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PEPPERELL recently vacated by F. A. Parker and family.

News Rems. Companies the Pepperell Society, by invitation of the Unitarian Society, by invitation of the Chorister.

New York to report for duty on Tuesday, after a five days furiough. He has been transferred to Waco. Texas, in the Aviation corp and will go there direct from New York. He is also looking forward to another transfer dooking forward to another transfer soon into active service and the summons would be welcomed by him. He speaks highly of the army disciplina and training, being in excellent physical condition at the time of his visit home.

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Is "Patriotic, progressive Pepperell" going back on her laurels when electric lights on the streets are burning from five to twelve o'clock during all the past moonlight evenings?

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Mrs. Laura Parker, who has assisted in caring for so many sick people during the winter, is now life herself. She was taken last week with severe pain across the back, which at first was thought to be rheumatism, and is still confined to her room.

Mrs. Ada Cuthbertson is stopping with Mrs. Frank Farley, who is still confined to health, attending also to her home cares, for the paper mill force, has taken the Jewett cottage,

holiday was cut out this week, although perhaps not permanently.

The Junior Camp Fire, the Babbatassetts, held a council fire at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Beers, on last week Friday evening at which ten stris received honors. They are now preparing for the fire-makers' rank. They expect to receive their lesson in first aid from the nurse in a week or so. A social gathering will be held by this circle on this Friday evening.

In accordance with the request for comforters for the Federation House in Ayer, the Special Aid society will make one and anyone willing to contribute a square of patchwork is requested to send the same to the chairman, Mrs. N. W. Appleton, or she vice chairman, Mrs. F. H. Parker. These squares are to be 8x8 inches, finished, and are to contain four pieces light and dark, alternate, of strong percale, print or gingham, cut 4½ inches, and made with one-quarter-inch sam. percale, print or gingham, cut 4½ inches, and made with one-quarter-

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The fire department responded to their third call on Thursday evening, which was sent in by telephone for an active chimney fire at the home of F. H. Parker, Mill street. A quick response of the engineers and driver Lakin with extinguishers saved the building from much damage. During the afternoon a telephone call to the engine house was answered by Mr. Lakin with a load of extinguishers for a slight blaze in Frank Hamilton's shop on Main street and the first fire to start this chain of three, was on last week Friday evening, when an alarm was sounded for a blaze or smother in the rooms of the dressmaker, Miss Mae Kerin, in Tarbell's block. The alarm was sounded by some one passing about nine o'clock, as considerable smoke, was coming from the upper windows. Upon in vestigation it was found that an overheated electric iron, in which the current had been left on, by accident, was the cause. The use of extinguishers here were all that was necessary.

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Drawers-Fleeced; 69c. value . . 49¢ pair Ladies' Fine Wool Shirts and Drawers-Natural color; \$1.50 value 98¢ each Ladies' Fine Ribbed Vests-Regular and

extra large, low neck, sleeveless; 19c. value 121/2¢ each

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4. G. Pollard

Rev. E. Boynton Merrill, who was recently ordained to the ministry at the Congregational church, came from New York Wednesday, from his studies at the Theological seminary. He has recently received his appointment as chaplain in the newy department with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and his first orders are to report at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He goes to his new position this week.

Mrs. P. J. Blake is quite ill with the prevailing epidemic, grippe and confined to her home on Elm street.

Capt. Haskell and wife, who leased Capt. Hasken and wire, who leased the Arthur Blake house, are to close it temporarily next week as Mr. Haskell is obliged to remain at Camp Devens nearly all of the time, owing to his increased duties as officer at the Remount station. Mrs. Haskell will

In the death of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow on Friday morning, January 25, was ended a singularly complete and beau-tiful life. She had lived through

perell, and shortly afterward they removed to Milford, N. H., where their two daughters were born and where they lived for twenty-eight years. These were the years when Mrs. Dow was very active in the life of the community. She was a constant worker in the Congregational church, especially interested ni the young girls missionary society and she was a charter member of the Milford Woman's club. At the same time her husband was promipent in the political life of the town. She was a fine horsewoman and her team was always at the service of friend or neighbor or church committee, and her private charities were many? These were also the years when she shaped the lives of her children, gave them strong bodies, restrained them with great firmness, and created their ideals. She taught them domestic art and spent countless hours playing with them and planning occasions for their entertainment.

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In the fall of 1898 with her husband she went to spend the winter with her daughters in Springfield. Mr. Dow's death followed in March, the home in Milford was soon sold, and for twelve succeeding years Mrs. Dow lived in Springfield. Here again she gathered to herself an ever widening circle of new friends and new interests and her home was again the gathering place of a large company of young people, friends of her daughters, who became speedily foster daughters of "Mother Dow." At this home occurred the tragedy that left its indelible mark on her life, the murder of Martha Blackstone, and the severe injury to her own daughter. Her cournge and self post-daughters was self-and even works praise her in the gates."

News from France.

It was this varied, outside life added to her physical vigor which kept her spot me ideal do her physical vigor which kept her spot me and led layer. She had due to her physical vigor which kept her spot me and lady wing. No less than a year ago she herself said, "Why is it that I never fealile and led layer is said, "Why is it that I never daughters her sold lady wing. No less than a year ago she herself said, "Why is it that I never daughters her sold lady wing. No less than a year ago she herself said, "Why is it that I never daughters for bow's said, "Why is it that I never daughters with her with her spirit, of eternal youth within her, an optimism that could not be dimmed, a hope that would not be daunted, a hope that was never failing and a will that was irresistible. All their high and noble qualities, fruits of the spirit, had their roots in a deep religious she often spoke and His rod and staff did not fail her as she walled through the valley of the Shadow. "Her childreng with the spirit and lady the part of the spirit of eterna

beloved companion of her brothers. She had long been a member of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., and she reunited with the church that had first

reunited with the church that had first received her allegiance.

She is survived by two daughters. Mrs. George H. Cushing of Pepperell and Miss Harriet Dow of New York city; also, by four brothers. Calvin Pierce and John Pierce of Pepperell. Joseph Pierce of Anoka, Minn., and Isaac Pierce of Nishda N. H.

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It seems to those who knew her best, especially fitting that she should have spent her last years in the home that has held her loyalty through the whole course of her long life. She had a passion for it. All her carnings and all her leisure time in her young womanhood were given to it. After she was a mother in a home of her own she still kept the same interest and felt the same responsibility for the home of her girlhood, especially after the death of her sister in 1888 left two brothers alone. There was never a year when she did not spend many days beneath its roof, and for many years she has provided for and presided at the family Thanksgiving feast, the chief influence in keeping that large family together. large family together.

large family together.
In strong contrast to this home lifeshe had amazingly wide and varied interests. These came to her through her power of making and keeping friends. All kinds of people were attracted to her and for them all she had a sympathy and personal interest that was unfailing. She had it ters from all over the world, from n



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ner life, the murder of Martha Blackstone, and the severe injury to her own daughter. Her courage and self possession on that night, and her bearing during the murder trial which followed, won the admiration of strangers no less than of friends.

A two years' residence in Boston followed the Springfield life and in followed the Springfield life and in 1913 she returned to her childhood's home to spend five happy years, the beloved companion of her brothers, She had long been a member of Prudby Mrs. Wilmushby two weeks-ago, Am somewhere in this country, but cannot tell you where, but I will say that this country wasn't made for me. Am in an Aviation Camp. Geveral lines here cut; at by cersor, 'Sleeping quarbors are cramped, but the 'eats' are good, what there is of them; but we wouldn't mind if we could get outside for our mends as before, but now we are out in an isoanel country, and can only buy a few cookies from the Y. M. C. A. canteen, it is cold and rainy here and keeps coles feet cold doing such work as goes with the building of a camp.

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Christmas, but not and two bass of the supples, a bas of figs, howl of this and two bass of Buil Turnam redaces each, but as yet I have not taken my liberty, as the country around here does not interest think this would, be a pretty point in shall be here. My address, it understand, will be the same no matter where tamp I may be in, or what country, All of our mail is cenered, so shall be usable to let you know just where I am but mail is cenered, so shall be usable to let you know just where I am but mail is cenered, so is no need of warrying. Those woolen macks are just the things here. Pression on need of warrying. Those woolen macks are just the things here. Pression on need of warrying. Those woolen in preparation under the coaching with large and bas wishes to all. Those woolen here 26, from "Sunwhere is and with a safe place, and have not work and will be a sun since I left the states, so no need of warrying. Those woolen from Ray with a safe place, and have not work and will be usable to left the states, so no need of warrying. Those woolen from Ray with a safe place, and have not work and will be usable to left the states, so no need of warrying. Those woolen for the minute. The march was left with the continue to the cont

she followed in its smallest details the work of her friends who were scattered from Florida to California and to the islands of the sea.

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time we have pie is Thanksgiving and Christmas, so we fully appreciate it. I was out for horse-back ride last Sunday from one to six o'clock, and galioped most of the time, but when I got back was lame in every joint.

Have had my usual case of bronchitis, but went out in the air every day to see if that would not help it. It certainly could not be worse than sticking in these barracks with only one thickness of boards to shield you from the natural dampness, and on a dirt floor.

I went into a small town the other day where there was a bunch of comanche Indians. Met a group of the native residents, who look upon the native residents, who look upon the native nesidents, who look upon the native allayes stone cathedral, where there were only a dozen worshippers—mostly aged men and women, as the young are all away fighting.

Received the box of cookles, dates, cigars, pipe and tobacco, and it was certainly welcome. The home-made cookles were a great treat, but were so gone too quickly. Did you run across a pair of good warm gloves? and my helme't was lost in moving from Camp Boxford. Aside from these i am well provided. A leimet, sweater and cap were sent him by the Special Aid, and the gloves hy Mrs. Some since this was a pair of good warm gloves? and my helme't was lost in moving from Camp Boxford. Aside from these i am well provided. A leimet, sweater and cap were sent him by the Special Aid, and the gloves hy Mrs. Some since this was a pair of good warm gloves? and my helme't was lost in moving from Camp Boxford. Aside from these i am well provided. A leimet, sweater and cap were sent him by the Special Aid, and the gloves hy Mrs. Some since this was a pair of good warm gloves? and my helme't was lost in moving from Camp Boxford. Aside from these i am well provided. A leimet, sweater and cap were sent him by the Special Aid, and the gloves hy Mrs. Some since this was a pair of good warm gloves? and my helme the place of the gloves had and the reachbors. I should like to include the place of the gloves had a g

for the general dancing, which tinued until twelve o'clock.

Church Notes.

We publish the following Papers:

Turner's Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass. The Groton Landmark

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WESTFORD

Center.

The republican caucus on Monday evening was—a rather quiet affair. The three new officers nominated were George H. Hartford, for assessor, Charles O. Prescott for school committee, and Mr. Ripley, at the town farm, for constable. Following are the nominations for three-year terms: Town clerk, Charles L. Hildreth; selectman, Frank L. Furbush; overseer of the poor, Fred R. Blodgett; assessor, George H. Hartford; school committee, Charles O. Prescott and T. Arthur E. Wilson; commissionerer of public burying grounds, Wesley O. Hawkes; trustee J. V. Fletcher Hbrary, Julian A. Cameron; one year term, town treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; tax collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; constable, Charles S. Ripley; auditor, Edward T. Hanley; tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith. The caucus was called to order by Alfred W. Hartford. Sherman, and Alfred W. Hartford, secretary.

At the Congregational church on Sunday the communion service will be observed and fifteen new members are to be received into membership. Unless the weather is very severe, the morning services will be held in the auditorium. auditorium.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight entertained their soldier grandson, Corp. Ralph Yetton, last Sunday; also, Sergt. Whiting and Dr. Bigwood, all from Camp Devens. The latter are both from the same home town, Wayland.

Mrs. George F. White has her father, Mr. Dustin, of Nashua, staying with her during her mother's illness. Her mother is at the Nashua hospital, where she underwent a serious surgical operation on Wednesday.

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While the tracks to the branch line electrics are frozen in, and the car is not operated, Charles Bicknell, is transporting the school children' to and from Brookside by barge.

While Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. H. W. Hildreth were on their trip, to Camp Meade to visit Harold last week, a telegram came to Westford from Leon at Camp Gordon, Ga. telling of his transfer to Camp Meade. The message was forwarded to the latter place in time to reach the relatives, and by remaining longer they were able to see both boys, making a real reunion. Both brothers were very well and interested in their work. Harold, who is in Company C of the Quarryman's Engineers unit, may receive marching orders at any time. Leon is in Company A of the same unit. Both boys sent their greetings to all the Westford friends.

W. D. Pitkin is gaining each day

W. D. Pitkin is gaining each day from his serious attack of pneumonia.

Dr. O. V. Wells has had the care of
the case and during the worst part of
Mr. Pitkin's illness two trained nurses
were in attendance.

During some of our recent extreme weather our local grocers report a lively trade in kerosene oil, which showed that many households helped out the heating problem with kero-sene heaters.

The necessary papers have recently been passed, transferring the owner-ship of the house for a number of years the home of Mrs. Lauretta Ty-ler, to Charles S. Edwards, of Brook-

The meeting of the literature class

of the Tadmuck club, reading modern contemporary drama, will meet with Mrs. Louis H. Buckshorn on Monday afternoon.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club, and his activity also remarkable for a man a century old.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club, will be held the same time as scheduled in the calendar, Tuesday afternoon at 2,30, and will be held in the Congregational vestry. It will be in charge of the committee on education-at and social conditions. Mrs. Hamgregational vestry. It will be in charge of the committee on educational and social conditions. Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, chairman, and Mrs. Mrs. & O'Sullivan of Boston a well-

both work and utendance.

An appreciative andience gathered at the Unitarian church parlors last sturday evening and erroyed a travel talk given by Abiel J. Abbot whose subject was "Sunny shores of South Sea Islands," and was an intersoft of the Fiji Islands and the beautiful Island of Samoa, where Itohert L. Stevenson made his home, were clever. By delineated. Mr. Buckshorn introduced the speaker of the evening and decay of the same capacity. The past was rupplemented him afterward in en-

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Annual Meeting.

director and president, and a copy of the same spread upon the records. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2535.09, and the following board of directors were chosen for the ensuing year: John C. Abbot, Julian A. Cameron, Charles O. Prescott, Sherman H. Fletcher and Hon. Edward Fisher. Mr. Fisher succeeds George T. Day, deceased. John C. Abbot was elected president; Charles O. Prescott, clerk and treasurer: Charles F. Kellogs, auditor; Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, managed, and Alonzo H. Fletcher, managed, and Alonzo H. Sutherland, superintendent. Sutherland, superintendent.

About Town.

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At the annual parish meeting of the Unitarian society Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen moderator; Abiel J. Abbot. clerk; Charles O. Prescott, treas; Hon. Edward Fisher, Dr. O. V. Wells, H. V. Hildreth, prudential com.: Mrs. Alma M. Richardson, Mrs. Emily F. Fletcher, president and secretary of the Alliance, who with the prudential committee, were constituted collectors. As a showing of the effects of the As a showing of the effects of the drought David F. Hooston, secretary of agriculture, has asked congress for an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to purchase seeds to sell to farmers at cost. This was at the meeting.

Miss Mary H. Cherry of Somerville spent the week-end at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lowther.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mrs. and Mrs. George P. Lowther.

appropriation of \$6,000,000 to purchase seeds to sell to farmers at cost. Two general areas have suffered severely from drought during the past season—the southwest, including a large part of Texas and a part of Okhlaoma, and a considerable portion of the northwest, including large sections of North Dakota and Eastern Montana. These regions represent a large part of the grain producing areas of this country.

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grain producing, areas of this country.

Much as this winter has been called unusually cold, our cold waves, of which we haven't had but one which had a beginning and no ending yet, feels like the warm waves of dox days compared with other years elsewhere and here. On January 15, 1885, in the interior of Siberia, the lowest temperaturo was 90° below zero, and the ground froze 100 feet deep, and never thaws out in summer. In the United States the coldest it has ever been was in January, 1888, at Miles City, Montana, when the thermometer reached 65° below. Capt. Cook says it was only 42° below zero at the north pole when he was there.

Charles W. Whitney, who has been

Charles W. Whitney, who has been close to the "edge of the valley," has recovered back to farm life.

Ex-President Taft has received and accepted an invitation from the Men's club of the First Universalist church, Lowell, to address them on April 10.

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John H. Lorman died at the Lowell Corporation hospital last week Thursday, aged 100 years, 11 months, 2 days, For several years he lived in Westford Center, on the Boston road, and a well remembered by many. He was a native of Nova Scotia. As a boy he had little opportunity for education, and up to the time of his death he was unable to read or write. At the age of ten years he began a seafaring life, which continued for nearly half a century. He was engaged, principally during this time, along the Nova Scotia coast, and in Boston and Liverpool. His wife died in 1886. Of late years he has been working as a farmer with his son Robert in Tyngsboro. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorman. There are 25 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. To the last his mind was clear and his sight was still sufficient to tell the time by his watch at a remarkable distance, and his activity also remarkable of the service of the control of th

Mary K. O'Sullivan, of Boston, a well-known lecturer, will be the speaker.

Misses Julia H. Fletcher and Elinor
Colburn will give the musical part of
the program. Owing to prevailing
conditions the club calendar this seaseon has met with some interruptions,
and it is hoped that the members will
attend in good numbers on Tuesday
afternoon.

Pedéral income tax blanks to assist
those who need to in filing their income statements may be secured from
J. Herbert Fletcher, postmaster.

The Ladies Aid society of the ConLowell got derailed near Westford station by the breaking of a flange on a
wheel or the sagging of a brake beam.
Several cars were derailed and everything in its way got out of the way by
thing in its way got out of the way, including the automatic signal service. It
was a narrow escape from being hurled
into Stony Brook at Westford station.
A wrecking train from Lowell worked
until nine o'clock clearing up the derailed disturbance before train service
could be resumed.

Amos Polley is ill at his home on the
Lowell road with bronchial disturb-

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Ogilvie, also a graduate nurse from Framingham and an intimate friend, is accompanying Miss Lord on the long journey. They expect to be sent to France to the Red Cross headquarters shortly. As fur as is known Miss Lord is the first nurse to be sent from this town. his town.

Miss Margaret O'Hara, for many years a resident here, is stationed at the hospital in Camp Devens and ex-pects to see service in France soon.

Annual Meeting.

The officers of the Westford Water Company held their annual meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Julian A. Cameron. The company has had the most serious trouble and expense this winter with pipes and mains freezing since a was installed. This is especially the case in Graniteville and Forge Village. The large pipe freezing at caunter's bridge in Graniteville made an especially expensive repair job. One of the mains in Forge Village and a number of service pipes to houses have frozen and the continued cold weather adds to the difficulties. The Lowell Electric Light Corporation has been helping thaw out the pipes.

At its business meeting the annual report was read and accepted. Appropriate resolutions were passed on the same spread upon the records, director and president, and a copy of the same spread upon the records. The treasurer's report showed a ball-

John Dare and his cousin, Redmond, Hartely, of this village have enlisted in the Canadian army. Both young men left for Boston today to be examined and both are under twenty years of age. An uncle of the young men, Bernard O'Hara, is also with the Canadian forces in France.

The Ladies' Sewing circle have post-poned their meeting at the Mission House this week in order to save fuel. The Surgical Dressing met Tuesday evening and accomplished much work. Rev. and Mrs. Angus Dun of Ayer and Mrs. Andrews of Groton School were proceed at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of Low-ell spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins.

Although the ice on Forge pond is pover two feet thick no skating has been enjoyed this season owing to the snow.

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A very interesting meeting was held in St. Andrew's Mission for the Girl Scouts Tuesday ovening. Miss Caro Nelson and Mrs. Jonathan Harwood, together with Miss Marjorie Peabody and Miss Eaglesfield were present. The girls have been divided into two sections. The smaller girls are to meet Friday afternoons at the Mission house and the older girls meet every Tuesday evening with Miss Nelson, national field captain in charge, Quite a little money has been put into the treasury since the beginning of the Girl Scouts and last night it was decided to invest this money in thrift stamps. Every member is urged to be present next meeting, as the tenderfoot examinations are soon to be held.

Graniteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Furbush announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Marie, to Owen A. McNiñ of Harvard, Mr. McNiñ is a member of the signal corps now stationed at Burlington, Vt.

The Sargent school that held sessions on only four days during the first week of the new fuel law, has returned to its regular schedule once more and started up at the usual time on last Monday morning.

Arthur Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Healy of this village, having successfully passed the civil service examination, left here on last Sunday to accept a government position at Washington, D. C.

Attention is called to the fact that all German alien enemies must appear before Postmaster Wright at the Graniteville postoffice during February 4 and 9 next for the purpose of registration their remains and the statement of the purpose of registration their remains and the statement of the st tering their names.

Wounded Deer.

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On lest Saturday morning Joseph Wall, the local fish and game warden, received a telephone message from Alex. McDonald stating that a wounded deer was seen in the vicinity of Tadmuck swamp. Mr. Wall at once got in touch with Isaac and John Hall, two expert hunters here and after hitching up the horse to the sleight the hunting Tarty, were seen gilding over the snow meeting on Thursday afternoon. February 14; subject, "The household altar in homes of the liberal faith today," Miss A. Mabel Drew.

About one o'clock Wednesday morning the midnight freight from Ayer to Lowell got deralled near Westford station by the breaking of a brake beam, the week or the swamp to the swamp they came in the breaking of a brake beam, the liberal dear westford station by the breaking of a brake beam, the leg. Warden Wall ordered the animals wheel or the sagging of a brake beam, the leg. Warden Wall ordered the animals in its way got out of the way by being loosened out of the way, including the automatic signal service. It was a narrow escape from being hurled was a narrow escape from being hurled was a narrow escape from being hurled to the swamp they came in the leg. Warden Wall ordered the animals which was a narrow escape from being hurled was a narrow escape from being hurled to the cast in the lowell worked that in the o'clock clearing up the derailed disturbance before train service could be resumed.

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Av. Mes. January 25, 1918.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU.

SITTS Middlesex, as. Probate Court.

The heirs-at-law, next of kincredit and all other persons interested estate of HOWARD A

STAVY der of Townsend in said
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F. M. ESTY, Register.





DEMAND FOR DAIRY ANIMALS

Time Has Never Existed When Greater Profit From Dairving Was at Hand Than Now.

While it is useless to preach "save your cows and helfer calves" when it is impossible to do so, yet the time has never existed when greater profit from dairying was at hand than now, and the owners of profitable producing cows must reap a reward. There is an unprecedented demand for dairy



Blooded Jersey Bull.

cattle in many sections of our country right now, so that wisdom and foresight would suggest a close scanning of the herd with a view to the use of sires of record that profitable producers may be obtained even from ordi-

Regardless of price that may be obtainable for grain and hay, the soil must not be robbed for temporary gain. We must believe in the eternity of things and keep up the productive power of the soil, else starvation may stalk the earth. There is no question of the inevitability of dairying in the scheme of profitable agriculture.-W. E. Skinner, Secretary of National Dairy Council.

BUTTER WITH CHEESY TASTE

Frouble Usually Due to Decomposition of Curd Develops Frequently Where Sait is Low.

Cheese taste in butter is usually due o a decomposition of curd. It is most likely to appear in butter made from cream which has become too sour or it may also be due to failure to wash the buttermilk and curd from the but ter after churning. It seems to develop more frequently in butter which is low in salt.

If it has been the practice to allow the cream to become quite sour be fore churning, churning before so mucl acid has developed may help to remedy the trouble. When churning has been completed, draw off all of the buttermilk then add to the butter in the churn an amount of water equal to that of the buttermilk. The temperature of the water should be about two degrees less than that of the buttermilk. Give the churn several revolu tions in order to rinse the butter thoroughly and then draw off the water.

ROOTS GOOD FOR DAIRY COW

As a rule two feeds a day are sufficient. For the very highest possible production, it may be advisable to feed oftener but, if the cows are given all that they can clean up twice a day, they will usually be contented between meals. - ~

members of this Corporation is hereby GRAIN MIXTURE FOR WINTER

Ground Barley, Oats, Bran and Oil Meal Should Be Furnished in Addition to Alfalfa.

For cows on winter feed a grain mixture consisting of 85 pounds of ground barley, 35 pounds of ground oats, 20 pounds of bran, and ten pounds of oil meal fed at the rate of one pound to each cow for each three or four pounds of milk she produces daily in addition to all the clover and alffilfa hay she will clean up without any waste will prove a good one. Feed grain and hay each twice daily, morning and evening, and at noon let the cows have access to such amounts of barley or out straw as they may desire for extra filler.. The plan of feeding each cow grain according to the amount of milk she produces is the proper one to follow.

Translation of Y. M. C. A.

W. Gordon Griffiths of the Y. M. C. A, told an audience at Cefu that he was A, told an audience at Cefu that he was the teacher. "Balaam was a prophet proud to be a Welshman although he who lived a long way off," replied the the letters Y. M. C. A. may be translated to mean "Yma Mae Cyfle Arder-("Here is a splendid oppor-

Don't put away meat wrapped in

EUROPE NEEDS FOOD

Food Administration Declares it is an Absolute Sin to Waste Food-Food Has Become Sacred.

Europe is still sending an insistent call for more food. We must send if if the war is to go on efficiently. If we cat it all we cannot ship it, and the food administration has already tried to picture how much that wheat is needed by people who will starve if they do not get it, the food administra-

"For the least bit of heedlessness on your part in food conservation some one somewhere in the world must suf-fer privation," an official statement declares. "The food administration has mastered the problem of America's food in such a way that every ounce of food conserved and kept in the currents of trade goes to an empty, stomach in Europe.

"It is an absolute sin to waste food. Food has become sacred.

"Food means life; it means some body's life, and you cannot escape responsibility.

"There is no waste of food among the allied nations."

WAR BREAD COSTLY TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Every year the British government pays \$200,000,000 toward the cost of that nation's war bread. That is the principal reason why English bread prices are lower today to the consume in America. Incidentally the British bread is much poorer than the

Great Britain has taken over all home grown grain, bought at an arbitrary price, and all imported wheat bought in markets of the world at prevailing prices. This is turned over to the mills by the government at a price that allows the adulterated war bread loaf of four pounds to sell at 18 cents. The two pound loaf costs 9 cents, and the one pound loaf sells for 5 cents.

In milling, however, 14 per cent. more flour is extracted from the wheat pulsory adulteration of 20 per cent. and an allowable adulteration of 50 per cent.

Compared with American bread, the British product is only about 65 per cent, pure at its best.

In France, under conditions somewhat similar, but with a larger extraction, the four pound loaf sells for 16

AMERICAN SAVINGS WILL **MEASURE WHEAT EXPORTS**

"We have already exported the whole of the surplus of the 1917 wheat harvest, over and above the normal demands of our own population. It is ecessary, therefore, for the food administration to restrict export of wheat sufficient supplies to carry our own people until the next harvest.

from now forward are limited entirly to volume of saving made by the Amer ican people in their consumption of wheat and wheat products.
"We continued wheat shipments for

"Therefore all exports of wheat

December as far as our situation al lowed, but even with all the conservaion made we were still unable to load several hundred thousand tons of foodstuffs urgently required by the allied nations during the month of December

HERBERT HOOVER.

WHEAT-CORN YEAST BREAD.



Wheat-corn bread is more nutritious than bread baked with wheat flour alone. Thousands of American fam illes today are using this mixed flour bread, and in so doing are enabling America to provide more wheat flour for the allies. Here's a tested recipe for this bread: Take one and a half cups of milk, water or a mixture of the two; one-half cake compressed yeast, one and a half teaspoons salt, one tablespoon sugar, one tablespoon of fat if desired, one cup cornmeal and two cups wheat flour.

Put one and a half cups of water, the cornmeal, sait, sugar and fat (if used) into a double boiler and cook twenty minutes. The water is sufficient only to soften the meal a little. Allow the meal to cool to about the temperature of the room and add the flour and yeast mixed with the rest of the water. Knead thoroughly, make into loaf, place in pan of standard size, allow to rise until nearly fills the pan and bake 45 or 50 minutes. It is hardly practicable to use a greater percentage of cornmeal than

was unable to speak the "language of student. "After a while he went out for a ride on his donkey, and he got one thing in Welsh and that was that very angry with the donkey and hit

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SOLID GOLD Signet and Stone Rings..... Brooches, plain and stone set \$2 to \$25

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There are two highly important points for a man to consider before having his car overhauled.

The first point is to assure himself that the men who are going to work on his car are mechanics expert enough to locate and properly repair all the parts that need at-

The second point is to convince himself that he cantrust the shop to give him an honest accounting of the amount of work that was actually done on the car.

We gladly welcome an investigation on both of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investi-

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Relieve Your Liver

When your liver is out of order, your head, stomach, bile and bowels suffer with it. That is why a bilious attack is often serious. Ward it off with a few doses of

necessary to good health. They never produce any disagreeable after-effects. Their prompt use is beneficial to the system, and will

Prevent Bilious Attacks

Directions of Special Value to Women are with Every Box Sold by druggists throughout the world. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSCHTS. Middlesex, es. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH E. LAMB late of Pepperell 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 HORACE I. WHIPPLE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of February A. D. 1918, 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, in the persons interested in the estate, of three successive week, 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 published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by malling postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

3221 F. M. ESTY, Rogister.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

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Whereas, a petition has been present to said Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, in said County of Worcester, in said Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, in

a greater percentage of cornmeal than this even in emergencies, for bread so made differs very little from baked made. Less commeal can be used and in such a case the general method given above may be followed.

It is possible to make a yeast raised corn bread without first cooking the corn bread without f

Nows Items.

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The roll of honor of those for whom the service farg at the Unitarian church was unfurled, last Sunday, with an impressive service, is as follows: Arthur R. Barker, 149 Field Artillery, Figure 19 Field Artillery, Figure 19 Field Artillery, Figure 20 Figure

Rev. and Mrs. Chester A. Drummond were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty, who opened their attractive new home to the Littleton friends of Rev. and Mrs. Drummond on Friday evening of this week.

matism and trench cough. He is reported able to sit up.

The large company of soldiers from Camp Devens attracted no little attention as they marched down from Ayer over the old road and returned by Lactart road on Wednesday forenoon. They showed no signs of fatigue but rather, gave evidence of the superior health attributed to the boys of that cantonment.

The Camp Fire Girls enjoyed the

The Camp Fire Girls enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson, who on last week Friday exhibited her paintings and told interesting facts and stories connected with the studies from which they were sketched. A social hour, with refreshments, completed the pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. George H. Cash opened her home to the Newtown branch of the Red Cross workers Thursday after-

Sleigh-rides are very popular nov that the roads are in good condition Sleigh-rides are very popular now that the roads are in good condition generally. A party of young people went to Ayer last week Thursday night, had a supper and returned without having any mishap. The following night a company of thirty enjoyed a ride to Ayer and attended the motion picture entertainment. On Saturday evening a party of young people rode with Roland G. Houghton to Lowell for an evening's entertainment.

Langdon Prouty and Irving Smith

he at first intended.

The Grange dance has been definitely arranged for as one of the members has generously consented to furnish fuel and the date, as before scheduled, is February 6, in the town hall. The Colonial orchestra has been engaged for the occasion. Proceeds will be added to the Liberty bond fund

F. H. Dole, who has been with the Conant & Houghton firm at the web-bing factory in recent years, has sev-ered his connection with them and returned to the Martin Manufacturing Company in Lowell. His family will remain in Littleton for the present.

Edwin Esten was at home for the week-end. The Westinghouse plant, where he is employed at Chicopee Falls, has been taken over by the government and is soon to make the Browning machine gun.

Walter Whitcomb of Leominster lard, auditors.

of the North-Middlesex Branch, W. B. M., executive board at Fitchburg on Monday forenoon and in the afternoon were present at the Institute of the American Board in Fitchburg. Others in attendance from the Littleton church were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, Miss Helen Dodge, Mrs. Chas. V. Flagg. Mrs. A. M. Parker, and Hon, Charles A. Kimball.

lest Sunday morning

Parish Meeting.

The dinner and annual business meetings of church and society forought out a good attendance at the Congregational vestry last Saturday. After singing the doxology in unison the company sat down to a Hoover dinner in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson and assistants. Scalloped dishes, sandwiches, pickles, baked apples, cake, apples, hot coffee and milk constituted an excellent finenu. Following the dinner, George A. Cook was chosen moderator of the parish meeting, which was opened with prayer by John E. Gardner. Dea. W. D. Commit presided as moderator of the church meeting. Reports of

M: Richard H. Gardner, navy, Liberty
Pilot service:

Rev. Charles A. S. Dwight, of Berlin, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Crockett, of South Berwick, Me., has been visiting the L. W. Chase family of Great road.

Mrs. LeRoy Jewett has spent a week with her cousin, Miss Lizzie Mead, at Mattock's Junction, Me. She reports the snow four feet on a level in that vicinity.

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Allan and Thelma Stiles, of the Common, are sick with chicken-pox.

Mrs. Jesse Dodge has had an attack of the grippe, from which she is gradually recovering.

Hon. F. A. Patch has been housed for a week or more with a severe cold.

Town meeting warrants will interest the citizens this week and furnish topics for reflection and discussion before a war ofter the annual meeting of the homes of club members in orfore and ofter the annual meeting of

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Allan Fay, who was honorably discharged from Camp Devens because of stokeness, has recovered, and is now on shore duty in the Coast Artillery.

Robert Whitney has been in a hospital in France, a sufferer from rheumatism and trench cough. He is reported able to sit up.

Mrs. Louise Butler is confined to he home by illness. Edward Lilly, who is attending Harvard college, and has been at hi home sick for several weeks, is im

The Service club held a military whist party on Monday evening in the club-rooms. There was a large num-

The Girl Scouts went in a body to Ayer on Monday evening to witness
"The Amazons" at the motion picture theatre.

The members of the Union St. Jean de Baptiste installed officers for the ensuing year last Sunday. J. E. Cro-teau, of Augusta, Me., was the install-ing officer. The following officers were government and is soon to make the Browning machine gun.

Fred-Cook came home from Tifts Saturday on account of an illness that was thought to be measles.

Warren Hartwell is reported at home sick with mumps.

The following officer. The following officers were installed: Ernest Michaud, pres.; Alberic Letendre, v. p.; Miss Bernadette Cartier, cor. sec.; Miss Renie Michaud, asst.; John J. Chaisson, fin. sec.; Michael Gionet, treas.; Theophile Lambert, master of ceremonies; Misses Charlotte Gallien and Alphonsie Collina and

The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-ional church will serve its monthly was a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. V. T. Esten.

The United Workers will meet next week Wednesday afternoon. Hostess, Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner. Leaders, Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mrs. A. F. Conant. Subject, "Strongholds of christianity."

Miss Julia S. Conant and Mrs. F. S. Kimball attended a business meeting of the North-Middlesex Branch, W. B. M., executive board at Fitchburg on Monday forenoon and in the afternoon were present at the Institute ternoon were present at the Institute The bown meeting will be held in The Lown meeting will be held in the afternoon were present at the Institute

The town meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday. The polls will open at eleven o'clock and may be closed at three o'clock.

-George-F.-Buxton,-whose hous Hon. Charles A. Kimball. Woods Village was recently taken by Rev. M. Abbie from Dublin, N. H., the government, moved on Monday introducing in the Congregational church to the Sawyer house on Leominster

Mrs. Achile Simard was taken to the Clinton hospital last Saturday for an operation.

The blessing of the candles will be observed at the last mass in St. Anthony's church on Sunday.

John H. Will and Albert Shearer have been drawn on the jury and will report for duty at the civil session of the superior court on Monday in Cambridge.

The Misses Annie P. and Nina M. Holbrook returned home last Sunday night from a two-weeks' visit spent with relatives in Philadelphia. The Franco-American club has elected these officers for the ensuing year:
John J. Chaisson, pres.; Charles Me-

the music.

The Service club will give an entertainment on Saturday evening. February 2, at 7.45 in Odd Fellows hall,
which will include the following: A
one-act comedy, "A broken engagement"; "Pinky-Panky-Poo," a Japanese song and pantomime, and a group
of songs by Mrs. Margaret S. West, and
other musical numbers and readings.

More A Livenness Peteklah ledge. Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting on Fri-day evening, February 8, at eight o'clock.

The Service club will hold a series of progressive whist parties on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the club-rooms. The following letter, dated December 30, Somewhere in France, to the citizens of Shirley, has been received: I received your unexpected Nmas box with great pleasure and everything you sent was very useful. I want to tell you that it was the best box sent out by any town that I have seen. I hope to be able to thank you all personally in the near future. I remain one of Shirley's sons,

Pyt. Arthur Desmond,
Co. B. 101st U. S. Engs.

A. E. F.

Mrs. Richard Grenfell, of Dorches-The following letter, dated Decem

Mrs. Richard Grenfell, of Dorches-ter, who has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Brockel-man, returned home on Sunday, Mrs. Brockelman accompanying her.

Reception and Ball.

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Center grammar school, has been ill with the German measles for the past week. Her place was taken by Mrs. Banchor, wife of Lieut. Banchor, of Arkansus, who is staying in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton and family moved this week from Woodsville to their new home in the village. Announcements have been received in town of the engagement of Miss Margaret Goodspeed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed, of Wollas-ton, to Wellen Hubbard Colburn.

Edward Carey, of Fitchburg, brother of M. W. Carey, and a frequent visitor at his home, died last week after an illness of several months. Mr. Carey was engaged in the grocery busines in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood and fam ily closed their home in Woodsville this week and moved to their new home n Ayer.

Rev. Roscoe Thomas, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon and will have charge of the service again on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. On account of the unsettled condi-tions in Woodsville and the consequent loss in numbers, the Matrons' Aid so-ciety has decided to hold no more meetings for the present.

The next meeting of the Grange occurs on Tuesday evening, February 5. The program for this meeting has not vet been announced.

Another social dance under the man-agement of the Woodsville people was

At the 'Congregational church on Sunday morning the services were conducted by the pustor, Rev. Lionel A. Whiston, but the segmon or discourse was by B. P. Hivate of East India, who proved a most interesting and entertaining speaker and held the close attention of his large audience as he talked of his native country; its manners, dress, customs, caste, mode of living, etc. In the evening he spoke at the Rollstone church, Fitchburg. There was no evening service at the Congregational church here as the C. E. society joined in the missionary meeting at the Rollstone, twenty-five or more taking the five o'closk car. Quite a number also attended the missionary institute on Monday and, were greatly interested in the addresses of the speakers from Asia, Africa, India, Armenia, Chiria, Turkey, etc. Many of them appearing in the costume of

On account of the heavy snow, the very high wind and the drifted condition of the roads, the members of the Grange from Mulpus, who were to give the program, could not ge through and their program was indefinitely postponed

of them appearing in the costume

the country of which they spoke

A young man, a student at the Normal school, Fitchburg, Thomas E. Cutler of Newton, has been engaged to teach manual training at the Center school on Fridays. He entered upon his work last week Friday with a class from the first division of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This week Friday he took a class from the John E. Allen, one of our Lunenburg

boys and a graduate from the high school, also from Worcester Tech, has charge of the blue print work at the charge of the blue print work at the shipyard-now building at Hog Island, near Philadelphia. This is the largest shipyard in the world and has bar-racks to accommodate 20,000 men.

racks to accommodate 30,000 men.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Powell, aged fifteen months, is seriously ill with bronchitis. Has been sick for a week, but symptoms are more favorable at present writing.

Reuben Jeffries, ir., now living in Mrs. A. K. Francis' house, has had a telephone installed and his number is 35-4.

Accident.

Accident.

A terrible accident happened at Lunenburg depot at 6.24 o'clock on Tuesday morning by which three men were instantly killed, three others seriously injured, three women made widows and nineteen children renderad-fatherless. An Overland touring car, containing seven men from Leoming to their work at car, containing seven men from Leominster on the way to their work at Camp Devens, was struck by a passenger locomotive and completely demolished. The tonneau and parts of the engine were carried 150 yards down the track. The automobile was owned by Treffle Lyonnais, and was driven by his son Emanuel. The father was killed and the son so seriously injured that he is not expected to recover. Joseph N. Thibodeau and Theodore Cote were also killed. George A. Simington and his son Willard were both seriously injured. Oscar Beland was the least injured of car Beland was the least injured of any, but received several cuts and bruises.

bruises.

Mr. Lyonnais was a contractor and builder and was employed by Mr. Simington, who was widely known as a master workman, and the builder of the new city hall of Leominster. He leaves a wife and five children. Joseph N. Thibodeau was a carpenter and had worked in Leominster for several years. He leaves a wife and nine small children. Theodore Cote worked-with Mr. Simington on the new city hall and was a skilled and valuable workman, He leaves a wife and five children. One son, Achilie N. Cote, is now serving in the army.

Much sympathy is felt for all these afflicted ones, so suddenly bereft of husbands and fathers, and for the seriously injured now suffering in the hospitals. Mr. Lyonnais was a contractor and

of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hayward on Flat hill. Here the decorations and program were gotten up to represent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Dana Carey, of Ashline, N. H., was a guest last Saturday at the home of his brother, Merrick W. Carey.

John W. Evans, who has been in Pennsylvania for the past month, arrived home last week.

Capt. Blair and family moved last Saturday from their home in Woodsville to the tenement over the Center store. The moving was done by army wagons from Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon C. West, of Woodsville, are to mount in the merry party again filled the sheighs for the last stage of the ride the Congregational vestry.

This was fitted up to represent the more party again.

store. The moving was done by army wagons from Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon C. West, of Woodsville, are to move into John W. Farrar's house on Hazen road, instead of the Bartlett tenement on Clark road, as they had at first planned. They move this week.

The registrars of voters held their last session before town meeting in the town hall last Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey were hoth confined to their home with illness last week.

Miss Grace Reed, the teacher at the Center grammar school, has been ill. NO GETTING A ONG SANS AUTO

The day when to sautomobile was a hixury is but a stort time behind us, yet it has so completely established itself as a necessive of life in urban and in rural districts that it is difficult to conceive of get: | along without | This status has n been attained b ick or by the fortistous conjunction of circumstances. Or the contrary, it is the result of the clightened labors of far-seeing men who have created a tremendous industry where none existed.

WATERPROOFING SHOES

The following makes a good recipe for waterproofing shoes. One ounce of beeswax, one-half ounce suet, two ounces of olive oil, one-half ounce lamp black. Melt the wax and suet in the oil, add the hump black and stir till cool. Warm the shoes and rub in the Warm the shoes and rub in the ompound.

Don't put butter in the refrigerato ith the wrapping on it. New Advertisement

\$1.00 WILL BE GIVEN to each o \$1,00 WILLI BE VIVEN to each o several schoolboys who will deliver copies of the Curtis publications to customers. Only schoolboys—clean centlemanly and ambitious—need apply. The \$1.00 is in addition to liberate the control of the school of ash profits and many other advan-tages. Apply to ROGER JOHNSON

High St., Ayer, Mass.

SUGAR CONTROL SAVED MILLIONS

American Consumer Profited by \$180,000,000—French Situation Helped.

HOME PRICE HELD AT 9 CENTS.

This Nation's Sugar Supply Reduced to Seventy Per Cent. of Normal. Java Stocks Unavailable.

Sugar control has saved the American public \$180,000,000, Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, declared the other day.

He pointed out that sugar was selling for it cents a pound last August and that it would have advanced to 20 cents a pound, with the world shortage as a stimulus, had not the food administration secured the co-operation of the refiners and wholesalers and fixed a sugar price that today enables housewives to buy sugar at from 81/2 to 9 cents a pound.

"Every 1 cent raise in sugar from September 1 to January 1 means \$18,-000,000 to the American consumer, Mr. Hoover said. "Numbers of gentlemen will tell you that 20 cent sugar would have prevailed and the public robbed of \$180,000,000 this year if we had not taken these actions." Later Mr. Hoover called attention to the fact that uncontrolled sugar advanced to 35 cents a pound during the Civil War.

France Got Our Sugar. Today the American public has been allotted 70 per cent, of its normal supply. Before the war the average an nual household consumption here was 55 pounds a person. In England the annual consumption during the war is 24 pounds, and in France each person is allotted a little over one pound

"In August the French government found itself unable to maintain even this ration," Mr. Hoover declared "An appeal was made to America France needed 100,000 tons. We agreed to fill this demand and up to December had shipped 85,426 tons. In the meantime an appeal was made to the American public to reduce its sugar consumption, and requests were made to distributors to supply the confectionary and sweet drinks trade with 50 per cent. of normal supply This has been generally followed, a though such regulations were volun tary, as the food administration had no authority to impose them."

· Domestic Price is 81/2 to 9 Cents. Retail grocers throughout the cour try are supposed to take a profit of no more than 50 cents a hundred-half cent a pound—on sugar. By reason of food administration regulations, binding refiners and wholesalers, the re tailer is able today to buy sugar a from 8 to 84 cents a pound. This enables him to sell to the housewife at 81/2 to 9 cents a pound.

the sugar rulings. Mr. Hoover said recently: "Sales of sugar from 18 to must file returns with John F. Mai-There have been some violations of 20 cents per pound have been reported and followed up vigorously and stop ped and is evidence itself of the prices at which consumers would have been mulct had we not intervened. We have forfeited wholesalers' licenses in aggravated cases, and we have issued warnings to first offenders in a great many instances through our local ad-

ministrators. Effect on Military Situation.

American sugar stocks could be filled to normal very soon if ships could be sent to Java, where 250,000 tons of sugar is waiting for shipment. Bu the shipping situation is so acute that the nation cannot spare the eleven ships needed to transport this sugar. It would take the boats one year to haul 250,000 tons. In the same time they could be used for transporting

200,000 soldiers to France. The food administration that the American public will diminish its sugar consumption by 10 or 15 per cent, when it is made clear that such sugar saving is a patriotic act and when it is understood that there are plenty of sweeteners available to take the place of sugar, such as honey or

corn syrup. Why Shortage Exists.

The three great sugar producing centers of the world are Germany, the West and East Indies. German sugar is, of course, used at home. The East Indian sugar is unavailable because of

the ship shortage. While U boats made big inroads on the world's shipping. France and Italy ceased to be self sustaining in sugar manufacture. England in the mean-time was on off from German sugar-1,400,000 tons a year-because of the war. The result has been that the al-Hed nations have been forced to turn to America and the West Indies for

EVADE RIGID FOOD CONTROL.

Food Is Bought in Germany Surreptitiously in Violation of Autocratic Rulings.

Even the auto-natic food control of Germany has been powerless to pre vent surreceitions sales, according to semi-official reports reaching the Unit ed States food administration. Illegal sales of butter are being made in Ger many at prices ranking from \$1.75 to \$2.25 a pound. Eggs sold contrary to the German food regulations are bringing 10 to 15 cents apiece, according to these reports. And bacon or ham is bringing from \$2.25 to \$3.25 pound.

Natural Gas.

Natural gas is probably formed in the earth by a process of natural distillation from the animal and vegetable remains of past geological epochs, and is nearly the same product as is dis tilled from coal in the reforts of gas factories, only instead of the heat of fires the internal heat of the earth, aided perhaps by chemical decomposition, has caused its formation on a magnificent scale.

Don't use hot water on china deco-

HOW TO FIGURE YOUR BIG CORN CROP FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Single Persons of \$1000 in-Must File Returns by March 1

The Federal income tax reache this year the incomes of the masses Income as low as \$1000 earned by mechanics, farmers, small merchants clerks, is this year within the scope

In round figures, every unmarried man who earned \$20 a week for 1917. and every married man who earned \$38.50 a week, is affected by the provisions of the new law.

of the law.

There are two Federal income tax laws in force covering 1917 income: (1) The Act of Sept. 8, 1916, which applies to incomes exceeding \$3000 and \$4000.

average man and woman of New England. The information which follows is

drawn up to show the requirements of the "War Income Tax," which is so fer-reaching in New England:-

THE WAR INCOME TAX IN BRIEF. WHAT

A tax on net incomes for the year 1917 of citizens and residents of the United States. Rates of tax: normal at 2%; supertax on all net income exceeding \$5000 at graduated rates of 1% to 50%. WHO

Every citizen or resident, male or female, who IF UNMARRIED received net income of \$1000 or more during 1917; or who, IF MARRIED and living with wife (or husband) received net income of \$2000 or more during 1917. must file a sworn schedule or "return" of such net income. Such person must pay the tax if the net income thus reported exceeds the personal exemption allowable by law. as fol-

IF UNMARRIED or WIDOWED: IF MARRIED AND LIVING APART FROM WIFE (or husband) the exemption is \$1000. He or she may claim \$2000 exemption if actually supporting one or more persons entirely dependent and related by blood, marriage, or adoption. thus fulfilling a moral or legal obligation.

MARRIED AND LIVING WITH WIFE (or husband) the per sonal exemption is \$2000, plus \$200 for each dependent child, if under 18 years of age, or if incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

The returns for 1917 must be filed on or before March 1st, 1918. Payment of tax due for 1917 may be or before June 15, 1918, which is flour in bread making for several the due date prescribed by law. WHERE

Boston, Mass., or any of his deputies authorized to receive same HOW TO FIGURE YOUR NET IN-COME, which is the basis of Federal Income Tax:

Compute the total of all gains profits, and income from SALARY, WAGES, COMMISSIONS,

BUSINESS OF PROFESSIONAL RECEIPTS; INTEREST and DIVIDENDS from INVESTMENTS;

GAINS from SALE of PROPERTY, REAL and PERSONAL; RENTS and ROYALTIES INCOME from FIDUCIARIES (Ad-

PARTNERSHIP PROFITS (whether distributed or not); INTEREST on BANK DEPOSITS, NOTES and MORTGAGE

ministrators, trustees, etc.);

OTHER SOURCES. (Omit-Salary or wages from state, county, city or town; interest on city, state, or United States bonds*; gifts or bequests not in recognition of your services; life insurance received as beneficiary, or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy.) Compute the total of your allow-

able deductions under these items: NECESSARY BUSINESS EX-INTEREST PAID on personal in

debtedness;

TAXES PAID (not including Federal Income Tax, or assessments for local improvements); LOSSES SUSTAINED in business. or through fire, storm, shipwreck,

or theft (except when compen-

sated by insurance or other

WEAR AND TEAR of property rented or used in business (for mula: divide cost by number of years expected life of property); DEBTS of BUSINESS or PROFESSION, actually charged off within the year, if these debts were shown as income on a Fed-

eral Income Tax return; CONTRIBUTIONS to charitable. religious, educational organizations, etc. (to an amount not exceeding 15% of year's net income).

*Interest on Liberty Fours that you may own in excess of \$5000 par value is income subject to surfax. The NET INCOME is the amount

by which the Gross Income exceeds the Allowable Deductions, as computed by above schedules.

Coffee a Nutrient. Coffee is not a stimulant pure and

simple, but a very considerable nutri-Justus Liebig proved that, by taking equal lots of men, working in the salt mines, feeding one lot bread and meat, the other bread and coffee, and comparing results. The coffee squad did more work and came out in better shape than the meat eaters.

ereased in very month since April The total net decrease is 2.154,582 wirels. The production of beer has de-

IS NOW MOVING

come, Families With \$2000, More Than 3,000 Million Bushels Raised in 1917—Gives Big Surplus.

SAVES WORLD FOOD SITUATION!

America Beginning Greatest Corn Consumption in History, Using Cereal In Many Delicious Dishes.

Corn, America's greatest cereal crop, is now moving rapidly to market.

More than 3,000 million bushels 30 bushels for every man, woman and child in America-were raised in 1917. (2) The Act of Oct. 3, 1917, levies It was a mighty crop. The actual ina War Income Tax in addition to the crease is about 500 million bushels. old law, and it is this new law which And this extra store of grain is comreaches down into the purses of the ing on to the market in the nick of time, since the American wheat surplus has been sent to help feed famine!

threatened Europe.

Just as it happened in the Colonial days, the War of the Revolution, and the Civil War, corn has actually be-

come the nation's mainstay. In the entire list of America's food commodities there is no item that is petter than corn. In puddings, bread, orn pone, and as hominy combined with meat or eggs, corn is without a peer. Housewives are fast learning the large number of delicious dishes that may be made with corn and their families are benefiting by an increased use of the cereal. Corn. more than any other cereal, contains all of the elements essential to maintaining life

and health.
In order that the fighting men abroad and in the army camps at home may be fed, and in order that actual famine may be kept from the nations associated with America in the war, the citizens of America are finding corn products delicious and palatable on "wheatless days" and glory in the fact that "wheatless days" here mean more wheat for the war worn allied nations in Europe.

England, France and Italy must be fed from America's great storehouse They will get some corn—especially Italy—but most of their grain shipments must be wheat. Their ability to use corn is small compared to the facilities they have for using wheat And it is the opinion of officials in Washington that the present is no time try and change the eating habits of

Europe. America's greatest use of corn will be in the form of corn bread and corn neal, mixed with wheat in the making of leavened bread.

Mixed with 80 per cent, wheat flour corn meal can be used in bread makng, producing a loaf more nutritious than bread baked with wheat alone It is a fact corn millers will verify that dozens of the large American bakmade when return is filed or on ers have been successfully using a corn

Tears

Hominy grits, served at breakfast with a poached egg, or eaten at any other meal with meats or gravy, is another use of corn that will become unisually popular during the war.

Corn syrup to sweeten corn cakes, and corn oil for use in all kinds of cooking, are two more products that are already welcomed in thousands of American homes.

THE UNITED STATES FOOD

ADMINISTRATION SAYS: Food saving is in its essence the . daily individual service of all the people. Every group can substitute, and even the great majority of thrifty people can save a little -and the more luxurlous elements of the population can, by reduction to simple living, save much. This means no more than that we should eat plenty, but wisely and

Food Will Win the War

LARGE part of the world is coming to

without waste.

the position that Belgium is in ; coming to the stage where the primary and important thing in life is enough food to keep alive. Food has now taken a domi-

themselves to sacrifice far more than was at first thought neces-The cold facts are: France, Italy and England have just enough food to keep them going ten or twelve weeks. When America's food shipments stop-the allied nations begin consum

ing into this slender store and

nant position in the war. The

American reople must prepare

begin a swift march into actual famine conditions-which would nean defeat in short order. Europe then must live on America's surplus. Your saving increases our available stocks just that much and actually feeds some person in the countries with which we are associated in our war against the Central Powers

Our surplus wheat has already been shipped to the allies. U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Women Catch Fish With Hands.

Fishing in Samoan seas is oft a done by the women, and without nets boats hooks. They simply wade 'o the water and form themselves into a ring. The fishes being so plentiful, they are almost sure to imprison some in the ring. These women are very quick and active, and every time they catch a fish with their pands they simply throw it, alive, into the basket on the r back.

It costs nothing to choose the kinds of food that the body needs.

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"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals All we believe and almost all we know."

Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

Saturday, February 2, 1918,

GROTON

News Items.

Rev. Endicatt Peabody assisted at the wedding at Grace Church Chantry. New York city, last Saturday, of Capt. Clarence van Schaick Mitchell, 302nd Cavalry, U. S. A., and Sylvia Peabody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody, of Milton, Mass., who has relatives in this town.

Miss Helen Dodge, of Groton Inn. as been visiting in Philadelphia.

The Groton Branch of the Red Cross The Groton Branch of the Red Cross have completed this month 20 sweaters, 28 pairs of socks, 22 pairs of wristlets, 4 mufflers, 4 helmets. We have received a notice from divisional headquarters that each chapter may eutil its own men who come under the new draft. Therefore our branch will use its knitted articles for that purpose.

Mrs. Wesley Gilmore and two children of Back Bay, Boston, are visiting with her mother, Mrs. T. Crowley, the schools where the children attend being closed since Christmas on account of whorters of cost.

Mrs. Annie Carman has returned from a visit to Greenfield at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manning, Mrs. Glimore caring for her invalid mother

While sne was away.

Groton School is to be represented in the new class of freshmen at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by four students: Oliver H. Coolidge, Laureus M. Hamilton, Thomas H. West and David P. Wheatland.

The following Lincoln day program will be presented on Tuesday, Febru-ary, February 12, at 12.50 p..m. at the high school: Music, school; The birth-day of Lincoln, Nesbit Woods; To the day of Lincoln, Nesbit Woods; To the memory of Lincoln, Marjorie Molson; O captain, my captain, Mabel Pitman; Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, Charles Woods; singing, school; Lincoln's birthday (poem); Catherine McCann; Lincoln's reply to Senator Douglas, John Sheedy; The emancipation group, Catherine Marshall; Abraham Lincoln, Gertrude Parker; extracts from Lincoln's speeches, John Long; Some characteristics of Lincoln, Beatrice Murphy; Abraham Lincoln—the man, Frances Lackey; Lincoln's second insugural address, Rajoh Sargent; singaugural address, Ralph Sargent; sing-

The Odd Ladies' ball will take place in town hall, Friday evening, February 8. At this annual gathering which promises to be a grand success, Wheel-er's orchestra of Leominster will give a concert from eight till nine. A spe-cial number of the concert will be a trombone solo by Roy Shattuck, son of Norman Shattuck of Leominster. There will be dancing from nine to two.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows will occupy day, February 2. Preaching service at 10.30; subject, "One hundred years in the kingdom." At seven; subject, "Things worth while." the pulpit of the Baptist church Sun

The item in last week's paper in regard to a class being formed by Mrs. Sampson to do Red Cross work needs correction. The meeting of some of the Camp Fire Girls at Mrs. Sampson's home lead to the correspondent being misinformed.

So far it has possible to obtain sufficient sugar to serve the children at the Boutwell school with hot cocoa, which they have greatly enjoyed. It is hoped that they may be able to have each day during the remainder of the winter term.

The Community club was entertained last Tuesday by Mrs. Folkins and Mrs. Taylor. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6, when Miss Wednesday, February 6, who Fannie Taylor will be hostess.

Captain and Mrs. Claffin, who occupy the Farwell house, entertained over the week-end Capt. Classin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Classin of Newton.

The Arts and Crafts department held a profitable meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Leila Nutting.

James Anderson and William Fel-ton Stone were examined for the na-tional army in Ayer on Tuesday. Mr. Anderson was exempted on account of

weak heart: the latter was accepted William Woods, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident, is making a good recovery. He is able to get about on crutches and hopes to be able to walk by spring.

The building association of the Odd Fellows' lodge held the first of a series of military whist parties in Odd Fellows' hall last week Thursday evening, when fifty were present. The next party is planned for Thursday evening, Tahman 14 Arrangements will be

February 14. Arrangements will be made for thirty tables. Little Exther fugas has been under the care of Dr. Ayres the past week with a hard cold and abscesses in the head. She is much better at last re-

ports.

The committee on war saving stamps and thrift saving stamps announce that the following number of stamps have been sold at the different schools: Groton School, 293 thrift stamps; high school, 85 thrift stamps and 8 war saving stamps: Boutwell school, 17 thrift stamps. Tarbell school, 28 thrift stamps. The thrift stamps are twenty-five cents each and school, 28 thrift stamps. The thrift stamps are twenty-five cents each, and when a card of twenty stamps is filled it can be exchanged with a payment of a few cents eatra for war saving stamps worth five dollars. The sooner the cards are filled the better, as the price of war saving stamps increase one cent each month.

Gerald Breckenridge, who has been sick with a hard cold, is able to be out and at work again.

They Johnson, who is in France and been sick with the mamps but is out of quarantine and able to write.

Lieut, Osborne, of Champtey street, has had a telephone installed -225. Frank Torrey has been confined to his bed for several days with a heavy cold and pleurisy, but is more com-fortable at last reports.

Although there has been a rise in the temperature, the damp, raw air has been unpleasant and has caused

many colds.

Mrs. Nora Folkins, district deputy president, and suite, consisting of Miss Wright, d.g.m.; Mrs. Mary Beynton, d.g.w.; Mrs. Kelieran, d.g.s.; Mrs. Blanche Brown, d.g.t.; Mrs. Noskiit Woods, d.g.c.; Mrs. William Whitehill, d.g.h.; Mrs. Kidder, d.g.g., visited the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge in Townsend last week Friday evening and installed the officers for the ensuing year. After the installation a social hour was enjoyed, when respectively.

party found the roads in poor condition they report a delightful time.

Among the social notes in this paper reaching home about twelve o'clock of January 26, a vernal emotion contained the advice that the first of next tained the advice that the first of next the first of next tained the advice that the first of next tained the next tained the advice that the first of next tained the Cyri! Glison is sick at his home with pneumonia.

Mrs. Moseley Hale, having visited with friends in Fitchburg and Hartford, Conn., has returned. She is one of the large number of people in town who have been suffering from heavy

Miss Hazel Henderson visited friends in town last week and attended the firemen's ball.

Mr. Bates, of Boston, who has purchased the farm belonging to Mrs. Alice D. Peabody, intends building a residence for his own occupancy on the same site where the buildings were

John Gay, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was at home for a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H.

Corinne Fallon was operated on at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, Tuesday, for appendicitis. The patient is doing well. Mrs. Georgianna Shattuck entertained last week her grandson, Herman A. Locke, of Clinton Grove, N. H., who

expects soon to join the army, Oscar Wheeler, son of Mrs. Grace Trumbull Wheeler, a former resident of Groton and graduate of Lawrence academy, has enlisted in the aviation corps and is stationed at Pensacola, Fila. He has been in service about six months, and writes of thrilling experiences in flying.

Howard Sawyer and his little daughter Priscilla, of Marbiehead, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer.

The friends of Mason Shattuck have pen pleased in receiving postcards rom him. He is stationed at the naval raining station, Newport, R. 1.

Letters from Lewis Knapp inform his friends that he is well and is en-loying his work. He writes that they have had some snow and the tempera-ture has been as low as 25° above

After taking the examination Monday in Ayer for entrance to the army, Erving Hynes and Ralph Palmer were xempted.

Mrs. Alice D. Peabody plans to spend he remainder of the winter with her siece in Holden.

Friends of Daniel McQuesten, a former-student at Lawrence academy, will be interested to know that announcements have been received of the marriage of his son, Private James Crowell McQuesten, to Miss Lulu Buffum, of Manchester, N. H., December 31. Under the auspices of the Woman's

Conder the auspices of the Woman's slub, the official government films will be presented in the town hall on Fri-lay afternoon, February 8, at three y'clock. This entertainment of motion pictures is open to all and a most cor-ling in the course. dial invitation is given to the towns-people to attend. The reel subjects are submarines, torpedoes, marines— soldiers of the sea, 1917 recruit, ready for the fight.

recently underwent an operation in a Boston hospital. She is convalescent.

Mrs. Cassie Stanley passed away at the home her nieces, the Misses Clari-bel and Ella Vickery. Pleasant street, January 21, at the advanced age of 89 years and 5 months. Mrs. Stanley, who has been making her home in Gro who has been making her home in Groton for several years, seemed in her usual health, being around the house and interested in the every-day events, when she was suddenly taken ill on Monday, January 21, and passed away about 11.30 that night. "Aunt Cassie," as she was commonly called, was beloved by her many friends and will be creatly missed. The funeral was held at her late home on last week Thursday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock a Rev. Grorge M. Howe officiated. The body was taken to Methuen on Friday for George M. Howe officiated. The body was taken to Methuen on Friday for burial. The deceased is survived by a step-son, Dr. Stanley, of Worcester.

with them a pound in value and many good wishes for her in her new home.

Her dearther, Mrs.

Music, ice cream, cake and punch was served. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. W. W. Ames scored the most points in whist. All left at ten o'clock wishing many happy years in her new home.

To one of the two letters occently and for the past two months has been serving as military police. He writes that he is sending home at frogment of a German airphone which was brought down near him.

To been sick with the woof quaracter. Tenth annual concert and bail by Obituary Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., town hall, D. H. Friday evening, February S. Music, Ted Wheeler's orchestia of Leominster Agred M.

ubstitute for her.

Miss Helen Simms, teacher of Enulish, will be married Saturday, February 2, to Lieut, Arthur T. Vaughn, now stationed at Camp Devens. Miss Simms will take a vacation for a week and during this time Carl A. Hope, a former teacher at the academy, will enjoyitute for her.

Wiffred Kimball, who has been at Lawrence academy for three years, and who entered Peekskill (N. V.) military academy this fall, has re-

The debate on government ownership of railroads at the last meeting of the Gamma Beta society, was wongment

Johnnie Murray, of Everett, who for sill, was a star pitcher for the academy after the baseball nine a few years ago, has been him been signed to play with the Boston steeling Braves next year. The best wishes of School and installed the officers for the ensuing year. After the installation a social hour was enjoyed, when restricted hour was enjoyed hour was e

month—that is, February—was the proper time to plant tomato seeds. The with pneumonia.

Mrs. Cook, of Nashua, N. H., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley.

Henry Whiting, who has been housed with a severe cold for the past two weeks, is still unable to be out.

During the month of January the Groton branch of the American Fund for French Wounded have sent off 2,614 articles—2,320 compresses, 96 irrigation pads, 140 foided guaze-strips, 130 pairs of socks, 5 day shirts, 2 muffers, 5 sweaters, 9 bath mittens, 4 pairs of wristers, 1 trench cap. 2 hot

ila P. Woone,

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During the month of January the Groton branch of the American Fund for French Wounded have sent off 2,614 articles—2,220 compresses, 9 irrigation pads, 140 foided guaze strips, 30 pairs of socks, 5 day shirts, 2 muffers, 5 sweaters, 9 bath mittens, 4 pairs of wristers, 1 trench cap, 2 hot water bag covers. A concert for the benefit of the organization is to be given on Monday evening, February 4, in the Unitarian vestry.

Addie Robley, of Pleasant heen quite ill a few should be able to double our crops this year. To everyone in the township-the-committee would repeat its suggestions of last spring:

1. Plant and look after your own seeful things.

3. Learn to do home-canning. 4. If you-bave any extra time, help your busy neighbor.

5. If you usually work eight hours day, work ten now.

6. If you have any extra land, lend to your neighbor. Pass the word along.

From the federal and state food administrators comes again the appeal to save wheat, fats—particularly pork, lard and bacon—beef and sugar. The need is manifest. It often happens, however, that we get so thoroughly convinced that we are already saving that, with the best intentions, we for set to take frequent stock of our efget to take frequent stock of our efforts. In a time like this the question should be, not "What am I saving?" but "What can I save?" The point of view may make all the differ-

once.
Still, important as conservation is, Still, important as conservation is, we must keep in mind that the real answer is increased production—such industrious gardening next summer that we shall lessen the need of conservation next winter. The food committee stands ready, as heretofore, to do all that it can to supply seed, fertilizer and labor at reasonable prices, and to see its event advice when reand to secure expert advice when re

quested W. S. Hinchman, Chairman,

Bird Club Meeting.

At a meeting of the Bird club Monday evening a paper on "The fitness of birds for their environment" was read by S. W. Sturgis. Mr. Sturgis sketched the evolution of birds as indicated by gedlogic records. Vertebrate animals did not appear until the third of the four great geologic eras. In the first old not appear until the third of the four great geologic eras. In the first period of this era the great reptiles appeared, and in the second period some of the reptiles attained the power of flight. The pterosaurian was one of the earliest of these forms; but, owing the earliest of these forms; but, owing to the fact that it had no true feathers or beak, this creature was very unbird-like. The archæopterix, on the other hand, grew some feathers and had a distinct beak. In the third period of this third era, the reptiles rapidly gave way to true birds.

way to true birds.

As is well known, the bones of the bird are hollow, making its frame a very light one. The breast bone, or "keel," to which the great muscles of flight are attached, is a marked characteristic of all birds. The respiration of the bird is much more rapid than that of other animals, and the body temperature higher. Thus oxidation is very rapid, and food must be consumed in very large amounts. That the feathers form a wonderfully effective material for conserving the body heat is shown by the extraordinary cold resisting abilities of such minute creatures as the chickadees, kinglets, goldfinches, etc., which remain with us through the bird are hollow, making its frame a very light one. The breast bone, or etc., which remain with us through the severest winter weather.

The sight, and perhaps to a lesser extent the hearing, of birds are very itent the hearing, of birds are very highly developed; smell is not. Variations in types of wings are many, some birds, such as the ostrich, having very small and uscless ones, others, such as the penguins using them for swimming only. The hawks, gulls and terns and others have the long pointed wings are many, some birds, such as the ostrich, having very small and uscless ones, others, such as the penguins using them for swimming only. The hawks, gulls and terns and others have the long pointed wings suited to constant work for long periods in the air; the ducks and met in the church parlor of wednessally afternoon. Mr. Beers, who has been running a garage in town for some time, has accepted a position in Quincy, doing, inght work for the government. He leaves home on Monday mornings and returns on Saturday, spending the week-ends with his family.

The last meeting of the Book and Thimble club was held at the home of Mrs. George McKee.

Park Harrington and Reginald Huebner were called to Ayer on Monday for examination. Both were exempted.

empted.

On account of the urgent demands for the conservation of fuel and food, the Ladies' Alliance have voted to give up their annual gentlemen's supper and entertainment in February. Instead, and Thursday, February 7, they will hold an all-day Alliance meeting at the home of Mrs. James T. Bennett, the meeting to open at 10.30. As there is meeting to open at 10.30. As there is necessary. In the afternoon Mrs. T. G. Smith will give a report of the New England Associate Alliance which she recently attended.

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Str. Weekly Drill.

The regular weekly drill of Co. K. 19th Inf., M. S. G., was held in town hall at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, January 29. The third squad, after the roll call, fell out and reported for rifle practice in the indoor range and the remaining squads after some close order work under the command of 1st Lleut. Torrey and Serst. Sabine, were taken command of by the different corporals in turn. This was followed by practice in squad movements and guard mounting. Lieut. Torrey read letters from five of the Groton mennow in France, thanking the company for the christmas boxes which reached them three or four days before Christmas. Priv. Griswold then gave the first of three talks on map making, after which a meeting of the Rifle club was held at which it was unanimously and the remaining squads after some a meeting of the Rifle clubon which it was unanimously
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Ward Page, M. D. D. M. D., Tuesday at the Home for in Boston, was the oldest the "family" at that place. where 4 he reached the age of where in France, December 23, 1917, while health for a man of his tears. Dr. Page, who was ment in the field of dental school.

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The meetings of the Odd Fellows will in the future open at 7.30 in the evening and close not later than ten of clock.

Francks J. Perry prompted with the Colonial orchestra of Maynard at an old folks ball given on Thursday evening at that place.

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of the Harvard Dental Association and was its first president, continuing his active membership until 1901, when he was made an honorary member. He served as treasurer of the association from 1874 until 1880. In May, 1869, he was elected a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society and in 1872 became its treasurer and he continued in office for twenty-five years, till 1897, when, on his own request, he tinued in office for twenty-five years, till 1897, when, on his own request, he was, transferred to the honorary roll of membership. He declined to take the office of president of the organization, with which the members desired to honor him. Up to 1887, Dr. Page was a member of the old New England. Dental Society. He also had been a member of the Dental Protective Association of the United States. After his retirement from active practice, Dr. Page became a manufacturer of dental alloys.

On August 14, 1850, at Leominster, he married Rebecca Jane Wright. Their son, Washburn E. Page, D. M. D. followed his father's profession, until a few years ago, when he retinated by wasta was the married by the continuous his

until a few years ago, when he relin-quished his practice to continue his father's manufacturing business, when the latter, because of the infirmities of age, retired from business.

To the Editor:

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Next Monday is the annual town meeting and being a holiday the town hall should be well filled with voters. Rumor has it that a fight is on for the selection of a candidate for selectman. The present incumbent, Mr. George H. McKee, whose time expires, is in the field again for another term and it is the opinion of a great many that he will be returned a winner when the votes are counted. He is a man of sterling quality, efficient, capable and approachable at all times. His long and successful, business career makes him an asset to the town of Groton and the voters cannot afford to lose his services. Conditions brought on through the war have changed things to such an extent that a man of Mr. McKee's standard is needed to represent the town of Groton.

It is not so very long since the town of Groton was held up to ridicule and was headliners for some of the daily papers. Do you want to return to these conditions? During the time

papers. Do you want to return to these conditions? During the time that Mr. Mokee has held office the town of Groton has regained its high est regulated towns in this state.
(Think it over).

John H. Trayne,

Elm Street, Groton, Mass. Advertisement.

bout Town. The Woman's club held their reg-ular meeting last week Friday after-noon. Following the business seesion the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Julia Shaw, introduced the speaker, G. R. Coolidge, of Boston, his subject being "Books."

Lieut. Evans, who with his wife has been rooming at W. A. Brown's for some time, has been called to New Jersey and they left last Saturday, much to the regret of all who knew

Miss Helen Dodge is passing a few

Fay Sampson is having a few days of recreation in Boston and vicinity. of recreation in Boston and vicinity.

The Alliance connected with the Unitarian church plan to hold an alliday sewing meeting with Mrs. James T. Bennett, School street, February 7, beginning at ten o'clock, each one to take a box lunch. The hostess will serve hot coffee. The meeting is looked forward to with pleasure.

Everyone is busy knitting at home and abroad may be seen the knitting bag. A member of the Red Cross knit a sock from start to finish between four and eleven o'clock.

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The fire whistle was sounded on Sunday afternoon for a fire at north part of the town, at the home of Willard Smith, but was only a chimney fire, doing hardly any damage. The traveling was so bad that the fire company could not have reached there before everything would be destroyed, but the all-out signal blew before the company with the chemicals arrived. Or, and Mrs. Eversole start on next Wednesday for a visit of a month or more in California.

It is rumored that the train leaving Boston at 5,09 daily is to be taken off. If the rumor should prove to be true, the question arises how are those who go to Boston each day going to get back in time for the last train to Geston.

Mardock McCarley, being out of work and also out of coal, with no immediate prospect of obtaining either, though: it a good opportunity to pay long deferred visit.

The Army and Navy Relief society

on Thursday afternoon at will meet the usual hour.

workmen have been busy this week placing new poles and running wires. It is said that the telephone and electric light wires are to occupy the same poles. All poles belong to the town. The smaller poles are being removed. The following letter, furnished by Mrs. Charles Hill, from Private McCann, in active service, dated Somewhere in France, December 23, 1917.

Rind friends, eyour very useful Christmas lox arrived in good condition, a very delightful surprise. Your thoughtfulness was exemplified as I noted each useful article it contained. It is very gratifying to realize how concerned yours and similar organizations are for their corresponditive, need and cerned yours and similar organizations are for their representatives' need and with Page and was born in December 4, 1826. He recarry education in the compart of his home town and at trademy. He then prepared your kindness by assisting in getting profession of dentistry and duation from the Harvard down the Harvard Medical the hen-took up the practice in the hen-took up the practice.

Lege was the son of Abel was by and similar organizations are for their representatives' need and what best promotes their repre are for their representation are for their representation what best promotes their efficiency. Words are meagre to express my gratitude, and is it is too late to wish you it a Merry Christmas, so may I reward your kindness by assisting in getting for you and it a nation a victorious new year. I remain yours patriotically, J. M. McCann.

Potatoes imited in their skins make nicer satass than those pared raw Cold baked potatoes likewise make bet ter French fried potatoes than when they are fried taw or boiled.

Nows Items A heavily loaded coal car on an east bound Fitchburg division train jumped the track at Mitchelville early Wednesday morning and blocked both main tracks for soveral hours. Special trains were made up here and sent to Boston with a great number of passengers. It was nearly noon before the first trair came through after the wreck. The derailed car fortunately jumped to the

derailed car fortunately jumped to the left and thereby avoided a worse accident. Had the car left the rails and turned to the right it would have plunged down the very high embankment close to the Nashua river, and would probably dragged other cars with it. Ruilroad men say that it was a very fortunate accident. There was no one hurt. A wrecking crew from Fitchburg cleared the tracks. Another slight freight wreck on the southern division, near Lowell, the same morning, held up traitie nearly three hours. It is safe to say that more people than ever before will watch for the ground hog's appearance this Satur-day to get an idea of the weather for

Jenness W. Brown has been confined to his home for a few days on account of illness. He is again able to attend to business.

the coming weeks.

Francis J. Perry, an expert painter, has returned from Marlboro, where he has been ill for the past few weeks, and is now ready for business at his shop on Central avenue.

william M. Webster, grand instruc-tor of the I. O. O. F., a widely known member of the order, died in Boston on Thursday. Mr. Webber is well-known to the Odd Fellows of Ayer, where he has come often in the line of duty. The following officers were elected by Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, at its last meeting: Mrs. Elizabeth Twoedle, m.e.c.; Mrs. Alice King, c.s.; Miss Mabel Davenport, e.j.; Mrs. Eva Bulkeley, m.; Mrs. Minnie Fowler, m.r.c.; Mrs. Evelyn Cunningham, m.f.; Mrs. Eva. Blanchard, p.; Mrs. Lucy

l'rescott, g. The presentation of the Suffrage coffee house on West Main street to Brig. Gen. William Weigel, in command of the 76th division, for the men at Camp Devens, will be made this Saturday

afternoon at two o'clock. Mrs. Thomas E. Denlo and infant son, Donald Smith, and Mrs. I. M. Un-derhill, from Graniteville, spent Mon-day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith. Mr. Smith is Mrs. Denlo's father.

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The fourth entertainment in the Woman's club lecture course will be given in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 7, at eight o'clock. Joe Mitchell Chapple, who is the editor of the National Magazine, will give the address of the evening. It is said of him that he knows personally more famous people than any man in the world. He travels, extensively, keeping in touch with all live subjects of interest. It is hoped that the people ing in touch with all live subjects of interest. It is hoped that the people of Ayer will show-their appreciation of being able to hear such a remarkable man by a large attendance. Another feature of the evening will be several solos by Private Gustafson of the medical detachment of the Depot Brigade, He is well-known in New York city, having spent eleven years there in a having spent eleven years there in-musical career and is considered or of the most talented men at Camp Devens.

The following have been accepted for military service by the local exemption board and will be called later to Camp Devens: Walter F. Lohnes, Robert M. Standy S. Tauer George F. Devens: Walter F. Lohnes, Robert M.
Smellie, Sidney S. Tower, George E.
Boutwell, Edson M. Hackett, Pepperell; Joseph L. Sullivan, Walter A.
Blodgett, Frank J. Lambert, Waldo E.
Winslow, Ayer; Irvin F. Taylor, William Smith, Harvard; Cadwell F.
Bliss, William F. Stone, Groton; Henry
H. Crowe and Dean E. Hewes, Shirley,
George T. Geleg of Hewest, Inc.

George T. Gale, of Harvard, is as-sisting at Harlow & Parsons' market, going back and forth daily. Dr. B. H. Hopkins has applied for for war work. The date of his being called into service is indefinite. The federal government has asked for 15,000 more physicians from all parts of the country to assist in the war work as a patriotic duty.

Frank G. Hale state officer who has

Frank G. Hale, state officer, who has been stationed here for several months, went to Boston the first of the week to assist in the identification of May Clark, who is suspected by the Bos-ton police of having knowledge of true, the question arises now are those who go to Boston each day going to get back in time for the last train to Groton?

West Groton.

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West Frank Worster was in town recently, the occasion being the birthday of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Miss Isabelle Bixby, of Boston, spent Tuesday night at the home of her unche, W. V. Bixby. Miss Bixby is to Townsend in November for being idle to the distance of the man was arrested with others in Townsend in November for being idle and disagreely. On trial in the distance of the man disagreely was the man disagreely. uncle, W. V. Rixby. Miss Bixby is to spend some time in Providence, R. I. Robert Bixby has resigned his position as clerk for Bixby-Wbeber (o. He spent several days this week visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

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Townsend street.

Oliver Hallett, who has been quitted with the grippe, is out again and expects to return to work soon.

An epidemic of German measles has struck the village, about forty children being out of Tarbell school from illness or quarantine. James Lamb and several others whose names have not preach at seven o'clock. He is an Oliver Hallett, who mae
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being out of Tarbell school from illness or quarantine. James Jamb and
several others whose names have not
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measles, Among those who succumbed to the lighter farm are Mrs. George
G. Harrington and Miss Kathleen
Dunphy, teacher of the third and
wrades, Mrs. John Robinson
Miss Dunphy.

Thomas, Mrs. Praise meeting as
echool at twelve. Praise meeting as
preach at seven o'clock. He is an I
cloquent speaker and will have for his
subject, "Uncommitted sin." Mr.
Boutwell is located at Camp Devens.
Y. M. C. A. 24. B. Y. P. U. meeting
on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Midweek prayer meeting on Thursday
evening at 7.30.
Mrs. William Moore of Framingham
merely of the Globe hotel, who ha
morely of the Globe hotel, who ha

formerly of the Globe hotel, who has been sick at her home for the last three weeks, is in a very low condition at present and with no hope of recov-

The following opinions, secured from a long deterried visit. Consequency in a long deterried visit. Consequency in a long deterried visit with their son, make an extended visit with their son, Murdock McCarley, and family.

The inid-week prayer meeting was held at the parsonage on Tuesday evelopes and grise who are out late protect boys and grise who are out late with the parsonage on the same stop of the protect boys and grise who are out late with the parsonage of the protect boys and grise who are out late. by ringing up the parents and asking them to come for their boy or girl. It saves many of these children from getsaves many of these children from getting into harm. Cambridge has had a curfew law for nineteen years and would not be without it." Somerville city clerk says "It is a good thing. When three blows are sounded on the fire alarm signal the children all take it for granted. It gives the police; also parents, a special opportunity." Waltham chief of police says "Best thing out! When they hear the whistle all scatter."

ning at that place.

The regular meeting of the Ayer branch Alliance will be postponed from February 7 to Thursday afternoon, February 14, and will be held in the hall of the White Ribbon House, East Main street. Hostesses, Mrs. F. S. Pierce, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. S. H. Proctor and Mrs. G. H. B. Turner. In the notice given in hast week's issue about the sewing school, the names of the teachers assisting Mrs.

Hutchinson were unintentionally omit-ted. They did excellent work in the thed they did excellent work in the third and fourth grades and are as follows? Mrs. Mullin, Mrs. Cobb. Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Hartwell Kidder: Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Carrigan, Mrs. Georgo Cole, Mrs. Helen Reynolds; substitute He belongs on the firing line.



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eachers, Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Emily Cole and Mrs. Bigelow.

Park Street

Asil Blakely, of Boston, is the new chef at Brown's lunch-room. He was formerly connected with the Wayside inn, Sudbury, and comes highly rec ommended. George E. Millson, representing Har-

binger lodge, K. P., and F. Fleighum-baum of Columbia lodge, of Leomin-ster, spent Wednesday at Camp Dev-ens, distributing cigarettes and tobac-co to 460 members of their order at the camp.

The Unitarian Giris' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Callie Murphy and Miss Marion Proctor on Wednesday evening, February 6, at 7.30 o'clock. Mrs. Callie Murphy and Miss Marion Proctor, hostesses.

Word has been received of the deat

of Mrs. Elizabeth Marsac late last year in Ontario, Cal. Mrs. Marsac will be remembered by Ayer people as the widow of James Powell, much loyed widow of James Powell, much loved first principal of the high school. She was born in St. John, N. B., March 2, 1850, and married Mr. Powell, of Haverhill, in New York, November 28, 1872. The failing health of her son James called her to California, where she remained after his death. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William Richardson, now a resident of Los Angeles, but long identified with Ayer musical life.

A well attended and interesting

A well attended and interesting meeting of music study class of the Woman's club was held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Fisher. on Tuesday afternoon. Following music news items by the class, a program was given on the subject of musical appreciation in America from colonial times to en on the subject of musical appreciation in America from colonial times to
the days of Lowell Mason. For the
musical program four national songs,
dating from revolutionary to civil war
times, were sung by the class, with
short historical sketches by Mrs.
Cushing, Then followed the singing
of Holden's "Coronation" and some of
the more familiar hymns of Lowell
Mason. The program closed with a
Victrola record of "Alabama," composition of the American violinist, Albert sition of the American violinist, Alber Spalding, now in his country's service and various operatic records from las year's program of the study class.

Union Services.

Unitarian, Federated and St. Andrew's churches at the Federation House, West Main street. 10.00—Communion service aging to the use of the Protestant copal church, conducted by Rev. Angus

Dun. Members of any christian church

are invited to participate. 10:30 — Morning service, Special music by Private Gustafson and choir the Federated church; preacher, Rev. Rollin S. Tuttle; subject, "Is christianty a failure?"

7.30 — Evening service. Special music by the verted boy choir of Groton chapel; preacher, Rev. Endicout eabody. The ladies of the Guild of St. An-frew's church invite the ladies of the other protestant churches to meet with them on Tuesday afternoon, February

5, at the Federation House, and bring their sewing. Refreshments will be HARVARD

Still River. Several hundred cords of wood are being loaded at the station for Wor-cester. B. J. Priest, of Harvard, is superintending the work.

The Ladies' Mission circle of the Baptist church met with Mrs. Abble Dadmun on Wednesday afternoon. They read from "An African Trail" and also had a discussion of current events. A family by the name of Edson has moved into A. L. Hunter's house, Mr. Hunter reserving two rooms for his

Chester Willard is slowly recovering

Hope Willard has been ill with the chicken-pox. Mr. Heeley returned to his duties at the railroad crossing on Monday. Mrs. L. H. Morse has been visiting in Newton this week.

Kenneth Russell, of Worcester, was t home over Sunday. Mrs. Mabel Sprague is visiting in Boston and vicinity. Mrs. Bicknell, of Clinton, is visiting Miss Alice Marshall.

Mrs. Goding, of Newport, N. H., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank

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Saturday, February 2, 1918.

AYER

News Items. cian of Boston, formerly of Ayer, was in town on Thursday.

A midshipman from the fifth congressional district, with three alternates is to be designated by Congressman John Jacob Rogers. An examinating will be held in the city hall, Lowell, on February 14. Six hours will be allowed for this examination—three in the morning and three in the offerthe morning and three in the after-noon, with an intermission of an hour for luncheon.—The examination will for luncheon. The examination will consist of algebra, geometry, geography, history of the United States, and arithmetic—the first three subjects to be given in the morning and the last three in the afternoon. The examination will begin at nine o'clock. The official mental examination for admission to the academy will be held in Lowell on April 16. The principal and three alternates must be bona fide residents of the fifth district, and must have reached their sixteenth, but must not have passed their twentieth birthday. Information concerning this appointment should be obtained from Congressman Rogers.

Julian Eltinge, the famous fentinine impersonator, will be the attraction at Page hall theatre on Monday afternoon and evening. Halled by women as the most beautiful example of their sex, Mr. Eltinge will no doubt make a fine impression in the offering of "The countess charming." Mr. Eltinge has made a sensation for several years on the stage by the number and gorgeous. the stage by the number and gorgeous-ness of his gowns and it is said that in his first photo-dramatic production

Married in Ayer, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, January 23, Chester F. Robbins, a soldier, and Alfreda Eastman, of Liberty, Me.; January 26, Kenneth W. Davis, a soldier, and Marguerite Jackson, both of Monson, Me.; January 28, Arthur J. Sargent, a soldier, and Grace Vanbuskirk, of Lubec, Me.; January 29, Linwood V. Castner, a soldier, and Marion E. Miller of Waldobero

Lee is plainly fascinated with bigness, and I am very curious now to see what sort of divinity he will require to go with that incredibly bigger thing—the War. While we are waiting for his brilliant and discursive conclusions. I have some data of my own to offer, based upon training-camp experience and the reports from men at the front. "There are three religious ideas which are appealing somewhat already, and I suppose will grow to appeal more and more to the men who are being schooled to fight; and men will accept them and be affected by them largely according to temperament.

"But I said it was the Unitarian church at Ayer that set me thinking thus. It is due to the ract that this recently remodelled church seems to

thus. It is due to the fact that this recently remodelled church seems to me unique in stimulating one to such a many-sided striving after God. It meets a requirement which I have often felt; the union of Unitarian liberalism with some of the emotional richness of catholicism. "
"For my gaze was arrested by the altar in the front center; it was not as if the minister and the pipe-organ were the objects of worship. Above the altar was a large white circle in wood, and the sides were in wood panelling with chaste Greek mouldings of characteristic simplicity and gracious sincerity; it was all serene, pure, perfect. On the plain altar shelf were six candles in tall dark wood candlesticks; they were glowing, straining upward, expressing, perhaps, the beauty of human effort toward perfection. The pulpit high up at one side in dignified old New England fashion, the organ concealed, the flood of light pouring in from the sides, all contributed to an ensemble possessing Greek perfection of form, New England wigor of spirit, and warm mediseval beauty, which made me a genuine and yet a self-respecting worshipper." genuine and yet a self-respecting wor-

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The matter is being howestigated of the case was strongly contested by content in this manner to get them to solders, and game commissioner, received word hast week Priday that a deer was found in this manner to get them to solders, and with the lega, the injuries having been caused by dogs. On Saturday another case was reported from the case was counsel for the plaintiff, and Edward Fisher, of Westford, former sentangent by dogs. On Saturday another case was discovered wanders about in a crippled condition. The part of one of the animal was found.

Private John J. Curley, of Dorchesmissing and had evidently been shot off during the open season in November, since which time the deer hase been wandering about in a crippled condition. The wound had thoroughly healed when the animal was found.

Mr. Bachus gave permission to have both animals shot as an act of mercy. Many reports have been received of deer, when the ground is bare, can when the few come from all parts of New England of deer, chased by dogs, especially since the heavy snow has come. The feer heavy snown has come. The feer, when the ground is bare, can the feer have been when the sound how, and the point with the feer have both animals shot as an act of mercy. Many reports have been received of deer, when the ground is bare, can the feer when the sound in the form, throwing the plaintiff out to the guard house and with the feer in the heavy snown has come. The free department want a plano. As they since the heavy snown has come. The feer have been went to be an easierly direction, when at the point of his wagon. In the fall Mr. Dodge the triple was from the case was strongly contestrated by deep when the ground is bare, can be defendent. The feer and the lowest the first water to case was strongly contestrated by defendent with the feer and the lowest case of the lowest product of the feer and the lowest product of the feer and the lowest product of the feer and t

ever, the dogs have a decided advan-tage, as they being the lighter ani-mais can run over the snow crust. The deer, owing to its being much heavier, breaks through the crust and it is not long before it gets exhausted and becomes an easy prey for the pur-suing dogs.

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These names were added to the voting list-at the last meeting of the board of registrars last Saturday. Perley. A Bowen, George H. B. Clarm, John E. Cain, Howard J. Curry, Eight Names have been dropped from the way, park or other public way or place, in this structured in writing by said parent, guardian or other adult in the performance of some duty, directed in writing by said parent, guardian or other adult person; and no child while in such the state election in November, when the list contained for the fire engineers shall cause two blasts to be sounded on the fire alare structured in the colock each evening.

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in his first photo-dramatic production he introduces an entirely new wardrobe of unusual variety and style. Mondays now being legal holidays, the mathnee will start at two o'clock, instead of three o'clock, as formerly.

On town meeting day next Monday the polls will open at 5.45 a. m. and close at four p. m.

An alarm from box 23 at Gilson's corner last Saturday evening at 6.30, called out the fire department to extinguish a blaze in a large touring car on the highway near the pumping station, the automobile being the property of Miss Hennessy, of Boston, driven by her chauseur. The damage to the car from fire was about \$2000, fully covered by insurance. The blaze was caused by "back firing." The car, which was left on the side of the road, was stripped of its tires and headlights by some unknown persons during the night. The police are endeavoring to locate the thleves.

Married in Ayer, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, January 26, Kenneth W. Davis, a soldier, and Marguerite Jackson, both of Monson, Me.; January 28, Arthur J. Sargent, a soldier, and Grace-Vanbuskirk, of Lubec, Me.; January 29, Linwood V. Castner, a soldier, and Marion E. Miller, of Waldoboro, land warion in the mather will be a vote taken to see if the town will vote to amend its by-laws by accepting the provisions of Chapter 293 of the General Acts of Spilos of Chapter 293 of the General Acts of 1916, which is entitled "An Act to be a

28. Arthur J. Sargent, a soldier, and Grace-Vanbuskirk, of Lubec, Me.; January 29. Liquood V. Castner, a soldier, and Marion E. Miller, of Waldoboro, Me.

The regular meeting of George S. Boutwell Relief Corps will be held in Hardy's hall on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Business of importance is to come before the corps and all members are urged to be present.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Clipping.

The following article, "A God for soldiers," by Walter R. Agard, Headquarters Troop, Camp Devens, appeared in the The Christian Register of January 24, and may be of-interest-to our readers:

"I went to evening service at the Unitarian church in Ayer last Sunday. It set me wondering about God. And as I watched the rows of soldiers, faces I watched the rows of soldiers, the license has been taken out, security by bond or otherwise, approved by that Gerald Stanley Lee before the war demanded a new idea of God big enough to go with New York. Mr. Lee is plainly fascinated with bigness, and I sam very curlous now to see what sort of divinity he will require to go with the work of seven than sort of divinity he will require to go with the work of seven than sort of divinity he will require to go with the work of sold and sort of divinity he will require to go with the work of seven than sort of divinity he will require to go with the work of sold with the principal named in the part of the principal pay. Prof. Burton D. Gates V 4 C. with the increased by Mercal Control of payant of the matter:

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light last Sunday when a loaf of cake was found in an ash barrel, a quantity of drugs being found inside the cake. The matter is being investigated. The narcotics were evidently concealed in this manner to get them to soldiers. A soldier and a woman whose names ato withheld are under suspicion.

furnish in their own quarters. A piano would add much to their pleasures. Col. G. H. Estes; commander of the Headquarters Train and military police, received word from Washington last Saturday that he was appointed secretary of the new war council, with orders to proceed at once to the national capital for duty.

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New Articles in Warrant.

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Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 in complete the following new article or take any action thereon:

Section 1. No child under sixteen by any of age shall be, lolter or remain years of age shall be of the co

pay it.

Hereafter Red Cross helmets and other head coverings will be discarded. In their place the men will wear regulation winter caps. This order went lation winter caps. This order went into effect on Tuesday. Another conservation measure prevents the hurning of coal for cooking, wood being used instead.

Food conservation and disease preventative are the reasons that Colonel Tompkins of the 301st Infantry regiment gave Wednesday in an order barring dogs from the camp.

Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute and the annual meeting of the Ayer Farmers' Coperative Exchange was held in Hardy's hall on Wednesday. The busi-Hardy's hall on Wednesday. The business session was held at ten in the morning. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are John H. Storer. Jr., Groton, treas., who was re-elected; R. G. Davis, Berlin, manager of the local exchange and clerk of the board of directors; A. W. Bryant of Harvard, S. W. Sabine of Groton, Harold T. Webber of Harvard, auditors; W. L. d'Pickard of Littleton, W. J. Fish of Lunenburg, Dr. Austin Peters of Harvard, William P. Wharton of Groton, Philip S. Babcock of Harvard, E. M. Davis of Shirley and W. T. Taylor of Groton, directors for three years. In the foregoing list of directors is given the names of Dr. Peters, who is president, and William P. Wharton, vice president of the local exchange. They is

Waldo Woods, of South Cheimsford, was arraigned Tuesday morning before Judge Atwood on a complaint for reckiesity driving an automobile in Groton on October 8. He was found not guilty and discharged.

The plaintiff in the case was Charles H. Dodge, a prominent citizen of Groton, who was severely injured in a collision between the defendant's automobile and his feam on the above date. The case was strongly; contested by

collision occurred: as a result of the injuries that he received he was confined to his home for several weeks under the care of physicians. For this reason he was unable sooner to make the complaint. The witness stated further that while he was lying on the ground the defendant again started his

way, park or other public way of strictly followed.

Section 2. Some one of the fire engineers shall cause two blasts to be sounded on the fire alarm signals at nine o'clock each evening.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this by-law shall be-fixed by a police officer may, in his discretion, warn and send home any child, who for the first time violates the provision of Section 1, and notice thereof shall be sent to the parent, guardian or other person having the care of such child.

On the ballot for Monday's town meeting there will be a vote taken to see if the town will vote to amend its by-law shall interview with the selection for the first time violates the provisions of Chapter 293 of the General Acts of 1916, which is entitled "An Act to a uthorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire." This is a new quessition to be passed upon by the voters and the ference of the new first of the fire of the highways leading to Ayer. An official, which is entitled "An Act to a uthorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire." This is a new quessition to be passed upon by the voters that no one can afford to be passed upon by the voters and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire." This is a new quessition to be passed upon by the voters and towns of motor vehicles carrying passed the new will so the passed upon by the voters and towns of motor vehicles carrying passed the new will be discarded. In their place the men will wear regulation will be a to be passed upon by the voters and the carry in the passed upon by the voters and the carry in the passed upon by the voters and the carry in the passed upon by the voters and the carry in the passed upon by the voters and the carry in the passed upon by the voters are the carry in the passed upon by the voters and the carry in th

The funeral took place on wealthed day morning with a requiem high mass at the Church of the Elessed Sacrament Cambridge. The interment tool ment, Cambridge. The interment place in the Arlington cemetery.

Red Cross Notes.

It has been suggested that branches stop giving out wool for sweaters and muffers after February 1, for, with spring and summer coming the demand for these articles will be greatly reduced; while the demand for surgical dressings and hospital supplies will be greatly increased. This does not apply to socks for which there is ever unending demand.

There will be a drive for knitted

There will be a drive for knitted goods at the end of the summer and it is considered advisable to conserve yarn and money until that time, especially, as surgical dressings are so much needed.

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The women who meet at Hardy's hall on Mondays, two to three o'clock, are now busy on a special Red Cross dressing, known as the "Red packet dressing." The quota for the Ayer Branch is 300 dressings and the workers are rushing the order.

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The Christmas Packet committee re The Christmas Packet committee reports that 42 Christmas bags were made, filled and sent to Ayer hoys at Camp Devens and other cautonments. Nearly all the boys have acknowledged their gifts and expressed appreciation and gratitude to the Red Cross. In addition to these 12 bags were made and equipped for overseas and 12 more made and sent to the Metropolitan chanter chapter.

A total of 54 bags, well stocked with goodies and useful articles, and the making of 12 additional bags, is the result. All the expense of these bags was supplied by a fund collected for this purpose. Contributions from tendents to five delicers were required. this purpose. Contributions from cents to five dollars were received.

Many of the Ayer women curtailed their own Christmas giving and de-Christmas bags for our soldiers.

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days.

One other episods must not be for gotten—the characteristic march—Meteor, which was observed with un-



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Julian Eltinge

Page Hall Theatre, Ayer

IN HIS FIRST PICTURE

The Countess Charming"

Mr. Eltinge is appearing on Monday in his first photoplay, "THE COUNTESS CHARM-ING," at this theatre. This is the climax of a metoric career during the course of which Mr. Eltinge has appeared in most of the large cities of this country and attained a fame seldom equalled in the theatrical world.

Few if any stars of stage or screen can boast the popularity of Julian Eltinge, foremost impersonator of feminine roles and the fact that he is so well known is especially remarkable because he has never appeared in any except the largest cities. There have been many alluring offers from managers in the smaller towns and thousands of people have been disappointed in not seeing him. But now that Julian Eltinge has at last consented to appear before the motion picture camera, he will travel to the smallest and most remote village of the country as well as to the large metropoli. His first picture, "THE COUNTESS CHARMING," which was written for him by Carolyn Wells and Gelett Burgess, will be shown on Monday afternoon at two o'clock and in the evening at six and eight o'clock in

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE MATINEES ON MONDAYS WILL START AT TWO O'CLOCK MATINEE EVERY DAY AT 3 O'CLOCK Saturdays and Holidays at 2 o'clock TWO PERFORMANCES EVERY EVENING—6 and 8 o'clock

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The Unitarian Men's club will hold their next regular meeting on Súnday evening. Lunch will be served at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock the meeting will be open to the public, who are cordially invited to aftend. The speaker of the evening will be Prof. Chenoweth, of M. A. C., and he will speak on "Polenization." Everybody will be welcome at the town hall at eight o'clock.

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The Woman's Benevolent society held their annual meeting on Tuesday and elected the following officers: Sarah F. Lawrence, pres.; Emila E. Hersey, sec.; Susan A. Davis, treas.; Lucy A. West, director of industriess Mrs. Lawrence, by this re-election, begins her twenty-eighth year as president of this society.

Edward Coke has purchased of Sarah M. Sawyer a woodlot on the littleton road consisting of twenty-three acres. He has a force of men busy choppins.

Dorothy E. West entertained a party of friends from Becker's college on Monday. Miss Carrie Houghton and Miss Josephine Paker were also guests. Lunch was served in the afternoon.

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Lunch was served in the afternoon.

Among the prize winners of the canning clubs throughout the state is noted that of Miss Naucy E. Harlow, of this town, president of the Harvard Canning and Evaporating club.

George T. Gale is working at Harlow & Parson's market, Ayer, going back and forth daily.

Mr. Edson has moved from the Carl Dickinson house on the depot road to Mr. Hunter's tenement in Still River.

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country. The service and the al-and the music are promised to be always of the very best. There wadditional facilities for dancing. New Advertisements

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This makes the American burden all the more heavy and makes doubly essential an increased pork production in this nation. In Italy grain is now forbidden to be fed to hogs. In Denmark under a recent order one-fourth of the hogs were ordered to be killed. It is estimated that one-half have now been killed.

SEIZURE OF HOUSEWIVES' FOOD STOCKS IMPOSSIBLE

The government has never considered any plan of seizing foodstuffs owned by householders. Nor is there any policy of this kind suggested for the future.

In spite of this fact, the United States food administration has been obliged repeatedly to issue official de-nials of rumors that the government intends commandeering preserves and canned goods put up in American

These rumors were originated partly ly by conscienceless grafters, who sought to profit through buying from misinformed housewives.

The year 1918 will see home canning and preserving practiced on greater scale than ever before in the nation's history, officials in Washington believe. And they are assuring all patriotic housewives that foods so saved are theirs, and theirs alone.

NUTRITIOUS CORN BREAD.



One New York hotel has arranged a thoroughly patriotic corn bread recipe. It combines cornmeal with rye flour, both of which are being consumed in greater quantities this year in order to release wheat flour for the allied nations. This recipe fills a large pan- 16 by 22 inches—and contains the following ingredients: One quart milk, four ounces butter substitute, ten ounces light syrup or honey three eggs, pinch salt, two pounds cornmeal, one pound rye flour and two

ounces baking powder.

The butter and syrup are thoroughly mixed. Then add the eggs gradually, pour in the milk, then add the ry flour mixed with the cornmeal and baking powder. Bake in a hot oven.

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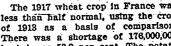
WHY WE MUST SAVE FOOD. HASTENED RUSSIAN COLLAPSE

"We must not overlook the fact the Russia collapsed, not because of the Germans on her borders, but because she falled to organize and feed her own citizenship," the food administration announced

"We must be warned that if we are to emerge victorious from this war we cannot risk the collapse of another of our associates in this war, from this cause. "Anybody that is looking for the collapse of the German people on the food question had better turn around and look at the moon, because the results The 1917 wheat crop in France was

less than half normal, using the crop of 1918 as a basis of comparison. There was a shortage of 176,000,000 bushels, or 53.3 per cent. The potato crop was only within one-third of nor-The sugar beet crop showed a deficit of 67.9 per cent. Her meat herds in the early fall showed a short-age of 1,800,000 animals.

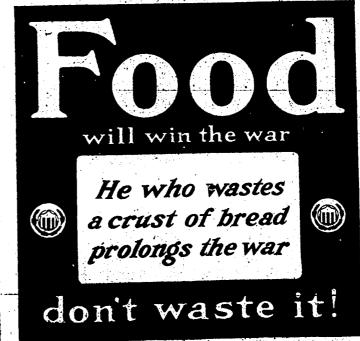
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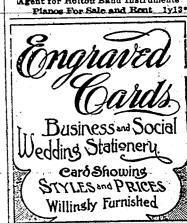
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By GARRET SMITH.

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French Citizens Celebrating the Fall of the Bastile.

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times, in every banking house with New Year's Day is the only * an extensive foreign business. * holiday observed throughout the * custom the occasion is generally the anniversary of an important political Eleven different dates are ob- * served as New Year's Day in * event or the birthday of a national different parts of the world. international business will be nterfered with by holidays or * Sundays on 281 days in 1918, of \star these 261 days being holidays. \star

hero. Such holidays are therefore lomost part general. The former class prevails in the newer and more democratic countries, while the older ones nese 201 days being holidays. *
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greater number of holidays than their sister nations of the eastern hemi sphere. Of the 97 nations or dependencies listed Brazil leads, with 84 this particular. Among the other belligerents Germany, it is presumed, words, there will be only 84 days in this coming year that are not Sun-Britain 16. Japan 15 and Russia 17. In most of these countries numerous or special holidays in one or local holidays ordinarily observed

are accustomed to jump remarkable own country offer a particularly rich celebrate January 7. conditions into the category of war field. If one knew the meaning of all In the Puritan day conditions into the category of war the half a hundred days celebrated in the United States, with the collateral the time being stripped their decks of events connected with each, he would be well versed in the nation's history.

One of the first surprises in stor for such a student is to learn that the United States has no national holibrow he has been putting in a lot of day. The reader will at once think spare time trumping up methods of of Fourth of July and of the Presibeating the game. Next to working dent's Thanksgiving proclamation. into the boss's Job the invention of the But not even these are national. Acts of Congress and Presidents' pronouncements in this respect apply only to the District of Columbia and evolved, along about history's sun- the territories. The states usually follow suit, but as a matter of custom only and not of law. Here is a chance to win some bets from your friends.

the year's work. By the Middle Ages America's Red Letter Days American local holidays are rich in suit of the Reformation not generally historical significance. Of such are appreciated was the abolition of a the commemorations of Bunker Hill and Bennington and New Orleans and But as time went on political San Jacinto; the all but forgotten and religious milestones accumulated Fast Day of New England, still suragain. Today, while the year's over- viving in New Hampshire; Patriots' load in any one country is by no Day in Maine and Old Defender's Day ed in its calendar of holidays, which means as serious as in the Middle in Baltimore, Pioneer Day in Idaho Ages, the growth of international and the various Admission Days popular with other Western states, Con gate of closed days a serious factor federate Memorial Day in the South. and an expensive one. Not until now, together with the birthdays of Lee however, has any attempt been made and other heroes of the Confederacy. days for the guldance of bankers and of their own. Texas observes her sepmerchants. This task has just been aration from Mexico on March 2. completed by the Guaranty Trust North Carolina commemorates the Conspany of New York city. The re- Halifax independence resolutions on tuguese republic; December 1, Flag sults have been published in a book. April 12 and the Mecklenburg decla-

let that should be a valuable addition ration on May 20. It remains for Frederick county, Family Day." Suppose a bank has a commercial tant national event on record. paper collectable in Peking or Athens

or Cape Town on January 5. It is idays the world over November leads,

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In that 'particular city will be open May comes next, with 25 and an adthat Q. Does any one around the ditional Sunday not otherwise cele
CURIOUS HOLIDAY FACTS. * Place know whether January 5 is a brated, thus actually tying November There is no national legal hol- * Cape Town? Usually no one does. March, on the other hand, is * It's hard enough to keep tabs on the the longest all around business * 54 holidays rampant in these United month, having only 19 holidays. Thus serve New Year's Day as a * States. It therefore becomes neces at least two-thirds of every month in-* sary to send an expensive cablegram terferes with the free play of inter-

Even such generally observed festly vals as Christmas and New Year's an extensive foreign business.

Day can't be depended upon by the Among the holidays established by banker without consulting the international calendar.

New Year's Day is the only holiday. universally observed. But, alas, it falls on 11 different dates in different parts of the globe, and some countries observe more than one of them. An exhaustive study of these New Year celebrations would give one a pretty fair knowledge of the ancient history of the world. Curiously enough, one of our own states, Massachusetts, does Contrary to the popular notion, the not make this a legal holiday, though

Where Chistmas is Not Observed. Christmas Day, due to its religious significance, is not so generally observed as New Year's Day. It has, world with 84 holidays. The United States, with moreover, only three different dates,

The United States comes next

54, is a close second, although she, it was not generally observed on Deunlike Brazil, practically ignores the cember 25 until the fourth century. church days. Another popular delu- The early church, lacking any ausion is shattered when we and that thentic knowledge as to the date of France has only 18 formally observed Christ's birth, celebrated it without days and Italy only, 23. We had sup- uniformity in May, April and Januposed the Latins always outdid us in ary. The Armenian Church still observes January 6. Why the December date was finally selected is uncerwill observe 20 days next year, Great tain. Some see in it a displacement of the Roman Saturnalia; others de-clare it a survival of the Feast of the Winter Solstice, and still others point

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TOWNSEND

Center.

A merry party of boys gathered at the home of Louis Parker on the moved with his parents to Ayer and the home of Louis Parker on the moved with his parents to Ayer and the History road hast Saturday after nom to assist the young lad in collection of the Townsend Furniture Co. Lad on the History of the moved with his parents to Ayer and Mechanicswile, and then to Plandish of the History of the Mountain, Men's for further synchroly the led high served consisting of molasses coronical parts, cornical bread sand the road standing and games and other appears played with a "little collection of the Colle

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. W. W. Van Kirk's ser-

cester: subject, "Dramatics."

The following notice will interest the Poultry club and others interested in the raising of poultry: Edward Brown, of London, England, the noted poultryman, has been secured by the Agricultural college for a series of meetings during the week of February 4. Fastern Massachusetts poultrymen will have an opportunity to hear him on Tuesday afternoon, February 5, at 2:30 o'clock in the reading-room on the third floor of the Boston Chamber of Commerce-building.—

of Commeree-building.—
On last week Friday evening a happy party of Christian Endeavorers numbering thirty-two from the C. C. church, Pitchburg, enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend Center, where a pleasant evening was spent with the C. E. society of the Congregational church. All enjoyed a box lunch together with coffee, served by the local society, after which singing and a general good time was participated in. The chaperones were Rev. and Mrs. G. Ernest Merriam and Mrs. A. C. Brown, Misses Bessie Forbes and A. Griggs were in charge of the party. Briggs were in charge of the party.

The Methodist people for the present vill hold cottage prayer meetings on riday evenings. Fifty Rebekahs gathered in Odd Fel-

Friday evenings.

Fifty Rebekahs gathered in Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evening to witness Mrs. Nina T. Folkins, d.d.p., and her suite install the officers of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge into their respective chairs: Clara B. Heselton, n.g.: Lillian H. Ross, v.g.; Mary E. Smith, sec.; Harriet E. Savage, treas.; Mary A. Spring, warden; Edna L. Bray, cond.; Helen C. Dobson, i.g.; Hannah E. Gray, o.g.; Margaret B. Higgins, r.s.n.g.; Clara C. Flarity, l.s.n.g.; Eva M. Ely, r.s.v.g.; Persis L. Reed, l.s.v.g.; Winifred E. Farrar, chap. The noble grand appointed the different committees for the year. The supper committee served hot coffee, sandwiches and fancy crackers. Harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the evening and pleasing remarks were made by the deputy president and members of her suite. By order of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the meetings are to open at 7.30 and close at ten o'clock hereafter. 30 and close at ten o'clock hereafter. John Dobson, postmaster, has re-ceived instructions as to the registra-tion of alien enemies. The registration will commence on Monday morning, Pobruary 4, at six o'clock, and continue very day until Saturday evening, Feb-uary 9, at eight o'clock. Persons required to register include all natives. subjects of a foreign government or nation with which war has been demore important commercial regions of the earth. Nor is this an unusual condition created by the war. We are accustomed to jump remarkable of the category of we field. If one heave the meaning of all to the meaning of all to the meaning of all to the more of the more of

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. W. W. Van Kirk's sermon subject will be "Things that make a home." His subject for the union service to be held at the Congregational church, will be "Democracy and brotherhood."

The Monday club will meet on Monday at the home of Mrs. Iva S. Worcester; subject, "Dramatics."

The following notice will interest the congregation and form and of the solution headquarters and sent to the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the many of the mind have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary since it of the solution of the list of knitted articles given in last week's issue, the following other articles have been made by the Townsend auxiliary sinc 20 gauze compresses, 600 tampons, 596 bandages and 16 comfort pillows; 50 Christmas boxes and 27 comfort kits have been sent to our town soldier boys, 16 of the Christmas boxes being sent across seas. A few more dollars have been sent in since the net proceeds of the Red Cross sale was announced, making the total \$354.32. At the weekly meeting of the Red Cross letters were read from the following, expressing appreciation of the Christmas boxes sent: Private Harry M. Spaulding, Private George F. Tenney, mus boxes sent: Private Harry M. Spaulding, Private George F. Tenney, Private James Wallace Green, all of Co. B. U. S. Engineers. A. E. Forces, Over Seas: Private Stephen Coffey, Aero Squadron, Signal Corps, A. E. F.: Private T. Monohan, Fort Sill, Okla-homa; Private W. Leonard Temple, Dept. Engineers, West Point, N. Y.; Dept. Engineers, West Point, N. Y.; Private John Knowlton, 301st Infantry, Reg. Infirmary, Camp Devens, and Francis Struthers, Harvard Radio

Junior Chautauqua.

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The Junior Winter Chautauqua club met on Monday afternoon after school hours with an attendance of about sixty-five at the Center school, and the program was in charke of the labor commission. Two fine papers were given, one by Francis Wright, on "A famous American who worked with his hands to make good" (Benjamin Franklin), and one by John Mosher, on the theme of the meeting "Nothing without labor." Margery Heselton recited a poem entitled "Workers," and little Mabel Clement gave the following quotation from the late President McKinley, "If you will just learn how to do one useful thing better than anyone else you will never be out of anyone else you will never be out of

anyone else you will never be out of a job."

The children brought the ten cents that they had earned since the last monthly meeting and told how they earned, \$4.42 being brought in and given, according to their vote, to the Red Cross.

The Townsend Harbor branch also had a meeting at the Harbor schoolhouse with about twenty in attendance and their teacher, Mrs. Edna Bray, general manager of the Townsend Harbor Chautauqua, in charge. The amount earned and brought in by this branch for the Red Cross was \$1.40.

amount earned and brought in by this branch for the Red Cross was \$1,40. In the evening Miss Dorothy Powell, supervisor of Junior Chautauqua clubs, met with the older members of the club at the Center school building and folk dancing and games were enjoyed. joyed.

celebrate January 7.

In the Putitan days Scotch Presbyterians and English Non-Conformists rejected Christmas Day altogether as "savoring of papistry," and in New England Thanksgiving Day was devised to replace it. It seems a cutious thing that there are today Christian countries where it is not observed legally. Such are Norway, Pannma, Peru, Portugal and the South African Union.

The last named, however, still observes the old English institution of Boxing Day on December 26. This was the day when the English gentry, having had their own Christmas celebration to the poor by presenting the most of the poor by presenting them by Mrs. Barber. James the hospital at Fort Sill, Ok. ahoma, attention to the poor by presenting the most of the poor by presenting the mith of the day before, turned their attention to the poor by presenting the most of the product of the most of the product of the attention to the poor by presenting the most of the poor by presenting them by Mrs. Barber. The day the special can be produced to the product of the day before, turned their attention to the poor by presenting them by Mrs. Barber. The day the post of the attention to the poor by presenting them by Mrs. Barber. James the hospital at Fort Sill, Ok. ahoma, the production of food last Sunday norming at the Content of the product of the prod

Mrs Livers F Sherwin and son Roger spent last Schredy with relatives in John Whites

Mrs. Maria Piper has returned from Somerville, where she has spent the last five weeks with her daughter, and opened her home on the Fitchburg road. Her daughter accompanied her home and spent a few days with her before returning to the city.

George Way, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnsworth, has entered the employ at the Fessenden mill at the Center.

BROOKLINE, N H.

News Items. Miss Mary Conner, of Newton Center, Mass., has been a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Eldorus Fessenden.

Mrs. Edward Hadley spent two days last week at her Brookline home. Mr. Hadley's brother, Thomas Hadley, of Arlington, Mass., expects to leave soon for France to take up work in the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Charles Wilkins fell on the ico and broke her wrist, recently. Edward Smith, who was boarding at her home, is now with Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb. Mrs. Alvin Wheeler, of Milford, has been a guest of Mrs. Silas Wheeler.

Will Riordon received a bad wound from an ice pick on the arm last week Thursday. The services of Dr. Hol-combe were required. Grover Farwell, who is stationed in Newport, R. I., has been ill with the German measles.

Clark Barnaby is detained at home with a severe cold.

Andrew Marshall, who has been employed in Squantum, Mass., has been at home on account of a bad cold.

Mrs. Edward Kelly and little son Arthur returned on last week Thursday from a week's visit in Spencer, Mass. A part of Mr. Kelly's household fur-nishings have arrived and the parsonage will now be open.

The weekly prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb on last week Thursday evening. Rev. Edward Kelly had charge of the service and there were ten present.

Mrs. Minnie I. Holcombe spent last week Thursday in Nashua. The South Brookline Social club held

ts seventh meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucian Farrar. Cookies and tea Weve served and a social hour enjoyed by all. Arthur Brown made a business trip Pepperell on last week Thursday night.

Mrs. Harry Powers and the little son of Rev. Edward Kelly are both kept in-doors by the German measles. The G. T. C. met this week with Mrs. Frank Austin.

Hazel Storer was a guest last week of Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck, Mrs. William Hall has returned from

Cambridge, Mass. Her son Herbert was a little more comfortable when sho left him on Friday.

Telephone Connection 3m46

Seven million tags have been made for the Fuel Administration to be at-ached to coal shovels, warning people not to waste coal. Perhaps this will help some, and at all events it will do

what seems to be most needed, howwhat seems to be most needed, however, is a vigorous attack by the Fuel Administration on the main difficulty with the coal situation. So far as the public is informed there is plenty of coal, but a lack of means for getting it to the consumer. The coal traffic was so long held up by priority for other freight that the situation has become very serious.

The railroads are not to be blamed. They have been under government or distinct the simple of the property of which, from their coallicting character, it was impossible to carry out. Even which is essential to the relief now so urgent.

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It has got far past the tag-the-shovel stage, and there will have to be very prompt and sufficient relief if public disorder and grave menace to health and life are to be avoided. Illness and death have already resulted from in-sufficiently warmed homes; suffering

in many instances has been intense The railroads are not to be blamed

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Official notification is received here Official notification is received here by the local committee of the women. Mrs. Appleton, on food conservation, urging strict observance and careful economy, particularly in the question of wheat, meat, sugar and fats. The account of the mass meeting in Tresmont Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, and the forceful utterances of Henry B. Endicott, food administrator, should have their weight. The state of Massachusetts is well up in the list of those doing their best, and the particular of the see this town fall behind in this movement to win the war.

All who had the pleasure of listening to him are unanimous in their apprecation of the speaker of the evening.

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ovement to win the war.

The supper at the Methodist vestry The supper at the Methodist vestry on Tuesday evening, under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. H. Beers, was very well attended, about 100 being present. It was excellently served and a success financially, the sum of twenty-two dollars being realized.

Keith, who is still confined to her bed.

Gerald A. Shattuck has recently been notified by the secretary of the navy of his promotion from ensign.

U. S. N., to lieutenant, J. G. He had been at the navy yard at New Jersey much of the time recently and is not notified of his transfer from Philedelphia to Wilmington, Del.

Arthur Leary and John Paggarather.

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Arthur Leary and John Paggerty
from Camp Devens spent Sunday at
their respective homes.

John Frazer returned home lastweek from Putnam, Conn., after a five
weeks stay with M. and Mrs. E. S.
Duffy.

Mrs. Burton Humphrey and son are at present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fletcher, Oak hill. Mrs. Humphrey is caring for their aged mother, Mrs. Jane Fletcher, and assisting Mrs. Eugene Fletcher, who is not strong.

In a recent New Hampshire paper in the Greenville items announcement is made of the birth of a "daughter (Isabelle) January 9 to Pasquale and Anna Tallarico," who have often visited in this town.

P. S. Dear Sir if I may ask you a small answer to see or this letter is aughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Shattuck, formerly of this town, occurred January 16 at her home at lowell at the age of forty-three years after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Miss Shattuck was a native of this town, removing from here to Lowell with her parents, about thirty-five years ago. Miss Shattuck is survived by there aged parents and a sister. Miss Shattuck all of Lowell.

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Mrs. Joseph Gates received announcement last week of the birth of twin boys to her sister and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Archambault, at Pittsfield Mills, Vt., January 20. Mrs. Archambault will be remembered as Miss Gertrude Hatch.

About Town.

The Woman's club will meet at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday afternoon, February 5. A talk will be given by Mrs. L. C. Chamberlain, on "Points on interior decoration." Music by Edgar Blake

Mrs. F. S. Bancroft received a cablegram from her son Lloyd stating his safe arrival in France.

There will be a business meeting of the Red Cross chapter on Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell. All members of the executive loard are requested to be present.

The annual meeting of the Pepperell District Nurse association will be held in Saunders' banquet hall on Wednesday evening. February 6, at 7.45. The annual reports will be given and the election of officers will take place; also, the report from Miss Hamilton, the district nurse. All members and all those interested are requested to be present.

whose funeral occurred at her late home on Monday, takes from her household and her neighbors, and from Prudence Wright chapter, of which she was a loyal member, a most interesting personality. Bright and keen in thought and word, graceful and attractive in person and wonderfully able in the management of a family able in the man The passing of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow

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Fear has been felt that a still great-Fear has been felt that a still kreater change of library hours would be necessitated by the shortage of fuel at Lawrence library, but at the present writing we are informed that matters will remain as at present—open Wednesdays. Thursdays and Saturdays, from nine to twelve o'clock in the morning, and two to eight in the eventing.

Mrs. Charles S. Parker and Mrs Perley J. Blake have been suffering from rather serious illness at their refrom rather ser spective homes.

on Tuesday evening. January 29, a union meeting of the Men's club and that of the Unitarian church was held in the Saunders' banquet hall. A large representative audience filled the hall. It was ladles night also. Dr. Qua, president of the Men's club, introduced as the speaker of the evening Rev. Fr. Malley, who gave a most interesting account of his life as chaplain for ten years at the Charlestown state prison and his experiences with the prisoners. All who had the pleasure of listening to him are unanimous in their appreciation of the speaker of the evening.

The following officers of East Pep-

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movement to win the war.

Mrs. E. M. Durrell, who has been with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stone, for several weeks past, at East Boston, spent a few days at her home on Pleasant street recontly, returning to the home of her brother again last freek.

Donald Jacobs, from the Harvard Cadet school, spent a short furlough over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs.

Earl Parker spent Sunday in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Parker, as usual. Mr. Parker, who spent last winter in Florida, has been surprisingly well at home here, this severe weather. He is able to be out of doors nearly every day, and seems stronger.

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Red Cross.

The following notices from the Morth Middlesox chapter, A. R. C., North Middlesox chapter, A. R. C., have been received by the president of the local Red Cross branch, and the itention of all members and auxiliary branches is called particularly to them: "It has been suggested that them: "It has been suggested that summer coming the demand for these articles will be greatly reduced, while the demand for surgical dressings, hospital garments find refugees' clothing will be increased. This does not apply to socks, for which there is an diending demand."

On January 25 comes this: "The

unending demand."
On January 25 comes this: "The divisional headquarters gives the information that each chapter can out if its own men who come under the new draft." Therefore, this branch may use its knitted articles for that purpose. The Lowell chapter will be glad to help out if the local chapter runs short.

The demand for surgical dressings.

A Letter from Belgian.

The following letter has been received by M. H. Sullivan from a Belgian soldier. It is in reply to a contribution made to the "Belgian soldiers' tobacco fund," and shows the happiness resulting in the heart of at least one poor fellow. The letter is copied exactly as written, and is published that many other contributors to the fund may know of the Belgian soldiers who in 1914 saved civilization, for without Llege there might never have been a victory of the Marne.

Henri Bonne

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Belgian Army on Field
Dec. 29, 1917.

not strong:

A Cablegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Bancroft from their son Lloyd on Sunday, announcing his mafe arrival "over across." He was transferred from Fort Hamilton, N. Y., to Portland, Mc., some time ago, although the date of the departure of the regiment was not, of course, announced. The message states, "arrived O. K."

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From an old Warrior and Belgium
Friend, Henri Bonne.

P. S. Dear Sir if I may ask you

Whose dishonored bodies lie Among the corpses of accursed H The trusting world has wakened. At the silence of your cry. Too late for you; but still in time To save the Future from the C of greed, and hate, and coward All Hell that fiends could plan, You, helpless, bore, i Ere Death crashed through Your torture's door. (Do you, released, yet hear the g

Fre Learn crashed in Jose Your torture's door.
(Do you, released, yet hear the guns. Whose thunders shake the sky?)
Man's justice cannot reach
The baseness of your tyrants, selfhefouled:
Their souls have been long drad—
corrupt:
Nor need Man seek revenge; but only
slay
To cleanse the earth, profaned by such
as they:

To cleanse the earth, profance by such as they.

For One has said, "I will repay,"

Hear witness, biessed dead,

Not vain your sacrifice!

No peace, nor armstice.

Nor moment's respite from the fray.

Shall be granted to the foe.

Till he be conquered, for we know

The human race endangered,

And once more.

The sefety of mankind to buy.

he present.

The annual meeting of the Pepperell The sons of God go forth to die.

BOXBOROUGH

An alarm for fire was given on last week Thursday evening and the neighbors hastened to give what help they could to Ralph Whitcomb, whose house had caught fire from the chimney. Both house and barn were burned to the ground. Mrs. Whitcomb was been with her little boy when the fire district nurse. All members and all those interested are requested to be present.

Benjamin H. McKinley is in Washington, D. C., and his wife is visiting ington, D. C., and his wife is visiting ther uncle, Samuel Blodgett, at Growing of Ridges. His mother, Mrs. Robert McKinley, is well-known is town, as she was a housekeeper a long time for Mr. Gilson, Groton street, but at present keeping a boarding house in lowell. Bert McKinley is each lowed in the Union depot, Lowell, his wife was Miss Gooding of Peppereil.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Harriette Mahelle, oldest daughter of Mrs. Sarah Williams Clapp of this town, to Edward Loren Goulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Loren Goulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Loren Goulding, Their off and Lexington, on Thesday evening, Jánuary 15, at Philadelphia, Pa. It was a navy blue wedding. Their offy attendants were Mr. and Mrs. D. 8. Hoffman, who entertained them. Rev. Charles Bromson performed the ceremony, the double ring service being used. The bride is a nurse at Newiton and the groom is in connection with the U. S. naval hospital at Philadelphia, expecting to leave at any time for France. They both have the best wishes of their friends.

The passing of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow, whose funeral occurred at her late whose fune

Monday vacations at home.

The Red Cross meets on Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. B. Robbins. The young folks who are unable to come then are invited to come in the evening. The work now is ambulance pillows and treasure bags. All are asked to bring seissors, washable cloth to snip, worn linen handkerchiefs, used stamps, worsted or yarn or worn knitted articles that may be raveled out. Town meeting in the town hall on Monday at twelve o'clock.

Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, John E. Case, of South Acton. Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

On Sunday morning Mr. Case, of South Acton, will supply the pulpit, while the paster will preach at the Baptist church in West Acton. Rev. Mr. Pierce has not fully recovered from Mr. Pierce has not fully recovered from his recent illness as yet.

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The missionary institute which was held on Monday in Fitchburg at the Rollstone and Calvinistic churches, was attended by the pastor and Miss Mary Hager, delegate. The program included very good and inspiring speakers, and all the pastors and delegates were doubly rewarded in attending these meetings.

Grange Notes.

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The efforts udvanced by the committee on last week Friday evening were worthy of a much larger attendance. All who were present however, enjoyed the program exceedingly. Miss Hazel Morse gave three good resolutions for the Adelphian club and Carl Swanson gave three good ones for the Camp Fire Girls to follow. Rev. G. M. Missirian gave an interesting talk on "Noted historical resolutions." A

the Camp Fire Girls to follow. Rev. G. M. Missirian gave an interesting talk on "Noted historical resolutions." A pageant of days followed. In this, Lewis Richardson, as Father Time, summoned all of the festival days of the year to pass before time. Simon Hager, as Old Year, came first and hailed little New Year, represented by Herbert Livermore, four years old, who made his first appearance on the stage. About twenty well-known days followed, the costumes being especially well got up; some were very unique, as the hottest day, represented by Catherine Sherry, who appeared as a huge thermometer, registering 110? The last to appear was Chauncey Robbins, who as Santa Claus, distributed popcorn and apples to all. Those taking part in this part of the program were Lewis W. Richardson, Simon B. Hager, Herbert Livermore, Elsie M. Graves, Mabel W. Wetherbee, Maria E. Steele, J. Randall Livermore, George A. Richardson, Helen I. Burroughs, Alice R. Graves, Catharine M. Dodge, Maud Richardson, Susie E. Coffey, Alvin W. Richardson, Catherine and Anna Sherry, J. Rogene Priest, Ada B. Durkee, Ethel W. Mead, Chauncey B. Robbins.

Frank W. Dodge, past master, installed Ina M, Wetherbee as Pomona assisted by Hazel Morse.

The new programs, arranged under the direction of the literary committee, look very interesting indeed. It is hoped that the members will attend the meetings better and thus support the master and officers in their efforts to make 1918 or notive page in Grange to make 1918 an active page in Grang

history.

The next meeting of Borough Pomona Grange will be held in Odd Fellows' hall; Marlboro, Wednesday, February 13. The subject for the morning session will be "Shall government price-fixing become permanent?" T. P. Marshall, Marlboro, The afternoon will be "Wood fuel," by F. W. Rane, state forester; fifteen-minute entertainment in charge of Walter Hutt, lecturer of Southboro Grange; Charles Lamar, Marlboro, humorist.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Postmaster General Burleson by authority of President Wilson makes the following announcement: "All German allen enemies must register with the postmaster on one of the following dates from February 4 to 9, inclusive, between six o'clock a. m. and eight o'clock p. m."

Mrs. Bahcock is antertaining seven

Mrs. Babcock is entertaining sever-il guests, among whom is her sister-n-law, Mrs. Stewart, of Boston. in-law, Mrs. Stewart, of Boston.
Mr. Ayer of Cambridge, who provides coffee for Camp Devens, driving a heavy truck between Boston and Ayer, is moving into the Patrick Mc-Govran house near Westlawn ceme-

Mrs. George A. Cook has been indis-

The C. E. social at the Baptist ves-The C. E. social at the Baptist vestry last Tuesday evening proved a very successful affair. There were about sixty young people who enjoyed games, refreshments and a general social hour. The efforts of those who thoughtfully plenned the social were evidently much appreciated.

Miss Evelyn Kimball recently at-tended the wedding of a normal school classmate in Bridgewater and played the wedding maches the wedding marches.

Deputy Classon of Leominster is expected to install the new officers of the Odd Ladies lodge next Monday

W. L. Pickard, director of the farm-N H Whitcomb, H. S

ers' exchange, N. H. Whitcomb, H. S. Barker, E. H. Priest, C. A. Kimball, J. W. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Plags and son and Mrs. Annie C. Smith attended the farmers' institute in Ayer Westerstein on Wednesday.

To the Editor:

After thinking about the article written for the Guidon concerning the lack of entertainment for the town hoys I would like to say that the restlessness of the boys might be cured by sleighrides, coasting parties and other amusements which they themselves might plan. Remember that in the conservation of coal it is impossible for most of the houses in town to be heated for festivities. I do not think that Camp Devens lads should be denied the privilege of a few evenings in the company of Littleton girls, hecause of the lack of amusement for the town boys, do you?

the town boys, do you?

Consider it:

Anonymous.

SHIRLEY

The Altrarian club met with Mrs. Jary W. Hazen, who kindly entertain-d the members Thursday afternoon is: Rey Julian S, Wadsworth, D. D. v. Julian S. Wadsworth, D. D., birg, who gave a very interestions on "The democracy of personal observation." Mrs. White, secretary of the Percivice League of Boston, gave in the curfew bell and advised plan of it in Shirley. Meeting and at 2.30, the president, Mrs. Whooler president. "The Star Wheeler, presiding. "The Star Banner" was sunk and the to flag repeated. Meeting of for two weeks. The procal committee.

Miss Grace Reed has recovered from the German measles and resumed teaching at the Center school on Tues-

The ladies of the Center are to meet on Wednesday afternoons at two o'clock with Mrs. G. L. Snow for the purpose of preparing surgical dress-

Major Gough and Major Murphy, who have been occupying the house on Center road owned by the late Mrs Cynthia E. Lynch, move their families this week to the Fernald house at the Willage.

There will be a recital at the town hall of Wednesday evening. February 5 bt Mrs Banchor of Ayer, who has been acting as substitute teacher al the Center school. The recital will be by dancing. ----

By MILDRED WHITE.

(Copyright, /1917, Western Newspaper, finion The storm was coming. James Bur rows let out the speed of his red car. hoping to reach the village five miles below before the rain should descend The sky grow darker as thunder rolled about the encircling hills.

To the city lawyer the rough winding ronds seemed almost impassable impatiently he decided to seek shelter at a farmhouse not far distant, than hesitated undecidedly, as the sun gleamed for a moment in promise. As he slowed down near the gateway, a bent old man peered up at him.
"Good morning, uncle," the lawyer

greeted, but the old man did not return his smile. "Bad evening, mister," he replied,

"goln' to have one of our blowups Better stop, hadn't ye an' wait inside?" "Thanks," Burrows responded, "I think I can reach the village before the storm breaks, and have supper

there." The old man shook his head. "Don't believe it," he said, "we're alone here, Phil an' me, but I reckon Phil could

pick up something for you to eat."

Turning, he cupped his hands and called to a blue-overalled figure hoe-Two anti-aircraft posts are established nearby to keep off enemy air-planes. If the balloon is menaced the ing in the distance. "Phil," he screamed, "Phil." The lad bending over his work apparently crew bring it down from 5,000 feet in

did not hear. "Never mind," Burrows said, "Til take a chance and ride on." " the old man asked, "if "Wonderyou could carry me along to the next

house down there? See it?-the red "Certainly," the lawyer agreed, and the former seated himself in the car with evident pride.

When Burrows had disposed of his companion, the storm descended un-expectedly. Great sheets of rain swept against him, the wind threatened to blow his small car from its course, lightning flashed whiplike around the Swiftly he turned about, with difficulty, making his way back to the old man's house. Uninvited he sheltered his car in the great white barn, and dashed breathlessly up the steps of the porch.

"Phil" was there before him, evidently the youth also had rushed to safety. His fresh face shone startled beneath the brim of his old felt hat at the stranger's approach, but he wen on stolidly scraping the mud from the soles of his rubber boots.

"An old man-your father I sup--" the lawyer said, "suggested that I wait here until the storm has abated." Burrows smiled. "He also intimated that you might 'pick up' something for me to eat, I'm furiously hungry."

The boy lounged in the doorway. "That was granded," he answered la-conically. His eyes studied the stran-"Perhaps, I could find something," he said suddenly, and disappeared in the house. His heavy boots tracked the clean scrubbed floor, as the lawyer followed him inside, the rain-soaked old hat still rested upon Phil's head, as he deftly placed tempt ing food upon the table. "Sit down," he said at last abruptly,

and himself dropped into a wide armed chair at the opposite end of the wooden table. "You and your grandfather live alone?" Burrows asked incredulously,

as he buttered a flaky biscuit, "then "Me," the youth answered, his tone was sullen. "Cooking, farming, everything—I do it all, but I won't much longer. Grandad's going to be married

again-" a sneer curled the red lips-'that's where he's visiting now." "And then?" the lawyer asked interested, "What are you going to do?" Phil shook his head despondently. "Don't know," he replied. "Never had a chance to prepare for anything, had

"Oh! I can't go," he cried and snatched the felt hat from his head.

About the round childish face, fell a mass of golden hair, angrily Phil caught the hair and drew it like a cloak about her, "You see," she said "I-I am his granddaughter, Philippa. The overalls and boots were but my farming costume. I allowed you to think what you believed." Tragic disappointment lingered in

her eyes. The lawyer stood staring as though he too, saw a vision.

"Philippa," he said slowly, "I've mother back there in the city, who needs a companion like you, someone to teach-to love, to care for. When she comes for you, will you be ready to go back with her?" And Philippa said she would.

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The King's Daughters will hold their annual meeting at the home of Miss E. E. Hersey for all day sewing on Thursday, February 7.

On Monday evening twenty-five of the Girl Scouts, with Miss Doe as chap-eron, attended a special benefit motion icture show in Ayer.

picture show in Ayer.

On Friday evening, February 8, the Unitarian ladies will hold a supper and social at the town hall. Suppers at six and seven o'clock, in charge of Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth. The entertainment, followed by social dancing, will be put on at eight o'clock. In accordance with the new ruling the hall will be closed at ten o'clock.

Hugh Waters is at the Carney hospital, where he is under treatment for spinal trouble.

GIRL SCOUTS Groton

to school, but I did the work mornings and evenings, and I made it. Now," the young voice broke discouragingly, "he don't need me any more." Sudden unaccountable sympathy flamed in the lawyer's breast.

"Phil," he said, "if you will come with me—tomorrow, Fil give you a start in the world. Help is scarce at this time, I need you in my office."

Crimson spots glowed in the lad's round cheeks, quickly he rose to his feet. "You mean," he said, "that you'd take me there to the city, that you'd help me to—live."

The lawyer nodded silently. Then with sudden passionnte motion the lad buried his face in his arms, his shoulders shaking with sudden sobs.

"Oh! I can't go," he cried and "Cross has been divided into will be sent for the use of some sick soldier.

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The willage has been divided into districts each Scout naving her own section for soliciting funds for the Y. M. C. A. Red Cross, etc.

Lancaster

The executive board of Girl Scouts met Wednesday evening of last week at the residence of Mr. Chickering of lancaster. This board is in charge of ill matters relative to the Girl Scouts of Lancaster. Four troops have been formed and hold meetings as follows: Monday afternoon in the gymnasium—Troop No. 1. White Rose. Eighteen Brownie Scouts meet at the same time in another room. Wednesday afternoon the Thistie Troop meets in South Lancaster at the Red Cross room. Wonday evening another troop who has not selected their crest meets in the gymnasium. These troops are open to all girls between the ages of ten and twenty. The Brownie Scouts will be giad to welcome as niembers any little girls between six and ten years of age. ears of age.

and sked, seriously, "What can a fella do in this house, anyway?"

If you are worried about your in somnia, pick a quarrel with that amateur prizefighter."

"Why?"

"He can put you to sleep.

BLACKEN THE PRESIDENTS BOOTS

If President Wilson sees fit to nominate his soci-in-law to run the rail-conductive of the country, at this time of the country at this time of the country. The president will be willed to in the face, he climbed up into a chair and asked, seriously, "What can a fella do in this house, anyway?"

Don't put boiling water in a ru' be hot water bags.

in any of the girls in troops 1 and 2 having passed their tenderfoot examination, are now entitled to wear the water in, which they have been boiled kinkl armlet with troop number and

flower crest. This will be worn at troop meetings and whenever a scout is doing scout duty.

Troop No. 1—Mrs. Barker, capt.: Mrs. Page, lieut. The senior patrol have had their uniforms for two months. Thirteen more girls of this troop are now entitled to theirs and are planning to give an entertainment to raise funds for this purpose.

Troop No. 2—Miss Dorothy Peters, capt.; Miss Charlotte Sanderson, lieut. Twelve girls passed their tenderfoot examinations and wore the tenderfoot armite for the first time when doing scout duty at three performances of the Amazons on Monday.

Brownie Scouts—This company now numbers twenty and are most faith-ful in attendance. Clinton

The members of Clinton Troop are rehearsing for a play entitled a "Modern Cinderella," to be given in the near future. The proceeds will be given the Aver Federation Council

f Girl Scouts to further the work in this community. Harvard The Holly troop is very fortunate in having such a splendid leader as Miss Janet Doe for captain. She brought a party of Harvard Scouts to the Ayer Souts' moving pictures and this showed the friendly feeling which is growing up among sister scouts in the nine towns of the Federation. When Harvard undertakes an entertainment the Ayer girls will reciprocate this cor-

Ayer girls will reciprocate this cor-diality. Shirley

Shirley Scouts also visited the Ayer theatre on Monday. They came with Mrs. Chamberlin, captain of the troop. Mrs. Elisworth is captain of the Brownie Scouts. The wives of the of-Brownle Scouts. The wives of the officers at Camp Devens are doing their bit in helping the young girls in the community to be of service to their country as well as the young men. Two army women in Shirley, six in Ayer and one in Littleton are proving themselves good officers for girls and we are recalled of them. proud of them.

The total exports of crude rubber from Para and Manaos, Brazii, during November, 1917, amounted to 8,340,433 pounds, compared with 5,587,693 lbs. the same period in 1916. Shipments to the United States aggregated 4,168,597 and to Europe 4,171,336 pounds, compared with 2,879,044 and 2,708,672 pounds, respectively, in 1916.

The world has arrived at a stage where the old idea of force is obsolete and thought is leading action. It is impossible for a nation to survive as a nation which continues to sneer at and despise national ideals as foolish, iridescent dreams not worth practical consideration.—Baltimore American.

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Awaren Brown

Among the latest triumphs of the French aerial service is an observation balloon, named "Le Caquet," writes a Paris correspondent. In shape it resembles a great tadpole. Whereas other types are inconventenced by a wind of from 50 to 55 feet a second, Le Caquot can remain in the air unless the wind exceeds 65 to 75 feet per sec-

It takes 50 experienced men to maneuver it, for as soon as it leaves the shed great attention must be paid to the wind currents, so as to save the envelope from being torn. Attached to the balloon is a wicker car, in which the observer is installed with his maps, charts, arms, barometers, and telephone, the latter fixed over his ears so as to leave his hands free. He is also provided with glass and a white silk parachute for an emergency.

When the balloon attains an aititude of from 2,000 feet to 3,000 feet the windlass to which the cable is fixed is drawn by horses or motor car at a moderate pace to a point near the enemy lines, where a refuge excavated in the soil has been prepared. This accomplished, the observer transmits his instruction by telephone.

seven to ten minutes. FINDS BULLETS IN THE BODY Electro Magnet, Proves of Value in Ca-

nadian Hospitals Along the Lines

of Battle. A sound "very much like the whistle of a steamboat" in a stethoscope placed on the patient's skin is the manner in which an electro magnet tells the position of a builet in a wounded soldier's body, according to Surgeon General It is Fotheringham of the Canadian army

medical service. The new magnet has been found to be of great value in a large number of the Canadian hospitals in the battle zones, as with it the exact location of any electro magnetic substance, in cluding the German bullet, can be determined. An easily discernible vibration is set up by the magnet when the bullet is not deep-seated.

In cases of deeply imbedded bullets the electro magnet is placed on one side of the patient's body and a stethoscope is moved about on the side opposite the magnet. The nearest point to the foreign body is indicated by the 'steamboat whistle" and the skin is marked at that point. The operation for extracting the bullet follows.

Glass Eye That Moves Capt. J. L. Aymard, a British army surgeon, describes in the Lancet an improved glass eye which can move. The chief drawbacks to the ordinary glass eye are that, being simply a convex shell of glass, it tends to sink back into the socket and is fixed in a stony stare. Capthin Aymard gets over these difficulties by placing in the socket of the eye a sphere of living cartilage or gristle taken without risk from the patient's ribs. It is all one operation. While one surgeon reposed for nearly a week. Because of her illness and that of her son, the Red Cross work on Thursday was omitted at the West village.

The C. The Cook nas been indisposed one operation. While one surgeon removes the destroyed eye, another surgeon removes the pieces of cartilage from near the patient's breasthone. Two pieces are made into a little globe, which is placed in the and the thin outer covering of the eye the conjunctiva, is sewn over to hold it in place. The ordinary glass eye shell is inserted over this and is prevented from sinking backwards. Some

movement of the eye by the wearer is

said to be possible. Kate Field's Prophecy. When, a good many years ago, Kate Richard Gibbons of Bridgeport, Ct., was a recent guest of his cousin, Joseph A. Wainwright, and with him was pleasantly entertained at Camp Devens Sunday.

W. J. Fisher at though it had a limit," little she guessed how tremendously that sphere was destined to be enlarged by the coming of the way of the way of the way and evenings, and I made it. Now," one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. As a matter of course, observe an exchange, the great world war is responsible for the very rapid advance the women are making in every sphere of the world's work. We are no longer surprised to find that women are doing anything and everything that men can do, from driving warplanes to shining shoes. A shoe-polishing "parlor" in which only women are employed is now doing business in Boston, yet even this innovation scarcely challenges attention in these times of shifting con-

Tempting Natives to Work. Tempting natives of British New Guinea to work was a process which was explained during the hearing of a case in London recently. A man who has lived many years there said that he had solved a very difficult labor problem in New Guinea. The men could not be tempted to work for money, and he hit upon the idea of offering them bends, gaudy cloths, dogs teeth and musical instruments. To get these they worked for a twelvemonth and then induced others to do likewise.

Maize From Venezuela

As a result of a suggestion from the American consulate, based upon the higher prices for maize in the New York market than in Venezuela, shipments of maize from Venezuela to the United States, have been undertaken

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