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HARVARD.

News Items.

Percy W. Willard, formerly of this town, now of New York city, at the annual Masonic convocation of the grand chapter of New York, held in Albany, February 2 and 3, was elected grand captain of the host.

While carrying chimney tile into the new Farmer house on Oak hill, one of the masons fell and caught his hand between the tile and the wall, badly crushing that member. He was taken to the hospital in Boston, where amputation of one finger was necessary.

Andrew L. Haskell arrived in town last Tuesday with a carload of twenty-four new milkers.

Mrs. A. N. Eagles is visiting with friends in Mansfield. In her absence Miss Eva Eagles is keeping the house for the rest of the family.

Horace D. Cameron, of this town, and Miss Mildred E. Carman, of Ayer, but formerly a Harvard girl, were united in marriage on Saturday, January 20. Both young people are well-known and popular with the younger set and they have the best wishes of the townspeople here. Mr. Cameron is employed at Tahanto, and we understand that Mr. and Mrs. Cameron are to occupy the Sprague farm on the Warren estate.

Miner & Bruce, of Bolton, have completed a driven well for Arthur T. West at his residence on Lovers' Lane. Water in abundance was found in a granite ledge at a depth of fifty-one feet, forty-one of which was in the ledge. A supply of twelve to fifteen gallons per minute failed to perceptibly lower the water which fills the pipe to within ten feet of the surface of the ground.

Henry Crossley is having a well drilled at the farm on the Depot road.

The new home for the use of the principal and family of the Bromfield school is nearing completion. Carpenters are at work in some of the rooms.

Harvard Grange held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday evening, working the degrees on a class of ten candidates. Supper was served in the lower hall to seventy-five. Visitors were present from Shirley, Bolton and Littleton Granges. Programs for the year will be ready for distribution at the next meeting.

There was a fair number out at the meeting of the apple growers held at the Memorial room on Wednesday evening. Prof. Ferguson addressed the meeting. Everyone present seemed so intensely interested in the proposition that Prof. Ferguson is to come again on Wednesday evening, February 24, to talk further in regard to this proposed undertaking. Co-operation is in the air as an only paying proposition for farmers in the disposition of farm products, and Prof. Ferguson is one of those able men fitted by nature to press the matter home to everyone who hears him in a convincing manner. Every producer in Harvard, whether of fruit, poultry or whatever else, should make a special effort to come on next Wednesday evening at the Memorial room at eight o'clock.

Miss Helen Averill, of Braintree, a kindergarten teacher, who has been substituting at the First primary school pending the selection of a permanent primary teacher, closed her services here last week and has returned to her work in Braintree.

The annual supper and entertainment given by the men of the Orthodox church parish is to be given at the town hall on next week Friday evening. Suppers at six and seven o'clock. The committee having this in charge are N. A. Dill, William Hanna, R. A. Reed and A. T. West, and they are sparing no pains to see that everyone attending shall be amply provided for. The entertainment in the evening is to consist of an illustrated lecture. Subject, "The life of Ben Hur." The large number of stereopticon views given in this lecture are most beautiful and depict the character in this famous story in a vivid manner. Entertainment at eight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Snow are at their residence on Oak hill for over the holidays.

Quite a number of the women of the town gathered last Thursday afternoon at the Memorial rooms to listen to a talk by Mrs. Pinkham, of Boston, who spoke in behalf of equal rights. Mrs. Pinkham is a very entertaining and convincing speaker.

Miss Lucy McMahon, of Ayer, spent the day on Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. A. T. West.

H. W. C.

On account of the rainy weather the attendance at the meeting of the Woman's club on Monday afternoon was small, there being but about twenty-five present. The topic for the afternoon was current events, written by Miss Mary E. Wardwell, of Boston, and read by Mrs. Alice Bigelow. The paper was well written and was read understandingly. The chairman of the health and home economics committee, Mrs. Alice Bigelow, assurred the club that they, as a committee, were busy in their sphere of the club work in looking into the possibility of being able to serve hot drinks or soup once or twice a week during the noon hour at the grammar school building. The club has accepted an invitation for three of its members to attend neighboring day in Ayer on March 3.

The next meeting of the club will be on March 1, when Mrs. Thomas Allen, of Boston, will address the club on "Anti-suffrage."

Annual Temperance Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society will be held at the town hall on Sunday evening at 7.45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be in attendance. The meeting will open with a fifteen-minute praise service. A mixed quartet, Miss Madoline Parker, soprano; Mrs. J. A. Cleaves, contralto; Arthur H. Turner, bass, and Arthur T. West, tenor, with a chorus of girls' voices, will lead this part of the program and all are earnestly invited to come and join in the singing of the good old-fashioned hymns. The quartet will also render some special numbers. The speaker of the evening is Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, of Cambridge, a woman well-known for her ability as a speaker and worker along temperance lines. She is well worth a strong effort on the part of every citizen to hear. Her lecture is to be illustrated with some very beautiful and instructive stereopticon views. Everybody come and come prompt at 7.45.

Church Notes.

The usual morning service for public worship will be held on Sunday at the Congregational church. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "Playing with fire." Music by the chorus choir.

The bible school meets regularly at twelve o'clock. A cordial welcome awaits anyone, young or old, who wishes to enroll in the school.

On account of the annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society there will be no Y. P. S. C. prayer meeting on Sunday evening. It is hoped that the young people will all be present at the town hall to hear the temperance address.

The Monday class met as usual this week in spite of the downpour of rain and icy roads. Miss Helen Hildreth introduced the subject of current events with well selected happenings of the past week. A paper on the life and work of John Marshall, chief justice, was read by Mr. Dill. Mrs. Dill outlined the life and administration of James Monroe. A review of the causes for and events of the American revolution closed the evening's work. Monday being Washington's birthday, will be chiefly devoted to the story of the life of the first president.

At the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting last Sunday the president, Mrs. H. B. Royal, invited the young people to meet at her home on the following Wednesday evening for the purpose of practicing unfamiliar songs in the hymnal. Announcement was also made of an opportunity to attend the convention at Concord Junction on the afternoon and evening of February 22. One new name was proposed as an active member of the society.

The regular service of worship will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45 with sermon by the pastor. The special music will be a tenor solo by Mr. Thayer, who will sing "Behold I stand at the door," by Jude.

The session of the Sunday school will be held at twelve o'clock. In connection with Washington's birthday an exercise of questioning about the presidents of the United States will be conducted. Classes for men, women and children, with appropriate lessons for each group.

Still River.

William B. Haskell lost a valuable horse last Saturday. It had been very sick for a week, and there being no hopes of its getting better, he had it put out of its suffering.

Miss Katherine Lawrence had a serious relapse in her sickness last Saturday night and has been very sick since, but at last reports was more comfortable.

Mrs. W. B. Haskell and Mrs. Levi H. Howard spent Wednesday shopping and visiting friends in Worcester.

Edna Robinson returned the first of the week from visiting her brother's wife in Fitchburg.

Miss Wade, of Bangor, Me., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William W. Viles.

Mrs. Nourse is visiting her daughter in Hudson this week.

Word was received by William B. Haskell on Wednesday of the death of Miss Olive Robbins, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The body was brought to Still River on Friday for burial in the family lot in the Center cemetery in Harvard.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The little Piper baby is decidedly on the gain since the first of the week.

The ladies of the Congregational society enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Waldo E. Conant, who opened her home Wednesday afternoon to all who could be present with thimble and fancy work. A genuine sociable was combined with the discussion of subjects pertaining to church interests. Many of the ladies were called in other directions on account of rehearsals and preparations for various entertainments, etc., regretting much their inability to accept Mrs. Conant's invitation.

Evelyn Ewings, whose ankle was severely sprained two months ago, is gaining slowly. She gets about well on crutches.

Herbert E. Whitney recently underwent a surgical operation to secure better drainage of one lung and although he is reported as resting comfortably remains a very sick man.

At the meeting of the Unitarian society held last Monday evening it was voted to accept half the sum willed by the late Joel Emery Fletcher to the society.

The high school teachers will take next Tuesday for visiting day.

Mrs. S. H. Jewett has had a very poor week and continues very feeble.

Charles Scott and family, who lived in one of E. H. Flagg's houses at the Common, have moved into the old depot tenement on Taylor street.

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard was the guest of her daughter in Ayer last Sunday.

Samuel Reed, jr., and Mrs. Nellie Dewey were married at the home of the bride's brother, Fred Reed, of Great Road, Friday afternoon in the presence of the nearest relatives and a few other invited guests. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Caulkins. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have gone to Boston, Providence and Worcester for their honeymoon and after a few days will return to Littleton and make their home with Mr. Reed's parents at the Common.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barrett, who have been living with Stacy C. Bates in Newtown, have given up their position and left town yesterday. They hope to have a farm of their own and are now looking for one in a neighboring town.

Dr. J. D. Christie has been reappointed school physician and F. C. Reed and Mrs. Chas. A. Kimball have been appointed attendance officers of the schools.

Schools will be closed for the holiday, Monday, February 22.

Henry F. Works is improving slowly, but is not yet considered out of danger.

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Men's Felt Combinations, with 2-buckle Rubber, our $3.00 kind, now....	$2.39
Children's Felt Slippers, worth 75c., now marked down for this sale to.....	45¢

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The 75c. grade, now for.....	59¢
The $1.00 grade, now for.....	79¢
Men's Double Breasted Camel's Hair Underwear, our regular $1.00 garments...	79¢
Boys' Fleece and Derby-ribbed Underwear, 25c. and 29c. regular price, now....	21¢
Boys' Wright's Fleece, 50c. grade, now....	39¢

Shirt Bargains

One lot of Fancy Coat Shirts, regular $1.00 grade, now	79¢
One lot of our regular 50c. Fancy Shirts, now	39¢
One lot of Working Shirts, Domet Flannel, the regular 50c. grade, now.....	39¢
One lot of Working Shirts, in Chambray and Khaki, the regular 50c. grade, now	39¢

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Men's and Boys' Coat Sweaters, a regular 75c. quality, now for	43¢
Men's Coat Sweaters, heavy and with collar, a regular $3.50 quality, now	$2.69
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WESTFORD.

Center.

The Grange dramatics are one of the interesting events for next week, coming on Friday evening at the town hall at 8.15. The members of the cast, previously given in this column, are all of proven ability and the play chosen is "Jack o' hearts," with much sprightly comedy and interesting action. Dancing will follow the play and the music will be a feature of the occasion. Henry Marsh, of Waltham, a clever musician, and sort of a "one-man orchestra," will furnish music between the acts and for the dancing. The proceeds are for the State Grange educational aid fund.

The Junior C. E. society enjoyed a sleighride and supper last week Friday evening. Walter Fletcher had his father's horses and took a merry sled load of about twenty, making a circuit of about eight miles, and upon returning brought up at the Congregational parsonage, where they enjoyed a good supper.

Residents are reminded that the closing of the mail hour is a little earlier than formerly as follows: 6.47 a. m., 11.40 a. m. and 4.40 p. m. This is to give better opportunity to get the electric car when the carrier uses the car. The postoffice closes on Monday and Saturday evenings at nine o'clock, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30, and Friday at eight.

The board of selectmen have organized with Oscar R. Spalding, chairman; Sherman H. Fletcher, secretary.

A very pretty valentine whist party was held on last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Grace Robinson, when she entertained about twenty-five of the young people of the town. Whist was enjoyed during the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker made the highest scores. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The pretty decorations and score cards were all in keeping with St. Valentine's day and the party was in every way a most enjoyable one.

Loring Griffin, who has been farming for the last two years on the Reed farm on the Littleton road, sailed this week for LaGloria, Cuba, where he is to have charge of a citric plantation.

Under the auspices of the music committee of the Tadmuck club, Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher gave a musicale at their home Wednesday evening, illustrating the opera "Theliacci," as far as possible with the Victrola.

The February meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society met with Mrs. L. W. Wheeler Thursday afternoon. Under the general subject for the winter's study of "Redman's land," the subject for this meeting was "The Redman and the social order." There was a good number present and tea was served at the close of the meeting.

Sunday evening, at the Congregational church, Mr. Wallace gave a most interesting stereopticon lecture on "The Red American." The pictures of many phases of the Indian and his life were clear and well described.

The overseers of the poor have organized, choosing Charles L. Hildreth as chairman, and honoring the new member of the board, Fred Blodgett, with the secretaryship. Dr. Blaney was chosen town physician. The salary of the master of the town farm was increased by a majority vote of the board. Mr. Hildreth did not make any allowance for this item when asking for the necessary appropriation at the town meeting and so stood by his previously expressed opinion, but was out-voted.

Tadmuck Club.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. At the business session special notice was given of the next meeting, March 2, at 2.30 in the afternoon in the Congregational church. This meeting is planned especially for the children and Miss Anne Varner Baker will give the entertainment of the afternoon with cartoon sketches, clay modeling, impersonations, shadowgraphs and pianologues. The club is fortunate to secure so versatile and well-known an entertainer as Miss Baker and each member is to be responsible for one child being present to enjoy the afternoon. The members are to give the child chosen their written card so that the committee in charge may know what children are invited and try to plan for others.

A letter of thanks was read from Miss Foster at the Frost school, expressing sincere appreciation of the action of the club in cancelling the indebtedness on the Victrola for the school.

The president paid loving tribute to the memory of Miss Elizabeth Warren Kimball and a letter of sympathy was voted to be sent to the bereaved relatives. Notice was given of the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation of Woman's clubs to be held in Somerville on February 26.

The program for the afternoon was a talk on "Basketry," delightfully given by Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, and of much literary merit as well as illustrating one of the most attractive of handicrafts. Miss Brown sketched the development of basket making from earlier times and illustrated her talk with some beautiful baskets of her own weaving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pyne are no longer driving their faithful horse, "Charlie," long a familiar figure on our streets. He had succumbed to paralysis and old age generally and was mercifully put to rest after more than thirty years of life, fifteen of which he had served his late owners. Mrs. Ai Bicknell also mourns a household pet, her fine cat "Admiral Dewey," which had been one of her household for nearly nineteen years.

Deaths.

Mrs. James L. Kimball's Westford friends were much shocked last Saturday afternoon to hear of her death at the Lowell General hospital. Mrs. Kimball entered the hospital on Wednesday and on Thursday underwent a serious operation from which she failed to rally.

Mrs. Kimball was fifty-four years old and was born in Lowell, where she had a wide circle of friends. She was married to the late Albert Puffer Warren in 1881, and they resided in St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Warren was a practising lawyer. In 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Warren purchased the Hall place in Westford and renovated the fine old-fashioned house into a most attractive dwelling. Mr. Warren did not live long to enjoy his beautiful home, but died suddenly of heart disease in the autumn of 1913. On the last day of the old year, December 31, 1914, Mrs. Warren was married to James L. Kimball, of Boston, and they were spending the winter months in Lowell.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Kimball is survived by an only sister, Miss Mary G. Stevens, a well-known teacher in Lowell. Mrs. Kimball had made many friends during her residence in Westford, possessing an attractive personality and identifying herself with the social, church and club life of the village, in all of which she will be much missed.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Lowell cemetery chapel, being preceded by prayers at the house. Rev. David Wallace, of Westford, was the officiating clergyman and read scriptural selections of comforting character and quoting briefly from Browning's "Abt Volger" and Helen Hunt Jackson's beautiful poem, "My next house not made with hands." "Beautiful isle of somewhere" and "The christian's good night" were sung with sympathetic expression.

Interment was in the family lot at the Lowell cemetery, where a committal service was held. The funeral arrangements were in charge of David L. Greig & Son.

Robert Henry, aged forty-eight years, living near the Littleton line in Westford, was struck by the afternoon train on the "Red Line" while walking on the track Monday afternoon near what is known as Cemetery crossing. The train stopped and carried the man to the East Littleton station, where he died three hours later. When picked up by members of the train crew his right arm was severed from his body and his head badly crushed and medical aid could do nothing to save his life. Mr. Henry was walking along the track from Westford toward Graniteville and failed to notice the warning signals of the train men who could not bring the train to a stop in season to avoid the accident. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Martin Henry.

About Town.

On Wednesday the noon passenger train on the Stony Brook road was derailed just before reaching Brookside station. The accident was caused by a broken axle on the tender, which derailed the tender and baggage car. Wheels were torn off and scattered about as though they were wheels to a toy carriage. Ties were made into kindling wood. An engine and car from Lowell arrived, passed on the switch and proceeded to Ayer. Later a wrecking train from Lowell arrived and did some wheelwright business. Through trains got through on the switch and mostly on time. Fortunately the train was running at a low rate of speed preparatory to a stop at Brookside. The idleness of the Brookside mills and the pleasant weather brought out many spectators. The break of the axle was directly in the center and was as smooth and even as though sawed.

Our usual town meeting was unusual in the absence of our old familiar figure, George T. Day. Years have elapsed and still some since he missed or was missed. He has a head full of the best and wisest town steering apparatus. As chairman of the finance committee he has helped the town to a low tax rate. Many times the town has come close to the verge of dashing its financial brains out on the rock of a high tax rate, but the sagacious wisdom of our 1915 absentee saved us from even a fractured skull.

Rev. Julian R. Pennington gave an eloquent and original address at the Unitarian church last Sunday on Abraham Lincoln. Tomorrow it will an address on the life of George Washington.

West Chelmsford Grange conferred the third and fourth degrees at their last meeting. Mrs. Harry Saxon entertained with singing and everybody listened attentively.

The third farmers' institute of the season will be held in Dracut Center on Friday, February 26. The forenoon address will be given by Professor Thompson of the State Agricultural college. Dinner and after-dinner eloquence, recitations and music by the Middlesex School band of North Chelmsford. Mrs. Jane McAdams, of Provincetown, will speak on "The poultry outlook." She has had an extensive experience in this branch of farming and is worth a large attendance.

The Fortnightly club, which has allowed several months to constitute a fortnight, called "time" last week Friday night and came out of its "corner" game. The program was all Lincoln in charge of Miss Alice Lambert. Miss Alice Lambert sang a song, Ernest Wright read a poem, John Connell read "A Lincoln of the backwoods," Miss Belle Carpenter of Graniteville recited "The spirit of Lincoln," and Mrs. Alice Holt was the final one.

An important meeting of the West Chelmsford Debating society will be held in Historic hall on Monday evening, February 22.

We were much interested in two recent issues of the Lowell Citizen to read happy tributes to our former Unitarian minister, Rev. Sidney S. Moulton. The words of appreciation were written by Mr. Hoagland, of Stow, where Mr. Moulton has preached ever since his Westford pastorate. The civic club which he started sounds most attractive.

Although the robins and pussy willows have notified us "'Tis spring," don't be so foolishly premature as to think you can plant those early peas yet.

The Brookside mills have a peace rush order and now employ eight hands — superintendent, paymaster, two watchmen and four weavers. There is no night shift.

Food Sale.

The W. C. T. U. will have a food sale on Thursday, February 25, at the spacious home of Mrs. George Walker which lends itself beautifully for such an occasion as this. There will be an interesting entertainment. Miss Young will read and Miss Moreland will sing. Both always delight their audiences so it will be a pleasure to hear them. Aprons, candy and food will be on sale. The proceeds of this sale will go towards helping the Frances Willard Home Settlement in Boston. It is a most worthy cause and it is hoped that all interested in such a good work will come to the sale. This home was started by the W. C. T. U. and is supported by them and does a splendid work in educating boys and girls and keeping them off the streets. Almost nine hundred boys and girls come there every week to receive instruction in all kinds of work which will help to make them more useful American citizens.

Death.

Paul Jasmin died at his home on last Sunday after a lingering illness, aged sixty-five years. He owned a large farm in Parkerville, extending into "Texas." The buildings are on the old road leading off the Carlisle road at the Judson Sweetser place, and connecting with the Carlisle road again at Carlisle station. This farm is in history as the Hoyle place, and later as the Hart place. Mr. Jasmin moved from Lowell and has been a resident of the town about twenty years. On this large farm he was too busy to be but little known beyond the limits of Parkerville. He leaves besides his wife, ten children, Mrs. Paul Gladdu and Miss Dolarrese Jasmin of Westford, Mrs. A. McOsker and Miss Aloina Jasmin of Lowell, Arthur, Euclide and Joseph of Westford and Emile, Leo and Hodras, all of Palm Beach, Fla.

Meeting.

The meeting of the Middlesex-North Agricultural society was held in Lowell on last week Thursday to revise the premium list and make arrangements for the next fair. By advice of state authority there will be no exhibition of cattle on account of the hoof and mouth disease, and premiums awarded in this branch will be utilized in larger premiums elsewhere and new attractions. The place of holding the next fair was left with the executive committee, but as Dracut was semi-half promised at the fair last autumn to have it again in 1915 it seems possible it will go there. Premiums will be offered to those making the largest exhibit and the earliest to arrange it for exhibition. This is done in the interest of diminishing the confusion that usually prevails the first day.

Monthly Social.

The Benevolent society of the Village church in West Chelmsford held their monthly social on Wednesday evening of last week. It was Mrs. Samuel Naylor's evening, assisted by Mrs. John Toye, Mrs. George H. McGregor, Mrs. James Reid, Mrs. F. Mallalieu, Miss Emma Brown and Miss Lizzie Winship. The social was well lined up with inhabitants from Lowell, North Chelmsford, Chelmsford Center and Westford. Lowell talent appeared in song, reading and violin —Donald Hanson in song, Genevia Hanson in piano, and Frank B. Hutchinson as violin soloist. Mrs. Margaret Sarre, of Lowell, was in a class by herself in her humorous readings. The bundle sale was in charge of Miss Margaret Reid.

Historical.

The following names are the heads of families in Westford in the first census of the United States in 1790:

John Abbot
John Abbot, Jr.
Joel Abbot
Jacob Abbot
Nathan Ames
Samuel Adams
Thomas Adams
Ebenezer Barrett
William Blaisdell
Nathaniel Boynton
Abel Boynton
William Butterfield
Asa Bixby
Asa Bixby, Jr.
Moses Burge
Eleazar Blood
Aaron Blood
Ezra Blodgett
Jonas Blodgett
Josiah Boynton
Lydia Brooks (widow)
Abigail Butterfield
William Chandler
Thomas Cummings
Isaac Cummings
Timo Cummings
Joseph Cummings
Sarah Cummings
Lucy Cory
Ephriam Chamberlain
Thomas Chamberlain
Benjamin Carver
Jonathan Carver
Abel Cory
Dorcas Chandler
Betsy Chandler
Sybil Chamberlain
Nathaniel Cowdry
Benjamin Dutton
David Dutton
Joseph Dutton
John Elliott
Joel Estabrooks
Benjamin Estabrook
Doctor Farr
Samuel Farwell
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Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Momindy have welcomed a little son into their home.

Cameron school will be closed on February 22, that day being Washington's birthday.

Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal of Cameron school, has recently been offered the position as the principal of the Lincoln grammar school in Everett. She has refused the offer, however, preferring to remain at home, even though the salary would be a decided increase.

The first robin of the season has been reported. H. W. Flavell, the local milk dealer, says the songster was making his home in West Graniteville.

Mrs. W. C. Precious has for breakfast guests a flock of sparrows, nine bluejays and a crow. Mrs. J. W. Pyne dines seven or eight pheasants. Last week the phoebe was heard and it does seem that spring is not so very far distant.

A number from here attended the minstrel show given in the town hall, North Chelmsford, under the auspices of St. John's T. A. society, on February 11.

Mrs. Joseph Mason, of North Chelmsford, visited at the home of her father, Henry Catchpole, on Sunday. Mr. Catchpole, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is now much improved.

An illustrated lecture on "Cathedrals in England" was given at the mission on Thursday evening instead of the usual Lenten devotion. No special admission was charged, but a small collection was taken.

The home of Mrs. Ida Parrott was the scene of a most delightful surprise party on last Saturday evening, when a number of young people gathered to present Miss Mildred Parrott with a silver brush and comb and several other toilet articles. Miss Josephine Socha made the presentation speech, Miss Mildred responding in a graceful manner. A dainty luncheon was served and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Mrs. Hans C. Dege, of Norwich, Conn., and Mrs. Ernest Myers, of Lowell, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole on last Sunday.

The automobile which was thrown into Forge pond awhile ago by Leo Willette and companion of Lowell, was pulled out of the water last week Friday morning. J. A. Healy and a number of men from Graniteville hauled it out of fifty feet of water under the supervision of the owner of the car.

Graniteville.

The members of Ayer Grange are to be congratulated on their fine performance of the rural drama, "Willowdale," as presented by them in Ayer on Monday night. It is understood that this play will be given by them in Forge Village at the close of the Lenten season, and it goes without saying that the affair will be largely attended.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered eloquent sermons to large congregations. On Wednesday, being the first day of Lent, mass was celebrated in the morning and in the evening at 7.30; devotions were also held that consisted of benediction of the blessed sacrament, followed by a sermon and the distribution of the ashes. Rev. Edward C. Mitchell officiated at both masses.

Henry J. Healy and P. Henry Harrington have recently changed their two automobiles for two new five-passenger Overland touring cars that are equipped with all the modern improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Huminston, with their son, Elliott, jr., of West Chelmsford, have been recent guests of Andrew Johnson.

The many people from this village who attended the minstrel show and dance in North Chelmsford on Friday night of last week were well pleased with the fine entertainment given.

Although fishing through the ice has been prohibited in Forge pond, J. A. Healy made a pretty good haul last week when he fished out a Speedwell car for its owners from Manchester, N. H. It was noticed that the car did speed very well after reaching the surface, and judging from its appearance after being in cold storage the spectators felt like using that expression of Goldberg's: "Now that you've got it what are you going to do with it?"

O. W. Sherman, of Damariscotta, Me., has been spending the past few days here as the guest of Dr. and Mrs W. H. Sherman.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

John G. Conant attended the banquet of the Wholesale Grocers' convention in New York city last week. His son-in-law, Walter W. Manning, of Upper Montclair, was one of the speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nutting, of Pepperell, with son Earl; also, Mrs. Annie Nutting, of Shirley, were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Harold Thompson, fourteen years of age, son of Edward Thompson, is confined to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, where he is boarding, with the mumps.

Mrs. Joseph Allen was a guest of Mrs. Michael Moran, of Leominster, Wednesday.

James E. Richardson spent the first of the week at the home of his brother William, in Putnam, Conn.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting on Monday evening.

A very pleasing social event was held in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the C. E. society. The committee in charge of the evening's festivities consisted of Miss Carrie E. Bradford, chairman, assisted by Mrs. H. F. Burrage, Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. F. Peneseau. An oyster supper was served at 6.30, a large number sitting down to the festive board. The entertainment commenced at eight o'clock, when the following pleasing program was rendered: Vocal solo, Miss Mildred Moore of West Acton; reading, Miss Helen Reed of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston; duet, the Misses Moore of West Acton.

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Girls and their guardian, Mrs. Lindenberg, sincerely thank those who contributed home-made candy for their benefit and also are grateful to J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., for giving them the privilege to sell the candy at their minstrel show.

The St. Ann society gave a whist party for the benefit of St. Anthony's church on Tuesday evening, a goodly number being present. The affair of the evening was under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Hachey, Mrs. Michael Bolger, Mrs. George Stebbins and Mrs. Phileas Gionet. The evening was pleasantly spent. The following were the winners of prizes: Eva Gionet and Peter Boucher, jr., first prizes; Annie Bolger and Thomas C. Burrill, booby prizes; Octave Hachey, door prize. Stanley Foster had charge of the check-room and the candy table was in charge of Mrs. Eliza Hachey.

On Friday evening, February 26, at eight o'clock in the Ayer town hall, the Unitarian Girls' club will present the Littleton Woman's club in its recent dramatic success, "A mid-summer night's dream." Reserved seat tickets go on sale Wednesday morning, February 24, at nine o'clock at Hill's drug store, Ayer.

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Girls held their regular meeting last week Friday evening with their guardian, Mrs. Althea Lindenberg.

Mrs. May Jones, of Dorchester, who returned to her home last week after spending an extended visit at the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, was stricken last Saturday with a serious heart trouble, and is in a critical condition.

Frank E. Merriman, son of Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, who was recently married in Louisville, Ky., holds the position of county agricultural agent of the United States department of agriculture in Kentucky, and has advanced rapidly the past few years in the agricultural line and is a contributor on the subject in many of the farming and agricultural papers; also, the Louisville Herald, the leading daily paper in Louisville. That Mr. Merriman is an authority on agriculture is now a well-known fact in the south.

E. Thornton Clark, head farmer at the Industrial School for Boys, has resigned his position at the school, his resignation to take effect about March first. Mr. Clark, however, will still work for the state, having accepted a more lucrative position under the extension department of agriculture of Amherst college. Mr. Clark will be located in Fitchburg or Worcester. Many regrets have been expressed by the many friends of Mr. Clark at his contemplated departure from the town.

Thomas D. Morin will sell by auction on Saturday, February 20, afternoon at one o'clock and evening at seven also, Wednesday, February 24, beginning at five o'clock p. m., his entire stock of jewelry and household furniture. Attend this sale and get the goods at your own price.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a well attended meeting at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley last Saturday afternoon. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Ernest Bohanon, who has been working for Fred Reed, of Littleton, has given up his position and is now assisting A. A. Adams with the moth work.

Henry Walenta has gone to New York for a short visit with relatives there.

Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Nettie T. Woodman, of Fitchburg, have been spending the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings.

The Matrons' Aid society will meet on Tuesday, February 23, with Mrs. Alice Farmer at Woodsville. The plan of meeting but once a month until summer has been abandoned and the society will meet twice a month as usual.

Miss Carrie Bradford visited relatives in Fitchburg last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Mrs. C. E. Bradford attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Littleton last week Thursday.

Mrs. Clifton Derby, of Leominster, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

George Martin, who is employed as chauffeur at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, was called to Clinton last week by the illness of his mother, who is still in a serious condition.

Miss Hazel Cummings, who has been confined to her home with inflammatory rheumatism, for several weeks, was taken worse again last week.

A case of whooping cough is reported in the family of Edward Thompson, at the North.

Mrs. Mary Jenkins, who is nearing her eighty-eighth birthday, was quite ill last week, but is reported to be improving.

A. A. Adams, while setting up a henhouse at his home on Clark road, caught his thumb, tearing it away from the hand, and making a very painful wound. The hand was dressed by Dr. Bulkeley of Ayer.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Miss Nellie Eastman and Charles Colburn, of New York, were married in Nashua at the home of her aunt, Mrs. James Moore, on Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Sojer, pastor of the Congregational church, Nashua. They left for New York, where they will reside.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Davis, of Portland, Me., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a little son. Mother and child were both doing nicely and are in a hospital there. Mr. Davis was formerly a pastor in this town.

F. Leo McEnnis has resigned his position as station agent at North Pepperell, and James Sliney, of East Pepperell, is to succeed him. Mr. Sliney starts in on his new duties Monday morning. Mr. McEnnis has been station agent there for about seven years and has been very faithful in his work and will be missed by a host of friends.

A regular meeting of Hollis Grange was held in Grange hall on Tuesday evening. A good number were present and the following program was given: Reading, Mrs. Mary Powers; papers on farm life, "Its pleasures," Mrs. Addie L. Hale; "Its disadvantages," Charles E. Hardy; "Its funny side," Rev. Robert M. French; "Its serious and helpful side," M. J. Powers; song, Grange choir; instrumental music, Herman Stickney; vocal solo, Grace P. Smith. The program for the next meeting, which comes on March 2, will be as follows: Topic for discussion, the town and school warrants; reading, Mrs. Nellie F. Howard; recitation, Mrs. Francella Wilkins; piano solo, Elwyn Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck, of Pepperell, visited Hollis Grange on Tuesday evening. Mr. Shattuck is master of Pepperell Grange.

For automobile conveyance to North Pepperell depot to meet any of the trains on and after February 22, telephone 11-23.

Flagg & Worcester have purchased a Buick truck of 1500 pounds capacity to be used in their grocery business.

Harry Strong, of Waltham, was at home on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Strong.

Miss Beatrice Stimson has been ill and restricted to her home with several abscesses in her throat.

The junior class of the high school hope to have a large attendance at the supper and entertainment which they are to give on February 22. The supper will be of an unusual nature.

Mrs. William A. Sanders has been quite ill for several days and under the doctor's care.

William E. Lund went to Lempster on Saturday and attended the funeral of his wife's brother which was held on Sunday. He returned home on Monday.

Mrs. William H. Dean and niece, Miss Emma Spalding, were in Nashua last week Thursday and visited a cousin in St. Joseph's hospital who had recently been operated upon.

William W. Worcester was in Gloucester, Mass., last week Wednesday, after taking the remains of his aunt Lizzie to Mt. Auburn crematory, and returned home on Thursday.

Miss Sarah Alice Worcester, who is being tenderly cared for at the home of her sister, Mrs. William H. Jordan, in Gloucester, Mass., is in a very critical condition and has two nurses in attendance.

Edward S. Cave, who was chosen as petit juror, has been on his duty several weeks now and expects there will be four or five weeks more to serve. He was recently on a murder case.

Miss Minnie Colburn and her father, Franklin P. Colburn, report a very pleasant winter in the south. They hire an apartment and are located not for from Miss Emma Van Dyke and brother George.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. W. Cardinal and son Arthur have been visitors in Worcester and Boston, Mass., the past week.

Mrs. Florence Keith has returned to her home in Brockton after a few days' visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Dodge.

Mrs. Nellie Dupre spent last Tuesday visiting in Nashua and Fitchburg.

Harlem Whitcomb has returned to his studies at Durham college. His mother, Mrs. Della Whitcomb, who has been very ill, is gaining a little each day.

Mrs. William Hughes was a visitor in Nashua last week.

Mrs. Walter Corey and son Lawrence spent last week Tuesday in Milford.

Mrs. L. V. G. Heyer has presented the town library with several new books.

Frank Farrar, of the South End, is reported as being very ill.

Mrs. Alvin Wheeler, of South Lyndeboro, was the guest last week of Mrs. Silas Wheeler.

Mrs. William Dodge has gone to Hampton, Mass., for an indefinite stay.

On the afternoon of February 9 the Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. Mallie Gilson on Main street. There were fourteen present and a most enjoyable as well as profitable afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Nellie Gates and two little sons, of Acton, Mass., came on Saturday to attend Mr. Grove's funeral and remained over Sunday as guest of Delbert Porter, returning to Acton on Monday.

Alpha Hall was very ill last week with an acute attack of indigestion, but is much better at last reports.

Frank and Wallace Jenness went to Boston last Saturday to spend the week-end with their step-father, William Fletcher, who is on a business trip from Nova Scotia.

Brookline Grange held a meeting on February 10, with a good attendance. There was music, singing and readings, and a farce entitled "Hypochondriac," the cast of characters being filled by Wallace Jenness, Bernard Slocomb, Robert Taylor, Addlord Ouillette and Harry Corey.

Mrs. Joshua Hobart was a visitor in Pepperell last week Tuesday.

Michael Reagan, sr., and son Michael, went to Boston on last Saturday.

Matilla Betterley attended an entertainment in Pepperell last week Friday evening.

On last week Thursday morning one of our townsmen, Daniel Grove, passed away. He had been in poor health for a number of years, and on last week Wednesday morning was stricken with a shock, passing away on Thursday morning. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Dockrill officiating. A male quartet composed of Arthur Brown, Wallace Jenness, Delbert Porter and Charles Stickney sang "Face to face," "Go bury thy sorrow" and "Nearer my God to thee." Burial was in the South End cemetery. Besides a widow Mr. Grove leaves two sisters and one brother to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Thomas Bartlett lies very ill at her home on High street.

At the home of Oscar Elliott on February 13, Rev. Mr. Dockrill united in marriage Harry Elliott of Mason and Miss Pearl Killson of Leominster.

Twelve Odd Fellows and friends drove from Pepperell on February 8, and spent the evening with Nathaniel Hobart, who is also an Odd Fellow.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The warrant for the coming town meeting on Monday, March 1, contains forty-six articles.

The Hattie D. Stone Tent, D. of V., held their regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 16.

Many regrets are heard in town because of the fact that John Wooldredge has announced positively that he is not a candidate for re-election as selectman. He has held the position so long, sixteen years as chairman of the board, that the people feel that he understands all the duties pertaining to the office better than anyone in town. It will be quite a change if an entire new board is elected, as now seems to be the prospect.

The chopping bee at the Battles farm last Saturday for the Methodist church cut three cords of wood.

The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ellen S. Parker on Friday afternoon of last week. It was decided to provide the dinner for town meeting on Monday, March 1, as usual. The next meeting will be held Friday, February 26.

The large barn belonging to the A. K. Francis estate was successfully moved from the place it has occupied for many years at the corner of Massachusetts and Lancaster avenues, to the opposite of the common last week. It now faces the Center, but in a different position from that it formerly occupied. The moving of it afforded much entertainment for the older, as well as the younger people in town.

Ernest K. Proctor and family are this week moving into the York house, so-called, at the corner of Massachusetts avenue.

Rev. Robert A. Bryant exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev. George B. Roberts, of Ashburnham. Mr. Roberts came into town on Thursday and assisted in making the evening meeting more interesting. On Friday afternoon he gave a very interesting talk before the Junior C. E. meeting. On Sunday morning a large audience listened to a fine sermon, and in the evening he took the lead of the C. E. meeting. Subject, "The solid foundations of life." It is hoped he will come this way again as all will be glad to see him.

Severely Injured.

George A. Paige met with a severe accident last Tuesday in trying to save the life of a fellow workman. Both men were members of the moth gang and one of them while up in a giant oak, nearly forty feet from the ground, lost his hold on the limb of the tree and called out to those on the ground that he was falling. Mr. Paige, in his endeavor to save his comrade, received the full weight of his body upon his neck and shoulders, crushing him to the earth so forcibly that he was picked up unconscious and it was first thought that life was extinct. Restoratives were freely applied and he was carried into Arthur C. Cooke's house, near where they were working, and Dr. C. E. Woods was summoned by telephone, who conveyed him to his home where after thorough examination he decided there were no bones broken, but a very bad sprain of the right ankle and leg, and several wounds from the spurs of the falling man.

At last reports he was as comfortable as could be expected under the circumstances and able to hobble around the house a little on crutches, but it will be several days before he is out again.

Old Home Week Association.

Pursuant to the call of the president and secretary, an audience of nearly one hundred people gathered at the town hall on Saturday evening, February 13, for the annual meeting and election of officers for the Lunenburg Old Home Week association. While the people were gathering Lancey's orchestra furnished music for promenading, which seemed to be much enjoyed by all the participants.

At 8.30 the president called the meeting to order and the secretary read the records, which were duly accepted and approved. Edwin C. Smith, treasurer, then gave his annual report showing that at the beginning of the year the treasury contained $44.09. During the year $275.50 was received, the total being $319.59. Expenditures for the years were $278.83—caterer, $140; military band, $40, and $19.31 expense for the industrial parade, showing that there was now in the treasury $40.76.

The time for election of officers having arrived the chair appointed Arthur O. Scott and Harold Harley, tellers. There were a few scattering votes for each office, but the majority, nearly unanimous, elected the following officers: James L. Harrington, pres.; August A. Cooke and Augustus Taylor, vice pres.; Aaron W. Watson, sec.; Edwin C. Smith, treas.; the regular officers, with John Wooldredge, Carl E. Brown, Arthur O. Scott, Frank E. Lancey and Frank B. Carr, ex. com.

It was voted to hold the annual celebration on Sunday, July 25, and Wednesday, July 28. It was proposed to have the athletic sports on Tuesday, July 27, and the remainder of the celebration on Wednesday, as usual, and several speakers, pro and con, express an opinion. It was thought that it would give everybody a better chance to witness the different features of the celebration and to participate in the parade on Wednesday, but the motion was finally lost, and the order of exercises will probably be about the same as usual, with perhaps some new ideas.

It was voted that a caterer be engaged to serve the banquet on Wednesday, as last year's experiment seemed to give general satisfaction and that the hour be six o'clock in the evening, instead of at five, as formerly. As usual, the pastors of the two churches were appointed a committee for the Sunday services, and for a change, it was voted that instead of asking former pastors to speak on that day, some good outside speaker be engaged for the morning service, and that there be a sacred concert in the evening.

The annual winter festival will be a new departure. It was voted that a good orchestra be engaged to give a concert in the town hall from eight to nine o'clock, and that this be followed by an old-fashioned dance and oyster supper. The following committee was appointed to fix the date and make all necessary arrangements: Augustus Taylor, Clifford C. Lane and Frank E. Lancey. The date was afterward announced as Friday evening, February 26. Refreshments of hot coffee, doughnuts and cheese were then served, after which there was promenading and dancing until midnight.

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by William A. Leonard, of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Charles H. Seaver, of said Townsend, dated March 22nd, 1909, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 3429, page 181, will be sold at public auction at Memorial Hall, in said Townsend on **Tuesday, the second day of March, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon,** all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

"Two certain tracts of land with buildings thereon, situated in said Townsend on the westerly side of the road from what is now, or formerly was the Daniel Spaulding place to B. F. Lewis' old place, so-called, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road, at a corner of land now or formerly of Daniel Spaulding; thence northerly by said road about twenty-seven (27) rods to a stake and stones at a corner of land now or late of Charles Crowley; thence south-westerly by said Crowley land about thirty-six (36) rods to a stake and stones; thence southerly by said Crowley land to a stake and stones at land now or late of Daniel Spaulding; thence southeasterly by said Spaulding land about thirty-seven (37) rods to the bound first mentioned.

The second lot being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises at a stake and stones at a corner of land now or late of Ann Litchfield; thence northerly by said Litchfield land to land late of James Hildreth; thence westerly by said Hildreth land and land now or late of Charles Crowley to a maple tree marked; thence southerly by land formerly of G. W. Lane to a stake and stones by a pitch pine tree; thence westerly by said Lane land to an apple tree; thence still westerly by land now or late of said Lane to a corner at a maple tree, marked; thence southerly as the fence now stands to a cherry tree marked, and at a corner of land now or late of A. M. Adams; thence southeasterly by land now or late of said Adams to a corner of land now or late of one Dean; thence easterly by said Dean land sixteen (16) rods and eleven (11) links to a stake and stones; thence southeasterly twenty-three (23) rods and nine (9) links to a pine tree marked; thence more southeasterly by the said Dean land forty (40) rods to a stake and stones; thence more southerly about twenty-five (25) rods by said Dean land to the point of beginning. Both of said lots containing thirteen (13) acres more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to me by The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, by deed dated the twentieth day of March A. D. 1909, and to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Middlesex County South District.

Reserving nevertheless the right of way across said tracts as is now in use."

Said premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

CHARLES H. SEAVER,
3t22 Mortgagee.
Townsend, Mass., February 1, 1915.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Keep hog troughs clean and free from dirt and filth. Disinfect pens with a dip solution once a week.

It is a good plan to give the sheep flock a mixture of salt and tobacco to ward off any possible ravages of the stomach worm.

Keep a mixture of charcoal, salt and sulphur in a clean, dry place where it will be accessible to hogs at all times.

Let the horse have one day's rest every week. See that he is comfortable in his stable, that it is neither dark nor damp and that he has a good bed to lie on.

Fat lambs always bring a good price. Keep them growing every minute from their first breath.

Keep your horses well groomed, as a well kept animal not only appears better, but keeps easier and feels better than one neglected.

MOLDY OAT STRAW MADE MARES ABORT

Most farmers make a point of compelling their idle horses to consume a lot of oat straw during the cold weather, writes John Mason in the National Stockman. Clean, bright, well cured oat straw, cut when not too dead ripe and saved thoroughly dry, is excellent filling for idle horses in winter if joined to a diet in which there is a liberal amount of nitrogenous nourishment. There is not very much food value in such forage, but it makes an agreeable variety of bulk which every horse must have in his ration if he is to thrive properly.

A word of caution, however, is in order. Last winter I knew of a firm of breeders who lost sixteen foals out of eighteen mares by abortion, caused solely by eating oat straw that was moldy. This oat crop was cut rather early on purpose to save as much of the straw's food value as possible and bound too tight in the sheaf. It was rained on once before being thrashed, but when passed through the separator looked pretty fairly decent roughage. On closer examination—made when all too late—it was discovered that the straw was infected by a light greenish-yellowish mold, very difficult of detection on the early cut grain.

Breeders of Shire horses have come to the opinion that the great quantity of hair on the legs is not only a detriment to the animals, but loss in money value to the breeders. While the Shire horse is considered by many to be the finest drafter in the world, his hairy legs have worked as a detriment; hence the Percheron, with his clean limbs, has forged to the front. The picture shows a fine type of Shire.

Being fed little else in the way of roughage, the mares naturally ate their fill of this material, with the result that eventually no less than sixteen of them aborted. After the damage had all been done two skillful veterinarians, who should have been employed right at the start of the trouble, pronounced the mold on the straw the active cause of all the trouble.

Therefore all who depend heavily, or indeed at all, on their oat straw for horse feed in winter will do well to see to it first that the grain is not cut too green nor bound too tight in the sheaf, and then before it comes time to feed it have it thoroughly examined to determine whether it is molded or not.

Idaho's Good Bull Law.

The state of Idaho has a stringent law prohibiting the running on the open range of any bull not registered as a pure bred. Dairy bred bulls are not allowed on the open range at all. These laws are vigorously enforced. Idaho stands alone in this legislation against scrub or grade bulls. If some means could be devised whereby every grade bull could be replaced by a first class pure bred it would be worth many thousands of dollars to the cattle interests of the nation.

Taking Care of Sheep.

There is an old adage which is kept in mind and acted on by every feeder not only with his sheep, but with all his live stock, he would do much better than the average feeder and that adage is simply this: "An animal well summered is half wintered, and an animal well wintered is half summered," which means that the year through you should keep your animals in nice, smooth, plump condition.

Shred the Corn Fodder.

Shredding the corn fodder is a great deal better than leaving the stalks in the field or working them up without cutting or shredding. It is more convenient, and it gets more of the feeding value to the cattle in a shape that they can use.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in any of the real estate of REUBEN C. BLACHFORD late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, CARRIE E. BLACHFORD of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that she as the widow of said deceased, is entitled to take five thousand dollars and one half of the remaining personal, and one half of the remaining real property of said deceased; that the personal estate is insufficient to pay the said five thousand dollars and that the whole amount of the estate of said deceased does not exceed in value the sum of five thousand dollars over and above the amount necessary to pay debts and charges of administration; and praying that the whole of the real estate which is described in said petition may be assigned and set out to her by the Court according to law, to provide for said deficiency, at a value of seven hundred and fifty dollars, or at such other value as may be fixed by said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of February A. D. 1915, 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 who can be found within the Commonwealth fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, once in each week, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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Saturday, February 20, 1915.

GROTON.

News Items.

The meeting on Friday afternoon of the Book and Thimble club is with Mrs. Herbert Rockwood, of Champney street.

The D. R. meeting on Thursday afternoon was with Mrs. W. A. Gobie, about thirty being present. A paper on "Shay's rebellion," compiled by Mrs. Roberston, was read by Miss Reed. There were selections by a Victrola during the afternoon. The afternoon closed with refreshments and a social hour.

Mrs. W. H. Fernald was not at home at the time of the fire which burned down her home, having been called to Boston the day before to attend the funeral of her brother's wife, who died after a long illness, leaving a family of five little girls. Mrs. Fernald returned Thursday noon, going to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Webber, at West Groton.

Groton Inn and its overflow Dodge cottage are filled with guests, friends of the Groton School students coming for the Washington birthday holiday and for the play, "The private secretary," to be given by the Groton School Dramatic club. Still more guests are expected, making a larger number to be accommodated than for years past.

The annual gentlemen's night social, with supper and entertainment at the Baptist church, will be held at their rooms on Thursday evening, February 25, under the charge of Dr. Holmes.

On February 11 seven blackbirds were seen and counted on a tree back of one of the houses on Champney street. On the following Tuesday, which was February 16, the seven blackbirds were again there, this time accompanied by a robin. While some robins will stay with us, wintering in our woods, the blackbirds being more strictly migratory, are rarely, if ever seen around here at such dates, making their appearance a fact worthy of note, and a sign of approaching spring.

The Groton Woman's club will hold an open meeting in the town hall on February 26, at eight in the evening. Frank B. Sanborn, of Concord, who is a very interesting speaker, will, under the department of civics, address the audience.

William J. Charlton and family moved from Groton to Ayer on Thursday. Mr. Charlton has been occupying the upper tenement of George S. Chase's house.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, assisted Rev. Alexander Mann, of Trinity church, at the wedding of Louise Hope Thacher, youngest daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Thomas C. Thacher, of Yarmouth, to Bernard Shirley Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ridgeley Carter, of Baltimore, in Trinity church, Boston, last Saturday afternoon.

Little Elsie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunningham, is quite sick and under the doctor's care.

A Washington's birthday party will be given by the Groton Alliance in the town hall on Monday evening, February 22. Dancing from eight to twelve o'clock. Music by Newell's orchestra of Marlboro, six pieces. Matrons, Mrs. George E. Hodgman, Mrs. F. F. Woods, Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood, Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence. Floor director, E. B. Gerrish; aids, Carl Lawrence, Daniel Needham, Cedric Hodgman, Phil Smith. Refreshments in lower town hall.

The current events department of the Woman's club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Whitehill.

The item in this column last week saying that H. W. Taylor had been appointed R. F. D. carrier on route one was thought to be verified and absolutely a fact, but there was a misunderstanding about it and the statement is here contradicted.

Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Champney street, was taken to the Groton Private hospital last week Friday and was operated on for appendicitis Saturday morning by Dr. Holmes. As we go to press we learn that she is getting along nicely.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Gerrish and William Pickman Wharton took place on Tuesday morning, February 16, at the First Parish church. The ceremony at 11.15 o'clock, performed by Rev. P. H. Cressey, was witnessed by members of the two immediate families. After the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Wharton left for a journey in the south.

George H. Woods is at work this week on the horsesheds at the Unitarian church, Pepperell.

Miss Nita Huebner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stewart, in Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. McMahon, of Station avenue, spent the day on Tuesday in Manchester, N. H.

Miss Edna Leonard, of the Fitchburg Normal school, has been at home with a troublesome foot for the past week. Miss Leonard is so much better that she will spend a few days this week and over the holiday with her sister, Miss Marguerite Leonard, teaching in Chicopee.

The sewing meeting in the interest of the Red Cross society will be held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Baptist vestry. A large attendance is desired.

Lawrence Lewis, of the freshman class, Groton high school, has been kept from school by an attack of bronchitis, requiring a physician. He is better now.

Eugene O. Collier is suffering from bronchitis, confined to his bed and under the care of a physician, Dr. Holmes having charge of the case.

Miss Fletcher, housekeeper for Fred Carpenter, is suffering from a very bad cold and has the attendance of her physician.

The annual concert and ball held by Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., in the town hall last week Thursday night was given a good attendance and was a satisfactory affair. The concert and dance music rendered by Allen's orchestra, of Natick, was exceptionally fine and highly complimented. Noble Grand and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood led the grand march, followed by the other officers in order. There were seventy-five or more couples in the march. A very excellent supper was served in the lower hall.

The Groton friends of Paul Hamel, brakeman at Ayer, who recently met with the very bad accident, were pleased to hear that he was able to leave St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for home on Wednesday.

Born on Monday, February 15, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Willoughby, of Manchester, N. H. Mrs. Willoughby was formerly Miss Anna Patterson, of this town.

At the Baptist church on Sunday the pastor will preach in the morning at 10.30 on "Graven upon Jehovah's hands," and in the evening at seven o'clock on "The crown of thorns," preceded by a praise service.

Miss Fannie Taylor spent last week with Miss Carrie Hartt at the home of Mrs. Totten in Reading, and with relatives in Wollaston.

While riding up from Boston Wednesday evening, Roderick Woolley and Walter Cleary had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious injury when some boys hurled a large stone through the train window. Luckily they both escaped unhurt.

The Public Interests league of the Anti-suffrage association has been raising money for the war sufferers in Poland by the sale of Poland flags and eagles; 450 flags at ten cents each, and 30 eagles at twenty-five cents each have been sold by Groton people, making the contribution from this town $47.50. Under the auspices of this league all the sewing for the Red Cross is forwarded and a great many thousand garments have been sent from their work-rooms in the Kensington building, Boston, which have been open since fall.

A meeting under the auspices of the Groton branch of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage will be held in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening, March 2, at eight o'clock. The speakers will be Mrs. Allen, of Brookline, and Miss McGuire, of Boston. Everyone interested in this stirring question is cordially invited to attend.

Fire.

It was about 8.30 Thursday morning when the fire alarm sounded to call the fire department to W. H. Fernald's on the Boston road. Though the department responded quickly, the locality is so far from the village that the fire had made great headway and it was found impossible to save the house, which with the ell, was entirely burned down. While some few things were saved, the larger part and more valuable household articles were burned with the buildings. Included in the household articles were valuable pieces of old-fashioned furniture, a prized collection of old-fashioned wearing apparel and old family silver heirlooms. All the books belonging to Miss Evelyn Fernald, a Vassar graduate, and now a teacher in Hopedale, were also burned up.

The origin of the fire is not known. It was while Mr. Fernald, who had smelled smoke, was examining through the rooms for cause of the smoke that two men outside rushed in to tell him that the roof was on fire. There was only a small insurance so that the loss is practically a total one.

This place, known as Knopp's pond farm, has been a well-known resort for campers-out, there being several camps and cottages near the pond for summer occupants.

To the Editor:

There seems to be some misunderstand in Groton in regard to the anti-suffragists voting for the school committee. It appears that it has been thought inconsistent with their views on the suffrage question. They feel very strongly that it is the duty of every woman to exercise the privileges which have been given to women and it is for this reason that they protest against the further extension of these privileges.

There are four hundred women, more or less, in the town of Groton, the usual proportion of women in a town or city being one-fifth of its population. Of these only thirty have registered and at the last town meeting only twelve of these thirty voted for the school committee.

If women do not exercise the privilege they already have, especially those in favor of woman's suffrage, what ground has anyone for assuming that they will exercise further privileges?

A striking illustration of this was given in Chicago where a suffragist in speaking on the school question made the assertion that when women had the vote they would be able to better educational conditions. Much to her surprise a man arose and reminded her that women had already the privilege of voting on that subject for fourteen years. H. G.

Clipping.

The following was taken from the Boston Herald of Sunday, February 14:

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Constance Wharton and Henry St. John Smith of Portland, Me., a senior at Harvard, adds her name to the list of girls coming out two years ago who have figured prominently in a matrimonial way of late.

Miss Wharton is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wharton (Susan Lay) of Beacon street, Boston, and Lenox. Her grandparents are Col. and Mrs. Richard G. Lay (Caroline Kimball) of Washington, who spend their summers at Nahant, and among her aunts are Miss Fanny Lay and Mrs. Corcoran Thom (Mary Lay), who also has a summer home at Nahant. Philip Wharton, who is a junior at Harvard and intimate friend of his prospective brother-in-law, is a brother of Miss Wharton and William P. Wharton, whose engagement was announced in December to Miss Ruth Gerrish, of Groton, a half-brother. Miss Wharton was one of the successes of her year and is a great favorite with her sister debutantes. She is a fine looking girl, with distinguished bearing.

Bird Club.

The Bird club held its February meeting in the lower town hall on Friday evening, February 12, at eight o'clock. The treasurer, Miss Clara Hutchins, reported a balance in the treasury of about sixteen dollars, but stated that several outstanding bills and an unused appropriation will materially reduce this. Ten or twelve members have not yet paid their dues for the current year.

Miss Gertrude Gerrish made a brief report on the program of the Junior club. The children now meet once a month in the lower town hall. That there is much interest in their meetings is evinced by the fact that there was an attendance of over fifty at the last meeting. Most of the Juniors are now supplied with club buttons.

On motion of Mr. Sturgis it was voted that the secretary be requested to ask the library authorities to subscribe to the Bird Lore Magazine for the benefit of the increasing number of persons in town who are interested in birds. Mr. Sturgis suggested that during the coming month members be requested to keep notes of birds observed by them, which can be compared at the March meeting and valuable information regarding the presence or absence of various specie and their relative numbers thus recorded.

Mr. Sturgis then read a most interesting paper on the subject of bird migration. He spoke of the mystery which still surrounds those great movements known as migration. Two principle theories have been advanced to account for them, the first that there is an annual recurring need, probably for food, the second that an ancient habit handed down through many generations still persists. If the former be true why do the hosts leave the pleasant weather and abundance of food in their southern homes for the severe inclemencies of the northern spring? That in the glacial epoch bird life was restricted to what are now the tropics, with the retreat of the ice, the increasing population of birds probably spread further north and finding in the great abundance of food in the recently uncovered area suitable conditions for breeding, formed the habit of migration.

This theory will explain much, but many questions still remain unanswered. How does the bird find its way how return to the old nesting site year after year? The remarkable sight of birds, the height at which they fly and the faculty of memory explain many cases, but in others we must attribute the ability to migrate on regular routes to the existence of that sixth sense which other animals as well as birds seem to possess.

Mr. Sturgis gave some interesting observations of his own on migration, particularly his experience in a small garden spot in the midst of the bricks and stones of New York city, where he observed a brown creeper, magnolia, warbler, oven bird and finally a hermit thrush. His talk was one of the most interesting members of the club have been privileged to hear.

An Unqualified Success.

The fame of the five-act drama, "Under two flags," which had reached Groton before its production here, was fully sustained as acted on the stage of the Groton town hall on the evenings of Saturday and Monday, February 13 and 15. There was a full house on both evenings and all pronounce it an unqualified success. It is a strong play with many unusual scenes, thrilling and startling and much of tragedy, which tries the tender sensibilities of the audience, in some parts even to tears.

It seems wonderful that the characters, all local, should have been so fittingly chosen and that each one taking his or her part so admirably and perfectly. This surely reflects credit on the management and drill, and also on the faithful work of the participators.

At the close of the second evening, Monday, a dance was held with music by an orchestra. This dance was given as a pleasant close complimentary to those who had so well taken their parts.

The net proceeds from the drama is $66.81.

Reception.

Miss Georgianna Boutwell, president of the Woman's club, gave a reception last week Friday afternoon to the club members and a number of other specially invited guests. Over one hundred were present to enjoy her very gracious hospitality. As this, the regular date for a club meeting, fell on Lincoln's birthday, the hostess as a commemorative observation, read his immortal Gettysburg address, second inaugural address, in speaking of which Miss Boutwell remarked that she was probably now the only living person in Groton, who had heard the second inaugural. At that time she was in such a position that she saw Mr. Lincoln's features clearly and the face described usually as homely, seemed to her far different then, and at the time of his speaking, the thought passed through her mind that Mr. Lincoln was nearly through his life's work—a thought that soon proved prophetical.

Miss Boutwell read words of her father, Hon. G. S. Boutwell, which were placed under Lincoln's monument, and showed the card bordered in black lines that admitted one to the east room at the time of the funeral, and the badge of mourning worn by officials at the funeral. Ex-Gov. and Ex-Sec. Boutwell was at that time a member of the house of representatives and had been well acquainted with the martyred president.

At the conclusion of the literary exercises dainty and delicious refreshments of cakes, sandwiches and coffee were served, several of the younger club members doing duty as waiters. The opening of her spacious residence for a social gathering of so many friends was an act appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Groton School Notes.

The last year's champion Columbia crew has offered a silver cup for the winner of the Groton-Exeter races. So far Groton and Exeter have raced twice, in both of which Groton was victorious.

Mr. Griswold is organizing a brass band. Its chief function will be to play in the spring. Those trying for it are: Hubbard, T. Robbins, Schiefflin, Turnure, J. Geary, Patterson, Rublee, Wadsworth, Key and West.

Hugh Minturn, a graduate of Groton School, died in London Tuesday, February 9, after a short illness.

The date for the annual St. Marks-Groton fives match has been set for March 3, to be played this year at Groton.

Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, former Groton master, has instituted a new plan to prevent crime in New York city. He expects to educate the people to a point where they won't want to break the law. The policemen are going to do this. The recent police trials and exposures have had their effect. Today the men are anxious to purge themselves and their work from the taint of the old system and they are ready to receive radical changes Mr. Woods has proposed.

When Commissioner Woods took up his present position, he adopted the plan of encouraging his men to come to him with their troubles. He is striving to get rid of the notion that a policeman's progress depends on the number of arrests he makes in his precinct. Before the last election he had fifteen sergeants lecture at the public schools that bonfires on election night were dangerous, cost the city money, increased taxes and raised the rents. The sergeants found that they could do more educational work along the lines of decent citizenship than the average school teacher could. There were less than a dozen bonfires instead of some thousands in previous years.

All cases of unemployment and distress are to be reported to headquarters. The department recognizes that needs arise where immediate action is necessary. When a case is found, the first action is to donate a coupon book. The coupons are accepted in lieu of cash at various shops and restaurants and are redeemable for cash at headquarters. When men on the force found out about this scheme they asked for the privilege of contributing. The traffic squad immediately sent in $818 and the police surgeons followed with $100.

"The private secretary" is to be given on Wednesday, February 24, at the town hall, Groton, by the Groton School Dramatic association. This play was presented seven years ago at the town hall with marked success. Since then only one or two plays have been given there by the school. "The private secretary" is one of the best plays ever staged by any Groton dramatic organization, and there are reasons why this is so.

Formerly the plays were presented by a cast selected only from the sixth form. Now the school boasts of an association composed of the best actors from each form. The scenes have been painted by boys of the school. Great stress has been laid on the coaching of the individual parts, until each character is well brought out by the actors. The play should prove interesting and entertaining.

Before and after the curtain and to fill the intermission the school presents their orchestra and mandolin band. The orchestra is conducted by Mr. Griswold. It has given concerts at the various towns and consequently little need be said about its merit. It is larger and more capable than ever before. The mandolin band is a new organization. It was started this year and has already made good at Forge Village and before the school.

The performance will commence at eight o'clock sharp. Tickets on sale at Bruce's drug store. All seats reserved.

West Groton.

A large number of West Groton people attended the presentation in Groton of "Under two flags," a few on Saturday evening and about forty on Monday evening. All speak in highest terms of the quality of the work performed by the various actors.

The following item was unintentionally omitted last week: The Five Hundred club met with Mrs. E. F. Sleeper on Wednesday, February 11, and passed a very pleasant afternoon. The highest scores of each side were won by Mrs. C. R. Dudley and Mrs. W. F. Lane, respectively. The next meeting will be on next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Lane.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. C. L. Roy on Thursday afternoon, sixteen members and the pastor being present; also, three guests, Miss Spaulding, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Trask. The work went on merrily with many a laugh and jest. Delicious sandwiches and coffee were served by the hostess.

The Boy Scouts have decided to give their supper on Friday evening, March 5. This is to be followed by an entertainment.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb entertained a bridge club of which they are members. Fourteen were present from Groton; also, as special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vose, of Walpole, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell.

The hose house on Bixby hill is completed and the hose is ready for service. Mr. Woolaver and Mr. Dudley have keys to the building.

The members of the junior department of the Improvement society, nineteen in number, are to be given a ride to Ayer and entertainment at the moving pictures on this Saturday afternoon. W. V. Bixby has kindly offered conveyance; other expense to be met by the Improvement society. The children are to be accompanied by the Misses Harrington and Lawrence.

Miss Matilla Betterley, of Brookline, N. H., was a recent guest of Miss Mildred Dodge at the home of her parents.

Priscilla Dodge has returned from a week's visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Beverly, of Ayer.

A member of Ambrose Carson's family has been in a physician's care this week, but is reported better.

Miss Dorothy Thompson, who has been very ill with croup and convulsions of the throat, has been comfortable for several days. Dr. Kittredge, of Nashua, was in attendance with Dr. Kilbourn on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, who has spent the winter thus far with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bixby, is now with another daughter, Mrs. L. G. Strand. She has not fully regained her strength since her recent attack of pneumonia.

Word has been received here of the death of the younger of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ferden, an infant of but a few weeks. For the third time this young couple, both well-known here, have been called upon to part with an infant daughter. Two children, a son and daughter, remain to them.

Mrs. George Dodge spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Brookline, N. H., and while there enjoyed a dinner with the Sunbonnet club, of which she was formerly a member.

Mrs. C. L. Roy spent Tuesday in Boston.

On Tuesday evening the Improvement society voted twenty dollars to be used in clearing a space in Bixby park.

The supper and social given by the L. A. society on Friday evening of last week was a most successful affair. About 140 people were provided with supper. The short entertainment consisted of a piano duet by the Misses Bertha and Ruth Bixby, followed by tableaux representing advertisements, all of which were good. The "Gold Dust Twins," Alice Parker and Porter Bixby, were especially cute. The last tableau, "Uncle Sam," was received with cheers and all united in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." About thirty-five dollars was realized.

On Monday, at noon, there will be a try-out of the new fire signals as proposed by the engineers of Groton. These signals are of three classes: Buildings inside the water district, distinguished by single numbers; buildings outside the water district, distinguished by one blow as first part of signal, and forest fires, distinguished by three blows as first part of signal. Each signal is given three times; 4 blows postoffice and Main street; 5 blows Bixby hill; 6 blows paper mill; 7 blows Boutelle road; 1 blow, followed by 3 blows, Newell district; 1 blow, followed by four blows, Kemp district; forest fires—3 blows, followed by 1 blow, Squannacook; 3 blows, followed by 2 blows, Kemp's; 3 blows, followed by 4 blows, Bliss'; 2 blasts, all out; 3 blows, repeated, no school for pupils attending in Groton; 3 blows, 4 times, no school for West Groton pupils.

George Lee Bixby, eldest son of W. V. Bixby, reached his twentieth birthday on Thursday, and at evening Bonnie Brae resounded with the laughter of a large party of young people, who had been invited to participate in the birthday rejoicings.

The item concerning the debate before the Groton Grange last week was omitted in this column. The rising vote was given to the negative side, led by Mr. Hough, assisted by Miss Clark and Mr. White.

On Thursday morning news reached this village of the burning of the Fernald home in Groton, owned by the parents of Mrs. G. S. Webber. Mr. and Mrs. Fernald are known to many here and great sympathy is felt for them.

Ralph T. Kilbourn, of Albany, N. Y., has spent some time this week with his aunt, Mrs. Spaulding.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The meeting of the Historical society in the readingroom of the public library will open at 2.30 p. m. next Monday afternoon, February 22, and will consist chiefly of reminiscences of people and places in the north and south parts of the town, given by Henry S. Brown, F. B. Priest, Mrs. L. A. Pickard and others who will speak of different sections of this community. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson gave a lecture on Venice before the Greenville N. H., Woman's club last Saturday.

Rev. J. C. Alvord's subject of the Sunday morning service will be Washington and Lincoln.

James Piper's little daughter is still critically sick with little promise of eventual recovery.

A company of seventy or more people attended the entertainment given in the Unitarian vestry Thursday evening for the benefit of the Ladies' Alliance. The entertainment consisted of pictures shown on the reflectoscope and a fine collection of our former residents was presented. Family groups, sometimes including four generations, shown on the canvas, residents who were prominent here fifty and seventy-five years ago, were welcomed by the audience who were thus carried back in pleasant reflections to the founders of many present institutions that we enjoy. After the entertainment there was a social and coffee and cake were served. The receipts at the door were good considering the small fee charged and there was a ready sale of home-made candy.

L. W. C. Play.

A crowded house listened with unabated interest both afternoon and evening Tuesday, February 16, to Shakespeare's Mid-summer Night's Dream, presented by members of the Woman's club, whose names were printed in this column two weeks ago. Miss Laurice Flagg substituted for Mrs. Nellie F. Conant, otherwise the characters were the same as published. The stage was enlarged to meet the demand of the acting and represented a forest with its attractive evergreens, which furnished a splendid background for the actors, many of whom were handsomely costumed. The use of a curtain was eliminated, saving time and much work.

Miss Alice M. Howard, president of the club, made brief remarks and Mrs. Houghton, the pianist of the afternoon, and Miss Fannie Sanderson played the introductory piano selection, which harmonized well with the spirit of the romantic comedy. The music, which constituted a splendid feature and gave excellent support to the actors, was practically all of Mendelssohn's Mid-summer Night's Dream overture.

The cast, without exception, entered heart and soul into the spirit of the play, each giving evidence of a good conception of her role and a mastery of her part in words, action, gesture and facial expression. Much acting was little short of professional work, reflecting great credit on impersonator and coach.

The audience was complete in its warm interest, sympathy and responsiveness. There was not a moment when the listeners did not seem entertained and applauses were hearty and frequent.

At the close of the performance a company of ladies from Ayer invited the cast to repeat the play in their town for the benefit of their Woman's club. To this request consent has been given and Littleton Woman's club will present the play in Ayer next week Friday evening.

Many other towns were represented in the audience and gave gratifying expression to their enjoyment of this brilliant achievement of all who were in anyway responsible for the success of the afternoon and evening.

Grange Meeting.

The Grange held its competitive entertainment Wednesday evening and there was much interest and not a little excitement over the contest between the two teams. The men presented a taking farce entitled, "A close shave," and parts were taken by Messrs. Watts, Roger Priest, F. A. Patch, C. H. Cummings, and J. D. Christie. G. A. Cook in costume sung, "Old Black Joe," and played familiar Scottish, English and American airs. Ivo Russell gave a declamation. The ladies gave a minstrel show and those enlisted in this part of the entertainment were Mrs. Hill, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Mrs. Esten, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Connell, Mrs. Cash, Miss Wright, Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. C. V. Flagg.

The men were adjudged the winners by Millard Sawyer of Groton, Mrs. Geo. Burroughs of Boxboro and Mrs. Phalen of Acton. This means that the ladies must get the supper and bear the expense on March 17

Many visitors were present from Boxboro, Westford, Acton and Groton. Several new applications have been received and the prospects for a large class are certainly good.

TOWNSEND.

West.

The Ladies' Mission circle held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon. Eight were present and a very interesting program was presented. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Alice Seaver and will be the annual business meeting, and the program will be on the topic "Children in non-christian lands."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Boutwell spent Wednesday on a business trip in Boston.

The business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., in regard to sending a sum of money to the building fund for the new building in Boston was held at the home of the president, Ian Rush, on Tuesday evening, and about five dollars was contributed.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. E. J. Lees, and the topic will be "Government of cities," in charge of Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Rev. Joseph McKean will preach on Sunday morning on the topic "The way to success," and in the evening his subject will be "A christian worker's opportunity." The Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Mrs. Warren Elliott and the subject will be "Favorite chapters in the bible."

Miss Bertha Reid is spending the holidays with her parents at her home in North Reading.

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Littleton, Mass., February 18, 1915.

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Saturday, February 20, 1915.

AYER.

News Items.

In these columns will be found the announcement of the first production of the Ayer Dramatic club, an organization having a present membership of twenty-two with the following officers: A. J. Dugas, pres.; Arthur Mason, vice-pres.; H. G. Whitney, sec. and treas. It is the intention of the club to produce the best old and modern plays under the instruction of a competent director. As this is the first organization of its kind in town for many years it hopes to merit the support of the public.

Morning worship at the Congregational church Sunday at 10.45. Mr. Strong will speak on the subject, "Jesus' idea of the spiritual life." Sunday school at twelve. C. E. meeting at 6.45; topic, "Favorite chapters of the Bible at why." Evening service at 7.30; subject, "The consequence of selfishness."

The Christian Science society holds services in Dickinson's block, Washington street, at 10.30 a. m. Sundays to which all are welcome. The subject this week is "Mind." Sunday school for children under twenty years of age at 10.45.

A. B. Downing of Washington street had his horse shod Thursday and took him out for a short drive. He is thirty-four or -five years old and steps off at a lively pace. This was his first outing for several months.

The Ayer Dramatic club has selected Thursday evening, April 8, as the date of its initial performance in this town. It will present "Kitty's nightmare," a four-act drama of exceptional merit. Not only has the best of local talent been secured but the play is under the personal supervision of L. C. Fairchild, a professional player and producer of note. The public is therefore assured of a splendid evening's entertainment in return for its reservation of this date.

On Friday evening, February 26, at eight o'clock in the town hall, the Unitarian Girls' club will present the Littleton Woman's club in its recent dramatic success, "A mid-summer night's dream." Tickets, which may be exchanged for reserved seats at Hill's drug store on Wednesday morning, February 24, at nine o'clock, will be sold by club members. There will be home-made candy for sale between the acts. Club members are notified that said tickets should be obtained at Miss Brown's store at once, as the time for selling the same is short.

Miss Eunice Southall, a trained nurse at the Dispensary in Boston, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Geo. H. B. Turner.

A very pretty affair was at the home of Miss Flora I. Cole, Thursday afternoon, when she held a recital and party for her pupils and her Sunday school class. The pupils played entirely from memory and also spoke little pieces, which they wrote, concerning their piano selections. They were assisted by Misses Elise and Barbara Dickerman. At the close of the recital, the children played games. The dining-room was decorated with pink crêpe paper and flowers of the same color. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cole and Miss Marion Farnsworth. Each child had a souvenir in honor of Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the annual dinner of the Isles of Shoals association in Boston last Saturday.

Dr. Richmond Fisk and his grandson, Fisk Butterfield, attended the Williams college winter meeting in Boston on Thursday evening.

"The prince party," in two reels, featuring Francis X. Bushman, the famous actor, will be the leader in the moving picture show at Page hall this Saturday. The remaining pictures, which are all good, are "The man in the vault" and "Thanks for the lobster," the last being a farce-comedy. There will also be a high-class vaudeville entertainment. Matinee at three, evening at eight. "The exploits of Elaine" will be shown every Wednesday. "The life of our Saviour" will be shown on Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday evening. These pictures are adapted from the world famous passion play of Oberammergau. They are in natural colors and by far the most expensive and finest pictures shown here.

Wednesday of this week was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. The mass in the morning and the evening devotions were attended by great congregations at St. Mary's church. During Lent devotions will take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Ash Wednesday was also observed by the members of St. Andrew's church.

Mrs. Martha B. Bartlett observed her ninetieth birthday on Tuesday, February 16, at her home on East Main street. Thirty-eight neighbors and friends called during the day to offer congratulations and she received many choice flowers and plants as remembrances of the happy event. Mrs. Bartlett is a native of Canada and has lived in town for more than fifty years, coming here from Townsend. She still enjoys good health in spite of her years. Mrs. Bartlett is the widow of Rector T. Bartlett, who was one of the first business men of this place, then called South Groton. He conducted a clothing store at that time on Merchants' row. He died twenty years ago. Mrs. Bartlett resides with her maid, Miss Abbott.

While a carload of horses being shipped to Europe was set off at the milk stand sidetrack early Monday morning, in order to remove a horse that had died in transit, another of the animals escaped. Although every effort was made to speedily coral the animal the efforts of his would-be captors failed. The horse gave a large number of boys and their elders a merry chase throught the streets of the town and finally wound up at Thomas H. Griffin's place in Harvard, where he was captured and placed in Mr. Griffin's barn. Later the animal was taken to Thomas F. Ward's stable here and then shipped to its destination.

George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., W. R. C. and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., have accepted invitations extended by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn to attend memorial services in St. Mary's church on May 30. As will be seen by this item, Memorial day comes this year on Sunday.

All the barber shops in town will close at eleven in the morning on Monday in honor of the birthday of the Father of His Country.

The old-time dance given by Perry's orchestra and friends in town hall last week Friday night was a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Alice Hasbrouck is to speak at the next meeting of Ayer Grange on "Woman suffrage." She is the wife of Commander Hasbrouck of the United States navy. All who are interested in this subject are cordially invited to come and hear her. There is also to be a whist party on the same evening, Wednesday, February 24, to which the members of the Grange have the privilege of also inviting friends to be present.

The entertainment given by the girls of St. Andrew's church in Hardy's hall on St. Valentine's eve, last Saturday night, was a remarkable success. Miss Elizabeth Sabine gave three pianoforte selections in a very talented way. Miss Sadie Ross recited and was asked for an encore. Then followed the one-act comedy, "A pan of fudge," under the direction of Miss Hazel Irwin. The episode between Miss Marion Farnsworth as a college senior and Miss Helen Barker as the sensitive French teacher, was a good piece of acting. Miss Jane Briggs and Miss Gertrude Briggs acted the part of twins to perfection. Miss Helen Savage and Miss Esther McDonald rounded out the cast in a thoroughly natural and taking way. Dancing followed until a late hour.

Gen. Wood was the chief guest at the annual dinner of the Yale club at the Copley Plaza, Tuesday evening, at which the attendance was about 230. Judge Geo. A. Sanderson of this town, class of '85, presided. Other special guests were Dr. Charles R. Brown, dean of the Yale School of Religion, Rev. Charles Francis Carter, '78, of Hartford, and Gen. William A. Pew. Chairman Sanderson said, in reference to the camps, that last year Yale sent the largest number of students to the Burlington, Vt., camp, and this year she is to send a still larger number to Plattsburg. The chairman exhibited a magnificent bouquet of violets, tied with a crimson ribbon, which was sent for the head table with a note of congratulation and kind wishes from the Harvard club.

E. A. Whitney returned on Tuesday noon from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., going last week Friday. He received a carload of Indiana horses this week which he purchased in Buffalo.

The following rhetoricals were given in the high school this week Friday afternoon:

Rebecca — Amy L. Nixon
Be Sure You are Right, Then Go Ahead — George F. Barrett
Dreaming of Home — Lillian V. Curran
A Queer Boy — Benjamin F. Thayer
What the Little Girl Said — Hazel I. Scruton
One-legged Goose — Rose Savin
Piano duet — Mona T. Kittredge, Gertrude H. Davis
The Rusty Sword — John H. Pender
Pres. Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation — Harold B. Allen
The Memory of Martha — Marion E. Young
Home Days — Stanley W. Fleet
A Water-logged Town — Percy W. Fowler
Her First Call on the Minister — Bertha C. Walsh

The place to dine on Monday, February 22, will be at the Unitarian vestry, where a tempting dinner will be served at 12.30 by the ladies of the Unitarian society.

The annual children's party for B. B. Lovett's dancing class was given in Hardy's hall, Tuesday evening, and was a very pleasant affair. After the children's parts, dancing was enjoyed by the older people. Mr. and Mrs. Lovett gave an exhibition of fancy dancing. Refreshments were served by Mr. Carley.

The Art class of the Woman's club met Thursday evening with Mrs. Alice Butterfield. The program included current art news, a study of the picture, "Judith and the head of Holofernes" by Miss Esther Stone and "John Trumbull," an early American painter by Mrs. Barker. Refreshments were served during a closing social hour by the hostess, assisted by Miss Emma Butterfield.

Attorney Goodale, of Boston, will give a talk on "Taxation" before the members of the Board of Trade on Wednesday evening, February 24.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church will meet on Wednesday afternoon, February 24, at three o'clock, in the guild room of the church. Mrs. A. B. Hunter, of St. Augustine's school, Raleigh, N. C., will tell of her missionary work. Visitors will be welcomed.

On Friday, February 26, at 7.30, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, formerly vicar of St. Andrew's, will preach at the evening prayer in St. Andrew's church.

The legions of vagrants still thunder by. Chief Beatty is doing a rushing business at his lodging house and often extra beds have to be provided for the weary wayfarers.

Burton H. Allen, for the past four years warden of the town farm, has resigned, his resignation to take effect April 1.

Mrs. Abraham O'Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Leahy, is at the Brookline hospital for treatment for nerve trouble. She had a bad turn Thursday and the last report is that she is critically ill.

Mrs. Lois E. Porter has as guest her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Dickinson, from Douglas, Alaska.

Miss Alice Sanderson is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Bosworth, in Holyoke.

Nelson W. Turner, son of George B. Turner, after leaving school here, went for one year to Exeter, four years to Tufts and half a term at Boston Tech. He took up the study of chemistry at all these educational institutions and got his degree in chemistry, when he was called to Chester, Pa., February 7, for the Dupont Powder Works, in the laboratory of high explosives. He is very much pleased with his position, with bright prospects ahead.

A new assortment of children's carriages and go-carts at W. Wright & Son's, Ayer.

Death.

Mrs. Sarah A. Mills, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Estabrook, died at her home on Pleasant street Wednesday afternoon. She was born in Woods Village in the town of Shirley on August 25, 1823, being 91 yrs. 5 mos. 23 days of age at the time of death.

She was married to William P. Mills in 1848 and lived in Woods Village, where Mr. Mills was employed as a wheelwright for Woods Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Mills came to Ayer about forty years ago, where she has lived ever since. Mr. Mills died on July 24, 1896.

Mrs. Mills was interested in the Unitarian church in Shirley Center. She had no near relatives, her only immediate relative, a son, Chester P. Mills, dying in the year 1898. During her illness she was cared for by her niece, Miss Augusta A. P. Hapgood.

The funeral was held this week Friday afternoon from the house at two o'clock. The services were performed by Rev. Edward H. Brenan, of Ware, a former pastor of the Ayer Unitarian church. Interment was at Shirley Center cemetery.

Woman's Alliance.

Last week Friday the Unitarian Woman's Alliance was held at the home of Mrs. George J. Burns, who was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher. An excellent and well arranged program was presented by these ladies. It included a fine paper on Porto Rico by Mrs. John Allison, a former teacher in the island, two piano solos by Miss Flora Cole, two selections by a quartet of the Alliance, Mrs. Fisher accompanist, the governor's proclamation for Lincoln day read by Mrs. Eugene Barry, quotations from writers about Lincoln by members, and the Gettysburg speech read by Mrs. S. M. Barker. Refreshments were served by the hostesses during a social hour. At the business meeting an appropriation was made to the Alliance at Shelter Neck.

The following members attended the neighborhood meeting of the Fitchburg Alliance on Tuesday and heard the lecture on "Palestine," given by Mrs. Caroline B. Lawrence, of Auburndale: Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Margaret Cushing, Mrs. Annie Phelps, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Mary Harlow, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Austin Lawrence.

Agricultural Yearbook.

We have received the following letter from Congressman John Jacob Rogers, which may be of interest to the people in this and surrounding towns:

The Department of Agriculture of the United States government publishes annually what is commonly known as the "Agricultural Yearbook." The yearbook is a volume of five or six hundred pages substantially bound in cloth and contains a vast store of information of deep interest to those concerned either for business or pleasure in farming problems. Out of the quota assigned me as a member of Congress of the 1913 yearbook which appeared last July and which is the latest edition I still have at hand about a hundred copies which I should be pleased to send out as long as they last to any of your readers who may care to write me. Letters should be addressed Congressman John Jacob Rogers, House of Rrepresentatives, Washington, D. C.

A Grand Success.

"Willowdale," a delightful, sparkling domestic drama in three acts was admirably presented by Ayer Grange in Page hall on Monday evening. Although the weather conditions were very bad the hall was crowded to the doors by a very appreciative audience which bestowed on the participants the applause that they so well deserved.

Eber Kierstead, as postmaster and storekeeper, acted his part finely, always showing due respect for his wife, who as Oleander said: "Rules this roost." Arthur W. Cotton, as Tom Skerrett, the accused, assumed a difficult role which was perfectly filled. Chester P. Perrin, who played the part of Joseph Godfrey, a lawyer, ambitious and unscrupulous, made a decided hit in the part of the villain of the show. Willard G. White, of Shirley, master of Ayer Grange, made an ideal school teacher under the name of Clarence Dinsmore, and helped in the end to bring the unscrupulous lawyer to his downfall. Rev. Mr. Prosser, the minister, was finely portrayed by Fred A. Smith, whose sing-song way of speaking and dignified bearing certainly made a hit. Walter A. Blodgett, as Lem Hackett, leader of the choir and impromptu detective, was well adapted to his part, his ability as detective, with the assistance of others, finally clearing the name of his friend, Tom Skerett. The part of Simon Pinner, who would rather whittle than work, who was not supposed to be lazy at all, just troubled with "rheumatism," was admirably acted by E. W. Carley.

Miss Letitia V. Ward, a child of fate was unusually fine in her part and against much opposition by her mother, stood by Tom through thick and thin until his innocence was proven, and as all stories go, ended with the happy marriage of the two. Miss Isora M. Kelleran, as Joel Bassett's wife, made a fine impression, and those who know her quiet, unassuming ways in everyday life would hardly recognize her in the way she would start in and tell Joel and a few others some ideas she had on her mind. Miss Emma Kinney, as Rosetta Gates, a bit flighty, but a true friend, with the assistance of Mis' Hazey and her friend Clarence, certainly proved her worth and did her part excellently. Mis' Hazey, impersonated by Miss Kathlyn Ward, had her part down to perfection, and although the part called for acting bordering the professional, she swung her part so that others besides herself were almost "imagining things." The comedy of the play devolved on Frederick T. Auld, as Oleander, the help, who was always injecting fun enough into the play to relieve the serious situations, and although of pretty good dimensions, managed to get around pretty quick when Mrs Bassett started in to tell "her" something.

Taken as a whole the affair was certainly as good, if not better, than any amateur show that has ever been produced in town. The cast was evenly balanced and each character was portrayed at its best, none outshining the other. The work of the play throughout was a reflection of credit both to the actors and the stage director, U. H. Barrows, who always comes through with flying colors, and who worked hard to make this performance a success.

Miss Kelleran and Miss Kinney were both presented with handsome bouquets, the gifts of admiring friends, who had evidently turned out in good style to watch them portray their different roles.

Ben Rubin, the Hebrew comedian of Boston, appeared between the acts in Hebrew monologue character songs and clog dancing which were well received.

A. W. C.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon there was presented a program of intense and absorbing interest. It was a lecture on the topic, "The European war and America's duty," given by Mrs. Linda Ames Mead, of Boston. It was a clear, impassional presentation of the condition of things among the nations of Europe, and a strong earnest call to Americans, of whom are the club women, to see their opportunity to work in the interests of peace. "A very fine lecture," "The best thing in our whole course," "The best lecture I ever heard in my life" were some of the comments heard from the audience at the close of the lecture.

An exceedingly interesting addition to the program was the music under the charge of Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, which included an organ voluntary by Miss Mabel Sargent, the peace hymn and chorus by the club choir, a vocal solo by Mrs. Daisy Beckford, and "America" by the audience. The program was given by the education department of the club, of which Mrs. Susan M. Barker is chairman.

At the business meeting Miss S. A. Blood and Mrs. Ida C. Perkins were elected delegates to the Federation meeting to be held in the high school building in Somerville on February 26.

Mrs. Mead spoke in Springfield, Vt., the evening of Tuesday, February 16, and came from that place to Ayer on Wednesday morning.

The Literature section will meet at the home of Mrs. Nellie Whitney on Wednesday afternoon, February 24, at three o'clock.

The Civic department will hold a food sale in the lower town hall Wednesday afternoon, February 24, from three to five. Members of the club willing to contribute are asked to bring their food before three.

The Executive board will meet on Thursday, February 25, at 7.30, at the home of Miss S. Adelaide Blood.

Higher Railroad Fares.

Rumor has it that there will be no more delay regarding the increase in railroad fares, the discontinuance of the popular trip tickets, and other railroad tariff changes, and that the general public may practically make up its mind to pay more for their rides after March 1. At least half a dozen announcements, almost from month to month, have been made of dates when the proposed changes were to become effective, but, as yet, the public service commission has withheld its consent and the announced changes have been postponed from time to time, the anxiety of the railroads to have the changes become effective as soon as possible have resulted in favorable action of the commission being anticipated and announcements having been made in advance. The last date set was Feb. 1, at which time still another postponement was announced to March 1.

While no official notification has been received as yet, or is expected until just previous to March 1, there are persistent rumors to the effect that the increases are really due for authorization before the end of the present month. Increases have been allowed in all of the other New England states and Massachusetts is expected to fall in line in the immediate future.

Again in Session.

The Hot Stove club has resumed its meetings after an adjournment of a week. At a recent meeting the club listened to tales of fishing by the disciples of Isaac Walton, who were present.

The first speaker, evidently fearing that he might be outdone by the others, told of his experience while fishing in a local stream some time ago. While waiting for a bite he said that he heard a loud splashing in the water where the river takes a sharp curve, a short distance from where he stood. Upon investigation he found that the fish were so plentiful at that point that in trying to swim around the curve they got wedged between the banks of the stream so tightly that they couldn't move. The fisherman immediately dropped his fishpole and with the aid of his hands only pulled out a large number of the fish and carried them home. When the "jam" was loosened some of the trout escaped.

The listeners were so affected that they were unable to speak for several minutes. Finally one of our oldest fishermen, whose knowledge of the art would fill several volumes, was asked his opinion of the tale and he said that the story was no doubt true, as he recently caught a trout with the spots all rubbed off its side, which was caused by the fish being scraped against the bank of the stream in trying to get past the curve. This seemed to satisfy the crowd that the story must be true. After a few other yarns the meeting adjourned.

The club is a unique and novel organization and the meetings are held in one of our local stores at any time a few gather together.

The chairman is one who happens to have the floor at the time the meeting starts. In other words the meetings are of an entirely informal character. They are always open to the public. It has no social features as its duties are too serious for such trivial affairs. It was organized for the promotion of a better understanding between the varied elements in the body politic and to afford all a chance to present their views upon all matters of a local or national nature.

District Court.

Leon A. Gagnon, of Pepperell, was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbing the peace on Wednesday morning. On the former complaint he was placed on probation for six months and the latter was placed on file. This disposition was made on account of the youth of the defendant.

Hugh Buchanon, of Pepperell, was found guilty of the same complaints. The drunkenness complaint was filed and on the charge of disturbing the peace he was sentenced to two months in the house of correction.

Found Badly Injured.

Jeremiah Sullivan, of Worcester, was found in a box car in the railroad yard on Wednesday morning suffering intense pain from a badly sprained and bruised right ankle. Sullivan was taken to the station, where Dr. L. D. Sullivan gave him medical treatment, after which the injured man was removed to the state hospital in Tewksbury, accompanied by Chief Beatty.

In addition to his injury Sullivan suffered much from the cold. After being cared for he told the story of his experiences which led to his appearance here. He said that he left his home in Worcester some time ago in search of employment. He made several fruitless attempts to get work and finally landed in Nashua, N. H. Wednesday morning, having no money, he boarded a freight train, which he supposed was going toward Worcester, but which in reality was going in the opposite direction. After discovering his mistake he jumped from the moving freight train and in so doing injured himself in the manner above described. Someone put him into a box car on an Ayer bound freight and he was carried here. How long he remained in the car is not known.

Severe criticism was expressed on all sides for the inhuman treatment given the unfortunate man at Nashua after he was injured. Sullivan had all the appearances of being an honest, industrious man, who through no fault of his, was thrown out of employment.

He told Chief Beatty that this was the first time that he was ever on the road, and would not be now had it not been for losing his employment.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The Men's Card club, which holds frequent meetings at the members' homes and the club room, had a reunion of the old members at William Withington's on Wednesday evening.

Last Saturday evening fourteen went from here to Concord to see the production of "Pinafore" in which three of our young men—Luther Furbush, Robert Poland and George Goodearl, took part. On the same evening quite a number went to Maynard to the moving pictures.

At the annual meeting of the Hellenic Tobacco company in Boston last week Francis Parker was elected president, E. J. Costello, general manager and superintendent and W. H. Furbush, treasurer. The company has its factory on Washington street and offices on Cornhill. These men are from our town and their general air of prosperity speaks well for the condition of their business.

Philip Cunningham and Asa Frost went to Winchester, N. H., last week Friday and spent several days with our former townsman, Fred Ball.

Miss Eva Dill, who taught school here last year, was week-end guest of Maria Steele. Miss Dill is now teaching in Hamilton. Another of our former teachers, Miss Eva Stearns is also teaching there.

Mrs. Charles Knight was quite sick with pleurisy the first of this week and obliged to call Dr. Royal.

Ed. Forbes of Acton has recently bought the stored apples of B. C. Steele, C. T. Wetherbee, C. B. Robbins, George Hager and Charles Libbie and Burpee Steele is conveying the same to Boston by his auto truck.

Miss Nellie Fitch of Boston was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert Hartwell.

Grange Notes.

The subject brought up for discussion at the Grange meeting on last week Friday evening was "Peace." The general plan for the evening was in charge of Rev. F. H. Viets, who assigned the various views to several members to write or talk on. Nearly all present added something to the discussion. Marla Steele gave a vocal solo. Master Richardson's contribution was a very practical one in the shape of a generous bag of pop corn for each member.

An interesting incident of the evening was the presentation of a sum of money to our most efficient secretary, Mrs. Ada Durkee. Mrs. Durkee has served in that capacity for several years and was loath to accept it again as the work requires much time. Rev. F. H. Viets presented the gift in behalf of the Grange and Mrs. Durkee pleasantly responded, although much surprised.

The next meeting will be of particular interest to the men as Austin Peters is to give an address of "Diseases of cattle." Two of the young members are to furnish the "surprise."

On Wednesday evening thirty-two grangers went to Littleton Grange in Arthur Nelson's truck to see the competitive entertainment given between the ladies and gentlemen. The beautiful evening, hearty welcome and fine entertainment given by both sides, made the occasion a delightful one to our patrons and again we expressed the wish that we could more frequently visit our neighboring granges as there is no better way to arouse enthusiasm in our own.

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

A lecture will be given in the Unitarian vestry on Friday evening, February 26, at eight o'clock. This will be for the benefit of the high school seniors' Washington trip fund. A popular price will be charged. In another month the long contemplated excursion will materialize.

Prof. Charles W. Hobbs, of Harvard university, will spend Saturday of this week with Rev. and Mrs. Alvord.

Clinton Alvord, superintendent and owner of the Worcester loom works, and president of the "Children's go-to-church movement," is an expected guest of his brother, Rev. J. C. Alvord.

Mrs. Stevenson, the temperance lecturer, is to be entertained at Mrs. A. F. Conant's. She will speak at the Baptist and Congregationalist services on Sunday forenoon.

Mrs. W. E. Conant opened her hospitable doors to the ladies of the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon when a pleasant reception was held.

There were twenty-six present from the Littleton C. E. societies at the rally in Maynard. The Congregational society gave a farce and the pastor told a story.

James Piper's little daughter, who has passed through a seige of bronchial pneumonia, is convalescent.

Miss Mildred Flagg, teacher in the Northfield seminary, came home on Friday night to spend the week-end and holiday with her parents, the E. A. Flaggs, and her sisters.

The Franklin class of the Baptist Sunday school will hold a sale of aprons, fancy work and home-made candies in the vestry on the afternoon and evening of March 2. They will serve a salad supper from 6.30 to eight o'clock, which will be followed by a short entertainment. The ladies of the church will assist and for this purpose will hold an all-day sewing bee with Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg on next week Tuesday.

Sunset party by the Back Log club in town hall on Monday afternoon and evening, February 22. Dancing for children from four to six o'clock. Supper at six, followed by dancing for adults.

Rev. J. C. Alvord will address the men's class in the Union church, Concord Junction on Friday, February 26. A patriotic sermon will be preached by the pastor of the Congregational church on Sunday morning.

The lyceum meets for its home talent entertainment on Tuesday evening. A varied program of musical, oratorical and histrionic ability will be presented that should suit all tastes, and at its close the officers for the coming season will be elected. As is usual on home-talent night no admission will be charged, and the tickets need not be presented at the door. Two numbers of this season's course still remain to be given.

"The ideals of the people of India and their reasons for entering the great war" will be the subject of Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon at the Unitarian church tomorrow morning in his series of sermons on national characterists in this great world crisis. The evening meeting will be the union service in the town hall at seven o'clock.

The following is the closing time of the outgoing mails at the Littleton postoffice: 7.35 a. m., 8.08 a. m., 11.00 a. m., 1.50 p. m., 3.20 p. m., 5.35 p. m. and 6.15 p. m. Bulky parcel post packages are forwarded on the 7.35 a. m., 8.08 a. m., 5.35 p. m. and 6.15 p. m. mails. Registered letters are forwarded on all mails.

George M. Lovejoy and sons joined Mrs. Lovejoy at Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb's for the week-end, the family returning in the automobile on Sunday to their Hartford, Conn., home.

Miss Florence Whitcomb is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Haywood Hartwell, and family in Norwell.

The household economics committee announce the postponement of the Woman's club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, until Monday, March 1, as the speaker of the afternoon had another engagement for the first date.

It may be of interest to those persons who have charge of the selection of dates for entertainments, meetings, etc., to know that the correspondent of the Guidon keeps a calendar of dates so far as she knows them, and would be glad to receive and give information on the subject for the benefit of all concerned.

We repeat the notice of the union temperance meeting in the town hall on Sunday evening, February 21, and urge a large attendance. Although this has been a no-license town and enjoys that reputation today, the "yes" votes are yearly on the increase and the scriptural admonition, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," may not be an untimely consideration for our good community. Mrs. Katherine Lent Stevenson, state president of the W. C. T. U., a graduate of Boston university, and a woman of broad culture and long experience in temperance work, will speak on "National constitutional prohibition."

Hon. Charles A. Kimball attended the Yale Alumni banquet at Copley Plaza hotel, Boston, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball were among the number of senators and representatives and their wives who accepted an invitation to the wedding of Channing Harris Cox, speaker of the house, to Miss Mary Emery, daughter of Mrs. Isaiah Cole Young, at Sears chapel, Colchester street, Brookline, Thursday evening, February 18.

The selectmen have organized with George W. Whitcomb as chairman and Harry S. Barker as secretary.

Miss Gladys Kimball, registered nurse, was called to Groton on a case Tuesday morning.

Mrs. S. H. Jewett is rallying from another relapse.

The local union C. E. convention will be held at the Union church in Concord Junction on Monday, February 22.

Marion, oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles, of Harvard road, is a new victim to bronchial pneumonia and considered very sick.

Henry F. Works, although still critically ill, is thought to have passed the crisis and at last reports rests more comfortably.

In the audience of interested listeners at the Woman's club play in Groton, "Under two flags," were A. E. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Mr. Zappy, H. W. Conant, Misses Lucy Houghton, Dorothy Priest and M. H. Kimball. Miss Kimball remained over night as the guest of her cousins, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. W. A. Lawrence. The play was beautifully staged and gave evidence of fine talent and splendid professional training.

Miss Jennie Sawyer spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Eleanor Hill in Portland, Me., Mrs. A. W. Knowlton substituting for her in the ticket office.

Miss Alice Wright was a Sunday guest of Rev. Amelia Frost in Andover. Mrs. W. E. Conant also visited the Frost family one day last week. Mrs. Frost is a patient sufferer, but her condition changes but little, save that each day finds her somewhat weaker.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter, of Greenfield, are Sunday and holiday guests of his mother, Mrs. John A. Kimball.

Unintentionally the names of A. B. Conant, Clarence Brown, Langdon Prouty and the Misses Delia and Catherine Connell were omitted from the list of invited Littleton guests present at the complimentary ball in Westford.

Littleton relatives and friends were shocked and grieved to learn of Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens Warren Kimball's sudden death at the Lowell General hospital last Saturday at the age of fifty-eight years. The patient had gone there for surgical treatment but three days before. Funeral services were held in Lowell on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kimball were married on December 31, 1914. Besides a widower, Mrs. Kimball leaves one sister, Miss Mary G. Stevens, of the Lowell high school faculty, to mourn her untimely death. The deceased was the daughter of the late Lawyer and Elizabeth Kimball Stevens, of Lowell, who were well-known in Littleton.

Two Decrees Rendered.

The petitions of Caroline B. Kimball vs. William L. Kimball and of William L. Kimball vs. Caroline B. Kimball, which had been partially heard in January last, were finally disposed of on Wednesday, February 3, in the probate court for Suffolk county by Judge George. A decree was entered in the first case that the petition of the wife for separate support be dismissed; and in the second case by decree of the probate court it was adjudged that the said William L. Kimball for justifiable cause is actually living apart from his said wife.

The legal effect of the second decree is that the petitioner, William L. Kimball, may hereafter convey his real property in the same manner and with the same effect as if he were unmarried, and, if his wife survives him, she will not be entitled to waive the provision of any will which he may make and claim and share of his estate.

Both parties assented to these decrees, and the wife waived right to appeal therefrom.

Caroline B. Kimball was represented by Frank H. Stevens, Esq., and William L. Kimball by Elihu G. Loomis, Esq.

A May Festival.

An oratorio is being studied by the Littleton Choral society under the direction of George S. Dane, of Boston, to be presented to the public some time about the first of May, the time not being definitely set at present. The poem of "The rose maiden," the oratorio to be presented, is adapted from the German by R. E. Francillon, and arranged by Frederic H. Cowen. It is surely a work of art and considered by musical critics as one of the most tuneful cantatas studied by the various choral and oratorio societies throughout the country.

There are in the poem thirty verses, which are divided in the musical arrangement into eight choruses, four solos, four duets, one trio and nine recitations, besides an introduction.

The oratorio reads: "The queen of the flower fairies, weary of a life of unbroken calm, prays of the newly returned spring that he will bestow upon her also the gift of love that he bestows upon man. He warns her of the risk she runs, but finally yields to her entreaties by changing her while she sleeps into the form of a beautiful girl. Under the name of Roseblossom she wanders through the world to find the love that she seeks, and meets with a girl, who having been betrayed and deserted by her lover, loses her senses and dies broken-hearted. But, undeterred from her search, Roseblossom becomes the wife of a forester with whom she lives for a time in such perfect happiness that she cannot survive his death. The elves bewail the fate of their queen and curse love as fatal to peace and happiness."

It has been proposed that some of the solo work be done by members of the society, while the rest of the talent will be secured in Boston.

The Choral society, which is now in its second season, has an enrollment of fifty voices, all good workers, well balanced, and under the direction of a man who is an energetic director of great ability. It is certainly a great credit to a country society to be able to secure a man of Mr. Dane's makeup.

Mr. Dane is a soloist, also a conductor of choruses and schoirs. He possesses a wonderful baritone voice with much color and quality which has been developed by his studying under the noted baritone, Stephen Townsend, a soloist and teacher of voice culture in Boston. Mr. Dane sings in the Dane street church in Beverly, conducts a chorus of voices for the vesper service there, has a studio in Lynn and also one in Salem where he teaches voice culture; he also conducts several choral societies of which Littleton is proud to be counted as one. They are fortunate also in having for their accompanist Miss Olive Flagg, of Littleton, a student in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and a very promising musician. She is not only a pianist of note, but is accomplished in the art of accompanying, which means that it is a pleasure for the members of the society to study their season's work with Miss Flagg and Mr. Dane.

The society will probably give one of the choruses of "The rose maiden" as their contribution at the home talent night at the lyceum course on February 23, in the town hall. This is a feature looked forward to by the members as much interest is taken in the society's coming concert, and the selection to be used home talent night, "The bridal chorus," is a good example of the oratorio, "The rose maiden."

Fatally Injured.

As Robert Henry was crossing the Nashua and Acton division of the Boston and Maine railroad on Monday afternoon he was struck by a passenger train near Cemetery crossing and sustained injuries from which he died in the East Littleton station shortly afterward. Funeral services were held from his late home on Wednesday afternoon and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Caulkins, who paid a good tribute to the deceased, and offered sympathy and consolation to the bereaved widow and brother. Many flowers testified to the sincerity of numerous friends. Pall bearers were Hiram Sauler, Thomas Ashworth, Walter Smith and Frank Gregory. The interment was in Westford.

Mr. Henry was born in Scotland in 1869. He was married to Miss Emma F. Martin on September 8, 1901. For fifteen years he had been employed in the Conant & Houghton webbing factory and was faithful in the performance of duty. He was a member of the Baptist church and of the Lincoln class in the Sunday school. He possessed a quiet, retiring nature, and although less demonstrative than some, he was, nevertheless, interested in church organizations and activities and attended divine service regularly. He was sincere and true to the ideals he cherished.

Besides his wife, a brother, Charles Henry, of Pawtucket, R. I., survives the deceased. Within a year the father, his daughter, and now a son have been buried from the Martin home.

In Conclusion.

Meetings of the unemployed to consider their troubles and suggest remedies for the present condition of things were held on Lincoln's birthday in many cities and towns from Boston to San Francisco, but received scant space in the daily press outside those papers devoted especially to the interests of labor. Conditions were explained and appeals for work made to officials, municipal, state and national. With one accord officialdom threw up the sponge in despair and returned answer that nothing could be done. All realized that too many men who have become too hungry constitute a dangerous proposition, hence the "soft pedal" on the press.

The great, much vaunted competitive system seems to have fallen down on the job. With three of our chief competitors, England, France and Germany, practically out of the running so far as supplying the needs of the rest of the world with their goods is concerned, it would seem that the United States with the men, machinery and money to do the business, ought to be working overtime supplying the needs of the former customers of these countries whose productive capacity is paralyzed by war. Instead, about all the manufacturers that seem to be busy are the ones engaged in furnishing munitions of war for the fighting nations.

Where are the great men we read about that have such a capacity for doing things that only millions a year can properly compensate them for their services to society? In the meantime what about the unemployed?

The national government says it can do nothing and in fact has very lately cut down the pay of quite a large number of mail carriers and reduced regulars to the extra list and greatly incensed the mayor of Boston by discharging a batch of workmen at the navy yard in the interests of economy. (Congress has not pared down the river and harbor bill so you would notice it.)

The suggestion that operations on public works be started on a large scale meets with a cold response. Why bless you there are not enough jobs of this sort to reward the faithful workers in the political field to say nothing of the casual unemployed, but we will urge all employers to employ more men. The employers answer "no money in it," and there we are just where we started.

Certain philanthropists of another sort say back to the land is the way to solve the unemployment problem, though they fail to show just how a man without money enough to buy a loaf of bread is to get his family back to the land or how he would live until he made a crop if he could get there. Though the government can do anything for the capitalist in distress from using policemen or soldiers to break strikes to furnishing regional banks, war insurance on vessels and even proposing to buy ships to facilitate the exportation of goods to other countries, it can do nothing for the poor man but dole out charity and admits it.

In view of this helplessness we see no help for submerged truth while the profit system lasts. The large employer would dislike to see the problem of the unemployed solved for he knows full well that the hungry man outside the factory gate, anxious for a job, is a mighty factor in fixing the pay of the man who is still at work. The very general tendency to attempt a reduction of wages at present, even by the government, proves this. The co-operative commonwealth seems to be the only solution in sight, and though we may not like it, and it will take time to bring it about, it will, we believe, have to come sooner or later.

V. T. E.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The Woman's club met in the ladies' parlor on Wednesday afternoon. A very nice musical program was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Lawrence gave two piano selections and Miss Ruth Rogers also gave a piano solo. Mrs. Verder and Mrs. Charles Hills gave vocal selections and Mrs. Ralph Herrick entertained the audience by giving a monologue entitled "The Hollis Woman's club."

Mrs. Willett, from Lowell, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Addie Gale.

Mrs. Henry Goodwin is spending two weeks with relatives in Mason.

Mr. Hurd is confined to his home with rheumatism.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES R. EARLE of Groton 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 second day of March A. D. 1915, 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 Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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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 FRANK A. PATCH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of March A. D. 1915, 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, 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, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

3t23 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY MEAD late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by HENRY P. MEAD and MARY LEAHY who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the second day of March A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

3t22 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE HUTCHINSON late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas JOHN W. HUTCHINSON the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the third day of March A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

A daughter, Ellen Rose, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Funaiole, Old City, Sunday afternoon, weighing seven and one-half pounds.

The attention of the public is called to the recent book added to the public library, "The history of Brookline, N. H.," written by Judge Parker of Nashua. Mr. Parker has a summer home in Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron F. Going, who have been stopping at the home of John N. Going during his recent serious illness, have returned to Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hart of Brookline spent the week-end with Mrs. Hart's sister, Mrs. Abbie Bruce. Townsend friends are always glad to greet Mr. and Mrs. Hart and to know of their occasional visits to their old home town and place.

The Many friends of Miss Helen Moody will be pleased to learn that she passed through successfully the recent operation on her hip and limb. The prospects are that she will be greatly benefitted by the operation.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Jealous for and jealous of." C. E. evening service topic, "Favorite chapters of the Bible and why." Leader, Mrs. Arthur Cartland.

Last Saturday evening at Memorial hall the friends and patrons of Jerry Brown, manager of the "movies," presented him with a purse of money amounting to $26.50. This gift was an expression of sympathy for Mr. Brown, who has illness in his home and for the unfortunate circumstances of his recent fine for operating without a license. Mr. Brown acknowledged the gift with thanks and stated that later he would give a free entertainment in appreciation of the gift.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sears of Rockport have been guests this past week of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bruce of Bow street.

The body of Mrs. Mary L. Phipps was brought to town from Medford on Wednesday noon for interment in the family lot at the Center cemetery.

Henry Clark of Manchester-by-the-Sea spent Sunday with his mother and brother, Oliver Clark, Brookline street.

On Washington's birthday evening the Monday club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Alfred N. Fessenden. It being gentlemen's night Mr. Fessenden will address the club members and guests on "Mexico." Meeting at 7.45.

E. L. Haynes, superintendent of schools in Methuen, was in town the first of the week calling on friends and neighbors. Mr. Haynes was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade.

Mrs. Arthur Cartland attended the Prince Edward Island association meeting held in Boston on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Abbie Shirley and little daughter Catherine, of Lynn, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth this week.

It is expected that the town reports will be ready for distribution the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Angie Hildreth Lang will receive new subscriptions and renewals for the Toesin.

Miss Bertha Hyatt of Albany, N. Y., the house guest of Mrs. C. J. Ross this past week, was honored by an enjoyable whist party Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ross as hostess.

Miss Ethel Upham, a teacher in Ashfield, is spending her six weeks' vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Upham.

About twenty schoolmates of Ernest Dow were entertained at his home Saturday evening in honor of his birthday. The time was pleasantly spent socially and in the playing of games. Refreshments were served, including a delicious birthday cake. The evening's pleasure was interspersed with music.

The house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver this week and for over February 22 are Mrs. Lane of Gardner, Charles Adams, an uncle of Mrs. Seaver, of Bellingham, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. McRobbie of Boston. Mr. McRobbie is a teacher in the Mechanic Art school, Boston.

Peace Sunday.

Peace Sunday was observed at the Congregational church last Sunday morning with a special program that included the following excellent and helpful addresses: "Peace of Ghent," A. N. Fessenden; "Development of the peace idea," C. J. Ross; "Responsibilities of a republic," H. C. Knight. Appropriate music was rendered by the high school chorus in charge of Miss Southwick, supervisor of music in the public schools. Rev. Alfred L. Struthers, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services, reading the scriptures from Isaiah. He spoke briefly on the world-wide peace and the brotherhood of man. He also offered prayer and pronounced the benediction. After the prayer Superintendent Knight sang a solo, "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

During the session of the Sunday school the peace exercises were continued. The Ghent peace prayer was given by Mrs. Barber, superintendent of the Sunday school. The international peace song was sung to the tune of "America" by the junior department. Harold Gray sang "The song of peace" and Robert Copeland "The world's peace song" and "The coming of peace." The teachers of the public schools gave readings as follows: "The song of the twentieth century," Mrs. Clara Craig; "A new earth," Miss Gaskell; "The reign of peace," Miss Maude Hyde; "The Christ of the Andes," Miss Sanderson. Lessons from the life of Abraham Lincoln was given by the members of the school and by Mrs. Barber, the superintendent. Mrs. Barber also gave the reading, "The message of peace," by Julia Ward Howe.

D. of V. Meeting.

On Tuesday evening, February 16, there was a large attendance at the meeting of Phœbe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., when a delightful evening was spent listening to a most excellent patriotic program on Lincoln and Washington. The following program was given:

Song, Washington and Lincoln by Mrs. Florence Guinn; sketches from the lives of Mrs. Harriet Spaulding, Mrs. Mary Taylor and Mrs. Ellen Richards; Lincoln day proclamation, read by Mrs. Hattie Cook; reading, "A perfect tribute," by Ralph Bush; poem, Mrs. Elnora Smith; reminiscences of Washington and Lincoln, by Mrs. Abbie Shattuck.

The hall was tastily decorated with the pictures of Washington, Lincoln and the national colors. Refreshments were served. Each daughter was presented with a Washington or Lincoln postcard as a souvenir.

Warrant.

The following articles are contained in the warrant to be held at Memorial hall on Monday, March 1. They are the ones outside of the yearly routine of business:

Article 8. To choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town, with power to employ counsel.

Art. 9. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or for schools.

Art. 10. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay out lots and grade the avenues in the Center cemetery.

Art. 11. To raise and appropriate the sum of $150 to be used for the improvement of the West cemetery.

Art. 12. To choose a committee of three residents of West Townsend to have charge of the income from the James N. Tucker cemetery fund.

Art. 13. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to be used in the care of the graves of all soldiers and sailors of the civil war, or of the Spanish war, which are not otherwise provided for.

Art. 14. To accept a legacy of $200 bequeathed to the town, in trust, under the will of the late Isaac Warner, the income thereof to be expended for the perpetual care of the burial lot of said deceased.

Art. 16. To vote on the following question: "Shall chapter 867 of the Acts of 1913, being an act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment, and to exempt from legal liability counties and municipal corporations which pay such compensation, be accepted by the inhabitants of this town?"

Art. 17. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate $125 for the George Washington memorial building, Washington, D. C.

Art. 18. To hear a report of the town clerk concerning the publication of the vital statistics of the town.

Art. 19. To see what action the town will take, if any, with regard to the planting of shade trees, and to appropriate at least $150 for this purpose in order that the town might enter the shade tree planting contest conducted by the Massachusetts Forestry association.

Art. 20. To raise and appropriate $300 for the purpose of building a piece of permanent road, beginning near Stickney's Corner, so-called, on Townsend hill, and going east as far as the appropriation will permit.

Art. 21. To raise and appropriate $500 for the building of permanent roads.

Art. 22. To raise and appropriate the sum of $150 for the purpose of painting Seminary hall school building.

Art. 25. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in building permanent sidewalks.

Art. 26. To raise and appropriate the sum of $200 to be used in cutting brush and cleaning up the sides of outlying roads in connection with moth work, the state superintendent of this district advising that the state will devote as much more for that purpose.

Art. 27. To raise and appropriate $150 for the purpose of purchasing an asbestos curtain for Memorial hall stage.

Club Meeting.

The Right Hand circle met at Riverside cottage Saturday afternoon, February 13, with Mrs. George French as hostess. The guests spent the time in a social way, crocheting and sewing. A dainty Valentine luncheon was served in the dining-room and the unique manner in which it was prepared occasioned much surprise and delight from the guests, who found their seats at the table by means of cards decorated with red hearts and the mischievous cupid, each bearing the name of the person from whom it was intended.

The guests' places were artistically ornamented with hearts intertwined with gilt ribbons. Heart sandwiches, heart cookies, nut cakes and coffee were served. The table was prettily decorated with heart centerpiece and doilies, the Valentine napkins being folded fan shape completed the bright-color design. At the close of the lunch the guests in rising gave toasts to America, to good friends and to "Cupid."

As to the benevolent object of this circle, their motto is not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth.

West.

The Ladies' Whist club held their fortnightly meeting on Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of the president, Mrs. E. J. Lees, and on Saturday afternoon eleven of the members enjoyed a sleighride to Fitchburg in Abbot Hodgman's conveyance, where they attended the performance of "The shepherd of the hills" at the Lyric theatre and spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Ladies' Liberal Aid society of the Unitarian church met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alexander Reed.

A large number from this village attended the firemen's ball at the Center on last week Friday.

Mrs. Albert Wilson has been on the sick list for the past week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

John Powers is seriously ill at his home with an attack of heart trouble. His daughter, Mrs. Putnam, from New Ipswich, N. H., with her little child and his granddaughter, Miss Florence Powers, from New Ipswich, are with him.

Miss Mary Tucker and family moved from the cottage next to the church to the house recently occupied by Fred Richards.

Fred G. Smith has been confined to his home on lower Main street this week with an attack of the grippe.

Dr. Henry B. Boynton has returned from the hospital in Roxbury where he has been under treatment for the past week.

Mrs. Horace Sanders, from New Ipswich, N. H., has been a recent visitor at the home of Mrs. Cutting.

Mrs. Charles B. Stickney is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt has closed her cottage on Elm street for a time and is at the home of her son, Edward Pratt, of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hodgman, who have been with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, for a part of the winter, have returned to their home in Greenville, N. H.

On Saturday morning as the 7.15 train came into the station a teamster with a load of logs got stuck on the railroad crossing, causing much excitement for a short time and holding up the train until a portion of the load could be removed and the sled gotten off the track.

Mrs. J. Ellis from Chicago, Ill., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Anna Ellis.

Mrs. Edward A. Craig and Earl Craig from Providence, R. I., were in town Monday on a brief business trip.

Valentine Party.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a Valentine party at the Baptist vestry last Saturday evening and although the attendance was small, about twenty being present, a very jolly evening was passed in games and a good time in general. A donkey contest was the first number on the program and was won by Mrs. R. S. Ely and at the valentine postoffice each one present received a valentine and much laughter was caused by some of the hits and jokes which were received. Mystery packages were on sale and were quickly disposed of, the money being used to defray the expenses of the occasion and a small sum over the expense list was added to the treasury.

The postoffice was in charge of Miss Agnes Thompson and Miss Gladys Rawson. A "Conversation," was then enjoyed, the party drawing numbered hearts for partners; the topic for discussion was "Hearts," with Miss Alice Seaver as judge. The second topic after a change of partners was "Cats and dogs," with Miss Gladys Rawson as judge. Refreshments of cake and coffee followed this and games were played until ten o'clock when the party dispersed.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN W. LEAHY late of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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February 5, 1915. 3t23

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Bed slippers are welcomed by all ages and both sexes, but particularly are they welcomed by the old people when the circulation becomes sluggish, the nights become cold and the sheets seem to be in sympathy with the outside temperature. These slippers should be knitted so as to come well up about the ankles. If they are rather tight at the ankles they will be all the more snug. They are made without soles and are consequently hot for use when walking about the floor, as are the usual soled knitted slippers.

Knitted gloves, too, are welcomed by the men and boys of the house, particularly if they are nature lovers. The men will not, of course, wish to wear them along the city streets unless they be sufficiently elderly to disregard the fashions, but for outing wear these knitted gloves will be found to surpass the kid glove, no matter how warmly lined. For the school boy and girl they are excellent and can be made very attractive to the children by bright yarns.

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Whereas JOHN W. HUTCHINSON the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the third day of March A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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

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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding spent part of this week in Boston.

Twenty-tow boys lined up for the first drill of the Boy Scouts at the Congregational vestry Tuesday evening. They made good progress and enjoyed the exercise. Notice how much straighter they stand and walk as you meet them on the street. The next meeting will be held next week on Monday evening at the home of Lloyd Bancroft, Heald street.

Miss Katherine Fitch recently spent a few days at Exeter, N. H., the guest of her cousins, Harry Jewett and Charlie Parker, who are students at Phillips academy.

Miss Lottie Farwell of Fitchburg is a geust this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shattuck, River street.

A communication was received by relatives in town that a little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby at Manchester, N. H., on Monday, February 15, weighing seven pounds.

A. H. Harris returned from New York Thursday morning, where he had been attending the poultry show. He did not exhibit there, however.

Mrs. E. A. Hayward had a sudden attack of heart trouble on Saturday last, which caused her friends much anxiety for awhile. She went out to attend to her small flock of hens, thinking a dog was troubling them and the fright or the haste brought on the attack, so that she could not get back to her house unaided. She was given restoratives and a physician summoned and the attack passed away soon.

Henry Latuck has taken the place of the former fireman at H. A. Parker's mill.

Mrs. Percy O'Neal has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wright, at West Groton, this week.

Mrs. E. A. Gilson returned from Lowell Tuesday evening after a few days spent with her husband. He is still at the hospital, but is now improving, although it is uncertain when he will be allowed to return home.

Miss Mary McPartlan, who has been employed in the household of Rev. D. R. Child for some time past, was obliged to give up her position on account of illness and is recuperating at her home on Mt. Lebanon street.

William Marshall, who has been spending a short time with his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Sherwood, has now returned to the home of his son, C. I. Marshall, Pleasant street.

A. H. Thayer was quite critically ill from an attack of heart trouble last week and under the care of a physician. He is now out again.

Ruth Ames has recently been visiting friends in Cambridge.

Marshall & Reed have recently taken the contract of H. N. Tower's house and have already commenced their job by removing the shutters for painting.

Miss Blanche Suprenant expects to go to Leominster, next week, where she will be employed in the millinery establishment of her friend, Miss Violet Dupré. Miss Suprenant is an employé at the Pepperell Card shop, but has not had steady work lately. Her sister, Mrs. Edward Dwyer, with whom she has been boarding during the winter, is also planning to leave town, going to join her husband at Townsend, where he is employed.

Mrs. Lyman Blood went to Fitchburg, Tuesday, to spend the day with Mrs. Earl Mention, previous to her breaking up housekeeping. She was accompanied by Bernard Scott, who lives with her. He went to visit his brother at West Fitchburg.

Gerry Nutting, with fifteen of his classmates and the instructor from the Engineering school, Boston, recently spent an afternoon at the General Electric foundry at Everett. They were allowed to inspect every part of the plant and make all the inquiries they cared to, as the afternoon was both profitable and pleasant.

Miss Mollie Wilson started on the morning train Wednesday for North Carolina. She will make a visit of some weeks with her father's people. It seems quite a trip for a home body like Miss Wilson to start out on, alone. Her place in the household duties at the Peck farm is taken by a cousin, who has been staying with Miss Wilson lately.

Miss Ethel Kemp spent a few days with her sister in Boston and Cambridge this week, returning on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Patch, who has been a shut-in, by advice of her physician since her sick spell early in the winter, attempted to go to a neighbor's this week during the icy walking and slipped. She found her courage was more than her strength as she had to call for assistance before she could get back home.

Mrs. O. M. Nash recently returned from Chelsea, where she had been enjoying a visit of ten days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nutting, with their youngest son, drove to Shirley last Sunday, the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden. Mrs. Anna Nutting, who has been in Shirley for some time, was also a guest for the day.

Miss Welch, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. N. S. Shattuck, since the return of the latter to her home on Park street, intends returning to her home in Augusta, Me., as soon as a suitable housekeeper and companion can be secured for Mrs. Shattuck, who is still in rather poor health.

Since Lent commenced on Wednesday, February 17, there will probably be fewer dancing parties for awhile, as well as other gayeties.

"The Alabama Minstrels," who need no introduction, have been engaged by M. E. Gaskill to appear for the Oak Hill Improvement society at their hall on Boynton street, Friday evening, March 5.

Mrs. John Frossard slipped while entering a sleigh on her way to the all-day meeting of the circle on last week Friday. The horse started also and added to the misfortune by dragging her, bruising her knee painfully.

The ladies of the Ready Workers' circle met with Mrs. Harriman on Thursday evening of last week, the meeting being of a business character, as the members were making their plans to serve the supper at the alumni banquet. The next meeting of the circle will be held with Mrs. L. G. Robbins, High street, on Thursday evening, February 25.

We noted in the Townsend items of last week that Rev. C. H. Hanaford, a former pastor of this town, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church of that place both morning and evening. Considering that Mr. Hanaford has reached his eightieth year this is quite marvelous.

Mrs. John Martin attended the Grange meeting at Littleton on Thursday of last week.

James Sliney has accepted the position of station agent at the North Pepperell station in place of Leo McEnnis, of Hollis, who recently resigned.

O. M. Nash had the misfortune to lose his faithful driving horse last week. The animal suffered an attack of indigestion and intestinal trouble, and the veterinary when called pronounced it beyond help.

The Hardscrabble Whist club, which reorganized recently, meeting for the first time this winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge, held a second meeting on Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nutting. Four tables were filled with the members or substitutes, the first honors being won by Mrs. A. G. Pike and E. S. Durant, and the consolation awarded to Mrs. Samuel Marshall and James Attridge. A fine collation of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

E. H. Bliss, formerly real estate agent, who last year purchased a farm and settled in town, has recently been experimenting in dairying. He became the owner of a thoroughbred Holstein heifer, not yet four years old, whose record was seventy-two pounds of milk in one day. Her mother, owned in Dunstable, had a record of ninety-seven pounds of milk per day. Mr. Bliss recently sold his young Holstein to Mr. Hale, the purchaser of Capt. Palmer's farm in Groton, but still has her young calf which is also a thoroughbred Holstein, and a fine specimen of that breed. He naturally expects much from it.

Alfred O'Neal returned this week from New Brunswick, where he has been employed through the winter.

It has been rumored that Joseph Donnelly is contemplating the sale of his Main street property to Eben Phillips, of Swampscott, who is well-known in town, being a resident here several summers.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held with Mrs. S. J. Richardson on Wednesday afternoon, twenty-six members being present. Four junior guests made the number thirty, which is an unusually large gathering for this society. The ladies who are to assist the gentlemen in the plans for the coming church supper, Friday evening, February 26, brought in reports. Mrs. J. N. Andrews is chairman of the supper committee, and Mrs. J. N. Annis is in charge of the dining-room committee. Several other matters were brought before the ladies and much business was voted upon. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Nellie Gutterson.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware accompanied a guest who has been visiting here recently into Boston on Wednesday, spending the day there.

Miss Carrie Sylvester has been spending a week at the home of Frank Gilman in Gardner, with his daughters, her former schoolmates.

The Ladies' club, known as the "Jolly Eight," met with Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge on Wednesday evening, only one member being absent. Each one brought their own sewing, embroidery predominating, the work being interspersed with much chat and gayety. The hostess served refreshments which added to the pleasure of the evening. The club are to meet next week with Mrs. F. W. Buss.

Miss Della O'Neal spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert Koch, in Townsend. Mrs. Koch returned with her on Monday morning for the day.

Mrs. Gerry Lawrence and two children, of Northampton, are guests of Mrs. Katherine Pierce, Elm street.

Mary Adele Boyton, of Mt. Ida school, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Boynton, Park street.

Miss Rose Alden is staying with Miss Ida Shattuck at present and may remain there until spring. Her house will be occupied by Bert Glidden and family until March 1.

Mrs. Lucy Jane Goodwin passed her ninety-fifth birthday on Thursday of last week. She has been spoken of as the oldest person in town since the death of Mrs. Rebecca Miller. We have ascertained, however, that this is not correct. That honor has fallen to Mrs. Mary A. Flynn, who lives with her daughters on Main street. If she lives until May 1 she will be one hundred years of age, having been born in 1815. She is a woman of small stature, but always did her own work and brought up ten children.

The East Village Social club will meet with the vice president, Mrs. M. E. Swasey, on Wednesday afternoon, February 24. Members are invited to come prepared to add something to the subject which will be "Reminiscences of the late Fanny Crosby."

Willis W. Kimball, whose arm was recently broken at the paper mill, anticipates that he will soon be fit for work again. The arm is improving fast and is now free from the splints and shows only weakness of the muscles.

A recent communication from Melvin Alden, Grand Rapids, Mich., who was one of the graduating class of Pepperell high school, 1915, assures them that he is keeping up with his studies by attending night school after the business day, making rather a strenuous life.

Miss Kitty Murray spent Thursday of last week with her family. She returned to Auburndale that evening, being carried to Ayer by her brother Ray to catch the eleven o'clock train.

A string of pickerel numbering fourteen and weighing twenty-eight pounds, was regarded as a fairly good catch by a party of sportsmen visiting Hale's pond last week. One of the fish tipped the scales at 2 pounds, 13 ounces.

Miss Olive Lewis is afflicted with an attack of rheumatism.

The food sale held by the L. B. S. on Friday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. N. S. Pike, was more than the usual success as the serving of sandwiches and coffee rendered the affair more social. The hostesses were Mrs. Pike, Mrs. William Deware and Mrs. Upson, but owing to an accident Mrs. Pike was unable to serve, as she injured her hip by a fall on Thursday and was unable to get about without assistance. Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Jordan assisted the committee in her place. The committee of the Alpha club also had a most attractive candy table in charge of Misses Doris Durant, Anna Peabody, Zilpha Woodworth and Flora Boynton.

An all day meeting of the Ladies' Social Circle was held on Friday of last week in the newly renovated rooms at the Unitarian church. An unusually large number were present during the day, box lunch being served at noon.

Among others present at the alumni banquet on Saturday evening were Miss Carrie Shattuck from Merrimac, N. H., Miss Katherine Tully from Beachmont, Mrs. Helen Nodding from Somerville, and Miss Mildred Lunt from Dunstable.

The visit paid by the Odd Fellows to Nathaniel Hobart in Brookline, N. H., last week was at the home of Mrs. Hall, instead of Mrs. Powers, as reported last week.

Albert Pillsbury, who was not able to return to the Agricultural college after the Christmas vacation on account of trouble with his feet, is now improving. He has been under treatment with Dr. Jordan, a specialist, of Boston, for fallen arches.

Interesting Lectures.

An interesting series of illustrated lectures on Africa are being given once a month by the pastor of the Congregational church. The lectures were prepared recently by Secretary Patton of the American Board of Missions. On this recent trip he traveled four thousand miles in the dark continent, visiting three of the American Board Mission stations and penetrating into regions yet unreached by the gospel message. He took with him the finest photographic outfit obtainable. These pictures are beautifully colored and give one a good idea of the country, the people, their homes, manners and customs, and their religion.

The first lecture was entitled, "Among the war-like Zulus." The second "Through Gazaland and Mashonaland," contained ten superb views of the Victoria Falls. The third lecture to be given next Sunday evening on the subject, "In the heart of Angola," contains sixty-four slides. This is the region once traversed by David Livingstone.

The attendance at these lectures has been large and all are made cordially welcome.

Deaths.

Daniel Hynes, a resident of this town for many years, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., on Monday morning, February 15, of general paresis. He had been in ill health for more than a year, owing to a fall which he received while carpentering, which caused injury to the head. On Saturday, February 6, he was taken to the hospital for treatment, as it was feared he was gradually growing worse. The remains were brought back to his home on Province street on Monday by Harmon & Mahony, and services were held in St. Joseph's church on Wednesday morning.

The deceased was 44 yrs. 3 mos. 21 days old, and is survived by a wife and one daughter; also, a sister, Mrs. Malia, of this town, and two brothers, one of whom lives in West Groton.

Charles K. Twiss, a former resident of various places in this town, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clara Kemp, North Groton, on Monday, February 8. He had resided with his daughter since the death of his wife about a year ago. For many years he had been a familiar figure, driving about our streets. He is survived also by another daughter, Mrs. Edward Witherspoon, of Manchester, N. H., by several grandchildren, and an aged sister, Mrs. Harmon Williams, of North Pepperell.

He was eighty-one years of age, his death being caused by heart trouble and the infirmities of age. Services were held at the home of his daughter on Wednesday of last week and the body was placed in the receiving tomb in Pepperell.

St. Valentine Party.

A very pleasant evening was passed at the home of Gladys Williams, Park street, on Monday, February 15, the occasion being a valentine party held by the members of Mrs. J. B. Lewis' Sunday school class. There were fifteen present, members and guests, being Mrs. Lewis, Miss Fannie Tower, Ellen Miller, Helen Pond, Mrs. Buss, Mrs. Mack, Miss Tucker, Mrs. Archambault, Mrs. Heber, Mrs. Winch, Lillian Shattuck, Gladys Morton, Marguerite Donnelly, Mrs. Bennett and the hostess.

The rooms were appropriately decorated, hearts predominating. Games were enjoyed and prizes were announced for those making the greatest number of words from the letters contained in St. Valentine. These were finally awarded to Miss Pond for the most words and Miss Miller for the least. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

Grange Notes.

The regular meeting of Prescott Grange was held on Friday evening, February 12, at their hall, the subject for the evening being most naturally Abraham Lincoln. The hall was appropriately decorated with the national colors, these being draped about the walls and also used about the officers' tables.

The address of the evening on "Lincoln and his work" was given by Rev. P. R. Stratton. A reading was given by Miss Lucy Blood, "Lincoln and his wife." A reading, "Witty sayings of Lincoln," was given by Mrs. E. M. Stewart. There were several patriotic songs by Oliver M. Nash and the Grange chorus.

The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, February 26, when the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet here on Thursday, February 25. The following program has been arranged:

Morning session—Address of welcome, Walter Shattuck, master of Prescott Grange; address, Rev. P. R. Stratton, "Improvement of Massachusetts pastures"; reading, Mrs. Addie Wood; adjournment until afternoon, dinner being served at noon in the lower hall.

Afternoon session—Vocal solo, O. M. Nash; address, "Massachusetts' agricultural resources and possibilities," John T. Lenne; reading, Grace M. Buck; piano solo, Miss Hattie Messenger; "Problems of the modern family," Lilla King; address "Attitude of the Grange toward the present war," E. F. Richardson; reading, Mrs. Amy L. Shattuck; "Proper making of the home flower garden," Andrew Callum; selection, young folks' quartet; reading, Mrs. Millicent Richards; "Vocational education vs. the dependent and delinquent classes," Herbert L. Hill; "Apple harvesting, packing and marketing," Richard Barrow; reading, Mrs. Sarah Rockwood.

P. H. S. Entertainment.

The Pepperell high school debate and entertainment held at Prescott hall on Friday evening, February 12, was attended by a small but interested audience. The opening exercise was a selection by the school glee club. The debate followed, subject, Resolved "That government ownership of railroads in the United States is desirable"; Carl Pillsbury and Edward McCord, affirm.; Francis Harney and George Powers, neg. The negative side of the debate were adjudged the winners.

The essays were interesting, being of a local trend, and were as follows: "The gulf and the mine," by Mollie Frazer; "Picturesque Pepperell," Althea Sartelle; "Col. Wm. Prescott," Beatrice Lynch; "The coon tree," by Marguerite Carter; "The Rebel's visit," by Doris Durant.

The award of the judges was to Doris Durant for best essay.

In the recitations, "The ride of the ghost of Paul Revere," was given by Philomene Chapman; "The victor of Marengo," by Ruth Wilson; "Mary Garvin," by Jeannette Newhall; "The legend of Bregenz," by Audrey Burkinshaw; "Ballad of the East and West," by Dorothy Dickinson; "The courtin'," by Georgianna Maynard.

Honors were awarded to Dorothy Dickinson.

The judges were Supt. A. R. Paull, Rev. John B. Lewis and James W. Breen.

The P. H. S. Glee club rendered other selections during the program.

The entertainment was followed by dancing until twelve o'clock with music furnished on piano and violin by different members of the school.

News Items.

The March committee of the L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will serve a supper to be followed by an entertainment on the evening of March 4, in Central hall. Mrs. P. J. Kemp is the chairman of the committee.

Prudence Wright chapter will hold their next meeting on Monday afternoon, February 22, at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell. In honor of Washington's birthday a very fine entertainment is planned and a social time with lunch. Hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. Mary B. Tarbell, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Weston and Miss Anna Sartell.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. N. M. Gutterson and Mrs. S. J. Richardson. The bright sunshine favored a large gathering. The regular routine of business was done, followed by sewing and a social time. A dainty lunch was served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. M. Sylvester.

Those persons who went on the second travelling picnic under the auspices of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, taking the Portland trip, if they have been reading the war news have noticed the mention of the U. S. warship Tennessee. This warship is the same one that the picnikers went aboard at Kittery, or at the Portsmouth navy yard.

The many friends of the late Dr. Willis may be interested to know that his only daughter, the widow of E. A. Markham, is helplessly blind at her home at Lucius Wilson's on Townsend street.

P. W. C.

The Pepperell Woman's club met at Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. L. Boynton. Delegates and alternates were appointed to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation to be held in Somerville on February 26, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterson, Mrs. Lulu G. Bancroft, delegates; Mrs. Isabel K. Paull, Mrs. Josephine M. Mault, alternates. "A valentine vaudeville" was given in charge of Mrs. Minnie E. Quay and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Taft. Over one hundred were entertained by a most unique and interesting program. The program was got up in a clever manner, which kept the audience guessing as to what was coming next, but as each number appeared and their curiosity was satisfied they felt that they were enjoying a most delightful afternoon. The following took part: Mrs. Eva Gage, Mrs. Fannie Bennett, Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge, Mrs. Ruth Child, Mrs. Ida Bliss, Mrs. Carrie Dennen, Mrs. Florence Pike, Mrs. Maud Parker, Mrs. Irene Attridge, Mrs. Gertrude Tower, Mrs. Alice Hayes, Mrs. Ida Woodward, Mrs. Florence Hutchinson, Mrs. Cynthia Nash, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. Grace Buss, Mrs. Mabel Parker, Mrs. Myra Attridge.

Methodist Church Notes.

"Searching for the king" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. At seven in the evening there will be a praise service and preaching upon the subject "Christ preached at Athens." The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "The benediction of a spiritual home." Leader, Frederick W. Tune.

The service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The annual chicken pie supper by the men of the Methodist church will be held on Friday evening, February 26, at 6.30 o'clock. An interesting program will be given in the church at 7.30, consisting of violin solos by Mrs. Carlisle Kelley, solo by O. M. Nash, an address by Rev. Alfred Noon a former pastor, an address upon patriotism by Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton, the burning of the church mortgage, and Bishop J. W. Hamilton of Boston is expected to be present and give an address.

Congregational Church Notes.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Lewis, will take as his Sunday morning topic, "The present tense of the christian life." Sunday school will be held at noon. At seven o'clock there will be a stereopticon lecture on Africa, entitled, "In the heart of Angola."

This lecture will be repeated at the Oak Hill hall on Monday night, February 22, at 7.45.

The Forward club are rehearsing a story and song service, "The missionary hero of Labrador," to be given some Sunday night soon. Miss Fannie Tower, Miss Edith Dow and Mrs. J. B. Lewis are the committee in charge.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

"A mysterious disappearance" is the name of the farce which is to be given in the town hall on Monday evening, February 22, by the junior class of the high school. Those who take part are Ralph Muzzey, Wallace Bascom, Ernest Woodin, Perley Howard, Dorothy Farley, Nellie Denault and Grace Smith.

The D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. Flora C. Hardy on last Saturday afternoon. Appropriate exercises were held in connection with Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. Mrs. Flora Hardy wrote and read a fine paper entitled "The New Hampshire officers in the revolution." A birthday surprise was given Mrs. William H. Dean after the literary program. She was presented with a large cake ornamented with cupids and lighted candles. The cake was cut and an informal social hour followed. Mrs. Harriet A. Hazard and Mrs. Minnie Colburn were chosen regent's alternates to the continental congress.

Richard Hardy is getting along nicely from the burns which he received from sulphuric acid and expects to be at his work again soon.

A men's reading class has been formed as the result of a suggestion made at the orchard school. Seventeen members met with County Demonstrator Richardson last Saturday evening at the home of George A. Frost. Regular fortnightly meetings will be held at the homes of the members. The next will be with Charles E. Hardy.

The work of cutting brown-tails and painting the gypsies on the public highways, which has been in charge of Francis Cave, was finished this week.

Mrs. William Sanders, who has been ill with the jaundice, is much better. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Sullivan, is with her for the present.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening the entertainment given during the lecturer's hour was somewhat changed from that announced in the program. The debate was postponed until some future meeting. William Jubb gave a very helpful demonstration of preparing thread for harness mending for the benefit of the young men of the Grange. Songs and a reading made up the remainder of the program. At the close of the meeting a box lunch was held, the boxes being sold off at auction, and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Several cases of mumps are reported at the North in the families of Henry Farrar and Edward Thompson.

Miss Hazel Cummings, who has been very sick for about six weeks with acute rheumatism, is still unable to sit up. Her friends hope the worst is over, however, as she appears to a trifle more comfortable.

A. A. Adams, local superintendent of moth work, began last week the work of destroying the gypsy moth nests about town.

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Robert J. Evans, of Bowdoin college, is to attend the thirteenth annual conference of New England Student Churchmen to be held at Harvard university from Saturday, February 20, to Monday, February 22, as a delegate from Bowdoin.

Mr. Parson, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Regular service Sunday, February 21, at 3.15 in the afternoon. Sunday school directly after the service.

Recent excavations of an ancient Roman villa, near Liege, disclosed fragments of coal, leading to the belief that the fuel was mined in Belgium as far back as the beginning of the Christian era.

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The Professions.

The census has provided us with a definition of "the professions." A good many folk have wondered a good many times what the "professional classes" were. The census has decided. They constitute—

Actors.
Architects, designers, draftsmen, etc.
Artists and teachers of art.
Clergymen (including religious and charity workers).
Dentists.
Journalists.
Lawyers (including abstractors, notaries and justices of peace).
Literary and scientific persons.
Musicians and teachers of music.
Physicians and surgeons (including nonmedical healers).
Schoolteachers, professors in colleges, etc.—New York Press.

The Earth's Shadow.

The earth has a shadow, but few ever see it except in eclipses of the moon. Nevertheless, many of us have noticed on fine, cloudless evenings in summer, shortly before sunset, a rosy or pink arc on the horizon opposite the sun, with a bluish gray segment under it. As the sun sinks the arc rises until it attains the zenith and even passes it. This is the shadow of the earth.

Language Mixed.

"That," said the physician, as he examined the lump on the man's neck, "is the remains of an old boil that started to come and then became encysted there."

"Well," said the unlettered patient, "it sure has encysted on stayin' there."—Chicago Post.

Early Writing Implements.

When writing Confucius used a small brush, like a camel's hair brush, for a pen, and so did his ancestors for centuries before his time. The reed came into use for writing in the marshy countries of the orient. It was hollow and cut in short lengths.