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HARVARD

News Items.

The Boston Post gold-headed cane, which until his death was held by Absalom Gale, has passed on to James Madigan, our old townsmen. Mr. Madigan is eighty-seven years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Providence, came up over the road on Wednesday for a stop with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacLennan. They returned on Thursday. Mrs. MacLennan going with them for a few days' visit with her folks in Providence.

The Phillips house on Oak hill has been let for the season to parties from Greater Boston, friends of Winthrop Patten. They occupy at once.

Miss Harris, of Groton, was a guest this week with Miss Catherine Hazard.

The meeting of the Grange on next Tuesday evening is to be in charge of Messrs. Reed, Tooker and Wingham and an interesting program has been arranged for this meeting. Committees are also at work on the entertainment of children's night which comes on May 4. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. West have this meeting in charge. Rehearsals for the Grange

minstrel show to be given in the near future are progressing favorably and unless the plans of the committee go very much astray this event will be one of the best of the season. Ladies quartets, male quartets, solos and duets, with our best talent represented, will be a part of the program, while the endmen are storing up some good "hits" to be let loose at the proper time. Victor DeLacey, late of the Homestead Stock Co., has given a rehearsal to the ends which has gone far in putting on some finish to their work.

Principal and Mrs. Ansel S. Richards give a house-warming party on this week Saturday to the trustees of Bromfield, the pupils and their parents at their new home on the state road. An entertainment has been arranged and refreshments will be served. The party is from three to six o'clock.

The Boy Scouts meet with their scoutmaster every Wednesday evening at the Memorial rooms. They have organized a ball team and will have their first practice this Saturday.

Austin Eagles has given up his work with George T. Gale and goes with I. E. Morse on his building work for this season.

Schools closed on Friday for a three-day recess. The first of the holidays at their respective homes.

Rev. Elmer F. Forbes, of Boston, will conduct the service at the Unitarian church on Sunday.

The next meeting of the Harvard Woman's club will be held on Monday afternoon, April 19, at the usual hour and place. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, fourth vice president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's clubs, will speak on the modern drama as a social force. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend as this meeting is to be observed as a roll call meeting. The important business to come up at this time is the voting on the adoption of the amendment to the constitution which was proposed at the last meeting. The report of the nominating committee will also be given at this time.

The work committee of the Harvard Woman's guild for Red Cross work would like to meet any ladies willing to knit socks during the summer after the meeting of the Woman's club on Monday, April 19.

School Notes.

School percentage of attendance for the month: Grades 5-6, 97.22%; 7-8, 96.63%; 3-4, 95.3%; 1-2, 94.8%. Result of tests at the close of the fourth period show the names of the following ranking as the four highest: Grade 8—Leslie Davis, 93.4%; Winifred Madden, 90.8%; Hazel Hardy, 88%; Marjorie Houghton, 74.4%; 7—Susie Priest, 86%; 6—Harlow, 81.2%; Wynne Cleaves, 80.4%; Marquis Houghton, 77.4%.

The proceeds of the lecture under the auspices of the grammar school were very satisfactory, being \$21.10. The pupils selling the largest number of tickets were Atwood Dickson, grade 7, ten; Susie Priest, grade 7, nine. The expenses were greatly reduced by the gifts, especially by the generosity of Mr. Mason, who operated the lantern gratuitously.

Highest average of tests for grade 6: Marion Benedict, 85.6%; Arthur Bigelow, 84.6%; Andrew McIntosh, 84.2%; Carrie Hazard, 82.7%; Hawthorne Richards, 82.7%.

Still River.

Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Willard, the first of the week.

Last week Thursday evening Hamilton Conant, of Boston, gave a very interesting talk on Sunday school work at the vestry, and there was a good number present to hear him. Several coming from Harvard. Miss Vera Willard, of Still River, won the first prize given at the Sunday school convention in Ayer last week Thursday for the most attractive paper of the convention, and Mr. Conant, in a few well chosen words, presented her with a sterling silver medal at the evening service here.

Mrs. C. W. Spencer, of Harvard, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutcherson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fairchild, of Rutherford, N. J., arrived in Still River last week Friday and have opened their home here for the summer.

Last week Friday evening A. A. Hutcherson and S. E. Haynes attended a rally of Old Fellows in Fitchburg.

Delano Pratt is visiting for a few days in the city while on a furlough from U. S. training ship at Newport, R. I.

Eliza A. Bateman visited her brother, Luther H. Bateman, in Arlington a few days this week.

Miss Edna Robinson is visiting in Somerville.

Still River is about to have a place where a traveler can get a night's lodging or table board, which will fill a long-felt want. Mrs. Gertrude Whitney informed that she is planning to open Red Maple Inn (Parker house) to the public on Saturday of this week in order to accommodate tourists passing this way over the holidays. She plans to have a few meals served and also put up a few guests over night. She has conducted the Big Elm tea house in Harvard the past winter and is thus not a stranger to many of the travelers.

Last Sunday several autos got stuck in the mud near Bolton brook on the road from Still River to Clinton, and C. J. Merrinell worked nearly all night helping one large car out.

Sunday morning A. A. Hutcherson, with other members of the Masonic lodge of Clinton, attended church services at the Clinton Episcopal church.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

One of the best entertainments of the year was enjoyed by the Grange last week Friday evening. A farce, "The obstinate family," was given by the following cast: Mrs. Alice Graves, Miss Grace Newdeck, Miss Hazel Morse, Charles Wetherbee, Waldo Livermore, Robert Cunningham. The parts were well taken and the play gave much pleasure. Following this came the surprise which of itself would have been a full evening's entertainment. It was given by Mr. de Groot, of Worcester, who came as guest of Miss Newdeck. The readings and impersonations of Mr. de Groot kept the audience in gales of laughter from start to finish. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, 3d, and Miss Maria Steele. All were glad to see and hear Mr. and Mrs. Salmon again after a long absence from the meetings.

Following are the officers elected by the West Acton Woman's club, of which many of our ladies are members: Mrs. Isabelle F. Hall, pres.; Mrs. Evangeline Hall, p. sec.; Miss Helen A. Knowlton, rec. sec.; Mrs. May F. Sanborn, cor. sec.; Mrs. Carrie G. Leland, chap.; Mrs. Minnie R. Hoar, treas.; Mrs. Alice Foster, Mrs. Vera K. Baker, Mrs. E. F. Voth, bee elec. mem.; Mrs. Carrie S. Moore, phil. com.; Mrs. Mary Tyler, music com.; Mrs. Addie L. Holt, civics. Miss Laura A. Brown, who has been president since the club was formed nearly twenty years ago, absolutely declined re-election. The annual club meeting was held on April 12. The club drama, "King Rene's daughter," will be presented in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday afternoon and evening, April 26.

Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins has been taking the census this week and as she also took it five years ago, found interesting comparisons. The popula-

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WESTFORD

Center.

A real estate transfer of interest this week is the sale of the G. W. Heywood place by Mrs. Heywood to Charles H. Bicknell. Mr. Bicknell buys for occupancy.

Miss Sarah, Lillian and Mary Atwood are at home after spending a pleasant winter in Florida.

Miss Emily F. Fletcher is reported among the sick ones.

Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and baby son Richard are expected home the first of this week.

At the Congregational church last Sunday the musical service was especially attractive and interesting; that at the morning service being in charge of Mrs. W. H. Taylor, choir director, and Miss Hazel B. Hartford, organist. The ladies of the choir were dressed in white. The selections were as follows: Anthem, "Christ is risen"; bass solo, Leonard Burland; soprano solo, Mrs. Colburn; solo, Miss Adith Carter and chorus, offertory solo, Mrs. Blaney. The subject of Mr. Wallace's sermon was "Hope." At the evening service Mrs. Charles H. Wright had charge of the music and Miss Edith A. Wright was at the organ. Following the program: Solo, Leonard Burland, reading, "The Easter story"; Miss Marguerite Young, quartet, Messrs. Ericson, Colburn, Blodgett and Burland; solo, Miss Moreland; reading, "One flower"; Miss Young; quartet, Mr. Ericson, Mrs. Blaney, Miss Moreland, Mr. Burland.

The senior class honors of Westford academy are announced, and Miss Helen M. McCoy is valedictorian with an average rank of 91.5% for the four years. Miss Persis Wright is salutatorian with an average of 88.5% and Miss Gertrude Kimball is salutatorian with an average of 85%. Eight of the class rank over 82% for four years and two above 80% for three years. In point of numbers the class is the largest the academy has graduated for some years. There are fourteen members, twelve girls and two boys.

Tadnuck Club.

The meeting of the Tadnuck club was held Tuesday afternoon in the vestry of the Congregational church. This change of place was for the use of the piano at the vestry as the afternoon's program was a musical one of much artistic merit. Miss Mary E. Kelly, chairman of the music section of the club, presided. MacDowell, America's foremost musical composer, Miss Kelly's selections, both vocal and instrumental, were given with fine expression and splendid technique and were much enjoyed by the audience. Guests were present from the surrounding villages and from Littleton. The afternoon was in charge of the music committee of the club, Mrs. Gertrude Fletcher and Mrs. S. B. Watson.

At the business session a nominating committee was appointed by the president, Mrs. Hildreth, to report at the next meeting as follows: Mrs. Frederic A. Snow, Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mrs. C. A. Blaney, Mrs. C. L. Hildreth and Miss Mattie Crocker. The next meeting will be the club luncheon. This is a new feature for our club, confined to the membership, and to take place at the Congregational church at 1.30, April 27. Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant will act as toastmistress and Mrs. S. L. Taylor is the hostess of the day.

About Town.

At a recent D. A. R. reception of the Molly Varnum chapter in the Spalding house, Lowell, Harid and Ralph Fletcher served as ushers with several other young men.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher leaves this week for Washington, D. C., to attend the annual congress of the D. A. R. She is one of the delegates from the Molly Varnum chapter.

Last Saturday evening another one of these cozy corner whist parties was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ingalls on the Groton road, near Whidden's Corner. Mrs. Florence Saxton and Claus Johnson were first prize winners and Mrs. Charles Hyatt and George Hadden were the booby winners.

Marshall's hall at Westford Corner in West Chelmsford was liberally filled last week Thursday evening when the musical performance of the three-act drama, "Jack of Hearts," was played with confidence and life-like interest. The cast included Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Johnson, John P. Wright, Martha Grace, Florence Walker, William R. Taylor, Arthur Walker, Hazel Hartford. Between the acts Mrs. Harry Saxton sang, accompanied by Miriam Spalding on the violin, and they came forth Leonard Burland with effective bass solo, Miss Hazel Hartford accompanying. This was the second time this cast has given the play and they deserve much credit for their work. The Green's orchestra, of North Chelmsford, furnished music for sociability and dancing. The earnings were divided between West Chelmsford and Westford, Grange.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks have distributed ten bushels of potatoes in various sunny locations. West Chelmsford Grange will confer the first and second degrees on Thursday evening, April 22. Deputy Norman L. Peavey, of Draught, will be present and the following question will be talked and argued: "What more can the Grange do to benefit the farmer, the family and the community?"

Up on the sunny heights of Francis hill are potatoes advanced to the third leaf. How backward seems the performance at the Old Oaken Bucket farm, who thought they were headquarters for the forward movement in having planted ten bushels of potatoes.

toes and peas trying to boost through three feet of snow. Well we will have to take it all back and make a spring for next spring.

Forge Village.

Ellsworth Ross of Belmont has returned home after a visit of several days at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain.

Misses Sarah Precious and Emily Collier were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom of East Lexington Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Rita Smith of Lowell has been the guest of Mrs. Margaret Wilson for several days.

Miss Mary B. Raynes, music supervisor of the public schools, while traveling in her auto on Monday, got stuck in the mud in the cemetery road and considerable damage was done to the machine.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller.

The mills of Abbot & Co. closed on Friday night for four days. They reopen Tuesday morning.

The children's carol services were held at St. Andrew's mission on last Sunday evening. The presence of Mr. Peck, the superintendent, on Easter Sunday, the Easter observance was held last Sunday. There was special singing by the children assisted by the members of the vestry choir. Elmer DeLoach sustained the solos. Rev. Williston M. Ford spoke on the meaning of Easter. At the conclusion of the service potted plants were distributed among the Sunday school children. On Sunday services will be held at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Graniteville.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Marion Lord, chief companion, in the chair. Much business of importance was transacted and at the conclusion of the meeting a very enjoyable social was held. This social was really a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the circle. An excellent supper was served and the local circle had for their guests at this time the members of the Stony Brook circle of West Chelmsford. The whole affair was very enjoyable and was in charge of the following efficient committee: Misses Marion Lord, Flora Stuart, Lena Ledwith, Dora and Rebecca LeDuc.

Mrs. Julia Raymond of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Healy.

Mrs. J. B. Carmichael has been on the sick list during the past few days. James Harrington of Lowell, has been a recent visitor here.

Mrs. Jane Carmichael has been quite ill of late and her daughter, Mrs. Anne Bicknell, of Somerville, is attending to her.

Little Virginia Gower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gower, one of the latest scarlet fever victims, Marie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. LeDuc, who has been ill with diphtheria, is getting better.

Miss Carrie Hunter, of Phillips, Me., has been a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pope have taken up their residence in Lowell, where Mr. Pope has accepted a position with the U. S. Cartridge Co.

Work is beginning to pick up at the numerous ledges here, although the outlook is not very promising as yet.

Mrs. J. A. Healy has recently returned from a brief visit spent with relatives in Marlboro.

Mose Jarvis, of Lowell, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb is enjoying the hospitality of the Emma Sophia fraternity during the week, having been chosen chaplain for the festivities. Tea danced at Hotel Somerset, spring concert. Tech show at Opera House and from at Copley Plaza.

A collection of forty-five dollars was taken up for the Little Wanderers' home at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Next Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Alford will preach by request on "The reality of conversion."

Benjamin and Harold Conant each took an automobile load of young people to the C. E. rally in Shirley Tuesday evening.

Senator C. A. Kimball was the guest of St. John's Lodge of Masons at Waltham last week, where a fine banquet and entertainment were given in honor of members of the legislature.

Three local pastors met in the library Tuesday evening to make arrangements for church federation to be held April 26. Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, one of the speakers will take part in the morning service at the Congregational church Sunday, April 25, and will address a union rally in the Baptist church Sunday evening. Monday he will be one of many brilliant speakers at the all-day union meeting in the Unitarian church. Mr. Root will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Alvord. He is secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches.

Mrs. M. Merrill of the Fuller farm has been ill with lumbago for three weeks or more, but at last reports was improving so that she could sit up a little each day.

Joseph Dodge is suffering from an attack of erysipelas in one foot.

Allan Smith has been afflicted with a severe illness for a number of days. His son, Walter Smith, has nearly recovered from a very troublesome attack of the grippe.

George Wood has installed a very complete equipment at the company for dealing with the many afflictions of the automobilists.

The common is looking green and spring-like, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Stetson.

Surveyors have been at work for a number of days on the section of the Great road between the common and North Littleton, with a view to improvement.

Parties from the two C. E. societies met on automobile trips to Snow on Monday night and to Shirley on Tuesday night to attend Endeavor rallies. A number of the young people have arranged to attend the great Middlesex county convention in Malden next Monday.

The program is nearly completed for the social service institute in Littleton on Monday afternoon and evening, April 26. Features that may be announced with certainty now are a service of all the churches Sunday evening in the Baptist church, with an address by Rev. E. T. Root, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches; addresses on Monday afternoon on "Constructive community work in a Massachusetts

town" by Rev. Chester J. Underhill; "Co-operation of the churches for public health" by Abbie N. Little, M. D.; "What the community can do for the churches" by Rev. Elmer S. Forbes; and an illustrated lecture by Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, D. D., on "New Americans in Massachusetts." The regular Monday sessions will be held in the Unitarian church and vestry.

George E. Woods, of Littleton Common, has installed a telephone with number 5-3.

David Hall has sold his farm, formerly owned by the late Henry Taylor to F. W. Wilkins, of West Medford. Mr. Wilkins plans to engage extensively in orcharding and has already begun work in earnest. He has eight hundred trees ready to set out. Several cows will be added to the herd bought of Mr. Hall. There will be an auction on the place and farm tools, hay, wagons, machines, and some furniture will be included in the sales. The Hall family will move into E. H. Priest's farmhouse for the present until a permanent home is selected.

Mrs. Everett Kimball attended the King's Daughters' annual convention of Middlesex county in Somerville Thursday and spent the night with Mrs. John Ames.

Margaret Brown, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William C. Brown, has been seriously ill with pneumonia. She is somewhat better at last reports. Miss Gladys Kimball, r. n., is caring for the patient.

Mrs. Charles F. Watts is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dexter, in Orange. Clifford Smith and family, of Ashmont, are spending Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith.

Misses Katherine and Evelyn Kimball, of Simmons and Bridgewater Normal, respectively, are at home for the holiday.

Madeline Millett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Millett, is in the hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, Wednesday.

Mrs. F. B. Priest gave a luncheon on Thursday in honor of Mrs. Willard A. Munson, who has been town for her new home very soon.

Clifford W. Shedd, having concluded his services for Hartwell & Hower, has accepted a position with the Moxie Company.

Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H., has been the guest of the H. F. Proctors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hall and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Hall.

W. L. Kimball, of Somerville, who will spend much of the present summer in his camp at Spectacle pond, is planning to build a bungalow on Kimball street. It is reported that David Hall expects to build near the old homestead on Hill street.

The funeral of the late Myron Goring, held in the Unitarian church last Saturday afternoon, was attended by many relatives and old-time friends. Rev. J. Fairfield officiated, and five comrades of the deceased read the G. A. R. service. There was a large display of choice floral offerings. Interment was in the family lot in Westlawn.

The minstrel show to be given on Friday, April 23, by the boys of the Shirley Industrial school promises to be a big success. The program is a varied one and includes clog dancing, Dutch comedians, juggling, comic songs. No reserved seats. Come early.

At the Unitarian church Sunday morning Rev. O. J. Fairfield will take for his sermon the timely theme, "Revivals and the revival we need." At the evening meeting at seven o'clock the semi-centenary of Lincoln's assassination and of the close of the war will be observed. The reading of various noteworthy selections touching on these two events.

George Newcomb has a new Ford automobile.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb was pleasantly entertained by her daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, in Newton last Saturday in honor of her birthday. She was the recipient of many beautiful flowers and other tokens of affection.

Charles F. Johnson is taking the census in Littleton.

The Back Log club will hold its next sunset party in the town hall on Monday afternoon and evening, April 19. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stetson, chairman of the entertainment and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell of the supper committee.

Mrs. Emma Kimball Lemley, of Boston, gave her lecture on India at the Congregational church social in Groton Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, of Leominster, have been occupying the Judge Sanderson house at the West End this week.

At the annual meeting of the Ayer district Massachusetts Sunday School association on last week Thursday Mrs. Hiram Sauler was chosen a member of the executive board.

The next attraction in the Grange calendar is a debate between T. E. Esten and G. A. Cook, Wednesday evening, April 21.

The children of the public schools have a recess from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning, as Friday was omitted at the school closing and Monday will be a legal holiday.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Mrs. F. H. Hill went on Thursday to Portland, Me., for change and rest of several days.

Senator Charles A. Kimball attended the funeral of Ex-governor Curtis B. Guild in the Arlington street church, Boston, last week Friday.

A little reminder—The Odd Ladies' food sale in the Baptist vestry this week Saturday afternoon will open at two o'clock.

Miss Mary V. Gardner, of Jackson college, is spending a week at J. H. Whitcomb's.

Ralph Ogilvie has pneumonia. Few families in town have escaped the prevailing grippiness and cough, but most cases are reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, at the Center, have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their brother of Portsmouth, N. H.

Rev. J. C. Alvord last week received word that his brother-in-law, death. Capt. Franklin Sherman, of Ashgrove, Fairfax county, Virginia, died Saturday and was buried in the National cemetery in Arlington. Mr. Alvord was unable to attend the funeral and burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant have been helping care for Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant, who have had the genuine grippe.

Mr. H. L. Packard, of Shelburne Falls, was the Monday guest of Dean and Miss E. W. Thacher.

Sup. F. H. Hill attended the superintendent's convention of Middlesex county in Boston last Saturday. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Ginn Publishing Company.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb observed her birthday very quietly but pleasantly at her daughter's home in Newton last Saturday. She was the recipient of beautiful lilies, carnations and primroses, postcards and other tokens of affection.

The well-known play, "She stoops to conquer," is well under way in the Back Log club rehearsals and will possess the novelty of presentation by a cast composed of men only. Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23, are the dates finally chosen for the performance. The senior class of the Littleton high school gave the play under the direction of Principal William F. Snyder. Twenty-eight years ago. This was the first class to graduate from our high school and doubtless some of those who took part will be in the audience, if not in the cast.

Miss Florence Bartlett, of Groton, was the guest of Mrs. G. F. Hibbard the first of the week, and later visited her relatives. Her father, L. W. Bartlett, is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. A. Kimball.

The spring meeting of the Middlesex Union association of Congregational churches will be held with the church in Lunenburg on Wednesday, April 21. The devotional service will be led by Rev. J. C. Goring. The general subject for the forenoon is "The appointment plan and every member canvass," and the general subject of the afternoon is "The religious education of the child." Revs. Judson L. Littlefield, field secretary of Sunday school work in New York state and Miss Nellie M. Jewett, of the Worcester Sunday School association, are to be leading speakers. Delegates chosen to represent the Littleton church are Deacon and Mrs. P. S. Kimball and Charles K. Houghton.

The public is reminded of the studio reception to be given in the Congregational vestry next Tuesday evening, Miss Gertrude Sanderson is expected to explain the pictures exhibited. Those who take part in the entertainment are requested to attend the rehearsal Monday. Music will be an attractive feature of the program.

The King's Daughters' annual Easter sale enjoyed a large patronage last week Friday. The tables were very attractive in appearance and contained, in addition to the usual wares, a fine assortment of stationery supplies, which netted a large sum. The dairy lunch was a great feature, serving particularly the convenience of those ladies living at a distance who wished to spend afternoon and evening at the fair.

The entertainment in the evening brought out a crowded house. "How the club was formed," a most amusing short farce, was presented by the Middlesex all-star cast. The King's Daughters, who did splendid work, under the faithful and efficient direction of Miss Henrietta Ewings: Mrs. V. T. Esten, Mrs. E. S. Pomeroy, Mrs. J. C. Hibbard, Mrs. J. C. Hibbard, Mrs. F. A. Patch, Mrs. Minnie Hartwell, Mrs. H. J. Couper, Mrs. G. F. Hibbard, Mrs. Everett Kimball, Mrs. J. A. Hower, Mrs. A. T. Kimball, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, Mrs. W. Knowlton, Mrs. Husey, Miss E. W. Thacher, Mrs. Henry Robbins, Mrs. Harry Hume, Mrs. James Nixon, Jr. The ladies spent much time in preparing their customers, which was very fetching, to say the least. Between the acts Miss Katherine Kimball and Heywood Knowlton furnished excellent vocal and piano selections. The net receipts amounted to \$140 or over.

Church Notes.

Rev. E. C. Winslow, of the Little Wanderers' Home supervising force, was listened to very attentively last Sunday morning as he presented the aims and objects of the institution in charge of the institution before an audience of good size at the Congregational church. The children will soon be housed in new quarters that contained by the home and much better suited to the needs of the home. Many features of the work and facts of interest were brought before the audience. One may form an estimate of the environment created for the children by the fact that nine out of every ten turn out well. The following letter from Rev. George B. Frost was read at the morning service:

Andover, Mass.

To the Littleton Congregational Church: During these days of bitter sorrow nothing has served to cheer our gloom more than the recognition of a noble spirit in the midst of a people of different creeds but of the same spirit. To Mrs. Frost, her husband, rather than the head, was the real Christ-like character. To love Christ was more important than any attempt to define him. For her, as for all, the Christ was not a dead ideal, but a living reality. Why, George, I never remember a time when Jesus Christ did not appear before me in my heart. This fact was the key which unlocked the door opening into the world of suffering and sorrow. This explains the love for Christ work and love for every soul struggling to find its way.

Littleton people were peculiarly dear to her and she never ceased to be a part of their splendid loyalty and personal friendship.

Her going has made very real to us the gospel message, and the utter inability of any human effort to give us the life of Jesus Christ. At the same time, his triumphant faith, clear up to the last, gives us new hope and assurance that we need have no fear if our lives are builded upon the master.

New Advertisements.

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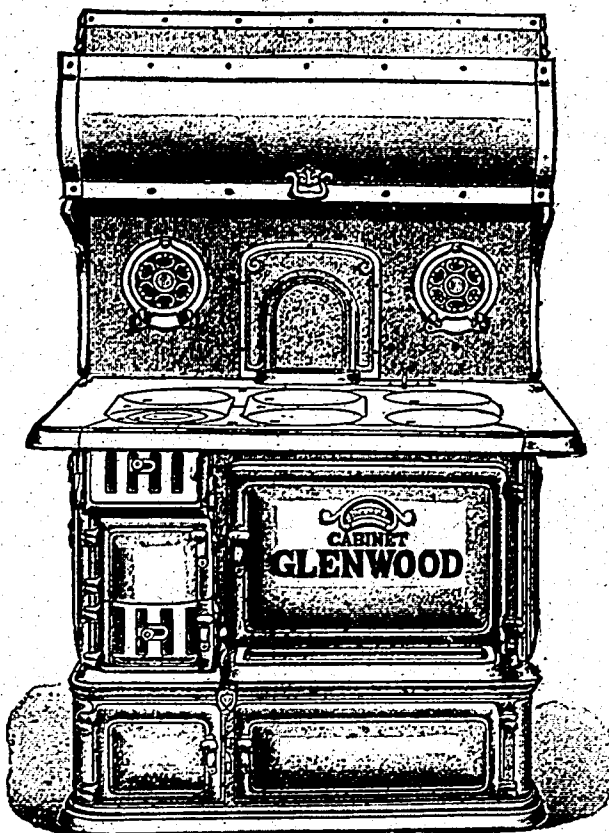
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SHIRLEY

News Items.
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dodge, aged 2 months and 20 days, passed away last Saturday. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon with service being held at the home at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. Woodman, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot at the village cemetery.

Miss Nellie Gardner arrived home on Monday afternoon from Daytona Beach, Fla., where she has been for the past four months enjoying the sunny south in company with an uncle and aunt.

Albert H. Sherman, game warden, received a second shipment of six cans of white perch last week Friday from the state fish and game commissioners which he distributed as follows: 2 cans in Turner's pond, Lancaster; 2 cans in Shirley reservoir, and a can in Paper mill pond.

Miss Leona Lee has been two weeks by sickness.

Lee Rivers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rivers, who is confined to home with pneumonia, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Charles Wilson is confined to her home with a quinsy sore throat.

Mrs. Martha J. Conant, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells and Miss Grace M. Kilburn attended reciprocity day at the Littleton Woman's club Monday. Miss Kilburn gave a paper on "Birds."

The towns of Shirley and Groton have awarded the contract for the new bridge at West Groton to the Heaver Construction Company of Boston, whose price was \$5600. A number of concerns figured on the job, but the above firm was the lowest. The bridge will be built during the summer.

Frank H. Wheeler has commenced the construction of a barn in the rear of his residence, 25x28. It will be built of concrete by E. H. Longley, of Ayer, and David Marsh has charge of the carpenter work.

The civic committee of the Altrurian club will hold a food sale on Friday afternoon, April 30, at the club rooms at four o'clock. A fine assortment of home-cooked foods will be on sale.

Arthur H. Jubb has purchased a team of working horses from Leominster parties, bringing them home on Wednesday. Mr. Jubb intends now to do job work of all kinds.

Forty-eight Odd Fellows from town attended the annual convention of the Fitchburg last week Friday evening, going and returning by special train. All report a fine time.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held its regular meeting Wednesday evening with Mrs. Henry W. Brookelman. Readings were given by Mrs. G. E. Woodman, Mrs. H. M. James and Mrs. Alice L. Wright gave readings from the subject "The child at work and play." The president of the circle, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presided. Reports of committees and other business was transacted. The hostess served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Hattie Shearer is confined to her bed with sickness.

Mrs. Newton L. Damon and daughter, of Gardner, were visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Wednesday.

The Altrurian club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, April 22, in the club rooms. "Magazine days" will be observed. A good attendance is requested.

Frank Park has been appointed as milk inspector for Shirley.

At a special meeting of Fitchburg chapter, D. A. R., held last Saturday afternoon in that city, Miss Minnie Hobbs, of this town, gave an exceedingly interesting review of "The vicar," a book written by Thomas Dickson, which gives in a very clear manner the story of the romance of the real Jefferson Davis of the south. Though the attendance was small, the review was much enjoyed by those present and at the close of the meeting some of the members expressed their opinions on the book and the prejudices which are just beginning to wear away.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen leaves this week Saturday, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Dana B. Somes, of Boston, for Washington, D. C., to attend the D. A. R. congress which opens in that city next Monday for a week's session. During her stay in Washington Mrs. Somes will be the guest of Frank Somes, a patent lawyer, who is an uncle of her husband. Before returning home Mrs. Allen and daughter will visit relatives in Baltimore and Cambridge, Md., and expect to be away from home about two weeks. Mrs. Somes' maid and two children will stay at the home of Mrs. Lindenberg, Lancaster road, until the return of Mrs. Somes from the south.

Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, under the auspices of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will place a flag upon the grave of every revolutionary soldier on Patriots' day.

Mrs. David Lindenberg spent a few days this week in Boston at the home of her son, Dana B. Somes.

Miss Ella M. Tewksbury, of Lexington, who is teaching in Burlington, N. J., was guest of Mrs. George L. Conant for a couple of days the first of the week. Miss Tewksbury will be remembered as a former teacher in the high school.

Mrs. M. J. Johnson, with son Milton, arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, Tuesday. She will be joined by her husband at the week-end for the holidays. They will all return home on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. E. H. Allen and Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton attended on Wednesday evening the cantata, "A trial by jury," given in Kendall hall, Leominster, under the direction of the Lillian Goodwin, for the benefit of the North Leominster Congregational church.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will entertain the members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., next week Friday evening at their hall. Refreshments with entertaining features will be the program of entertainment. Members of both lodges are requested to be present.

The Leominster A. C. will play the Shirley team on the regular baseball grounds Monday morning at ten o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church held their regular monthly supper and entertainment on Wednesday evening. Supper was served at seven o'clock and the entertainment followed at eight o'clock. The evening's enjoyment was in charge of the following committee: Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. G. M. Ballou, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Charles Ford and Mrs. Frank Wheeler. The following program was given: Piano solo, Hazel

Ballou; piano duet, Miss Gladys Peterson and Miss Anna Lougee; reading, Mrs. Thomas Longley; song, Miss Margaret; Highland Fling dance, Ruth Lynch.

Don't forget that Mrs. Griffith, of Nashua, is at the New Idea store on Saturdays. Come and buy a new hat or get your old one remodeled.

Home Again.

Mrs. John G. Conant arrived home from New York last Saturday in company with Mrs. Porter, who will remain a guest at the Conant home until the arrival of her husband, A. W. Porter. Mrs. Porter received a cablegram from her husband last Saturday, stating he left Liverpool, England, Saturday, April 10, on board the American liner St. Paul, and expects to arrive in New York city no later than April 18. Mr. Porter is a member of the well-known firm of Porter Brothers, and are the largest fruit growers of California, and during his trip abroad had some exciting experiences, going all through the war zone—Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, France and England.

Mr. Porter crossed the English channel three times, and once in particular shot was fired across the bow of the boat in which he was a passenger, but the boat went full steam ahead and sailed ahead to the warning and luckily escaped.

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New Supervisor.

Donald North will leave Springfield on May 10, as he has taken the position of supervising master of the State Industrial School for Boys in Shirley. He gave notice of his resignation on last Saturday to the directors of the Boys' club, of which he is superintendent, the officials of the police court, of which he is juvenile probation officer, and the Springfield division of Boy Scouts, of which he is commissioner. He feels that it is time for him to take up a branch of boys' work which has possibilities of great development, and believes that he has found this in the position in Shirley.

The value placed upon Mr. North's services to the city of Springfield was strikingly shown last June when he was considering an offer from the Brooklyn, N. Y., Y. M. C. A. As soon as it became known that there was a possibility of his leaving the city a meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. club by a group of business men, ministers, social workers and men and women prominent in varied activities of the city. They appointed a committee to induce Mr. North to stay, and succeeded in their purpose through the creation of a boys' work council which was to allow him great facilities for the extension of his work.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The annual parish meeting of the Congregational church was held in the vestry on Monday evening. Walter Knowles was chosen moderator. The reports of the treasurer, parish committee, finance committee and auditor were read and accepted. The following officers and committees were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Joseph H. McClellan, clerk; Harding M. Stevens, D. C. Conant, John M. Stevenson and Walter Knowles, parish committee; Elmer H. Allen, auditor; Miss Alice F. Howe, Miss Abbie J. Wells and Leonard Hooper, membership committee; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Martha J. Conant and Miss Mary J. Park, finance committee; Mrs. Bessie Collier, Mrs. Mary A. Park and Mrs. Helen W. McVey, music committee.

Eugene N. Livermore, who declined to serve any longer as a member of the parish committee, was given a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for his services during the past six years as a member of the committee, and the clerk was requested to spread the same upon the records of the society.

C. E. Rally.

The Middlesex Union C. E. rally at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening was attended by a very enthusiastic gathering of Christian Endeavorers. The church festival, where the meeting was held, was decorated with the C. E. colors of red and white effectively displayed. Delegates were present from Ayer, Concord, Concord Junction, Littleton, Groton and Stow.

The president of the local C. E. society, Mrs. Bessie Collier, assisted by about two score members, left no stone unturned in making the evening one of pleasant memories for the visiting Endeavorers.

The exercises of the evening opened with an address of welcome by the president of the local society, Mrs. Bessie Collier. Mrs. Fred Penrose, president of the C. E. society of the Baptist church, also extended greetings in behalf of the Baptist C. E. society.

John Robinson, of West Groton, vice president of the C. E. Union, then took charge of the program of the evening, the first number being a song by the entire assembly, followed with devotional exercises by Rev. G. E. Woodman. A trio consisting of Mrs. Bessie Collier, Miss Nina Holbrook and J. Albert Dearden rendered vocal selections.

A fine address was given by A. B. Conant, of Littleton, president of the Middlesex Local Union. Congregational singing and selections by the local choir was then enjoyed. Willard A. Miller, president of the Middlesex Union, gave a good, practical talk on the needs of the C. E. societies. The next speaker was Leland Pollock, president of the Waverley C. E. society, also president of the 129 Citizens' Movement of Waverley for the promoting of temperance and good citizenship.

All the speakers gave urgent notice of the Middlesex county convention to be held in Malden on Monday, April 19, and emphasized the importance of every Christian Endeavorer attending that meeting which promises to be a banner one from an inspirational point of view. Refreshments were served and games played. The rally proved most enjoyable and gave the Endeavorers an incentive for greater effort for service.

Play Well Given.

The high school play, "Engaged by Wednesday," staged at Odd Fellows hall last week Friday evening, was witnessed by a large audience. The cast of characters was made up of the students of the school and their work was highly commendable, their

lines being well delivered. The stage settings and appointments were all attractive and the play as a whole was presented in a manner that won the appreciation and applause of the audience. The play was given under the direction and sole supervision of Miss Margaret S. Harding, high school principal, whose efforts were crowned with success. Home-made candy was sold between the acts and the affair as a whole proved a gigantic social and financial success. The ushers were Miss Mabel I. Osborne, Miss Ruth Carter, Miss Hazel Brill and Miss Cora James.

During the play the Misses Doris White, Sarah S. Stevenson and Ruth and Mildred Day, who were in the cast of characters, were presented with bouquets of flowers. After paying all expenses the school made a net profit of sixty-eight dollars.

Center.

Mrs. Almond Winc, of Brookline, spent Friday and Saturday of last week at the home of her father, Albert Adams.

Mrs. Charles Longley and Charlie C. Longley went to Littleton on last Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Longley's brother, Myron K. Long, of Somerville, who died in a Fall River hospital. Mr. Long was formerly a resident of Littleton for many years.

John Buttrick, who has been living for the past year on the Alonzo Jenkins place at the North, is moving into the tenement owned by Daniel Barnett and formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Ward and family. Mr. Buttrick is to enter the employ of Mr. Marshall of Center road.

George Martin, who has been employed as chauffeur at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, has given up his position and left last week Friday for Chicago, where he is to work for his brother. His fiancée, Miss Rachel Lowe, who has also been in the Winslow's employ, leaves for Chicago also in the next days.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening, April 20, will be "Bird night." The following program is announced: "Observations of our native birds," M. W. Carey; "The effect of moth spraying upon birds," A. A. Adams; Grange melody. "The wild bird" discussion, Sheldy farmers in this locality keep their lands posted? Opened by A. R. Cummings; bird contest.

The Girl's Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon with Miss Edith Longley. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. Taylor on Parker road.

Miss Christine G. Longley returned on Monday to the Worcester Domestic Science school after spending a two weeks' vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie P. Longley.

The Shirley Electric Light Co. is having its poles on Center road and about the Center painted this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Bolton and sons, George and Stanley, who have been spending a week at their summer home on Center road, returned to Brookline on Sunday in their new automobile.

Mrs. Edward Adams and daughters, Dorothy and Norma, of Roxbury, have been spending the past week at the home of Albert Adams.

Miss Clara Shaw and a friend are spending a few days at C. C. Lane's summer home on Center road.

Mrs. H. W. Graves and daughter Elsie of Boxboro were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed of Wollaston are having a picnic court made at their summer home on Center road. Chas. Haskins at the North is directing the work.

Miss Ruth M. Graves of Royalston came home Friday for a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Practically all of the Odd Fellows about the Center attended the reunion at Fitchburg last week Friday. Among those who were there: C. E. Bradford, R. Holden, Horace Harris, William Wilkins, N. R. Graves, George Duxton.

The horse belonging to the junk dealer at the village, which is being treated for black lameness at Longley homestead, is reported to be much better.

Miss Margaret Longley, who is attending Bryant & Stratton's Business college in Boston, and who has been living in Roxbury during the winter, is now living at home again, going back and forth every day.

Robert H. J. Holden of Harvard university comes home Saturday for a vacation of one week.

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Saturday, April 17, 1915.

GROTON

News Items.

Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, gave a small dance to their third daughter, Miss Elizabeth Peabody, on Wednesday evening, April 8. The dance was held in the gymnasium which was prettily decorated with greens. Music for this pleasant party was furnished by Miss Jennie Woodbridge's orchestra, ten pieces from Boston. Supper was served in the baseball cafe. One hundred or more guests were present from Boston and elsewhere, some of them spending the night at the school.

Joseph Paulus is moving this week with his family into the house next to Warner Souther's on the Breakneck road.

The Brownleaf club had another of their pleasant social gatherings Wednesday afternoon. It was with Mrs. Cyrus Roberts, Mrs. Clement, a guest from Lowell, gave a reading and there were other readings by members of the club. The hostess furnished music from her graphophone. After the usual refreshments the meeting closed.

The warrant is up for a special town meeting to be held on the evening of April 22 in the town hall. The most important articles to be voted on are the raising and appropriating of money for repairs on the Butler high school building, the closing of outside schools and transportation of the pupils to the Boutwell school and about the repairing of the Red bridge.

Chief, Dowling gives notice to dog owners that licenses on same are now due and must be paid. Also, that automobilists must remember that the laws requiring the sounding of horns at intersecting roads and driving at a moderate rate of speed through the main streets will be enforced.

Dea. Ansel M. Shattuck, Henry W. Whiting and Miss Vickery are the delegates from the Congregational church chosen to attend the annual convention of Churches in Lunenburg, next week Wednesday.

Mr. Jewett and family, from South Boston, are occupying their new home, the former D. Graham place in the Brownleaf neighborhood. They arrived by auto truck several days ago.

Groton School was victorious in its second ball game of the season Wednesday afternoon, playing English high; score 4 to 3.

Lawrence academy played Fitchburg Normal on Wednesday, the local team winning by the score of 16 to 1.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., of Groton School, performed the ceremony at the wedding of Miss Esther Slater and Benjamin Sumner Welles at the church of the Reconciliation in Webster on Wednesday.

The bridegroom had been a student at Groton. Peabody's family also attended the wedding and reception.

The marriage of Clay E. McKean and Miss Mary E. Folkins took place on Friday, April 9, in Nashua, N. H. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. George E. Soper of the First Congregational church at the parsonage in the presence of relatives and friends of the bridegroom.

Mr. McKean is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McKean, of Chicopee row; Miss Folkins' home was on Station avenue, both young people of this town. The happy couple will reside at Breezy Hill farm for the season. A reception will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. McKean on Wednesday evening, April 21, at their home on Chicopee row, from seven to nine in the evening.

Eugene O. Collier is having his house wired for electric lights.

J. H. Hurley, of Worcester, conductor on the Bar Harbor express, was over with his wife for a visit to his cousin, Mrs. Osher Folkins.

Fred H. Torrey commenced work as bookkeeper at Groton School on Thursday.

There were fifty-two members present at the Groton Grange on Tuesday evening. The program opened with singing by the Grange, followed by a reading by Mrs. Ella P. Woolley; piano solo, Mrs. Amy Wright; reading, Mrs. Blancher Brown; paper, "Efficiency in the home," Mrs. Mary D. Boynton; reading, Mrs. Emma Collier; vocal solo, Charles Frederick Woolley, accompanied by the piano by Miss Barrows. Six new applications for membership were received, making a class of twelve to be received in May.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway is a patient at the Groton hospital.

The members of the Odd Fellows Building association are beginning to rehearse for the play "Esmeralda," to be given on Tuesday evening, May 17, the first night of their week of festivities. There are eleven or twelve characters in the cast. They are coached by Mrs. Southard. The other events will follow on each successive day of that week, closing with a minstrel show and old-fashioned levee on Saturday.

Mrs. Julia K. Smith, Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell, Miss Brida Holmes and Miss Genevieve Hodgman attended reciprocity day at the Littleton Woman's club on Monday afternoon. Miss Holmes gave a vocal selection, accompanied by the piano by Miss Hodgman.

The current events department of the Woman's club meets on the afternoon of April 30 with Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell. At the last meeting the assembly was with Mrs. Alice Rockwood, every member was present. It is hoped that there will be an equally good showing at this meeting.

On Saturday, April 3, Frank D. Lewis underwent an operation performed by Dr. MacAusland, of Boston, on his arm which was broken a year ago last October. This was the fourth operation on the arm undergone since it was broken. The operation previous to this was performed by Dr. MacAusland at the Carney hospital, last May. At that time a small piece taken from the arm bone and grafted onto the arm bone. Since that time Mr. Lewis has had the arm in a leather brace, but has not been able to use it as he would like. A recent examination showed that another operation was advisable. The surgeon found the arm

in a healthy condition, but while one end of the grafted bone had knitted, the other end of it had not knitted. They speak very hopefully of the outcome of this operation and believe that it will be the last necessary and the broken arm will be healed. Mr. Lewis certainly has shown great courage through it all.

F. P. Woods is making a good recovery from his recent illness.

All fellow citizens and other friends of Dr. F. E. Gilson are glad to see that he has recovered and is out again.

The Groton sewing school closes this week, Saturday afternoon in the usual manner.

The spring meeting of the Middlesex Union of Congregational Churches will be held with the church in Lunenburg on Wednesday, April 21.

Mrs. George H. McKee, of Common street, returned this week from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Luce, at West Medford. The Book and Thimble club is scheduled to meet with Mrs. McKee this week Friday afternoon, April 9.

The next meeting of the Groton Branch Alliance will be the annual neighborhood gathering, held Thursday afternoon, April 29, at three o'clock.

A. E. Farwell has been engaged for the ensuing year as chorister and organist at the Baptist church, beginning his service on Easter Sunday. Besides his fine musical ability Mr. Farwell is a very capable and skillful work in his studio.

Charles H. Berry, commander of E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., announces that he has secured John M. Woods, of Somerville, past commander of the Massachusetts department G. A. R., to deliver the oration here on Memorial day, and has also hired the Groton band for the day's exercises.

Miss Helen Dodge, of Groton Inn, is home again after a pleasant visit with relatives in Minneapolis, Minn.

When Miss Boutwell visited in Sharon recently she had the pleasure of listening to Rev. Charles B. Ames, who preached that day at the Unitarian church. It is said that Mr. Ames, who has no settled pastorate at present, has purchased or intends to purchase a small home place in Sharon.

The Groton Branch Woman's Alliance met last evening with Mrs. James A. Bailey last week. There was the usual order of procedure. Miss Boutwell gave a talk on her recent visit in Sharon, the town and the people whom she met there.

The Neighborhood club held its usual fortnightly gathering last week Wednesday, but the report of it came a little too late for insertion last week. The meeting was with Mrs. Cora Tuttle. After the roll call, with quotations, the current events were given by Mrs. Tuttle, the hostess. A remarkably well written paper, showing careful research and personal investigation on "The Industries of Massachusetts," was read by Mrs. Loretta Graves. The club song, coming after the social hour with refreshments, closed the enjoyable meeting.

The Woman's club meeting of April 9 was very interesting. Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, read a finely written paper on "The companionship of pictures." The baskets, many of her own handiwork and design, made of raffia, grasses and porcupine quills, were passed around from one to another and were much admired by the audience. The next item of the club is on May 1. It is children's day and will be held in the town hall in charge of Mrs. Cora C. Farwell.

Mrs. S. P. McKean, of Chicopee row, who is attending her son, Charles P. McKean, who had been taken with the grippe in Nashua, was taken with the same trouble and was obliged to come home. She is improving every day and her son, Charles, is gaining fast and will soon be able to take up his work again as usual.

Miss Emma Bowker, of Roxbury, was a visitor at Mrs. S. W. York's, of Indian Hill farm, for several days the past week.

The annual dinner of the Groton School Alumni association will be held at the University club, New York, on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7.30. The dinner gives promise of being the most interesting one held for several years and it is sincerely hoped that a large body of the graduates of the school will attend it. Mrs. E. P. Kelly, Mr. Billings, Mr. Abbott and perhaps Mr. Gardner will be there. Mr. Billings will talk about his recent trip through the middle west in the interest of the competitive examination system, and Mr. Abbott will tell something about the progress of manual training at the school. It has been decided to hold the annual dinner of the association in Boston next year.

Groton School won rather easily from Noble & Greenough by the score of 8 to 1 on April 10. Both Coolidge and Stevens pitched good ball, especially the latter.

The spring meeting of the Bird club will be held at the residence of Chas. H. Gerish, Powder House road, on Monday evening, April 19, at eight o'clock. Charles B. Floyd, vice president of the club, will be the speaker on "Wild ducks." Sportsmen and others interested in methods of protecting and increasing these birds are cordially invited to attend.

The Unitarian society appointed for Thursday evening, April 22, has been postponed to Thursday evening, May 6, for the convenience of the entertainment committee. A musical program and the play, "Out of his shell," will then be given.

Major M. P. Palmer was another of E. S. Clark post who attended the state G. A. R. encampment at Boston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilson are at home again having passed a most enjoyable two months or more at the South. They got home last week Thursday.

Miss Nellie Boynton, a retired teacher, after a visit here to her cousin, Mr. W. A. Woods, has returned to her home on Bedford, accompanied by Mrs. Woods, who went for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Robbins expect to arrive in town on next week Friday when they leave Pasadena, Cal., on April 19.

Lowell academy defeated Lowell Textile school 7 to 0, at Lowell, last Saturday afternoon. The Lowell players were very victim for Mr. Lewis, while the Groton batters sized up Sturtevant's delivery for the Lowell school and Harris was substituted.

The first thunder storm of the season struck our town on Friday, April 9, only a week from Saturday, April 3, the day of the driving snowstorm.

Herbert W. Mason, C. M. M., has extended his time in the navy.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The baseball season opened last Saturday at Lowell, when Lawrence shut out Lowell Textile with a score of 7

to 0.—Wednesday Lawrence defeated Fitchburg at Groton 15 to 1. Saturday Lawrence will play with Brookline high on Shumway field.

The academy will give a dance in the town hall on Monday for the benefit of the Athletic association. "Valiant & Wheeler's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish music.

Sunday vesper services will be held in the academy chapel. The Rev. Clough will be the speaker. Mr. Hobbs and Miss Beatty will render a violin solo. The public is cordially invited.

Clipping.

The Congregationalist of April 8 contains the following obituary: "Rev. William Brewster Oleson, of thirty-eight years a Congregational minister, a descendant of William Brewster of Scrooby, died March 13, at Flagstaff, Arizona. He was born in Portland, Me., September 9, 1851. He earned his way through Oberlin college, graduating from the theological seminary in 1877. While preaching at Brighton he accepted a call from the American Board to the principality of the Hills Boading Book of Hawaii, where he was successful in bringing the school into its own. He was chosen by Charles R. Bishop, founder of the Kamehameha schools, to build up an institution, which grew to be a model for similar schools elsewhere—the Hampton school being one of the many schools that have their inspiration from the work in the island.

Desiring to educate his children in the schools of the home country, he returned to Massachusetts in 1893, where he accepted a position at Belmont, Worcester. He preached later at Wareh and would have remained in the United States had not an invitation taken him to the celebration of the Kamehameha schools, seven years ago.

Through the invitation of the Hawaiian board, an offshoot of the American board, he became secretary of the grove of the islands. It was while on his way East to spend a vacation among his children that he was stricken. He was buried beside his brother in Lombard, which his life furnished an unbroken record of devotion to his fellowmen and to the interests of the kingdom of God.

He leaves a widow, also, two sons and three daughters. Something like eight or nine years ago, Rev. Mr. Oleson bought the John Hall place, so-called, on the Boston road and brought his family there to live. The place is now owned and occupied by Cyrus Roberts.

The pupils at that time of the High school will recall the name of the man who was a member of the school. She has married since the family moved from Groton.

Panama-California Exposition.

This paper of a visit to the Panama-California exposition at San Diego is sent to the Groton Landmark and its readers by Frances Ambler Reed, a former Groton High school teacher. Imagine yourself transported from the bleak winds and cold of good old New England to the land of sunshine and flowers, just as it is June 1, a year round, where now the mockingbirds are holding carnival, and the former desert of sagebrush and cactus is transformed to a luxuriant garden with a wealth of flowers and brilliant green.

About two miles from the heart of the city of San Diego is a park of 1400 acres on a mesa or plateau overlooking the beautiful blue Pacific. The Silver Gate harbor, one of the most picturesque bays in the world; the massive outline of Point Loma, a conspicuous headland, and the bay, three miles out into the shining ocean; the silver strand of Coronado; North Island, the largest and best-equipped aviation field and training school in America, over which the army plane is seen nearly every day in the year; the purple islands far out at sea; the white city below of 30,000 population; the winding canyons now green with verdure; and beyond all this panorama of beauty, the table mountains of old Mexico to the south, and to the north, the snow-capped peaks of the San Bernardino ranges.

Tell me where you can find a more appropriate setting for an exposition, than such a park with its millions of trees, ferns and vines. Here are the eucalyptus with its two hundred varieties, the palms, acacias now loaded with yellow bloom, camphor trees, cyprus, the hardy pines, the graceful pepper tree and extraordinary variety of cactus. Interspersed among the bushes and trees are the brilliant foliage of the crimson poinsettia, the glorious gold of the California poppy, the canna and gladiolus, the bougainvillea with its little red blossoms, the plant nasturtium and geranium, the Scotch heather, the bluegrass and the clover. Here and there are the balmey southern warmth of atmosphere, a clear blue sky, and sunshine on an average of 356 days a year, and you have a background for an exhibition that for sheer beauty has never been equaled.

Now place in such natural scenery with its dreamy atmosphere, an architecture combining the cathedrals and huge white cement buildings, gardens and gateways in the Spanish-Renaissance and Spanish-colonial or mission style. Moors, Moors, Moors, tiled roofs, blue and burnt orange window shades. Contrast with this coloring, the green lawns, green eucalyptus and graceful pepper trees, hugging the sides of the buildings, the balconies and pergolas covered with glorious purple bougainvillea, climbing roses, yellow jasmine, clematis, and honeysuckles. Indeed, the courtyard, the fountain, the cloistered walks, curlicue beelines, mission bells, the long arcades that lead to peaceful patios and the hundreds of doves and pigeons, the reader may imagine that this is the architecture in harmony with the ancient history of the city.

As it is impossible to describe the interior of the different state buildings, the reader may imagine that for himself by knowing the special purpose of the exposition, which is to present the east and other parts of the country, in a novel and persuasive way, information about the west and its opportunities for new industries. So each state structure, such as Wash-

ington, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Kansas has been made a storehouse of information in regard to its past history, its scenery, its present activities and realities and its future possibilities, which could be gleaned otherwise only by traveling through these states and making exhaustive researches. The ores produced from each state gleam in an infinite variety of colors and shapes. Free lectures accompany the slides and one might pass days attending them all. Often, a room is devoted to the state forestry; another to oil paintings of its scenery at ancient times, and another to the state's suggestive of early warfare; still another to an exhibit of Indian rugs, hanging pottery and plaques. Naturally each state building is a masterpiece of home-steaded life and pamphlets devoted to different counties, so that no stone is left unturned to add those seeking detailed information, with a view to settlement.

The agricultural wealth of minerals, manufactures and arts of the counties of California are displayed in county buildings. So artistically arranged are these exhibits that the visitor is not only at the marvelous work of nature, but also at the handiwork of man, which can prepare so harmoniously such a glorious array. The building devoted to the San Joaquin valley, is particularly fine, the inside in correspondence with the magnificent Spanish-palace architecture outside. The walls are lined with all kinds of grains, fruits, grasses, flowers, seeds and barks, making most elaborate frames for farm pictures. Oriental pavilions where tea and faces of well-known men. Dried Indian corn cobs with corn attached, are used to make all kinds of wheels and circles for bordering, while dried corn cobs are used to make a variety of other products. This interior decoration was designed by a California woman well known for her works of art.

Several buildings are not limited to any special section of the country, but are broadly educational in purpose. The building devoted to the history of the old California mission type, with its ceiling of inlaid woods, and a rich bronze lamp hanging from the center. Here is a display of paintings and photographs of a typical Franciscan chapel of pioneer days. The science and educational building demonstrates the efforts of modern industry to relate to conditions of the past. It is a building of the future, a place of an educational nature. Most conspicuous is that of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. The new Descriptive exhibit from Madame Tingley's famous school at Point Loma. Here also is the Smithsonian institute display, regarded as the finest collection of the world, a form of the ascent and progress of man. Prof. Hewitt of the American School of Archaeology of New Mexico gives daily lectures here.

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peach, apricot, pear, date and walnut, beneath which are a thousand rows of oranges and semi-tropical vegetables, prospering under the latest farm methods of irrigation and intensive cultivation, with labor-saving machinery, much of which is now run by gasoline engines, so that what was formerly drudgery is now a delight. All easterners are allured to the citrus orchard with its oranges, lemons, grapefruits, kumquats and angelinas just tempting enough to pick and eat. Across from this are growing the fig, almond and alligator pear. The International Harvester Company demonstrate in operation their most improved machinery in another orchard and in an open field of grain and grass, the eastern farmer who decides to settle in a climate where he can farm the year round, is shown where now lie the prospective farms awaiting development at his hand.

There is scarcely need of a botanical building where flowers and trees grow out-of-doors in such profusion, but lest something may be lacking, a series of the largest and best-covered structures in existence, with a collection of tropical and semi-tropical plants from Central and South America jungles; such as the palm, bamboo, banana tree, tree fern, Australia, rubber plant, azalea, amaryllis, aralia or Chinese rice paper plant, salvinia and air roots in profusion hanging from above. The easterner is almost beguiled to believe it is a perfect day in July when he sees the open pool in front of the building filled with pond lilies and bordered by tropical ferns. To the rear is a Japanese garden and bridge, with rare plants from the far east, such as the Japanese cedar and wisteria, while in the center is an artistic Oriental pavilion where tea and rice cakes are served. However, the most noticeable and unique reminder of the east, as an out-of-door attraction, is the Lipton plantation where two hundred plants, brought from Ceylon, are being cultivated by Singapore and are served as tea at the Lipton pavilion in the center of the grounds. The outlook for this new industry in such a climate as this is very promising, and if successful, the San Diego exposition will not have been in vain from a commercial standpoint alone.

No visitor leaves the grounds without hearing the organ donated by John D. Spreckles and considered one of the finest in the country, the only one built for open-air recitals, which are given two or three times a day. It is protected within a cement covering and contains cathedral chimneys, electric horn, drums and cymbals. One sits in the Plaza de Panama and listens to the Spanish band which gives daily concerts, or as he hears the soft, rich tones of the organ music, he feels almost transported to Spanish-colonial days. As it is truly said: "Nothing like it has ever been brought out in accordance with such a standard of unity of site, architecture and exhibits. In an aesthetic appraisal the country never has had its equal in unity and harmony of design and successful restoration of antique art."

West Groton.

Mrs. J. P. Catlin of Pittsfield returned to her home with her little son, Mr. Catlin, on Thursday, after a week's visit with her parents at the parsonage.

Mrs. W. M. Kimball is entertaining her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Emery, of Concord, N. H.

Mrs. C. L. Roy visited this week in Westmoreland, N. H.

Frank Powell has decided to retain his position for the present at the Lowell General hospital.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb entertained the Groton Bridge club, of which she is president, on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Catlin substituted for an absent member.

Miss Florence Furbish, teacher of the primary department of Tarbell school, has been ill this week and went on Wednesday to her home in Lynn. On Tuesday Mrs. Charles Furbish substituted, but as Miss Furbish's illness continued Mrs. Burton of Groton, regular substitute teacher, took charge of the room for the remainder of the week.

It is reported that a Boston firm has the contract for the new leather-board mill.

Chester Hill, who went with others to Walpole for a time, has returned and has accepted the position of chauffeur for Miss Winslow of Shirley.

Mrs. Charles Bixby is visiting in Westley.

At the usual Thursday evening meeting Miss Bertha Bixby gave an interesting talk on her trip to Washington during the Easter vacation.

The next regular meeting of the Improvement society, which is also the annual meeting, will be held on Tuesday evening. The business will consist of written reports of standing committees and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Born on Monday a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Parker.

On Friday of last week M. F. McGowan and family attended the funeral in Groton of Mrs. Ellen Roache McGowan, nee Kathleen McGowan. Mr. McGowan's daughter by his first marriage, is a granddaughter of the deceased.

We were led to expect some weeks ago that the papermill mill open for a short time at least, but those pleasant prospects have not been realized. On the contrary the entire plant is idle and how long it is to remain so is a momentous question throughout the village. Most are inclined to be optimistic, however, and are looking forward to brighter times.

On Wednesday noon Mrs. G. I. Woolaver received the sad tidings of her brother's sudden death. A man at work he had been almost instantly killed by a falling timber. The deceased, Henry Dobbins, has at various times been a West Groton visitor. He was about twenty-one years of age and had recently completed an engineering course and was in all ways a promising young man. His home was with his mother in East Boston. Mrs. Woolaver left for Boston on Thursday and Mr. Woolaver followed on Friday evening. The funeral is on Saturday. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Woolaver and other members of the bereaved family.

Owing to Mrs. Woolaver's absence on Thursday, the Ladies Aid society who were to have been her guests, met at the parsonage. Fourteen members and the pastor were present.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Boston and attended on Tuesday the banquet given by the Boston City club in honor of Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, D. D., the universally beloved bishop of 602 years and independent Massachusetts Congregational churches, on the occa-

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son of the fortieth anniversary of his ordination. Among those invited to speak at the banquet was Mr. Trowbridge, who is a warm personal friend of Dr. Emrich.

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News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman moved on Monday from their winter quarters in the savings bank building to their summer home in Shirley Center.

George J. Burns hook and ladder company will have a minstrel show on Monday evening, April 23.

An alarm from about 5 o'clock on Monday morning called out the firemen to a supposed fire in the tailor shop of Max Pentasky on Merchants' row. The proprietor had put some fuel in his heating stove and gone on a business errand on the street when the smoke began pouring out of the stove door, filling the apartment with thick wreaths. There was no damage.

Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Pepperell, chaplain of Division 7, A. O. H., of this town, delivered a very interesting address on the subject "Ireland, a nation," before the members of the division and their friends in A. O. H. hall on Sunday evening. Plans solos were given by Miss Madeline McCarthy. The next address will be delivered on Sunday evening, April 25.

There will be holy communion service at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at 10:45. The Sunday following there will be an evening service at 7:30 instead of morning service.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning in Dickinson's block, Washington street, at 10:30. Subject for Sunday, "Doctrine of atonement." The reading-room in the same building is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons from two to 4:30, where Christian Science literature may be read or purchased.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, April 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

C. W. Trefethen, of Groton road, who worked at the tannery for about four years, has a position in Lowell with the Avery shoe works, and expects to move there in about a week.

William H. Nutting left Saturday to Matamoras to visit his parents for the day.

"The wonderland of America," lecture illustrated with slides, colored and black and white, by Rev. Joseph B. Kettle at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, April 27, at eight o'clock. Come and journey with Mr. Kettle through Colorado, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, Yellowstone park, and the Yosemite valley of California. Mr. Kettle, the well-known lecturer, has lived sixteen years in California and other parts of the west and thoroughly understands his subject. Now, when all eyes are turned toward the two great Panama expositions, in California, San Francisco and San Diego, this subject is of especial interest.

Fred Graves, a native of this town, and proprietor of the Everett house, Wilton, N. H., for years past, has taken the Columbia house in Leominster, Mass. He is now in Leominster, Mass., and expects to move there in about a week.

Preaching next Sunday at the Baptist church at 10:45 by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas; subject, "The choice of Moses." Sunday school at twelve. Prayer meeting at seven. The Young People's Chorus, followed by a short sermon on the "Gain of loss."

Mrs. Emily M. Nutting, for many years a well-known resident of Ayer, passed away at her home in Groton, N. Y., April 15. Funeral services will be held at the Congregational church here Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice. Mrs. Nutting, a former owner of the brick block now owned by D. W. Fletcher, resided in this building. She was the widow of the late Wilbur Nutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morse entertained the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters at a winter party at their home on Tuesday evening, April 15. About thirty-five were present. The first honors were won by D. C. Smith and Mrs. Lucy Prescott. The second honors by Mr. B. Tuttle and Mrs. Alice Fleet. Refreshments were served.

Miss Nina Fletcher, the talented violinist, will give a recital in the town hall, Monday evening, May 3. The artist will be accompanied by her next week. Miss Fletcher has not appeared here for three years, having made several concert tours in this country and abroad since her last appearance here.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet in the church parlor on Wednesday evening, April 21, at 7:30 o'clock, to make May baskets. The next social event of the spring season will be the U. G. C. dance on April 19 in the town hall. Tickets must be obtained through club members, as none will be sold at the door.

Miss Marion Farnsworth of Washington street is to spend the week-end with a friend in Somerville.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will hold a regular convocation on Tuesday evening, April 20. Work—First and Most Excellent Master degrees.

Joseph H. Richardson and daughter Florence leave this Friday evening for a trip to Washington, D. C., visiting relatives there.

The Ayer Auto-station has delivered to H. M. Clark of East Main street a new three-passenger Studebaker roadster.

L. W. Phelps will soon begin the building of a new house for Martin McGuane on Pearl street.

Miss Helen and Jane Barker will leave on April 27 for California. The Burns tenement on Washington street, where they have been living with their father, L. K. Barker, and their brother, Robert, will be vacated. Mr. Barker and his son have rented a house near Knappa pond in Groton and will drive to and from their business in Ayer daily.

James H. O'Brien and Theodore H. Clark are progressing in their duties as census enumerators which they began last week.

Henry A. Hall of Washington street purchased a six-cylinder five-passenger Studebaker car of the Ayer Auto station.

H. L. Everett expects to move into the upper tenement of Joseph C. Anno the first of next week. Mr. Everett is employed in the Ayer Auto Station, and the place of Alfred Yates, who resigned some time ago.

About fifty Odd Fellows from Ayer attended the big rally in Fitchburg last week Friday evening. They went from here on a special train which left at 6:45, taking on the members from the town of Ayer and Shirley. They were met at the railroad station in Fitchburg by two bands and escorted to the hall where the rally took place. Speaking by the grand officers of Massachusetts and New Hampshire was the first on the program and was followed by a banquet and minstrel show.

The lifeless body of a strange man was found on the top of a freight car on the Portland freight when it arrived here from the Maine city at 2:30 Monday morning. Frank S. Bukey, medical examiner, was notified and made an examination of the body. The examination disclosed a badly fractured skull and minor bruises on the neck. From papers found in the pockets of the man it was learned that his name was Joe DeLaa and he was from Presque Isle, Me. Diligent telephone and telegraphic inquiries by the local police, in that place and in other Maine points, failed to throw any light as to the man's home or his relatives. Where or how the accident occurred is not definitely known. It is supposed, however, that the man was struck by an overhead bridge while riding on top of the box car on which the body was found when the train reached here. The accident probably happened between Lowell and Ayer. The man was about thirty years of age. The body was taken to Wright's undertaking rooms, where it still remains.

This Saturday the leading feature in the moving picture shows will be "Lupin, the gentleman burglar," in three parts. Second in importance comes "The lieutenant-governor," in two parts. "The house of silence," "In the line of duty," and "Madam Double X," the latter a farce comedy, will complete the program of the evening at eight. On Monday, April 19, "Patriots' day," a special show with high-class special pictures and refined vaudeville. The prices will remain the same as usual. Matinee at three, evening at eight sharp.

John M. Wallace has installed a ten-horse power motor for the use of the Chandler Machine Company in their new temporary quarters in the Sigsbee building on Central avenue. The company expects to be ready for business by Tuesday.

Ernest Stone, of Ayer, escaped from the Chelmsford Trust company yesterday night, where he has been since May 4, last. He slept in a barn, he said, somewhere between Ayer and Lowell, and then fled to his home in Ayer. He was found here on Wednesday and took him back to the school.

Chief Beatty has received a large number of circulars which ask for his assistance in locating deserters from the United States army. The request comes from the war department in Washington. The number of desertions is unusually large at present.

Frank George, who was arrested by the Lynn police with a lot of jewelry and pawn tickets in his possession, had nothing to do with the break at Carley's store some time ago in which an amount of property was stolen. The Lynn police after an investigation by Chief Beatty.

Mrs. Mary Hume and daughters, Harriet S. and Margaret E., leave Saturday for a visit to Washington, D. C. Miss Eva Chandler, of Grove street, will be with them.

Richard Donovan left on Thursday noon to stay over the holidays in Boston. Geo. S. Boutwell W. R. C., will entertain the G. A. R. post associates and their ladies in G. A. R. hall on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7:30 o'clock. The regular meeting of the corps will be held in the afternoon at 7:30. Members are requested to bring flags.

Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington died at her home on Pleasant street, Thursday evening. Funeral to be announced later.

The next meeting of the Ayer Women's club, Wednesday, April 21, the speakers will be Mrs. Tine Worth, white, chairman of the State Federation Literature committee and Mrs. Gwendolyn Silverberg of Winthrop, music committee. Guests have been invited from neighboring clubs and tea will be served. This meeting is in Hardy's hall.

The Civic class met Thursday afternoon at the auditorium of Lehigh Stanford university was largely on the kinds and ways of taxation in our country. It was a very interesting and profitable meeting.

The Ayer Gun club is to have a shoot on Monday, April 19, at their grounds. In the morning the members will shoot for the Boutwell cup and in the afternoon at 1:30 there will be an open shoot for numerous prizes.

Recent visitors in town included Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher of Leominster, formerly of Ayer; Mrs. Gwendolyn Silverberg of Winthrop; Mrs. Alice Parkhurst of Leominster.

At the Congregational church Sunday the pastor will speak in the morning on the subject, "Spiritual narcosis." In the evening the subject will be "The disintegration of the subject." The C. E. society will meet at 8:15 and the hour of evening service will be at seven o'clock.

Right, Murphy's Sons Co. have opened their new store in the Deane building, Park street, where the Studebaker car will be displayed and they will also carry a full line of automobile supplies and accessories. All sizes of tires included. The store was opened on Tuesday.

The orchestra and glee club of Groton School will give a concert in the town hall on Thursday evening, April 22, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of St. Andrew's church. St. Andrew's guild will hold a food sale during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Park White and little daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. Edward Malone, of Charlestown, for two weeks.

Mrs. A. E. Patterson, of Greenfield, was the guest of Miss K. E. Lynch on Monday.

Harrison Rickerson and John B. Dyer of New Bedford, John Fitzpatrick of Manchester, N. H., and Alfred Yates of this town were bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Putnam

Tarbell last Saturday. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Greenwood, of Watertown, were among those present at the funeral of Mrs. Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Groton, attended the reception of the N. E. O. P. on Friday night.

William Putnam and Miss Mary Adams, of Fitchburg, attended the funeral of Mrs. Tarbell.

Idea McKinley chapter, O. E. S., gave a musical entertainment in the town hall on Thursday evening, April 15. There were twenty-six tables. The winners of the souvenirs were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Farnsworth, first; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Blaglow and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairchild, second; Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee, Mrs. Charles Bartz and Frank Woods of Groton consolation.

The prizes were boxes of candy. Miss Gertrude Briggs souped the signals to move on the corner. Ice cream and cake were served after the prizes were awarded. The hall looked very pretty, decorated with many flags and streamers and the party was a great social event, guests being present from Fitchburg and other nearby towns and the affair was a grand success. The arrangements for the party were under the direction of the officers of the lodge, Mrs. L. H. Cushing, chairman.

Mrs. Emily M. Nutting of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Ayer, and Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington of this town, both of whom passed away in the past week, were members of the George S. Boutwell W. R. C. of Ayer.

Dr. C. A. Fox will open a dental office in the J. J. Barry block on Main street next week. He will be moving in his new office on Saturday. The doctor formerly had an office in the Public Spirit building and several years ago opened an office in Boston, going to and from that city daily.

Dr. Liverpool, of Fitchburg, a well-known physician, has rented the two rooms in the second story of the Barry block and will take possession May 1. Dr. S. Proctor has secured the position of chauffeur for Benjamin Hart and expects to begin his duties May 1. Mr. Proctor is at present working in Graniteville. He will soon occupy the tenement in the Reddon house at the corner of Prospect and Elm streets.

Miss Helen Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Griffin, left this week Friday with a party of school teachers in and about Boston for a trip to the United States army.

Miss Griffin is teaching in Belmont. E. Bissell and party of friends from Boston, coming Saturday, are to occupy the Donlon cottage at Sandy beach over the holiday, returning to the city on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Wood and young son, J. Shrewsbury, have been quite sick with pneumonia, but are now improving. Mrs. Wood was formerly Miss Daisy Sherwin, of Ayer.

The flag on the public buildings was placed at half-mast Monday in memory of the death of President Lincoln fifty years ago. This action has taken in response to a proclamation issued by Governor Walsh, in which he urged this mark of respect throughout the state.

Martin S. Donahue, Ayer's crack pitcher, is having a try-out with the Worcester team of the New England league this week. The outlook for a place on the team looks good.

George L. Wilson, of Weston, a former resident of Ayer, now living in Weston, has rented a room in the bank block for a law office. Mr. Wilson will be here every evening and at other times by appointment. He will continue business at his Boston office in connection with his law here.

The Ayer high school baseball team will open the season on Monday, April 19, with a game with Littleton high at the town park. The game will be called at two o'clock in the afternoon. The team has been in the team this year and the best are starting out to make a good record for themselves when the season closes. They have a strong schedule this year and will try to win it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Groton, who are asked to show their interest by being present at the game on Monday as well as all games played here during the season, are requested to show their financial interest in the team by following is the schedule: April 18, Littleton high at Ayer; April 23, Bromfield academy at Ayer; May 4, Bromfield academy at Ayer; May 12, Bromfield academy at Ayer; May 15, Groton high at Ayer; May 22, Lunenburg high at Ayer; June 5, Groton high at Ayer; June 9, Groton high at Ayer; June 16, Pepperell high at Ayer.

The firemen were called to the house occupied by Bert K. Tweedle on Fletcher street Wednesday forenoon in response to an alarm. The fire was slight, being confined to the kitchen, and the part of the room near the stove. The blaze was put out before the department arrived. Another alarm was called at 10:24 a. m. and firemen called the department to a fire in William U. Sherwin's house on Bligh street. The fire was confined to the upper part of the house. The greater part of the damage was done by smoke and water. Mr. Sherwin was unable to state the amount of the damage before going to press, but it was not thought to be heavy. The house was occupied by a boarding house by Greeks employed at the tannery. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Stanley Livingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Livingston, was returning from school on his bicycle on Tuesday collided with an automobile driven by E. O. Proctor at the corner of Washington and Main streets. The boy was thrown from the wheel and received one broken and one bruised finger and a cut on the head. The injuries are not serious. Dr. Hopkins attended him.

Harry Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davenport, received an injury to the head while at work on the repair track last week Friday. Dr. L. D. Sullivan was called and attended him.

The eighth annual cantata, "The village blacksmith," given by the school, will take place on Friday evening at the town hall at eight o'clock. Mrs. Grace F. Chandler, of Fitchburg, will be the soloist for the occasion.

Congressman John J. Rogers, of Lowell, has been in town for several days during the past week to the cities and towns of the fifth congressional district in regard to forming "Home Garden clubs" and promising to provide those enrolled in these clubs with seed showing the best methods of raising vegetables or flowers. This is done under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture.

C. W. Trevelyan is selling his household goods by auction on Saturday afternoon, April 24, at one o'clock; near Flanagan's Crossing.

District Court.

John F. Reagan, of Pepperell, last Saturday was found guilty of maintaining a common nuisance and expelling a keeper for sale intoxicating liquors at the Pepperell house of which he is the proprietor. On the former complaint he was fined fifty dollars, and the latter was continued for sentence until May 16.

John D. Carney appeared for the defendant and John M. Maloney was counsel for the government. An appeal was taken from the judgment and was held in the usual sittings of \$200 for his appearance at the next session of the superior court, beginning the first Monday of May.

The trial was the outcome of a raid on the premises occupied by the defendant on March 6, in which a considerable quantity of liquor and other evidence was found.

Chief John J. Monteth told of going to the Pepperell house on the day of the raid, having had sufficient evidence before that day to warrant a search. Much damaging evidence was obtained against the place by Edward J. O'Neill, of Winchendon, a detective in the employ of the National Detective Agency. He stated that liquor had been purchased there by a young man of Pepperell with whom he became acquainted. On one occasion the detective said that he and some well-known people of Pepperell had several drinks which they purchased from them, the others at the time that he was a detective.

A recent visitor to Ayer after an absence of ten days-five years was Charles E. Rice, now a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He called on a number of his former playmates and recalled to them a number of the incidents of their school days, but the main object of his visit was to be present at the meeting of Harbinger Lodge, Knights of Pythias, where he was enthusiastically greeted by the members. Mr. Rice is one of the best known members in the order. He is a past grand chancellor of New York state, past imperial prince of the Dramatic club, and a member of the order of the Knights of Klans (a recognized branch of the order). He is the highest honor of that branch, an official in the uniform rank and a member of both the Pythian Sisters and the Pythian Sisters.

Brother Rice spoke to the members for nearly an hour, everyone being intensely interested and instructed by the many stories he told of his life and his travels. He also gave many illustrations of events in all parts of the world, showing how the Knights of Pythias have helped to build up the world, giving up their lives in the cause of their brothers, but for humankind. He has a son buried in Buffalo, a member of the uniform rank in the Legion of Cuba, during the Spanish war.

Brother Rice by his pleasing personality and his overflowing joyfulness, friends of all the members who will be glad to see him as often as he can come here.

Maxim Silencer Needed.

A West street business man was annoyed last Friday morning by a noisy neighbor, a hen, which has borne heavily on his patience for several weeks past. The chief reason for wishing to dispose of the noisy neighbor was the desire to make his presence known by continually cackling. These demonstrations took place in the night when the owner naturally desired rest and sleep. The hen was still in the yard. Vain efforts were made to coax the fowl to see the error of its ways, so the only thing to do was to pass it to someone else. As far as can be learned the hen is still in the yard, but the owner has enough to contend with in responding to fire alarms during the night. The hen was a great nuisance, being disturbed by a mere yelp. A kind friend, wishing no harm done to the bird, offered to take it along to his home, intending to pass it along to one in his neighborhood who would be nearly as much annoyed as the owner. The bird was a close neighbor and the deal was off.

To the Editor:

That the past winter has been one of parsimonious living for thousands of the employed in the big cities of the Pacific coast is a fact known to all. In a former letter we enclosed a clipping from a Spokane daily describing the hardships experienced by two mother boys who had been westward bound and the makeshifts to which they resorted in their journey in search of their fortunes. Usually anything relating to the opportunities offered to immigrants in the west from the columns of the local press and the "knicker" is in bad repute who exposes to public view the plague spots of our life. Some cases, however, appeal to the sympathy of the public and even the Spokane daily give the items space.

Last winter, for example, a young man arrived in the city with his wife from the east. After vainly striving to obtain work for some weeks in the financial destitution he was discovered taking food from the swill barrels of the restaurants. The man, of course, with such publicity given to his destitution, the charitable disposed offered immediate relief. Hundreds of cases of a similar nature never reach the public eye.

In a trip along the streets of Spokane, in which the unemployed are huddled in cheap lodging houses, and the best five-cent meal in the city are sold at a profit, with spring already here the food situation is a very serious one. The element of humanity is leaving the cities, many of them heading eastward. One day an east-bound Northern Pacific freight train passed containing about a hundred of these "knights of the road," many of them with their rolls of blankets. It is not an exaggeration to say that paid for their transportation, many of them in whatever place of refuge they find, are in a very bad situation as one of our well-to-do farmers did, who was asked why he fed so many tramps. His reply was, "I had no care to take chances on losing his farm buildings."

In marked contrast with the weather of the middle west, March has been a very mild month here, showing very little of the bleakness and perversity associated with that month. It came in like a lamb and went out with a rain that was welcomed by the winter grain raisers.

The farmers are quite busy putting

In their spring crop. With the continuation of the foreign war it is expected that wheat will command a good price at the next harvest and everybody is striving for a large acreage. A few sales of last crop were made here at \$1.47 the bushel, which was the top price.

Tourists to the Frisco exposition will be extended the glad hand by all the cities of the coast. They hope that the eastern visitors will investigate the opportunities for investment that this coast affords. The country from British Columbia to San Diego is all for sale. While a great agricultural state, California, like Florida, reaps a rich harvest from eastern tourists who are royally entertained by the palatial hostesses. The tourist class will doubtless enjoy the visit to scenic California with its great variety of attractions which Nature offers outside those of the fair and the recollections of the trip will be a perennial source of pleasure. But those of limited means, who come to the coast with the expectation of seeking employment and making homes, will find that California is pre-eminently a rich man's state.

Probably the worst state in the social branch between the rich and the poor wider than in that state. If social pre-eminence is your ambition you will find that wealth is the only power that will open the door to stepping stone to the realization of your ambition. Whatever mental or moral excellences you may have, they will be greatly outweighed by the size of your bank account. Should you have a plerotic pocketbook the doors of society will be open to welcome you regardless of the methods by which you acquired your wealth, and if you are lavish in the expenditure of your money the blemishes of your character will be glossed over.

DANIEL H. FELCH.
Cheney, Wash., April 1, 1915.

A Former Schoolboy.

Studebaker Man Talks Accessibility.

"The questions of the man who will take care of the car himself, while dealing also with gasoline and tires, is one of the most largely with accessibility. There are two reasons for this. The first is he wants to know how much trouble he will have in going over his motor and transmission himself. He knows there are inevitable adjustments to be made, and he wants a machine that will give him the maximum of accessibility.

The other reason is that if he is paying a mechanic to make the repairs, he does not wish to pay for an hour spent in unscrewing plates and parts of mechanism for work reaching, and for another hour spent in screwing on the various parts again. What he wants is to remove three screws, lift something out, and be at the seat of the trouble.

"Accessibility is always one point on which I interest visitors to my showroom at once, whether they know anything about automobiles or not when they come in. And the more they know the greater their interest, being able to make comparisons. There are seven different divisions into which accessibility naturally falls. A man about to purchase a machine should give them all consideration.

"First, the oiling system must be accessible. It is no pleasure to crawl under a machine and reach up into the dark to turn a grease cup. Second, the rear axle must be accessible. The same is true of the steering gear, third on the list. Fourth, the clutch must be accessible. It is no pleasure to have the gas line, carburetor and tire gasoline system perfectly accessible. Sixth, one should be able to get at the cooling system easily. In the Studebaker this is done by taking out two bolts, the stay rod and then removing two hose clamps. Last but not least to consider is the transmission. The Studebaker is so made that shafts, gears and bearings can be removed without removing rear axle or wheels."

"I have now figured it down to a matter of minutes for each operation. When a mechanic turns in a time card showing ten minutes to take off a generator I go out myself to see what is wrong with the machine, because I know it should be done in seven minutes. It is the same with every other operation. I take care of my customers in my service department. The more they know of the factory and garage experience has established."

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball called recently on Miss Maria L. Kimball, a former teacher in the West school, who won a splendid reputation in her profession, but now takes the treatment for a nervous ailment at the Melrose sanatorium with the hope of restoration to normal health.

Work in earnest has begun on the cellar for Earl Spear's house on Mill road. Mr. Spear's house is on land owned by J. J. Moore, next to Harry J. Smith's residence.

L. W. C.

Many guests were present at the women's club on Monday afternoon, and as it was reciprocity day the program brought before the audience many talented women from neighboring clubs. Pepperell, Groton, Ayer, Shirley, Acton, Westford, and Westford were represented. Through the generosity of Miss Howard, the president, each guest received a bouquet and a bouquet of jonquills adorned the piano. In few words the president welcomed the visiting ladies, appointed Mrs. E. M. Hartwell, Mrs. E. H. Proctor and Mrs. Lois Gregory a nominating committee, and announced the program, which consisted of delightful music and papers as follows: Vocal solos, Mrs. Weeks, Acton, accompanied by Miss Weeks, pianist; vocal selections, Miss Holmes, Groton; accompanied at the piano by Miss Hodgman; songs, Mrs. Beckford, Ayer, Miss Whitney accompanying; paper, "Birds," Miss Kilbourn, Shirley; paper, "Recent trip to Washington," D. C. Miss Hazel Morse, and paper "Uncle Sam's pocketbook," Miss Laurie Flagg, two honorary members of the Littleton club; vocal solos, Mrs. Benjamin Derby, West Concord, accompanied by Miss Marion Christie, paper, "Folk lore," written by Miss Julia Fletcher of Westford, and read by Mrs. C. C. Conant; songs, Miss Moreland; a letter of regret and summary of the work now in progress by the Concord club was read by Miss Howard.

After singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the audience the ladies enjoyed a social and delicious spread served by Mrs. Alice P. Hartwell, assisted by Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Minnie Johnson and the club members.

Among the guests of the afternoon was Mrs. Minna Tenney Peck, of Brookline, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenney. Mrs. Grace Lawrence, former president, and a loyal supporter of the club interests, was welcomed after her long sojourn in the south land.

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Ayer, Mass., April 15, 1915. 1133*

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Ayer, Mass., April 15, 1915.

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Ayer, Mass., April 5, 1915. Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Revised Laws that WILLIAM BROWN has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a druggist of the Sixth Class at No. 12 Page's Block, Ayer, Mass., first floor, and basement for storage.

JOHN D. CARNEY,

Chairman of Selectmen.

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Ayer, Mass., April 5, 1915. Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Revised Laws that GEORGE H. HILL has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a druggist of the Sixth Class at No. 7 Page's Block, Ayer, Mass., first floor, and basement for storage.

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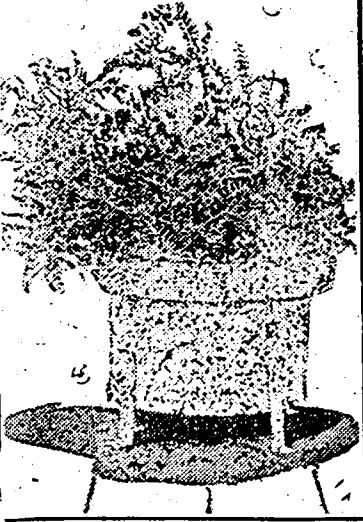
The Estimated Crop of These Vegetables For 1914.
(Prepared by the United States department of agriculture.)

Reports received from 290 shipping points in sixteen principal late onion producing states show that approximately 18,004 carloads of onions were shipped from these stations in 1913. Of this number about 12,239 cars were moved during harvest time and 6,005 carloads were held in storage at those points for later sale. From these reports the estimated commercial onion crop for the year 1914 at the same points is 21,023 carloads, and the estimated quantity going into storage at those points 7,870 carloads. These sixteen states produce about 75 per cent of the annual crop.

Reports received from 328 shipping points in ten principal late cabbage producing states show that approximately 18,004 carloads of cabbage were shipped from these stations in 1913. Of this number about 14,463 cars were moved during harvest time and 4,229 carloads were held in storage at those points for later sale. From these reports the estimated commercial cabbage crop for the year 1914 at the same point is 20,390 carloads, of which number around 15,745 cars are being moved during the harvest and about 4,645 cars put into storage. These ten states produce about two-thirds of the annual crop.

Winter Vetch.

Winter vetch is a valuable species of vetch in southern latitudes, where it furnishes forage late in autumn and early in spring. In this country it is



SOME WINTER VETCH.

not hardy north of 40 degrees. There are numerous species of vetch, mostly climbing annual, biennial and perennial herbs, natives of Europe, northern Africa, western Asia and America. Their cultivation for feed and for forage dates back to the Romans. One of the best species of vetch introduced into the United States is the hairy vetch, an annual which is successfully grown in various sections of the country.

Varieties of Winter Wheat.

Useful information in regard to the varieties of winter wheat best fitted to various states in the eastern half of the Union is contained in a bulletin of the department of agriculture.

Since the introduction of hardy varieties of winter wheat from southeastern Europe the winter wheat area in this country has expanded steadily northward. It has been found by experience that winter wheat in general gives larger yields than spring wheat because of its greater drought resistance and its earlier maturity, which enables it to escape hail, winds, disease, etc. In Iowa, for example, the average yields for five years show an advantage of 4.8 bushels in favor of winter wheat over spring wheat, and a four year test in Minnesota was even more favorable, showing an advantage of 8.5 bushels. A great number of varieties, however, of winter wheat make a careful selection on the part of the farmer advisable.

FEEDING DAIRY COWS.

"Imitate June if you would succeed in the winter feeding of dairy cows," is the suggestion offered by representatives of the college of agriculture, University of Wisconsin, in the December bulletin of the Wisconsin Bankers' association.

"Nature," they tell us, "gives the dairyman a model in the month of June. This is recognized to such an extent that the very words 'June pasture' suggest the ideal conditions for the production of milk and butter fat of the highest quality and in the greatest abundance."

A ration for dairy cows recommended by the authors of this bulletin consists of from twenty-five to forty-five pounds of silage, from ten to fifteen pounds of clover hay and one pound of grain mixture for every three or four pounds of milk produced. As a grain mixture they list thirty parts wheat bran, thirty parts ground oats, twenty-five parts cornmeal and fifteen parts cottonseed meal.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The Woman's club will meet in the ladies' parlor on Wednesday, April 21.

On Monday afternoon a shower was given Miss Hazel V. Reed at the home of her parents on the depot road. The ladies went in at the back door, making as little noise as possible, and gave her a complete surprise. Thirty-eight very beautiful presents given her. The following program was enjoyed: Vocal solo, Mrs. Leonard Lawrence; readings, "Christening" the baby, Mrs. Ralph F. Herick; "Jemmy Hoppergrath" and "Diffidence," Mrs. F. Leo McEnnis. Refreshments were then served.

Miss Olive Clement has returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

The W. R. C. meeting which should have met Tuesday afternoon was postponed on account of the cooking club until Monday, April 19.

Henry Wilson and F. Leo McEnnis attended an "Old Fellows" rally held in Fitchburg, Mass., last week Friday. A special train came to Pepperell for them.

The Grange holds its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, April 20, and a large attendance is hoped for to discuss the question whether or not a fair will be given.

On April 30 the junior class of the high school will give a masquerade party. They wish as many as possible to come in costume. A prize will be given to the best costumed lady and to the best costumed gentleman.

Miss Helen Powers returned to Connecticut Sunday after spending the Easter vacation at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell is visiting friends in Connecticut.

George A. Ladd has recently purchased an auto.

Miss Daisy Woods returned to Amherst Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the district school.

Miss Louise Hardy returned to her duties as teacher in the Amherst high school last Sunday. During her vacation her domestic science class sent her a beautiful bouquet of jonquils.

Miss Lillian Tyrrell has completed her duties as clerk in Mrs. George W. Hardy's store and returned to her home near the Hollis depot.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hills on Sunday, April 11.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown on Sunday, April 11.

Mrs. Warren Colburn is the victim of the prevalent gripe cold. She is improving a little.

Mrs. Anna Bell was quite ill the first of the week, but is now much better.

The cooking club met on Tuesday afternoon at Miss Arvilla Hardy's. About the usual number attended. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in May at Mrs. Charles E. Hardy's.

Dustin Wright spent the week-end with his brother, David Wright.

The Nissittissit Camp-fire No. 2 met last Saturday with Mrs. William Sanders. They went on a hike to Silver lake and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Miss Grace E. Marshall is taking care of Mrs. H. C. Brown.

Wilbert Cameron spent a few days last week with his aunt, Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

Forrest West, of Amherst, spent the week-end with F. Leo McEnnis and family.

The W. R. C. convention met in Concord on April 8. Mrs. Charles Hale was the only one in town who attended.

Miss Hazel Reed and Arthur McLeod were united in marriage at the Spring street catholic church in Nashua at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning, April 14.

The W. R. C. will present the play, "Rebecca's triumph," on Saturday evening, April 24. The cast is made up as follows: Mrs. Charles E. Hardy, Mrs. Ralph Herick, Miss Hazel Marshall, Miss Louise Hardy, Mrs. Harold Hardy, Mrs. Albert Wetmore, Miss Lillian Lovejoy, Miss Lillian Reeves, Miss Doris Smith, Miss Mary Reed, Miss Louise Hardy, Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. F. Leo McEnnis, Mrs. Walter Flanders, Mrs. Fred Wheeler.

Nelson Parkhurst has purchased one of Platts & Worcester's horses and will soon move to his new home, the Grant place.

Mrs. George A. Colburn is quite ill. It is doubtful if she recovers.

Harry Ingalls died very suddenly of heart disease on last week Friday, between eight and nine o'clock, at his home on Monday afternoon. He is survived by a wife and two sons and a step-mother living in Whitman, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libby have returned from California, where they spent the winter.

Daniel Goodwin had the misfortune last week to crush two of his fingers.

Mrs. Henry Goodwin has returned from Swampscott, Mass., where she has been visiting her son, Otis Goodwin.

About Town.

Mrs. Lucetta Coburn, whose home is at Silver lake, has gone to stable, Mass., to live with a niece. Mrs. Coburn is losing her eyesight and it is not safe for her to be left alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Libby and Miss Gladys Spaulding returned home from their southern trip on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Clarke entertained a friend on Sunday.

Thomas Howard was called to Boston last Saturday on account of the serious illness of his brother.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Charles Holcombe and daughter Marion were visitors in Milford and Nashua recently.

George Betterley has moved his family back to their farm on Mason street after spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, of Milford street.

Mrs. Clark Barnaby was in Nashua from Tuesday to Thursday of last week visiting with friends and relatives.

Rev. Mr. Dockrill will in Rochester last week to attend the Methodist conference held there.

Mrs. Carding and son Arthur have been visitors in Boston and Lawrence the past week.

Mrs. Linville Shattuck and son Gerald, of Pepperell, came to town on last week Wednesday, remaining over until Friday, evening to attend the entertainment at the town hall.

Neither Farnsworth, who has been home for her Easter vacation; left on last Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Hammond, in Groton, for a few miles, after which she returns to her school in Watertown, Mass.

Mrs. Caesar Gudiel left on last Saturday for Chester, Pa., where she is to visit her mother for the next two months.

Mrs. Henry Tarbell, of Pepperell, was the guest last week Friday of Mrs. Belle Hall.

Arthur Goss was a visitor in Boston and vicinity from Thursday to Saturday of last week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Thelma, and his wife, Mrs. Fred Perkins, of Milford.

Edward O'Hearn has taken the position of foreman at the plant of the Metropolitan Ice Company, situated at The Wells. He expects to move his family there some time this month.

Llewellyn Powers is entertaining his niece, Miss Pearl Gould, of Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Mrs. Harry Powers went to Pepperell last week to visit her mother, Mrs. C. G. Willey.

Delbert Porter was a visitor in Nashua last week Tuesday.

Dr. Charles Holcombe purchased a new Dodge automobile.

Mrs. John Martin and daughter Esther, of Pepperell, were visitors in town on last Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Goss and her mother, Mrs. Henry Shattuck, were visitors in Milford last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Napoleon Labean went to Nashua on last week Wednesday, to visit her father, who is quite old and feeble.

On last week Wednesday George Nye went to Manchester to attend the meeting of Grand Commandery, U. O. G. C.

Elizabeth Whitcomb, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg, in order to be able to attend high school there, came home for the week-end last week. Her mother, Mrs. Della Whitcomb, is slowly recovering from her illness.

On last week Friday evening a very creditable entertainment was given at the Daniels academy building by the members of the club of Pepperell. A farce, "Aunt Abigail and the boys," was first presented, followed by the two-man minstrel, Mr. Green and Mr. Shattuck. Mr. Green was very successful as a ventriloquist. The entertainment closed with a trombone solo by Mr. Shattuck, after which there was dancing and a social time until midnight.

Mrs. Brooks Rockwood attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting in Groton last week Thursday.

Mrs. Charlotte Shattuck, mother of Elizabeth Shattuck, our representative, is quite poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hall, who are caring for Clarence Russell's place, have both been on the sick list recently.

Mary Reagan, who is employed in Pepperell, was home for the week-end last week.

O. D. Fessenden has purchased the spirited little mare, Everlute, as a riding and driving horse for his daughter, Miss Blanche Fessenden.

Mrs. John Williams entertained Mrs. B. Maynard, of Keene, last week.

Herbert Corey, Albert Pierce, Elmer Rideout, Frank Willoby and Mr. Jameson motored from here to Fitchburg last week Friday evening to attend the Odd Fellows' rally, the Fitchburg lodge having invited the Hollis and Pepperell lodges to meet with them on that night.

George E. Egan, with his family, motored here from Boston on last week Friday, attending the entertainment at the hall in the evening.

George Nye is entertaining his son Fred, of Leominster, and his daughter, Mrs. Rufus Wells, of Raymond, with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall drove to Milford on last Saturday and report the village as being very bad outside the village.

Mrs. Clara Heselson and Mrs. Geo. Kendall, of Townsend, drove over on last week Wednesday and spent the day visiting Mrs. Heselson's mother, Mrs. Edith Rockwood.

The Brookline friends of Miss Ellen Sawtelle will be sorry indeed to hear that she lies dangerously ill in Boston, so ill that the doctors forbid her removal to her home here.

Mrs. Harry Campbell was in Nashua and Milford last week Friday.

Mrs. David Fessenden took a trip to Milford last Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet, who has been spending the winter with friends in Nashua, was in town for the day last week Thursday.

Mrs. Brooks Rockwood entertained a small company of friends at whist at her home on last week Thursday evening.

Dr. Charles Holcombe expects to be in Boston every Thursday during the months of April and May.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Noon are attending conference this week, but Mr. Noon expects to be at home in time to occupy his pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday morning as usual.

The gold-headed cane, presented by the Boston Post to the oldest man in town, and which has been held by Thomas G. Lesure until his recent death, has been passed on to "Uncle" John Smith, who celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday on January 12, and is now the oldest man in town.

Harlan L. Burnell, of Boston, and Edward L. Davis and Albert W. Nelson, of Worcester, spent Sunday with parents, grandparents and other friends in town.

It is reported that the Metcalf place, so-called, has recently changed hands, having been purchased by F. W. Whitney, of Fitchburg, who buys for a home and intends soon to occupy it.

Special police appointed Saturday by the selectmen are Bernard H. Flaherty and Thomas J. Godley, of Fitchburg; Olat A. Brown, James Brown, Thomas Coppi (dog constable), and James Harrington.

Annual Meeting.

The Memorial association of Lunenburg held its annual meeting and election of officers in the lower town hall on Wednesday, April 12. Clayton E. Stone, president, called the meeting to order at 7.30 and the usual preliminary business, reading of reports of the secretary and treasurer were heard and accepted. Then came the election of officers with the fol-

lowing results: Clayton E. Stone, pres.; John G. Gilchrist, v. p.; Edna E. Adams, sec.; Myrtle V. Moulton, treasurer; committees—chairmen, with power to choose assistants—Edna E. Adams, collation; Mrs. Henry Parker, flowers; Miss Francis C. Graves, vocal music.

It was voted that George C. Jewett be authorized to hire the band for Memorial day; that James A. Litchfield procure the orator for Memorial day; that the selectmen invite Rev. Alfred Noon to deliver the memorial sermon on Sunday; that John G. Gilchrist purchase six dozen flags for marking graves, and two markers; that James A. Litchfield and John G. Gilchrist be appointed a committee for flagging the graves of all veterans in the cemeteries of Lunenburg, sixty-eight in number; that the president and secretary attend to the printing of 300 programs; that Edwin C. Smith procure barges or other means of conveyance for the children on the day observed.

James A. Litchfield reported that all soldiers' graves in town, save one, are now marked with stones on which has been etched the record of their service in the civil war. In this one exception the relatives intend erecting a family monument on which they propose to place the service record of the veteran. The expense of having the service record cut on the stones has been met by relatives of soldiers, except in three cases, where they could not be found and these three were very kindly provided for by Hattie D. Stone, tent, D. V. The association tendered votes of thanks to Mr. Litchfield and Hattie D. Stone tent for the very efficient services they had given the community in thus perpetuating the memory of those who gave so much of their time and lives to the service of their country.

One veteran, who was the oldest man in town, and held the Boston Post gold-headed cane, has answered the last roll call, only a few days ago, Thomas G. Lesure, whose home was near Whalom park. There are now only twelve veterans residing in town and their names will be printed on the programs as usual.

The membership of the association was increased at this meeting by the addition of two new members, Mrs. Horace Parker and Edwin C. Smith.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY JANE WRIGHT, formerly MARY JANE CRAIG late of Troy in the State of New York, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate not already administered of said deceased, Edith M. CRAIG, of the County of Middlesex, in the State of Rhode Island without requiring 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 twenty-seventh day of April 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.

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

3131 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ALVA H. STICKNEY, late of Townsend 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 ALVA H. STICKNEY, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

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

3130 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of EDWARD A. CRAIG late of Troy in the State of New York, deceased, and have taken upon themselves that trust by filing bond and appointing CHARLES J. F. WORCESTER, of Townsend, their agent, 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 the subscribers.

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PEPPERELL

About Town.

John Frossard started for the west on a business trip Tuesday. He has shut down his sawmill for the season and leaves the place in charge of his foreman, Grant Palmer.

Glen Upson came from Worcester on Monday to attend the dancing party held at the Opera house, which his friend, Russell Wright, night operator, was interested.

Mrs. Elsie Copp returned last week from Lynn, where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Grace G. Willett.

The illness of Mrs. Susie Dort, which was reported last week as the prevailing cold, developed into tonsillitis and she has been quite ill.

A very pleasant social occasion was held at the Odd Fellows' banquet hall on Wednesday afternoon of last week by the members of the Ready Workers' circle of Acoma lodge. It was the annual meeting, and election of officers for the coming year resulted in the choice of Mrs. J. N. Annis, pres.; Mrs. Frank Farley, v. p.; Mrs. L. G. Robbins, sec. A fine supper was served at 6:30 o'clock, about 100 members and their families enjoying it together.

E. H. Bliss started Wednesday on a driving trip to Concord, N. H., expecting to be gone two days.

W. A. Harrod was in Marlboro on Monday to negotiate with William Peach, acting for the heirs, for the lease of the Augustus Lawrence place at East Village.

The portable sawmill operating on Mt. Lebanon finished the cut last week. The mill is completely cleared up of its once fine forest, with the exception of one large pine standing on the very summit, this being reserved by the owner of the land, E. A. Reed. This will serve as a landmark still, if sturdy enough to stand alone, having no protection from the trees formerly surrounding it. The hill, Mt. Lebanon, which is claimed to be the highest point of land in Pepperell, can be seen from many of the surrounding towns, and is even more conspicuous now than formerly. Some have suggested that the name might now be changed to Lone Pine hill.

The meeting of the East Village club on Wednesday afternoon of last week was very well attended. The subject of the afternoon, "Music," was a very entertaining one. Several papers and extracts on the subject were read by different members and numerous musical selections rendered. The granddaughters of the hostess, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Marion Burns of Worcester, rendered several solos on her violin and also accompanied the songs by the club with Miss Jordan playing the piano. The most pleasing being unusual. There were guest present, including the two little daughters of Mrs. F. O. Parker. The hostess served a tempting lunch at five o'clock. The meeting next week will be omitted as housekeepers are busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiley and family, of Leominster, were recent guests at the home of his mother on Elm street.

The Forward club had a very good attendance at the social meeting held last week Friday. A cobweb party was held under the supervision of Miss Ruth Tucker. A short musical meeting was also held at which a committee was chosen to attend to the decoration of the church each Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reed, of Nashua, were week-end and Sunday guests at the home of C. A. Pillsbury.

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Colds and throat troubles are still prevalent. Even the school children are afflicted, evidently, seeming very hoarse as though their tubes were badly out of order.

Miss Marion Ames is expected home from Brockton on Friday to spend her school vacation of a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ames.

Teddy, the Shetland pony belonging to E. S. Greenacoe, will be missed by the children who have been petting him in the pasture lot near the stable. Teddy was recently sold to a Concord family and was shipped there with his own small go-cart last week.

Mrs. Annette Drew, of Alfred Me., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bennett.

Bernard Shattuck, of Boston, was in town over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck.

Dana Bancroft is confined to his home on Townsend street by advice of a physician out-of-town, whom he consulted regarding trouble with his feet and fallen arches.

Mrs. Frank Turner returned from Athol on Monday afternoon, where she was a week-end guest with relatives.

Miss Hope Davison, of Boston, enjoyed a rest at her little cottage on Townsend street during the Easter vacation, and also over last Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lindsey Crossley, of Montreal, heard with sadness of their recent affliction. A little daughter was born to them March 29, living but two days. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in town.

Somerville, N. J., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Parker.

W. A. Harrod will move next week to his new purchase, the Augustus Lawrence place. His daughter, Mrs. Maud Heber, will accompany him with her husband, as they will rent or sell their own place.

Mrs. Albert Parker entertained a party of five hundred on Saturday evening last. Three tables were filled, the first honor being given to Mrs. H. N. Tower and consolation to Mrs. G. H. Tower. A dainty collation followed the game.

The residence of Joseph Donnelly is in the hands of W. E. Chapman, the painter. The exterior is to be painted a much lighter color than the shades of brown which the house has always been painted since the first years of its completion, more than twenty-five years ago. To many the change of color will be an improvement.

Mrs. Ann Davis of Nashua street is suffering an acute attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. L. M. Goodwin having resigned from her position as organist at the M. E. church, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash will conduct the music there for the year.

Miss Carrie Shattuck was the guest of Mrs. Joseph Attridge on Monday evening. She attended the dancing party of the telephone operators at the Opera House. She returned to her school at Merrimack, N. H., on Tuesday.

The P. H. S. Freshmen played the Sophomores on the ball ground Tuesday afternoon, the sophomores winning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hill and children of Maynard were over Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, Pleasant street.

Origen Kimball is putting up a wireless apparatus at his home on River street.

Mrs. Rose Davis is having town water installed in her rent on Nashua street.

Mrs. John Duggan, who has been visiting her son, Mr. Laszlo Spaulding, returned to her home at Worcester, Saturday.

Madeline O'Connell is quite seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, Nashua street, with ulcers of the stomach.

The ladies of the committee arranging the May party, Mrs. Minnie Greene, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. Leon Richardson, Miss Helen Robbins, Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge and Mrs. Mary Maltman, report the rehearsals progressing very favorably. On the evening of the 30th the new paper will be given and the play will follow the entertainment.

The members of the X. I. I. club went to Brookline, N. H., on Friday evening, April 9, to repeat their play, "Ant and the boys," recently given here. The town hall was well filled and it was a very appreciative audience. James Greene also gave an exhibition of ventriloquism. Dancing followed the program, the music being furnished by the boys' orchestra of piano, violin and trombone. The members of the club were carried by the autos of Rev. D. R. Child and H. E. Hobart. The town hall was well filled and it was a very appreciative audience. James Greene also gave an exhibition of ventriloquism. Dancing followed the program, the music being furnished by the boys' orchestra of piano, violin and trombone. The members of the club were carried by the autos of Rev. D. R. Child and H. E. Hobart.

Willie Norris, the eight-year-old of William Norris of Groton street, broke the bone of the lower leg this week Monday in attempting to climb up on the back of the newspaper wagon as it was moving. The driver, Frank Messer had frequently warned the boys to keep out of the team, but this was disregarded and the result was that the boy is suffering the consequences should prove an example for other boys given to the same habit. The break was not as serious, being but a simple fracture, and the boy is doing well, under the care of Dr. Heald.

Mrs. M. L. Boynton with her daughter Helen has been a week-end guest at the home of her son, Arthur Bartlett, home Wednesday.

Miss Natalie Chapman, a senior in the Concord High school, spent her vacation last week in town with her friend, Miss Ida Shattuck.

Charles Lawrence came from New York this week to stay for awhile with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence. He has lately become a benedict, his marriage to Miss Mary Anderson of New York city occurring in March. It is quite probable that as soon as Mr. Lawrence can dispose of his engagements as dressmaker, he will join him, and they may decide to remain here permanently.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Wood go to Springfield on Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday, April 19, with Dr. Woods' parents.

A good-sized maple tree was taken from the garden lot of R. H. Lawson Wednesday evening and carried to William Weaver's, where it is to be replanted on his lawn. The tree was about thirty feet high and the trunk nearly a foot in diameter. It attracted some attention as it was being carried along the road, and there was some speculation whether it will live.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson visited at Milford, N. H., last week and was accompanied by her little niece on her return.

Mrs. Arthur Brown of Brookline, N. H., and sister, Mrs. Will Lackey of Groton, were in town on Wednesday.

It would seem that the proud father of a little daughter, said by him to weigh eleven pounds in last week's items, was trying to emulate Mayor Curley. The infant was about a 7½ lb. child.

Allan Parker, who has been in ill health through the winter, is very poorly still and it is expected an operation may be performed this week.

News of the critical illness of Miss Saunders, a former resident of this town now residing at Fitchburg, was sent to relatives here this week. His sister, Mrs. Joseph Lavalley, went to Fitchburg Tuesday.

A mixup between a touring car and a team took place about eight o'clock Thursday evening. Arthur Carter was driving down Main street, carrying about fifty dozen eggs for packing to the Rainsford Dewart.

When about twenty-five yards from the driveway, a large touring car approached him, clanking rapidly up the hill. It was driven by Mr. H. W. Long and when nearly opposite the team he seemed to lose control of the car, which turned toward Mr. Carter, taking off a wheel, bringing the driver's legs and contents of wagon into a heap. Mr. Carter claimed not to have been injured, but was doubtful about his legs. The car was uninjured and proceeded on its way. Mr. Carter claims his light was in position and there seems to be no excuse for the accident.

Telephone Operators' Dance.

The second annual dancing party of the local telephone operators, held at the Opera house on Monday evening, even surpassed the event of last year, which is giving high praise. The decorations were not elaborate, but were extremely tastefully arranged, all the smaller details being nicely adjusted by the committee, the local supervisor at the telephone exchange, Mrs. Bessie Wright, aided by the two young lady operators and the two young gentlemen who act as night operators.

The scenery chosen for the evening for the stage was a woodland scene and the same idea was worked out in the stage decorations. Feathery evergreen formed a bank at the front of the stage, and about the footlights a miniature rustic fence was cunningly constructed, with a row of pussy-willows nodding just above it. The glow from the footlights brought out the artistic beauty of the very simple, like, original arrangement. The rear of the hall, under the balcony, the national colors were finely arranged as decoration.

The balcony was well filled by those who came to enjoy the music and take in the pretty sight formed later by the dancers. Many also occupied the seats at the sides of the hall. The program by Dyer's orchestra, Worcester, nine pieces, surpassed even their anticipations, the selections being most unusual and finely executed. The songs, sung by the operators, produced an odd and very pleasing effect by appearing in various parts of the hall, mingling among those on the floor, appearing on the very edge of the balcony, and so on.

The popular novelty, the banjo, a small banjo used in orchestral dance music, was heard by many for the first time and much liked.

During the hours of dancing, from 8:30 until one o'clock, the floor was just pleasantly filled by the many dancers, although not at all crowded, owing to the spaciousness of the hall. The costumes of the young lady dancers were very charming and formed a gay scene, enjoyed by the spectators.

There were many visitors present, coming from Fitchburg, Leominster, Townsend, Ayer and Nashua and Hollis, N. H. Manager Farnum with his wife and daughter of Ayer was among the guests. The arrangement of serving ice cream and cake in the hall was pronounced a decided improvement over last year and the whole evening was voted a success.

Grange Notes.

The regular meeting of Prescott Grange held on Friday evening of last week was well attended notwithstanding the fact that many are ill from colds. Much interest was manifested in the subject of the evening, "Housekeepers' night," which was in charge of Miss Tucker, Miss Baker and Mrs. B. B. Bixler.

The first number on the program was a march by the sisters of the Grange. Each participant carried some object which represented the form of household articles which seemed most objectionable, as a dish and dish mop, a small stove in process of being blackened, a miniature bed to be made, and various other articles. The procession, on reading by Mrs. Amy Shattuck and a solo by O. M. Nash. A paper on "Cooking and canning vegetables" was prepared and read by Mrs. Minnie Green. There was also a discussion of ideas on labor-saving devices in the household work, and a talk by different members on the methods of putting down eggs for winter use. A lunch of popcorn and fruit was served at the conclusion.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be held on Friday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Edward Chapman, state master of Ludlow, will deliver an address before the members.

District Nurse Association.

The District Nurse association, as an important factor for good in our community, should not be overlooked or underestimated just because the work is carried on in a quiet, unobtrusive way. There are too many families in town who have been greatly benefited the past year by the kind, conscientious labors of the nurse of the association, and who are now able to work aside without giving it intelligent thought. As there is no fund on which the association can depend for support, this must necessarily be supplied by those who are interested in the association when first promoted, or by those who have come to recognize its worth.

membership dues, or any amount from those interested, may be handed to the treasurer, Leon Richardson, and will be much appreciated. If more convenient, the same may be handed to the president, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, or any of the other officers, these being Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Child, Mrs. Leon Richardson, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell and Mrs. Fred. E. Parker. Special committees have been recently appointed to collect dues.

I. O. O. F. Meeting.

A special train left the Boston and Maine station on Friday evening, April 9, at about seven o'clock, with fifty-one members of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F. They were joined at Groton, Ayer and Shirley, going to attend the musical festival at Groton, which was met on their arrival in that city by a delegation from Canton Hebron lodge and escorted by the Lunenburg band formed for a short parade, then proceeded to the Oddfellows temple. There were several speeches by the grand officers of the grand lodge of this state and Chas. S. Emerson of Milford, N. H., past grand of the jurisdiction of New Hampshire, also gave an address.

The numbers attending being more than 550, and proving too many for the temple, the delegates were served at eleven o'clock on the cafeteria plan. Following this was an address by Mr. Edgerly of Mt. Roulston lodge, Fitchburg. At the conclusion the former was introduced by a fine minstrel show of local talent. They were then escorted to the station by a band, the special arriving here at two a. m.

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