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WESTFORD

Center.

The newly appointed board of health have recently held their first meeting and organized with Alexander A. Cameron, chairman; Miss Eva M. Lord, clerk; S. H. Balch, Miss Lord and A. A. Hildreth, agents.

Reports come in from three different persons of seeing robins this last week and as they are usually considered harbingers of spring their presence is surely welcome.

The school schedule was again upset when the storm of last week Thursday came. Schools were dismissed at noon that day and there was no school Friday and the intermission lasted over until Tuesday as Monday was observed as the Washington birthday holiday. Wednesday found another severe snowstorm and no school sessions on that day.

Alec MacDougall came home from the hospital last week Friday and is gaining strength as fast as can be expected after his seven weeks' siege with sickness and surgery.

Mrs. William H. Pollock, who also recently came home from the hospital, is reported as gaining nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright and son Livingston were over Sunday guests at H. L. Wright's and Mr. Wright remained through the week.

The young people will enjoy another of the pleasant socials at the Congregational vestry Saturday evening. Mrs. A. H. Sutherland will be in charge.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society was entertained at the home of Mrs. George Lawrence on Friday afternoon of last week. There was a good attendance, there being about sixteen present. Miss Loker, the president, presided and had the praise and prayer service. Mrs. Lawrence had charge of the program, the subject being "India," as outlined in the year's study of medical missions.

Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth supplemented the program by giving an interesting sketch of a native Hindoo girl named Bora May a Das, who was in her class at Mt. Holyoke college, receiving an English education.

Quite a number from the Center went to the memorial exercises of the American Legion at Forge Village last Sunday afternoon. Rev. O. L. Brownsey was represented on the program, giving the closing prayer.

The young people had a dance and social time at the town hall the evening of the holiday. An orchestra of four pieces from Lowell furnished music for the dancing, and refreshments were furnished at intermission. Leon F. Hildreth, John Fletcher, Forrest White and Morton Seavey were the young men in charge of the arrangements.

Those who have apples in storage and those engaged in the trucking business have been against heavy odds with the weather these last three weeks. With no immediate prospect of getting them carried over the road we are told that three freight cars were brought into use this week Wednesday by Perley E. Wright, the Drew farm and Edward Clement.

The driver for Friend Bros., bakers, had a hard time getting to Westford in Wednesday morning's storm. Coming via Chelmsford road, his load on

runners, was upset twice. When he finally got to town he decided that he had a load of turkeys.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Whitney on Tuesday.

At the Congregational church last Sunday Mr. Brownsey gave an excellent sermon on the lives of Washington and Lincoln. A ladies' quartet sang "America, the Beautiful" and by special request this was repeated at the evening service, and a continuation of the morning topic was carried out by three different speakers. On Sunday morning Mr. Brownsey will preach on "Hazarding great adventures," and at the evening service favorite bible passages with comments thereon will be given by those present.

Tadmuck Club.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon in Library hall was in charge of the public health committee. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Rowdenbush, who has been confined to her home with the prevailing epidemic, the vice president, Mrs. Bucklebury, who was absent from town, Miss Loker, the honorary president, filled the chair with the pleasing efficiency of former times.

Mrs. Perley E. Wright gave a report of a previous meeting and notice was given that the next meeting had been changed from March 1 to March 15, "accommodating" the speaker, Mrs. Herbert Guernsey, of the State Federation. Special tributes were paid to Washington and Lincoln, whose birth anniversaries had come since the last meeting. Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth read "The perfect tribute." Special mention was also made of the passing of Robert E. Peary, of north pole fame, and interesting postcard views of his summer home at Eagle Harbor, Me., and his ship "Roosevelt" were provided by Miss Emily F. Fletcher.

The speaker of the afternoon, was Dr. Alice H. Robie, of the public health department of the State Federation. Dr. Robie, from the standpoint of a successful practicing physician and as a wife and mother gave a splendid address on "Mothers and daughters," presented in a fearless, vital and helpful way. Any club would do well to secure this speaker if possible.

LITTLETON

News Items.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Whitney Tuesday. Mr. Whitney is an operator at the webbing factory and resides in Westford.

Roger Conant and Paul Fletcher are among the "du" patients now convalescing.

John Tarbox, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, was progressing and his temperature had become normal when on Thursday morning he took advantage of the nurse's absence for a few moments, and went down stairs. The result was that his temperature increased and he is again reported a very sick man.

William Burnham was taken to Groton hospital last week Thursday. His condition is improving, but he is still weak.

Rev. Gall Cleland has pleasantly called upon his parishioners this stormy weather through cheerful typewritten letters that have found a welcome in the homes of his people.

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WESTFORD

About Town.
 Owing to the inclemency of the weather, which produced inclement roads, there was no meeting of the Grange last week. The lecturer, Frederick A. Hanscom, who has prepared an exceptionally live program for the year, has not yet been able to execute any program so far on account of weather reverses, and thus the program is piling up for future use.

A pulley broke at the Brookside mill last week Wednesday, at which time Edna Haberman, of West Chelmsford, on the head and rendered her unconscious. Dr. Coburn, of Westford, was called and advised her removal to the Lowell hospital. She was removed in the hospital ambulance. She remains in a rather serious condition, at last reports not having regained consciousness.

Owing to the continued obstructions of snow and ice the electric cars from North Chelmsford to Brookside stop at the postoffice at West Chelmsford, which is a walking distance of a mile to Brookside in the good old summer time, or two miles in the impediments of winter. This apparently unavoidable winter terminal at the postoffice is a great inconvenience to some of the people in the Brookside mill who live in North Chelmsford and Lowell.

Joseph Wall, our efficient fish and game warden, is urging the feeding of our winter birds, for nature has locked with ice crust and deep snow about all their natural food. We must show an open, generous hand with food for these hungry birds for if we do not we shall have a long closed season from starvation. Our warden has received a quantity of bird food, and if not all disposed of some can be procured of him. In his annual report he says "I have not received as much fish this season as last for the reason that the fish and game commission were short of funds." The following is a list of fish received and deposited 100 adult black bass in Nabnasset, 200 yellow perch in Keyes pond, 10 cans brook trout in Reed brook and 10 cans brook trout in Snake Meadow brook. Aside from this he received 12 snowshoe rabbits, 8 pheasants, 45 pheasant eggs. We have the promise of the state and the U. S. commission of receiving a large lot this year.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pocomo Grange will be held on next week Friday at Odd Fellows hall, Bridge street, Lowell. Morning session at 10.30; afternoon session at two o'clock, open to the public. We have noted the program but as there is rarely a fair program we are not looking for a rarely this time.

Seven carloads of apples were sent by freight from Westford to Boston last week and more are going this week. Among those who are loading in carload lots are Oscar R. Spalding, Houghton G. Osmond, Lead-Drew farm, Frank T. Johnson and Edward Clement. Aside from the above the farmers on Pheon hill have caught the movement and are studding apples by a shorter route to avoid drifts to Westford depot.

Mrs. William Pollock has returned home the second time from the Lowell hospital. She is still frail, but improved by hospital treatment.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on next week Thursday evening. This will be the last meeting of the year. They are planning on a weather-proof program. There will be a supper and visitation and address by Charles M. Gardner, past state master, of Westfield. He is always an easy entertainer. We hope the weather will be well by that time.

The Jenness family, who have been living in the McMaster house, near Chamber's corner, have moved into the Lead-Drew house, where he is employed on this extensive fruit farm. He formerly worked for Mr. Pollock on the Fletcher Cold Spring farm.

Hon. Edward Fisher has been elected one of the fifteen directors of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, formerly the Lowell board of trade. We see no advantage in the new name, but some in the new brains that are its steering.

Joseph L. Sargent, on the Edwin E. Heywood place, has been confined to

the house nearly all winter with his usual lung trouble and inability to endure the severity of the too bracing winter atmosphere.

The Brookside mills closed down on Monday as a part of the holiday program for Washington's birthday. Everything was quiet, and no forest fires resulted from holiday hunting.

The statistics of medical authority in government employ show that a child born in the city has five times the chance to reach adult life than a child born in the country. These statistics may contradict our long cherished opinions, but they are what they are from facts and can't be argued to what we would like them to be. All that is life is a search for the cause and the remedy. If we remember correctly, Dr. Kelly, agent of the Massachusetts board of health, is authority for these statistics. Next tell us the cause and remedy.

Farmers' Meeting.

The Middlesex County Farm Bureau has arranged for a meeting for Westford and surrounding towns to be held in Westford town hall on Wednesday, March 3, with addresses by Prof. Jones and C. B. Tillson of the farm bureau. From 10.30 to 11.15 the subject will be "Home-grown feeds to reduce the grain bills"; 11.15 to 12.00, "Feeding for milk production"; 12.00 to 1.30, "buckets"; 1.30 to 2.00, "Stable management"; 2.00 to 3.00, "Lime and acid phosphate in dairy farming"; 3.00 to 3.15, "Demonstration work in 1920."

It is hoped that everybody will be present who has any spirit at all in him. It is refreshing to get together and have face to face questioning of those who have specialized in the subjects that are to be presented—both parties to the interview may learn something. That we have fallen down somewhere in the dairy business somewhere is evident when we export cotton seed meal to Siberia to be fed and imported back again in butter, and at a profit. Well let us all attend this meeting and place these twin fellows for "where we are at in dairying."

The town has appropriated \$200 towards aiding this bureau work and we have got it to pay whether school keeps or not. Remember our troublesome H. C. L. hasn't anything on this meeting.

Forge Village.

News has been received that Mrs. George Cougle, who recently removed to Dorchester, is seriously ill.

A Lenten service was held this Friday evening at St. Andrew's mission at 7.30. On Sunday afternoon there will be Sunday school and service at the usual hour, at which Rev. Edicott Peabody, of Groton, will preach the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cushman, the latter formerly Miss Violet Collins, after having enjoyed a brief visit at the home of the bride's parents, have left for their new home in Taunton.

The many friends of Miss Edith Foster, a former resident here, will learn with interest that she has resigned her position in Boston to accept one in Chicago, Ill. On the eve of her departure a farewell party was given in her honor at the Hotel Franklin in Boston. In Detroit, Mich., she stopped to make a brief visit with Mrs. Dorothy Sleeper Hartwell, formerly of Westford.

Several more cases of influenza are reported in the village, mostly among the school children. Among the invalids are Misses Priscilla and Alice Bennett and the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Daley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, who have been confined with influenza, are both improving.

Memorial Services.

A memorial service was held in Abbot hall last Sunday afternoon in honor of the men who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent war. The French government being desirous of conferring certificates on the parents of most of the men of the deceased as a token of its appreciation of services rendered, requested that a special day be set aside in this country on which to hold this memorial. The birthday of George Washington, February 22, appearing a most appropriate occasion was accordingly devoted to this purpose.

Westford post, A. L., was in charge of the program for the afternoon. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Charles P. Heaney, of North Chelmsford. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, of Westford, presided over the meeting and spoke feelingly of the sacrifices of both the missing and the returned heroes. Misses Caroline, Pamela and Mildred Precious gave pleasing musical numbers at the opening and closing of the service.

Capt. Winfred MacBrayne, of Lowell, was the speaker of the afternoon and his remarks were exceptionally interesting because of the fact that his knowledge came from personal observation, having participated in the war. Mrs. Nettie Roberts, of Lowell, was heard in two appropriate vocal selections, "The Americans come" and "There is no death." The certificates were presented by Frank E. Johnson, commander of Westford post, A. L. These certificates were issued to the parents or next of kin of J. Norbert Brule, Antonio Palermo, Adlard Lang-

ley, Napoleon Lanctot and Dr. Orion V. Wells.

The closing prayer was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Brownsey of Westford. At the close of the service "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the audience. A large gathering was present to participate in the service and the members of Westford post attended in uniform.

LITTLETON

News Items.
 Littleton people rejoice at the removal of the quarantine regulations. Only two cases of the "flu" were reported Tuesday, and former patients are reported convalescing. The board of health has announced that everything in public life returns now to normal conditions. The library will be open today, the churches will hold their regular services tomorrow, and the schools will begin again on Monday.

Barring blizzards, etc., there will be a service in the Unitarian church on Sunday at the usual hour. On the following Sunday, March 7, the new pastor, Rev. Carl G. Horst, will preach. The Woman's Alliance will meet on next week Friday at the home of Mrs. Emma Abbott. Speaker, Miss Elizabeth Everett; subject, "Work among the blind."

The King's Daughters will hold their March meeting with Mrs. Paul L. Brown, Tuesday afternoon.

The United Workers of the Congregational society will not meet next week.

Mrs. Thomas Mannion has completed her work as census enumerator. Robert Cobb is thinking of selling his stock and engaging in a large poultry business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason, who are now at Mr. Cobb's, leave next Monday for Groton, where he will enter upon his new duties at the Wharton farm.

As Thomas Moore's horses were crossing the track at Little depot on Monday, one of the pair caught a foot between the rail and a plank and struggled to escape, but not until the driver, with the assistance of other men, had worked vigorously could the feat be performed, and it was only a moment after the track had been cleared that an express train dashed by. The horse was injured somewhat in the experience and required the services of Dr. Murray.

Mr. Fuller, grammar school teacher, has been at his home in Falmouth during the vacation.

Miss Blanche Savage visited her brother in Manchester, N. H., the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Robbins, of Arlington, Warren and Edna Hartwell spent the week-end and holiday at F. C. Hartwell's.

A small deer was seen roaming about in the fields between King street and the saw mill last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner received a letter from their son Richard, dated January 11. He was then in Montevideo, but was going within a few days to Buenos Aires, and from there would leave for home soon. He characterized Montevideo as one of the prettiest cities he had visited.

Miss Henrietta Ewings is visiting Mrs. Locke in Lexington.

Supt. F. H. Hill came home from the hospital last Saturday. Although not in full strength he is feeling much better than he has been for a long time, and hopes soon to return to his school superintendency in Marblehead.

Ralph J. Hill, of Portsmouth, N. H., spent Sunday with the home people, and is in Portland, Me., this week.

Miss Vera Smith and her teacher associates had a frightful experience with coal gas a week ago. One of the teachers came in late from a bus and found the room somewhat dark, and upon opening the household held a member of the household lifeless. Realizing the cause of trouble, she threw open the windows, telephoned for a doctor, and ran up stairs and there lay another of their number in a similar condition on the floor. She rushed to the bedside of the remaining woman and found her somewhat revived, but not overcome. The doctor finally arrived and lost no time in using restorative methods which proved successful. Misses Smith, Ames and Page suffered the least of those who were in the house, but they felt that it was a narrow escape, even though the following day on the defective heater, which had caused the trouble.

Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb has been very sick with the influenza at her daughter's in Norwell.

Mr. Kelley, of King street, has been suffering from a lame back.

Mrs. J. P. Thacher has been confined to his bed with lumbago.

Louise Smith, daughter of Harry Smith, is on the sick list.

Hayward Houghton, Catherine Pickard, Mrs. Gillett and son Lewis and Miss Abbie Billings are among the influenza patients.

Lester Moore, of Stow, has the sympathy of his Littleton friends in the loss of his wife from pneumonia, following influenza.

Mr. Foster, member of last year's high school faculty, has lost his wife, whose death was caused by influenza.

Mrs. A. F. Conant has been sick and in care of a nurse. She is reported better the middle of the week.

John Torbox, although on the danger list, is considered somewhat improved in health. A nurse attends him.

Gravitille.
 Many from here attended the memorial services held in Abbot hall, Forge Village, last Sunday afternoon. The program consisted of prayer by Rev. Charles P. Heaney; selections, Precious orchestra; songs, Mrs. Roberts, of Lowell; address of welcome, Hon. H. E. Fletcher; benediction, Rev. Mr. Brownsey, of Westford. The speaker of the day was Capt. W. C. MacBrayne, of Lowell, who held the close attention of the large audience for nearly an hour, and all were deeply impressed by his able address. The certificates given by the French government to the next of kin of the soldiers who died or were killed in France were presented by Frank G. Johnson, commander of Westford post, A. L. The services were very impressive and was largely attended. The service men appeared in uniform.

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Frank J. Loftus heard of his death that occurred at his home in Lowell early last Saturday morning, after a brief illness. Mr. Loftus was born and resided here with his family for many years, where he was well and favorably known. He was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus, and besides his wife and three small children he leaves five sisters. When Mr. Loftus resided here he was a valued member of the Gravitille baseball club and a great favorite with the young people. His death is deeply regretted by all and the sincere sympathy of the Gravitille people is extended to the family in their great loss.

The regular meeting of Court Westford, M. C. O. P., was held on Thursday evening.

Miss Alice Gower, who has been seriously ill, is now showing signs of improvement.

Frank C. Wood, who has been confined to the Lowell General hospital for several weeks as a result of an operation, returned to his home here on last Saturday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carbo on Monday.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church on last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. John Lincham, who announced that the usual Lenten devotions would be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings at seven o'clock.

Joe Wall, the local fish and game warden, has recently received a bag of grain from the Lowell Fish and Game association to be fed to the wild birds during the severe weather. Mr. Wall will furnish this grain to all who wish to feed the wild birds as long as the supply holds out.

Nostalgia.
 A young Swedish girl was very homesick. "You ought to be contented, and not fret for your old home, Ina," said her mistress, as she looked at the dim eyes of the girl. "You are earning good wages, your work is light, every one is kind to you, and you have plenty of friends here." "Yes, ma'am," said the girl. "But it is not the place where I do that makes me vera homesick; it is the place where I don't be."

RESTORE TIRED EYES.

If the eyes are very tired and one specially wishes them to be as bright as possible, it is quite helpful to lie down for half an hour with the eyes closed, and a folded handkerchief dipped in cold water, in which boric acid powder is dissolved, laid across the forehead and eyes. This can be redipped as soon as the cloth is warm.


INGENIOUS EXCUSE.

My father saw little Ruth through the window. She was eating a green apple. He knelt her purpose, came shyly into the room. Father questioned her about eating the green apple, for she had often been forbidden to eat them. Looking up with a smile she said: "Why, I only ate the ripe half."

—Chicago American.

WHY BUD IS SO HEALTHY.

An army surgeon says city men are less liable to disease than country folk because they are more used to dirt. If being accustomed to dirt is a guarantee of health henceforth we are going to let that seven-year-old rascal come to the dinner table arrayed in all his glory. The condition of his hands and face may make the rest of us sick, but so long as he is well the dirt may lie on his fingers an inch thick.—Detroit Free Press.



Her Bank Account

A good old joke is told of the woman who, when asked by the banker to indorse her husband's check so it could be cashed, wrote on the back: "I heartily indorse this check. Your loving wife, Mary." Whether that incident is true or not, it happens frequently in real life that some woman, left alone by her husband's absence or death, finds herself in woeful ignorance of how to manage her money affairs. Thoughtful farmers and other business men these days are opening bank accounts for their wives—as told in a splendid article in the next issue of

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The newspaper which makes a secret of its publication has a good reason for it—but the reason is never the one that is given to the advertiser.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. The usual large crowd attended the dance given by the baseball boys on Friday evening, February 13. There is to be a dance from this week Friday evening.

during the thirty-two years of his residence here. He was president of the Old Home Week association in 1905, and on the day of its celebration in 1906. He was also one of the vice presidents in the 15th celebration of the town last August.

TAFT OUTLINES LEAGUE PLAN

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MANY ARE CONFUSED BY PRESENT DEBATE

Danger That People Will Lose Sight of Basic Principles During Discussion of Complicated Details and Technicalities.

(By ex-President William H. Taft)

The plan for a League of Nations is based on a few simple principles, which are not hard to understand when lifted out of the morass of technical discussion and freed from legal and diplomatic language.

Purpose of the League.

The chief purpose of the League of Nations is to keep the world in a state of peace by another way of expressing it is to say that the league is designed to prevent wars.

Objections Answered.

Of course we cannot hope to make the great changes such as the League of Nations will bring about without opposition.

Methods of Maintaining Peace.

Since the prime object of the League of Nations is to preserve peace—and to reap the benefits of peace—let us see how the league will operate to accomplish this purpose.

Women Suffer Most From War.

If there is any body of citizens in the world who ought to be interested in a league to ultimately bring to the world peace it is the mothers of men, and the women who suffered as only women can suffer in the war and in devastated countries.

Could See Improvement.

Having had a severe illness I was looking thin and tired, but during my summer outing grew fat and rosy. On my return home I met a small girl friend of mine who looked at me in an admiring manner and then said: "My, but your face must have had a nice vacation!"—Exchange.

Here's a Cherry Chap.

The man who has enemies amounts to something. He is a live man. He is a fighter. People don't kick a corpse. A live man can swim against the current; a corpse floats down without hindrance. God bless our enemies! We love them. They are making life worth while.—Boston Transcript.

Largest Deer Park.

Copenhagen has the largest enclosed deer park of any city in the world. Its area is about 4,200 acres.

Apes Have Long Hair.

The black apes of Guinea have long silky hair, and their fur is used for muffs and capes.

Tennis an Old Game.

Tennis was played as early as the twelfth century.

Human Ant Hill.

In southern Tunisia is a mountain of considerable size called Dourait, which once upon a time was an active volcano. Bubbles of volcanic gases made it a veritable honeycomb of caves, which in these days are inhabited. In fact, the whole mountain is a city—a human anthill, densely populated.

laved nation will be boycotted by all the other members of the League and will find itself cut off from both business and social communication with the rest of the world.

The council, the chief governing body of the League, cannot take action without unanimous decision of its members and since the United States will have a representative in the Council our interest will be protected there.

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Saturday, February 28, 1920

GROTON

William Amory Gardner, of Groton, and Grafton D. Cushing were among those in the Boston colony at Palm Beach, Fla., who gave dinners at the Everglades on Monday evening, February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence were present at the supper and dance at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, Tuesday evening, February 17.

The American committee for devastated France arranged to all garden lovers that at their bazaar on March 18 and 19, at the Boylston street rooms in Boston, there will be for sale in "Reu de la Paix" garden poppy seeds collected from Flanders field.

Mrs. James Lawrence is planning to sail again for France early in April to continue the work which she found so interesting and into which she put so much enthusiasm as a representative of the Boston committee of devastated France.

The Neighborhood club have discontinued their regular meetings for the present, but as the members have leisure to do so they go in the afternoon to sew Dr. Merrill's bag at the home of Mrs. Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buda spent Sunday in Gardner.

The entire family of Prosper Charpentier are ill, one daughter being in a hospital in Nashua.

Miss Nellie Hill and Harry Hill were both at the home of Mrs. Charles Hill on last Sunday, celebrating Harry Hill's birthday.

Miss Mildred Peirce, of Hyde Park, reconstruction aide in the educational department at the Plattsburg camp, and this winter, Fort Mead, is in Atlantic, Ga., in home of a visit. She has just received the second chevron of the medical corps. Miss Peirce is a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck.

Attention of rural free delivery patrons is called to section 527 of the postal laws and regulations of rural mail service. Patrons shall keep clear the approach to their boxes by prompt removal of snow drifts or other obstructions by which the delivery of mail into them would be rendered impossible or difficult without the carrier leaving his conveyance.

There will be a military whist party for ladies and gentlemen on Wednesday evening, March 3, in Odd Fellows hall. There were several tables at a whist party for gentlemen on Wednesday evening, February 18.

Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell spent Thursday and Friday of last week with her son's family at their home in Ayer.

Helen Patterson is ill with pneumonia.

A son of Fred Davis fell and cut his forehead, one day this week. Dr. Ayres attended him. The boy is about six years old.

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Maria F. Perry, widow of George W. Perry, late of Clinton, were held in Clinton, the officiating clergyman, the Rev. A. James C. Duncan. The interment was in Woodlawn cemetery. Mrs. Perry had for many years, until the death of her husband, been a resident of Clinton. Seven children, Charles of Pasadena, Murray L. of Fellows, Cal., Ross W. of Newport, R. I., Mrs. Lana Cooper of Newtonville, Mrs. A. Wood of Groton, Miss Blanche Perry of Concord, N. H., and Mrs. M. V. Bastian of Clinton survive their mother.

A week ago last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Griswold were called to Waterbury, Conn., by the illness of their daughters, who have been attending St. Margaret's school in that place. Miss Dorothy is very ill and Miss Catherine is also ill though not as seriously. Mr. Griswold, who had returned to Groton School, was summoned again this week.

Miss Gladys Swallow, Irene Peabody and Marguerite Leonard are at home on a vacation.

Guy Swallow came home last Saturday and is recovering from a bad cold.

B. J. Crowley has had a bad cold which kept him from his work for several days.

No word has been received from Mrs. Arthur Tuttle since the first of the week, when her condition was a little improved, and she is conscious at times.

Word has been received that Miss Geraldine Lawrence is sick from the effects of a bad cold.

Mrs. Silas Northrup has been sick, but is able to be about the house again.

Mrs. John Bradley is ill and her daughter Ada is at home caring for her.

Stephen W. Sabine is sick in bed. Miss Dorothy Peterson is ill.

The supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church in charge of the gentleman of the parish will take place on Thursday evening, March 4, Supper at 6.30.

The food sale, which the E. S. Clark W. R. C. had planned to hold on February 27, was postponed on account of the bad traveling and so much illness in town.

Unclaimed letters at the postoffice are: February 16, Mrs. C. Edith Lawrence, Mrs. Frederic Robinson, 54 Pleasant street; February 23, Mr. Clarence Fawcett, Groton Inn, Mrs. B. C. Gaskill, Miss K. G. O'Connor, Groton Hosp., Miss P. Sion, 37 Green St., Mr. Emanuel Cerminara, Geo. Joseph Freitas Luis, C. Fred Whittemore.

one service being omitted either morning or evening. The night service at the beginning of the year.

The comedy, "Charley's Aunt," given by the Groton School Dramatic association in the town hall on Wednesday night, was received with much appreciation by a good audience. The parts were well taken and the scenery was good. Everybody seemed to enjoy the entertainment.

The Community club have suspended their meetings for the present. Miss Dorothy Rockwood of Lunenburg, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Herbert Folkins.

Miss Dorothy Griswold, the older daughter of C. S. Griswold of the Groton School, passed away on Wednesday night, February 25, at Waterbury, Ct.

The Groton Branch of the Red Cross will hold no more meetings until April on account of illness in the chairman's family.

The family of Arthur A. Wood, who have been so ill, are now steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Odber Folkins have returned from Sussex, N. B.

The weather and other conditions permitting the Book and Thimble club will meet at the home of Mrs. Herbert Rockwood on Friday, March 5.

Miss Elizabeth Whitehill has been having a vacation at her home here, the school which she has been attending having been closed because of illness among the students.

The Misses Lottie and Helen Keating spent the week-end and the holiday with their relatives, the Halesy, on Pleasant street.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the current events and literature section of the Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Frederic A. Cross. Mrs. Nesbit-Woods gave a reading and other members read selections relating to the afternoon's topic, which was "The Pilgrimage." Mrs. Cross contributed to the entertainment by a talk on those quaint old towns, Provincetown and Plymouth. In addition to the food for thought most excellent refreshments were served by the hostess.

A good number of people assembled in the town hall on Monday evening to celebrate the birthday of the father of his country according to the time-honored custom as carried out under the direction of the Ladies' Alliance of the Unitarian church. The evening opened with a fine concert, followed by a grand march. The matrons were Mrs. May, Miss Parrish and Mrs. Ames. There were refreshments of the state house in Boston were present from Pepperell and West Groton in spite of the inevitable snowstorm which arrived early in the evening.

R. M. Shaw moved this week into the house formerly occupied by the late George Prescott.

Mrs. George H. Woods spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Bartz, in Greenfield.

Charles B. Shattuck attended the reception to the governor and his wife in the state house in Boston on Washington's birthday. Mr. Shattuck was also present at the annual checker tournament at the American House and with his usual skill succeeded in winning all four games.

The presentation of the comedy, "Charley's aunt," at the Groton school on Friday evening, February 20, attracted many friends and relatives of the pupils to town, and during their stay they enjoyed the winter sports of skiing, tobogganing and snowshoeing, entering into them with great zest.

A Word of Appreciation. As the night of Monday closed in the spirit of our fellow-servant, the Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey, made its return to our father in heaven.

So ended the forty and seven years of his sojourn on this earth. For four of these years we have walked and worked together in this city by the sea.

Reverently bowing before the unfathomable wisdom of our God, and yet recognizing in a peculiar way what the bodily absence of this man must mean to his housechold and to his good wife and to the dear ladies our fullest sympathy and our strongest friendship.

To the church of which he was the respected minister we speak our profound regret at his taking away, and offer ourselves for any service that may lighten their sorrow and ease their labors.

We found Mr. Cressey a man of gentle breeding. The finer things of life made their clear appeal to his mind and soul. He walked as one fully at home in the realm of high thinking and noble acting. Modest as to personal aims, and a retiring nature, he shone most clearly in the quieter places of home and personal friendship. His preaching dealt with vital things, in simple and straight-forward fashion.

So he has passed, leaving in our hearts a memory of quiet goodness, of gentle courtesy and a real worth.

The ministers of Beverly.

Clipping. The following is taken from "The Noted Wives column" of the Boston Herald:

We wrote recently about Marie Van Zandt, the singer. Menestrel (Paris) commenting on her death, reprinted a strange story told by Arnold Mortier in Figaro, in 1883. According to Mortier, the parents of Marie, a French girl, were in Groton in this common way. There the little Marie ran from morning to night in the woods, sinking in a manner to excite the envy of the birds. "A band of Indians camped in these woods, a large band whose chief was Venicita. Charmed by the voice of the little pale-faced singer, these Indians followed her about and regarded her as a supernatural being. She was then only six years old, yet she exercised so great a power over these Indians that they would risked their lives twenty times to suit any one of her childish whims."

Mortier told many good stories. This is one of them. Marie Van Zandt was born in 1861. (Her mother was Jenny Van Zandt, the opera singer, a daughter of Signor Blitz, the magician.) Were there any Indians near Groton in 1867 or 1868? Let us hear from the oldest inhabitant. Does he remember Marie's singing and the adoration of the Indians led by Venicita?

Funeral. The Unitarian parish house on Federal street, Beverly, was filled on Friday afternoon, February 20, with members of the First Parish church, who gathered to pay their last services of respect to their pastor, Rev. Pemberton Hale Cressey, whose funeral was held at two o'clock. There were many clergymen and friends present also, and among them were

of his former parishioners in Groton. Rev. Abbot Peterson, of Brookline, officiated, assisted by Rev. Edward A. Chase, pastor of the Washington street Congregational church.

The casket was set in a bank of flowers. Miss Nettie Wood sang during the service. "Oh, love that will not let me go" and "Abide with me." Rev. Mr. Chase, representing the Ministers' association, delivered the eulogy. There were many flowers. The pallbearers were Samuel P. White, Albert Boyden, Russell G. Catheron, William H. Cook, Ruel P. Pope and Robert Robertson. The body was placed in the receiving tomb of the Central cemetery.

The following tribute of esteem was printed in the Boston Evening Transcript of February 18:

The people of Beverly, especially the members of the First Parish, mourn the death on February 17, of their minister, Rev. Pemberton Hale Cressey.

The most modest and retiring of men, he was little known outside the circle of friends who loved him and admired his pure and gentle nature, his brave, generous and liberal mind.

Mr. Cressey was a poet, he was an eloquent and original preacher, never leaving the pulpit without giving his congregation some inspiring thoughts, which took possession of them, helping to faith in the divinity of God and man, and in courage to strive for the furtherance of it.

Before coming to Beverly he was the Unitarian minister in Groton, and before that he had the Congregational parish in Conway, N. H. Everyone to whom he ministered in these places is saddened by the loss of him, and the ministry suffers, for he had a great future.

K. P. L.

Death. On last Saturday Fred E. Lancy, who had for some years lived on the place formerly owned by the late Sumner Woods, of Danvers, died suddenly, apparently without warning, that his life was so near its end. He had not been in his usual health for some months past, and so had been in the habit of going to spend the night at the home of some neighbors. On the morning of the day that he passed away, he came to the house, saying that he was tired and would lie down to rest. The next morning it was found that he had died, probably on the previous day, in the opinion of the physician who was called.

Mr. Lancy was born in Brookline, N. H., on February 16, 1853, the son of Thomas and Angelina (Wright) Lancy. The family lived for some time in Pepperell, but Mr. Lancy had lived for about fifty years in Groton or its vicinity, as the Woods place is near the Groton line. He had been a member of the Groton Grange for over thirty years, and was an active and interested member, serving in various offices, among them, that of overseer, steward, assisting steward, and chaplain. He had declined to hold office during the past year as his ill health prevented him from being present at the meetings of the Grange, but he wrote several letters in which he expressed his regret that he had been obliged to give up attending the Grange.

The deceased is survived by four brothers, Willis Lancy, who is the only member of the immediate family able to be present at the funeral; Elmer Lancy, who lives in California; Edward Lancy, in the south, and Henry Lancy, of New Hampshire. His sister, Miss Belle Lancy, is in very feeble health and therefore was unable to be present.

The funeral services were held in Grange hall, Groton, Rev. Sumner W. Bangs being the clergyman who officiated. After Mr. Bangs finished speaking the remainder of the service was carried on with the regular Grange funeral ceremony. During the services Miss Mildred Kemp sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The bearers were George H. Woods, George S. Knapp, Kenzie Fletcher and Myron P. Swallow. There were a number of floral gifts, wreaths, sprays and bouquets.

School Notes. Miss Elizabeth Marsh, teacher of history and Latin, high school, is ill at her home in Lynn with tonsillitis, and Miss Woods is taking her classes during her absence.

Miss Florence Roache, who was absent from the Boutwell school last week on account of illness, is back at the school this week. Mrs. Hill substituted for her last week.

The regular meeting of the Council (the civics club of the Tarbell school) was held on last Sunday in Connecticut.

It opened with a business meeting, after which there was a short program, consisting of recitations and musical numbers, and also a little playlet, "A box of dolls." After the little play, in the preparation for which Miss Hollins had assisted the members of the Council, one of the members presented her with a box of candy as a token of appreciation on the occasion of Miss Hollins concluding her work at the Tarbell school. Miss Hollins has gone to Plainfield, Conn., to take up her new work in the commercial line.

The public schools were closed on Wednesday and Thursday on account of the condition of the roads after the snowstorm.

Miss Bradley, the teacher of drawing, has been absent from her work for two weeks, as she has been ill with the influenza.

Mr. Peters was not sufficiently recovered from his illness to be back at school last week, but it is hoped that he will be able to return this week.

Last Saturday Miss Cullen took little Elizabeth Palmer to Nashua to have her tonsils and adenoids removed. She returned on Tuesday, but is not yet able to take her place in school.

Elizabeth Bywater was taken with a chill while at school on Friday, February 20. She is still under the doctor's care, but is a little better.

Manfield Branigan is seriously ill, but we are glad to be able to report that Rachel Wood is recovering.

Constance Jacob, G. H. S., '17, is now at home, but it is thought best for her to remain in bed another week.

Those who had the privilege of attending the exhibition last Saturday at the Groton School gymnasium considered it excellent.

The Clover club met on February 20 at Mrs. Mark Blood's home on Court street. Miss Vickery showed the girls how to put on binding on the bias. Mrs. Blood had a pillow slip which had to be patched. The club then sang songs and played games. Miss Stockin will be present at the next meeting on March 5 at Mrs. Blood's home, where each girl will exhibit the first garment which she has made and one pair of darned stockings.

Miss Esther Bagley began her duties at the Tarbell school on Tuesday morning.

Ralph E. Sargent, G. H. S., class of '18, was more comfortable, is the latest news from him. His father and mother are with him and would have brought him home this week but for some new developments.

Groton Inn entertained a good number over the week-end as many came to see the Groton School play which took place at the school last week Friday evening. All transportation had to be made with horse and sleigh, as it was quite out of the question to use automobiles, the roads were in such a bad condition.

Among those from out of town for the holiday were Albert Blood and Miss E. Sargent, Daniel Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bruce and the Misses Keating.

Little Mansfield Branigan is quite sick and two physicians were in attendance on Monday.

Misses Helen Gay, Irene Peabody and Helen Forbes were among the teachers at home on vacation.

Miss Marguerite Leonard is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Doris Peabody was home over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood, of Beverly, spent the holiday in town.

Wallace Bishop has been sick for some time, suffering with throat trouble.

The Grange held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening and carried out their program, Dr. Kilbourn spoke on the conditions among the people at present in regard to the gripple and influenza, enlarged tonsils, etc., and gave a most interesting talk. The lecturer has arranged a fine program for the year and each one should be present and help carry it out.

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William Braman took a sleighing party to Maynard last week Friday afternoon to enjoy the sights of the great metropolis and do some shopping. All returned safe and sound, although one member of the party demonstrated his ability as an acrobat with startling results.

Schools were closed on Monday for the holiday, and again on Wednesday on account of the storm.

The editor would like to call the attention of those who wish to insert any article of length in these columns to plan to have their copy reach the office as early in the week as is possible, the earlier the better.

Death. Mrs. Lester Moore died at her home here last week Friday evening from bronchial pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Mrs. Moore was born in Stow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wetherbee. She lived there until her marriage to Lester Moore three years ago, when she moved to this town.

Her death is a great loss to the community, she was one of its finest women, for she has always been a kind friend and neighbor with a good word and a helping hand for everyone. The many beautiful flowers from friends and relatives testified their esteem and affection.

Besides her parents and a brother, the deceased is survived by her husband, two children, Dorothy, aged 1 1/2 years, and Roger, aged seven months. Private funeral services were held at her late home at two o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Moulton, of Stow, officiating. Interment was in the family lot in the lower cemetery.

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Norman Dodge and Vera Donovan were the guests of Mrs. Beverly in Leominster on the holiday.

May Wood spent Monday at her home in Lowell.

Nearly all the members of Mr. Babichard's family have been ill during the past week.

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AYER News Items. Miss Clara Sheldon has accepted a position with Meredith & Grew, a long established real estate firm at Central street, Boston. Miss Sheldon was financial secretary for the War Camp Community Service for about a year and a half and took care of all bills and receipts for the Enlisted Men's club, Camp Devens, the Shirley club, the Soldiers' club and the Coffee House during its last few months.

Hamilton S. Conant, who was general secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School association, has recently retired from that office, and E. Morris Ferguson of the Maryland association has been appointed his successor. Mr. Conant was well known in this district and many may be interested to know that on completing his term of service he was presented with a purse of nearly \$2,000, made possible through gifts of Sunday schools and friends.

The roof of the flat-roofed wooden building located next to the Strand theatre, and formerly used as a shooting gallery, fell in on Friday morning due to the weight of snow on it. Practically the whole roof caved in, but aside from this the damage is not large as there was very little in the building which could be injured.

The Soldiers' club on West street is soon to be re-opened, although the exact date has not yet been decided on. The management met Thursday afternoon and elected George H. Brown, chairman; Eugene Barry, treasurer, and Miss Hazel Irwin, sec.

In 1841 to 1848 51 men of Boxborough responded to the call of their country—seven more than required—furnished by the town. None were commissioned officers.

The whole amount of money appropriated and expended by the town for war purposes, exclusive of state aid, was \$7,916.87. The amount raised and expended by the town during the war for state aid to soldiers' families and which was repaid by the state was \$1,347.53. About \$200 was raised by the ladies of the town for the Christian commission, making in all \$8,539.40.

In 1917-19 we find on the Boxborough roll of honor 23 names, to which might have been added seven more—Lyman Wetherbee, Frank Woodward, Paul Viets, Francis Coffey, Frank McNamara, Philip B. Litchfield and Zenas Lovelace. The four latter mentioned went to Scotland with the N. E. sawmill units

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Saturday, February 28, 1920

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News Items Mrs. Ruby Feich Smith and daughter Barbara, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Feich, Washington street, Sunday night, for a visit of two weeks.

Mrs. and Mrs. Irving W. Kidder, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end with their son, Elbridge W. Kidder.

The local friends of Mrs. Leonard S. Bigelow, of Greenfield, will be glad to know that she is recovering from her serious illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Samuel H. Proctor has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin H. Burkhardt, in Holyoke.

Wilbur A. Hart, of Norwood, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Webb, of Boston, spent the holiday with Mr. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Webb.

Clyde Brooks, of Boston, has been visiting his uncle, Gorham K. Brooks.

Miss Hope Robinson, of Worcester, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando P. Robinson.

A sleighing party in charge of Glenwood E. Ross and Reginald Bradshaw, chartered by Mr. E. Stone, Charles E. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon, was held last Saturday evening, the ride terminating at the home of Charles Jackson, Harvard, where a supper and dance were enjoyed.

Mrs. Harry P. Lufkin has concluded her duties at the telephone office.

Mrs. Arthur G. Downing has been ill at her home with influenza.

Mrs. Clifton J. Bartlett, of Fitchburg, a former resident, was a holiday guest of Mrs. Harry S. Allen.

The following real estate transfers from this vicinity were recorded last week: Buxboro—Ira D. Whitman to R. E. Whitcomb. Pepperell—Rose D. Grant to W. A. Kemp. Jessie M. Pettengill to D. B. Bancroft. Harvard—Hugh H. McGregor to Fiske Warren.

Westford—Claude L. Allen, E. Conell, land on Long road; George A. Kimball to Anthony J. Peplin; Roy F. Wheeler to Leonard W. Wheeler, land near Main street.

Henry W. Robbins, formerly of this town, now of Canton, has been laid up for the past six weeks.

The March meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance will be held at the home of Mrs. George H. Hill on Monday afternoon at 2.30. Roy P. Crocker will be marshal for those who wish to sew. Hostesses, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Caroline Bulkeley, Mrs. Carrie Murphy and Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence.

Herbert H. Proctor, who has been ill with the gripple, is able to be at his store again.

C. Vance, secretary of the national association of merchant tailors, recently stated in New York that there could be no reduction in the price of clothing for two years.

James H. Hustus, president of the Boston and Maine railroad, has notified the authorities in Washington that when the government turns over that railroad to private ownership at 12.01 a. m., March 1, he will be the one to acknowledge the transfer.

The Ida McKinley chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, had an afternoon with the church Friday at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Zoller, corner Pearl street. Eight tables were filled. Mrs. George E. Millson won the highest score and received the victor's souvenir, a cut glass vase. Mrs. Charles G. Hassam succeeded in avoiding the largest number of victories and received the consolation souvenir, a paper weight. Refreshments were served. Mrs. A. Paul Fillebrown, worthy matron of the chapter, assisted by Mrs. Carl S. Proctor, Mrs. W. H. Reynolds and Mrs. Henry J. Zoller, managed the arrangements.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps and Mrs. M. L. Savage returned home last Sunday from the Elliot hospital, Boston, and both are much improved in health as a result of their operations. Mrs. Savage is with her mother, Mrs. Helen M. Turner, for the present, and Miss Helen Savage is here now, going to Boston daily to her school. Llewellyn Savage has an office position with the Western Electric Co., Boston.

John F. Hyatt, electrician, is wiring Mr. Berry's house at Sandy pond for electric lights. It is thought that if there is enough business promised in that section of the town the electric light company will extend their system to furnish the "juice."

Miss Helen M. Robbins of East Pepperell spent the holiday with Mrs. Helen H. Reynolds and enjoyed the birthday dinner at the Unitarian vestry.

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening, March 3, at the home of Mrs. Lillian Sanderson, Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Doris Crandall, hostesses.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall was out on Thursday for the first time this week, being laid up with a gripple cold.

At the meeting of the Woman's club next Wednesday the program is by the departments of the club. One department will be represented by "The first things women need to know as citizens." Tea will be served.

Elizabeth Page, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Page, was taken to Clinton hospital on Friday, February 20, for an operation for appendicitis. She is doing well and will probably return home some time next week.

The following are the rhetoricals at the high school for this Friday afternoon: "The Little God and the machine," Albert Davis; "At the theatre," Etta Green; "The relief of Lucknow," Robert Cunningham; "In service," Marion Davis; "The volunteer organization," Anthony Anderson; "The old country schoolhouse," Clarence Beard; "The pianist's revenue," Beryl Proctor; "Juno solo," (Itha Andrew); "Bill's in trouble," John Henry; "Her husband was a Mason," Irene Crowley; "Bay

Billy," Malcolm Crockett; "The willing worker," Alice Rand. Punch and Judy show for the children of the town will be given by Josef Yarrick, of Boston, under the auspices of the Unitarian Girls' club in Hardy's hall on Saturday afternoon of this week at 3.15. Mr. Yarrick is widely known as the leading punch and Judy showman in America and has made a great reputation for himself as an entertainer of children.

J. Harold Atwood, who has been ill with the gripple, has recovered sufficiently to be out again.

A good number were present at the meeting of the Board of Trade, Wednesday evening, and the evening was spent in the discussion of various local problems and means of their solution. The advertising sheet which is to be issued is well under way and the first issue will appear the second week in March, according to present plans. It is hoped that the local merchants will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend these Wednesday evening meetings as much as possible.

Ida McKinley, chapter, O. E. S., will hold a military whist party in the dining-room of Hotel Devens on Wednesday evening, March 10. This whist will be open to the public and tickets may be obtained from members of the chapter.

On account of the storm and the condition of the sidewalks the no-school signal was blown on Wednesday morning.

Two hundred fifty copies of the Public Spirit were sold at the store of the C. R. P. Co., last Saturday, and there was a further demand for them on Sunday which could not be filled on account of a lack of extra copies.

This establishes a record for local sales which has never before been reached in the history of the paper, and which we believe no other paper published locally has ever reached.

The regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., was held on Wednesday evening, two new members being admitted at this time. The worthy matron, Mrs. Mary E. Fitch, presided, and appointments were made for the year.

Following the meeting a lunch of sandwiches, cake, pickles and coffee was served.

Mrs. Frank C. Johnson, who has been ill with the influenza, is reported to be improving.

The wind of Wednesday night and Thursday again filled the tracks of the Fitchburg & Leominster street railroad, which had to be suspended of the cars became stalled somewhere between here and Shirley, but the condition of the tracks is such that it seems improbable that traffic can be resumed for several days. Between the square and Camp Devens railroad, which has been running in the hills, have packed the snow down so hard that considerable hand labor will be necessary to clear the way again.

W. D. Salmon, driver on one of J. Cushing Company's coal teams, received an injury to his leg last Saturday while delivering coal in town. The horse while driving against the sled, was striking the leg severely. The injury, while it is not a serious one, will probably keep him from his work for some time.

Our popular conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg line, had the misfortune to break his shovel and sprain his back while shoveling snow, Thursday. Don't work so hard, Jack, you're not built for such rugged work.

Bert Larrabee is sick with the gripple. Bill? Oh, yes, Bill is out again now.

"The play's the thing" said Shakespeare, and his advice has been followed in selecting the play, "The noble outcast," which is to be presented at the Soldiers' club on Friday evening, March 5, under the auspices of the church. It is bound to please the people here as it has millions of others in the past, being one of the old standard plays, re-written, re-christened and brought up to date.

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The W. C. T. U. will hold their next meeting at the White Ribbon Home on Friday afternoon, March 5, at 2.30 o'clock. The Westford W. C. T. U. have accepted an invitation to meet with this union at that time. There will be an entertainment and refreshments will be served.

Miss Evelyn Sanderson visited with friends in Williamstown for over Sunday and the holiday, returning Wednesday.

On last week Friday evening at a meeting of the Boy Scouts at the Y. M. C. A. building eleven candidates appeared before Edward E. Sawyer, and passed the entrance tests. They were initiated and took the scout oath on Wednesday evening. The troop, B. H. Tyrrell scoutmaster, now contains thirty members.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon has been the guest of Mrs. Clara Waldron at Winter Hill, Somerville.

Some very friends of Mrs. Annie Carman will be very pleased to learn that she is very much improved and out of danger.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Church Notes. Federated church—Next Sunday at 10.45 a. m., the pastor is to preach on "Life Service." The boys' choir will sing. At twelve, Sunday school; men's society; women's society meeting; League of Women's Aid; subject, "The results of our words and deeds." At 7.30 p. m., evening worship; stereoscopic pictures and sermon; subject, "The remaking of China." Thursday at 7.30 p. m., mid-week service.

Sunday, March 7, election by ballot for members of the Methodist society, over twenty-one years old of a delegate and reserve to the lay conference to meet in Boston in April at the annual conference, March 7. Sacrament service and reception of members.

Last Sunday morning the G. A. R., W. R. C., S. of V. and A. L. worshipped at the Federated church. The pastor preached on "Americanism." Mrs. Charley and Mrs. Rymes fittingly decorated the church.

Monday the Young People's society, twenty in number, went on a sleighing party to Maynard to attend the Middlesex local union convention. They brought home the banner for record attendance.

Monday night Ladies Benevolent society of the Ladies Exchange street, held a social at the church. Games were enjoyed and candy was sold. All present had a good time. A fine sum was realized for the society.

Sunday service at the Unitarian church at 10.45—Regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "Christianity." At 1.15, the Unitarian school at twelve.

On Sunday the preacher will dwell on the doubtful wisdom of administering over-doses of church attendance and doctrine on the young, and will estimate the relative value of the religion that a man attains and that which is thrust upon him.

K. of C. Notes. At a recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus the following committees were appointed by the grand knight: Banquet, John H. Burns, Frank E. Griffin, James J. McGuane, Joseph M. Markham, John H. Mullin, Michael J. Griffin, William J. Barrett, George W. Roberts, Robert J. Stevenson, William Kerley of Harvard and John J. Flynn of Shirley; ball, Dr. J. Walter Desmond, Joseph M. Markham, George T. Burns, John H. Hooley, Robert J. Stevenson, Sergt. John R. McGrath; membership, Joseph M. Markham, Michael J. Griffin, William J. Barrett, Frank J. Griffin.

The banquet is to be held shortly after the winter season and is to be limited to members and a few invited guests.

The ball, which will probably surpass any past effort in this line given by the council, is to have features from the musical and dancing world, besides the introduction of novelties. It is to be public only in the limited number of tickets to be sold because of the limited capacity of the hall for pleasure in dancing.

Washington Birthday Dinner. Another occasion of annual interest took place Monday noon. This was the Washington birthday dinner given by the united forces of the Ayer Branch Alliance and the Unitarian Girls' club. It took place in the vestry hall of the Unitarian church where tables loaded with tempting viands were ready for one hundred and fifty people. The dinner committee in charge was Mrs. Horatio Chase, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. H. B. Priest and Miss Lillian Wright.

As soon as all were seated there began the work of the busy servers disguised by the badges of white bands adorned with blue stars and red rosettes which were worn upon the left arm. Their service was rapid and efficient. They were: Mrs. Lucius Fairchild, Mrs. Verne Fithian, Miss Alice Sanderson, Mrs. Eunice Bosworth, Misses Betty and Gladys Proctor, Miss Helen Hennessy, Mrs. W. C. Brazer, Mrs. Robert Murphy, Mrs. Herbert Proctor, Miss Bertha Sherwin, Miss Mead Whitecomb, Miss Margaret Hume and Mrs. Cora Tapp. Fully 175 people enjoyed the best repast in Ayer. Many people lingered after the dinner to enjoy a social hour with special friends. So another successful "Twenty-second" dinner given by this society, has passed into history.

District Court. The postponed case against Jerry Carboneau of Forge Village for assault and battery on Henry Lamie of Forge Village, attracted a good number of the French residents of Forge Village to the court room on last Saturday morning. The plaintiff's story as told by him and Prosper Lamie, nephew, and Alexander Melot, his cousin, was that on the 19th of January he came to his home on Bradford street to get to work. Carboneau lived on the same street and was on his way to work, Lamie coming up behind him. Carboneau stopped, and asked Lamie if he wanted a fight, to which Lamie replied in the negative. Thereupon Carboneau struck him down and struck him with his fist a number of times, blacking his eye and bruising his face. Lamie claimed that he did not hit the defendant at all. It developed from the testimony that there had for several weeks been ill feeling between the two men, which arose from trouble between their children. Lamie stated that he was afraid of Carboneau, who is 39

years old and weighs 190 pounds. Lamie is 46 years of age and weighs 153 pounds. Witnesses told of seeing Lamie on the ground with Carboneau on top hitting the defendant, who is the father of eleven children, was that he thought that Lamie was following him too close, and that Lamie had been drinking and was looking for trouble. He asked Lamie if he wanted a fight and Lamie said he did not. Carboneau's overalls and tore them. Carboneau testified that Lamie bit him in the mouth and scratched him and that he knocked Lamie down and struck him five or six blows. Carboneau said that while the cry was going on in the street, the plaintiff was hitting him also. The testimony of witnesses later brought out the fact that it was Peter Lamie, the young son of the complainant who was trying to help his father. The nephew and cousin of Lamie who were on their way to work when the Carboneau and did not try to help Lamie at all. As most of the witnesses could not speak English the greater part of the testimony was given through two interpreters. The court found Carboneau guilty of assault and battery and imposed a fine of twenty dollars. Carboneau was represented by Attorney John M. Maloney and the complainant's case was conducted by Attorney Frank J. Maloney.

A Fitting Climax. Scene 1. A merchant in town enters the store of another merchant who is working earnestly for a better and bigger town of Ayer. The conversation is started by the entering merchant, who begins to praise the other merchant in the most laudable terms and phrases and laying out other supposed-to-be influential merchants and citizens in a way which causes the merchant in question to look like a drawn-out session while the entering merchant was asked to explain his ramblings, etc. The outcome was that a very generous support was promised to back him up in a scheme that should prove to be a big benefit to the merchants here. A sum not in the neighborhood of a hundred or two would be willingly spent by the merchant in favor of the scheme. A visit was promised to the departing merchant when details had all been completed.

Scene 2. A contract was drawn up and the merchant in question was taken by two delegates with no apprehensions in the matter at all. The merchant gazed upon the document, adjusted his thoughts for a moment and re-read the same. He started to think but did not muse long, for he excused himself a minute and went to the rear of his establishment. The delegates waited a regular minute—a woman's minute if you wish to put it that way—any way it seemed more like a half hour to those in waiting. A light beamed with a flash in the mind of one of the delegates which was imparted to the other, and both went to the distance. Scene 3. The merchant had gone out the back door and left the two delegates with the hope that they would spend a pleasant social hour or two or three or four, and probably keep store for him, for as the two delegates gazed into the distance they saw the generous, open-faced merchant disappearing from view.

Scene 4. The scene of this scene will have to be guessed at; no names are mentioned; only the bare facts are given; and it is a wonder to the writer that scene 5 is omitted. We are left to think that if he were left to gaze on the surrounding scenery and the merchant did not wish to be seen there would be another scene when he was seen to be disappearing from the scene which would not be fit to hear or be seen.

Donation Party. At the White Ribbon Home on February 17 open house and a donation party was held. The weather and illness prevented as large an attendance as was expected, but people were present from Boston, Fitchburg, Worcester, Maynard, South Acton, Westford—and a good number from Ayer. Donations of fruit, vegetables, money and some household articles were received. There was a hot lunch of oysters, sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts was served at noon. This was to have been in charge of Leominster ladies, but illness prevented and the Fitchburg program was presented in the afternoon in charge of Mrs. H. Hollis. Soldiers' music solos and a quartet and an interesting address by Rev. John R. Chaffee, whose theme was Longfellow's "Hanging the crane."

The visitors went over the home, which is very comfortable. There are nine residents. Mr. and Mrs. Canfield are the caretakers and Mrs. Hanford are the nurses. The board of managers are very grateful for the interest shown by Ayer people.

Camp Fire Entertainment. The Mohawk Camp Fire Girls gave a fine entertainment Thursday evening in the Soldiers' club, West street. There were three plays presented. The first a comedy in which the characters were well taken by Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild, Mary Cleary, Ruth and Helen Stone, Lucius Fairchild, Mrs. Charles Stone and Miss Amelia Gould, who is the guardian of the camp. The second play was "The mystic seven," with its setting of mystic scenes. Mrs. M. J. White was the ticket seller.

Many people lingered after the dinner to enjoy a social hour with special friends. So another successful "Twenty-second" dinner given by this society, has passed into history.

Death. Louis Francis Lapointe died at his home in East Main street on Wednesday evening, February 25. He suffered a shock several weeks ago and has been falling ever since. He has been very patient during his illness, and the last having a talk with his son only two hours before his death. Mr. Lapointe was born in Vermont seventy-five years ago, the son of Mary (Chapelle) and Francis Lapointe. He went from Vermont to Lowell and then came to Ayer, where he has resided for over fifty years. He has been a carpenter and artist, notably in the way of Ayer.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Whitcomb Lapointe, and four children, by a former wife, three sons, Henry,

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General Pershing spoke briefly, and told of the groups of thousands of children he had addressed in different places; praised the many boys and pretty girls of the Ayer audience, and urged the children to be faithful in all their work and to remember that they were to be the citizens of the future. At the conclusion of his speech he was taken to the station to his special car, followed by the crowd of excited school children. His cars were attached to the 6.12 train west, his next stop being Troy, N. Y.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Mary Pierce Burge celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday last Sunday. Some of her friends called to see her and she was remembered with cards to the number of seventy-nine or more letters, etc.

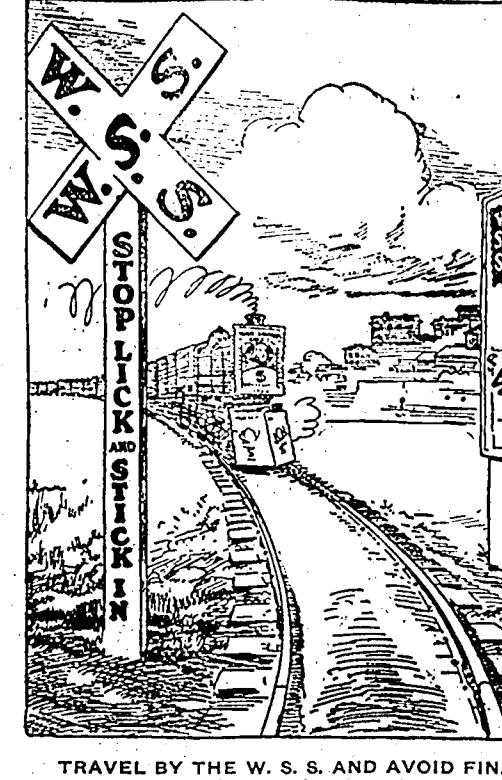
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There were about thirty present, the S. of V. and their families and world war veterans being guests. All voted it one of the pleasantest affairs of the season.

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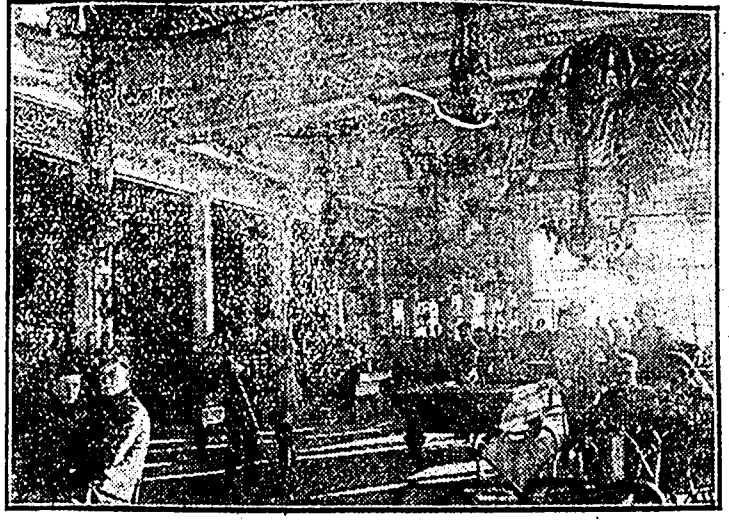
The Grange will meet on Tuesday evening for their regular meeting. The subjects will be "Making a start in bees" and "What crops shall we plant?"

Safety First



TRAVEL BY THE W. S. S. AND AVOID FINANCIAL ACCIDENT

Roulette Gives Way to Pool at Aix-Le-Bains



In the big gambling casino at Aix, which is leased by the Y. M. C. A., the American game of skill has replaced the French game of chance. They had to hire the Yankee soldier to come to Aix, but one taste of "Y" hospitality and he had to be hired to stay away.

"THE 'Y' SOUGHT SERVICE, NOT FAME," SAYS GEORGE W. PERKINS

Chairman of War Work Finance Committee returns home and reports fully on monumental and efficient organization reared by Y. M. C. A. for service to A. E. F.

SUBURBANS AND CHICKENS.

Poultry an Asset for Thrift and Health. Mrs. Lorence M. Woodside of Winchester, Mass., is exemplifying in her home garden the advice she gives to other women through her lectures.

THRIFT IN THE SCHOOLS.

What One Boston School Is Doing. Since Jan. 1 the pupils of the Quincy School in Boston, Frederick W. Swan, master, have invested about \$1700 in Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

THINGS ON WHICH ALL CAN SAVE.

Wise Spending the General Basis for Economy. "No one can lay down a rule of saving which will be effective for other people," says Mrs. F. L. Higginson, New England District Savings Director.

REAL MONEY TALKS.

A Manufacturer Makes An Ingenious Display. Realizing that interest tables are apt to be dry stuff, and that people are more easily interested in an exhibit of real money than by a display of figures.



SPRING CHICKENS

Clipping.

The following, taken from the Washington Post, was of interest to the best of Hollis people who have known Harvey Powers from his boyhood up.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the messages of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

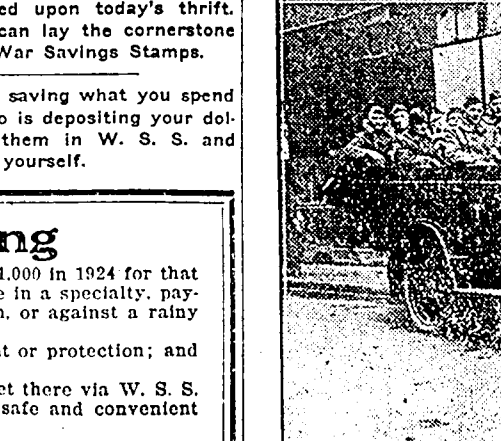
Keep on Saving

200 War Savings Stamps bought this year will be \$1,000 in 1924 for that new office equipment, new car, postgraduate course in a specialty, payment toward a home, for the youngsters' education, or against a rainy day.

Put Your Family on Safety Lane

Neatly Put. George's little playmate was somewhat inclined to exaggerate whenever he told anything. His elders seemed amused at what they called his imaginings.

"On Our Right We Have"



This merry party of doughboys about to leave the Palais du Glace in Paris on a "Y" sightseeing tour shows forth one of the reasons why it is going to be hard "to keep 'em down on the farm."

Cleans Bronze. Genuine bronzes may be washed with good soap and a sponge or rag and wiped dry with a soft flannel cloth or chamois.

Slippery for Buddy. Joe is thoughtfully up in automobile parlance. His baby brother was just beginning to walk and wobbled considerably. One day Joe dashed into the kitchen shouting, "Oh, ma, come quick an' see Buddy skidding."

And the "Dash"? Man invented the period. The interrogation mark and the exclamation point are the work of woman.—Detroit Journal.

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Saturday, February 28, 1920

PEPPERELL

News Items. Miss Alice Lawson came from Hartford, Conn., last Saturday, for a visit over Sunday and the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Lawson...

Mrs. Carrie Pitman has accepted a position with the Osgood Construction Co., of Nashua, N. H., in the office force, and commenced her work there on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. N. Tower has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Everts, and family, this week, in Boston. The sad news was received here of the death of Ralph Phillips...

Johnson, from Boston, and Miss Florence Wood, of New York. Mr. J. A. Hurlbut was near Milan, Italy, when he came to New York, when about twenty-one years of age...

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holden of Nashua spent the holiday with Andrew Spaulding and family. The schools, which were dismissed Wednesday morning, did not keep on Thursday, as the roads were impassable.

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Closing Out Sale I am going out of the JEWELRY and SPORTING GOODS BUSINESS and shall offer some especially good bargains.

W. A. KEMP, Jeweler East Pepperell Mass. Thursday morning, The accident occurred near Longley homestead, where the road was badly rutted...

HARVARD News Items. The Warner lecture trustees announce that they have secured the date of Wednesday evening, April 7, for the reading of Edwin Whitney.

ITEMS OF INTEREST Soap is injurious to diletch; best cleaned with a little milk. A simple wire frame has been patented for supporting idle paint brushes.

Still River. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullen, of Boston, were guests of Mrs. Bridget Joyce over the holiday. Dr. Heyward Gussman, of Medford, spent Sunday and Monday at the parsonage.

Center. On account of the impassable roads the dance which was to have been held in the town hall on Thursday evening had to be postponed.

Deaths. Pietro Isola, a Pepperell resident for nearly thirty-five years, died at his home in Waban on Saturday morning at a shock. Services which were private, were held at his late home on Monday.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and helpfulness of friends, and for the beautiful flowers sent at the time of our late bereavement.