columbus in their hall on Tuesday evening upon the proposed league of nations. His address proved to be of great interest to the members great attention being paid by the speaker to the history of previous eagues, their inception and decline, commencing with leagues formed prior to the birth of Christ and the unions formed thereafter, religious political and commercial, including the famous Holy Alliance, which gave birth to the famous note of President Dimock delivered a masterly sermon

James Monroe, to be known thereafte Reading from the history of the life of our first president the speaker remarked how fitting were his sentiments as set forth in his farewell address, warning us of the evils of for-

ign entanglements and alliances. The historical facts having been forth the judge next expounded his theory of foreign interest in our entry in the league, laying great stress apon financial obligations of the other nations to us, their need of our assistance, and nothing coming to us in return, let alone the waiving of our ights under the Monroe Doctrine. which had stood as a bulwark agains oreign aggression in the new world

for a century. At the conclusion of the address he vas given an enthusiastic reception by those present and a rising vote of hanks tendered him.

There is to be a dancing party in the town hall on Monday evening, ebruary 16. A military whist party is to be giv

en in the council rooms on Tuesday evening. February 17, under the aus pices of the Catholic Ladies of St. Mary's parish.

Military Whist.

The Unitarian Girls' club held a military whist party at Hardy's hall on Thursday afternoon. Fifteen tables The winners were Mrs. vere filled. leorge O. Fillebrown, Mrs. F. Vern Pillman, Mrs. Herbert B, Priest and Mrs. Henry J. Zoller. They made the high score of seventy and received on bon dishes as souvenirs of their

victory.

The keenest competition seems however, to have been for last place Iwo tables were deadlocked with the handsome score of ten. Mrs. Charles A. Fox, Mrs. Harvey M. Huntington, Mrs. Edward O. Proctor and Mrs. Philip Rockfeller lost in the cut to Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. Frank B. Trandall, Mrs. Robert E. Murphy and Mrs. Herbert H. Proctor, who received papers of pins as decorations,

Refreshments of sandwiches, fancy crackers and punch were served. Mrs Charles A. Normand, Mrs. Robert Montgomery and Mrs. Ralph H. Wyli were the committee;

Church Notes.

Baptist church-Preaching at 10.4 a. m. and seven p. m., by the pastor James T. Rider, jr. Young people' meeting Tuesday at 7,30 p. m. and prayer meeting Thursday at 7,30 p. m. Last Sunday evening Rev. A. V.

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on the subject, "Shall the world forgive the Kaiser. Wednesday evening of this week the

nnual roll call was held. The pastor and delegates from the other churches and V M. C. A. were in attendance. Rev. Mr. Leathers, a former pastor, brought, the message of the evening. Many responded to their names either in personal word or by letter. The

Federated church—Sunday at 10.45, "Father and soh." Boys' choir. At twelve, Sunday school; men's class; women's class. At 6.30 young school; men's class;

adies' Aid furnished a most bounti-

meeting; Miss Edith Longley, leader. At 7.30. "Freedom." Thursday at six, annual roll call supper. All the members of the par-

sh invited. Last week Friday afternoon Mrs. Miller's group of the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a very successful food sale at the church.

Tuesday of this week the Ladies' Benevolent society met at the vestry when Miss Margaret Robinson of the County Farm Bureau talked and demonstrated on the reconstruction of garments. Refreshments were served This Saturday night a Valentine party will be given by Mrs. Wheeler's

group of the Ladies' Benevolent so The patriotic orders in town are in vited to worship February 22 at the Federated church at 10.45 o'clock. Subject, "Americanism." By request

of the government.

Unitarian church-Sunday service as 10.45, regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister Subject, "The great fast."

The pastoral committee of the hurch organized on Sunday for work. The parish has been divided into districts each of which is represented by a member of this committee. Three members of the committee are members-at-large. This committee undertakes two duties, (1) keeping the min ister in touch with the whole parish, reporting illness and any other important information, and (2) promoting the best possible attendance of the people at services and social func-

tions of the parish. In the annual report of the American Unitarian association just issued is contained, among the pictures of nev church buildings, that of the First Unitarian Parish church of Ayer. Ed. ward E. Sawyer took the photograph from which the cut was made.

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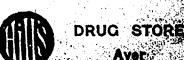
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#### TOWNSEND

Mrs. Agnes Woods entertained the members of her Sunday school class at a house party the first of the week. Ten were present and a social afternoon enjoyed with the serving of refreshments. During the afternoon the class organized into a club, named the Sunshine club, and the following officers were elected: Florence Higgins, pres.; Ruth Cowdry, vice pres.; Lillian Swicker, sec.; Mamie Johnson, treas. The aim of the club is to do little acts of kindness and scatter sunshine to the sick and shut-ins. No one however is eligible to membership unless they attend Sunday school, reg-ularly. The first meeting of the club is to be held at the home of the president, Miss Higgins, Saturday after-noon, from two to four o'clock, when a portion of the time is to be spent in sewing, crocheting and reading, to be followed by a valentine party.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic is "Who imposes taxes?" Sermon to the children, "Making smiles."

Mrs. Frank Miller entertained sev eral of the young people at a home party on last week Friday evening when games were enjoyed and refreshments, served. Cards have been received by friends man, pulpit; church membership 93.

town announcing the birth of a daughter, Edna Thelma, to Mr. and West. daugner, Rana Thema, of De-troit, Mich. The father of the little girl'is well known here, being a native of Townsend, and a son of a former druggist, E. G. Whitney, and Mrs Whitney, now of New Bedford,

At the Grange meeting on Monday evening an excellent paper was given by Mrs. Stephen Keefo on "Fruit values in food." "The firing line," "Do you know?" with George L. Whitcomb minuteman,' and a humorous recitation by Master Carey Swinnington, were other interesting features of the evenings program.

The Parent-Teachers' association meeting, which was to have been held on Tuesday evening of this week, has been postponed on account of the storm to Tuesday evening, February

Miss Ethel Estes, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Gilbert P. Estes, celebrated her ninth birthday last Saturday by entertaining nine of her little friends at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Estes. Games were enjoyed and a dainty lunch, including a prettily decorated birthday cake, was served by Mrs. G. P. Estes, and pleasing gifts were received by the young hostess of 1 35116

There are no influenza cases reported in town, but many are ill with

Rev. A. L. Struthers is suffering from a carbuncle on his neck. W. F. Rockwood has returned from

his business trip in the south. The freight train has not been running on the Greenville branch since last week Thursday, and consequently some of the cooper shops have had to shut down, there being no cars in

which to load the ordered barrels.

#### Obituary.

The funeral services of Mrs. Abbie Elizabeth Bruce, widow of the late Leonard Oren Bruce, were held from home on Monday afternoon at 1.30, her pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, in charge. Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Mrs. Icea Cowdrey sang "He leadeth present at the home of Mr. and Mrs mo" and "When I go home." Mem- John McInnis. bers of the Daughters of Veterans were present in respectful recognition of her being a veteran's widow. The body was placed in the receiving tomb Webster assisted Mr. Donley at the until later, when interment will take store on last Saturday. place in the family lot beside her husband in the Hillside cemetery. Mrs. Bruce was the eldest daughter

of the late Benjamin Frank and Eliz-(Lamson) Lewis and was born in Fall River on November 26, 1843. She came to Townsend when about a year old with her parents and lived in this village up to the time of her marriage, November 30, 1865, to L. Oren of West Townsend. A few o Ashby, where they resided for thirty years on a prosperous farm. After the death of her husband Mrs. Bruce served in the Baptist vestries on returned to the Center, where she has since lived in the Hart house, where of the Congregational church here, and in her younger days a member

of the church choir. Those who know her will always of her as exemplifying certain beautiful graces of christian character, among which was unfailing cheerfulness, and in her life she was always an example in patience and true godliness, and so her end was peace.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Berton L., of Boston, and Wilbur L., of this town; two grandsons, Nelson and Harold Bruce, and by a sister, Mrs. C. B. Hart, of Brookline.

Following the sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday, Mr. Struthers read Gov. Coolidge's pro-clamation relative to appropriately observing Lincoln day. At the close of the service pamphlets from the Fellowship Bible club were distributed. During the Sunday school hour Miss Louise Drake gave a reading from the life of Booker T. Washington, emphasizing on the work of the A. M. A. among the negroes. At'the close of the month the tion" from the boys and girls of the Sunday school will be collected. The January collection was for the C. H. M. S. This is a new feature recently taken up at the close of the Sunday school session to interest the youth in facts and forces at work in the home and foreign field.

The Junior Endeavor society are to hold a free valentine social this week Saturday afternoon in the Congregational vestries from three to five o'clock. A suitable program for val-entine day is being planned with games and a general good time.

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Rev. Dr. Spaulding, district super intendent, occupied the Methodist pulpit last Sunday morning and preached along the line of the centenary movement. The pastor, Rev. John O. Long, who has been ill with the grippe, although not very strong, was able to be present at the service.

#### Quarterly Conference.

At the quarterly conference of the Methodist church the following 1920 officials and committees were elected: Newhall, Rev. Henry, Wriston, T. T. Goodwin, George East-

man, W. D. Farrar, Robert Misner, K. confined to his home with a severe E. Morgan, trustees; George A. Wilder, sec.; Georgo Eastman, treas.; T. T. Goodwin, Mrs. A. Farrar, Mrs. E. Clark, G. Eastman, Mrs. M. Upham,

Mrs. M. Goodwin, W. Farrar, E. E. Wyeth, Rev. G. Newhall, Miss M. Patch, Miss M. Parker, Mrs. M. Miller, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss E. Wyeth, stewards; Rev. G. Newhall, rec. stew. and sec. quarterly conference; T. Turner Goedwin, dist. stew.; Mrs. Mary Goodwin, com. stew.; Walter Farrar, reas, current expenses; G. Newhall, reas, benevolences; G. Eastman, chairman finance com.; Mrs. Mary Patch, Sunday school supt.; Miss Flor-ence Wyeth, pres. Epworth league; Mrs. Mary Spring, pres. Ladies' Benevolent society; Miss Emelie Lawrence, pres. Dorcas class; Mrs. A. Farrar, pres. W. F. M. S.; T. T. Goodwin, W.

D. Farrar, minutemen; Walter Farrar, trier of appeals; committees appointed, charmen— Rev. G. Newhall, pomecol character Miss Mary Patch, for-sign missions: Mrs. Mary Goodwin, home missions and church extensions; Mrs. M. Upham, Sunday school; Miss lildred Stearns, tracts; Rev. G. Newhall, temperance; Mildred Stearns, education; Mrs. A. Farrar, Freedman's aid: Mrs. Goadwin, hospitals; Mrs. M. Upham, parsenage; Mrs. A. Farrar, church music; Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Spring, flower com.; T. T.

The most severe blizzard and snowfall of the winter was experienced here on last week Thursday, and the no-school signals sounded on both Thursday and Friday mornings on account of the storm and the bad travling, and all entertainments and social gatherings were postponed.

Goodwin, Mrs. A. Farrar, George East-

Miss, Hazel Farrar, of the Center, has been a recent guest of Miss Janet Clark at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Bayberry hill, are quite ill, suffering from

evere colds. Glenna Hart is confined to her home with a severe cold, following an attack of measles.

W. A. Boutwell, proprietor of the brick store, is very ill at his home with an attack of the prevailing cold, and is threatened with pneumonia. Virginia Brown, the little daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, celebrated her seventh birthday last Saturday by entertaining a party of her little friends at her home in the afternoon. Twelve of her playmates were present and the afternoon was passed most enjoyably with games and selections up on the Victrola, and dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. The little hostess received a number of pretty and useful gifts and the occasion proved one of great pleasure to all.

Mrs. Lila Hayward, of Bayberry hilf, has been spending a few days the past week with relatives in Providence,

William W. Webster, of West Groton, visited friends in town last Sat-urday. Mrs. Rebecca Kaddy, of this village, is caring for the Webster household for a few weeks, as Mrs.

Webster is away caring for a patient. Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, who has been employed at Townsend Harbor for a few weeks, has returned to her home for a few days before leaving for a situation in New Ipswich.

Mrs. James Bell is assisting for the

W. A. Boutwell and family, who have all been very ill with colds, are

Robert Tumber, who is stopping a he home of his sister, Mrs. Terrell. on the Fitchburg road, has entered the employ of the Belgrade rug fac-

The public schools commenced again on Monday morning after a two days' vacation on account of the severe storms and bad traveling.

Mrs Edwar years after their marriage they moved have been on the sick list, suffering from severe colds.

The baked bean and salad suppe week Wednesday evening was well at tended, about 120 being served. The she passed away last week Thursday tables were bountifully loaded with evening after a long illness. In her food and were attended by the girls younger days she was a successful of the Good Cheer class, and the supteacher in this town, and for over per was served by the Ladies' Baptis years she was a faithful member | Benevolent society. The society held their regular monthly business meet ing in the afternoon and the routing business was transacted, after which the ladies prepared the supper. Both the supper and social hour following were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Bertha Boynton is assisting a he home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns in place of Mrs. Maynard, who has returned to Brookline. Miss Helen Plummer has been or

the sick list at her boarding place with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely. Charles Stickney, from Nashua, N

H., has been in town for a few days at the home of his sister, Mrs. I. P.

Mrs. Herman Lawrence, who has been spending a few days at her home here since her return from Townsend Harbor, has gone to New Ipswich, N H., to assist in the care of an invalid The postponed meeting of the La-

dies' Study club was held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Oscal Lovering, with the vice president, Mrs. E. J. Lees, in charge. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Fred A. Patch served as secretary pro tem, and an interesting program was given. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Seaver, and the topics will be "Thoreau, the hermit of Malden" and "Joaquin, the poet of the Sierras," in charge of Mrs. Seaver and

Miss Alice Seaver. The traveling in this vicinity i especially bad, particularly at the railroad crossing, and while on their way to their sister's funeral Augustus Bruce and party had a "spill-out" in which it was fortunate that no one was hurt, as the sleigh completely over-turned, throwing out the three occupants.

The Good Cheer class of the Baptis Sunday school held a brief business meeting at the Baptist vestry on Sun day afternoon just before the Y. P. S C. E. service and heard the reports of various committees and discussed arrangements for a social meeting in the near future.

Clarence Webster is quite ill with a grippe cold at his home. Mrs. Carrie Kaddy, of West Groton, is nursing the ase at present. Warren Elliott, who is employed a

the Center, was taken to his home on Bayberry hill, Monday afternoon, quite ill with the grippe.

Charles Hodgman is reported

n the sick list.

W. A. Boutwell and family, all of whom have been quite seriously ill, re reported as improving, although Mr. Boutwell has not yet been able to resume his duffes at the store and postoffice.

Augustus Bruce, Milo Bruce and Mrs. Mary Davis attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Abbie Bruce, at he Center, Monday afternoon, as did several of her old friends from this village. Mrs. Bruce had been a resident of this village for about thirty years, and the family lived on the Bruce farm on the Ashby road, which was destroyed by fire last summer. After the death of her husband sh removed to the Center, where she passed away last week Friday after everal years of illness.

Nelson Hart spent a few days in Boston the past week. Mrs. Hart is on the sick list, suffering from the prevailing grippe cold.

The Live Wire class of boys of the Baptist Sunday school held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman on Monday evening and en joyed a social evening with music and games, and plans were discussed for a social in the near future. Charles Hodgman is quite ill with a

severe cold, and Augustus Bruce is assisting as janitor at the schoolhouse during his illness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and their oldest daughter, Ruby, are

quite sick at their home on Bayberry hill. Alfred Hussey has left the employ of

Damon & Richardson and returned to Leominster. Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, and the Y. P. S. C. E. service in

the evening will be conducted by Miss Frances Shepherd. Mrs. E. J. Lees entertained the La-

dies' Whist club at her home Thursday afternoon. Ashbel Streeter, who has been or the sick list for the past few weeks has moved from the home of Mrs. Mary Robbins, where he has been poarding, to the home of his brother

George. . The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Liberal Aid society was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees, and the usual business was enacted.

Mrs. G. M. Frye and little son Milton, from Revere, are stopping for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Bayberry hill.

The nurse who has been caring for I. P. Sherwin for the past week, has returned to Nashua, N. H., where she vas previously engaged on a case, and an effort is being made to procure another to take her place. At last re ports Mr. Sherwin was reported as comfortable as could be expected, and Mrs. Vose, who has been quite ill at the home, is improving.

Alden, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Irs. Alden Sherwin, is on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold. Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney

are both victims of the prevailing grippe colds at their home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise are quite ill with colds at their home.

The sad news reached here last Saturday morning of the death of another of the old residents of this town, George Milton Frye, who passed away last week Friday morning at his home in Rever@after a short, severe illness from heart disease. Funeral services, assisted by the G. A. R., were held on Sunday afternoon at his late residence in Revere, and the body was brought to West Townsend on the Monday morning train and placed in the receiving tomb, awaiting burial in the family lot. The body was ac-

companied by his wife and little sor and was met at the tomb by several The committal service and prayer was given by Rev. Joseph Mc-

Mr. Frye was a native of Orange and was aged 71 years and 3 months, and is survived by his wife, Florence Frye, and a four-year-old son, G. Milton Frye, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Hannah Sanborn, of Athol. The deceased was a veteran of th

civil war and most of his early life vas spent in the west, but for abou twenty years he had lived in this vicinity, where he had worked as a paperhanger. He married Florence Elingthorpe, of England, about eight years ago, and they moved to Revere year and a half ago.

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And said administrator is ordered to

nave, why the same should not be a owed. And said administrator is ordered serve this citation by delivering a cor And said administrator is ordered to serve-this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same one in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, enewspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day a least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to alk nown persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire First Judge of said Court, this sixtle day of February in the year one thou sand nine hundred and twenty.

3124 F. M. ESTY, Register.

#### WARREN A. WINSLOW

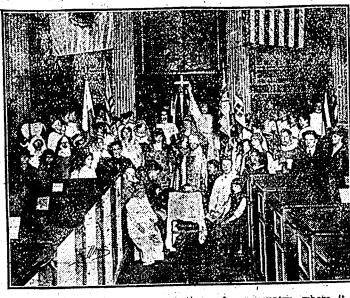
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Pageants Being Staged in Every Parish of Diocese as Part of Nation-Wide Campaign



The demonstration performance at tions of our country, where it was St. Paul's Cathedral last week of the formerly impossible for him to go pageant "The Builders of the City of God" was most impressive. Real dramatic ability as well as beautiful devotion shone through the acting of pagan conditions and the illiteracy all the people in the cast; and there were twenty-six of them. The full choir of the Cathedral also had a sionary leaflet adready referred to share in the production, entering in points out, but throughout the world the usual manner at the beginning of there is imperative need of the ex-

"The Spirit of the Nation-Wide Campaign" as assumed by Miss Dorothy Parker, wearing a flame-colored Sir Galahad costume, was the most striking figure in the pageant as she voiced the summons to a nobler swifter building of the City of God. clearly to be greatly interested in the Once when a child in the pageant inquires what she can do to help, this plane. "It has been frequently said Spirit replies,—and here the mite that there is so much work to be done boxes for Lent are to be distributed at home that the Church should not when the pageant is given all over go on with her missionary work. Such the Diocese,—"There are many things is not the argument applied to a busithat you can do. A splendid task ness enterprise. If Henry Ford had awaits you in the coming weeks of told his foreman twenty years ago Lent. The Church is sounding her that he intended to send a carload Call to her boys and girls, bidding all of Ford cars from Detroit to Chicago, to help, to pray, and to give for the and his foreman had replied that it enlarging of God's kingdom." And was foolish on the ground that there then the child is told that his mite were people still in Detroit not probox is to be filled with money that is vided with Ford cars, Mr. Ford would really his, which he has earned or have laughed in his face. saved, and he has asked God to bless.

the Spirit of the Nation-Wide Cam-"Builders of the City of God! You best article of the kind on the marpaign (to congregation and players): meet the challenge of the Great Day's ket; and no business man but would Work with Glad Consecration. Venture-for-God! You will build with realities. You will work the works of Him who sends you while it is your Day. In Christ's name do as I bid you forth to your joyous, self-

forgetful, newly realized whole task!" Everywhere that this pageant has been given, and it has been produced in half the parishes of the country, it has been very successful in stress- sionary way, there has just ing with simplicity and dignity the started a Church Officers' Training play, as a result of the Nation-Wide thedral Tuesday evenings. This orvital part that it is hoped all will

City of God. and stimuating a speaker been heard the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and stimuating a speaker been heard in Boston, as Dr. William C. Sturgis, Educational Secretary of the Board of Modern and Secretary of the Board of Sentatives from thirty parishes of the Sentative Sentatives from thirty parishes of the Sentative Sentativ Missions, who gave a series of noon addresses in St. Paul's Cathedral last week in the interest of the Nation-Wide Campaign, Dr. Sturgis created a veritable sensation at the recent Episcopalian Club Dinner at the Copley Plaza, because he pointed out that vast sections of this country are practically pagan today so far as any effective response to church interest is concerned. His topics at St. Paul's, following up this lead, were the Four Missionary Commands: "Lift up your eyes and look; Pray, therefore, without ceasing; Freely ye have received, freely give;" and to close the series, the injunction, "Go ye therefore into all the world."

Dr. Sturgis belongs to a well known Boston family, but latterly he has lived much in the west, where, as Dean of the Colorado School of Forestry, he did very great service, not only to education, but to conservation, distinctive quality of his talks which are full of humor and informality, is the breezy, out-of-door note which he is constantly striking. For instance, in one of his St. Paul's talks on "Prayer," he showed that the appalling conditions now existing in this country have always followed wars, but suggested that much can be done to help if we place dynamite sticks of spirituality, so to speak, under our social and private sins,-just as the thorough-going western farmer places dynamite sticks under the stumps of old trees in a forest stretch which he is endeavoring to redeem for cultivation.

Similarly in a leasiet which Dr. Sturgis has written for the five-minute men now making lay speeches in the interest of the Campaign, he points out that the ruffled grouse, as sportsmen well know, is in danger of made for patriotic services, with extinction throughout New England perhaps the unveiling of some tablet by reason of the introduction of the or memorial and that so far as possi-Ford car. Since the sportsman goes ble open forums be held on the even today into the most inaccessible por- ing of Washington's birthday.

Use of India Rubber. India rubber was used for the first time as an eraser in 1770, when a very small piece was sold for three marks. It was, however, many years later be fore it was put into general use. Prior to this the crumb of bread was used for ernsing purposes.

True Economy. Economy consists not in going with out needed things so much as in using all things, money included, to the best possible advantage.

there is, obviously no reason why the Church should not be able to do same, and so remedy forever the which threatens our national life. Not only in this country, the mis-

the service, singing the campaign tension of Episcopal influences. Parhymn "Jesus Shall Reign." ticularly now should we heed this call For if we recognized this missionary duty to help the nation across the seas which was struggling against ideals and systems of government absolutely opposed to all that we have been taught to hold dear, we ought missionary appeal on the spiritual plane. "It has been frequently said have replied that he intended to send Very stirring is the final speech of cars not to Chicago only, but to San Francisco, to Yokohama, Pekin, and this, because he had the You have justified Mr. Ford in this far-No Christian busisighted policy. ness man, applying the same reason ing, can feel other than enthusiasm in sending the message of the Gospel broadcast throughout the world.'

To arouse church workers to a realization of their missionary duties, and to acquaint them with what the Diocese is already doing in a misbeen Corps which meets in St. Paul's Ca-Campaign, in helping to build up the ganization was born in the brain of the Rev. William Appleton Lawrence, the Bishop's son, and is modelled on Diocese were present at the initial meeting, and took notes concerning the work now being carried on by the Rev. W. N. Bixby and the Rev. W. W. Love, as missionaries to remote towns and villages of Massachusetts. Mr. Bixby made the point that when people move into a town where there is no Episcopal church, and stay there for a year without receiving any church ministrations, they are often lost to the Church for all time. On this account, it is extremely important that missions be supported even when there are only a few Episcopalian families to profit by them. And he showed how Ford cars and other modern methods are being utilized in Massachusetts to make such missions useful. Mr. Love pointed out that in one town down on the Cape, the Episcopal Church has become the community church, because it has stuck with greater devotion than any of the other missions to its difficult

Looking forward rather than backward, the Campaign is so shaping its programs as to take in "Americanization," the outstanding note of February 22d. Quoting Phillips Brooks, when he said that the Church of Christ must be a leader in the adjustment of the relations of mankind and the building of the better society which is bound to come, particular attention is called to the February meetings, of which the Symphony Hall gathering, to be addressed by the three bishops,-Bishop Law rence, Bishop Brent and Bishop Herman Page, Thursday evening, February 19th, is the outstanding event. "The Church in the Nation" is to be subject all that week, and it is reccommended that arrangements be

Daily Thought. The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel .-Horace Walpole.

On Probation, as it Were.

Preparatory to showing Elmer his new sister, his father said: do you say to getting a new baby at our house, sonny?" Elmer thought a moment and then said: "Let's just rent one till we see how we like it, for (Elmer's chum), says he is Jimmy tired of his; it cries all the time."

### CHILDREN OPEN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Will Give Parties to Get Clothing and Funds for 500,000 Needy Serbian Youngsters—Grown-ups Can Help.



Picked Up in December-Barefooted, Ragged, Cold and Sick.

of celebration has always meant pret-

ty cards, cheery faces, surprises. This year it will mean all this and more if plans carry that are being fostered by the Serbian Child Welfare Association, commonly known as the Serbian Relief Committee of America, of which William Jay Schieffelin is

Serbian children have never heard of St. Valentine. Probably not a child in Serbia has ever known the joy of 15,000 Valentine cards requesting that hearing the doorbell tinkle delightedly each recipient give a Valentine party of a surprise which says so plainly to York City and into the homes of many American children, among my friends, Happy Valentine's

So because there are 500,000 home ess, tired, sick and forlorn little chilclothes or nourishment, the Serbian quarters at 287 Fourth avenue, formerly 70 Fifth avenue, headed by such na-Harriman, is asking that children and parents in America give St. Valentine's parties for the benefit of Serbian orphans and children who for seven years have been without the bare necessities of life.

This is what they ask you to do: Give a party. Invite your friends to party to help the cause mailed to 287 come and have a good time and to Fourth avenue will be appreciated. bring a gift-shoes, stockings, dresses, Upon request suggestions for the parcoats, boys' suits, caps, pajamas—just ty will be given by the committee.

St. Valentine's day, February 14, anything to keep little boys and girls will be given a new significance this from freezing. The next thing to do year. To American children this time is to get other folks to "give a thought to Serbla" so that many will sond donations of money and clothes.

Since the war began Serbia has lost more than 1,000,000 of her 4,500,000 population. Overcome by the relentless onrush of the enemy, she is still staggering, dazed, blinded, crippled, diseased, without food and without clothes, unable to comprehend what

has happened. During the past week more than Valentine's evening nor has one of for plucky little Serbia have filtered them ever run out to find there a bit through the mails going out from New "I count you persons who have never given to this

Because the train that runs every second day (perhaps) is unable to carry provisions and clothing suffidren in Serbia this year without cient for the needs of the people, business is paralyzed. Scarcity of clothes Child Welfare Association, with head- at this time of year means death and disease. Returned workers report that hardly one child in Serbia has a full ionally known women as Mrs. Oliver outfit of clothes, to say nothing of a

change. Clothes gathered through Valentine parties or through the personal efforts of those interested in helping should be sent to shipping headquarters, 70 Fifth avenue, New York City. A card saying that you will give a Valentine

### + COMMITTEE FACTS FOR YOU +

The Serbian Relief Committee 4 4 of America is concentrating upon 4 + child rescue work and has there- + 4 fore changed its name to Serbian 4 + Child Welfare Association of + 4 America with executive offices at 4 287 Fourth avenue, New York 4 + city, retaining the former ad- + + ceiving and shipping station for + a good diet for the sick anyway;

4 man and the J. P. Morgan Com- 4 + pany is the depository of the +

4 committee. Chachak, sixty-five miles south + + of Belgrade, is the headquarters + and working center of the com- +

mittee in Serbia. The Chachak district includes, & roughly, a population of 500,000. 4 A number of hospitals, dis- 4 + pensaries, preventoriums for chil-+ dren predisposed to tuberculosis, 4 4 a cottage colony for children and 4 distributing centers have been + opened in other towns adjacent + to Chachak and as contributions 4 · come in additional physicians and + nurses will be sent over and other -

hospitals and dispensaries opened. k - Prominent Committee members are Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Dr. 4 + Albert Shaw, Mme. Jean Jusse- + rand, Charles R. Crane, Morris + Francis Egan and Charles Scrib- 4 ♣ ner.

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#### PITIFUL PLIGHT OF SERBIAN ORPHANS

Commissioner William J. Doherty, who returned recently from Serbia where he went to oversee the work of the Serbian Child Welfare Association, reports that he found an orphanage where 40 children were living shoeless, stockingless, thinly clad, trying to exist in a barn-like building that had no glass in the windows. The beds were bags stuffed with straw, and bedding was so scarce that a turn in the night of one child in the center of the row left the end one completely uncovered except for his few street clothes, which he always had to wear to bed.

### World's Largest Crater.

Dr. B. F. Griggs, who has been exploring the volcano of Mt. Katmai, in Alaska, for the National Geographical society, announces that this is the greatest crater in the world, being no ess than nine miles in circumference and 3.960 feet in depth.

#### Migration of the Rat.

The rat was carried from India and ferria to England in 1727, by 1750 had made its way to France and thence spread throughout Europe.

### REMEMBER THAT

1. Serbia lost over 1,000,000 lives or one-fourth of her population in the

war; 2. There are more than 500,000 children in Serbia in need; 3. Serbia had a crop of wheat, but

transportation facilities are so poor

there is no way to get it to the chil-+ dress, 70 Fifth avenue, for a re- + dren in the hills. Plain bread is not 4. There is no medicine in Serbia for the treatment of the ill but that which

is supplied by the Committee or other welfare organizations; 5. Houses are gone; clothes have ceased to be manufactured; Serbia is cold-about as cold as Boston in win-

ter, and death is imminent to thousands this year; 6. All you are asked to do is to give a Valentine party to which you will

invite your friends to bring clothes, dimes, dollars or birthday pennies; 7. Shoes are almost unknown in Serbia now. More than 1,000,000 little

feet will remain cold and bare this winter unless you help; 8. Twenty cents a day, six dollars a month, or \$72 a year will save a life

#### in Serbia. SERB WAR LOSS HEAVY.

Proportionately Greater Than That of Any Other Country.

Much has been said of the losses from the war in Belgium, Serbia probably lost more in proportion to her size and population than any country in Europe.

The following will serve to give those who have not made a study of the conditions in Serbia some idea of what the world war might have meant to America had not such gallant little countries as Belgium and Serbia stood between this country and the enemy. Losses expressed in dollars ran

something like this: Manufactured goods, \$150,000,000; furniture and machinery, \$80,000,000; jewelry, \$6,000,-000; Serbian silver coin, \$6,000,000; three harvests, \$320,000,000; requisitions and damage to private concerns,

\$160,000,000. Live stock losses were: Horses. 130,000; sheep and goats, 6,000,000;

pigs, 2,000,000; cattle, 1,300,000. Resides these, there were the inevitable and inestimable losses in hospitals, schools, public buildings, railroads, wharves, boats, factories, and in human life half the taxpaying citi-

Dally Thought Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.—Shakespeare.

Cause for Rejoicing. Leonard was walking with his nurse

zens.

and met a friend of his mother, who proceeded to engage him in conversation in a most effusive and enlivened manner. On parting with her, Leonard was silent for a long time, and then said with a gentle sigh of thankfulness: "I am so glad, Sarah, that I've got a nice, gloomy mother."

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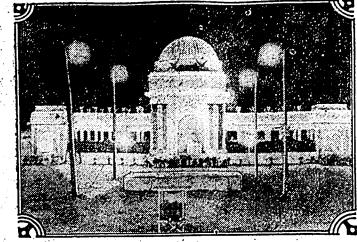
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### MANILA CARNIVAL BIG ATTRACTION OF FAR EAST



the Philippines become the playground pelago as that which is offered the for the entire orient. It is carnival visitor at the carnival city.

was held on historic Wallace Field in social activity. A huge open air audi-Manila in February, when the climate torium serves for the elaborate nightly of the islands is at its best, and each balls, and on its mammoth floor thou succeeding year there has been a larg- sands of couples swing together to the er and more elaborate celebration, strains of music furnished by the fa-The 1920, or Victory Carnival, will be mous Constabulary and other military the greatest event of its sort ever held bands. Probably at no other place in anywhere in the Far East.

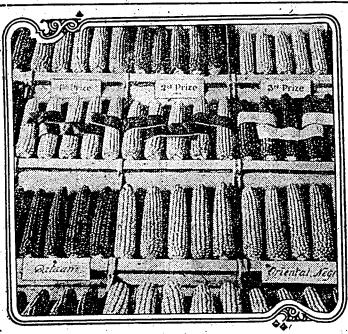
There are commercial and govern- pressive cosmopolitan spectacle. ment exhibits in connection with the carnival, and on no other occasion is it trip to arrive at the Pearl of the Orient possible to gain at once such a com- for carnival time may well deem himprehensive idea of the production and self fortunate.

This is the senson of the year when | development of resources of the archi-

In the evenings the carnival becomes In 1908 the first Philippine carnival the center of Philippine and oriental the world will one see an equally im-

The Manila visitor who can plan his

How Would You Like to Harvest Two Crops of Corn a Year as They Do in the Philippines?



by one of our local farmers! It wasn't crops are hemp, sugar cane, cocoanuts, was grown in the faroff Philippine Is- ber is also an important industry. lands by Filipino schoolboys. Two fine crops of corn a year are produced in the Islands.

The Philippines are doing some wonpriations for this important work.

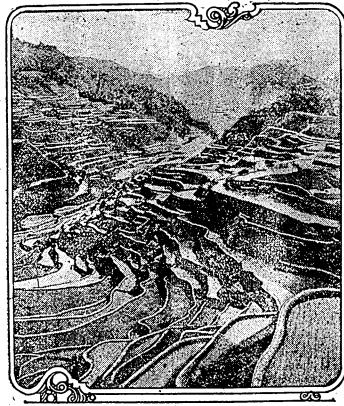
There are hundreds of thousands of acres of land lying idle in the Philippines, which have a greater area of fertile land than Japan—this in spite of the fact that the population of the derful things in the agricultural line. Philippines is 11,000,000 while that of The Philippine government has fine ag- Japan is around 55,000,000. There is ricultural schools throughout the is-lands, and the Philippine legislature, the Philippines will have a population composed entirely of Filipinos, is each as large as that of Japan today. The year making larger and larger appro- Filipinos are the only Christian people in the orient, and their young men are The staple food of the islands is rice, working night and day to prepare

but corn is coming right along in popu- themselves for the responsibility of

lar favor. Its use was given great im- citizenship in the Philippine Republic, petus in the last year because of a rice which they believe to be near at hand.

No, reader, this corn was not grown shortage. Other important Philippine grown in the United States, even. It coffee, tapioca and pineapples. Lum-

Rice Terraces Are World's Masterpieces



This is a photograph of the Ifugao igorrot rice terraces, which are among the most remarkable of their kind in the world. They are one of the many marvelous sights for the tourist to see in the Philippine Islands and are to be found in the Ifugao district of the Mountain province, Northern Luzon,

The height of these terraces, which are held up by stone walls, is from 4 to 18 feet, averaging 8 feet high. It is estimated there are 12,121 miles of hight-foot stone walls in the Ifugao terraces, which is approximately half

the distance around the world. These terraces are skillfully irrigated by water brought in troughs along the precipitous mountain sides over long distances.

Depends on the Style.

Parker-"Is your wife a woman to look forward to something to worry about?" Tucker-"Yes, yes, indeed, she is-if it is in style."-Judge.

Unusual Preservative. The leaves of the fern plant, which grows almost everywhere, are excel lent preservatives for packing food, fruit and even meat. Potatoes packed in fern leaves are as fresh in the epringtime as when they were first only because people will keep on leandug in the winter.

Mr. Growcher's Idea.

"The only advantage I can see in getting a doctor to make us younger," said Mr. Growcher," is that a lot of us old boys will maybe look as if they had some excuse for their foolish

Sticking It Out.

"There is little hope of wallpapers coming down," says a well-known suburban builder and decorator. This is ing against the wall.-London Punch.

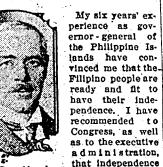
### GOV.-GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES

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Declares It Not Right That Freedom Should Longer Be Withheld.

FOR FREEDOM

By FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON, Governor-General of the Philippines. (First Article.)



Gov. Gen. Harrison As to the question of the stability of government, I wish to say to the American people upon my responsibility as the governor-general that in my opinion there exists today in the Philppine Islands a stable government, which I think should answer the requirements laid down by Presidents Grant and McKinley, and as I understand it, also by Mr. Boot—namely, a government elected by the suffrage of the people, which is supported by the people, which is capable of maintaining order and of fulfilling its international obligations.

I am very glad to go on record as beng entirely in sympathy with the aspirations of the Filipino nation for independence.

I have recommended to Congress that in granting independence some provision be made similar to what is known as the Platt amendment in the treaty with Cuba, which restricts the ability of the new republic in borrow ing of foreign governments and also permits the United States to interfere with the affairs of the new republic in conditions of disorder should be found to prevail. Such recommendation does not come as an expression of the views of the Filipinos: it is my own view of what would be desirable to secure a feeling of confidence and satisfaction on the part of all persons who have already invested money in the Philippines or who contemplate doing so in the near future. But it is not right that independence

tself should longer be delayed. By temperament, by experience, by financial ability, in every way, the 11,000,000 Filipinos are entitled to be free from every government except of their own choice. They are intelligent enough to decide for themselves. I have found the native Filipino of ficial to be honest, efficient and as capable of administering executive posi-

in the world. These officials are today governing 1,000 municipalities and forty-two provinces, economically, efficiently and for the good of the entire people. They have a native congress, including many graduates of Yale, Princeton, Harvard and other American universities. Other members are graduates of Santo Tomas and other Philippine universities, and in education and ability they com-

pare favorably with any I know. They have leaders like Speaker Osmena of the House of Representatives and President Quezon of the Senate vho would adorn any office.

The Philippines are away ahead of the United States in successful governand appretion lic utilities.

The government took hold of the team railways and made them pay a profit of 1.000,000 pesos a year more than under private ownership.

It took hold of the highways, and we have 7,000 miles of the best mac- children. adamized roads in the world. The Manila city government is about to take over the street railways and the gas and electric plants, while the territorial government is arranging for ownership and control of the coal sup-

The movement for independence is peaceful one. No territory was more loyal to Uncle Sam during the war. It offered an armed and equipped division to our government, gave it a submarine destroyer and oversubscribed Liberty loans and Red Cross funds.

Two million natives speak English fluently, and there are 700,000 English speaking children in the public schools. I am more than willing to retire if the Filipinos can be granted what they -a government like that of the United States.

A MISREPRESENTED RACE.

The Filipino people are a much misrepresented race. The frequent publication of pictures of semi-naked Mindanao Moros and Igorotes has caused a great many Americans to believe they are typical of the inhabitants of the Philippines. Such is far from the case, however. Of 11.000,000 inhabitants of the islands, 10,500,000 are a Christian, civilized people with a culture and refinement that will compare very favorably with that of other nations. The Filipino women are exceptionally modest. A street flirtation in so far as a Filipino woman is concerned, is something that is almost unknown, as any American that has visited Manila will testify.

Lines to Be Remembered. Every wanton and causeless re straint of the will of the subject, whether practiced by a monarch, a nobility, or a popular assembly, is a de gree of tyranny.-Blackstone.

That's Strange.

I met a friend who had been ill and inquired: "How are you now?" She replied: "Do you know, I nearly died!" I said: "I'm glad to hear it." She's angry now.—Exchange.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Word was received in town last week of the death of Walter Dean Sawyer on Tuesday at his home in Arlington after several months' illness Mr. Sawyer was the son of the late Jabez A. and Caroline (Worcester) Sawyer and a grandson of the late John Newton and Sarah (Holden) Worcester of this town. He leaves a vife and child, two sisters and two rothers, one of whom, John Sawyer, has a summer home here. 🖫

The snow storm of last week Thursday proved the worst of anything we have had during the winter, the rain making a crust that was very hard to get through and some of the roads were not shoveled out till the first of the week. There was no school either Thursday or Friday. The library was not opened Thursday and the sewing circle and church supper were post poned. The mail carrier from Pepperell did not get through till Satur day afternoon and then had to come in by another road and go through by C. J. Bells, as the road from East Pepperell had not been broken out from here to the Hollis line. The road below Ralph Herrick's toward the Eastman farm had not been broken out Saturday afternoon, All roads are now passable but the traveling is far Congress, as well from good and more snow coming would easily block them up again.

George Coburn narrowly escaped a serious accident last week when a load of hay on which he and his son were riding swerved going down Long pond for burial in the spring. ill, thrower the elder man out so that re struck on his head in a snowdrift. and turned over in such a way that his back and arms were badly lamed and has proved very painful. His son, although thrown out, was not hurt, and making his father as comfortable as he could, followed the horse who had gone home, and came back for Mr. Coburn is not seriously hurt and is as comfortable as could be expected for a man of his age after such a shaking up.

Mrs. Francis Sweetser, who went through an operation in a Manchester hospital some time ago, is now able to return to her school work.

Elmer E. Boyd, who lives on Proctor hill, fractured his right arm in three places and had the left arm had. bruised when a tree fell and struck He was chopping in the woods pelow the Worcester farm, and was nable to avoid the tree on account of he icy crust. He was taken up to the cesters and Dr. Hazard was call-He found the arm so badly swolthat he could not set it then, but Boyd will go to the hospital in in a few days and the fracure will then be reduced.

Mrs. William B. Simonds is confined the house with a severe cold. Miss Florence Muzzey has been visit-

ng her sister, Mrs. Nelson, in Water Miss Jean Baker visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phœnix C. Baker, recently.

Miss Ethel Goodwin is in a hospital Swampscott, Mass., suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Edna Lund is ill with jaundice ind Chester and Glenna Lund both have hard colds. Mrs. Otis Goodwin, who is ill in

ospital, is reported better. The regular meeting of the Wom i's club will be held with Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy on next Wednesday aftertions as any men I have met anywhere

> William Sanders has hired the Hale arm and he and his family and Mrs. Sarah Sullivan will move into the enement occupied by Charles Hale in Mrs. Nellie Hale writes from San

> sight-seeing and visiting brother, who she had not seen for so nany years. She is undecided as to now long she will stay out there. Mrs. George Hills is still confined

> to her bed with a severe cold. The doctor does not consider it the influenza.

Fred B Wheeler is somewhat hetter and is able to be up about the house.

George Stimpson and his son Eu-Monday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lillian Stimpson Richards.

Mrs. Archie Colburn,'s brother, John Ivester, of Arlington, Mass., died in a hospital of the influenza last Sunday. He leaves a widow and three

C. Anderson and Warren Colburn ttended the funeral of their brotherin-law, Olin M. Haynes, in Lowell, on Tuesday. The body was placed in the omb and will be taken to Nashua for burial in the spring.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable ociety held a postponed meeting at the ladies' parlor on Wednesday afternoon with eighteen ladies in attendance. Two quilts were put to At this meeting some of the materials left from Red Cross work were sold at auction. The Red Cross sewing machine will be sold at the men's supper next week Friday night. Tea was served by Mrs. Willis C. Here gether to be given to Mrs. Sarah as served by Mrs. Willis C. Hardy, rs. Greenleaf, Mrs. Elia Farley and Misses Arvilla and Alice Hardy.

Harry Bell, who has been ill with he influenza, is able to be out. The postponed supper to be given

y the men will be held on Friday vening February 20. Mrs. George Hazard and her daughter Ruth went to New York last Satarday, called there by the death of Mrs. Hazard's brother-in-law, Lieut. ol, Fred Davidson, U.S. A., who was crushed under the falling roof of the barracks where he was stationed, the roof giving away under the heavy

wife and a daughter. Bert Keyes is sick with the grippe and Arthur Bolton is taking his place at the Worcester farm.

Warren Colburn and his brother, C. Anderson Colburn, received word of the death of their brother-in-law in The wind may blow east, or the wind Lowell last week. Harold Hardy attended the banquet of the New Hampshire College Alumni at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, last Sat-

He also attended the track meet, at which several prizes were tak-Eight of the ten members of the family of Mr. Coradrette, near the Hollis depot, are ill with the "fu" Hollis depot, are ill with the "flu." Dr. Hazard had a call to visit them last week Thursday night and got the New Zealand government, com-there by getting a pair of horses and prising 12,446 acres of freehold and a

Sanders going with him to drive. of Mrs. John Richards (Lillian Stimp- for returned soldiers.

survived by her husband and four children. Mrs. Richards died of the nfluenza and the other members of the family are suffering from the sam disease. Mrs. Stimpson, Mrs. Richards mother, was sent for, but on account of the storm could not get

there until Saturday night, and her daughter had passed away. Miss Mildred French was at hom over Sunday and snow-shoed to Nash ua to take her car for Haverhill. Mrs rench snow-shoed with her as far as

the Nashua line. Rial Hills has been to Albany, N

, to visit a cousin who is ill. George Hardy and family motored

to California and write they are hav-ing a wonderful time. Mr. Hardy is the son of the late George I. Hardy. Mrs. James Walsh has been called

to Nashua by the illness of her father

Deacon James Swallow, who is critically ill with pneumonia, with little one of his recovery. Members of the W. R. C. met with

Mrs. Flora Hardy on Monday after-noon and tacked two quilts for Almon Adams, recently burned out. Mrs. Bena Farley and her niece. Miss Young, have left West Palm Beach and gone to Daytona Beach.

The family of Francis Lovejoy, who have been ill with the influenza, are ill on the road to recovery.

The funeral of Stephen Smith was neld at the home of his daughter, Miss Clara Smith, in Nashua, last week Thursday. The body was placed in the tomb and will be brought here

1 Letter.

The following is a letter received rom Miss E. L. Van Dyke, who is at

West Palm Beach, Florida: The season is on, everything is in full swing, and fashion is disporting herself at Palm Beach, the world-famous resort of America. It is said that before the war Paris knew of only two places in the United States—New York and Palm Beach. Although the smaller hotels and the cottages here have een doing business for many weeks, yet the large hotel, the Poinciana, a building six stories high and over housand feet long and which has luxirlous accommodations for more than 500 people, did not open its doors until the 15th of January and until that vent occurs the season cannot be said to have really begun.

Life is very gay in this winter para-The smart set are here and can dise. revel in dressing and dancing and music to their heart's content. Some of the older ladies and even a few of the gentlemen who have become a little rusty in the art of dancing are tak-ing private lessons, it is said, that they may astonish their acquaintances with their prowess a little later on in the ballroom. And then there is the din ing, the continual round of feasting. A man may pay a hundred dollars day for a suite of rooms and board at the Poinciana, but that is not all; he entertains gay little parties at lunch-cons and teas and banquets, at the Garden Grill, at the Beach club, at Trees in which cavities occur and the Cocoanut grove, at the Country club, eating and more eating of the most delectable foods served in the most elegant and fastidious fashion.

the daring ones. A regular line has been opened between here and Havana and you can take the trip on the Aero

Limited if you wish. Every day at about eleven o'clock in the morning the throngs go to the beach for a dip in old ocean or to sitand chat in groups upon the sands or vatch the bathers from the comfortable beach chairs that are lined up on Francisco that she is having a fine the sand. Here are seen many stunning sport costumes, as well as striking pathing suits, and occasionally you come upon a young woman smoking a

> The doings of high society in Palm Beach are pictured in a bright and enertaining manner in a new book called Tales of Palm Beach and Florida." In t the author says West Palm Beach is to Palm Beach what Brooklyn is to New York, San Francisco is nearer." Some of the wealthy ones on this side that statement. The beauties of land and ocean and sky are not the property of any class and the wonderful walks and drives are open even to the hum-

blest of us. The real estate man here, as everywhere in Florida, is right on his job. He is looking for suckers and he knows sell "lots" in a newly developed section three or four miles outside the city he gets a crowd together by the offer of free transportation by boat or bus, with free lunches for all, and gifts of candy and fruit, sometimes the auctioneer, who is an adept in the power to a Keith's theatre performer, works up the enthusiasm of the crowd

\$25,000 carly in January in less than a month changed hands again with a clean profit of \$15,000, selling the second time for \$40,000.

A Massachusetts corporation has recently been organized with an author-ized capital of one million dollars to plant sugar mills and syrup factories in Palm Beach county. Their slogan is "Sugar in 1923." It is felt that there is no reason why Florida should not become the sugar bowl of the country, as there are thousands of acres of land lying idle here which are well adapted to the growth, of the cane. A begin-ning is to be made this spring in the the Bellevue hospital, but nothing could be done for him. He leaves a

weight of snow. He was hurrled to planting of acres of seed cane. I have not said a word about that all-absorbing topic, the weather. Well, the weather is fine. We have had a few showery days lately, but for the most part it has been pleasant with temperature between 70 and 80 degrees. West Palm Beach claims to have the best climate in the country.

may blow west.
Or it may blow all ways together.
It's all the same to the West Palm
Beach folks.
For they're all wrapped up in the
weather.

No northern mail has been received for two days on account of a washout

On an estate lately taken over by

Sanders going with him to drive.

Hardy, William postoral run of 19,250 acres, there were killed 120,000 rabbits in order Word has been received of the death to clear up the property as a location

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN 400 Egg Capacity Blue Hen Incubatom In original crates, guaranteed never been used and guaranteed complete. \$40 f. o. b. Littleton; \$35 each for two

OLD PICKARD FARM Box 28 Concord Junction, Mass.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of MARY J. MASON, late of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs, All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

make payment to ELIZA B. SHATTUCK, Admx. Groton, Mass., Feb. 4, 1920.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Notice to Property Owners

You are hereby required on or be-fore March 1, 1920, to destroy the gypsy and brown tall moths on your property in this town.

This notification is in accordance with Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, which requires cities and towns to destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupe and nests of the gypsy and brown tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupe and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessupon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 6, Chapter 381, be-

low.) The selectmen ask owners and tenants to co-operate with the town in its work on highways and other public grounds by doing effective work on their premises. Citizens who have cleaned their premises of the moths, but find their trees endangered by the neglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the select men. The infestation of a residential neighborhood by the neglect of a few will not be tolerated.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with creosote.

They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Carewhich it is not desirable to cut should have the cavities tinned or cemented This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect Then there is motoring and golf and can be greatly reduced by cutting and ennis and fishing and this year the burning worthless brush, hollow trees, new sport of flying, a few having even brought down their own private aero-planes, and many flights are taken by

ber of neglected trees.

The nests of the brown tail moth should be cut from the trees, carefully collected and burned in a stove or fur-

Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, A. A. Adams, or from the State Forster, State House, Boston.

Work done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made. CHARLES H. WEARE, Jr.,

THOMAS E. LILLY, ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN, Shirley, Mass., Feb. 5, 1920. 3t23

(Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906) An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

Section 5. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall, on or before the first day of November in each year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the state superintendent may order, cause a notice to be sent to the owner or owners, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land therein which is infested with said moths; or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, then by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupe and nests of said moths shall be destroyed within a time specified in the notice.

When, in the opinion of the mayor or selectmen, the cost of destroying such lands contiguous and held under one ownership in a city or town shall exceed one half of one per cent, of the assessed value of said lands, then a part of said premises on which said eggs, caterpillars, pupe or nests shall be destroyed may be designated in such notice, and such requirement shall not apply to the remainder of said premises. The mayor or selectmen may designate the manner in which such work shall be done, but all work done under this section shall be subject to the approval of the state superintendent.

under this section state superintendent.

If the owner or owners shall fail to
destroy such eggs, caterpillars, puppe
or nests in accordance with the requirements of the said notice, then the city
or town, acting by the public officer or
board of such city or town designated
or appointed as aforesaid, shall, subject
to the approval of the said superintendent, destroy the same, and the amount
actually expended thereon, not exceeding one half of one per cent, of the assessed valuntion of said lands, and such
an amount in addition as shall be
assessed upon the said lands; and such
an amount in addition as shall be rety or town and the Commonwealth
in accordance with the provisions of
section four of this act. The amounts
to be assessed upon private estate as
herein provided shall be assessed and
collected, and shall be a lien on said
estates, in the same manner and with
the same effect as is provided in the
t case of assessments for street watering.

case of assessments for street water-ng. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE ELYNCH late of Ayor in said County, decoased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRANK J. MALONEY of Ayer in eald County, or to some other suitable person.

Able person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenous, to 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenous, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turfer's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire. First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

FARM WARTED 15 to 19 adapted to fruit and poultry. J. BRIDE, Waverley, Mass.

This Paper is Sold by O. R. P. Co......Main Street, Ayer is found to have been suffering W. A. Drammey.....East Pepperell diabetes probably for some time, Brockelman Bros......Shirley H. P. Tainter......Groton Albert B. Wyman......Townsend

Saturday, February 14, 1920

#### **PEPPERELL**

Bungalow building may be carried other localities. Mason Stone, a relative of Mrs. Starr's was favorably impressed with a particular building site on the hill north of the standpipe. It has been mentioned that Dr. Beckett. from Hyde Park, who was the pur-chaser last year of the Wood farm of Elm street, will probably build in the spring, and in the same connection it has been understood that J. A. Frossard, a relative of Dr. Beckett, may build a summer bungalow on the same farm on the high ground bordering on Shirley street, not far from the Dunn farm.

About thirty people gathered in the reading-room at the Lawrence library on Monday afternoon at four o'clock to attend the talk on "Current events' have not been conducive to large attendance these lectures would speedily gain the popularity they merit, and numbers outgrow the quarters. day. Mr. Whitmarsh possesses to a marked degree the rare ability to gather, condense and present the doings of each week in the clearest and most practical manner. All who have frequented the series of talks are enthusiastic and hope that the notice may be extended, that others may receive the benefit and pleasure.

The household goods of Mrs. Alice Bliss were put on the cars for her new home in Springfield, Vt., Monday.

The shortage of soft coal is becoming serious at the mills here in town The first train over the Milford branch since last week's storm came in Tuespaper mills, which will afford tempo-generally known, is that a letter sent flag pole on the Common, or act any-rary relief. The stock of coal at the out for Ayer parties at noon does not thing regarding procuring and main-Pepperell Card shop is running low, reach that destination until some-and plans are being made for a supply where about four o'clock, owing to of hard wood if no coal is to be ob-tained soon, rather than shut down.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., announce a postponement of the Lincohn-Washington service from Februeary 15 to February 22. Invitations are given to all members of the G. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to Drawbridge, is to address them.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton desires that all the blue and white flags of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., which have been in the process of making, may be handed in to her as soon as conwenient.

Mrs. George Shaw has been in Worcester with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Martin, for more than a fortnight, as both Mrs. Martin and child have nied by Miss Hazel for the week-end. Although the storm has made conditions hard here in town, comparatively speaking they are not as bad as in the cities, and especially in Worcester, where more snow fell and the blockade was more complete. Miss Hazel, who resides with her cousin, Mrs. Martin, about three miles from the business section, was forced to walk to and from her work in the unable to reach the bank at all.

Mrs. M. E. Reed, who but recently came home from her son's in Dorchester, was called back there the latter resorted to snowshoes one morning part of last week by the news of the serious illness of her son with the in- in the neighborhood of her patient. fluenza. Later news, received this

Another item taken from the re-Highway," will be sixty feet wide and hard-surfaced thirty feet. It is hardly early in the fall. expected it will be completed this year.

This has been "good-turn week" in the organization of Boy Souts, celebrating the tenth year of the movement. Two hundred thousand American boys are receiving training through the "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight program" of the Boy Scouts of America. Every state and county in the union now has its band of troops of Scouts. Every man, woman or child is asked to adopt for this national good-turn week the scout habit of doing a good turn for someone each day.

The blocking snowstorm of last week Thursday, when twelve or fourteen inches of snow was piled into drifts. and followed by the rain of Friday, made many of the country roads impassible for two or three days, and made the traveling on many of the streets in town a matter of perseverance and shovels. Up to Sunday the sidewalk force could only succeed in keeping most of them clear. Grocers and milkmen and coal and wood dealers and depot trains to the trains were all the teams seen on the streets for two days. Trains were belated and business was generally at a standstill. The worst storm since 1888 many are

At the dancing party held by Arthu-Karr, of Nashua, in Saunders' hall last week, Miss Dorothy Newton was awarded the prize offered for the contestants in the "beauty waltz," which was a handsome sliver loving cup.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw is recover ing from a slight operation for eye trouble. Mrs. Carrie Shattuck Gray substituted for her a part of last week in Groton as teacher of the second and third grades of the Boutwell school.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Stevenson and John Snyder occurred early on Monday morning at the Methodist parsonage, the pastor, Rev. B. W. Rust, performing the ceremony. The bride is a native of New Brunswick, and the groom came here a short time ago from New York state. Both were employed in the finishing room at the Nashua River Paper mills. Mr. and Arn. Snyder will have rooms at Amos Mahony's, High street.

Chester Shattuck, who has had quite hard stege of the epidemic, is out following warrant does not promise a member of the junior class of the

Reports from Roy Card, who is still at the Worcester hospital, are not enouraging, as it is now stated that he is found to have been suffering from has affected his entire system and caused mental trouble.

A food sale, to be held on Friday, February 20, by the Ladies' Aid society, probably in the usual place next millinery store, was voted upon at the meeting of the society on Thursday afternoon.

An antique, in the form of a handsomely embossed invitation issued in out to quite an extent next summer, 1845, recently came into the possess-near the heights of the standpipe and reads as follows, and the names may be familiar to some of the older resi-"Social party dents of the town: Your company with ladies is requested Tour company with ladies is requested at W. Ames' hall, East Village, New Years eve, Jan. 1, 1845, at six o'clock. Managers, J. A. Tucker, E. S. Pierce, H. Blake, J. B. Hovey and J. H. Marshall. Committee, J. V. Ames, H. G. Wing, A. J. Marshall, F. S. Stav. C. Winn, A. J. Marshall, E. S. Stev-

ens and J Blake." The New England Fox Hunters club opened their annual drive in Mil-ford on Monday with a chase that took the members from Miscoe hill to Coverdale. The recent sovere storms had their effect on the attendance, which was slim. John Kerln, of Pepperell, was master of hounds, Monday. Eight by Principal Whitmarsh. Except that dogs participated in the drive and a the weather conditions and traveling pair of foxes were uncovered, but the pair of foxes were uncovered, but the hunters were unable to get a shot at Plenty of foxes are reported and groups of hounds arrived every

> Facts regarding mail from the East Pepperell to the Pepperell postoffice have recently come under our consideration, and for the benefit of those following: No mail soes from the sum of \$100, the income to be used to sent to Aver on the 5.11

supposed to be returned here on the 6.30. Failing to make connection with this last train it does not reach Pep- brush along the highways, and appro perell until the next morning, and priate money therefor. may have gone to Worcester in the meantime, we understand. Such are other fact concerning the mails not mails per day to Ayer, at 7.30 and 5.40, and but two to Nashua, at 8.20 and 6.30, as we understand the situa-tion; and if you have need of reach-ing a party in Pepperell quickly in

the afternoon hire a messenger. L. A. Johnson is improving after A. R., Girl Scotts and Boy Scotts.

A. Johnson is improving after Florence Walker, a member of the participate in the observance of the his four weeks of enforced stay in the club. All the club who were in town house, and was down to the mill this gathered at the home of Mrs. Addison house, and was down to the mill this week, although not yet working. He woodward, the teacher, as being a week, although not yet working. He woodward, the teacher, as being a was in Boston on Wednesday on busicentral place, and because of a slight week, although not yet working. He was in Boston on Wednesday on business and to see his daughter, Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck, who has been suffering an attack of the influenza, with symptoms of pneumonia, but is reported now as gaining.

Lester Stevens, who formerly resid-

subject will be the same as announced for February 3, "Practical hints on sewing." There will also be the "thimble bee," with a short program of music.

Although the cases of influenza are mild, and the doctors claim an absence of the symptoms of Spanish influenza, yet they are kept busy and the cases are increasing. The work of bank there, and for several days was physician and nurse has been hindered by the bad roads although response has been as quick as could be expec-ted. The district nurse, Miss Doyle,

A little son, the eighth child, was week, are that he is past the worst of born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Carr. the disease, it is thought. Notices to the game commissioners cently received Florida paper is of the prospect of the building of a state road from Jacksonville through Clay county, the southern terminus being Flocks were seen in the early winter Orlando. As so many of our Pepperell near Elm street, as the birds evident-Oriando. As so many of our repperent pear Elm street, as the order evident people have been there in former years by had a nesting place in the underthe news will be welcomed, as the growth of the swamp at the foot of the the swamp at the foot of the known as the "St. John Scenic in large numbers on the upper Tucker in large numbers on the up

A meeting of the Woman's Mission ary society will be held with Mrs. M. M. Pond, Wednesday afternoon, February 18, at three o'clock. All inter ested are cordially invited to attend. D. W. Hazen, of the repair force at the paper mill, who has been ill at his home on Pleasant street for some weeks, is suffering now from a bilious attack, causing great dizziness and confining him to his bed once more.

Rural mail carriers had an experience last week they hardly care to re-peat. Roy Sylvester started on his route on the first day of the storm, Thursday, but was forced to abandon it. Friday morning it was impossible to get anywhere out of town, and on Saturday only part of the route could be covered. Mr. Rice, who has some Pepperell territory, being the carrier from the Townsend Harbor office, was unable to get out from his own house and could not make even a part of his trip for three days. He then got around by walking, taking the mail to

parties along his home trip. Other Pepperell matter on pages one and two.

Town Affairs The unusual occurrence of a caucus and town meeting within three days will take place this year, the date of the town caucus being February 13, nd the meeting of the citizens for action upon the articles of the war-rant set for February 16, the election of town officers to follow in one week rom that date. There is some conecture but little enthusiasm yet manifested over the coming nominations. The name of Rainsford Deware having been mentioned in the candidacy for the board of selectmen, it has since been announced that his business will not permit his consideration of the office. It is probable that two assessors will be required to be elected to fill that board, the term of Lyman Blood expiring this year, and a va-cancy in the board having been caused by the absence of Willis Perry, whose

term of office expires in 1921. Concerning the business to come before the citizens of the coming town meeting on Monday evening, February 16, at 7.30 at the town hall, the

again, although not yet returned to an over interesting affair, as but two or three articles are likely to cause discussion, the first article to choose a moderator, and up to Article 9 deal-

> ing with the usual town business. Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 or some other amount and a small brother John, all of whom, lect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the Middlesex Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918; it being understood that \$50 of this amount shall be used to provide local paid supervision of boys' and girls' club

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the purpose of graveling River street from the point ended in 1919, provided that the state and county, under the small town act, will appropriate a like amount, or act relative Art. 11. To see if the town will yote

to accept the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Edwin R. Richardson lot, Walton cemetery. Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to accept the of \$100, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Joshua A. Spaulding lot, Woodlawn

cemetery.
Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the John S. Marshall lot, Woodlawn cemetery. To see if the town will vote

to accept the sum of \$100, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the E. A. Hayward lot, Woodlawn cemetery.
Art, 15. To see if the town will vote

It is sent to Ayer on the 5.41 and is Woodward lot, Woodlawn cemetery. Art. 16. To see what action will be taken in regard to cutting or removing Art. 17. To see what action will be

taken in regard to appropriating mon-ey to aid the Daughters of the Amercan Revolution to procuring a new taining a flag pole. Art. 18. To see what action will be

taken regarding repairing or rebuild-ing Main street, and raise and appropriate money therefor,

Sunshine Club.

Art. 14.

A sunshine day and the Sunshine club were united on Monday for a pretty celebration of the birthday of Florence Walker, a member of the central place, and because of a slight illness in the Walker household. Nine children were present, and with the invited guests the number was fourteen. Invitations were for 4 to 8.30 the children coming direct from school. They were finely entertained by games until time for the collation, ed here on Park street with his parents, was in town on Thursday. He is now a traveling salesman for the Armour Company, the family residing place of honor, with the many other place of honor, with the many other dainty dishes to choose from. Just as the birthday cake was being cut to be served, a telephone message, announcing to Miss Florence the birth of a little niece, at Melrose, coming on this, her own anniversary, seemed to complete a full measure of enjoyment, in which all her little friends participated. After a few moments of hilarity, a toast to the small niece was proposed and celebrated with much The evening was spent in music and games and acting charades, and on the whole the celebration was pronounced one of the best. Miss Florence was the recipient of several pretty gifts.

Clipping.

A clipping from the Clay County Fla., Times, under date of January 30, gives the following details concerning he recent death of a Pepperell boy.

"Starrville received an awful shock and Turpentine Co., had blown up and Mr. Ned Harmon had been instantly killed. He was one of our most highly respected and esteemed citizens, loved by all, and was only twenty-eight ears of age. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved wife and three-year-old daugh-

ter,
"Mr. Charles Sapp and wife and little daughter came up from Palatka, Tuesday afternoon, to attend the funeral of Mr. Harmon, Messrs, Earl and Henry Sapp were also here for the

'Mr. J. S. Hall, another employee of the company, was thrown with great force against some timbers, and received several painful bruises, but his injuries were not serious. Mr. Harmon was nearer the retort, and the explosion mutilated him horribly The cause of the accident is unknown The plant has been in operation about eight years, under the management of Mr. W. M. Bashline, and this accident on Monday morning is the first it has

had.
"Mr. Harmon's home was in the Starryille settlement, about a mile west of Green Cove Springs."

'A message which brought much adness to the relatives and many friends of Doris McCord, was received on Tuesday, telling of her sudder leath of bronchial pneumonia, at he home at Winthrop. She was taken ill with influenza the latter part of last week, but was placed at once under the care of a skilled nurse and physician and no fears were entertained until a few hours before she died. Mrs. H. E. McCord, the grandmother, residing here in town, received a telephone on Tuesday morning, saying the case was a serious one, and at noon, another message, that the young girl had passed away. She was the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCord, and was born in Winchester being nearly seventeen years of age her birthday occurring in April. The family came here to live was but an infant of about two years and continued to reside here on Oal hill until July of last year. Her deli-cate health when a child made her il the dearer to both parents.

Her friends here also treasure mem-pries of her sunny disposition, and her weet voice was often heard in song, with that of har younger sister. was helpful in all the services of the Oak Hill Sunday school, and was a member also of the former Unitarian Sunday school, where her pleasing personality won praise from pastor, superintendent and teacher. She was

Winthrop High school, and was reaching the age when she was becoming d real companion to her parents and helpful with her younger brother She is aurvived by an older brother Edward McCord, who was in the serv with the parents, the grandmother and grandaunts, of this town, mourn her early death.

Private services were held at Winthrop on Thursday, and the remains will rest in the receiving tomb at Forest Hill until spring, when burlal will be in the family lot in the Pepperell cemetery, beside her little sister. Much sympathy is felt for every member of the family, in this sudder affliction.

The death of Miss Isabella Frances Keyes, daughter of the late Henry and Emma Frances Keyes, occurred at her home at 88 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, Wednesday, February that pupils could leave in time to at-4, of pneumonia. Miss Keyes has been a resident here in town for several summers at the Baker place or Keyes' hill, especially during the lifetime of her mother. Since then she has been frequently there with her niece, Miss Gertrude Baker. She is survived by three brothers, Senator Henry W. Keyes, of New Hampshire, and George T. and Charles W. Keyes, of this town, of the Nashua River Paper Company; also, by several nieces and nephews. Private services were held at her late home on Friday of last week, attended by relatives from New Hampshire and Boston where George Keyes was stopping with his family. Mrs. Charles Keyes attended from here, owing to the ill-ness of her husband; who was restricted to his home by the physician's orders.

The death of William H. Page, brother of Mrs. Daniel M. Lovejoy, was received by her on Saturday, the result of an accident. been employed in Nashua, his native place, for forty-two years. While removing snow from the roof of a plazza it the residence of his employer · Miss Viola A. Godfrey, he fell, and susained serious injuries and concussion of the brain, from which he died two nours later at the hospital in that city. Mr. Page was the son of the late Daniel and Catherine (Stearns) Page, and was born in Nashua February 22, 1850. beside the sister, Mrs. Lovejoy, of this town, he leaves one brother, Lewis Page, of the west; also, several nieces and nephews. Mr. Page was a mem-ber of the Main street Methodist church of Nashua.

Funeral services were held from the home of Miss Godfrey, 393 Main street, on Tuesday afternoon, and were largely attended. Owing to ill health, Mrs. Lovejoy, was not able to be present. In the absence of the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. E. A. Durham, who had been called to Kansas by illness of his mother. Rev J. Bruce Gilman of the First Baptist church officiated. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, and com-pletely covered the casket. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery, in charge of Harland Davis, funeral director.

Helen Lorane, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna, died at the home on Tucker street on Monday night. The entire family consisting of the parents and two older children, have been ill with influenza, an infant son, of but a few weeks, having been taken to the home of its grandmother, Mrs. John Hanna, to escape the epidemic, and to be cared for. The death of this little girl was undoubtedly due to the disase, although it had not been strong. and never walked. E. F. Harmon was n charge of the brief service on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. B. W. Rust offering prayer, the service being private owing to the illness of the mother, who was threatened with pneumonia and is still very weak. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb at the

Mrs. Verna (Robbins) Fish, wife of Ralph W. Fish, passed away at her home in Brockton on Monday, February 9, from pneumonia, after an illness of but four days. Mrs. Fish was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monday morning, with the news-that Fred Robbins, former residents here, one of the retorts at the National Pulp | now residing in Fitchburg. Mrs. Fish was born in Pepperell and would have been twenty-eight years of age on her next birthday in March. Besides her husband she leaves three children, the youngest about a year old. Her oldest child is now quite ill with influenza. She is also survived by her parents, a brother, Arthur Robbins, of this town; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Hart-well, of West Fitchburg, and another prother, Carroll, of Fairhaven.

The body was brought to Fitchburg. on Wednesday, where services were held in the chapel, attended by Rev C. Guy Robbins, her uncle, from Law Relatives attending the serv rençe. ices were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rob bins, Mrs, Effic Robbins and Miss Helen M. Robbins, of this town; an aunt, Miss Elizabeth Robbins, from Waterown; Mrs. Guy Robbins, from Law ence; an aunt, Mrs. George Littlefield, rom Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs Otho Fish. Mrs. Fannie Hartwell was not allowed to attend, as she has been under the doctor's care for a hard

cold and tonsilitis.

The death of Mrs. Fish just at the beginning of life, with her little chil-dren needing a mother's care, seems particularly sad. Mrs. Fish visited nere last summer and renewed many f her old acquainanceships. She is pleasantly recalled by a large number of former associates.

LITTLETON

News Items

There will be a meeting of the Girl Scouts in the selectmen's room on next l'uesday afternoon at 2.15.

The Congregational club committee consisting of Principal W. P. Harris and other teachers, will take charge of the social and entertainment in the Congregational vestry on next week Wednesday evening at 7.45. Be present and have a good time.

Rev. Gail Cicland's theme for Sun day morning will be "The most desperate situation in the world." James W. Nixon has been very sick

Art. 29. Voted to raise and appro priate \$1000 to pay cemetery note No. with the grippe, but is decidedly on 23. due December 26, 1920. the gain at present. Articles 30, 31 and 32, concerning We are asked to call the attention the highways, will be found in the list

of those people getting their mail by of appropriations. either the rural or the star route car-rier to the following regulation: Paing the extensions of the electric light service and town water, has been trons shall, as far as practicable, keep clear the approaches of their boxes by promptly removing obstructions which may render difficult or impossible the delivery of mail by the carriers. Also hat carriers are not supposed to have to leave their conveyance naking collection and delivery of mail,

Article 42, relating to hullding a re taining wall near L. A. Hager's land, Mrs. Clement Landamo fell last was left in the hands of a committee Sunday and dislocated her wrist.

Supt. F. H. Hill continues to gain and is now able to get about a little in While chopping wood William E.

FEB.

13-14

wheel chair.

radial artery.

pronchitis.

mate.

HIII.

sick list recently.

been sick with influenza.

tuberculosis state fund.

Smiley's axe slipped and entered his wrist, cutting the tendons and the

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball have

A child was born on Wednesday to

Mrs. Towle, at the Common, has

Mrs. Hazel Barker has been on the

Dr. J. D. Christie attended the Red

Places of business at the Common

vere closed Wednesday during the fu-

neral of Allen Stiles, and the high

school had an abbreviated session so

tend the funeral of their past school-

Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Newton, has

spent several days this week with her home people, the H. S. Browns.

The Pomona meeting of the Grang

will be held in the town hall on Feb-

ruary 19. The forenoon will be de

voted largely to business. The pro

gram in the afternoon will be open

to all who wish to hear it, and will

consist of the following attractions: Vocal selections, Mrs. Brackett, of

Townsend: address, "Special legislat-

tion," Deputy H. A. Smith, Hathorne;

piano solo. Miss Emma E. Tenney; ad-

dress, "Americanization," by Joseph Spano of the North American Civic

eague; vocal selections, the Misses

Mrs. Worden is sick with the influ-

nza at her home in Chelmsford. Miss

Willard, assisted by Miss Josephine

Ruggles, taught Miss Worden's classes

and her own for a few days, and Miss Weiss, of Fitchburg Normal school.

was secured the latter part of the

week to substitute in Miss Worden's

Mr and Mrs. Peter J. Smith are

The annual town meeting of 1920

passed into history with little to make it notable in any way. The meet-

clerk, read the warrant, and Hon. C. A. Kimball presided as moderator.

Officers were chosen as follows

Eliot M. Young, town clerk; Frank

he poor; Dr. J. D. Christie, board of

angdon Prouty, collector of taxes and

treasurer; F. A. Hosmer, E. H. Priest,

auditors: Louis Gilbert, Fred C. and

Fred G. Reed, constables; G. Edward Prouty, school committee; W. E. Co-

nant, water and electric light com-missioner; W. H. Tenney, trustee of

Rueben Hoar library; Edwin N. Rob-

inson, cemetery commissioner; A. E.

Hopkins, tree warden; F. B. Priest,

park commissioner; A. E. Shedd, dem-

onstration director; liquor vote, No

49, Yes 25; informal vote on the day-light saving bill, No 69, Yes 25, ap-

The following appropriations were

made: High school, interest on funds, dog tax money and \$2490; common

chools. Massachusetts educationa

(\$1400), general school fund (\$521.50)

mexpended balance on Goldsmith

fund and \$6315; school supplies \$1000;

school superintendent \$420; transpor-

tation of scholars \$2500; school phy-

sician \$50; school buildings, repairs

and furniture \$600; railing highways \$500; Memorial day \$125; salaries of

own officers \$1250; miscellaneous ex-

penses, corporation and national bank

axes and \$2000; maintenance of H-

repairs and maintenance of sidewalks

\$200; protection of shade trees \$190;

oiling roads \$500; to be expended un-

der direction of tree warden \$150; po-

lice protection \$150; repair of high-

ways, to be expended in accordance

with Chapter 155, \$3700; repair of King street from Common to Center

\$500; repairs on road from Acton line

through Newtown to Littleton Com-

mon (provisionally) \$1000; repairs on Taylor street (provisionally) \$1000;

Sounty Farm Bureau trustees \$150;

nterest on town notes \$1000; outside

poor and mothers' aid \$2700; defray-

ing expenses of town hall \$600; electric

light department \$1500; water depart-

ment \$2800; special valuation of the

town and printed report of same \$200.

There was a good representation of

the ladies present at the meeting as in former years. A sumptuous, appe-

tizing dinner was served by the wom-

en of the Catholic society and it was

It was voted to refer to the electric

ight and water commissioners all elec-

tric light and town water extensions asked for, the commissioners to have

hearing as early in April as weather

o authorize the treasurer, with the

approval of the selectmen, to borrow

noney for current expenses and to

pay any notes and interest that may

ound under the list of appropriations

of the proceeds of the sale of the town farm, it was voted to leave the

same on interest as at present, until

further action is called for.

Articles 11 to 21, inclusive, are tak

on care of under the list of appropri-

Articles 22 and 23, relating to fixing

he salaries of the treasurer and tax

collector, voted the same as last year

Articles 24, 25 and 26 concern the

appropriation of money for oiling roads, tree warden and police protec-

ion, and will be found in the list of

Art. 27. It was voted to authorize

Art. 28. Concerning the removal of

the school committee to transfer one

the ledge in front of the house form

orly owned by Michael Healey, it was

Articles 33 to 38, inclusive, concern

eferred to the electric light and water

Articles 39, 40 and 41, relating to

relaying town hall floor, painting town

hall and purchasing a road drag, were

appropriation to another.

voted same as last year.

commissioners as noted.

appropriations.

Article 10, relating to the disposal

ome due during the year.

will permit and report at a special

enerously patronized.

expenditure under direction of

health; Osman Needham, assessor

W. Moore, selectman and overseer o

Gail Cleland. Ellot M. Young.

was opened with prayer by Rev.

both sick with the grippe.

Town Meeting.

Cross meeting at the state house in the interest of establishing a regular

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to be appointed by the moderator, who chose the chairman of the select-men, the chairman of the school board nd H. W. Conant.

Art. 44. Voted to authorize the selectmen to place the road between the Center and the Common in the hands of the Massachusetts Highway Com-Articles 45, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, con-

cerning extensions of electric wires, referred to commissioners as stated. Articles 46, 47, 48, 49, for appropri ations for interest on town notes, outside poor and mothers' aid, defraybrary and library building \$500; sure-ties of town officers and employees \$100; suppression of moths \$500.69; ing expenses of town hall, electric light department, water department, all will be found in the list of appropriations.
Article 55, to extend the water main

on Adams street, referred to water commissioners, as stated. Art, 57. Voted to make a special valuation by the assessors, the appropriation of which will be found in the

Voted to pass Article 58, concerning a new school building.
Art. 59. Voted that the expiration

dates of park commissioners be the same as published: Frank B. Priest 1919. Walter H. Titcomb 1920, Charles A. Kimbali 1921. Art. 60. Voted to leave in the hands

of the selectmen to give to the heirs of Benjamin F. Jaffrey a quit-claim ed, which was purchased by him of the town about the year 1905.

Art, 61. In regard to purchasing a own pound, the matter was left in

the hands of the selectmen. Art. 62. Voted to raise and appro priate \$94.52 to reimburse the treasirer for over expenditure of appro

Art. 63. Relating to the extension of the electric lighting system, referred to commissioners as stated.

SHIRLEY

own meeting.
Under Articles 4 and 5 it was voted News Item. John McCarthy, of Front street well known in town, crossing-tender at the Phœnix crossing, passed away early this week Friday morning fol lowing an illness of only an hour. He Articles 6, 7, 8 and 9, regarding appropriations for the schools, will be s survived by his wife, Mary (Curley)

McCarthy.

Center. A dance was held in the town hall on Thursday evening under the management of Ralph I. Evans, with good number present. Music was by a local three piece orchestra.

Clarence Clark of Springfield was a visitor this week at the home of Mr. ROAST PORK and Mrs. N. R. Graves. The past masters of Shirley Grange

who have charge of the program for the meeting on next Tuesday evening have decided on account of the poor traveling to postpone their enterttain ment for the present.

It is understood that Center and Parker roads are to be scraped again with the road scraper, as was done a short time ago. It is hoped that thi will be done, as the result is surely worth the expense of doing it.

A rehearsal of the initiatory degre will be held at the next meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., on next Thursday evening. A full attendance is desired.

New Advertisement

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our Littleton friends, to the faculty, students and fraternities of Amherst Agricultural College, and all others who, through their kind assistance words and messages of sympathy, and heautiful floral tributes, have done so much for us in our bereavement.

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