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LITTLETON

News Items.

Nathan A. Taylor has been appointed as administrator of the estate of Frederick C. Hartwell, who died November 8, 1920. He has given a bond of $60,000. The estate is valued at $45,000.

There will be a men's supper and meeting in the Congregational vestry instead of the usual church meeting next week Thursday evening, as previously announced. As a personal favor to Rev. Mr. Cleland, his friend, Dr. Frank W. Merrick, pastor of the Maple Street Congregational church in Danvers, and one of the leading preachers of the denomination in New England, will address the audience. Dr. Merrick is an unusually fine speaker, a man of exceptional personality and character, greatly beloved by the soldiers and Y. M. C. A. men in the west where he gave of his talent and service untiringly during the World War. A splendid opportunity is open to the men who are privileged to meet Dr. Merrick and hear his eloquent utterance.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Waverly were over-Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Cleland.

F. B. Priest is on a business visit in California.

A very fine entertainment was given in the town hall last week Wednesday evening by the Nonpareil Minstrel troop of Lowell lodge, K. of P. There was good singing and clog dancing, and a fine orchestra besides fresh, amusing jokes. The company plans to give another entertainment here in a few weeks.

The Historical society will meet in the library reading room February 22 at 2.30 o'clock. A good program is expected, and will be open to all who are interested.

Mrs. Edith Conant was the soloist at the morning service of the Congregational church last Sunday.

Rupert Sanderson, who has been under treatment in Deaconess hospital, Concord, has returned home.

Frank H. Hill, ex-superintendent of Littleton schools, was in town last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and Edward P. Shoehan left Boston on the Federal express Thursday evening for Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb will visit St. Petersburg, Orlando, Palm Beach, Deland, and other cities of interest during their stay of three weeks.

As Fred G. Reed was going around Jeffrey's corner in his touring car Wednesday he side-swiped a truck and was thrown over the stonewall. He sustained no serious injuries but was badly shaken up and stunned so that before his equilibrium was restored the truck and its driver had escaped unceremoniously. Mr. Reed's car came out much the worse for the collision.

Mrs. William Holbrook of Arlington is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Whitcomb, a few days.

Under the auspices of the Back-Log club there will be a sunset party in the town hall Tuesday afternoon and evening, February 22. Dancing for the children from four to six p. m. Supper at six o'clock. Dancing for adults from eight to twelve o'clock. The Colonial orchestra of Waltham will furnish the music.

Miss Reba Millett, who is out of health, left her position and came home last week for vacation and rest.

There has been purchased recently a new piano for the high school, which is greatly appreciated by the students. It is now possible to enjoy the new music which the school has. The students wish to thank the townspeople for their generous contributions to the piano fund, which is hoped will be completed in the near future.

A play, "The mishaps of Minerva," will be given by the senior class of the Littleton high school, with members of the junior class to complete the cast. Rehearsals are going well given within a few weeks.

Deaths.

Elbert Prouty Wilcox passed away at his home Wednesday, February 16, after a comparatively brief illness. Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon, Rev. Gail Cleland, officiating.

Mr. Wilcox, son of David and Eliza Wilcox, was born in Cambridge fifty-four years ago. He obtained his education in both public and private schools of his native city. In early manhood he was engaged as a hat salesman. Later he came to Littleton and took up farming for a few years, relinquishing that occupation for a responsible position with the Fore River Ship Building Co.

The deceased was married in Cambridge June 1, 1892 to Miss Florence Bowman also of Cambridge. He is survived by her, one daughter, Marcia B. Wilcox, and a sister, Miss Florence J. Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox was a member of Mizpah lodge of Masons of Cambridge, and at one time a member of the Boston commandory. He was treasurer of the New England Milk Producers for a few years and held other positions of responsibility and trust.

The neighbors and many other friends of Mrs. Andrew Johnson were shocked and exceedingly sorry to learn of her death Monday evening. Less than two weeks ago she went to Allston to be with her daughter, Mrs. Perry, as a nervous breakdown necessitates good nursing. A week ago her condition became a cause of so great anxiety to Mr. Johnson that he too went to Allston and stayed with his wife till the end came on Monday.

The funeral was held Thursday morning and was largely attended. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery at Ayer.

Mrs. Johnson was a superior lady of pleasing personality and noble character and enjoyed the respect of all who knew her. The deepest sympathy is expressed for her husband and her daughter in the great loss they have sustained.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's club enjoyed a good attendance Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lillian Priest, president, took up the business of the afternoon, which included the election of Mrs. Lillian Prouty as member of the club, the announcement of other candidates, and gave a report of the Melrose meeting. Mrs. Emily Horst made a few remarks, offering suggestions for a memory drill and work by the efficiency class.

Mrs. Priest presented Mrs. Margaret McDonald, chairman of the education and literature committee, who took charge of the program for the afternoon. Mrs. McDonald happily introduced the speaker. Rev. Carl G. Horst, who gave a scholarly and most interesting address on "Abraham Lincoln," commanding the closest attention of his very appreciative audience.

The club chorus gave four fine selections, Miss Mary MacMartin ably and artistically supporting the chorus by her piano accompaniments.

Miss Marion W. Flagg, in the absence of her sister, officiated as secretary pro tem.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Miss Mary Fierra is suffering with an abscess in her head.

Mrs. Eva Davidson and daughter Marion spent the week-end with friends in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick, who have both been quite sick with the grippe, are improving, but are very weak yet.

The Swanson family have had much sickness, three of the members having had the real influenza. Mrs. Swanson and Anton are recovering and Rudolph was able to return to school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush have sent cards from Harrisburg, Pa., where they made their first stop to visit friends. From there they intend to go to North Carolina.

Miss Cora Hartwell of Acton is visiting her brother, Albert Hartwell.

There was a recount of the votes cast for selectman and town clerk last Saturday evening. The votes for selectman were not changed. In the other recount Emil Swanson gained one vote.

The Lincoln program given by the church school last Sunday was well attended and much enjoyed. A special collection was taken for the benefit of the American Missionary association.

The church school was well attended last Sunday. There were fifteen in the boys' and girls' class.

A record attendance is expected next Sunday to hear the "Bad points about Boxboro." All are cordially invited.

Grange.

An extension school was held at the town hall, Wednesday. The speakers were R. A. Van Meter and C. B. Tillson. The subjects discussed were about fertilizing, pruning, marketing the apples and the various sprays to be used at different times. Down stairs ten ladies made their Easter hats under the direction of Mrs. Margaret R. Ellison. The millinery class had plenty of criticism and suggestions from the men to encourage their efforts. A box lunch was eaten at noon with the welcome addition of hot coffee served by Prescott Burroughs.

The grange held another good meeting that very stormy Friday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Durkee and Mrs. Davidson. Twenty-five were present. The valentine box lunches brought by the ladies were auctioned off by Rev. Charles Burrows and brought $17.15, which sum was given to the Near East relief. The highest sum paid was $2.75. After luncheon valentine games, jokes and poetry were enjoyed. Some of the poetry took full advantage of poetical license, but all hit the popular taste. Wendell Burroughs and Josephine Fierra received first prize for original poem. The box of fudge sold was again bought by Luther Furbush for $1.50. A peanut hunt closed a very enjoyable meeting.

Applications for membership must be in at the next meeting, February 25. The next meeting has Rev. Chas. Burrows as chairman and definite plans for work, community service, suggestions for the good of the order, are topics to be discussed.

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WESTFORD

Center.

Clarence Hildreth is reported quite sick with grip, complicated with an ear abscess.

The board of selectmen met Monday evening and organized. Sherman H. Fletcher, chairman, Frank L. Furbush, secretary, and Harold W. Hildreth was appointed clerk. At a meeting Wednesday evening the following appointments were made: chief of police, Harry E. Whitney; supt. of streets, Alec McDonald; town accountant, Harold W. Hildreth.

Fred Robinson is at home from Amherst Agricultural college sick with a cold.

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, rated as one of the most able women's club speakers in the state, will give an address on "Current Events." Mrs. Nettie Roberts will sing and tea will be served at the social hour at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Henry Fletcher and Mrs. Angeline Ryan, hostesses.

A very pleasant report is given of the Ladies' Alliance at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Robinson last week Thursday. There was a good attendance and pleasant social dinner at noon. The ladies are making preparations for a sale to be held sometime during the spring definite date for which has not been set.

The re-organized board of trade held a meeting Friday evening of last week in charge of the president, William C. Roudenbush. A lively discussion of the articles in the town warrant was the program for the evening. A luncheon of doughnuts, cheese and coffee was served at the close of the meeting.

The Julian A. Camerons went last week for a southern trip, going to Jamaica and other points of interest.

Miss Connors, the commercial teacher at the academy, has been detained at home this week with sickness.

Four adjacent towns were holding their town meeting sessions Monday—Chelmsford, Westford, Littleton and Carlisle.

The Veterans' association of the Westford Company, Massachusetts State Guard, will hold a business meeting Monday evening, February 21, at 7.45 at the town hall.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey will preach a special patriotic sermon and in the evening there will be but one service which will be at seven o'clock in charge of the Y. P. L. This will be a patriotic service and Miss May E. Day will be the leader. At the Wednesday evening prayer meeting this week there were 22 present and Miss Sarah W. Loker was the leader.

The all-day Ladies' Aid meeting for February was well attended at the home of Mrs. William C. Roudenbush Thursday of last week. Bountiful social dinner at noon. A set of dish towels for the vestry were cut, hemmed and marked and other sewing accomplished and much routine business transacted at the business session. There were 22 present. The March meeting, which will be held the third instead of the second Thursday, will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Perley E. Wright.

The matter has been favorable this winter for getting the large amount of apples in storage to the Boston market. The trucks make their daily trips heavily loaded with boxes of apples.

A call for help for a chimney fire at the A. E. M. Eastman home was sounded Tuesday at about 11.30 in the forenoon. A quick response was made and the fire subdued after which the chimney was cleaned out and the men with the fire truck and chemicals returned home.

Town Meeting.

Weather for the annual town meeting Monday proved threatening early, but later was all that could be desired for a pleasant winter's day to draw the voters to the town hall for the annual transcation of the town's business. There was the largest gathering in the town hall for a long time the attendance being estimated at fully 450.

Last year's town meeting recorded about sixty voters. Monday's voting was done in the lower town hall and the afternoon session adjourned to the upper hall for the first time in the town's history of town meetings. Both the hall and gallery were well filled, many in the gallery being young people who will be future voters. There were a large number of women present to take an active and intelligent interest in the day's affairs.

While there were special contests for office much interest was shown in the appropriations, as an unusually high tax rate is in prospect, but some assurance was given that the high figure of $28 on a thousand might not be realized.

There seemed to be one or two conscientious objectors to many of the articles of the warrant, but as a rule the 43 articles were well considered and voted on with promptness. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was the moderator and assisted by Alfred W. Hartford.

Much interest centered in article 33, which was as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow money for the construction of the Groton road with macadam pavement or other road material under specifications approved by the division of highways, or act in relation to the same. The pros and cons of this article brought out much discussion and it simmered down to a matter of good business to vote in favor. The vote stood 152 to 12, the town to appropriate $5000 and the state and county $5000 each.

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $3000 for the purchase of a motor hearse and act in relation to the same, was dismissed.

Art. 11. To see if the town will determine the compensation of the tax collector, and act in relation to the same. The present collector offered to accept one percent instead of 1¼ percent on a dollar as paid last year.

Art. 20. To see if the town will appropriate money for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for Westford post of the A. L. and act in relation to the same, and article 21. To see if the town will appropriate money for the purchase of a stand of colors for Westford post of the American legion and act in relation to the same, and also article 22. To see if the town will appropriate money for repairs and improvements of the house in the fire houselot, so-called, located at Westford Center, and act in relation to the same, were all voted upon favorably.

Articles 28 and 29 were out of the usual order and both voted for affirmatively and were as follows. To see if the town in accordance with section 55 of chapter 41 of the General laws will authorize the selectmen to appoint a town accountant, the salary for this to be $500. The second of these articles was To see if the town will vote to abolish the office of auditor.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to furnishing proper accommodation for the increased number of pupils at Forge Village and Brookside, and act in relation to the same. This matter is to be in charge of school and finance committee.

Art. 31. To see what action the town will take toward establishing by-laws and act in relation to the same. This matter is to be submitted to the selectman and finance committee.

An addition of fifty cents a day was added to the assessors' compensation, making the amount $4 a day.

The rest of the forty-three articles were more of routine nature, but of vital interest to the taxpayers. The following appropriations concerning them are explanatory: public library, $1900; public burial grounds, $150; highways, $17,500; town debts and charges, $28,559; support of poor, $2000; police department, $2000; public schools, $38,200; moth department, $1000; fire protection, $3960; unpaid bills, $2000; Legion quarters, $200; Legion stand of colors, $175; repairs to fire-house cottage, $1000; board of health, $2825; band concerts, $350; fish and game, $75; branch line, $2100; Memorial day, $300; farm bureau, $250.

The following officers were elected: Charles L. Hildreth, town clerk; Frank L. Furbush, selectman; Elbert H. Flagg, assessor; Fred A. Blodgett, overseer of poor; Leonard W. Wheeler, tax collector; Harwood L. Wright, Frederick Smith, auditors; Wesley O. Hawkes, cemetery commissioner; Julian A. Cameron, library trustee; William R. Wall, constable; Harry L. Nesmith, tree warden; A. Mabel Drew, Arthur G. Hildreth, school committee, three years; George H. Wilson, two years.

About Town.

Seth Banister has scarlet fever. Dr. Coburn and the town nurse are in attendance and the house under quarantine. He is improving.

C. P. Bridges, V. D. M., occupied the pulpit of the clubhouse at Brookside last Sunday afternoon. There was much congregational singing with enthusiasm.

As bearing on the mildness of the winter as never before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, a farmer in Maine was running his mowing machine and doing usual haying business February 12. This was never known to happen in Maine. If haying can be carried on in Maine in February what is to hinder Oliver Desjardins from grishing up his meadow hay performance in the Stony Brook valley?

The next farmers' institute will be held next Thursday at Odd Fellows' hall, Billing street, I. well. Frederick A. Hanscom of Westford will be one of the speakers in the forenoon's subject, "The rules of successful poultry raising." Mr. Hanscom has the goods to deliver and the native knew how to deliver them. Other speakers will follow for and all and still others are expected to have speakers and entertainers in variety to make this one of the most entertaining institutes ever held by Middlesex North. No admission fee.

First Parish church (Unitarian) Sunday service at four p. m. Preacher, Rev. Frank R. Crandall. Subject, "Prayer."

Graniteville.

Large numbers of voters both men and women attended the town meeting at Westford center on last Monday. It was the largest meeting in the history of the town.

The members of the grange are planning to hold an old-fashioned ball in the early spring when all the old-time dances that were popular some 20 years ago will be revived. Before this great event comes off the committee will hold a series of rehearsals. The first, which was held on last Wednesday evening, Joseph Hilliard of Lowell had charge of the music and the affair was under the management of Joe Wall. The man Joe makes a great substitute.

The service devoted to that were held at St. Catherine's church on Washington street last evening were very largely attended. The services consisted of the recital of the rosary conducted by Rev. John J. Lawler, followed by an address by Rev. P. J. Feeney of the Notre Dame academy of Boston. The services closed with benediction of the blessed sacrament. The regular choir was in attendance.

The members of the Epworth League will hold a social in the vestry of the M. E. church on Saturday evening. No admission fee will be charged and all are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

Death.

Mrs. Lillian F. McLenna, a well-known former resident of the village, died at her home in Lowell last Monday after a brief illness, aged 63 years. Mrs. McLenna was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding. She was born in Graniteville and up to a few years ago always resided here, when she took up her residence in Lowell. Her husband, the late Albert McLenna, died here several years ago. She was a bright, cheerful woman, whose pleasant manner and good disposition won her many friends, who deeply regret her passing. She was a loving mother and kind neighbor and although she lived in Lowell she always kept in touch with affairs here and was ever a welcome visitor when she called on old friends.

She leaves four sons, Charles of Norton, Frank of Lowell, Lester of Graniteville and Clarence McLenna, who now resides in the west; also two daughters, Mrs. John Carey and Miss Inez McLenna, who resided with her in Lowell.

The deepest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Miss Georgiana Maynard returns this week Friday from her teaching at South Ashburnham to spend her week's vacation with her parents on the South road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw went to Worcester the latter part of last week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Martin, and family.

Harry Lakin came from Greenfield Monday for a two days' stay in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin, and other relatives.

George Deware and family are to move from the Behrens house on Mill street, which was purchased a short time ago by Mrs. C. T. Williams, into the A. A. Tarbell place on Main street, arranging to give up their present tenement about March 1. Mrs. Williams will make some repairs and occupy the house, it is understood.

Miss Marion Merrill spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. Chester Roberts, at Lowell. Mrs. Roberts was formerly Miss Edith Day, residing with her parents on upper Park street, and later with Mrs. A. J. Woodward on the same street.

John Carr has been restricted to his home on the South road from an injury received while chopping cord wood. His foot was severely cut, one toe being nearly severed.

Mrs. George Sawyer and Mrs. Blanchard from Crown Hill, Nashua, visited friends in town the latter part of last week.

The notice of the death of Mrs. J. Harry Mason last week was read with much sadness by her many friends here in town, who recall the attractive, vivacious girl of thirty years ago. In the item it should have been stated that Mr. and Mrs. Mason lived for a short time in the bungalow built for them, now owned by William Gaffney on Townsend street. An omission was made in mentioning her relations with the Grange. She was not a member of the Pepperell Grange, but was a charter member of the Randolph Grange, was its first chaplain, and master of the ladies' degree team, as formerly stated.

Our account last week of the P. H. S. senior hop calls for an apology to the ones giving the same, as the last of the article strayed away among the general items, and was overlooked by many. Also, among the guests should have been noted the Misses Nowell from Wollaston, former members of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hatford from Laconia, N. H., visited in town last week at the relatives of Mrs. Hatford, while en route to attend the Knights Templar event in Nashua on Friday evening. Mr. Hatford was a former Nashua resident before his marriage, and a member of the order.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw, who has been detained at home from her duties as teacher at Groton by tonsilitis, is now commencing to gain slowly. She also missed, for two weeks, her regular trip to Boston on Saturdays, where she has been taking a teacher's course at Boston university.

W. W. Lunt is gaining after his recent illness and is able to be out on pleasant days. Mrs. Lunt, through a slight illness and her anxiety, has been closely confined at home for the past four weeks.

It has been announced that the counsel for the Boston & Maine railroad, Judge Buttrick of Worcester, has notified the legislative committee which is considering a bill for the repeal of the daylight saving law, that the Boston & Maine could not again adapt its train service to the state daylight saving law, as was done last year. He is quoted as saying that uniformity of time in all of the New England states is absolutely essential. At the recent hearing more than 400 representatives of farmers' organizations in Massachusetts were present and Joe Arthur Gilbert, state nurseryman and farm expert, stated that the measure had been a serious injury to the farmers of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson and mother, Miss Ruth Morrill, returned home this week after several weeks in Florida and later in Galveston, Tex. Winter here seems to have just begun, which is unfortunate for those coming from a warmer climate, but it seems New England is still good enough for them.

There was a meeting of the Girl Scouts in the vestry of the Community church on Tuesday at four o'clock. Ten scouts were present and were given a drill under the direction of the captain, Miss Deware, and Mrs. Woodward, one of the lieutenants. It was voted that plans for a party, to be held during the week of school vacation, be left in the hands of patrol leaders, Katherine Mallman, Glenys Green, Louise Hampton and Alice Gibbons.

Mrs. Adelaide Tarbell is mourning the absence of her pet dog, "Sandy," who has not been seen near its home on Mt. Lebanon street for two weeks. The animal was a specially intelligent Irish terrier and if it is alive it would surely have found its way home, even from some distance, if it had not been injured by a hunter's trap, or in some other manner. It was wearing a collar, for Mrs. Tarbell's name-plate had become loosened, and lost off. As it was wire haired, it might be mistaken, at a little distance, for an Airedale. Its loss would be greatly deplored by the owner.

Alfred O'Neal of Maynard spent Monday at the home of Mrs. James O'Neal, Groton street. He was accompanied by his brother, Clifford O'Neal, and his son, from Canada.

Mrs. George F. Durgin writes from Ipswich that she may open her home in town earlier than usual, as Rev. Mr. Durgin is now in New England, and may have time to come here, also, in March.

It has been brought to our notice that Miss Carrie M. Hall of Nashua, who was formerly well-known here, has recently been awarded a medal and citation in recognition of her services as chief nurse for the American Red Cross in France from October, 1918, to June, 1919. Miss Hall went across early in 1917 with the Harvard unit, of which Karl Newhall of this town, was also a member, and was made chief nurse of base hospital No. 5, in which Mr. Newhall also served during several months. Miss Hall is at present superintendent of the training school for nurses at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, Boston.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence, the nurse, is at present at Groton taking care of George H. Lawrence of that place.

Miss Florence Patterson very pleasingly entertained the members of the Hope Circle of Loyal girls on Monday evening at her home on Hollis street. Notwithstanding the blustery weather of the evening eighteen were present, with their teacher, Miss McNayr, and also the members of the family. After a short business session, refreshments of cake and fruit, cookies and candies were served by Mrs. Patterson and valentine games were in order. Blindfolded each tried to attach a small heart on the center of the big red heart on the wall. The first prize was won by Gladys Messer and Miss McNayr won the consolation prize. Other games were enjoyed until about 9.30, when the party broke up, with many thanks to their hostess for a pleasant evening.

John Webb had gone to return here from Maine and take back his paper machine at the mill when they resumed work last week. His family will reside in Pittsfield for the present. Miss Gertrude, who was in the high school here, is attending at Gardner High school, drawing the necessary five miles to do so.

Community Church Notes.

At the Community church next Sunday morning at 10.30 Rev. R. W. Drawbridge will preach on the theme, "The giver of life." The decorations will be in charge of Dana Merrill's class.

Church school at 12 m. and an invitation is extended to all in the congregation to share the instruction of the session. Visitors are welcome in all departments.

In the evening at six o'clock in the vestry there will be classes for special religious instruction for boys and girls over twelve years of age. The leader for boys will be the pastor, Rev. Mr. Drawbridge, and the leader for the girls, Miss Anna Boynton.

At seven o'clock there will be a sermon by the pastor on the topic, "Force of God." A preliminary talk on "Some causes of the great war" will be given by request.

There will be a special motion picture service on February 22, with a matinee at 2.30 and evening service at eight o'clock. The great paramount artcraft picture, "The prince chap," called the "most charming love story ever told," will be shown both afternoon and evening.

There will be no picture service at the church on Friday evening, February 25.

The Community Church Workers held their first Tuesday meeting last week. It was voted that as the next regular Tuesday meeting would come on the holiday, February 22, there would be no other meeting of the society until March.

At the supper served at 6.30 the same evening about 130 were present to enjoy a menu which was generally praised, consisting of cold meat, with mashed potato, rolls, salad, fancy jellies and cakes and various pastries. The supper was excellently served under the direction of Mrs. George H. Shattuck as chairman, with Mrs. P. J. Kemp, Mrs. M. M. Pond, Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. Drawbridge and Mrs. Maltman, serving on the committee. There were dainty centerpieces of green bouquets brightened with red berries.

A short entertainment was given at the close of the supper, consisting of piano solos by Mary Butler, a duet by Dorothy Cook and Esther Martin, recitations by Gwen Parker and Beverly O'Brien, and a clever charade by the girls of Miss Anna Boynton's class.

Citizens' Caucus.

The annual town caucus for the nomination of candidates for the election February 28 was held at town hall on Monday evening, February 14, at 7.30. H. W. Hutchinson was chosen moderator. P. J. Kemp, clerk; E. L. Tarbell, George H. DeWaw, Frank Bennett and Addison Woodward, tellers. There were about seventy present, most of whom were women.

Nominations were as follows: Parker J. Kemp, town clerk; Addison Woodward, cemetery; John T. Sullivan, selectman for three years; Edward H. Bliss, assessor for three years; Leon E. Richards, overseer of poor for three years; Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck, school committee for three years; George H. Shattuck, cemetery commissioner for three years; E. H. Bliss and C. A. McGraw, trustees of Lawrence library for three years; Rolan H. Blood, auditor; Perley J. Dexter and Thomas E. Hailey, constables; John F. Tine, tree warden; Arthur P. Wright, collector of taxes; Silas M. Nokes, highway surveyor; John H. Holt, water commissioner. The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Nomination papers have been filed by J. G. Willey, as a candidate for school committee; by George Deware for selectman, and by Dennis J. O'Brien for highway surveyor.

D. A. R. Service.

On one of the brightest days of the season the members of the D. A. R. held again their memorial service for the nation's great men, Washington and Lincoln. The service was held at the M. E. church on Sunday morning, February 13, invited guests being the members of the G. A. R. and American Legion. There were eleven members of the D. A. R. and eight of the Grand Army, including Edward Torrey, who joined with this post for the occasion. George G. Tarbell, a never-failing attendant at all the years the service has been observed, was absent from town, but remembered the occasion and sent greetings by a letter, which was read as the members of the chapter assembled preceding the service and appreciated. The American Legion and Boy Scouts were also represented.

The auditorium was fittingly decorated for the day, the blue and white of the D. A. R., intermingled with the national emblems and the portraits of Washington and Lincoln occupying prominent places near the pulpit. Flowering plants and bouquets of red and white carnations were contributed to add to the brightness, the latter being distributed among the sick of the parish after service. The finishing touch to the significant decorations was given when the color bearers placed the flags of the separate organizations in the standards at either end of the altar rail. Miss Beatrice Boynton was color bearer for the D. A. R. and Alfred Parker for G. A. R.

The sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Rust, on the theme, "Our heritage," was of patriotic fervor and eloquence. It was listened to with attention and was rendered more striking and lasting from the clearness of presentation as well as clearness of enunciation, both qualities being appreciated by members of the organizations and the large audience.

In introductory the speaker said "Not in wealth or culture can a nation preserve its power, but by allegiance to God's laws." The speaker claimed the heritage of Americans was a godly one. The pioneers of the country came seeking God, and the liberty to worship him. As opposed to this he cited the South American pioneers, who were in that country seeking gold, and drew a lesson from the results. The New England settlers founded their churches upon a hill. Their moral standard was high, resulting in confidence one in another. Many things have arisen to disturb that confidence, among them the number and character of the aliens, the growth of corporations, labor unions and laxity in the personal religious life. This is manifested since the war and the result has been shown in greed, distrust and rebellion.

The remedy might be found in a return to God's laws, to the paths our forefathers trod, abandoning the luxury with which we have surrounded ourselves, and taking up the simpler modes of living. A return, too, to those finer virtues of brotherliness and consecrated lives.

The lives of the two men, honored on this occasion, was brought up as examples of loyalty and adherence to the principles of religion.

The speaker paid tribute to the loyalty of the organizations represented, and in conclusion quoted the words of the Psalmist, more than poetical, that "Happiness in nations is only possible in complete obedience to God's laws."

Very appropriate, in bearing out the theme of the sermon, was the music rendered by the choir, in the response "Honor their memory"; anthem, "Still the flag waves"; and the solo, as offertory, "The silent voice," by Mrs. Marchant, who was also chorister, and as such received merited praise for choice of selections for the day.

HARVARD

News Items.

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold their mid-winter picnic Tuesday, February 22, in the town hall. Supper will be served at seven p. m. Each member is requested to bring dishes for herself and guest.

On Sunday evening Miss Edna Whitney entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Whitney, a sleighride party of fourteen friends from Shirley, the party including girls from the C. B. B. club, of which she is a member, and their friends from the W. W. S. club. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Harvard Grangers were well represented at the Pomona meeting at Sterling on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford, Miss Hersey, Miss Knight and Gus B. Schultz attended from here. Mr. Schultz was the speaker in the afternoon, the subject being "The truck on the farm."

On Tuesday evening our local Grange discussed the question, "To what extent should parents exercise supervision over the earnings of their minor children." During the evening Edson Boynton sang solos in costume.

Sad news came to town on Wednesday when it was reported that our mutual friend and townsman, James C. Scorgie, had passed away. Death occurred at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Brighton, after several weeks of illness. This is a sad blow to the family and a severe blow to this community. He was a member of Harvard Grange and the Unitarian Men's club.

The Congregational Men's club will hold their regular monthly meeting at the town hall on Sunday evening, February 20. Fulton O'Brion has charge of the supper. Mr. Holt, who has the Congregational Social Service work in charge, is to be the speaker. Supper will be served at seven o'clock.

Sunday morning union services will be held at the Unitarian church at 10.45. Rev. Arthur W. Dyer will be the speaker during this service. H. A. Thayer has charge of the music.

Work at the Congregational church is progressing. Bruce Elwell come up for over the week-end to discuss details with the committee on the colors and minor changes. It has been decided to put in a new cork floor in the auditorium and vestibule. The lights are all installed, the work being done by B. A. King of West Acton.

Miss Margaret Puffer is still at the hospital in Worcester and reported as getting on slowly.

The ladies of the Benevolent society held an all-day sewing meeting at the chick parlors on Tuesday. Dinner was served at twelve to 16 members present.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Wadden of Cambridge spent last week-end and over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Low, returning on Tuesday.

H. H. Jackson leaves on Sunday via the State of Maine express for a visit to New York city. While there he will stay at the Prince George hotel and incidentally see the play, "Sally." Of course as Dick says, keep this under your hat.

Dancing social tonight.

On Monday evening, February 21, the junior class of Bromfield will give a military whist party beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

New juvenile books on the shelves of the Harvard public library include "The Mainsteers," a splendid story of adventure by C. B. Hawes, "A Little Maid of Narragansett Bay" by Curtis, "Twin Travelers in South America" by Wade, and Pierson's "Among the Meadow People." For older readers are to be found "A World to Mend" by Margaret Sherwood, "Blind" by Ernest Poole, "The Captives" by Hugh Walpole, Jack London's "Hearts of Three," "Cabin Fever" by B. M. Bower and "Man of the Desert" by G. L. H. Lutz, also "Talks with T. R." by J. J. Leary.

The next meeting of the Woman's club on Monday, February 21, is Home Talent afternoon with Mrs. Ralph E. Emerson in charge. It is the request of the committee that those who care to do so come in summer costume. On this date all applications for membership will be acted upon.

WEST ACTON

News Items.

Rev. Mr. Kinsey of Lynn preached at the Baptist church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carlisle were pleasantly surprised at their home Tuesday evening by relatives here, the occasion marking their tenth wedding anniversary, which occurred the day before. There were 21 present, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

A resident of this village just fifty years speaks of the winter of '70-'71 being nearly as mild as the present.

A small amount of snow followed by an early spring.

Miss Nellie Wetherbee, who is spending the winter at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. H. Hall, had the misfortune to fall down the cellar stairs last Saturday, cracking several ribs and severely bruising her face and body, causing intense suffering, but is recovering and is able to sit up again.

Mrs. Myron Chadle went to Pepperell last Friday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Greer, returning home Monday afternoon. While there Miss Dorothy Greer was given a very pleasant birthday party. Her classmates in high school were the guests.

The Woman's club held their annual guest night Monday evening. There was a large attendance of the members with their guests. The entertainment consisted of dramatic readings by Miss Margaret Perrick and violin solos by Rolland H. Tapley of the Boston Symphony orchestra, with Miss Moulton accompanist. The entire program was very delightful. Mr. Tapley is the son of the late Mrs. Maud Colburn Tapley, who was a resident here from childhood up to the time of her marriage. A social and buffet lunch closed the very pleasant occasion.

Mrs. Evangeline Hall is supplying as organist at the Congregational church at South Acton.

The Civic club held their monthly meeting Tuesday evening. A social and collation.

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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 WILLIAM HENRY WOODS, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to PARKER J. KEMP of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of March A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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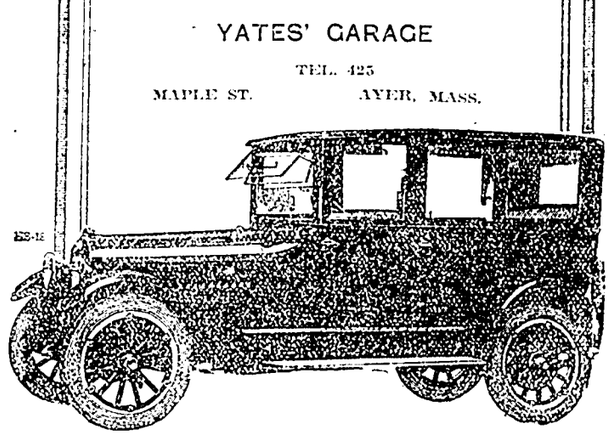

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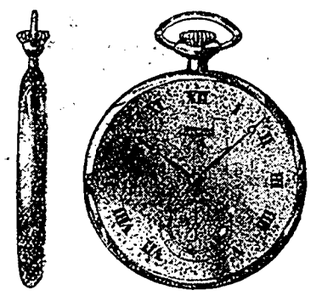

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To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of EDMUND L. BLOOD late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas CHARLES EDMUND E. BLOOD, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court his 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 twenty-first day of February A.D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

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HOW TO KEEP FIT---SPINAL CURVATURE

Children's Backs Should Be Examined Frequently to Detect Beginning of Trouble

The public thinks of spinal curvature as an obvious deformity which can be seen cross the street. This is the condition which results from neglect of these cases in the early stages. Any deviation from the perfect perpendicular constitutes spinal curvature and should be detected in its incipiency in order that treatment may be instituted immediately. Treatment correctly administered in the first stages prevents the gross deformity and accomplishes the result in a comparatively short time, whereas it is impossible entirely to correct a curve after it becomes extensive and a much longer period of time to obtain any benefit, and the procedure becomes much more burdensome and severe for the patient.

The treatment of curvature seems logically to fall into the province of the osteopath, as this is paticularly the work of physicians who confine themselves largely to the consideration of things from the spinal standpoint. Consequently, without denying or discarding any of the unquestioned facts in the orthopedic method of dealing with these conditions, osteopathy takes up the subject from a distinctly modern and optimistic standpoint, giving the patient the benefit of the wonderful possibilities of the newest treatment combined with that which is good in the old.

Prevention is better than cure. This fine old adage can never be better applied than to spinal curvature. All children should be examined by osteopathic physicians once a year in order to detect the slightest indication toward this trouble and to begin treatment immediately in case it is found. Even in those cases where there is no evidence whatever of curvature the osteopath can detect weaknesses and faulty attitudes of the spine and inequalities of development of spinal muscles. These being among the predisposing causes of curves, he can give instructions which will correct these things, and, therefore, tend to prevent the appearance of the condition later.

One reason why osteopathy produces more brilliant results in the treatment of curvature than the older methods is that in many cases the osteopth finds a definite cause in addition to the classical ones known by the medical world. The backbone being essentially a column of separate bones piled one on the other, it is easy for the layman to realize from his experience with children's building blocks, that the slightest disturbance of position in one of the lower bones may produce an amazing degree of distortion or even collapse in the upper part of the column. Following out this reasoning the osteopath treats many of these cases by correcting the single vertebral displacement which he sometimes discovers as the most important causative factor in addition to the well known regular causes.

HOW TO KEEP FIT---NEURALGIA IS CURABLE

But the Cause of It Should Always Be Sought and Removed if Possible

The word "neuralgia" covers a multitude of sins. Neuralgia is not a disease. It is a confession. It is nothing more or less than an admission of the inability of the patient or physician or both to make a diagnosis, which latter word is the polite name for finding out the cause. Consequently, we should not treat neuralgia, no matter how much it hurts. We should treat the cause of it instead. If it doesn't hurt badly enough for you to seek professional help or if you have never had it before, why then you can attempt to stop it, but if it is persistent or recurrent, then there is only one right thing to do. That is to have a very thorough search by means of an osteopathic examination, in an attempt to discover what it is which produces such a profound disturbance. If a cause is found treatment must be directed to it, but the very fact that there is so much persistent neuralgia is obvious proof of the failure of traditional diagnosis.

Countless are the causes of neuralgia, but we may consider here faulty dental conditions, anaemia, constipation, malnutrition, indigestion, exposure to cold, eye strain, etc. Preventive treatment, therefore, would inclue general hygiene and the avoidance of injury from environment or habits. Cure would include the osteopathic removal of anything which directly or indirectly could irritate, disturb or poison these nerves.

Probably the most important advice for the victim of neuralgia would be to insist uon a clean bill of health from the dentist and from the osteopath. This accomplished, we would have to deal with two classes of cases, the intractable ones, which means those in which there was a failure to make a diagnosis, and the simple, occasional attacks in comparatively well people, resulting from accidents, indiscretions, overwork or exposure.

Whatever the cause, however, the fact remains that a patient suffering from unbearable pain insists upon some attempt being made to relieve the immediate distress, regardless of the cause or even during the more or less prolonged period which may have to elapse before the cause can be removed.

Here is where the osteopathic teatment comes in. If an osteopathic practitioner is available the patient may be assured of immediate relief by skilful adjustment of the neck and removal of pressure from the nerves.

Do you suppose the former crown prince would have made that offer if he had thought there is any chance of it being accepted?

A French scientist finds that man is biologically inferior to women and less resistant. All of which can be demonstrated in a domestic argument.

It might be a good thing to hire an island somewhere and let the reds try out their theories there all by themselves.

FILET-IRISH AND CUT WORK

To fit the fashionable neck line stores are showing this exquisite collar of Filet-Irish and cutwork embroidery that fastens, oddly enough, at the back.

STOCKINGS TO MATCH SHOES

Knitted Hosiery of Heavy Silk Much in Demand for Wear With Sports Clothes.

Stockings this year are being worn to match the shoes or the dress, but more frequently the shoes. The taupe color which was worn so much in Paris last season has not attained the same popularity here, and today the popular fancy is either for black or for brown, fawn, gray or tete de negre. Of these negre is undoubtedly the most popular.

With sports clothes knitted stockings of heavy silk are much in demand, and these are invariably ribbed. Cashmere hose in heather mixture in the one-and-one rib are much liked, but the brightly colored fleecy hose are only a passing craze in some quarters and will certainly not be universally adopted.

That sports shoes this coming spring will match in color the sweaters worn with them is a prediction recently made by some of the leading shoe houses, but there are occasions of course for which they cannot be worn.

Among the afternoon slippers one notices a great many bronze ones, either strapped or with colonial tongues, finished off with ribbon bows or beaded bronze buckles.

TO WASH DELICATE FABRICS

Soapbark, Starch Water or Bran Water Advised by Government Home Economics Specialists.

When the action of soap is likely to injure a delicate color, use soapbark, starch water, or bran water, advise home economics specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Soapbark, although not a soap, when heated in water will form suds. To prepare it for use, boil for ten minutes a cup of the bark with 1 quart of water; then cool and strain the liquid. The "soapy" water may be used full strength for the sponging, or diluted for washing; half of this amount is enough for ½ tub of water. Since the liquid is brownish, it should be used only on dark colored goods.

Starch water is especially good for cleaning delicate cotton fabrics. This is usually made by adding thin starch paste to the wash water. Water in which rice has been boiled, if it is not discolored, may be used instead. If it is not desirable to have the material starched slightly, it must be rinsed in salt water.

Bran water, made in the same way as soapbark solution, is useful with colors that are likely to fade. It does not give suds, but cleans like starch water.

PLUSH USED INSTEAD OF FUR

Material Affords Most Unusual Effects in Trimming for Suits, Dresses, Skirts.

In trimmings we have as great a latitude as in materials. Plush-like fabrics are profusely used in lieu of fur. Most unusual are the effects obtained by the application of huge plush flowers to suits and dresses. They may cover an entire suit skirt and reappear on the jacket at the hips, collar and cuffs. Enormous puffs of plush are used to form large collars as well as to edge the bottoms of coats.

In contrast to these heavy trimmings are the airy French flower girdles that young girls are wearing on their party frocks. They are seen on silver or delicately tinted ribbons, and the most exquisite color effects are obtained through their use. The flowers may be strewn along the edge of a ribbon girdle which is little more than a thread of color. Small, dainty flowers such as moss rose buds and marguerites are chosen for these girdles. The silver ribbons with picot edges in color make attractive girdles of this sort. The color of the edge is brought out again in the flowers scattered over the ribbon.

Golden Brown Oxfords.

A golden brown is the preferred shade for street oxfords.

A clever Englishman has invented a mirror drop curtain for theaters; and now matinee audiences won't care if the show never begins.

It is claimed that a "soviet" exists in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth. Well, that's the place for soviets, all right.

Germany has a coal famine, but if that was all the trouble she had, she would be the happiest nation on earth today.

TOWNSEND

Center.

The daughter born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell of Townsend hill, has been named Carolyn Nettie.

Grace Parker, the ten-year-old daughter of C. Alfred Parker, has gone to live with Mrs. Levi Stevens' mother, Mrs. Adams, at Lunenburg and his youngest daughter, Rachel, is being cared for at present by Mrs. [illegible] Jefts at Worcester.

Lincoln day was observed at the session of the grammar school last Friday afternoon. Monday, February 14, the children of the lower grades exchanged valentines. All schools in town are to close Friday, February 25, for one week's vacation.

The Phoebe Weston Farmer Tent, D. of V., held their regular meeting Tuesday evening when a Lincoln program was presented with readings and poems. At the business meeting the Daughters voted not to have charge of the town meeting dinner as previously announced. The uncertainty of securing the banquet hall and the few members who would be able to have charge of the work are the reasons necessitating the change of plans.

Preparations are nearing completion for the ball to be given by Franz W. Miller post, A. L., in Memorial hall, Tuesday evening, February 22. Music will be rendered by Claflin's orchestra, eight pieces, of Fitchburg. The program includes a concert from eight to nine and dancing from nine to one. At intermission refreshments of ice cream and cake will be served free. The G. A. R. have kindly offered the use of their room for a ladies' dressing room.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon topic is "Nation builders;" sermon to the children, "Why boys and girls stop growing."

Rev. Mr. Struthers attended the Middlesex Union of Congregational ministers held at the Y. M. C. A. building at Ayer Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary A. Hinds, aged 65 years, died Monday evening, after a long and lingering illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Al Richards, where she had been most faithfully cared for. The funeral services were held from the home this week Thursday at ten o'clock a. m., after which the body was taken to Webster, her former home, for burial in the family lot beside her husband.

Friends of Mrs. Susan H. Hildreth are pleased to know that she has rallied from her serious illness of five weeks and is beginning to gain. She enjoyed a valentine and flower shower on Monday, February 14. She is ill at the home of Mrs. Ralph O. Reed at Amesbury.

Friends will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Mabel Small Draper's husband at Wayland. Mr. Draper was found dead under his car, which he had been fixing. The garage was closed and it is thought he was overcome by the gas. Mrs. Draper was a former Townsend school teacher and has many friends here who will sympathize with her in her sorrow.

Dance, City hall, Leominster, Monday night, Feb. 21; Tuesday, 22d—2 to 6—8 to 12.

Basketball.

At Memorial hall Friday evening the high school basketball team defeated Wilton, N. H., high school by a score of 35 to 13. During the first half Wilton was unable to penetrate the Townsend defense while Townsend easily rolled up a score of 20, all but two points being on goals from the floor. Wilton came back strong in the second half, Kilkelly and Doherty scoring 13 points to Townsend's 15.

The floor work of Barnes was excellent. He repeatedly brought the ball up the floor and passing it to Domina or Keefe, gave them the opportunity to cage thirteen baskets. Several of Domina's baskets were spectacular. Whenever Wilton brought the ball down the floor, Doran and Marshall were lying in wait for them, and usually prevented the Wilton players getting a clear chance to shoot. During the last period Doherty of Wilton showed great ability in floor work, but it was too late for a Wilton victory.

The same evening the high school girls were defeated by the Lunenburg Girls' team, composed principally of Lunenburg high school girls, but including Northfield seminary and Leominster high school girls whose homes are in Lunenburg. Townsend was completely outclassed in the first period which ended with the score Lunenburg 11, Townsend high 2. Miss Katherine Francis of Northfield seminary led in the scoring for this period. In the second period the Townsend girls came back with fine spirit and soon cut Lunenburg's lead down to a few points. Miss Shepherd of Townsend contributed five goals from the floor during this period. Nevertheless Lunenburg was able to score 11 points to Townsend's 13.

Next Friday evening at Memorial hall the T. H. S. basketball team will meet the five representing Clinton high school. Clinton has a high school of over 350 pupils and should be able to put a first-class team on the floor. Judging by the brand of basketball Townsend has been putting up recently the contest should be worth coming some distance to see. Townsend high 2nd will the same evening play the Simonds Manufacturing Co. [illegible] of Fitchburg.

Death.

The community was shocked Sunday morning to learn of the sudden death from heart failure at two a. m. of James Lyman Farrar, proprietor of the Park hotel.

Mr. Farrar was born fifty years ago at Troy, N. H., and was the son of the late John Lyman and Ellen Josephine (Piper) Farrar. He came to Townsend thirty-one years ago and was employed as cooper for the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. Later he became proprietor of the Park hotel and had also carried on the business of undertaker in town for a number of years.

Mr. Farrar was kind-hearted man and good neighbor and as proprietor of the Center hotel he was a genial and pleasant host. April 9, 1892, he married Mary Elizabeth O'Brien of this town who survives him. He is also survived by three daughters, Agnes Mildred, Cora May and Mary Josephine of this town and by three brothers, Walter D. and Stephen A. of this town and Frank Farrar of Boston and a half-brother, Clarence L. Webster, of West Townsend.

About 200, including relatives, 50 brother Oddfellows from the North Star lodge and townspeople attended the funeral services, which were held Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the Park hotel. Rev. Joseph MacKean of the West Townsend Baptist church, who officiated, spoke comforting words to the mourners and paid a tender tribute to the friendly qualities of Mr. Farrar and referred especially to his never-failing courtesies and tender sympathy when ministering as undertaker in the homes of bereavement in town. Mrs. Stella Farrar Eastman, a niece from Worcester, sang very sweetly, "Face to face," and the impressive Oddfellows' burial service was conducted by Hudson A. Bray, n. g. and Henry J. Miller, chaplain. The flowers which were many and beautiful, bespoke the esteem of relatives and friends.

Interment took place in the Hillside cemetery in the family lot beside his little son, James Lyman, Jr. who died from diphtheria, eleven years ago and for whom he had never ceased to mourn. Prayer was offered at the grave by Mr. MacKean and the bearers were his four brothers, Walter D., Stephen A., Frank Farrar and Clarence L. Webster. The Oddfellows accompanied the funeral cortege to the cemetery, with Fred J. Piper acting as marshal.

Among the out-of-town relatives present at the funeral were Robert O'Brien of Greenville, N. H., Mrs. J. J. Caton of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuane of Ayer, Frank Farrar of Malden, Mr. and Mrs. William Webster of West Groton, Mrs. Susan B. Hill, Dr. Ernest L. Hill and wife and Frank Piper of Framingham, Mrs. Perley Hale of Troy, N. H., George Piper of East Jaffrey, N. H., and Mrs. Arthur Eastman of Worcester, Fred Willard and George Callahan of Fitchburg, Joseph Farrell of Leominster, Fred Carter of Worcester, Fred S. Brown of Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Roddy and Harry F. Stone of Fitchburg and Edward M. O'Neil of Milford, N. H.

Grange Meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Townsend Grange a varied program was presented and there was a good attendance of the members and visiting Grangers present from Lunenburg. The members responded at roll call with suggestions for the good of the order and a summary made by Wiley Swinington, the worthy master. If all the excellent suggestions made could be carried out, Townsend would have a model Grange. Master Carey Swinington entertained with a reading, "When will the good old times come back again?" Sanfred Johnson, who is a new Grange member and a popular musician, gave a pleasing saxophone solo and responded to an encore with piano accompaniment by A. G. Seaver. A song service was also enjoyed under the leadership of T. E. Flarity.

The valentine social which followed was entered into with much merriment. The men members were grouped in the anteroom and provided with arrows on which to wind a maze of string until he found a red heart and lady partner was found for a valentine march and during the march each member received an exchange valentine.

Next on the program was an old-time spelling bee in which Mrs. Frank Miller was the winner and received a box of candy. In the contest for pinning the arrow in the center of a large red heart, Master Carey Swinington was the prize winner and was presented with a heart-shaped bon-bon dish. The delightful evening closed with the serving of cocoa and cake by the valentine committee, Misses Bessie and Lillian Stewart, Mrs. Flora Stewart, Mrs. Mabel S. Johnson and Miss Florabelle Adams. The Grange lecturer, Mrs. Stephen Keefe, was in charge of the evening program.

West.

On Monday evening with a cold north wind blowing a gale the chimney of the cottage on Elm street occupied by Mr. Terrell and family, caught fire and furnished quite a bit of excitement for the neighborhood for a short time about seven o'clock in the evening. The building is so near the next house, the residence of Mr. and Mrs Herbert Wise, who are spending the winter in Florida that there was great danger of its catching if the fire was not promptly extinguished, but Mr. Terrell and the neighbors succeeded in quelling the flames without the assistance of the fire department.

Rachael Radcliffe from Ashby, who is spending several weeks at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hart, celebrated her fourth birthday Thursday, entertaining a party of her little friends and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed. The little one was the recipient of many pretty gifts and games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Emory Wyman, who has been confined to his home on the Fitchburg road for several weeks as a result of a sprained ankle, is able to get about again on crutches and has been to the village for the first time since the accident, the past week.

Mrs. Mary Tucker who has been assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Sherwin, has returned to West Groton and her place is taken by Miss Florence Hartwell of the Center.

Fred G. Smith from New Boston, N. H., a former resident here, called upon old friends in town Tuesday.

Lawrence Young from West Thompson, Conn., has been a recent visitor at the home of Mrs. Young.

Edward Kelley from Camp Devens was in town a few days this week.

Mr. Ashley and family from Boston spent the week-end at their cottage on Bridge street, making the trip Saturday by auto.

There was a large attendance at the Hoover supper of the "Unseen guest," given at the Baptist vestry on February 10, and the proceeds, the price of admission being voluntary contributions, amounted to a little over $50 for the starving children of China. The tables were [illegible] and only a plain mug filled with [illegible], and a spoon marked each place until the waiters brought on a steaming bowl of potato chowder, and the mugs were filled with cold water. After the supper an enjoyable entertainment was given.

Harold, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Abbott, who disappeared about two weeks ago, returned to his home here Tuesday evening, sent by the officers of an organization in Boston, in charge of juvenile vagrants, and is now held under the surveillance of officer H. B. Hathaway, pending an investigation in regard to an accusation of theft of money from one of the town officials. The youthful delinquent has always had a propensity for vagrancy and a tendency toward larceny, having been several times on probation for youthful misdemeanors and is a source of anxiety and perplexity, to both parental and school authority.

The Ladies' W[illegible] club will be entertained next week at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees, Mrs Ernest G. Wilson from the Center being the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vose of New York have been recent visitors in town, Mr. Vose returning Monday after spending the week-end, but Mrs. Vose remains for a further visit with Mrs. Lois Vose.

The Live Wire class of boys entertained a few guests at their meeting at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Monday evening, the entertainment taking form of a valentine party and a merry evening was enjoyed. Plans are under discussion for a sleigh-ride next week if the sleighing should continue.

Mrs. Lila Hayward of Beaverbrook hill entertained the Country Club at their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon and a most delightful afternoon was enjoyed by hostess and guests. A delicious chicken pie dinner was served at two o'clock and the afternoon program was given at three.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The weekly prayer meeting will be held at George A. Kimball's Saturday night at 7.30 o'clock. Topic, "Is civilization sufficient without religion?"

Rev. Mr. Dunbar's subject Sunday morning will be "How a true believer may sink from his faith."

The Christian Endeavor meeting and song service will be held at seven o'clock. Topic, "New work our committees may do."

A Middlesex local Christian Endeavor convention will be held in Stow February 22. Plans will be made for conveyance, and a large attendance is expected.

A good number went on a sleighride to the rally in Ayer Saturday night.

The last entertainment in the Littleton lyceum course this season will be given Tuesday evening, March 1, at 7.45 o'clock. Officers for 1921 and 1922 will be elected at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith and daughter of Arlington, Warren Hartwell of Tufts college, Edna Hartwell of Somerville and Miss Olive Gleason of Shrewsbury were Sunday guests of Mrs. F. C. Hartwell.

In the latest "Reported Tests of Holstein-Friesian Cows," published biweekly by Malcolm H. Gardner, Delavan, Wis., superintendent of Advanced Registry of the Holstein-Friesian association of America, Ivo Russell of this town, has one of his purebred registered Holsteins listed. This cow, Mollie Mata, is reported as having made at the age of five years and nineteen days, a record of 586.4 pounds of milk and 21.328 pounds of butter fat in seven days, equivalent to 26.66 pounds of butter. Tests of this kind are supervised by one or more representatives from the dairy division of the College of Agriculture, present at each feeding and milking, to weigh the milk and test it for butter fat content. A duplicate sample of this milk is forwarded to the state college, where careful check is made before the record is reported.

Congregational Church Notices.

"Our faith in Christ," the third in the series on the great doctrines of Christianity, will be the subject of Rev. Mr. Cleland's Sunday morning sermon.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 6.30 Sunday evening. Topic, "The foot of Mt. Sinai." Leader, Hope Fletcher. Thursday evening the meeting will be held in the vestry.

In connection with the doctrinal series of the church there is a contest open to all young people of the church or parish under twenty-one years of age. For the best essay on the subject, "Should John Smith join the church?" a beautiful illustrated Bible will be awarded. The essay should not contain more than 500 words and must be handed in not later than March 6. Judges, N. B. Conant, Mrs. Saben and Miss F. A. Sanderson.

There was a large representative from the Christian Endeavor society present at the rally in Ayer last Saturday night, F. S. Kimball and G. A. Cook furnishing the conveyance in automobiles.

Baptist Notes.

Last Friday evening the men of the Baptist church had an oyster supper. Although the weather was unfavorable there were thirty-eight men present. The church was prettily decorated with flags and bunting.

The class was organized and the following officers and committees were chosen: James Chapple, pres.; Elmer Boynton, vice pres.; Ernest Stapleford, sec.; Hiram Sauler, treas.; Linwood Newell, Harry Leighton, George Tooker, Mr. Gilson, social com.; Rupert Sanderson, Walter Phelps, Dr. Adams, Foster Kimball, Harry Tidman, membership committee. The address by Mr. Enslin of Newton was very much enjoyed.

A sum was collected for the Chinese relief fund both at the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor meeting.

Unitarian Notes.

The Back-Log club holds its annual Sunset party in the town hall, Tuesday, February 22. The committee in charge are Mr. and Mrs. Langdon Prouty, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. John Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Woodbury. The supper is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Drew, Mr. and Mrs. George Cash, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stone, Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson, Mrs. George Newcombe, Mrs. Lilla Reed, Mrs. Lena Gillette, Edward Bigelow, Austin Hartwell and William Ireland.

James H. Knights, a probation officer from Boston, gave an interesting and instructive address upon "Experiences as a probation officer," at the monthly meeting of the Littleton Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League last Sunday evening. A buffet luncheon was served before the meeting. If eventually, why not join now?

The minister offered the prayer at the opening of the town meeting last Monday.

William Ireland has been appointed assistant bell-ringer of the church.

A judge of the superior court of Massachusetts will be the speaker at the March meeting of the Littleton Chapter of the U. L. L. This promises to be a great treat.

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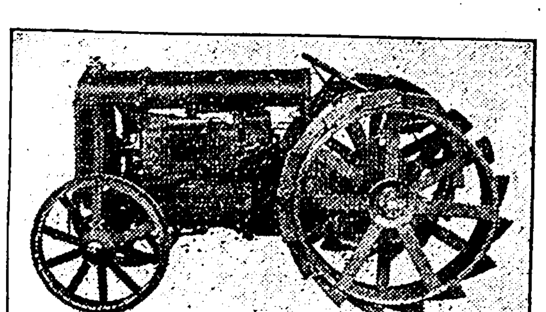

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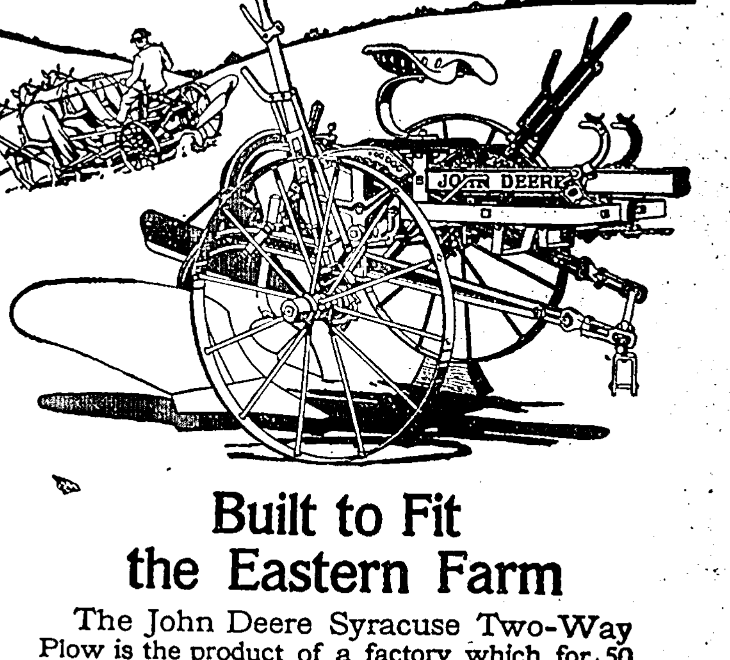

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Saturday, February 19, 1921

GROTON

News Items.

The midwinter picnic at the Congregational church parlors on Thursday evening of last week was a decided success both financially and socially. A good supper was served at 6.30, and cornballs and home-made candy were also for sale. There were games and guessing contests after supper. There was a good attendance, and everybody seemed to be having a good time.

Rev. Mr. Nead of Norwood preached on Sunday at the Baptist church. In the evening he took for his subject, "The three great Americans," who proved to be Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Next Sunday the Rev. Mr. Dolan, an evangelist sent by the Massachusetts Church society, will preach and will also hold a series of meetings during next week. While in town Mr. Dolan will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Watson on Court street.

The Groton School Dramatic association will present "Seven keys to Baldpate," a mysterious, melodramatic farce by George M. Cohan from the novel by Earl der Biggers, in the town hall on February 23 at eight p. m. Tickets on sale at Bruce's.

On Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, both afternoon and evening Douglas McLean and Doris May will be shown on screen in "23½ hours' leave." Afternoon 3.30, night eight o'clock. Sergt. Gray, in an American training camp, has a knack of getting into trouble. His high spirits, humor, reckless dare-deviltry and a habit of smashing army regulations to smithereens make a most attractive picture for all. Come and see him fall in love with the general's daughter. Usual prices.

Under Section 1. Bylaws of Veteran Association of Co. K, 19th Reg. Infantry Massachusetts., dues for all memberships shall be payable at the January meeting or within thirty days thereafter. Members will please govern themselves accordingly. Dues should be paid to E. B. Gerrish, quartermaster.

Miss Gertrude Crowley at the Ayer telephone exchange is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. George Smith has returned after a two weeks' stay at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, where she has been having her knee treated. She will remain for the present with his daughter, Mrs. Silas Nokes in Pepperell.

Born on Wednesday, February 16, at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, a daughter, weighing eight and one half pound to Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Mabie.

The topic of the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be, "Lent or the world's passion season." In the evening the subject will be, "George Washington."

On Tuesday afternoon the members of the E. S. Clark, W. R. C., held a meeting, and a short program of reading and music in memory of Abraham Lincoln was presented.

Mrs. Samuel P. Williams, who had a paralytic shock on Wednesday evening, February 9, which affected one side of her body, has remained unconscious since, and has been unable to taoke anything but liquids since then.

After some eight years of most faithful service as secretary and treasurer of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' association, F. Howard Brown of Marlboro retires from the above offices, after seeing the association grow from $5 to some 1200 members. As a token of well-earned gratitude to him and his most worthy wife and competent assistant, send in your dues of $1 before February 23.

On last week Friday Mrs. John Fitzgerald went to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital for treatment.

Groton council has appropriated $125 to date to the fund of the American committee for relief in Ireland and the American association for the recognition of the Irish republic.

Don't miss the Washington birthday party dance, given by the Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish church on Monday evening, February 21, at the town hall. Music by Newell's orchestra of six pieces, with dancing from eight till one. The committee in charge are planning some special attractions. George and Martha Washington are to be there to give a welcoming hand to all, and will join in the fun. Many old-time dances are scheduled and during the evening special features will be introduced.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. E. B. Gerrish on Thursday afternoon, February 24, at three o'clock. The hostesses are Mrs. E. B. Gerrish, Mrs. John Gilson, Mrs. Cedric Hodgman.

Joseph A. Sanderson has been confined to his bed for several days. Mrs. Sanderson, who is still at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, is somewhat improved in health.

George H. Kemp of Groton has been in very poor health for several weeks. At the present time there is very little improvement in his health. His sister, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, is caring for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carey from Brookline, N. H., spent part of the day with Mr. Kemp, he being Mrs. Corey's uncle.

Miss Edith Lawrence from Boston spent the week-end with her uncle, George H. Kemp.

R. M. Graham, milliner, of Ayer, will conduct a branch store at Mrs. L. E. Miner's and will by appointment meet any customers on Wednesday afternoons.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club are to give a free lecture soon in the town hall. Officials of the state department of agriculture and the Middlesex County Farm Bureau will speak. It will be of special interest to the children connected with the canning clubs and home gardens, as well as to adults. It will be an event of more than usual interest and importance. Look for the date, which will be announced later.

The Williams family of Chicopee row, several of whom have been suffering from colds, are now improving.

Newly Organized.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau federation was organized on a permanent basis at a meeting in Boston February 10, with eight counties represented. For several months past the federation has been doing good work and building up an organization under temporary officers and committees and it is now in a position to develop a constructive program for the benefit of all farmers in the state. There are at present about 4000 members. When all the counties are fully organized there will be double that number.

Each county is represented in the permanent organization by one delegate for each 200 members enrolled. The delegates who attended the Boston meeting were Berkshire, William Stace of Pittsfield, Arthur Galusha of Williamstown, Mrs. Harry Clark of Richmond, Thomas L. Sedgwick of Lenox, John Buckler of Pittsfield; Bristol, Elmer Poole of North Dartmouth; Essex, A. Willis, Bartlett of Salisbury, George H. Averill of Andover; Franklin, P. F. Whitmore of Sunderland; Hampden, Max Axelrod of Mundale, H. W. King of East Longmeadow, Clarence M. Granger of Agawam, C. P. Bolles of Wilbraham, H. M. Burt of Longmeadow; Middlesex, Howard S. Russell of Wayland, Mrs. R. W. Brown of Bedford, Dexter T. Dodd of Hudson, William M. E. Whitlock of Marlboro, Frank Tatreau of Framingham, William P. Wharton of Groton, L. W. Dean of Waltham; Norfolk, Evan F. Richardson of Millis, C. A. Wilson of Medway; Worcester, E. H. Stoddard of East Brookfield, Charles C. Colby of Hubbardston.

The following officers were elected: Harry P. Hinckley of Agawam, pres.; William P. Wharton of Groton, vice pres.; Mrs. Harry Clark of Richmond, sec. vice pres.; Fred D. Griggs of Waltham, sec-treas.; L. G. Dodge of West Newbury, R. M. Strange of Taunton, C. W. Wilson of Medway, Howard S. Russell of Wayland, E. H. Stoddard of East Brookfield, H. W. King of East Longmeadow, P. F. Whitmore of Sunderland.

Previous to the permanent organization meeting the federation has been working through three committees organization, legislation and publicity. The legislation committee has already started a vigorous program in the support of some of the bills in which Massachusetts farmers are most vitally interested and in opposition to two which are detrimental to farmers. The committee was a big factor in working up the protest against daylight saving, coöperating in an effective way with the state grange and other organizations which were working for the repeal of the daylight saving law. Fred D. Griggs reported as secretary of this committee. The organization committee has been devoting its efforts to completing the organization of the state. Three counties are now fully organized, Middlesex with 1300 members, Hampden with 900 and Berkshire with 800. Campaigns for members are now in progress in Norfolk, Essex and Worcester counties and the other counties will work up a substantial membership later. John Buckler of Pittsfield reported for the organization committee. The publicity committee, of which Glenn C. Sevey, editor of N. E. Homestead is chairman, has started an active program which will be developed rapidly now that the organization is on a permanent basis. George F. E. Story of Worcester reported as secretary of this committee, Mr. Sevey being in Chicago attending a meeting of publicity leaders in the American farm bureau federation.

The executive committee will meet the latter part of this month when a complete program with several more committees will be put into effect.

Death.

Walter M. Davis, whose sudden death occurred on Wednesday, February 9, was born in Sherborn, Mass., on November 12, 1858, and was one of ten children of whom eight are still living. On January 14, 1890, he was married at Goffstown, N. H., to Miss Emma P. Brown of that place. In the spring of 1899 he came to Groton as overseer of the Joy estate, where he remained in the same position for twenty-one years, when the place was sold to W. A. Gardner, by whom he was employed for five years.

Five years ago Mr. Davis bought the George Culver place, where he died. He had valvular heart trouble for several years, and about two weeks before his death he had an attack of heart trouble and a severe cold, but seemed to be improving when the end came suddenly while he was sitting in his chair. He is survived by his widow and his four children, Mrs. Ruth Moyle, Misses Carrie and Alice Davis and Harry Davis and a granddaughter, Mary Moyle. He also left a mother, five sisters and three brothers. The funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday, at two p. m., Rev. Arthur V. Dimock, assisted by Rev. Sherrard Billings of the Groton School, officiated. Miss Susan P. Hill sang, "Lead, kindly light" and "Abide with me."

The interment was in the family lot in the Groton cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Davis had lost two daughters who died in infancy.

Mr. Davis was a man fond of his home and family, by whom he will be greatly missed. Quiet and unassuming in manner he will be remembered pleasantly by his neighbors and friends.

Many beautiful floral offerings were sent as follows: pillow from his wife, a wreath from his children, spray of pink roses and hyacinths from his mother, brothers and sisters, wreath from the Community club, spray, narcissus, sweet peas and acacia, the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church, spray, acacias, Rev. Sherrard Billings, spray, red carnations and acacia, the Keating family, spray, sweet peas, the Taylor family, spray, carnations, Miss Alice Halpin, spray, white sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, pink roses, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gordon, violets, Mr. and Mrs. Messenger, spray, lavender sweet peas, Mrs. Sweeney, spray, cyclamen, Mr. and Mrs. Bergquist, spray, narcissus, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, spray, carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Huebner, spray, white carnations and acacia, Mae Chaplin, Ellen O'Keefe, Bertha Patterson, Blanche Frazee, Inez Blanchard, Ralph Forcino.

Interesting Lecture.

There was a good-sized audience gathered in the town hall on Wednesday evening, February 16, to enjoy the rare privilege of listening to Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of Brooklyn, N. Y., in his lecture on "A Recreated America." The only thing to be regretted was that everyone of the seats in the house was not taken, for no one could have failed to enjoy listening to Dr. Cadman, who certainly fulfilled all the expectations of those who had heard him described as one of the foremost pulpit orators of America. His talk fairly scintillated with flashes of wit and humor, and his audience frequently broke into peals of laughter over his unexhaustible fund of anecdotes and his ironic descriptions of different phases of human nature as seen in our day. He had no formulated plan for recreating America, but he pleaded the cause of internationalism, democracy, and education, not only of the intellect but of the soul. His hearers will long remember his description of the infant League of Nations and the fostering care which it has received, as well as his reminiscences of the work done during the late war in transforming some of the gilded youth of America into fine specimens of manhood. When asked by a mother whom he described as a "weak-minded lady," coming in her elegant limousine with her son, the heir to seven millions, on one side of her and her pup on the other to look after her son, who was to be in his regiment, he replied that he would give him "specific treatment." When the son returned, a bronzed specimen of American manhood, the same "lady, lolling in her limousine," came to meet him, and said when Dr. Cadman brought her son to meet her, "why doctor, how my son has altered! The shape of his head has changed." Dr. Cadman said, "Yes madame, and there's a darn sight more in his head than when he left."

Rev. C. E. Ames, who introduced Dr. Cadman stated that this would probably be the last lecture in the Blood-Bigelow lecture course this year.

G. W. C.

The annual meeting of the Woman's club was held on Friday afternoon, February 11, and though it was a stormy day there was a good attendance. The meeting opened with singing by the club, with Mrs. R. E. Allen at the piano. The program was in charge of the department of civics with Mrs. Fred H. Torrey as chairman. Miss Susan P. Hill sang several selections in her usual pleasing manner.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Trueworthy White of Arlington, who gave a most interesting talk on "Citizenship." Mrs. White was formerly chairman of the department of literature in the Massachusetts State federation, and was an able speaker. The music department of the club met on Monday evening with Mrs. William Gleason.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday afternoon, February 25, with an address by Rev. A. V. Dimock on "How to make America American."

Congregational Church.

On Sunday morning the pastor of the Congregational church made an earnest appeal for the spirit of internationalism as a means of winning peace for the world, and cited the work and words of Abraham Lincoln and also of prominent missionary workers as examples of this spirit. Two tall vases filled with beautiful red and white carnations were the special decorations for the day.

In the evening was the Lincoln service with an address by the pastor on "Abraham of the east and Abraham of the west." There was a musical selection on the saxophone, "A dream," by Ronald Dimock, and two songs, "Onward march to victory," and "The battle hymn of the republic" by Mrs. Hall's chorus of boys and Miss Hill's girls' chorus. The musical selection at the morning service was the familiar but always beautiful hymn, "One sweetly solemn thought," sung by Miss Hill and her chorus of girls. A framed picture of Abraham Lincoln was procured for the evening service.

School Notes.

The food sale to be given by the senior class of the Butler High school, which was scheduled for last week Friday, was postponed for a week on account of the storm.

Owing to the stormy weather the whistle for no school was sounded on last week Friday.

Exercises appropriate to Lincoln day were held at the Butler High school on Monday. The program was as follows: The governor's proclamation was read by the principal; song, "Land of greatness," school; special scripture selections, Mr. Hall; reading, "The secret of Lincoln's power," by Henry Watterson, Gertrude Parker; hymn, "Land where the banners wave," school; reading, "Lincoln: a man called by God" by J. M. Thurston, Herbert Lucy; reading, "O captain, my captain," by Walt Whitman, Gertrude Mooney; "Battle hymn of the republic," school; salute to the flag. "The perfect tribute" was also read in the English classes.

Principal Hall attended a meeting of the eastern Massachusetts section of the North American Classical association at Cambridge on Saturday. The session was held in Harvard Hall and an interesting program was presented.

All the teachers are going Monday, February 21, to visit schools, so schools close Friday and open Wednesday, February 23.

Miss Barstow was able to return to her duties on Monday morning, but Miss Burkinshaw is still on the sick list.

The superintendent is at the intelligence tests at the Tarbell school this week.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw and Miss Florence Roache are taking a course in modern history at Boston university Saturday forenoons.

Miss Tricot and Miss Keyes gave valentine parties to the pupils in their classes, who had a merry time together, as they compared notes on the various souvenirs received. The other schools had valentine boxes, which also proved sources of considerable amusement.

West Groton.

Mrs. Harold Strand and her two children of Lawrence are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strand.

The Ladies' Aid society held a cafeteria supper and entertainment in Squannacook hall on Thursday evening of last week. There was a large variety of food served. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. N. A. Nutt. Home-made candy and popcorn were sold by the members of Mrs. William Ganley's Sunday school class, the money taken to be used toward the support of an Armenian child. Valentines were also for sale.

Rev. William Ganley was away over Sunday. Rev. Mr. Cutler of Cambridge supplied for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth of North Shirley spent Sunday at the home of W. V. Bixby.

Mrs. Malvina Lane was 88 years young on Monday of this week. Friends and relatives made the day full of enjoyment for her. She received flowers, potted plants, candy, a birthday cake and quantities of cards. A niece Mrs. Abby Wyman, of Ayer was a guest for the day.

Mrs. Florence Wheaton, much improved in health, returned the latter part of last week from Dr. Kilbourn's hospital.

Mrs. Charles [illegible] and Mrs. John Robinson spent Monday in Boston.

Miss Hazel Thompson returned on Monday to her duties in Waltham.

At Squannacook hall this Saturday evening the feature will be Clara Kimball Young in "The forbidden woman." Next Wednesday evening "Once a plumber," [illegible]

To the Editor:

I saw in the February 5 edition of the Landmark that we have some promising writers in our midst, which, in my opinion is a good thing, for there is nothing that will show our honorable fire department up any more than a little publicity, which that department needs to put us on a fire-fighting basis. As to our fire department being made up of young and middle-aged members with good reputation, there is no question about their reputation. I am proud to say that the majority of our citizens, as well as the firemen, have good reputations, but we might add that reputations do not put out fires.

The young members spoken of in the fire department are as scarce as hens' teeth. No doubt there are a number of heavy taxpayers in our fire department, but the most of them who are paying heavy taxes we are pleased to say, worked hard to procure their property.

Our fire department may be composed of nearly all carpenters and painters, but to our knowledge there is only one carpenter and one painter who are first class men. As to the others we can't vouch for them, because they are only would-be carpenters and painters as they are would-be firemen.

In regard to my mind being in a whirl after the great firemen's ball at Groton, it may be true, but the writer K. of the last Landmark article must be still in a whirl about our last fire, as the fire was before the ball.

Was it noticed that there were firemen at the last fire waiting for orders and equipment, besides two members who stood there with hose spanners in their hands looking at the sky for airplanes? Four extinguishers, we know for a fact, were brought by those curious, volunteers they tell about, and one by a fireman, who was thoughtful enough not to go empty handed. I noticed that one fireman, when the fire alarm sounded, went home to milk the cows, instead of responding to the alarm. Possibly he may have had a substitute, which they tell about. We also noticed, on the way home from the fire, one of the firemen whom we thought might be out for an afternoon tea gossip, but he may have been going to relieve a substitute.

We are glad to hear that a gentleman offered the service of his car to bring the hose to the fire, but why rely on someone who does not live in this district?

As to P. F. M.'s advice to have torrents of water ready, just imagine, Mr. or Mrs. K., what would have happened if those torrents of water had been needed at our last fire? The fire hydrant was 400 feet away and the fire department had only 200 feet of hose there and two nozzles. Possibly someone might have doped out an idea to span the other 200 feet.

In regard to our working clothes, I will say that most everyone had them on and I am thankful to add that most of us don't have to wear the same clothes seven days a week.

The rioting and plundering at fires in the large cities are a thing of the past. Their system of fire fighting puts a stop to that. So far, our little town has been free from such vices. The writer of that must have been to a movie show or else is reading Fame and Fortune.

I always thought that when firemen arrive at fires they took charge, but I happened to notice that the only firemen who offered to go on the roof was our beloved chief engineer, as he could not get the members of the fire department out of the curious crowd. Since they did not have their badges on so he could see them. What members he could detect were holding the ladder for him (there being seven of them) so he would not fall.

As to our ignorance, there is more or less ignorance in all of us, more in some than others, but I am proud to say the majority of our big and little taxpayers are not so ignorant but they are registered voters of our town and have a voice in how our tax money shall be spent. There is nothing like an efficient fireman, but the men in our department are most trained at either opening a hydrant or holding a hose in a barrel while the other members pump our loving hand tub on summer evenings.

P. F. M.

Vose.

Mrs. James McNeil is spending the week with a friend in Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ludden and Miss [illegible] Kemp were in Boston on Thursday.

The new electric light extension on Kemp street is nearly completed and among those who already have the lights in their homes are Frank Downes, Clinton Boutelle and Avery Hartwell. Several others expect to have them very soon.

LITTLETON

News Item.

George Alward was arrested, examined, and for his offences, was placed in the Shirley Industrial school last week.

Grange Meeting.

The Grange meeting Wednesday evening was well-attended and an excellent patriotic program was presented by Mrs. Thomas Stephens. The entertainment included a piano selection by Miss Hilda Barber, vocal selections by a group of young ladies, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. H. K. Hall, reading of Edgar Guests' poems by A. E. Shedd, worthy master; reading by Miss Nellie Callahan, reading and encore response by Mrs. R. T. Barlow, readings and encore response by J. R. Blodgett, and singing "America" by the Grange.

The committee in charge of the next meeting request everyone to bring one pound of something ready to eat. Please wrap the offering in paper and place your name inside. This meeting will also be the last chance to receive names of candidates for the spring class. A good time is expected and it is hoped many will be present to enjoy it.

A box of candy given by and sold to Mrs. Barrow by J. R. Blodgett, auctioneer, occasioned a small amount of fun.

The company enjoyed dancing Virginia reel, played by Mrs. Thomas Mannion, and singing by the young people, accompanied by Miss Elsie Ewing, pianist.

A committee was announced for planning the fair to be held in October, Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Mannion, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Mattie Kendall and Mrs. Kent Ewing, constituting the same.

Littleton Grange was represented by several of its members at the Pomona meeting in North Leominster Thursday.

AYER

News Items.

The following program was enjoyed by local grangers at the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona meeting Thursday at Kendall hall, Leominster: Address of welcome, master of Leominster Grange; essay, "February birthdays," Mrs. Isabel H. Hill; poem from Longfellow, Mrs. Annie M. Cornwell; poem from Lowell, Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock; Lincoln's Gettysburg address, William Jubb; piano solo, Miss Rachel Bennett; reading, Miss Amelia T. Brock; selection, piano and violin; address, speaker from Massachusetts Agricultural college; piano solo, Miss Elaine Goodale; farce, members of Leominster Grange; discussion, the Smith-Towner bill.

The Sunshine Girls of the Baptist church had a business meeting at the home of Christina Robbins. Marion Noddin, Dorothy Preble, Gretchen Goddan, Gladys Pillman, Dorothy Rider and Marah Whitney were present. The refreshments were served of cocoa and cake and candy.

The ten cows and calves from the town farm, which were last week fund to be tubercular, were sent to the Brighton abattoir Monday. One of these animals was condemned for beef. For this animal the state will reimburse the town sixty dollars. The others were accepted for beef. The town will receive for them whatever the meat and hides will bring. The amount is not yet know, but will probably be less than the town would have received had the animals been condemned for beef.

Fred R. Earle has returned from a vacation of sixteen days from his duties at the Army Y. M. C. A. on West Main street. During his absence he visited Newport, R. I., and Brooklyn, N. Y., where he inspected the Y. M. C. A. plants and work in these cities. He concluded his vacation with a short visit with relatives in Dunbarton, N. H. Mrs. Earle and infant son, Fred Earle, jr., were in Belmont during Mr. Earle's absence.

Leon M. Huntress, well-known in local social and fraternal circles, has re-enlisted. He is a sergeant in the finance department, quartermaster corps, at Camp Devens.

Dance, City hall, Leominster, Monday night, Feb. 21; Tuesday, 22d—2 to 6—8 to 12.

HARVARD

News Items.

Miss Lou Sawyer of Worcester visited over last Sunday with her sister and mother here in town.

Last Sunday's Herald included in its colored supplement a photo of our townsmen, Louis Savage and Albert Veasie, operating on Sandy Pond the Ford motor ice-cutting device arranged by Mr. Savage.

Miss Iola Bemis recently motored to Jersey City in her Ford sedan with her mother and cousin, Miss Bemis. She returned last week bringing with her Mrs. Bemis and her cousin, Miss Minna Crossley. They drove the entire 275 miles in one day.

H. D. Stone is putting a piazza on to J. W. Lee's house, a great improvement in convenience and appearance.

Tom McNiff is making changes and improvements in his house.

At a hospital in West Virginia on Thursday, February 17, a daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Kent Royal.

Still River.

We are glad to be able to report that the blacksmith shop, that has been closed for the past two years, has been reopened. Edward Ross of Ayer has bought the stock and leased the shop from Henry R. Harrod and opened the same business Thursday. Mr. Ross is a veteran of the world war, was a horseshoer overseas and comes here with a desire to work up a good business. He says he will do old-fashioned work at old-fashioned prices. Surely Still River is getting back its own, with the store and blacksmith shop opened and every tenement that is in proper condition occupied.

The latest among the sick ones is Mrs. Russell Baker, who was taken suddenly sick with neuritis of neck and shoulder Monday night. She is now some better, but quite ill.

The mid-week prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Abbie Dadmun Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Blanch (Yeartaw) Davis of Barre, Vt., and little son Francis are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haskell.

Mrs. William Parker of West Boylston was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Julia Keyes, Tuesday.

Clipping.

We copy the following from the Somerville Journal of February 11: Mrs. Mary Alice Hammond, widow of Thomas Whittemore Hammond, for the last eighteen years a resident of this city, passed away last Friday morning, February 4. She was born in Boston, October 5, 1837, on Congress street, near where the postoffice now stands, which was then the residential section. She was a twin and on her marriage to her husband, who was also a twin, she went to live on a farm in Acton, where she spent thirty-five happy years. Upon her husband's death she moved to Everett to make a home with her two daughters who were teaching there and after the death of her daughter Nellie came to Somerville.

Services were held at her home at 62 Chandler street last Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Bellevue cemetery, Harvard.

Mrs. Hammond is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Bateman of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Roberts of this city, with whom she made her home, and three grandchildren, and one brother, Warren M. Blood of Pepperell.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mrs. Williamson, widow of William Williamson, passed away recently at her home in Leominster, the result of a fall in her home. The body was brought to town and placed in the vault at village cemetery, where her husband is buried. She leaves one son.

The Alliance met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Dorothy Davis. A good number were present. Mrs. Alice Wright read a paper on "The hay stack." Miss Edith Longley showed a picture of the center church the night of the performance of "The Peabody pew." Mrs. Kate E. Hazen showed a picture of a room in Mrs. Heald's home in Pepperell showing the old high posted bed with canopy. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and candy were served.

Harry Annis received a letter recently from Ralph Hersom saying he was on a three months' ocean cruise and might reach here sometime in June. The factory where his father, Arthur Hersom, was working is closed, but they had not decided what they would do.

Morton Lawrence was in Boston on Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Fred Smith, Fredonian street, was taken to Clinton hospital last week Saturday and was operated on Monday for appendicitis. She is doing nicely.

The Altrurian club will observe guest night Tuesday evening, February 22, in the Congregational church vestry. There will be an entertainment and each person is asked to represent a book. Caterer Kenney of Fitchburg will have charge of the lunch. There will be no business meeting until the next regular meeting on March 10.

Mrs. Althea Lindenberg spent Wednesday in Boston.

Hon. Frank H. Foss of Fitchburg, chairman of the republican state committee, has announced the sub-committees for the year 1921-1922. On the registration committee we find the name of Robert H. J. Holden, our townsman.

Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler was in Boston Thursday and Friday.

Congregational Notes.

The meetings last Saturday and Sunday evenings drew full houses, the first in the vestry and the second in the auditorium. The slides were exceptionally good and Mr. Adams was an interesting speaker. Sunday evening Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Woodman of West Boylston were present and Mr. Woodman took charge of the devotional exercises in the absence of the pastor. A collection of $30.75 for the two evenings and a gift of $9 by the Sunday school will be used after small expenses are paid for the famine relief fund in China.

At the Congregational church Sunday the pastor preaches in the morning on "The price of religion." Children's sermon, "The waste picker." Sunday school and junior band as usual. Evening sermon, "Washington and Lincoln: founder and unifier of America."

Rev. S. F. Goodheart spoke last Sunday evening at the Highland Congregational church, Roxbury, and spent the following day in Boston. Tuesday he attended the Middlesex union of ministers at Ayer at which meeting he was elected a member of the executive committee.

The Woman's Bible class meets next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Herbert Lawrence.

Thursday evening in the Congregational vestry Mr. Goodheart speaks on "The life and work of St. Paul."

The Ladies' circle had a good attendance Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lash. The supper committee, Mrs. Roy Burchstead, chairman, reported $23.46 proceeds. Mrs. Alice Wright and Miss Martha Hunter read an interesting article telling of the work of a teacher with mountaineers of Tennessee. Refreshments were served by the hostess. At the close of the meeting the president, Mrs. Brockelman, called Mrs. Goodheart, forward and presented her with canned fruit and vegetables which had been brought in as the women realized Mrs. Goodheart was away at the season for such work. Mrs. Goodheart was very grateful and thanked the ladies with much feeling. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, with Mrs. Herbert Lawrence.

Center.

Percy G. Farnsworth at Woodsville spent Sunday with friends in Nashua.

Myron Woodbeck and family, who have been living near the railroad crossing at Mitchellville for several months past, have moved to West Main street in Ayer. Mr. Woodbeck had the misfortune to lose a horse last week, it becoming paralyzed so that it was necessary to shoot it.

A good number from the Center have joined the Red Cross health classes at the village which are being conducted by Mrs. Karl Goodrich, the first meeting being held on Tuesday.

New Advertisements

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Saturday, February 19, 1921

AYER

News Items.

The Edward Everett Hale club met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. George Baker. Arthur Baker was the host. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Baker, assisted by Mrs. John Sanderson.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp of Sons of Veterans held a meeting in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening. Judge Alvah M. Levy of Fitchburg was present and gave a fine address on the lives of Washington and Lincoln. Refreshments were served.

At the Christian Science services in Turner's block Sunday morning at 10.30 the subject will be "Mind."

The Ayer Gun club will hold a shoot on their grounds on February 22 at two p. m. The Littleton Gun club has been invited to shoot at this meet. Everybody invited to shoot. Traps open at ten a. m., February 22.

Tinker presents to Ayer people at town hall, Monday evening, February 21, Lionell Doucette, America's greatest jazz pianist. A special concert program of one hour has been arranged for the people who do not dance to enjoy and hear Mr. Doucette in concert work. The concert will consist of talking, singing, dancing and high-class musical numbers, in fact a vaudeville program equalled only by the vaudeville theatres in the large cities. Tinker's famous singing orchestra will be there bigger, better than ever.

A surprise party was tendered to Edward J. Barrett on Tuesday evening, February 15, at the home of Geo. E. Murray in honor of his sixteenth birthday. Those present were: George Murray, John Henry, Donald Griffin, Homer Harrington, Lloyd Noddin, Margaret Sculley, Alice Mead, Madeline Murphy, Lillian Guthrie, Velma Young and Margaret Ryan. He was presented with a beautiful gold penknife by George C. Murray in behalf of those present and he also received a large sum of money from his parents. Refreshments were served, consisting of coffee, doughnuts, ice cream, cake and candy. Games were played and songs sung. A very enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

Elliott Preble of New Britain, Conn., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Preble of Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartwell Bigelow left Wednesday for New York.

John R. Murphy of East street is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter met Tuesday evening. A large number of members, including several past high priests of the chapter, were present. The work was the Mark Master Mason degree. A lunch followed the work of the evening.

The Unitarian Girls' club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Taft on East Main street. Mrs. Taft and Miss Ruth Flagg were the hostesses. A supper was served.

The regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held at the Masonic rooms on Monday afternoon, February 21. At this time the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees will be worked.

The clerk of the Board of Trade recently received a letter from the superintendent of the Eastern division of the Western Union Telegraph Company in response to complaints as to the telegraph service in town. He stated that the company has made arrangements with the C. R. P. Co. to handle all deliveries of messages to persons who are not telephone subscribers. He states that this is the best arrangement that can be made at present as the railroad will not take over the handling of the Ayer business. A new operator is expected to be assigned by the government to the Camp Devens office soon, and it is stated in the letter that this will result in a general improvement in the service.

The Branch Alliance and Unitarian Girls' club will serve a cafeteria dinner in the Unitarian vestry at 12.30 o'clock Washington's birthday. The menu includes oyster stew, escalloped oysters, cold ham, cold corned beef, escalloped and mashed potatoes, chicken salad, rolls, pies and coffee.

Mrs. Edward O'Neil and son of Lowell visited friends here Thursday.

Silas N. Stone is ill at his home as the result of a paralytic shock.

Fifteen Grangers from here attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting in Leominster Thursday.

Vesta Rebekah lodge received one application for membership at its regular meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Nora Foisins, who had been appointed by the deputy, installed Mrs. Charlotte H. Corthell as conductor. The next meeting will be in charge of past grands, Mrs. Folkins and Miss Helen Kelleran, who are to arrange an entertainment.

Word has been received from the family of William Brown. They stopped off two days at Philadelphia to visit their son, Frank Brown, and four days in Washington, D. C. They are now in Santa Barbara, Cal., where their daughter, Miss Phylis Brown, is attending school.

Judge George A. Sanderson about April 1st will reoccupy his house on East Main street, recently rented by Maj. Harry C. Peavey. He is now staying at the Hotel Buckminster in Boston, with his family.

Robert H. Irwin is out after being confined to his home on Williams street by an attack of rheumatism.

Major Harry C. Peavey, dental corps, moved his family from the Sanderson house on East Main street to his new residence in Camp Devens on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elson H. Bigelow and daughter, Miss Natalie Page, have returned home from Easton, Pa., where they recently attended the wedding of their son, E. Hartwell Bigelow. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartwell Bigelow have come on to spend a few days with Mr. Bigelow's parents.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held Monday evening, February 21. The work will be the Entered Apprentice degree. Another special will take place Friday evening, February 25. The work will be the Master Mason degree. A lunch will be served.

Large mail boxes for letters and packages have been received at the Ayer postoffice. These will be located at street corners and elsewhere when the new street delivery system is inaugurated.

The men of the Ayer chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League are to hold an invitational dancing party at the town hall on the evening of Washington's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Bray of Whitefield, N. H., were guests over the week-end of his brother, Harry S. Bray, of Washington street.

The Sunday edition of the Boston Post contained in its pictorial section, a picture of an ice-cutting machine at work on Sandy Pond. The machine was built by L. Kingston Savage of Harvard and depends, for the power applied to its circular saws, on a Ford automobile engine.

Milton G. Moore and Kenneth Archibald of Worcester academy were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole left Sunday for Florida. They expect to be gone a month.

Dr. Herbert B. Priest was confined to his house the first part of the week by a severe cold. He was able to resume his work Thursday.

A regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, February 23. A lunch will be served after the work.

C. S. Griswold of Groton School will make the address at the Lenten service in St. Andrew's church this Friday evening at 7.15 o'clock. On Friday evening, February 25, Twining Lynes, organist and choirmaster at Groton School, will give an organ recital. The services Sunday morning will be holy communion at 8.30 a. m., and morning prayer and sermon at 10.45 o'clock.

After the meeting of the Loyal Middlesex lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., at Hardy's hall, Wednesday, February 16, the members and their friends enjoyed a social whist party until 10.45. Mrs. C. F. Crane won the first prize for the ladies, Mrs. G. H. Farmer the second and Mrs. Clarence Crosby won the booby. Eddie Swaltz won the first prize for the men, Paul Fletcher the second and John Ewing won the booby. A light lunch was served. All members who wish to go to Lowell February 22 to see the competitive drills in Oddfellows' hall, meet at the corner by A. E. Lawrence's grain store at one o'clock sharp.

The Young People's society of the Federated church entertained the Middlesex C. E. union last Saturday evening in the church. Supper was served to fifty people, the nearby towns being represented. Rev. Arthur V. Dimock of Groton gave an address. Saxophone and cornet solos were enjoyed.

The monthly social of the Sunday school of the Federated church was enjoyed by over seventy children last week Friday evening, taxing the capacity of the vestry. Refreshments and games were in order.

A fence is being built along the schoolhouse pond on East Main street.

Ayer Grange will hold "Ye Old Folks' concert and dance" under direction of Edward C. Page next Wednesday evening in Hardy's hall. All are requested to appear in old-time attire. A fine will be charged for noncompliance with this request.

James E. Profit has been visiting relatives in Bridgeport, Conn.

Ayer Grange held a military whist party last Tuesday evening in Hardy's hall. Thirty tables were filled. Loose-leaf note books were awarded to Miss Jessie McGregor, H. Dudley Whitney, Charles Tibbetts and Rex M. Boutwell. Consolation prizes of non-collapsible dolls masquerading as sweetmeats were won by Miss Hazel Livingston, Miss Maude Laddington, Paul Mason and George M. Barrows. Delicious refreshments were served in charge of Mrs. James M. Boutwell. Dancing followed the formal program, Mrs. Frank B. Harmon and George M. Barrows furnished music. Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer was in charge of arrangements.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated Church will hold a patriotic entertainment next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the vestry. There will be appropriate tableaux. Vocal solos will be rendered by Mrs. Walter C. Sargent, Miss Lucy Smith and Mrs. Clifford Sawyer of Fitchburg.

The subject Sunday at the Baptist church at 10.45 a. m. will be, "The vision of the palm bearing multitude." The Sunday school meets at twelve noon. The young people's service at 6.15 p. m., and preaching at seven p. m. on the subject, "Washington and Lincoln." Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Federated Church Notes.

That the Sunday morning service may be made more worshipful, devotional and inspiring a new order of worship will be introduced next Sunday morning, arranged according to the ancient liturgys of the Christian church, but in abbreviated form. Morning worship will begin at 10.45, followed by the Bible school. Young People's meeting at six.

Mid-week service and lenten meditation Thursday evening at 7.30.

Church attendance is not on the decline as far as this church is concerned as evidenced by the growing congregations that fill the auditorium every Sunday morning.

Valentine Party.

The Unitarian Girls' club gave a Valentine party for children and young people in the church vestry Saturday afternoon. A throng that taxed the capacity of the place attended the party.

The afternoon was spent in games and dancing. The young people took part enthusiastically in the various festivities, and had an enjoyable time. Prizes were given in some of the games. One of these was a "heart hunt." Hearts cut out of red cardboard were hidden in the vestry and an adjoining room. Miss Beryl Proctor found the largest number and was awarded a prize. Miss Edith Winslow also won a prize in an arrow contest. Prizes were given in various bean bag contests.

Mrs. F. Vern Pillman played for dancing. Favors were given. Refreshments of ice cream were served. The committee in charge were Mrs. Frank B. Crandall and Mrs. John H. Sanderson. They were assisted by Mrs. H. M. Beverly, Mrs. C. A. Normand, Mrs. E. O. Proctor and Mrs. R. H. Wylie.

The Strand.

The Strand this Saturday presents Alice Joyce in "Cousin Kate," taken from the noted play of that name. This picture ran in three New York houses within four blocks of each other for a week. From the N. Y. Times: "The film version of Charles Frohman's success in which Ethel Barrymore starred, that is blocking the streets before the Capitol theatre every day this week. It seems as if the whole city wanted to attend each showing and many in line have admitted that they had seen it twice. There's a reason. The children will like it too for the story of Goldylocks and the three bears has been visualized as part of the action. Sunday, Douglas McLean and Doris May in "Mary's Ankle." Also a Universal picture.

New Lighting System.

People passing the Carley block during the last few days have noticed an exhaust pipe at the eastern end of the block. The curious have found that it leads from an engine furnishing power to the new lighting system recently installed by Blodgett & Markham in their bowling alley under the building.

The system installed is the Delco system. It includes a dynamo driven by an engine burning kerosene and a series of sixteen storage batteries. The whole outfit occupies so little space that the owners have been able to house it in one corner of the room.

Workmen from the Delco company finished the work of installation Friday. The new system was in service that evening. The alleys were as well lighted as ever. The reasons given by the owners for installing their own lighting system was economy and better service to their patrons. Heretofore their monthly lighting bills have been much higher than all the costs of operating the system now installed. Their business has been seriously injured from time to time in the past by the interruptions of service that have been so much of a nuisance to local users of electric current.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded from this vicinity: Ayer—Edward A. McKinney to H. W. Welch. Pepperell—John P. Cunningham to Thomas Fitzgerald et ux.; Thomas Fitzgerald to J. P. Cunningham. Shirley—John W. Farrar to John W. Evans Harry E. Kemp to Gilbert Wheaton; Helen M. Winslow to L. M. Goodspeed. Groton—Maud K. Wellington et al. to E. T. Peterson et ux. Harvard—Gordon B. Huse et ux. to Martin B. Gabrielson; Herbert W. Atherton to Chester P. Willard; Chester P. Willard to Herbert W. Atherton. Lunenburg—Albert F. L. Billings to Wellman J. Fish, land on Lincoln street and County road to Fitchburg; Caro A. Magoon to Charles A. Hutchinson, land on road to Lancaster.

District Court.

Mrs. Eunice Crawford, colored, of Pepperell was in court on Monday morning charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Hazel Monahan of that town. Mrs. Monahan and Mrs. Crawford are next-door neighbors and have been in unfriendly terms for sometime. It appeared from the evidence that Mrs. Monahan while going away from the house in the wagon of a pedler called the defendant names, the testimony varying somewhat as to just what the names were. Upon her return home, she stated that the defendant attacked her, striking and kicking her, and knocked her to the ground. The court gave both women a little advice and found the defendant guilty, her case to be placed on file.

On Thursday morning three young men, all eighteen years of age, were in court charged with vagrancy. They were Eugene Christian, Alfred Defeau and William Lucier, all of Nashua, N. H. They were picked up the preceding night on Washington street by Officer Pirone. They stated that they had jumped a freight and had come to Ayer to see two friends in Co. K of the 13th infantry at Camp Devens. The court found them not guilty and ordered them discharged.

A. W. C. Notes.

The Woman's club met in Hardy's hall Wednesday, February 16, at three p. m., Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence presiding. Mrs. Belle L. Osgood gave a very interesting report of the midwinter meeting of the state federation of women's clubs held at Melrose Highlands, February 9. After the business meeting Mrs. Sarah B. Barry, chairman of topics of the day, took charge of the meeting and introduced Dr. Alfred N. Tozzer, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Yucatan, its monuments and its people." Dr. Tozzer's lecture was exceptionally interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large gathering of club members and their friends. Theodore W. Barry rendered violin solos, which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, Friday, February 25, at 7.30 p. m.

The literature class will meet at the home of the leader, Miss Mary B. [illegible], Wednesday, February 23, at three p. m.

High School Notes.

Last Saturday Miss Leavitt attended at Harvard university the joint meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts section of the Classical association of New England and the Classical club of Greater Boston. The meeting was of unusual interest. The method of marking the comprehensive Latin examination for college entrance was explained by one of the readers of such papers. Prof. Inglis in charge of the department of education of Harvard university spoke on standardized tests in Latin. He stated that investigation showed beyond question that the qualifications of students fitted to pursue college subjects successfully are distinctly higher than those of the average pupil.

The schools were dismissed earlier than usual Wednesday so that the teachers and members of the senior class might attend the lecture on "Yucatan," given under the auspices of the Woman's club.

The schools will be closed next Tuesday in observance of Washington's birthday.

The classes in voice culture began their work on Tuesday, under the direction of Miss Emily Louise Stier, who was in charge of the public speaking last year. The rhetoricals are omitted in order to give a greater opportunity for Miss Stier's classes. The public speaking of this year will be of a different nature than heretofore.

Unitarian Church.

Sunday service: 10.45—Regular offices and sermon. Offertory solo, Mrs. William Bennett. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "Prayer." Church school at 12.

The schedule of meetings and affairs to be given by the Girls' club, has been announced for the year.

On Sunday the preacher will deal with the subject of prayer as the second element in a service of public worship. He will point out the superficiality of the conception of prayer as mere asking for something and the impiety of the conception of prayer as the desire to have the order of the universe set aside to gratify selfish desires.

Baptist Roll-Call Supper.

The annual roll-call and supper of the First Baptist church took place on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. A large number of members and invited guests were present.

The supper was served at 6.30. A more bountiful and appetizing supper has not in a long time been served by the ladies of any local organization. Guests and officers of the church were seated together at one table.

A program followed the supper. Rev. James T. Rider, jr., introduced Warren L. Preble as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, clerk of the parish, read the roll of members and several letters from absent members.

The musical features of the program were saxophone duets by Ronald Dimock of Groton and James F. Kimball with Fred R. Earle, accompanist, and music on the Swiss bells by Clarence W. Stetson. Rev. Arthur V. Dimock, minister of the Congregational church in Groton, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Abraham Lincoln." Among those who spoke briefly were Revs. Frank B. Crandall, William J. Kelly, James T. Rider, jr., and Leslie F. Wallace, Clarence W. Stetson and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, who spoke concerning the White Ribbon home.

Clipping.

The following has been taken from an Easton, Pa., paper:

Miss Emily A. Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Drake, of 927 Northampton street, and Elson H. Bigelow, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow of Ayer, Mass., were married this afternoon at four o'clock, by Rev. Franklin K. Fretz, Ph.D., in St. John's Lutheran church.

Miss Esther Reuf, of Phillipsburg, attended the bride as maid of honor, and Frederick Joerissen, of Freeport, Long Island, N. Y., was the best man. Miss Gilberta M. Groover of Phillipsburg played the wedding march on the organ, and Mrs. Frank A. Richards of Akron, Ohio, sang "Oh promise me." The altar was prettily decorated with flowers. After a honeymoon in Maine and New Hampshire, the couple will make their home in Bethleham, where Mr. Bigelow is employed by the Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation. He is a graduate of the University of Maine.

The bride-elect is very popular among the younger set of Easton and has been secretary in the law offices of Smith, Paff & Laub.

Calumets Trim Forge Village.

The Calumet bowling team visited the Graniteville alleys on Tuesday evening and defeated the Forge Village team by a margin of 95 pins. It is expected the Forge Village team will play a return game in Ayer some evening next week. The score:

CALUMETS

Blodgett	91	95	93—279
[illegible]	103	97	83—283
Ryan	88	79	88—255
Hart	114	105	88—307
[illegible]	95	85	100—280
	491	461	452 1404

FORGE VILLAGE

L. W. [illegible]	83	89	80—252
Hoitt	84	88	79—251
[illegible]	93	102	80—275
A. Greenslate	103	81	89—273
C. Costello	87	81	89—257
	450	441	415 1306

Ayer A. A.

Thursday evening the basketball team again came through with a win, defeating the Lowell Legion, 70-9. It looked at the start as if it was going to be an evenly matched game, but Ayer finally set down to business and piled up the score. At the end of the first period Ayer had a good lead, the score being 29-[illegible].

The second period started like a whirlwind and Ayer swept their opponents off their feet, the visitors only shooting two baskets in this period.

The Ayer boys still show their superiority in shooting baskets and passing, which without doubt is shown by the final score, Ayer 70, Lowell Legion 9.

The preliminary game was played between the Ayer K. of C. and the field clerks from Camp Devens. The clerks had the lead at the end of the first period, the score being 18-14. The second period the K. of C. boys worked hard and came through victorious after a hard-fought battle. The final score, Ayer K. of C. 36, field clerks [illegible].

February 22, Washington's birthday, the Ayer A. A. will play the Maynard K. of C. at three o'clock in the afternoon.

To the Editor.

Will you please publish this letter which is a copy of one I am sending to the editor of The Ayer News. I ask you to do this because I am not at all sure that The News will publish my letter, although you are always willing to see both sides of any question.

John M. Maloney.

To the Editor of The Ayer News:

My attention was called to the editorial in your issue of February 11th entitled "Guarding the Schools." As a rule, I do not believe it wise or profitable to indulge in "post mortems" after a town meeting as I never quarrel with the decision of the voters, whatever it may be, after they have passed upon a matter which has been fully represented to them. And, besides, I am very well pleased with the action of the last town meeting.

But your editorial evinces such a total misconception, not only of the rights and duties of the school committee and the advisory committee, but of the functions of the town meeting itself, that it ought not to be permitted to pass without comment and correction.

The caption of the editorial indicates that you feel that it is up to you to guard the schools against some danger. You hint darkly that their "morale" has been inevitably "affected" and "lowered" and that there is a difference in the work of the school committee and that of the other departments of the town, because the school committee are in charge of the schools.

If your editorial means anything, it means that it is improper (to speak euphemistically) for anyone to doubt the infallibility of the school committee or question its recommendations to the town.

As I am the only person mentioned by you and as I am credited with an "attack" on the school committee which must "inevitably affect and lower the morale of the schools" I feel that I ought to make some reply to your assertions if only to show that the schools are in no danger so far as I am concerned.

If only criticisms of my actions were involved I would pay no attention to them because I never object to any honest criticism of my public acts, however ignorant it may be. But as the only "attack" I made on the school committee was to defend orally what the advisory committee had already recommended in writing, to wit, that the appropriation for school incidentals should be $4000 instead of $5000, as recommended by the school committee, your censure includes my associates on the advisory committee as well as myself. And, as you think the mere discussion of the appropriation seriously affected the "morale" of the schools, your censure must also extend to the 97 voters who had the temerity to support the advisory board in its recomemndation and who, in passing, it may be mentioned, outnumbered the 96 who supported the school committee. It was only the votes of the committee themselves and the absence of my associates which "sustained the school committee" as you put it.

And you say "it is not enough that the school committee was sustained by the meeting." It is too bad you stopped there, because we are left in suspense as to what you think would be "enough." The by-laws make it the duty of the advisory committee to "report in writing their findings and recommendations at each and every town meeting" in all articles in the warrant calling for the expenditure of money and "to recommend amounts to be appropriated for the expenditures of the town."

According to your view, it is highly improper for the advisory board to disagree with, or even question, the recommendations of the school committee because their work "differs from that of any other town board." Shall we, then, abolish the advisory committee because they have dared to differ with the school committee? Or shall we amend the by-laws by providing that the advisory committee shall not pass upon the school committee's recommendations or shall recommend only the same appropriations the school committee recommend? Or shall we ask the legislature to change the law so that the school comittee may tell the assessors what appropriations they want without troubling the voters at all? Would it be "enough" if we should disfranchise the advisory committee and the voters who supported them? You do not say and we are left to wonder.

The town meeting is no such emasculated institution as you conceive it to be. If it were it would not so long have been the special pride and glory of New England. It would not have excited the admiration of DeTocqueville, Bancroft and other writers who have described it in such glowing terms. It will be a sad day for the "morale" of our citizens if the town meeting ever sinks to your conception of its functions.

The precise question, the discussion of which you say constituted an "attack" upon the school committee, was whether $4000 was enough to be appropriated for "school incidentals" instead of the $5000 they wanted. It has been our custom for many years to divide the appropriation for the support of schools into two general heads, to wit: "Schools," which includes the salaries of teachers and janitors and tuition paid to other towns, and "School incidentals," which includes text-books, supplies, miscellaneous expenses and repair of schoolhouses.

Using no other basis than the school committee's own figures and reports, the advisory committee were convinced that the smaller sum was ample and, therefore, they said so. It was a simple difference of opinion between two committees, both having the welfare of the town at heart, and that difference was submitted to the proper tribunal, the town meeting, for a decision. So far as the advisory committee was concerned it made not the slightest difference which way the town meeting voted. It was their duty to recommend what they believed fair and right as between the school committee on the one hand and the taxpayers on the other. As individuals they are not particularly interested in the tax rate, but as a committee they are very much interested in it.

And your reverence for the wisdom of the school committee seems not to be confined to our own committee but includes all school committees. Yet school committees like other mortals are frequently not in accord with public sentiment. Only recently the town of Hopkinton in our own county repudiated its school committee which, according to our supreme judicial court, wrongfully removed one of its school teachers. And in the report of our own school committee for the year ending March 16, 1908, you will find these words:

"Against our judgment, but in response to the almost unanimous desire on the part of the parents living in the western section of the town, the Shirley Street Primary was reopened last September, after being closed for one year.

We felt sure that the parents living in that section of the town would be able to see the many advantages to their children of attending schools where there was but one grade in a room, and that they would submit to the slight inconvenience of the extra walk caused by sending the children to the Washington Street building. We seemed to be unable to convince them of the advantages resulting from a consolidation of schools as they seemed to think mostly of the matter of convenience, and little or nothing of the advantages to the children themselves.

Taking everything into consideration, we thought it best to comply with their wishes, and we decided to reopen the school in this building.

We hope, later on, that the parents in this section may be able to see this matter from our point of view, and that it may be possible to give up the idea of maintaining a school in the Shirley Street building."

The parents are still unconvinced and the school is still open.

Nor is your conception of the infallibility of the school committee in accord with the statutory policy of Massachusetts which has been steadily to diminish the power of the school committee and exalt that of the superintendent of schools. The law provides that the superintendent of schools shall be the executive officer of the committee, and, under its general direction, shall have the care and supervision of the public schools, shall assist it in keeping its records and accounts and in making such reports as are required by law, and shall recommend to the committee, teachers, textbooks and courses of study. The committee cannot dissolve the union for the employment of a superintendent except by vote of the committees representing a majority of the participating towns with the consent of the state department of education. Such towns must employ a superintendent for a three-year term at a salary which cannot be reduced during the term. Nor can he be removed except by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the joint committee with the consent of the department of education. The committee cannot even reduce the salary of a teacher who has served for three years, except by a general salary revision affecting equally all teachers of the same salary grade in town. They cannot dismiss such a teacher except by a two-thirds vote after at least thirty days' notice of the intention of the committee to vote upon the question of his dismissal shall have been given to the teacher with a statement, if requested, of the reasons for which his dismissal is proposed, nor unless the superintendent shall have given the committee his recommendation thereon.

And it is even possible for the town to take away the care of schoolhouses from the committee and place them under some other department. It is only when the town does not otherwise direct that the school committee have general charge and supervision of the schoolhouses.

It is never wise to blink the facts. The principal reason that men are reelected term after term to the school committee is that nobody wants the office because it is a thankless job and pays nothing. It is almost as undesirable as a postion on the advisory committee. Whoever becomes a member of either committee thereby gives assurance of his interest in the public welfare and realizes that "virtue is its own reward."

Now let us consider the personnel of the two committees. Messrs. Brown, Barry and Osgood are good business men and good citizens. Mr. Brown is an exceptionally good man. He has been on the committee so long that it makes me feel old when I think of it. There were rumors when I was a boy that he wouldn't run for another term because he had served so long. I have voted for him regularly every three years since I became a voter and that was sometime ago. And I am glad to say that in my opinion there is not now and there never has been a more public-spirited citizen of Ayer than George H. Brown. Yet I have more than once heard him bitterly criticized for alleged favoritism in the award of honors to graduating classes at the high school. On such occasions I have always defended him because, in the first place, I didn't believe there was any favoritism and, if there was, I didn't believe he had anything to do with it. I expect I shall hear the same criticism and that I shall take the same position again next June.

Now as to the advisory committee. You praised my own ability so much that I am blushing yet, though I suspect you did it for the same reason one sets up a straw man—to knock him down again. All of the committee have been selectmen and may be presumed to know something of town affairs. Two of them have served in the legislature. Two of them are lawyers. One of them has been a successful banker here for about 30 years. Another is now temporary receiver of the Milford Light & Power Co. appointed by the U. S. District Court for the district of Massachusetts and was a school teacher before he was admitted to the bar. One of them had sent his children through our schools and another now has a daughter in the senior class of the high school. They are hardly the kind of men to lower the morale of the schools. And it is not too much to say that they are as much interested in our schools as are the school committee and that their experience might warrant the belief that they were at least as well qualified as the school committee to understand the financial needs of the schools.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." Dr. Johnson said this a good many years ago so that it will not be necessary to say that he did not have any of our residents in mind. It is a terse way of protesting against shutting off honest comment on the action of any person by an appeal to the public services he has rendered instead of a frank answer.

Discussion and even criticism will not hurt the schools. On the contrary they will increase the public knowledge of the schools and thereby increase the public interest in them since the more one knows about a subject, the more interest he is likely to have in it.

John M. Maloney.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Pearl White in "THE THIEF." A Fox Special. Century Comedy.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Holiday Special

William Faversham in "THE MAN WHO LOST HIMSELF." A Selznick Special. From the famous novel by H. de Vere Stacpoole.

On account of Tuesday being a holiday our two-day program will be omitted and there will be no advance in price for the special Tuesday or Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

May Allison in "HELD IN TRUST." A Metro Picture.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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The Gray Moth

By DORA MOLLAN

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The senior member of the advertising firm of Andrews & Anderson was speaking. His tone was persuasive. "There's a clean two thousand in it for you, Andy—and a month off to spend it in."

The brains of the concern ran a hand through the mop of brown curls that covered the spot where his capital stock found housing accommodation. "I've made use of everything from a black parrot to a blue marigold," he said, "to push Duchette's toilet preparations so far—and I've come to the end of my rope. Why, man, I don't even know henna hair when I see it."

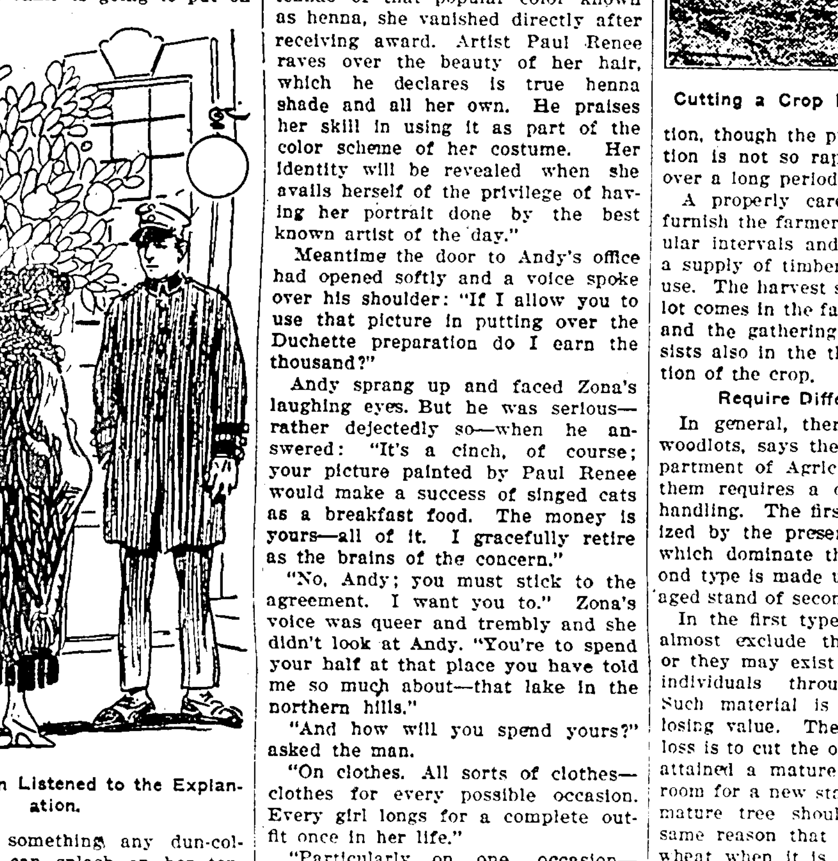
"I would suggest," replied the senior member, highly amused over something not apparent to Andy, "that you and Miss Gray put your heads together over it." And so saying he left the office, closing the door behind him.

The girl at the typewriter desk by the window flushed and raised hands to thick auburn braids, which encircled her small head. Andy came close to her—too close to suit Mrs. Grundy's idea of the relationship between a member of the firm and an employee. His hand rested on the back of her chair. She allowed it to stay there a moment before changing her position.

"What in the deuce is henna hair, Zona?"

"You'll find a sample on your coat sleeve soon, Mr. Anderson, if you don't keep a proper distance. I'm shedding."

"Shades of immortal Venus!" ejaculated Andy; "you don't mean to tell me that old fakir is going to put on



The Doorman Listened to the Explanation.

the market something any dun-colored female can splash on her topknot and have it come out like that glorious mop of yours! And it's up to me to be a party to—"

"I believe I'd connive at painting the Washington monument purple for two thousand dollars!" interrupted Miss Gray.

"If I get it I'll share it with you, vacation and all! What do you say—dear?" Now Andy's arm found its way around the girl's shoulders. With a quick shrug Miss Gray shook it off. She stood up. "I'll say, Mr. Anderson, that I have a morning's work to do which you are interrupting."

"And I'll say, Miss Gray, that your duty to the firm owes me this much inspiration." "Ouch!" cried Zona, rubbing her head—while Andy departed laughing, holding gingerly between thumb and forefinger a hair of the color fashionably known as "henna."

Entering his own private sanctum, Andrew Anderson laid his trophy carefully on his desk, sat down before it and gazed at it moodily. So far he had put over ten of Duchette's toilet preparations successfully but his ideas for the eleventh bore a strong resemblance to a hen's tooth. Instead, he pictured the owner of one particular head of henna hair alone with himself in a camp he knew to be for rent on a certain mountain lake—pictured her out in a canoe, tramping through the woods, and so on without end.

Until the senior partner returned, which was fully an hour, his secretary's "morning's work" seemed to consist of gazing from dreamy gray eyes down upon a traffic laden street and a desultory scrutinizing of a morning daily—the latter until an item on the society page caught her attention. This won a second reading, which resulted in concentrated thought. From the time when he did appear until one o'clock, Mr. Andrews kept her busy. Then Andy came in, ready to go out to lunch with the head of the firm, as was his daily custom. It was while the latter was making preparations to leave that Zona inquired of Andy whether the morning had brought an inspiration for the "ad" work on the henna compound. Andy gloomily shook his head.

"If I should offer a suggestion within a week and you think it worth while, would you consider that I had earned one of the two thousand—and the privilege of advising you what to do with the other?"

"You'd earn my everlasting gratitude; everything else I have is yours for the taking," came the prompt reply.

Late on the following Saturday afternoon Zona Gray stood gazing down on various articles of wearing apparel carefully spread out on her bed. They represented hours of patient toil on her part—and a nearly empty purse. But if she should win out! Zona closed her eyes, then opened them determinedly. The time had come for action, not for dreams!

At nine that night there stole out of Zona's room a becloaked and beveiled figure. On the street it hailed a taxi and gave as its destination a popular inn some miles outside the city. The doorman at the casino connected with the inn listened, to the accompaniment of the throbbing music within, to the murmured explanation of a fair lady who had been prevented by circumstances from arriving with her party. And on Monday morning Andrew Anderson found on his desk a folded sheet of note paper and a copy of a morning daily.

Andy opened the folded paper and read: "The woman who wins the prize for the most beautiful costume at the charity masque has my permission to call at my studio, 425 Macdougal street, at her earliest opportunity and arrange for sittings for her portrait to be painted in said costume by me. PAUL RENEE."

Frowning in perplexity at the contents of the communication, Andy whistled in surprise when his eyes fell on the signature of the best known artist of the day. He picked up the daily and perused the marked article.

"Fair Unknown Wrests Prize From Society Leaders." Andy's eyes rapidly followed the print down the column. "Beautiful girl appears from no one knows where. Costumed as a gray moth, with body, feet and antennae of that popular color known as henna, she vanished directly after receiving award. Artist Paul Renee raves over the beauty of her hair, which he declares is true henna shade and all her own. He praises her skill in using it as part of the color scheme of her costume. Her identity will be revealed when she avails herself of the privilege of having her portrait done by the best known artist of the day."

Meantime the door to Andy's office had opened softly and a voice spoke over his shoulder: "If I allow you to use that picture in putting over the Duchette preparation do I earn the thousand?"

Andy sprang up and faced Zona's laughing eyes. But he was serious—rather dejectedly so—when he answered: "It's a cinch, of course; your picture painted by Paul Renee would make a success of singed cats as a breakfast food. The money is yours—all of it. I gracefully retire as the brains of the concern."

"No, Andy; you must stick to the agreement. I want you to." Zona's voice was queer and trembly and she didn't look at Andy. "You're to spend your half at that place you have told me so much about—that lake in the northern hills."

"And how will you spend yours?" asked the man.

"On clothes. All sorts of clothes—clothes for every possible occasion. Every girl longs for a complete outfit once in her life."

"Particularly on one occasion—don't they, Zona?" Andy came nearer, but this time the girl did not draw away. "Will you buy camping clothes, dear? And swimming clothes and—and wedding clothes?"

"Look out, Andy, I'm shedding, you know!" cried Zona.

"Well, as long as you wear a net when you make my soup—" The rest of Andy's remark was addressed to Zona's lips, not to her ears.

Memorial to Alps' Conqueror.

The ceremony of unveiling the Chavez memorial at Brigue recently took on quite an international aspect owing to the presence of the delegates, headed by Prince Roland Bonaparte, who had been taking part in the F. A. I. meeting at Geneva. Those who took part in the unveiling ceremony were each presented with a bronze medallion, bearing on one side a portrait of George Chavez, and on the other a design symbolizing the flight across the Alps, together with the inscription: Brigue-Simplon-Domodossola, September 23, 1910. Among those present were a brother of Chavez, the Peruvian ministers in Paris and Brussels, and a representative of the French government, while flying overhead was an escadrille from the Dubendorf aerodrome.

Mistress of Passing Art.

Vivacious mistress of a passing art, a little French woman lives in New Orleans, and lives by the making from cotton, or silk or velvet, or even leather, of flowers, of all the colors of the rainbow, wreaths of gay roses, all indelibly dyed, and of any and every kind that ever grew in the field, says the Christian Science Monitor. She is Mrs. Julia Boudro, one of the seven Boudro flower-makers, all of whom have lived in New Orleans, and all of whom have lived by making the garden bloom perennially.

When wind travels at a speed of 90 miles an hour it becomes a hurricane, but it is on record that in tropical countries storms have been known during which the wind reached a velocity estimated at more than 600 miles an hour.

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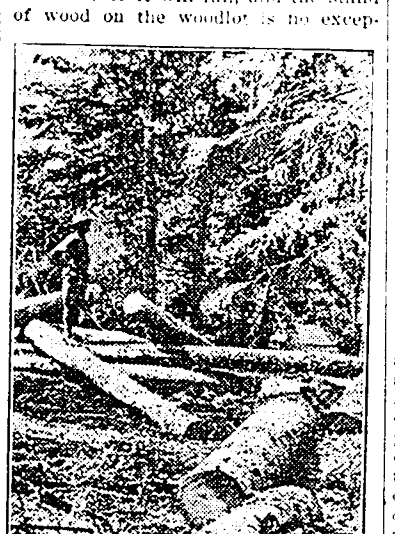
HARVEST SEASON IN WINTER

Two Types That Require Different Methods of Handling—Cutting Assists Greatly in Thinning and Cultivation.

Wheat, corn and potatoes require planting, care and cultivation. The crop of wood that grows on the farm woodlot requires much less care than these others, and in the majority of cases it is already growing on the farm when the farmer takes the land. Doubtless this fact makes it difficult for the farmer to see this crop in the same light in which he regards the others. Any other farm crop must be cared for or it will fail, and the stand of wood on the woodlot is no exception, though the progress of deterioration is not so rapid and may extend over a long period of years.



Cutting a Crop From the Woodlot.

A properly cared-for woodlot will furnish the farmer a cash crop at regular intervals and will always afford a supply of timber and fuel for home use. The harvest season for the woodlot comes in the fall and in the winter, and the gathering of the harvest assists also in the thinning and cultivation of the crop.

Require Different Methods.

In general, there are two types of woodlots, says the United States Department of Agriculture, and each of them requires a different method of handling. The first type is characterized by the presence of old trees which dominate the stand. The second type is made up of a nearly even-aged stand of second growth.

In the first type the old trees may almost exclude the younger growth, or they may exist as a few scattered individuals throughout the stand. Such material is very likely to be losing value. The way to check the loss is to cut the old trees which have attained a mature growth and make room for a new stand of seedlings. A mature tree should be cut for the same reason that one cuts a crop of wheat when it is thoroughly ripened. No dead or diseased timber should be allowed to stand.

A woodlot composed entirely of mature trees should not be cleared at one cutting. The work should be carried on in stages with sufficient interval between the cuttings to allow a new crop to come up. If this method is followed carefully, the farmer will always have a crop of wood ready for harvest on his woodlot. When the mature timber is removed in two or three cuttings, the first cutting should be so managed as to open up the crown cover somewhat, so that the leaves on the forest floor may decompose more rapidly and the germination of the seed be made more certain. The remaining trees become more windfirm, and, as a result of their crowns receiving more sunlight, they produce more seed. When the forest floor is in good condition the second cutting in a mature woodlot can be made during the winter following a heavy seed year. Neither the first nor the second cutting should be so severe as to allow an abundance of sunshine to reach the forest floor, since sunshine stimulates the growth of weeds and other trash.

Thinning the Stand.

In the second type of woodlot, where the farmer has an even-aged stand of second-growth timber, he may begin to harvest his crop by selecting first the undesirable species. Often in such stands, such trees as ironwood threaten to overtop, crowd out, or damage the more valuable species like white ash or tulip poplar. Sprouts sometimes arise too thickly from the stump of trees recently cut, or the reproduction of a good species is too dense. In any of these cases some of the trees should be removed. This process is nothing more than the weeding out of the poorer individuals where they interfere with the better ones. In somewhat the same manner, a thinning cutting is used when, in from 15 to 20 years, the young stands reach a dense condition. The principle is exactly the same as that applied by the truck gardener who thins out his plants to secure the best development of a portion, rather than a poor development of the whole.

Teachers will be encouraged by learning that last year the country spent five times as much for pleasure cars as for all kinds of education.

The fatal collision is already a recognized danger of aerial transit, and yet one would suppose that in the air routes there is room enough for all.

A real optimist is a man who can stand our telephone service by reflecting that in Paris it often takes 30 minutes to make a telephone connection.

Japanese Idea of Tea.

The first thing which happens when you pay a call in Japan, be it a business or social call, is the arrival of a cup of clear Japan tea, and the second and third things which happen are the arrival of the second and third cups, writes Julian Street in McClure's. The tea of Japan is green tea, and it is taken without cream or sugar from cups having no handles. Such tea is made with hot—not boiling—water. Tea in its highest sense is not a beverage, but a creed, a ritual, a philosophy.

Ten Centuries of Records.

The oldest registers in England are said to be in Tripton, Staffordshire, Eng., which also has a church 1,000 years old. The town is considering the question of applying for a charter of incorporation.

Giving the Effect.

A real light is rarely hidden under the proverbial bushel, but some keen men keep a bushel to create the belief that it conceals a light.—Albany Journal.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Schools will be closed next week for the spring vacation.

There was no session of the sewing class Friday afternoon of last week owing to the illness of the teacher.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Barrett of Leominster.

George Holden [illegible] with pneumonia.

Sister St. Z[illegible] is improved and sessions of school have been resumed.

Fire in the chimney at the home of Michael Gionet on W[illegible] street caused the fire alarm to [illegible] out it was extinguished with [illegible].

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Brockelman and children spent Wednesday in Lancaster.

Mrs. Marge McT[illegible] of Kemberma beach is a guest at the home of her niece, Mrs. Fred Brown.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades held a surprise party for the boys Monday afternoon. They exchanged valentines. Refreshments of fancy crackers, cookies, pickles and home-made candy were served. Dr. Cutter received valentines from the girls and a generous supply of refreshments.

Scarlet fever is spreading now in the public schools. Several new cases having been reported this week.

A party of twenty young people had a sleighride to [illegible] Sunday evening, where they were the guests of Miss Ella Whi[illegible]. A bountiful lunch was served [illegible] Miss Whitney. The return trip was made through Still River. Jerome Wheeler drove the party over.

Dance, City hall, Leominster, Monday night, Feb. 21; Tuesday, 22d, 2 to 6—8 to 12.

Parent-Teacher Association.

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher association held in the Church street schoolhouse last week was a success in every way. A good number of parents were present and the debate by pupils of the eighth grade showed the children had put earnest work on their parts. The subject, "Resolved, country life is more beneficial than city life," brought out arguments on amusements, food supply, accidents, disease, crime and protection by insurance.

The affirmative was opened by Warren Burchstead, who had for supporters, Virginia Wheeler, Nina Burchstead, Alice McDevit. The negative was opened by Anna Fisette, who was followed by Arnold Hocquard, Walter Errington and Phylis Norgard. The leaders were called on for rebuttal, after which the judges, Miss Mary Park, Miss Grace Kilburn and Arthur Dunn, announced their decision—affirmative 104 points, negative 95½ points.

There was singing by the school before and after the debate. Refreshments were served by a committee of the association, assisted by high school pupils. It is planned to have more of these social occasions.

Center.

Mrs. Mabel Graves is in Springfield for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark on account of the illness of their child.

Miss Ruth M. Gaines of Lawrence, a student at the Lowell Normal school, has been obtained to teach the Center Intermediate school in the town hall. The school-room will be prepared for occupancy next week and the school will open on Monday, February 28. Miss Gaines comes here with very good recommendations from the normal school.

The Center Primary and Grammar schools closed on Friday for a week's vacation and will open again on Monday, February 28.

Miss Lucy G. Lamkin, the present teacher at the Center Primary school, will return to Lowell Normal school about April 1st to finish her course there. Miss Louise E. Thompson of Lowell has been secured from the Lowell Normal school to take her place.

Elmer Hubbard, who is assisting John W. Farrar at the Center store, went home to Princeton last Saturday, returning again this week accompanied by Mrs. Hubbard.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark of Springfield are ill with pneumonia, one of them being removed to a hospital this week. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Ruth M. Graves of this town.

Mrs. Robert H. J. Holden spent Wednesday in Lunenburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Harley.

Another very successful military whist party was held in the town hall last Friday evening for the benefit of the Grange. There was a good attendance, there being twelve tables of players. The high score of the evening was won by Mrs. Abbie P. Longley, Miss Edith Longley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. J. Holden. The low score prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Farnsworth. The whist was followed by dancing. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served, and a good amount of candy was sold by the children of the Center School for the benefit of the moving picture machine fund. Another whist party under the same management will be held two weeks from last Friday night.

An automobile mixup in which four [illegible] were involved, took place on last Friday afternoon in front of the [illegible] at Woodsville [illegible]. A Ford truck [illegible] lost a front wheel and was [illegible] damaged about the [illegible]. A Hudson closed car from Newton [illegible] received badly bent mudguard, and the machine belonging to Robert H. J. Holden, which was standing by the side of the road at the time, received a dented mudguard. The fourth machine, a Ford touring car, escaped without injury. The Ford truck was towed out of the road by Delbert Waterman and was later taken to Leominster. The occupants of the cars all escaped without injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Graves moved on last Saturday from the tenement over the Center store to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, where they will remain until the rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. March are ready for them.

Charles E. Bradford has entered the employ of John W. Farrar and will have charge of the order routes for him.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. Fred Frary at the North spent Sunday in Lynn.

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Fifteenth Anniversary.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the fifteenth anniversary was celebrated, the committee consisting of the past masters with A. A. Adams as chairman. During the business meeting there were brief remarks by the following past masters: Harry H. Lynch, Harry N. Brown, George H. Farmer, Asa A. Adams and George F. Buxton. There were also remarks by Charles E. Bradford, past master of Boxboro grange; Arthur W. Rockwood, past master of Lunenburg grange, and Mrs. Alice E. Cummings, past master of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange. The following program was given after the meeting: Anniversary song by all; clarinet and piano duet, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams; sketch in costume by Miss Olive Evans, who responded to an encore with a parody song on the "Old oaken bucket"; remarks by past masters; clarinet and piano duet by Mr. and Mrs. Adams. The next feature of the program was an old-fashioned spelling match in which George F. Buxton's team defeated that captained by his son, Everett Buxton. In the "spelling down," Harry H. Lynch was the winner, receiving a pound of chocolates as a prize. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and games.

LITTLETON

News Item.

James Warren Feeney, an ex-service man, passed away at his home on King street Tuesday night after a lingering illness. He is survived by his widow and a young son. The funeral was held in the Episcopal church, Ayer, Thursday, after which Mrs. Feeney accompanied the remains to Washington, D. C.

Town Meeting.

Another town meeting has passed into history. It was characterized as harmonious and unsensational. The women voters were well in evidence but showed little inclination to approach the rostrum. The warrant was read by the town clerk, Eliot Young, and the articles were taken up and freely discussed fairly and good naturedly. Hon. C. A. Kimball officiated as moderator, as in many years, to the eminent satisfaction of his fellow citizens. His retirement from the chair is necessitated by the acceptance of his new position as postmaster. The officials chosen are as follows:

Bennett Sanderson, moderator; Eliot Young, town clerk; Roland G. Houghton, selectman and overseer of the poor, three years; Edward P. Sheehan, assessor, three years; Frank B. Priest, water and electric light commissioner, three years; Langdon Prouty, collector and treasurer; F. A. Hosmer and E. H. Priest, auditors; Fred C. Reed 145, Fred G. Reed 139, Walter E. Smith 125, constables; Marcus W. Flagg, school committee; Frank A. Patch, trustee of library; Joseph P. Thacher, cemetery commissioner; [illegible] H. Hopkins, tree warden; Frank Jacobs, park commissioner, one year; J. Melvin Hartwell, park commissioner three years; J. William Ames, board of health, three years. Among the minor officers elected were Roger A. Priest, Herbert E. Prouty [illegible] vote: yes 25, no 121.

Appropriations amounted to $41,728.71 in addition to interest on funds, dog tax money and a few other small sums. $20,225 and interest on two funds and dog tax money for schools; $200 and unexpended balance from last year for railing highways; $125, Memorial day; $1250, salaries of town officers; $3600, miscellaneous expenses; $1000, maintenance of library and library building; $90, sureties of town officers; $653.39, extermination of moths; $1000, extension of cement walk toward Center and Foster street; $247, spraying shade trees; $5[illegible] and unexpended balance of last year for police protection; $4000, highways; $1000, Newtown road provided state and county appropriate similar sum each; $500, repairs of King street from Center to Common, $500, oiling roads; $250, demonstrations in agriculture under direction of A. E. Shedd; $2564, outside poor and [illegible]; $1000, defraying expenses of town hall; $1100, street lighting; $2500, water department; $1800, hydrants; $1200, bond payment; $150, safe for water and light department; $734.22, reserve fund.

Mrs. T. N. Ayers served a substantial and toothsome dinner at noon, admirably sustaining her previous reputation as caterer.

The Easy Way.

The fight now staged for the repeal of the so-called daylight saving law seems to be going merrily on. The farming population seems from reports to be pretty generally in favor of such repeal, while the claim is made by members of chamber of commerce and like heavy-handed sons of toil that a very large percentage of other workers are very much against changing the present order of things.

At a hearing the other day one manufacturer stated that if the law was repealed his firm would start their plant an hour earlier and quit an hour earlier in the afternoon. Well, why not? Why is that not the best way out of it for all concerned? We are sure the farmer would not have the least objection to that plan. If the help and the management so agreed they would have no objection to starting work at five a. m. if so desired, without any monkeying with the clock.

Some forty years ago we worked in what was then the largest axe factory in the world, producing something like 2000 finished axes per day. A good deal of the work was pretty strenuous and had to be done in a very hot room. In order that the work might be done in the coolest part of the day during the summer months, the power started at four a. m. and the day's work was finished before noon.

The workmen were satisfied, the company agreeable, the general public had no kick coming and the clocks were not tampered with and we have never yet heard that the arrangement was not all right. In knocking around the country fifteen years as a granite cutter, we found some jobs where the hours were 7 a. m. to 4 p. m., and others where 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. were the regular working hours. It all depended on a vote of the majority of the workmen. We could never see any difference in the amount of work accomplished or the health of the workmen. It all depended on the circumstances under which the men worked and as daylight saving had not been invented then was no friction.

The live farmer has to put in long enough hours in any event and nobody can blame him for not wanting to get up an hour earlier all summer. These are one or two points that seem to have been overlooked in the discussion.

It would seem to one not learned in medicine that an hour's sleep in the early morning would be more refreshing in the hottest part of the year than an hour spent in trying to sleep in the early evening. It is pretty generally conceded we need a certain amount of sleep anyway.

One class that is surely interested in this matter, from whom not much has been heard includes the housewives and boarding housekeepers that have to prepare the meals for the "Little early risers," who do the most of the world's heavy work and have to go to it quite early in the morning. These people have to start a couple of hours ahead of the regular workmen and would seem to be entitled to some consideration in the matter.

As the work-day is very generally eight hours it would seem as if there ought to be margin enough for recreation without bothering with the clock while we have 15 or 16 hours of daylight. V. T. E.

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Friday and "Bad Luck."

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by CHARLES A. KIMBALL, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

3t23 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of ELIZABETH H. TUCKER late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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Starting the Bird on Its Homeward Journey.

Gallant War Services.

During the recent war, notwithstanding the use of telephones, wireless and all the methods of communication which modern genius has invented, pigeons played an invaluable and gallant part.

In the United States there is probably not a city which cannot boast of racing-pigeon fanciers, while clubs and associations for the advancement and enjoyment of the facinating sport of racing the birds are being constantly formed in Eastern, Western, and to some extent in Southern cities. Lofts of homing pigeons are maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture at the government poultry farm at Beltsville, Md., and the department holds a membership in the Washington Racing Pigeon club, a branch of the American Racing Pigeon union. Many of the Washington club races flown during the past summer and fall have been won by Department of Agriculture birds, which number about 250.

Just what faculty enables the homing pigeon to return to its loft many miles away is a point of dispute among eminent homing-pigeon breeders. Some attribute it to remarkable instinct. Others maintain that this bird has sight so brilliant and powerful that it is able to see much farther than any other species, while there are some who claim that it is the extreme and strong attachment for home, coupled with a peculiar memory.

Training the Birds.

It is necessary to keep the birds in good condition with plenty of outdoor exercise, both in good and bad weather, if they are to have endurance for long flights. The young birds are usually hatched in February and March. During the time when the eggs are being incubated and the young cared for, only one of a pair is trained each day. On alternate days the other is shipped to the training station. In this way the breeding is not interfered with, and the eggs or young are never left without one or the other of the old birds.

In the beginning of the training the birds are conveyed in a basket not more than six or eight blocks from their lofts to an open spot away from buildings. The basket is faced toward the loft and the birds liberated at once. At this distance pigeon specialists advise practicing them from all points of the compass. The next step is to select the route over which it is intended to fly the birds. From half a mile the distance can be increased to 1 mile, then 5, 10, 50, 100, and 300, until the longest distance has been reached.

Fly in Clear Weather.

Clear weather should always be selected for the birds' flights, for many birds are lost during a stormy period. Then, too, good weather is especially necessary for rapid flying.

It is considered best not to be in too great haste in having the birds fly a long distance. The young birds need the time to develop their faculties, strengthen the muscles, educate the sight, and cultivate the memory and intelligence.

Perhaps it has not occurred to Lenine and Trotzky that the most potent method of converting the world to the bolshevist idea would be to show the world a happy, prosperous and free bolshevist state.

Foresters are calling attention to a tree in Japan with leaves 30 inches across, which can be grown in America. There was a time, of course, when these might have been interesting as an article of clothing, but the modern Eve will hardly go to such extremes.

CHEAPER MEAT ANIMALS.

Meat animals have been selling by farmers for a whole year ending with September, 1920, at prices that were lower than they were in the preceding year by 14 per cent. The fall in prices, compared with the former years, began in September, 1919. These statements are based on prices ascertained by the bureau of crop estimates, United States Department of Agriculture. Prices of these animals were gradually increasing to the calendar year 1914, but they fell 8 per cent in 1915, followed by a gain of 17 per cent in 1916, of 49 per cent in 1917, when the peak of gain was reached, of 17 per cent in 1918, and of less than 1 per cent in 1919. Now, for the last four months of 1919 and for 1920 to September, there has been a recession of price movement with a drop of 14 per cent.

Schoolteachers cannot properly be the product of an overnight determination to teach school. Neither has it been found feasible or practical to try to equip young men and young women for teaching in the public schools of the United States by such intensive methods as those used in the training of officers for the army during the war, says Christian Science Monitor. Persons in charge of normal schools in the various states have found two or three years none too long a period in which properly to train candidates for the teaching profession. It is largely because of the need of so much time being spent in preparation that interruption of an adequate flow of new teachers into the schools, caused by conditions arising from the war, is particularly marked at the opening of the present school year.

The various men and women who have given real study to the question and are telling us how our minds work, and why we think the things we think, are doing good. To be sure, what they chiefly tell us is that a good deal of the time what we suppose is our thinking is nothing of the sort, but mere instinctive reaction to the way we live, or the things we have heard, or the way the mass of mankind feels. As Scrooge said to the ghost, "You may be an underdone potato or a drop of gravy," they say to us, "You were not thinking; you were merely reflecting." All this is mildly interesting of itself, but the main point is it may start us to thinking about how to think.

Joseph Pennell, in characteristically caustic English, suggests that the Metropolitan museum meet its financial difficulties by showing the work of living artists, instead of "making itself a graveyard of dead art." There is point to the suggestion, though it would, of course, be a serious mistake to regard the work of the great masters of the past as "dead art."

The high cost of postage has caused a slump in love letters in London. But romance, though staggered, will survive the blow, and two hearts that beat as one will find ways and means to assure each of the fact, even if they cannot do it through the mails. In the meantime, as there is no unmixed evil, the stock of breach of promise suits will drop below par.

The stupendous speed of 200 miles an hour was lately attained for a short time by a French aviator. Some conception of this velocity is given by the fact that it would give a cannon ball a range of about 900 yards, which is a long shot for a rifleman. But the limit of speed in flight is probably very far from having yet been reached.

The Moscow terrorists are counting on unemployment in the United States to aid in winning this country for the Reds, their reason probably being that in Russia, where the Reds are supreme, unemployment, next to starvation, is the principal pastime of the people.

The automobile fatality rate grows faster than population, which seems to clinch our fate. But at the same time fatalities per million cars decrease, which suggests a happy time when there may be enough cars to wipe out fatalities. Oh, these statistics!

A writer devotes considerable space to explaining that, contrary to a popular belief, dynamite does not exert its force exclusively in a downward direction. If anyone doubts his contention let him sit on a stick of dynamite and touch it off.

If all the women and all the men in the country qualified to vote, were to vote, there would be 27,000,000 women voters and 26,700,000 men voters. Did you realize that the country was as safe as that?

The midshipmen, in agreeing to give up hazing, are merely acknowledging the necessity of obedience in any sort of a naval education of future officers to be fitted for command.

The politicians may be interested, but it is pretty hard work to get the people stirred up over who will be nominated in 1924.

The most efficient promoter of calamity is the calamity howler.

There may be coal at the South Pole, but how are we going to get any of it up here?

Spitzbergen was given to Norway because it was nearest. This cannot, then, have been the reason England was given Mesopotamia.

Italy certainly stands a poor chance of peaceful times. When the volcanoes cease their eruption, then Flume grows active.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

A fine discourse was given last Sunday morning by Rev. R. M. French on "Life—Physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual." A letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs. Jean Baker Chase from the church here to the Congregational church in Medford, Mass.

The Girl Scouts will hold a troop meeting at the ladies' parlor February 24.

Mrs. Francis A. Lovejoy, who has been quite ill, is much better.

Miss Mildred Rogers, who is in Brookline, Mass., at her cousins', the Galen Stones, went to Newport News, Va., week before last with her cousin, Miss Barbara Stone, who christened a merchant boat there. Miss Barbara's brother accompanied them. Mr. and Mrs. Stone, with a daughter and granddaughter, were in the hotel that burned recently in Atlanta, Ga., and lost nearly everything they had with them.

It has been the custom for several years that the men have charge of the February church supper and this year will be no exception. Monday evening, February 21, the supper will be in charge of Harry D. Verder, with an able corps of assistants.

Mrs. Lakey, who, with her children, went to Florida last fall, returned to Hollis last Saturday with two little daughters and they are boarding with Mrs. Eugene Wheeler. Mrs. Lakey bought the house now occupied by George Eaton's family and will move in there in the spring.

Fred C. Hardy was at home Sunday.

Miss Agnes Tenney arrived home the first of the week from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Norwich, Conn., and New York.

Miss Minnie Colburn, who was confined to her bed with neuritis in her hips after going back to New York from attending her sister-in-law's funeral here, is better and able to get out.

Miss Hazel Lovejoy, who was hit near the temple by a snowball when coming out of Mrs. Hardy's store last Friday, is at this writing (Wednesday) still confined to her bed. The blow from the snowball, which was like ice, caused a clot of blood to form between the eyes. Her doctor thinks this will absorb all right, but she cannot bear any light and is of course most uncomfortable.

Dr. George Hazard was in New York several days last week attending lectures.

Mrs. May T. Worcester and daughter, Helen, were Boston visitors Wednesday.

Lena Ladd was home from Manchester for the week-end.

Mrs. William Porter and daughter of Lowell, Mass., have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer.

Kenneth Mercer was home from Nashua for the week-end.

Avalon Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting Monday night.

The grammar school were unfortunate in having so stormy a night for their entertainment as last week Friday. About 100 attended and the program given was worthy of a much larger audience. Following is the program: Selection by Lund orchestra; farce, "No beggars wanted," the parts being taken by Norman Howe, Billie Green, Francis Morrill, Leonard Rule; a valentine drill by grammar school girls; selection by orchestra; play, "The truth about Jane," given by Mary Stakiulaw, Irene Farley, Cassadania Eaton, Helen Mercer, Rheta Locke, Rose Davis, Anna Sullivan and Clayton Slocomb. Dancing with music by Lund's orchestra followed the entertainment.

Katherine Burten returned to school Monday after being at the hospital two weeks and two weeks at home recuperating.

Mrs. Walter Stickney, who is at a hospital in Boston, is reported as gaining slowly.

Miss Elizabeth T. Worcester, who has been in the infirmary at Wellesley college with a case of the mumps, is recovering from them, but is still in quarantine.

The third degree was worked at the Grange Tuesday evening, after which there were discussions on the amendments of the state constitution, the town and school warrants.

Stanislaw Sheehe, who lives on the old Harvey Powers place, was arrested Monday by federal officers at his home for illegal manufacture of liquor. The [illegible] was found but as yet they have not been able to locate the still. A [illegible] in back of the house that they thought might reveal the still, was searched to no avail.

There was a milk producers' meeting in Nashua February 15, and it was voted to organize an incorporated farm dairy. They elected Charles H. Field of Merrimack pres.; Roy Campbell of Litchfield, treas.; Wallace Wilkins, clerk; Walter N. Hayden, Hollis, Arthur S. Andrews, Hudson, and the officers, directors.

The heavy fall of snow last week Friday has made very good sleighing, but unless more snow falls, the roads will soon be bare again.

Since Miss Hazel Lovejoy's accident an edict has gone forth from the superintendent and school board that there shall be no snowballing on the school [illegible].

Mrs. Hazel [illegible] is more comfortable [illegible] to be up and dressed [illegible] the week.

Mrs. Samuel [illegible] would announce the marriage of her daughter, Marion Locne, to William Francis Brophy on Tuesday, Feb. [illegible].

N. H. C. M. A. Meets.

Charles E. Hardy attended the meeting held in Manchester last week Friday, when the New Hampshire Co-operative Marketing association, with a capital stock of $100,000 to put New Hampshire agriculture on a firm footing and to bring the state's farmers and consumers together to the advantage of both, was formed. It is the purpose of the association to create a great central organization to handle the products of New Hampshire farms for the market at large.

As a result of this meeting six official county solicitors connected with the Hilsborough County Farm bureau, started in Monday morning to canvass the town, and two of these took the work from Tuesday up to noon Wednesday. Eighty-five had signed up for the three-year period, with eight promised and practically $100, the goal set, assured. At noon Wednesday word was received from headquarters that Hollis led the state in membership to date. Out of 107 farms visited in Hollis and Nashua Monday 100 signed up for three years.

Charles E. Hardy is field man in charge of solicitors, and their slogan is "Let's go make Hillsborough county the banner county of the state." Local drivers are Charles T. Brown, Willis C. Hardy, Edward A. Hills, Harry D. Verder, Phœnix Baker, James A. Walch, Charles J. Hills, Arthur Boulton and Harold E. Hardy, who is local director.

School Meeting.

The school warrant has been posted and reads: You are hereby notified to meet at the lower town hall on Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1921, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the treasurer and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To choose a treasurer for the year ensuing.

Art. 5. To choose two auditors for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose a member of the school board to serve three years.

Art. 7. To see if the district will take any action in regard to building an addition on the high school building for grades 5 and 6, or build a separate building for the high school and what action the district will take to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the district will sell the old school building in district No. 11, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of schools for the ensuing year or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To transact any other business that may come legally before the meeting.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The Anna Keyes Powers chapter of the D. A. R. held a very enjoyable meeting with the regent, Mrs. Flora E. Hardy, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Hardy and little Miss Dorothy Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, greeted the members as they arrived with their guests, both being in Pilgrim costume.

During the business meeting it was voted to make Miss Annette Merrill and Mrs. Gutterson of the Prudence Wright chapter of Pepperell, honorary members of the local chapter. The meeting closed with the salute to the flag and a social time was enjoyed.

There was a guessing contest in which the first prize fell to Miss Lucinda Read, and the consolation prize to Miss Eaton. Following this there was the putting together of puzzles, which bore a quotation from Miles Standish. A delicious lunch of salad, sandwiches, cake and tea was served by the hostess, the guests finding their places at the table by unique place cards bearing a pencil sketch of a "Pilgrim father." These were very well done and were the work of Loren Locke.

The chapter will not meet again until April 9, when Miss Eaton will be the hostess.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The Woman's club met at the ladies' parlor last week Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. R. M. French gave a fine reading of Drinkwater's play, "Abraham Lincoln." On account of the storm there were only a few members present.

It was voted to send a delegate to Concord the following Friday to the presidents' meeting of the New Hampshire federated clubs. Miss Rogers was chosen to go but the hard snowstorm of that day prevented her going. Club tea was served by Mrs. Phœnix Baker, assisted by Mrs. Charles Boulton and Mrs. Edward Hills.

The club will meet next week Wednesday with Mrs. Flora E. Hardy. A book review will be given by Mrs. William W. Worcester.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

A public reception will be given the school teachers in Daniels Academy hall on Tuesday evening, March 1. Parents and friends invited. This does not include children.

Mrs. George Betterley has been called to Townsend by the illness of her sister.

Mrs. Grace Dodge gave a party to the Sunbeams on Wednesday, February 16.

Mrs. Alice Jenness and little son are spending several days in Fitchburg, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall.

The Loyal Workers met with Mrs. Emma Dunbar on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Maude Lackey of Groton has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Brown.

Miss Marguerite Chandler of Nashua spent the week-end at her home.

Mr. Albert Kecy has gone to Bellows Falls, Vt., for a few weeks.

Miss Eva Corey is visiting friends in Concord and vicinity.

Edwin Taylor spent the week-end at his home, returning to Manchester on Monday.

Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood has returned home from Nashua, where she has been caring for her mother and sister, who have been ill.

George Rockwood and Wendell Tyler [illegible] recent visitors in Pepperell.

Mrs. Hattie Pierce spent several days of the past week at Nashua and on Sunday Mr. Pierce returned to his home here.

Clarence Russell has just presented the library with a copy of the Bible written by Hale Gage.

Miss Ruth Greeley has been the guest of Miss Annie Lorden at Pepperell, Mass.

Willis Hughes has been visiting friends at Lowell and Brookline, Mass.

Miss Jessie Farnsworth is visiting her aunt at Newton, Mass.

Charles Packard is spending a few weeks at the home of Harry Campbell.

Addiord Ouellette has been spending several days in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Jafed Jarvella of North Brookline died at her home on Sunday.

Ernest Poland of Stoddard is visiting his uncle, Silas Wheeler.

Miss Alice Perkins has been a recent visitor in Milford.

George Powers of Greenfield, Mass., is spending a few weeks with his brother, James Powers, on Milford street.

William W. Wheeler went to Antrim last week to care for his father, Carlos J. Wheeler, who died Sunday morning.

John Holden will return to his home in Melrose this week after working at the icehouses here for the past six months.

John Lucy returned to Melrose and Cornelius and Patrick Regan, jr., have returned to Ayer, Mass., having completed their work at the icehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitlock of Townsend were recent visitors in town.

Silas E. Wheeler is spending a few days at Antrim.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall have another son, born February 8 at North Brookline.

Mrs. Gertrude Powers has been spending a few days at her home in Pepperell.

At the last meeting of the Grange Lincoln and Washington nights were observed. Several of the ladies dressed in old-fashioned costume. There were songs, piano solo and readings, also the scenic reading, "Grandma's party," in which all the ladies dressed old-fashioned, took part. The farce, "Johnnie's new suit," was given by an excellent cast and caused much laughter. At the close of the entertainment Washington pies and coffee was served. A very social time was enjoyed at the close of the Grange. The next meeting will be a mock town meeting with some singing and readings.

SOUTH BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Dance, City hall, Leominster, Monday night, Feb. 21; Tuesday, 22d—2 to 6—8 to 12.

Miss Agnes Morrill of Manchester is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fessenden.

Mrs. John Ferguson, who is convalescing from her recent illness, is being cared for by her sister, Mrs. Josephine Dodge, of Winthrop, Mass.

Miss Eleanor Storer of Nashua spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shattuck.

William Bailey and Walter Fessenden were visitors in Boston on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Belle Barnaby was a visitor in Townsend on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar of Brookline were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson on Sunday.

Miss Mary Dodge of Brookline spent the week-end with Mrs. John Gilmore.

Edward Pace, who has been quite ill with bronchitis and under the doctor's care, is improving and hopes to be able to attend school before long.

Mrs. E. C. Shattuck and Mrs. Edward Pace were visitors in Pepperell on Monday.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held a church supper in the church vestry Friday evening. Unfortunately for the committee, a snowstorm was on for the evening and not as many came as were expected, but a fair number were present who enjoyed their supper and a pleasant social hour with songs by the young people made a very enjoyable evening.

The Social club met with Mrs. Etta Rockwood Thursday afternoon, February 10. At roll call there were 17 members present. It was an afternoon for a reception to the little folks. Dorothy Kneeland, who has just passed her first birthday, Roger Fessenden Morse, four months, Doris Parkey, 2½ years, who gave two recitations, which were much enjoyed by all present. After the literary program songs were sung by Mrs. Maynard and a social hour passed all too quickly. The hostess served a lunch of fancy crackers, cookies, home-made candy and tea. The china used was over one hundred years old.

O. D. Fessenden has just completed the filling of his icehouse.

Miss Virginia Lathe, who attends the high school at Milford, spent the week-end with her parents.

Brazil is some country, although few realize it, until we have some of the conceit taken out of us by the realization that we could put the entire area of the United States, including Alaska, into Brazil, and then there would still be 200,000 square miles margin.

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To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE E. LYNCH, also called Kittie E. Lynch and Kittie Lynch, of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, FRANK J. MALONEY, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his 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 real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of March A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a 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 fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

3t25 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Saturday, February 19, 1921

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mr and Mrs. Sidney Tower from Berwick, Me., spent Sunday in town with his parents.

The Hale place at the end of Foster street has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunlap, who will renovate and occupy the same.

Three carloads of stone and a crew of workmen for the Boston and Maine railroad arrived on Saturday and work is to be commenced on a stone embankment along the track, extending from a point near the east wing of the new dam, several rods up river as a measure of protection for the outer track.

At the regular meeting of Prescott Grange, February 11, there was a small gathering, owing no doubt to the stormy evening. A valentine party was given, under the direction of Mrs. Green and Miss Hubbard, with many valentine games. Refreshments were served during the social hour. Current events, by all the members, opened the program. At the next meeting of the Grange, February 25, the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates by the regular officers of the Grange. The program for that evening will be under the direction of Mrs. Amy Shattuck.

A pleasant meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held with Mrs. Elmer Weston on Thursday afternoon of last week with twenty-two members present. Plans were made to organize a White Cross society in aid of the Deaconess hospital in Boston. It was voted to give a sum of money, also toward the fund for that institution, which is now being collected. The society will meet next week, February 24, with Mrs. Arthur Morrison, Lowell street.

The Tarbell Opera House is being put into first-class shape, with the addition of a new screen, and will be leased by Charles Fletcher for moving pictures on the return of Mr. Johnson, formerly the manager at the Aletheia theatre.

Dance, City hall, Leominster, Monday night, Feb. 21; Tuesday, 22d—2 to 6—8 to 12.

Twenty-five members of the Freshmen of the P. H. S., on Tuesday evening, with two of the teachers, Miss Brackett and Miss Leslie, took advantage of the first and only time this winter when there was any sleighing, to enjoy a sleighing party out of town. Nashua was the objective point, and their start was made shortly before six o'clock in Durant's barge on runners and with two span of horses, they attracted some attention. The party divided in the city, going to different theatres for the pictures. They arrived home about one o'clock Wednesday morning, the sleighing not being the best.

Mrs. Charles Bemis, who has been in failing health for some time, suffered an ill turn last week, her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Bartlett being sent for. Mr. Bemis has been here at home from Cochituate for several weeks.

The pictorial section of a recent Washington periodical contains a picture of Senator Henry W. Keyes, with Rep. Hike, from New York, flying near San Diego, Cal., in one of the large dirigibles, both men being members of the Naval affairs committee. Also, there is an article in one of the leading Washington periodicals by Mrs. Henry Keyes, which has caused a flurry in commercial circles in that city. Mrs. Keyes has been invited, so it is stated, to give a talk on this article before the Washington Chamber of Commerce.

An attempted burglary was frustrated, evidently, on Saturday of last week, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Hayes, Townsend street. Someone passing by the house, which has been closed through the winter, saw tracks leading to the door, and thinking that the son might be there for over Sunday, went to the door and rang. This was late in the afternoon. As they got no answer, but heard sounds within, suspicion was aroused, and Chief Dexter summoned. A break had been made, but when Mrs. Hayes was notified at Boston, arriving Monday, she missed nothing of value, and it is supposed the marauders were scared away by the ringing at the door. Chief Dexter has the case in hand, and the house has been placed under surveillance.

The special service of the Boy Scouts, with the Girl Scouts as their guests at the Community church last Sunday, was a very pretty, patriotic affair. The Boy Scouts, about twenty in number, marched in with Wisner Hutchinson bearing the national colors. There were about as many girl scouts, who also marched in, in a body. The sermon was appropriate to the occasion, with many allusions to the organizations represented. The church was decorated under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Allen, with the banners of the Troops, and patrol flags, lightened by flowers of the scout color, which is yellow. The portrait of Abraham Lincoln had a prominent place amid the decorations, draped in the national emblem.

Ray Willoughby, who was in town over Sunday, has recently finished with the firm of Rugg & Murdock, as they have gone out of business. He went to Boston the early part of the week, to make plans for another position.

At a recent meeting of the Hollis Chapter, D. A. R., Miss Annetta Merrill and Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, claiming to have New Hampshire ancestry, requested honorary membership with the Hollis chapter, which was unanimously granted.

Mrs. Emma Hill has closed the McWilliams house on Franklin street and has resumed her position in the mills at Lawrence, as inspector of cloth in one of the departments of the woolen mills.

Mrs. George Smith, who has been under treatment and an operation for contraction of one knee, at the Nashua hospital, returned to her home with her daughter, Mrs. S. M. Nokes, on Wednesday, by auto. She is more comfortable, although her knee is still in a cast.

A Washington Party will be held by the Hope Circle girls at the Methodist vestry, on Monday evening, February 21. The nature of the party with decorations and games and refreshments will be of the "Washington" fashion.

The report of the Methodist conference held recently was received too late for this issue.

The talk on Current Events by Principal Whitmarsh will be given again next week, on Monday afternoon about four o'clock, at the home of Mrs H. N. Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deware motored to Fitchburg last Sunday, finding smooth roads after leaving River street. They were the guests of Mr and Mrs Humbert Oulton, and with them attended the wonderful concert of Boston artists which is given each Sunday afternoon, free to the public, at the Congregational church, through the generous philanthropy of a wealthy Fitchburg lady.

Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., will hold a public food sale at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell on Tuesday, February 22, the date of a regular meeting of the chapter. The food and candy sale will be in charge of the committee, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson and Miss Josephine Lawrence, at 3.30. The chapter meeting will be called at 2.30 and members are privileged to invite guests. A meeting of the executive board will precede the meeting, convening at 2 o'clock. The co-operation of all is asked for in the sale, as the proceeds will be used to defray necessary repairs on the Chapter house. Hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. Tarbell and Mrs. E. G. Chapman.

Wilton B. Brown, a former resident here, is at the Kilbourn hospital at Groton recovering from an operation for appendicitis, successfully performed there last week. Two members of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Brown was a member, visited him this week, on Tuesday, and report him in fairly comfortable, and on the road to recovery. Mr. Brown has recently been living at Westford.

Mrs. H. N. Tower has been a guest at Newton with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Everts, and family, this week past.

Other Pepperell matter on page 2.

Good List of Signatures.

Nomination papers for the new candidate for the office of selectman, George P. Deware, had a good list of signatures, and it is certain he will be well supported at the time of the election. He received a good number of votes as a nominee at the caucus, although coming into the field unexpectedly to many. Mr. Deware is a native of New Brunswick, but has lived in this state for nearly twenty years, applying for naturalization papers during the war, and receiving the same last year. He was educated in the schools of his native town, Point Du Butte, N. B., and has taken an intelligent, and active interest in town affairs, although he has never before had a public office. He has been employed at the Pepperell Card & Paper Company's plant during most of the time he has lived in town. He is assured of the support of his associates, among whom he is popular, and is worthy the support of the citizens, generally.

Town Warrant.

The annual town warrant, duly posted on February 14, contains but twenty articles. Aside from those pertaining to the choice of a moderator, reports of town officers, appropriations and like routine of business, the articles to be acted upon at the regular town meeting on the evening of February 21, at the town hall, are as follows:

Art. 8. To osee if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for district and school nursing, the same to be expended in part payment of the salary of a nurse supplied by the district nurse association.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200, or some other amount, and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in coöperation with the county trustees for aid to agriculture and home economics, under the provisions of chapter 273, general acts of 1918; it being understood that $25 of this amount shall be used to provide local paid supervision of boys' and girls' club work.

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, providing, however, the state and county, under the Small Town act will appropriate each a like amount.

Art. 11, 12, 13, 14 relate to the acceptance by the town of a sum of money the income to be used for the perpetual care of the respective cemetery lots of Phineas Woods, E. Alonzo Blood, Jonathan Bancroft and Benjamin Swift.

Art. 15. To see what action will be taken in regard to cutting or removing brush along the highways and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 16. To see what action will be taken regarding repairing or rebuilding Main street and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to place three large electric lights, one in Railroad square, and one at each end of the Main street bridge, and vote to raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept Sec. [illegible] of Chap. 591 of the acts of 1920, in relation to compensation of elective town officers.

Art. 19. To see if the town will accept the way as laid out by the selectmen from Tucker street over Parker hill, or act anything regarding the same and raise and appropriate money for building said way.

Art. 20. To see what action will be taken in regard to repairing the town house and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $1000 to repair Maple and Chestnut streets.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to establish a board of health to consist of three members, one a physician, one woman member and one man member, to serve one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, without pay.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept Chap. 153, acts of 1916, entitled "An act relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants."

Valentine Party.

A very pleasant occasion was the Valentine party given to Geraldine Parker, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Parker, at her home on Hollis street, Monday evening. Her many friends gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the real, live valentine, as is the yearly custom. With music, recitations and games the evening passed quickly and happily. Fine dancing was executed by the little Misses Gloria Hampton and Mona Ham. Gwen Parker's recitations were greatly enjoyed as usual, as were those of the sisters of the young hostess, Misses Ellen and Katherine Parker, and of Alice Gibbons and Lorraine Geiger, while Helen Gibbons and Constance Parker, rendered some fine piano solos.

A special guest was Mrs. E. D. Walker, Geraldine's Sunday school teacher, who, with her kindly disposition and loving smiles added to the sociability of the occasion.

Eighteen guests were seated around the long table, with its tasteful decorations of hearts, cupids, and candles. A fine, rich birthday cake, white-frosted and decorated with red hearts, and red candles in rose colored candlesticks was made and donated by Constance Parker, sister of the "Little Valentine."

Everyone seemed to heartily enjoy Favors were placed at each plate, the one for Geraldine containing a string of silver beads, much appreciated by the little girl, as were the other numerous birthday gifts bestowed upon her.

Woman's Club Notes.

The members of the Woman's Club and guests were abundantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon, by the reminiscences of Rev. Sherrard Billings. He spoke from a personal knowledge of his subject, "the duties of the chaplain in a hospital just behind the firing line in France," being his own. The speaker gave these sketches of the life there, in such happy vein, there was nothing depressing or sad to be connected with it. He related anecdote after anecdote, showing that his life there, during most of the years of the war, had been filled to overflowing with incidents, grave and pathetic. He spoke of meeting there many of the ex-students of the Groton school, among them Capt. Archie Roosevelt, who was in his own part of the hospital. A "true Roosevelt" he called him, full of courage. In speaking of the manner of his going, he said that in all his crossings, about thirty times, he had never had a passage like it. A darkened ship, creeping almost sneaking along, and apprehension written on every face. The word pictures of the speaker during the hour were vivid and pleasant listening. One of the pleasantest features of the afternoon was the presence of several of the Convalescent soldiers from the Homestead, who were present by special invitation of the club. Whatever they might have expected from the chaplain of a hospital, they [illegible] happily disappointed, and showed their appreciation of the wit and humor gathered from out of his more serious experiences.

The program opened and closed with singing, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Old folks at home," and the boys proved their enjoyment by heartily joining in the selections. The other music was by Miss Ruth Walker, who rendered two selections, and responded to an encore.

A condensed report of the State Federation meeting of Woman's Clubs at Melrose Highlands, last week on Wednesday, which was attended by Mrs. A. G. Pike and Mrs. E. D. Walker, was given by the former. A short business session completed the meeting.

Recommended Appropriations.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the heads of the various departments, held on Wednesday evening, the following budget for recommended appropriations was prepared, to be voted on at the town meeting, February, 21, at 7.30, at town hall:

Board of health, $600; bond for treasurer and col., $90; bonds (water) $5500; bridges, $1000; care of common, $85; cemeteries, $400; county farm bureau, $200; culverts, $400; cutting brush $400; district nurse assn., $500; fire department, $2800; and outstanding bills, $200; forest fire warden, $50; guide boards, $75; highways, $8000; hydrant service, $3130; insurance, $360; insurance com. and liability, $400; interest, $2500; Memorial day, $100; moth department, $1089.29; playground, $50; police department, $1500; poor department, $6700; river road, $700; sealer of weights and measures, $81; schools, $27,500 and dog tax, $400 tuitions, $200; gen. school fund, $2225; acct. Supt. union, $1565; bal. from 1920, $1,225.51; sidewalks, $250; snow paths, $500; soldiers' relief, $500; state aid, $500; street lights, $4700; town charges, $2500; town clock, $25; town house, $400; tree warden $25; watering troughs, $25.

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$1.15 Heather Hose, **70¢** each, 3 for **$2.00**
75c Pure Cashmere Hose, 53c each, 4 for **2.00**
$3.85 Flannel Pajamas **$2.00**
$3.65 Fancy Madras Shirts **$2.00**
$3.50 Lightweight Duo-Rib Union Suits **$2.00**
$3.50 Heavy Balbriggan Peerless Union Suits **$2.00**
$3.00 and $3.50 Golf Caps **2.00**
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$5.00 O. D. Flannel Shirts **$3.00**
$2.50 Lightweight Wool S. and D., **$1.59**, 2 for **$3.00**
$3.00 Heavyweight Wool S. and D., **$1.65**, 2 for **$3.00**
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24.85

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29.50

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Science and Theory.

Theorists may disagree, but not scientists. Science means knowledge and men are scientists only to the extent of their absolute knowledge. The true scientist will never ask that you accept his opinion; he only asks that you accept his facts.—Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins.

Prussia's Barren Area.

The area of barren land yet to be found in Prussia alone is estimated at not less than 3,705,000 acres. Between 1856 and 1918 approximately 1,970,000 acres were brought under cultivation. A further 2,705,000 acres of rich soil is yet to be obtained by drainage.

The Licensed Falsehood.

Every man, if he catches his son in a falsehood, will at least reprimand him. But the greater the falsehood the man's favorite statesman tells, the more apt he is to vote for him, and bothers others to vote for him.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

Turkish Women Fine Linguists.

It is no uncommon thing for Turkish women to be able to speak half the languages of Europe, and to have, in addition, a knowledge of ancient Greek, Persian and Arabic.

'Twas Ever Thus.

The hotel dweller longs for the comforts of home. And the home dweller longs for the comforts of a hotel.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Educate Your Dollars.

Placard in a rural store: "Trade Here and Teach Your Dollars to Have More Cents."—Boston Transcript.

No sooner are the police baffled by one crime mystery than another bobs up to take attention away from the old one. Police life is just one baffle after another.

Do you remember those grand old days when there were fifteen oysters in every 25-cent stew, and you could get 'em at the counter on the half-shell for 1 cent each?

German prisoners of war who traded iron crosses for tobacco or cigarettes are not worrying because they can't get duplicates without proof that the decorations were stolen.

Egyptian government officials are unusually susceptible to public opinion. One had a bomb thrown at him and immediately resigned under an impression that he is unpopular.

Peculiar Philippine Buffalo.

When Americans first went to the Philippines they were much interested in the odd-looking beas. known there as the "water buffalo"—a smaller variety commonly used as a draft animal, but giving little milk. It is extensively utilized in the same way in China. The brute cannot endure hard work in the sun unless its skin is frequently wet, and hence its habit of wallowing in mud or water. If overcome by the heat it may go crazy and is liable to be dangerous. But the milch buffalo, kept for dairy purposes, needs no water hole.

Beating the Bachelor.

In Sicily the fir tree is unknown as a Christmas adjunct, but the very ludicrous custom of "beating the bachelor" is observed by the women. All of the unmarried men in the village are driven into the church after mass by the outnumbering women and run about the sacred edifice and beaten until they declare (often falsely) that they will wed ere another Christmas come around.

Jud Tunkins.

Jud Tunkins says many a man thinks he is giving advice when he is merely being encouraged to loosen up his conversation and get his measure taken.

Cleaning Jet.

Brush it well. Put one drop of sweet oil on the palm of the hand, rub the brush over the hand and then again brush the jet. Rub lightly with a chamois leather.

Nothing to Do but Talk.

The lord mayor of London is called upon to make an average of nearly a thousand public speeches during his year in office.

Life Isn't All Fun.

Entertaining an idea won't get you very far; you must work it.—Boston Transcript.

Safety First.

"Maw says you can't kiss me any more, Willie Jones, 'cause you might get microbes and I might get your crobes."—Sun Dial.

Best Is Everything.

The man who has done his best has done everything. The man who has done less than his best has done nothing.

Alikeness in Unlike Things.

Watches and rivers seldom run long without winding.

Odessa has had more varieties of government in the last year than any city in Europe, but we doubt if it holds a high opinion of any of them.

Nicholas, former king of Montenegro, is plotting to regain his throne, which seems to us about as foolish an effort as an ex-king could engage in these days.

The right of women to preach from the pulpits of the Church of England has again been denied. Nevertheless, women will continue to preach everywhere.

A former judge of a juvenile court puts a world of truth in the remark that "An ounce of prevention in a child is worth a ton of reformation in a criminal."

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American Indians' Origin Unknown.

No definite solution has been found in regard to the origin of the American Indian. Anatomically, the Indian bears a striking resemblance to the Mongolian. Therefore it is reasonable to believe that his ancestors originally crossed from Asia to North America. The period of this migration cannot be calculated accurately. It is believed, however, that man has existed in America at least 25,000 years and not more than 200,000 years.

Making Talking Machine Records.

The method of recording phonograph records is as follows: The record is first placed on a wax master record, by a process similar to electrotyping. This record is finally transferred to a solid metal plate. It is from this plate that the records are pressed. An unlimited number of records can be produced from a single plate. When vocal artists make records they sing into a small wooden or metal horn.

How High Do Birds Fly?

This appears to be still an unsettled question in ornithology, and recently a scientific institution requested airmen engaged in meteorological exploration to observe the heights at which birds are found. At present it is believed that birds generally do not rise more than about 1,300 feet above the ground, although occasionally they attain an elevation of between 6,000 and 7,000 feet.

Mental Depression Common.

Comparatively few persons, if the feeble minded and a large number of the insane are excepted, are entirely free from the tendency to bouts of more or less mental depression. The more intellectual portion of mankind is indeed more prone to this kind of mental malaise, or spiritual equivalent of sea sickness, than the less "brainy" majority.

Hospitality.

Hospitality must be for service and not for show, or it pulls down the host. The brave soul rates itself too high to value itself by the splendor of its table and draperies. It gives what it hath, and all it hath, but its own majesty can lend a better grace to oat cakes and fair water than belong to city feast.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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