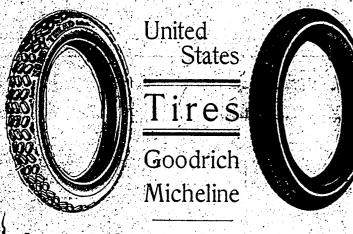
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### **PEPPERELL**

News Items.

Jesse Shattuck and five-weeks old daughter, who have been visiting his sister and other relatives for four weeks, were joined the Easter weekend by Mrs. Shattuck, and on Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shattuck and Miss Marion Elizabeth, now nine weeks old, left Pepperell for their home in Melrose.

home in Melrose,
Frank S. Whitney, after a long and serious illness, died March 31 in the Worcester insane hospital. He was born in Tumbridge, Vt., about seventy years ago. His parents were the late Lewis and Emeline (Nutting) Whitney, who resided in the south part of the town. His body was brought to Pepperell on Tuesday and was buried in Walton cemetery, beside that of his mother, as he wished.

Ow Monday, April 15, Miss Louise vere, remained a day over to attend the funeral of Miss Fitch.

Corp. John I. Howard, of Camp Devens, spent the Easter week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Melindy.

Mrs. O. M. Nash was very sick on Tuesday morning, requiring the doctor.

The latest case of Liberty measles in little Ernest Melindy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melindy.

The Ladies' Social circle, Branch

On Monday, April 15, Miss Louise Fax will give the long-looked for lec-ture; with filustrated slides, at the town hall, under the suspices of the

Although Expressman Leary was re-ported as called to the colors this week he has shipped two carloads of paper. There was a scarcity of the Easter lily in town this year. Nowhere was

Special

there the profusion of flowers as in the pro-war days. The expressman brought in three or four, and a few others went out of town. At one church there were none, and probably calla lilies took the place in another.

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The Basement Bargain

day to visit her mother in Providence, R. I., for a month.

Mrs. Thomas Attridge and son Franklin went on Wednesday to Troy, N. Y., to visit relatives; where she will remain until a week from Saturday. P. J. Kemp, who has kept a strict account of his flock of hens for a year, maying the grain and selling the eggs to the same party, finds his flock have netted him a dollar a head.

netted him a dollar a head.

Byron Allen entertained four soldiers from Camp Devens over Easter.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, of Concord, much esteemed former citizen, was in town last week and attended the Lenten dinner at the Methodist church. She has been the guest of Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Main street.

Frank Goff, of Concord, is in town, looking after his house made vacant by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason into the home of W. H. Annis.

Mrs. Alva Ciliford Dixon is victime.

Mrs. Alva Clifford Dixon is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. B. Simmons, Tucker avenue. Mr. Dixon is in France.

The families of John Mitchell and Mrs. Alice Oulton left last Friday for Brockton. Their goods went by auto

There are quite a number of carpeners waiting for lumber to arrive at

Rev. W. H. Beers went to Boston o attend the conference.

Frank Baker was in Ayer on Wed-esday, visiting at Camp Devens. iesady, visiting at Camp Devens.

It, was quite a puzzle to many to
know what the bell in the Congregaional church was ringing so long for
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imendment to the constitution for naional prohibition, thus making Massathusetts the cleventh state in order of
attification.

Blaze the hound that was injured

ratification.

Blaze, the hound that was injured by getting caught in a wire fence about a month ago, has been at Dr. Lewis animal hospital in Nashua, N. H., for some time, where his hind leg was amputated above the hock joint. He has been brought home again and is a very happy dog to get back and now promises to be all right again in a short time and will be found on the trail again next winter, even if with only three legs.

There was quite an excitement and

only three legs.

There was quite an excitement and a novel sight in town Thursday when about sixty mules with packs on the backs of most them came into Railroad square and finally came over Cross street to River street. Notice was telephoned, but one little fellow said "He knew it was Capt. Carter" of the Remount Station at Camp Devens. Without doubt it was a lot of mules in training—some were very pretty.

The schools will recope on Monday



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a short meeting so as not to interfere with the teacher training course which meets at eight o'clock! A beginning was made last Tuesday night, about twenty being present! when D. L. Whitmarsh taught the first chapter of the Pligrim training course for teachers.

Paugus Camp Fire Grls held a ceremonial meeting Thuriday atternoon at the Congregational darsonage. One girl, Woape, attained the rank of wood gatherer and was gives the ring.

The Bluebirds held their first meeting of the season and a social at the same place last Tuesday.

An entertainment fatte he gives

An entertainment is to be given in the Congregational vestry on Monday, April 15, under the suspices of the Woman's Misionary society.

Nearly twenty people, men and women, enjoyed the prilyliege of ringing the church bell last Tuesday at eight o'clock, when it was learned the prohibition ratification bill had been passed by the state senate. It was rung extra long because F.i.A. Torrey had yoted for it in the house and Hon. A. W. Colburn in the senate.

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See The Laddes' Social circle, Branch of Miss, D. R. Chille, on Friday, April 12. The business meeting will be held of an all-day meeting, at the how of Mrs. D. R. Chille, on Friday, April 12. The business meeting will be held at eleven o'clock. Lunch at 12.30 with k Mrs. Lincoln Johnson as hostess. At two o'clock Rev. Frank B. Crandall, of Ayer, will address the meeting.

Miss Marie Jordan went on Wednes
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The schools will reopen on Monday in the oid gruidion time—high school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools at 8.45. The Townsend street school at eight o'clock; grade schools where school at eight o'clock; grade schools while the hold and all-day meet Melind, so of Churches will be held in the follows here of the Little Sunt road meetings; and where schools will be held an all-day meeting at the home long. Sunday school will meet after church. At six o'clock the Forward or the little South road meetings; and w

About Town.

Rainsford Deware, president of the Pepperell Card & Paper Co., has been appointed chairman of the Pepperell liberty loan committee by the Federal Reserve bank of Boston. The liberty loan campaign will last four weeks, commencing April 6 and ending May 4. The share of bonds allotted to Pepperell is \$62,500. The rate of interest is 4½ percent and a five percent deposit will be asked for at time of subscription. A strong effort will be made to have the full amount subscribed by the townspeople. Mr. Described by the townspeople. be made to nave the tuli amount sub-scribed by the townspeople. Mr. De-ware will ask the co-operation of a good sized committee of citizens to help in this patriotic work for the gov-ernment.

Regular Wednesday and Saturday Afternoon meetings will be held for next two weeks at the home of Mrs.

E. B. Heald, as before.

Thomas Drummey, of East Pepperell, has been appointed by the North Middlesex chapter at Lowell as home service information bureau for the Red Cross. A home service committee will also soon be appointed.

A quota of 500 of the Red label front packet with attached bandage has been assigned to this branch to be

has been assigned to this branch to be finished in April. Workers are refinished in April. Workers are requested to bring thimbles and other sewing material.

The March report for work accomplished gives 273 guaze stump rolls and 12 dozen guaze compresses sent to Lowell; also, another large barrel of clothing for Belgian refugees. There was a large delegation of Littleton members at the Grange meeting on Wednesday evening. The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of eleven candidates, the regular officers working the first degree and the keines' degree staff working the second, with Mrs. Clarence Crosby as master. The work was extracted the degree work and brought forth well merited passe. Rev. Charles H. Smith, of Barre, deputy, inspected the Grange and spoke very pleasantly of the degree work and the Grange in general. He obsered suggestions such as he is making to other Granges. Peter MoNiff was reported sick and in a Boston hospital, where he is being treated for reputier of one eye. Flowers were sent to him. Visitors were present from Eaxborough, Ayer and Westford.

## LITTLETON

News Items. Several arrests have been made by overspeeders at Kimbali's corner since the accident.

Another welcome sign of spring—the peeping of the frogs was heard the first of this week. 'M. W. Leahy's foot is getting along well and the crutches have been laid aside. Mr. Leahy is busy at Camp Devens with his former dutles

Stedman Stewar: makes progress as rapidly as can be expected. He is still at the Corporation hospital in Lowell. Members of the family visit him fre-

Ruth Sawyer went to Lynn on Wednesday and attended the funeral of her grandmother. Mrs. Katharine Ayl-ward, at her late home, and the burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. George H. Cash is convalescent and now rides out on pleasant days. Mrs. Everett Kimball took her first automobile ride in months this week. It was a very short distance, but a forerunner of more extended pleasures

we hope.

The committee in charge of the entertainment to be given next Wednesday night in the Congregational vestry, under the auspices of the Congregational club, have had the good fortune to secure Aifred. H. Wardle of the Federation House, Ayer, who will tell Cape Cod stories. Mr. Wardle's reputation is so well established that he needs no further recommendation. Local artists will give several musical selections, and the program should prove a compelling attraction. A large audience is expected; popular admission fee

we regret that the builetin board at the library is not more generally used for the exchange of recipes. Most of our housekeepers have found valuable helps along the line of war-time cookery and should show their patriotism and generosity by sharing the benefits of their successful experiments.

Mrs. John Osborne has been taken much Red to a hospital in Boston, where she is enjoyed a slonary me sionary me



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Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Lambertson and haby arrived in town on Thursday and will occupy the parsonage on King street when their goods arrive from Greenland, N. H.

Charles F. Wors has resigned his office as town cook; also, his janitor-ship. Hev. O. ? Fairfield has accep-ted the office of clerk.

Hon, F. A. P. h. has tendered his resignation as town treasurer, and Langdon Fronty has consented to fill

Rev. Charles H. Swith took ton at Hon, C. A. Kimbo, E. and was enter-tained over mather G. E. Prouty's on Thursday.

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AYER, MASS

Marion Drew has won the honor of valedictorian and Edna Hartwell that of salutatorian of the senior class at the high school. Do You Know that This is the Time to Save? Donald Flagg is convalescing, and if And the he continues doing as well as at time of writing his mother will take him home the last of this week.

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Congression Lobin J. Rogers was in town on Thursday and called on the C. A. Kimbanis. He promises to give an address before the Woman's club the coming season before he enters upon his congressional duties.

At a meeting of the telephone association this week F. B. Priest reside an appear on "Christianity and civilization in Africa," showing much civilization in Africa," showing much civilization in Africa, showing much civilization in Africa, showing much civilization in Africa, showing much civilization of the subject. Miss Marion His week F. B. Priest reside and a paper on "Christianity and civilization in Africa," showing much civilization of the subject. Miss Marion His week F. B. Priest reside and a reason-signed the presidency and John A. Wright was elected his successor.

George I. First went to East Orthogonal and the concluding chapter in the text back on Africa studied this season. The ladies are preparing a large will cover all the expense. The ladies are preparing a days recently with her gaughter in Marblehead.

Mr. Gond his made extensive repairs on the Bouramin Robbins house in Pingreyxille gleatly improving the place.

James N.v. hus sold his entire herd of early is despenyed Derby, of Concord.

Miss. Thomas day for an all additional accomplished accomplished At noon they ch. At the missing afternoon Miss. H. Whiteemb.

A few Littleton people attended a dance at Camp Devens Tuesday night. Rev. F. W. Lamberton is expected to occupy the pulpit at the Congrega-tional church next Sunday.

Mrs. Holbrook goes to Baltimore the middle of April to visit her son for an indefinite length of time.

Miss Emile Lates has spent her week of vacation with her sister, Mrs. H. Whiteomb.

There will be a bean supper and a serial, "Daughter of Uncle Sam."

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im solo by Mildred Precious; also, singing by a double quartet. The winners in the speaking contest will be announced at the close of the entertainment, but the prizes will not be announced at the close of the entertainment, but the prizes will not be awarded until the producting exercises in June. The judkes deciding the contest will be itev. O. J. Fairfield of Littleton, Principal E, W. Merrill of the Chelmsford high school and Miss Blanche A. Cheney of the Lowell Normal school.

Beautiful weather for Easter Sumtlay made the union church services at the Unitarian church most impressive and inspiring. There was a full attendance from both churches, making a well-filled church. This church's beautiful audience-room was effectively decorated with Easter Illies and palms. The union choir carried out a beautiful program of Easter music. Rev. Howard Lincoln preached the sermon and Rev. L. H. Buckshorn sustained the other parts of the service. Mr. Lincoln's subject was "The risen Christ," and was an inspiring Easter message. At the evening service both pastors were present and gave brief talks sulfa able to the day, and supfered the services which this year represent and gave brief talks sulfa able to the day, and supfered the services of the sunday of the death of Miss Mary Jane allow the repetition another winter has already been used church will resume its regular services. Word came to Westford on Wednesday of the death of Miss Mary Jane and the of Messages and Mrs. The cloid the form of the children's afternoon at the Congregation, and the Congression. Mrs. Loveless and Mrs. Loveless and

church will resume its regular services.

Word came to Westford on Wednesday of the death of Miss Mary Jane Davis in Shirley at the home of her niece, Mrs. Clara. Miner where she has lived for a long time. She was born in Westford eighty-eight years ago at the old Hildreth homestead, which was destroyed by fire some few years ago. Miss Davis had been a member of the Congregational church for many years. Burial was in Westford this week Friday.

The Pitkin family are moving to the west side of the Hamlin house, occupied by Mrs. Mills previous to her death. Another tenant farmer employed by Mr. White will occupy the house made vacant by the Pitkins.

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Members of the home guards held their regular drill on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. With the return of settled traveling and good weather the men drilled out of doors, returning to the hall for roll call. Visitors present were Major Tuttle, Lieut. Furbush, adjutant and second Lieut. Douglass of the Concord company. Major Tuttle has offered the use of the rifle range in the Concord armory and Major Tuttle has oftered the use of the rifle range in the Concord armory and a number of men from the Westford company plan to go down next Thursday evening under the direction of Sergis, Cameron and Abbot. The competitive drill that was scheduled for April 19 in Concord has been cancelled.

The senior class, of the academy ave started rehearsals for a play to e given a little later in the season.

Mrs. George E. Jenkins, of Marblehead, has been a recent guest for sev-eral days of Mrs. Alma M. Richardson.

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ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS W. Hildreth, Miss May Balch, Miss mabel Drew and Miss Julia Eletcher.

Another impressive sign of the times

George O. Spalding has entered the employ of the H. E. Fletcher granite quarry.

Amos Polley of the Prairie farm Amos Polley of the Prairie farm was the first to appear in the open in the Stony Brook valley with plow and harrow for popoorn. The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks were a close five-minutes' second, harrowing in two acres of spring wheat. The Stony Brook valley is, now one live beehive in loyalty, to President Wilson's "Be as nearly self-supporting as possible." So we are all on the speed-up and when the dust won't fly the mud does. The least we can do is loyalty to the food problem, while the vigor of youth is loyal in the perils of the danger zone.

There will be a joint meeting of the Truncal and a legant wrist watch at an informal neets that the presentation speech was made by Private Frank Charlton, Both made by Private Frank Charlton, Both will stationed at Camp Devens.

Forge Village.

Communion services will be held afternoon at .30.

The Surgical Dressings club will

danger zone.

There will be a joint meeting of the officers, advisory board and directors of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau on Tuesday at 12.30 at 15 Fayette Court, off Washington street, opposite Hayward place, Boston. The invitation says that it is very important that man and woman director should altend this meeting. The organization and work of the bureau will be presented and discussed. A special feature of this meeting will be an address by John A. Schenerk, field manager of the Eastern Agricultural and Industrial league of Springfield. He is a very interesting speaker and knows farm bureau work from the bottom up.

The peach orchard on the Old Homestead farm has been vigorously pruned back, which is a sure sympton that the peach crop of 1918 has been postponed on account of the week, weather.

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The new daylight saving plan has already gone into effect and everyone responded as if nothing had happened.

The Surgical Dressings club will meet Tuesday evening. Joseph Bannister, a resident here for many years, has sold his home in Pine street and for the present is living with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingails of Westford. Later in the season when the roads are in better condition for travel he will journey to New Hampshire to remain with Louis Dane.

Dane.

Wassil Leduc, a Russian who purchased the property of Joseph Bannister, is to move into the house this week. It is also reported that he will build two more houses on the land adjoining.

The football team from Camp Devens that expected to play the local soccer club last Saturday afternoon was quarantined in barracks the last of the week, a member had contracted

inished their tenderfoot excep-and afterwards reheared the which they intend to sing at the The girls are going to Boston tos in the morning and are to their lunch with them. As the havn't their full uniforms they be obliged to wear white blouses, skirts and black shoes. A re-sed for the cantata, "The Ameri-gial," was held Monday evening, irls show great interest in the

and hope to give it shortly Eaglesfield and Miss Marjone from Groton, were present. Miss Mary B. Reigner, from

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iny friends here were very learn of the death of Missaw, of Ayer, Easter Surday, on filmess. Mrs. Murroy was bere for many years, where held in high-esteem. Durantesidence here she attended dist church in Granityille, three daughters, the Missawatte Murray who lived three daughters, the Misses and Mrs. William Morton, of the Conn.; also, three grand-Mrs. Morton was unable to mother's funeral owing to furfal took place in Ayer on afternoon. Those who atthe services from here were zabeth Plummer, Mrs. John Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. teclous and Miss Edith Preside Misses Annie and Emma he clous and Miss Edith Pre-the Misses Annie and Emma will accompany their brother Bridgeport, Conn., where remain with their sister for

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ings by Mrs. Stanley McNear and Edward Morse; plano and vocal selections
by Mrs. John Felch; —, general discussion of the further extension of
the Townsend hill road toward Brookline, relative to the article in the recent town warrant; and reports were
given of the community service meeting recently held at the Center, Miss
Carrie Walker reporting J. B. Abbott's talk on "Food production," and
Mrs. McNear, Miss Halbower's talk on
"Food conservation." In closing, Mrs.
McNear gave a humorous reading, entitled "Mary knits."

The members of the Monday club were entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wallace. The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. A. L. Struthers, who has traveled in Scotland, and who kave a very interesting talk on the country and its people. He spoke of the beautiful scenery and of the lakes and mountains, of Robert Burns' birthplace at Alloway, the shipyards on the Clyde, Alloway's kirk and other points of interest. Picture postcards, views, botanical specimens and a piece of thatch from the roof of Burns' cottage was exhibited. Refreshments were served during the social by the hostess.

"Billie" the little son of Mrs. Mary The members of the Monday club

"Billie," the little son of Mrs. Mary Mary Robbins, celebrated his sixth birthday at his home on Wednesday afternoon, and all the children of the neighborhood, Willie's little playmates, attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. The afternoon was passed in playing games and songs, and light refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

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The regular weekly meeting of the Boy Scouts was held on Wednesday evening at the schoolhouse under the direction of Charles Hodgman, scoutmaster.

teacher, Miss Inea Hill.

The granite quarry of the West Townsend Granite Syndicate, near the Mason line, was opened for work on Monday and several men are now employed there, and many more expected in the near future.

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Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, of Pepperell, was the mid-week guest of Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Minnie Knight.

vate Liddell, which makes it very pleasant, as they are both Townsend boys.

Mrs. Elbridge Adams, Old City, anderwent an operation at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, N. H., last week Thursday, and is reported as 2000 along nicely, which is very gratifying to her many friends.

Mrs. Floyd and family have noted from the John Hildreth place on Brookline street to the Howard out tage on Parke avenue.

The following is the quarterly report of T. E. Flarity, treasurer of Townsend auxiliary, American Red Cross, for my quarter ending March 30, which will be of especial interest to the 600 members in town: Receipts for the

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James Smith is suffering from an accident to his inose, having been struck in the face by a baseball while the children were playing at the school house at recess on Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladles Baptist Benevolent society was held on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lucy A: Lawrence, and a most enjoyable basket lunch was served at noon. At the business meeting it was yoted that Mrs. Joseph McKaan, Mrs. Cora Hodgman, and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney serve as a nominating committee, to report at the regular annual the first of them which has been in feeble health for the first of them which has placed in the first of them which has been sevently eight with the same trouble and her heart was too mittee, to report at the regular gament. Rev. Joseph McKaan will occupy his of a few weeks.

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GEORGE H. BROWN, Ayer

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Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stevens and daughter Ada, who have been spending the winter in Lunenburg and Flitchburg, returned to their home on the Turnpike road this week. Mr. Stevens is still employed in Flitchburg, going and returning in his auto.

Privates Elwin Swicker and Carl Liddell have been sent from Camp Devens to New Jersey this week-end. Before soing, Private Swicker was tranzferred to the company with Pri
At the Congregational church the special Easter music by the choir had to be omitted on account of illness of the farm of Will McDonald.

Mrs. Cyrus Lane attended the fusive in Pepperell, Monday.

At the Congregational church the special Easter music by the choir had to be omitted on account of illness and unavoidable absence of some of the members, but in its place Albert Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richards moving the members of the south tenement at Westview, the familiarly is now in a familiarly in the chil-

dren he gave a sermonette on "Eggs."
In the evening an Easter concert was presented, with the Sunday school forming the processional followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." The concert included these numbers: Organ reclint, A. G. Seaver: responsive reading, led by Mr. Howard: prayer, Rev. A. L. Strathers; welcome, Amy Wilder; Easter greet, ing. Helen MacDonald: exercise, "Federal Wilder; Easter greet, white and blue," three boys; recitation, "Easter Illy," Pauline Cowdrey; exercise, "Fair Hiles," girls of junior department; bags solo, "Calvary," Robert Copeland; "How spring comes," exercise, girls of primary department; song, girls of primary department; musical story, "Man Magdalene," Mildred Ballou, with oran accompaniment by Mr. Seaver word picture, "The triumph of love, senior girls and boys."

Pomona Grange Meeting

Pomona Grange Meeting.

The Middlesex-Wortester Pomona Grange held a successful meeting in Odd Fellows' hall last week Thursday with a good number in attendance. The morning session was opened at 10,30 with the Pomona Grange master. Mrs. Blanche Brown, persiding. The usual business was transacted followed by a rehearsal of the fifth degree. At the noon hour about 112 were served an excellent dinner in charge of Mrs. L. U. Clement, Mrs. Milo Spaulding, Albert Cowland and helpers from the Townsend Grange.

The afternoon session was open to

Guy Forbush, who is a teacher of French at Phillips academy, Andover, is spending the Easter vacation with his mother, Mrs. Scales, on the Fitchburg road.

On processes of the determinant of the public, when a cordial welcome was given by Mrs. Edna W. Bray, master of Townsend Grange, with a pleasing response by John Wright, steward of the Pomona Grange. A pleasing musical feature.

little place to have around when you need something at a moment's notice in the grocery line—that applies to our store where we have about everything Imaginable In the small grocery line. You will be surprised at the amount of stock we carry for your convenience. If you have not paid us a visit you should do so the next time you need something in our line—it will pay you to investigate our moderate prices for the quality good sold here.

Our Specialty is the Handling of the Very Bost

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Boy Scouts was new overing the schoolhouse under the collection of Charles Hodgman, scoutmaster.

A meeting of the West Townsend Brotherhood, which was set aside during the winter weather, was held in the vestry on Sunday noon. At the business meeting it was voted to continue the meetings, and that the same officers and committees serve until July. Ashbel Streeter serving as presipation.

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lags are hung, t s finely displayed Miss Mary Westernut National basis Boston, was an seter, Mrs. R. B.

Louis Josselyn, who has been spend-ing the Easter hondays with his par-ents, returned on Wednesday to the Mitchell military school.

Mr. Bladen, supervising electrical engineer at Camp Devens, was a guest at Seven Pines over Monday, night, Mrs. Strout has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Walter Proctor, in Needham. For the greater part of the winter Mrs. Strout has been with her mother, Mrs. Reed, in Mason, On Monday morning Mrs. John

Knowlton underwent a successful op-eration for appendicitis. At last report Mrs. Knowlton is recovering splendid-

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Mrs. W. W. Webster to been spending a few days with relative at the Center.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

There will be no service at the Methodist church or Sinday, as it is Conference Sunday.

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Andraw J. Callian of Camp Devens, spent the week and at his home here, returned to supe on Sunday of April A presented to serve this closely publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the new years his seed and his home of to each known person interested, fourteendays, at least before said Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the conference Sunday and his seed and of the property of the property of said absentee, has properted in said perifors for a sum not less than one thousand three hundred dollars, or at public auction. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the conference Sunday and his sent me on further the property of the property of the property of

Which the same

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m at the home lough, returned the work of Ralph Mrs. Walter The household 2 ods of Ralph Whitcomb and fanaly were removed to their new home in Gradher on Monday. We wish there and luck and hope they may find as good friends

All Advertisements Appear in All the Ten Papers We Publish

'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, April 6, 1918.

The Registered Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan are now ready for de-livery at the First National Bank of Ayer. All subscribers to that issue are requested to call and receipt for bonds at their earliest convenience.

### GROTON

### News Items.

Margaret Hodgman is the name decided upon for the little daughter born on March 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worrall, of Tacony, Pa.

Miss Etta Sargent entertained the members of the Neighborhood club on last week Wednesday afternoon with current events given by Miss Nellie Parrish and the usual social hour with refreshments and singing. Red Cross work was also accomplished.

Miss Edna Leonard spent her week's vacation from school duties with her sister, Miss Marguerite, in Chicopee. The fire alarm sounded twice on Monday for brush fires. In both cases the fires were soon under control.

Mrs. Bradford Harrington seems to be gaining strength and greatly joys the calls of her many friends, Albert Blood, of Beverly, spent last cek-end with his mother, Mrs. M. J.

Blood, Main street. Miss Ogilvie spent the latter part of the week with her parents at their home on Chicopee row.

Miss Helen Gay has been enjoying week's vacation at her home. She is a pupil at the Bridgewater Normal school.

The State Department of Education The State Department of Education will soon be able to announce to the committee on agriculture the result of the vote of the children for the state flower. The committee on agriculture will submit the decision to the legislature and for the first time in the history of Massachusetts the children will have been permitted a voice in the making of a statute. Indications are that the Mayflower is destined to become the emblem that shall bloom on the coat-of-arms of the Old Bay State.

The Groton branch of the American Red Cross has sent in for March, 15 sweaters, 16 pairs socks, 7 pairs wristlets, 2 helmets, 2 mufflers, 1 cap, 110 garments, 75 hospital bags, 500

surgical bags.

Harold H. Sargent, who is in the mayal training station at Newport, R. I., came home last week to see his parents. He was enabled to obtain a furlough for five days to attend the funeral of Avery Putnam, of Rutland, a nephew of Mrs. Arthur Sargent. Mr. Putnam was in the navy at Newport with Harold during the winter, but was transferred to Virginia, where he idled from pneumonia. died from pneumonia.

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The members of the Neighborhood club, in the guise of "country coussins." enjoyed their regular meeting at the "city home" of Miss Nelle Mae Parrish on Main street. Wednesday. Many of the "cousins" appeared in old-fashioned garb, which created much amusement. At the roll call quotations suitable to the occasion were given. This was followed by a business meeting, after which current events were read by Miss Sarah P. Longley and a typical farmer's story was read by Mrs. Rork. Dainty retroshments were served at the close of a social afternsion spent in sewing and knitting. A large number were present, including several invited guests.

guests.

Mrs. Robert Florcher, who has been in poor health the jest year, has been suffering with bolls or for arm which have had to be lared the jest week. There has been a nurse in attendance

Mrs. Nora Folkins has been enjoying a week's vacation at the home of Mrs. Eva Blodgett Andrews in Nashua, N. H. She was accompanied by Mrs.

The Community club met last week pointed supervisor of the Groton home with Mrs. Theophilus Smith. The usual Red Cross work was taken up by the good number present. The last, seeds and preparation of the next meeting will be on Wednesday. April 10, at the home of Mrs. Peterson.

Mrs. David Cit.

Mrs. David Gibson and Mrs. William Gleason went to Worcester last Sat-urday and spent Easter week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Comins and Mrs. Wy-

their aunt, Mrs. Comins and Mrs. Wyman.

The senior class of the high school started Monday morning on their Washington trip, with faces glowing with anticipation. As two of their number had never asite Beston the plan was to spend Monday in the city wishing the in secures, and to beave the city Monday evening by soart. The weather thus far has been ideal and all wish the in delicantly time and a safe return.

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B. H. Tyrrell, has been suffering with a lame arm which has been swollen, causing him considerable pain. The formulation nature. He has been more comfortable the past few days.

We are glad to learn that Prod. 10.

We are glad to learn that Fred to burn, who has been very sick with a pneumonia, is able to sit up awhile deach dist

Don't forget to take in that tattered Don't forget to take in that date or faded flag this week and to cele-brate the first anniversary of the war by unfurling a clean, untern banner Everybody is expected to do it where-ever the flag has suffered from expos-ure to the winter's storms.

One of the pleasantest occasions of the spring is anticipated in the social dance to be given in the town hall on Saturday evening, April 6, by the Jolly Five. Bywater's orchestra will furnish the music. Soldiers from Camp Devens are expected to be present.

Rev. Pemberton Cressey, of Beverly, was in town this meek, onlying on friends and shut-ins

There are sixteen in the senior class of the high school for tiels. The honors have been awarded as tollows: Dorothy Tyrrell 1st, Ethel Green, 2d, Miriam Knapp 3d, Roy Bernert 3th, Anna Freeman 5th.

Cyril Gilson is making a 2000 to covery from his sickness of the Sulter going out doors each day, out to walked up town once.

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The weekly drill of Compeny K. M. S. G. took place in the town half on Wednesday evening at each ofclock forty-fine men being present. After practice in close order work, the second platoon was ordered to do guard.

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Subscriptions to the third liberty loan-are-expected to be opened about April 6. The local committee consists of Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Wharton, sec. Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Sections of Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Wharton, sec. Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Scattle, Mrs. Southard, Mrs. C. A. Shaw, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Ebert. Mrs. Sathlen, Mrs. Grant Shattuck, Miss. Harriet Lawrence. It is hoped that the people of Groton will place their subscriptions through this committee.

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Melvin Rowe and family, of Palmyra, Me, moved into the Ames place in the Brown Loaf district last week. Mr. Rowe is employed at the Moseley Hale farm.

Elizabeth Blood has been at home on a short vacation from her school duties at Cushing academy.

The Groton School boys refurned to diers from company attack of the grippe.

Stephen Sabine has been ill with an attack of the grippe.

The public library reports that the people of Groton have contributed 370 books during the week of March 15-25, for the use of our soldiers and sallors, and that more books are still doming in. It is hoped that week in the supply must be constantly replentished. In this way a constant stream of fresh books into the camps will be assured. The needs of all camps and stations in this vicinity will be taken care of first. Most of the books collected along-the Atlantic seaboard will be spiring vacadion; from school fulfiel in the spring vacadion; from school fulfiel in the sub-postant are and literations. The beautiful the manifers at the Unitarian church will be active to the constitutions, the single open the beautiful the constitutions, the single open the constitutions of the campany the

possible.

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A flock of seese was seen in the Baddacook district on Monday morning.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, of Boston, Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, of Boston, The high school will begin their term on Monday.

F. C. Bishop has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to his position in Fitchburg.

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Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, of Boston, will be the preacher at the Sunday morning service in the Baptist church; his subject being "Reality." C. E. meeting at 6.30 in the evening. Evening service at seven; subject of sermon, "The soldier of the cross." Wednesday evening prayer meeting as usual.

The arts and crafts department held their usual weekly meeting on Thursday afternoon with a good attendance. . It is just a year ago today that the United States entered into this great world war.

Beginning Monday, April 8, the pub-lic library will be open the usual days and hours in the week.

and hours in the week.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon. April 12, which will be in charge of the arts and crafts department, when Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Manchester, N. H., formerly of Groton, will entertain the club. She will speak on "My trip to Alaska."

Mrs. Marshall Swallow returned from Boston last week Wednesday, where she has been enjoying a pleas-ant visit with friends.

At the meeting of the W. R. (\*, on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Effle M. Souther, Mrs. Mary E. McKee, Mrs. Adelaide J. Robley, Miss Amy F. Robley and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Sawyer were ley and Mis, Elizabeth F. Sawyer were-initiated. A large number was pres-ent. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served in the lower hall after the meeting. Miss Elizabeth Gibson has been appointed to act as assistant conductor at the department convention to be held in Boston next week.

week.

The death of Amy Shattuck, formerly of West Groton, wife of Gerald Flewelling, occurred in Maiden on last sunday, at the age of 33 years, 10 months. Mrs. Flewelling was a sister of Mrs. Francis G. Hayes, of Pepperell. The funeral services were held at the home of her uncle, E. A. Crawford.

public schools of Groton and at last rive academy. He was a man of well geteral knowledge, due to his fondness of reading, and to the time of his death was greatly interested in the delty papers. His fine public source and his interest in all good we is added a winning personality that editors had, to a wide circle of friends. Mr. Raldwin would have been time to district years of age had he lived interested in the great paper. He was an intended to the friend of the late. Zana Path, who with him for years vote the prohibition ticket.

His early life was spent in farming in the town of luminable, where to purchased a farm and a large that woodland. He was naturally merious, a good farmer, carpender, it

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He came to Groton to live one IVIS and lived with his sister. Whaty Williams Shattuck, and wis creat assistance to her in the live business at the same stand one given up by H. A. Johnson, which managed after the death of her board. The was one of two on he ound. He was one of two on ordis survived by his sister, Mrs Stock, who has been confined.

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The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona
Grange-met-on-last week Thursday in
Townsend. The day was all one could
wish for and the lecturer had a fine
program. The speaker was Mr. Wright
of Boston, deputy commissioner of education. His topic was on the public
schools of Massachusetts and was most
instructive. There are those who do
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Mrs. Edward Balcom, of Harvard, was in town on Tuesday and attended the meeting of the W. R. C.

flags given by the Sunday school:

C. E. society, respectively. An outtown speaker will give the address.

plans, seeds and preparation of the ground.

If you wish to order seeds or icrulizer through this committee, apply to lizer through the committee, apply to lizer through this committee, apply to lizer through the committee, apply to lizer through the committee, apply to lizer through the police station for help and low 5 was rung in. The fire was put on without any damage.

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Lare spending the Easter season
relatives in New Hampshire.

found their prized dog on the return relatives in New Hampshire.

In and Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton were to Malden on Wednesday to attach funeral of Mrs. Amy shattuck thing wife of Gerald V. Flewell a brother of Mrs. Wheaton. The of death was intestinal tubercut. When Mr. and Mrs. Flewelling married, ten years ago, they both residents of West Groton. It is years ago Mrs. Flewelling married to regain her former gith and the tubercular trouble, the years have been filled with the partial convalescence has alsel with periods of illness, from she has railled even at death's the final filness lasted from more till the early morning of when sleeping quietly, she

her but peacefully sleeping. Others at Chauffeur. Cariton was reported in tending the funeral from West Groton serious condition at Frost hospital.

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News Items.

A new mirror set in a handsome frame work now forms an attractive back ground for the soda fountain at the fruit store of George S. Poulius. The new equipment was installed during the past week.

ing the past week.

The auction sale of the property of Thomas F. Ward, including his land, stable and contents. West street, attracted a good sized crowd on Thursday from Ayer and adjoining towns. Henry A. Johnson, of Groton, made the highest bid on the real estate, which has a frontage of practically 100 feet, and runs back to the land of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company. Mr. Johnson's bid was \$5200 and he was declared the nurchaser.

in this drive are payable in ten years:

Rev. Patrick A. Starkey, a former curate at \$\overline{8}\times Mary's church, later at the Sacred Heart church in Brooklyn, N. Y., is now located at the Church of \$\overline{8}\times Mary's of the Cataract, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Before leaving Brooklyn he was given a farewell-greeting by his parishloners at which he was presented with a fine gold challee. Marning prevage and semon at \$\overline{8}\times Marning argumental \$\overline{8}\times

F. C. Bishop has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to his position in Fitchburg.

Jerry Dugan, who has worked at Johnson's stable for over twently years, left the first of the week. He will be missed driving about town, Everyone knew "Jerry."

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West Groton.

L. J. Tatman has given up work at the camp and returned to the paper mill.

Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan, has been and Mrs. Joseph Brennan, has been from a severe attack of rheumatic from a severe attack of rheumatic fever, following the German measles.

Though able to be up and dressed she is not yet allowed to walk, as the limbs are swollen and, painful. In health child is especially active and winsome, and much sympathy is expressed for her long weeks of suffering.

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A grass fire broke out near the resi-ence of William Wood on the Groton road last Sunday afternoon, endangering the buildings. A telephone call was sent to the police station for help and hox 5 was rung in. The fire was put

## LITTLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy C. Bates return-en home from Florida last week. They found their prized dog on the return

### **-BOXBOROUGH**

News Items.

John Cobleigh, who has taken the milk in the western part of the town to West Acton during the winter, gave up the route April first, and on Monday merning there were several drivers, but on Tuesday William Braman, the former owner of the route, again became the local carrier.

The schools have enjoyed a vacation this week. Mrs. Potter spent her va-cation with relatives in Brookline, the other teachers remaining in town. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dean return

ed from Boston on Tuesday. The spent the winter there, Mr. Dean serv Mrs. Raiph Whitcomb returned last Saturday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Perry Morton, in Water-town.

Rogene Priest, who went to a Bosoperation, is reported as setting along well and expects to be able to come home the last of the week.

Henry Wheeler, of Stow, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Norman Wetherbec. his slater, Mrs. Norman Wetherbee.
Frank: Furbush began teaching manual fraining in Manchester, N. H., last: week.—He reached his twenty-first birthday on Thursday and his relatives and young friends gave him a party on Saturday evening to celebrate the event. He was presented with a beautiful gold watch by his father, his brother Luther making the presentation speech. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and games. Cake, chocolate and fee cream were served.

The S. B. Hager family are quarantined, as some of the children have the measles. Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, her three daughters and Mrs. Robbins visited the Turner family in Waltham on

Church Notes. Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister: subject, "One for all, all for one." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

Wednesday.

The pastor's trip through Canada has been very successful, his audiences ranging from 800 to 1200. The Canadian people also have taken a great deal of interest in Armenian relief work and they have already raised for the same over \$90,000. Special committees have been organized in various cities to push the work through. Upon his return from Canada Mr. Missirian preached at the Congregational church in Concord on Good Friday evening.

Good Friday evening. The Adelphian club will hold meeting in Liberty hall on Saturd evening at 7.30. All the members a young men are invited. hall on Saturday the members and

### SHIRLEY

Center. Mrs. Rose Drabble is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams on Senter road for a couple of weeks. Mrs. William Woodward, who has seen quite ill with erysipelas, is recov-ring slowly. A friend, Mrs. Monroe, of Boston, is staying with her.

Major Stevenson and family have rented Frank J. Lawton's pasture Elmer E. Wilkins returned home from Clinton hospital Monday. He is still somewhat weak, but is gaining

## HARVARD

pleasing.

Still River. The annual Easter concert by the children of the Sunday school was well attended. The program was especially

Miss Jarfe M. Read has been the ruest of Mrs. Abbie Dadmun this Ruth Willard has returned to her teaching in Lunenburg.

Mrs. H. R. Harrod, Mrs. J. Heeley, Miss Alice Harrod and Miss Eleanor Haskell are suffering from the throat distemper. Mrs. Bigelow is much better. Mrs. Emma Atherton, of Troy, N. has been the guest of her brother

R. Bigelow. Mrs. Anna Flanders, of Worcester was here a few days last week.

Mrs. Hattle Stone entertained the Birthday club last week Friday, serv-ing a luncheon. Other invited guests were present. Mrs. Raymond, of Charlestown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Elizabeth Brown of Wellesley has been at home recently.

Mrs. N. B. Conant went to Adams wellnesday morning on account of her mother's illness of which she learned the day previous.

Mrs. W. B. Torker of Wellesley has been at home recessary fat for ten million cakes of soap yearly, and also the nitrogen and glycerine for the manufacture of seven hundred thousands. wednesday morning on account of her hother's illness of which she learned the day previous.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. A. T. Kimal and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton were and Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard in Ayer Wednesday.

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Lohn F. Gardner has been visiting

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Groton, Mass., April 3, 1918.

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### **AYER**

News Items.

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Dr. B. H. Hopkins, who several weeks ago enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps for war service, has been ordered to report for duty April 16. The doctor left Wednesday night for a short visit to his mother in Apopka, Fia. Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, of Groton, will attend to Dr. Hopkins' practice after he enters the service. His office hours will be from one to three and seven to nizie p. m., at Dr. Hopkins' residence.

Mrs. F. A. Wyman is visiting in

Mrs. Alice Mead and Miss Ruth and Fred Huntington left on Wednesday for Brighton, where they will yisit Mrs. Mead's nephew, Paul Huntington. They will return this Saturday.

The Standard Oil Company has given permission to the public to use the swamp hole-near their new location on Park street for a dump.

Ayer Council, K. C., conducted a ery enjoyable concert and ball in the very enjoyable concert and ball in the them hall on Monday night. The hall was fastefully decorated with the national colors and those of our allies. A large number was in attendance. Lunch was served. The committee in charge was Joseph M. Markham, John F. Ryan, John H. Hooley, John H. Burns, Stephen J. Ryan, George T. Burns, William Barrett, Michael J. Pender.

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A daughter, Prudence, was born to Mrs. Frank B. Crandall at the Groton hospital Friday morning. Dr. Kilbourn was in attendance and reports both patients doing well.

John E. O'Neil and James S. Markham, who have been at Camp Devens, are now at Camp Upton, Yaphank, N. Y. John J. Horan, another Ayer boy, is a private in the 7th Battery, Depot Brigade and is located at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kv. Louisville, Ky.

James Madigan assembled at Mr. Madigan's home in Harvard last Sun-Madigan's home in Harvard last Sunday in honor of his ninetieth birthday. A pleasant feature of the reunion was the receipt of a large birthday cake containing ninety candles, the gift being presented by Dr. Ellis of Boston, who has a summer home near Mr. Madigan's place. Among those who attended the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donlon and family, of Ayer, Mrs. Donlon being a daughter of Mr. Madigan.

The many automobile accidents

of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner of this town. The baby's name is Elizabaughter of Mr. Madigan.

The many automobile accidents which have occurred during the past few months in which several soldiers have been killed or badly infured have stirred the camp authorities to stern measures to overeome the evil. Military police now patrol the roads between Boston and Ayer and Lowell and neighboring places, over the week-end in order to prevent if possible any more serious accidents. In this work, they are assisted by the civilian police. Many complaints have been made for reckless driving in the towns between Moston, and 100 drivers have been summoned to appear before the local court for automobile law violators as a result of the crusade. They will probably be tried during the coming week.

John H. Turner accepted an invitation of Waldo A. Winslow on Thursday to go to Lowell to see the sights. After looking over about everything in the Spindle City, Including the therevening, they found that the last car for Ayer, for the night and coming home in the morning on the early car. North the morning on the early car. North track, arriving here an S. O. S. appeal started home after an S. O. S. appeal started home after an S. O. S. appeal that been sent home and no ald sent in the line of transportation. They will seven the stony Brook branch track, arriving here at five in the morning, footsore and weary from their thirteen-mile hike, which took several hours.

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Other Avenue:



S. Bassett Dickerman intends to move into the Woods house on Wil-llams street, which he recently pur-chased, on May I.

The pastor will speak in the Baptist church on Sunday morning. Communion will follow. Sunday school at twelve. Preaching in the evening by Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath, of Boston.

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., are to hold a military whist party in the town hall, Wednesday evening, April 17, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Tickets may be procured of any past matron of the chapter.

Married in Ayer on March 29, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Clarence O. Rushton, a soldier, of Nova Scotia, and Sadie Mansell, of Lowell.

morning and fined ten dollars. Officer T. J. Pirone was the complainant.

Hyman Pearlstein, of Shirley, was arraigned Monday morning on complaints for going about from place to plaints for going about from place to place doing a junk outsness and for purchasing junk without having a liceuse to do so. On the first named charge he was found not guilty and on the second he was found guilty and fined five dollars. The defendant was represented by John D. Carney as counsel.

Annual District Meeting.

The annual meeting of Ayer District Sunday School association will be held on Friday, April 12, at the Federation House on West Main street. The meeting will open at ten o'clock in the morning with devotional exercises and words of welcome by Supt. Wardle; Rev. H. L. Caulkins, of Littleton, will-speak on "Organized classes": "The popular ignorance of the bible," Rev. G. M. Howe, Grotten The need of teacher training," Rev. The popular ignorance of the bible," Rev. G. M. Howe, Grotten The need of teacher training," Rev. The popular ignorance of the bible, "Rev. G. M. Howe, Grotten The need of teacher training," Rev.

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In the afternoon, at two o'clock, Rev. R. S. Tuttle will lead a praise service, followed by addresses on "Our work with the children." Mrs. V. V. Morris, Worcester; "Hills and valleys of Palestine," Mrs. B. R. Conant, Boston; solo, Private William Gustafson; "Guarding Camp Devens from its greatest evil," Capt. Daniel McKay; "The new interpretation," Miss K. C. Bourne; "Alming at the goal," H. S. Conant, Boston. At the evening service an illustrated lecture will be given on "The men of North America for the Man of Gaillee."

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Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

The next regular club meeting, April , will be incharge of the Music com-

The literature department will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday afternoon, April 10, at three o'clock. afternoon, APril 10, at three o'clock.

Tuesday, APril 19, at 2.30 p. m., by
Invitation of the Auburndale Woman's
club, a joint conference of the art,
music and literature and library extension departments will be held in
the Methodist chruch, Auhurndale, for
the clubs of the sixth district. Tea
will be corved at the close of the conference by the Hostess club. Our club
is invited. is invited.

Military Ball.

Military Ball.

The town hall was the scene of a very brilliant event on the occasion Tuesday evening of the military ball, given under the auspices of the Woman's club. The chairman of the special committee in charge was Mrs. John Traquair. The hall was brilliantly decorated with the natural colors and flags were everywhere. The program of the concert and the music for the dancing was given by the band of the of the concert and the music for the dancing was given by the band of the 201st artillery, which is, they say, the finest band at the camp. Mr. Gustafson sung and there were two solos by Salvatore Pafarone, who was master of ceremonies. The reception line included these club members: Mrs. Grace Dickerman, Mrs. Edward Whitney, Mrs. L. L. Cushing, Mrs. Clara

Grace Dickerman, Mrs. Edward Whitney, Mrs. L. H. Cushing, Mrs. Clara
Hill and Mrs. Nina Lovejoy.

After the concert dancing was in order and the floor was soon occupied
with the happy company who filled all
the minutes till half past eleven when
the party closed.

There was a very large gathering.
Refreshments furnished by the ladies
were served. The whole affair was one
of the most brilliant events of the season and very greatly enjoyed.

son and very greatly enjoyed.

Services held at the Federation house, West Main street, Morning service at 10.45, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Subject, "Predestination." The Easter service was attended by etween one hundred fifty and one

between one hundred fifty and one hundred seventy-five people, including over fifty soldiers.

On Sunday the preacher will set forth the truth embodied in the doctrine of predestination and emphasize the challenge that that truth presents to the christian man.

lease to the government.

Mr. Phelps leaves four children:
Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Miss Ella Phelps and Albert McC. Phelps of Ayer and Mrs. George M. Moore of Ludlow, Vt. There are seven grandchildren: Mrs. I. G. Dwinell, Howard P. and Frank C. Fletcher, Levi P. Moore, Miss Bertha Phelps and Mrs. F. B. Crandall of Ayer and Milton Moore of Ludlow, Vt. There are also seven grandchildren: Misses Marjory, Barbara and Olive Fletcher, Marion and Virginia Dwinell, and Geraldine and Caroline Moore, all of Ayer.

In politics Mr. Phelps was a republican. He was the oldest member of the First Unitarian Parish church, in the many many compositions of the publican. He was the oldest member of the First Unitarian Parish church, in the many many composition of the many composition of the publican. He was the oldest member of the First Unitarian Parish church, in the many composition of the many comp Deaths.

Mrs. Mary F. Murray died last Sunday, aged 68 years, 5 months, 10 days. She came here from Lowell to live when young aid has made this town her home ever since. Her husband, the late John Murray, whom she married on November 14, 1877, died thirty-four years ago. Mrs. Murray leaves four sisters, Mrs. Mattic Kirk and Mrs. John Little of Lowell, Mrs. James Irving of Newton and Mrs. Margaret Barker of Fredonia, Pa., also, three daughters, Misses Emma E. and Anna B., of Ayer, and Mrs. Mary J. Morton of Bridgeport, Conn. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Rdan S. Tuttle performing the services. The bearers were George and Albert Little, Henry G. Turner mid-Alfred Yates. The interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery. emetery.

George Edson Luddington, young son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Luddington, died suddenly Monday evening from bronchial pneumonia, azed 4 years, 6 months. The funeral took place on Wednesday, services at the house being performed by Rev. J. W. Thomas. The interpent was at Woodlawn cometery:

wamage to the wagon in the runaway. Charles Carter, the driver, was slightly injured.

Mrs. E. Z. Nutting, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Ayer, was in town that week. Mr. Nutting is to build a summer cottage on Long Island, near Brooklyn, which they will occupy during the coming summer. Their son wendling the summers at their cottage at Sandy pond for several years and have disposed of their cottage that the townspoople generally.

The children and grandchildren of James Madigan's home in Herman Madigan's home in Herman Madigan assembled as Madigan's home in Herman M

year ago from Somerville, where he had lived for sixteen years. He had been a railroad man for twenty-live years. At the time of his death he SMOKED SHO

Stewart J. Beatrice L., Eleanor H. all, of Ayer: also, his mother, Mrs. William A. Steadman: three sisters, Mrs. Emmi: Taylor, Miss Mabel Steadman and Mrs. Frank Goss, all of Alberta, and four prothers, William of Calgary, Canada, Walter and Percy of North Yakima. Wash., and Joseph Steadman of Koarney, N. B. The decased was a member of Bay State soldy O. R. C., of Boston, and was a former member of the K. P.

There was funeral service, th duced to ashes, which to the widow and the seceased. There will were distributed mother of the Third street.

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SATURDAY-GEORGE WALSH in "THE PRIDE OF NEW YORK"

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### SHIRLEY

Miss Nina Kittredge, of Lattleton, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank P. Dunham.

E. P. Dunham, who was stricken with a shock last week and taken to the home of his coasas, the Misses Martha A. and Annie B. Hunter, is better and his chances for ultimate recovery are good. Miss Mildred Hart, formerly of this

town, now hving in West Acton, is at the Groton hospital, having recently gone under an operation for appendichts.

Mrs. Joseph Smith, of Dorchester, sister of John T. Smith of this town, is at the Homeopathic hospital in Boxton, where she underwent a most serious operation last week Thursday, Her chances for recovery are about even.

The union service held at the Universalist church on last Sunday was most pleasing, Rev. W. P. Farnsworth preaching an interesting and appropriate sermon. Rev. D. H. Corley was not present, his place being taken by Rev. Archibaid J. Sprague, of Cambridge, who assisted in the service. Frederick H. Will and Ruth E. Lynch were received as members of the church, and special music was rendered by the combined choirs. The floral decorations were very pretty.

Miss Hattie M. Adams entered Clinter and the use of the basket mill property at Woodsville as a base of operations. has lost the contract, and the use of the basket mill property for this business may be given up. The "peach hill" at Longley homestead, has been decorated with a flag pole and signal flag for use in consection with the training at Camp Devens.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met at the rooms of the Shirley Club

A son was born on Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Casservoy. Mother and baby are doing

Miss Agnes Lynch returned Tuesday to her studies at St. Lawrence university after a visit of ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Lynch.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting on Fri-day evening, April 12. The past noble grands will furnish the entertainment.

Mrs. Frank Dunham, with daugh-ter Gladys, and her sister. Miss Nink Kittredge, spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Dunham's parents in Littleton. Miss Millie Parker, of Lancaster road, is ill at her home with the

measles.

Miss Mary Jane Davis passed away Wednesday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. Charles A. Miner, from a final and general breaking up of old age. Her death was not unexpected as she has been in failing health all winter. Miss Davis was eighty-eighth years of age the tenth day of last month. She was born in Westford and has spent the greater part of her life at the home of her niece, Mrs. Miner. Up to her last illness she was very active. Miss Davis was highly respected by all who knew her. Burial will be in Westford.

Mrs. Louis Parmenter, with her six children, are leaving town this week for Woburn, where they will make their home.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning, Lev. W. P. French, of Middletown Springs, Vt., will preach the sermon. He will be present as a indidate and a large attendance sired. Sunday school at noon. So desired. Sunday school at noon. Song service at seven in the evening, followed by sermon.

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center road, has had r thoroughly renovated itshie and is having it this week.

Miss Vera Bradford has returned to Bath, Me, after a week's vicition spent with her parents, Mr and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

S. W. Stingle of Grant S. End conducted the Easter service at Trinity chapel last Standay after and A telegram was read at the service certaining Easter greetings from Rev Grover Harrison, who is at Camp Sherman, Ohio, Rev. Roseon Thomas of Groton School will have charge of the service on Sunday, and the Sunday school service on Sunday, and the Sunday school service on Sunday, and the Sunday should be a Unitarian social elasses will her essured after a vacation of three weeks.

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Mrs. M. W. Carey's stater, Mrs. Lot-tie Sargent, who has been ill at the Worcester state hospital, passed away there last week. The funeral was held in Worcester last Saturday afternoon and the body was brought to Shirley on Monday and placed in the tomb in the Center cometery to await body was brought to burial.

Miss Florence Adams returned this week to her work at Mt. Holyoke college after a short vacation spent with her father, Albert Adams Wesley Wyman pecently gave a panoforte recuti in New York city before the P. Tau Kappa carb, which was founded some years ago by his

church, and special music was rendered by the combined choirs. The floral decorations were very pretty.

Miss Hattle M. Adams entered clinton hospital on Monday to train for a nurse.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman in company with her son. Earl C. Merriman, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Justine Howland, in Worcester.

Mrs. Warren E. Bryant and herchildren are planning to move to North Leominster, where she has rented a seven-room house.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westover Easter Sunday morning. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

John J. Chalsson commenced a term of three months as juror at the civil session of the superior court in Lowell on Monday morning.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met at the rooms of the Shirley Club for Service on Thursday afternoon. March 21, Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman called the meeting to orseve, and after the opening exercise there was a business session at which time a nominating committee was appointed by the chair—Mrs. Martha J. Conant. Miss Carrie G. Bradford and Mrs. Bessie Buxton. Five dollars was voted for the annual subscription to the A. U. association: two dollars to the Chlidren's Mission, and one dollar to the U. Temperance society. Excellent reports of the neighborhood meeting in Fitchburg were given by Miss Agnes M. Holden and Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman. Mrs. A. W. Lindenburg read a paper on food thrift, and a circular called "The Prussian system." Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, during the social hour.

Death.

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Frederick Austin Wyman, who died at the Clinton hospital March 27, was born in Boston on January 26, 1851, the son of Asa Wyman, Jr., and of Louisa Adelaide Ryerson. He was descended from Miles Standish. John Alden, William Mullins, George Soule, Edward Doty, and from Richard Warren by three lines, all of the Mayflower; also, from Governor Roger Conant and Governor Thomas Tupper.

He resided in Boston until 1895, when he moved to Shirley, where the remainder of his life was spent.

On May 3, 1874, he married Abbie Frances Bennett, of Lunenburg; who is also of Mayflower descent, through George Soule and Francis Eaton. Of this marriage there was one son, Wesley, born in Boston, and a graduate of Harvard, class of 1909. He later became a resident of New York and had also lived abroad.

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### HARVARD

News Items.

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There will be a farmers' institute under the auspices of the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 10, at one o'clock. Prof. George F. Storey, agent of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, will speak upon "Production," and Prof. E. F. Damon, of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, will speak upon "Co-operation." It is hoped that this meeting will be well attended by the farmers of Harvard and nearby towns.

The feature picture at the motion

vard and nearby towns.

The feature picture at the motion picture show this Saturday evening will be "Outwitted," a five-act play, with Emily Stevens as the star. On Tuesday evening, April 9, the feature will be "Melting millions," a five-part play, with George Walsh as the leading star. These actors are two great artists, and the pictures will be well worth seeing.

Clare a Davis spent the week-end father. About Adams, over Sanday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodward have resurred to their one after spending a week, with Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward on he words.

Miss Middred Evars, who is teaching school in Dedhan works vacation with her words.

J. W. Evans.

Miss Salome Conrad, of Sigmons college, has been spending a tew days at the home of her aunt Mrs. Helen M. Winslow, on Center read.

Albert Adams and daughter. Miss Mary Adams, who have been spending the winter in Brookline, returned last week to their home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Greer and family, of Fitchburg, spent the weekend at their home on Parker road.

Elmer Wilkins at Woodsville, is respending to the street of the sumfort. On the subject, with Mrs. Arthur N. Calkins as leader.

Atwood E. Dickson, Harold E. and Henry F. McNiff, Perley A. St. John, Mary E. and S. Elizabeth Sheehan, Starley H. Turner, Bernice M. and Marjorie Walker; recitation, "To the United States of America," Alexander Walson, essay, 'Our soldlers and sallors' May E. Sheehan, read by Mabel Cramed, recitations, "Love of country," Starby H. Turner; "The honor roll," Marjorie Walker; singing, "The battle hymn of the republic," school; recitations, "Men who march away, Perley A. St. John, A prayer, Berlice M. Walker; singing, "America, school. School closed last week Friday for a week of vacation.

Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mrs. Bert Taylor.

Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mrs. Bert Taylor and Miss Hattle Farwell attended the meeting of the Literary society on March 22.

Liberty Bond Drive.

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The plans for the liberty loan campaign in Harvard as nearly completed.

Rev. Harvey C. Merrill has been appointed as chairman of the town committee, and Mrs. Alma T. Royal as chairman of the woman's committee. The two committees are to work in conjunction. It is planned to have a card index of every man or woman in the town, and each will be personally interviewed. It is hoped that no one will fail to meet this obligation to his country. ountry.

The town has been divided into districts, each being under the supervision of a district chairman as follows: Center, Mrs. A. H. Turner; Still River, Miss Eleanor Haskell; Oak hill, Mrs. D. W. Sheehan, Jr.; Bare hill, Miss Esther Priest; Old Mill, Miss Janet Doe; Prospect hill, Mrs. F. O.

It is worthy of notice that each of the district committee is a woman. This willingness of the women of Harvard to undertake a difficult task is in keeping with the splendid loyalty which the women of America are everywhere displaying.

everywhere displaying.

Please make your subscriptions through the committee so that they will know of them all and thus keep in touch with the total amounts subscribed. In this way they can know just how the town stands as regards her allotment in this great drive. After this committee have done their work it has been asked by the administration that the Boy Scouts go out work it has been asked by the administration that the Boy Scouts go out to act as gleaners and pick up the stray ends and perhaps in this way reach some whom the general committee have failed to reach.

### BOXBOROUGH

Letter from Overseas

The following letter, dated On Active Service with American Expeditionary Forces, February 22, has been received from Clifton E. Steele by his sister:
My Dear Sister—I will write you a few lines to let you know I'm safe and few lines to let you know I'm safe and sound, as I suppose you are worrying what has become of me, for it has been a long time since I have written to you. But I hope you will excuse me this time—for there was a good reason—that I couldn't. You have heard by the paper about the Tuscania being sunk the fifth. As I came on it I had some exciting time, as you well know—but will tell you that later when I get home.

get home. Well, I have seen some country since Well, I have seen some country since the last time I saw you. It is a very pretty place on this side, as the grass is getting green. I like it fine here and have seen some of the old buildings in England: also, went to one of the oldest churches here last Sunday—so am not kicking for what I have been through on the trip. Instead, I am thankful for being here. So will be glad to get the Germans now, for we must trim them when we get to them.

Hope you are well and the boys are Hope you are well and the boys are getting along fine at home—as I am the same. It is rather rainy here. I wrote to pa a few days ago. Am in hopes to hear from him soon—if he got it. I suppose you will be seeing us fellows in the movies, as we had them taken twice for that purpose. Remember me to all. Will try and write again soon, and to some of the rest. Will say good-bye, from Clifton. Co. F, 6th Bn., 20th Engineers (Forestry), Am. Exp. Forces.

flancee?" "Yes. I fear it's all over." "Den't give up so easily. Call her on the telephone." "It's no use. She used to know who I was the moment I said 'Hello.' Now she positively refuses to my voice."—Birmingham Age-Herald,

Defiant Childhood.

It would be interesting to know how far the grimmeing habit of children is related to the combative instinct. A child protrades its tongue and confeatures in order, it would express dislike and defiance. Campbell in the Lancet (Lon-

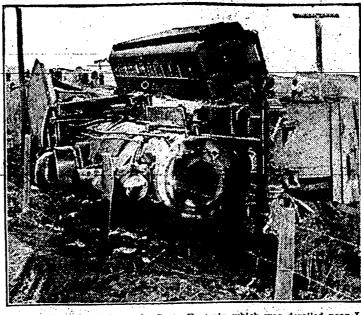
Way to Test the World. There is one way for every man to determine for himself whether the world is growing better or worse. All he has to do is to ascertain whether the number of people who agree with him is increasing or diminishing.— Houston Post.

Soldiers' Superstition Cava'rymen have a superstition of at their home on Parker road.

Elmer Wilkins at Woodsville, is recovering rapidly from his recent of eastfor for hernia, and came home this week from the Circion bestiff where he has been for the just three which was to be formally being the formal and last Schrein weeks.

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## PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED AFTER **COLLIDING WITH HEAVY MOTORTRUCK**



photograph shows the Santa Fe train which was derailed near Le Grande, Cal., after colliding with a heavy motortruck of the Union Oil company. The driver of the truck signaled the train that he was stalled on the crossing, but failed to attract the attention of the engineer in time. The engine turned over on its side, and the baggage car and smoker left the track after tearing up more than 100 feet of track. The engineer was probably fatally hurt.

## ROADS FOR ARMIES

One of Important War Issues Is That of Transportation.

## MUCH EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED

Miles of Railroads Must Be Built to Carry Soldiers Through Eastern France and Western Belgium -Engineers in Danger.

The transportation problem back of the allied armies has become one of the most important issues of the war. The maintenance of the English and French armies has required the use of thousands of miles of railroad lines and huge quantities of rolling stock and other equipment. Need for this equipment became more and more imperative each time the allied armies dented the German-line.

"The Can" railroad, an abbreviation of the Chicago, Angmosa and Northern, supplied six freight cars, two combination passenger cars, three locomotives, six steel bridges, 35 miles of rails, not including several syitching tracks, and numerous other equipment. A similar service has been performed by half a dozen other railroad lines which have ceased to exist.

One Problem of French. One of the problems in connection with the installation of an American army of several million men on the western front will be the building of miles of other railroad lines through eastern France and western Belgium. The task facing the American engineers can scarcely be appreciated by

the layman. To begin with, the task of building and equipping these lines in the short space of time available for this work would be difficult enough even in times of peace. One of the problems now before the engineering staff of the army is to find equipment with which to build. Hard pressed steel mills, which make a specialty of railroad equipment, must be pressed into service even at the risk of sacrificing other imperative orders, or America must surrender many add

tle used railroads. Either that or else some of the great railroad systems must spare what little equipment and rolling stock they can with other demands already over whelming them.

Most of these railroad lines will be laid within the zone of gunfire back of the American lines, and the dangers to the American lines, and the dangers to be encountered by the American engineers will be even greater than the perils encountered by the pioneer engineers who built the first lines through Indian country in the wild west days. British engineers have averaged a mile of road a day under shellfire, working with gas masks and steel helmets always at hand.

The rivalry between the corps of American engineers who have been engaged in the arduous task of building subways, dams, deepening rivers, etc and the Royal engineers is expected to result in even greater accomplishment in this respect.

Narrow Gauge the Exception. Despite the popular impression, nar-row gauge lines are not the rule at the front. To be truthful, they are the exception, for the huge guns and the tremendous quantities of supplies which must be moved over these lines demand the heaviest of equipment Miles and miles of standard railroad track run right up to the big guns which are belching death into the Ger-

man ranks. Shell holes must be filled up, the wreckage of German narrow gauge lines moved to one side, bridges installed and equipment brought up, sometimes under fire so-galling that trench fighting.

It is to such tasks as these, with what new material and equipment can be commandeered to supplement the

Oath Purposely Made Stringent The term "iron-clad oath" has no significance now. It was the name giv en to a very stringent oath of office prescribed by congress in 1862 and applied at the close of the Civil war for officeholders in the re-constructed states. It was intended to exceede from office all who had participated in the Civil war on the Confederate side and really had that effect because they could not take the oath.

relics of the days when railroad pro moting was in vogue, that the engi neers recruited from the subways and street railway lines of New York will give most of their attention. Subway building has fitted scores of these men admirably for the work ahead.

### WOLF IS REALLY HERE NOW

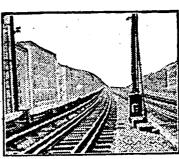
If Every Individual Does His Duty Problem of Freight Congestion Will Be Solved.

We are regularly told about this time of year to do our duty by the reight car-to load it heavily and unload it speedily, so that it may go on ts way rejoicing to the next man who is waiting. There is danger that we minimize the present freight congestion by thinking this is the same old trouble, and that it doesn't amount to much, anyway. We have heard the cry of "wolf" a good many times, and nothing disastrous ever happened. But let us not be deceived. This year the wolf is really upon the flock-the wolf of hunger and of cold. It is hard to get wheat to the mills, and perhaps even harder to get coal to the city yards. So let's keep the cars moving. If every individual does his part the national problem of freight congestion will be rendered much simpler of so lution.—Farm Life.

## CABLE IS SHORT-CIRCUITED

Trouble During Spell of Hot Weather Prevented by Use of White Cheesecioth.

During a period of hot weather in lew York last summer, when the temperature averaged more than 90 de grees F. at midday, some 11,000-volt, three-phase cables carried on a New Central viaduct became short circuited and temporarily crippled the division, which is in the electrified area. It was discovered that the tem perature inside of the conduits approximated 140 degrees and that the trouble was primarily due to that



Cheesecloth Covering

cause. In order to reduce the heat and thereby prevent recurrence of the short-circuiting, long canoples of white cheesecloth were erected over the conduits carrying the cables. The cloth prevented the pipes from absorb ing the heat of the sun and caused a temperature reduction of from ten to twelve degrees in them. That sufficed to meet the problem.—Popular Me-

BAR RAILWAYS FROM CITIES

Introduction of Roads Into England Accompanied by Many Direful Predictions of Disaster.

The attitude of many people toward airplanes reminds a writer for the London Chronicle of the fears with which the introduction of railways into England was met. Then the directi prophecy that engines would explode like a rocket frequently was heard, and it was a general belief that locomotive would devastate towns, blast the countryside and choke the farmers' stock. City officials in many towns vigorously protested against the approach of railways, and there were many ordinances drafted prohibiting the laying of tracks nearer than one sometimes under fire so-gailing that the work is even more dangerous than was necessary for persons wishing to travel from Leeds to go by cab to Hunslet, more than a mile away, in order to reach a railway station.

> Good Way to Preserve Potatoes. The natives of the Andes have method of preserving potatoes, which consists of alternate freezing and thaw ing until all the moisture is removed The resulting product is known as chung, and it can be stored for months and even years, with fear of deterioration. Pressed into little bulletshaped pieces, chunu is universally of fered for sale in the market, and is one of the chief foods of the native popula

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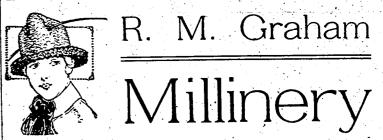
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Back in the Dark Ages of American | tions of a Ford Runabout in a Field Culture, before the French Accent had found its way to the Farm, and when the Cabbage Coaxers in our rura. Districts still pronounced Vaudeville "vawdavil" instead of "Vodeviel," there lived a Showman whose chief Asset was a performing Mule. The name of the Showman was Wage-Payer and the Source of his Income was dubbed Industry.

Now it so happened that Wage-Payer had spent a number of tedious year- teaching Industry to perform certain clever Tricks such as would tend to stimulate the Consumption of chewing gum and Peanuts among the gaping Audiences, and had burned



"Certain Clever Tricks Tending to Stimulate the Sale of Chewing Gum and Peanuts Among the

Gaping Audiences." countless gallons of Midnight Oil studying the Diseases that Mules are Heir to so that He might keep Industry in the best of Health and Spirits: for Industry, like all other Stage Artists, possessed a Temperament, which varied with the condition of his Liver.

In return for the Effort He had expended in the Education of the Mule, Wage-Payer figured that He was en-titled to a Fair Share of the Income derived from Industry's Performances, but it appears that his arithmetical



"The Muleteers Were Known as Wage-Earners.'

calculations were at variance with the Computations made by the Squad of Husky Mule Tenders whom Wage-Payer had hired to minister to the material Needs of Industry. Now, these Mule Tenders, who were known as Wage-Earners, had always been content with the Wages they were getting until there appeared in their Midst a Man named Agitator, who never did any Work himself but spent his valuable Time in spreading the Doctrine that the Laborer is Worthy And so Agitator took the Muleteers.

or Wage-Earners, to the Box office and aroused their Jealousy by pointing out to them the gladsome Spectacle of Wage-Payer raking in the fat Simeoleons with his right Hand. They lost sight of the fact that his South paw was equally busy rolling out the silver clinkers to a hungry crowd of creditors. They only had eyes for the intake, and their hitherto substantial Wages began to assume the propor-

## Practice Makes Perfect.

If you are a clerk, do you know anything about the goods you handle? If you are a teacher, do you subscribe to any pedagogical works? Do you attend lectures? Do you study child life? If you are a mother do you know anything about chemistry and dietetics and home nursing? If you are a writer do you know anything about the literary market, the fashions in stories? Are you familiar with the literature of the world? Do you know anything about life itself?

of Supersixes.

"Where do you come in on the gate Receipts?" asked the cunning Agitator To which the Muleteers responded: "He gets the Dough and we get th

And so a Delegation of Wage-Earn ers was sent to interview Wage-Payer



Such a Man as Is Known as an Agita tor."

and at the urgent suggestion of Agitator each Delegate carried a knotted cudgel to help along the peaceful Proc of Arbitration. posed that they be given a larger Proportion of the Gross Receipts, Wage Payer, who had become nettled by the



"He Gets the Dough and We Get the Crumbs."

increasing Expenses, threw up his hands and cried in Classic English: "I'm sick of this job, anyway. Take the old Mule and do what you want with him. Good-bye, Good Luck, God Whereupon Wage-Payer tied a wet

Towel about his fevered Brow, tele-



"I'm Sick of This Job Anyway."

phoned for a nerve Specialist and went to Bed for a Rest. Meantime, the Wage-Earners, somewhat Panicstrick- recognized by en by the unexpected turn of Events, set about putting Industry through his every day is strongthening the growth in the Paces for the Matinee Performance, but never having studied mule Pedngogy, they got their Signals mixed and

Surely the Limit.

There seems no limit to the outrages on the king's English wrought by cinema theater proprietors. "Featuring" was an abomination which moved to revolt all lovers of our language; "picturazation" was worse, but there; it was thought, atrocities would stop. But no. From the top of a picture palace in South London flaunts in big letters the announcement that there is presented "the picturination of Sullivan's celebrated song, Chord,"-London Chronicle.

caused the Mule to count Ten in computing the Age of a Moth-eaten Octo-genarian in the Audience. Whereupon the audience forgot to Hooverize in the use of Eggs and Vegetables.

But that didn't conclude the Trou-bles of the Mule Minders. The Extortioners began to arrive with their Accounts Due and Payable and the Wage-Earners in their Efforts to Economize cut down on Industry's Diet. Industry egan to get groggy on his Pins, and after two or three performances con lapsed altogether. Whereupon the Mule Minders held a conference and decided that Agitator was the only man capable of handling the Situation, so they sent for Him and asked his advice.

"The Mule's faking," responded Agi tator. "He needs a good Beating." The Wage-Earners applied Agitator's cure until their Biceps ached, and then

came to the Conclusion that although Agitator was a fancy Swimmer in the Sea of Theories, he needed a Pair of Water Wings when it came to practical application. There was but one Alternative left for the Wage-Eurners



Malnutrition."

Either they must persuade Wage-Payer to come back on the job, or starve to death, so they preketed their Pride and sent a hurry tall for the former Chief of Mysteries

"My Friends," antounced Wage-Payer, with his Hand on Industry's pulse, "the Mule suffers from Malnutrition. He is in a serious condition, but we can pull him through if you follow my advice. Bear one Thing in mind if you would manage Industry so as to get the Best out of him: You can't skimp on his Food." "But we don't want to manage him

any longer," chorused the Wage-Earn-"That's what we got you back for. We can wash him and curry him. and feed him, when we have the Food him with but we need some to put him through his Paces and take care of the Finances."

Moral: You can't shift Scenes and run the Show at the same Time .-- Industrial Conservation, New York,

## WHO IS THE EMPLOYER?

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Woes of Women. Must be tough on a girl when her hair goes out of style.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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### LITTLETON

News Items.

Easter Sunday at the Baptist church was marked by the admination of two special efforts, in addition the usual Easter programs as the regular services. By voluntar, offerings money was raised sufficient to complete the church's annual appertionment of \$75 for missions, and to add \$15 toward the extra million dollars before March 31, which the denomination set for its goal. The young people's red and bina contest closed in the evening with an attendance that filled the vestry to its capacity. The blue side won It was in fine contest on both sides. The reds intend to make up for the missing points necessary to victory in the quality and service at the banquet which they will prepare for the victors. They are busy with the plans, and the date and other details will be announced on \$200. Easter Sunday at the Baptist church and other details will be announced on especially among the men.

Hon, F. A. Patch and Lewis C. Gil-lett started on Wednesday morning on a ten-days' trip to Rochester, Clifton Springs, Poughkeepsle, New York and Brooklyn in the state of New York and Brooklyn in the state of New York and Brosklyn in the state of New York and Brosklyn in the state of New York and Brosklyn in the state of New York and Broskland and her brother in Brockten.

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In the vote for state flower among the school children of Littleton, Acton, Carlisle and Westford, Mayflower leads with 366 votes, water lily 194, butter-qup 91; with a scattering vote of about 200 on other flowers.

The annual musicale of the Wo-man's club, followed by a social tea, will be the attraction at the meeting in the Unitarian vestry on Monday afternoon at 2.30. Mrs. G. F. Wilde has been a suffered

from laryngitis for two weeks, people are having grippy colds. Miss Margaret Conant, of Mt. Hol-yoke, has been at home for the regular racation.

A. Heywood Knowlton has accepted a position at Worcester academy as anstructor in German, beginning next

Mrs. Ruth Prescott Rice and children, of Auburndale, are visiting the John H. Kimballs.

Herbert Whitcomb, of Waterbury, conn., visited the home people over Rev. A. J. Covell preached an inspiring sermon at the morning service of the Congregational church on Sunday, and the quartet and organist fur-

day, and the quartet and organist fur-nished one of the best musical pro-grams ever rendered. The entire serv-ice, complete and very beautiful, was thoroughly appreciated by the large congregation present. Decerations of house plants were artistically arranged. The union Good Friday service at the Congregational church was a very helpful spiritual introduction to Easter. Rev. O. J. Fairfield spoke on the sig-nificance of Easter and Rev. H. L.

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and other details will be amounted on Sunday evening.

In response to the desire of the Liberty Loan Publicity Committee, Laberty Loan Sunday will be tobserved on April 7 by the Baptas church, theme of the morning sermon being "Three great things—bears, bonds and liberty."

Work on the unfinished portion of the state road at the common is resumed and an early compaction of the road is promised.

James E. Smith, seeled foreman lest all but one man in his working force besides himself the first of this week, the missing men accepting positions on the state road at the common at an advance of approximately \$1.25 a day over the pay for railroad work.

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Jersey City, N. J. In the meaning Mrs. Gillett will visit her parents in Rockland and her brother in Brockten. Mrs. Ewings will visit friends in Somerville and Lexington.

Robert Warren, of Manchester, N. H., has visited his aunt, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, this week.

W. H. Titcomb has suffered for several weeks from a severe cold and cough of the most resistible type.

One of our leading women poultry fanchers is exhibiting an egg from her slock weighing five ounces, with dimensions 7x8\( \frac{2}{3}\) inches.

Peter MeNiff is in a hospital, where he is being treated for trouble with his eyes.

George Gardner is sick and in the care of Dr. Kilbourn.

J. H. D. Whitcomb, E. A. Flagg, L. A. Hager and Leonard Roberts went to the quality sale of cattle in Brattleboro, Vt., this week. One of Mr. Flagg's registered cows was in the sale.

The church bell at the common failed to ring on Tuesday evening in celebration of the victory for ratification of the prohibition amendment in the Massachusetts senate, through failure to learn the result of the vote. A feature of the evening service on Sunday, however, will be a praise service in recognition of this important action of our state legislature.

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### BROOKLINE, N. H.

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Michael and Cornelius Regan are mployed at Camp Devens, Aver. Miss Eiva Sherwin is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Brown. Wilfred Souci has been at the home of Joseph Quelette on a short furlough from Camp Greene, N. C.

Miss Doris Lovejoy, of Hollis, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Bolton. Mrs. Arthur Brown and son Harold

were visitors in Pepperell on last week

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The following article may be of interest to the members of the ked Cross: "To those who do not fully realize the enormous demand and value of the surgical dressings now being made by the ited cross workers, the fact may be of interest that over you of these dressings were used on one wounded man in a French loss. one wounded man in a Freich hos-pital. Millions of these dressings will

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WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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Sergt: Arthur Sheridan, of Atlanta,
Ga., has been a guest at the home of
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Saturday; April 6, 1918.

### PEPPERELL

The Lenten dinner at the M. E. church on Thursday of last week was attended by the usual members of the church. The dinner consisted of fish chowder, baked beans, pickles, plain pies, and there was white bread, but the dark complexioned bread held sway and it demonstrated that the ladies can Hooverize and still have it toothsome. They say that Mrs. Jerry Annis can make tip top fish chowder.

Howard Slocum returned to New Brunswick, N. J., Wednesday of last week after a four-days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Slo-comb.

Rev. Thomas O'Toole has been assigned to St. Benedict's church in Somervillé.

On March 29 there was a union meeting at the Methodist church to observe Good Friday. Mrs. Elsie Copp and Mrs. Alice Bartlett sang. The pastor and Rev. Dudley R. Child made fitting remarks.

'The Woman's club met on Monda; The Woman's club met on Monday afternoon in the Congregational vestry. The program was as follows: Readings, Mrs. Charles Denham, Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. George Shattuck and Mrs. John Boynton; solo and encore, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson; "The battle hymn of the republic" and "Manerica" were sung in chorus.

Mrs. B. F. Parker will spend this week-end with her daughter. Mrs. Carkin, in Clinton. They formerly liv-ed in Ayer and then went to Worcester. and then almost immediately removed to their present home in Clinton.

Bernard Slocomb has written his parents that he has had a change in his position from a guard over the five magazines of munitions to become a sheriff, but is located in Haskell, N. J., just the same. He has been sworn in as deputy sheriff in the county of Passalc, N. J.

The services at the Methodist church were enjoyed by all that there was room for and it will be recorded as a beautiful Easter, both materially and for the religious upilft. Rev. W. H. Beers spoke eloquently on "Eternal life." Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelly rendered a solo on her yiolin and added ille." Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelly rendered a solo on her violin and added much to the other good music. Mrs. Duncan was the organist. Mrs. Alice Blood Bartlett's solo, "With falth triumphant," blended into the services well. The evening services were different from the ordinary Easter concert, as they partook of the nature of a pageant, and the entire 'production' reflected the effort of the committee. The angel spirit of the resurrection permeated the whole. The last tableau, where Faith stood with hands uplifted and the red red lights bringing out and the red red lights bringing out the group was very pleasing. The front of the church was decorated with many fine geraniums and other house plants.

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On Monday afternoon there was a fire that consumed the house in the rear of the catholic church, where the Weldon family lived. They got out some of the things in the house. Rumor had it that it was set by a locomotive, but Mr. Reed is authority for saying that the railroad had burned the grass some days previous as a precaution. The fire apparently caught in the rear of the barn. This is the same place that was occupied for fifteen or more years by the Supple family.

Other Pepperell matter on page 1.

Easter Concert.

The Congregational and Unitarian Sunday schools united in giving a concert in the Congregational church last Sunday evening, which was enjoyed by a large congregation. The program, in charge of Dana Merrill, was as follows: Processional, anthem by united choir; scripture, Rev. D. R. Child: prayer, Rev. J. B. Lewis; recitation. "Welcome," Gwen Parker; exercise, six members of primary department; recitations, "A kind offer," Natalie Blake; Easter heralds," Ellen Parker; exercise, "Mother nature," Mrs. Tower and children; song, Esther Martin and Gertlude Greenwood; recitations, Rodney Brown, Catherine and Geraldine Parker; song, "A sunbeam," primary department; recitation, Homer Bemis; exercise, "Love," four pupils; recitation, "A lesson from a violet," Constance Parker; exercise, "Easter thoughts," Miss Andrey Birkinshaw and girls; duet, Dorothy and Mary McCord; recitation, Jean Campbell and Charlotte Nowell; exercise, "The immortality of love and service," Mrs. Aibert F. Parker and a dozen young people.

The platform was fastefully decorated with lilles, daffodils, potted plants, pussy willows and evergreens.

Rebuild or Federate?

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As the days go by the matter of rebuilding the Unitarian charren comes more to the front. The unsightly charred remains of the old church make a demand that something should be done. An informal meeting was held on Monday evening at the Congregational vestry, but, nothing was settled. The older people, who have been connected with the church for years, believe in federation, and that one minister can serve the community better than two, and that the union and fellowship will harmonize better the said, "Why, heaven will not be a lot of little churches, but one grand church and one central thought."

The project of removing the Congregational church has been spoken of to the site of the Unitarian church. The congregational church has been spoken of to the site of the Unitarian church. The congregational church has been spoken of the site of the Unitarian church. The congregational church has been spoken of the site of the Unitarian church. The structure would also be racked by the maxims so that a practically out of the question.

There are quite a rumber who style themselves as "nothing rans," who are live wires and want a modern church built, and if necessary to go deeply into debt for the same and believe that they can get the finds and feel that the present paster is the man to build the new church one party suggested that a church out of debt was like an old couple that had enough to live on and had settled down to get ready to die.

One thing seems to be certain, that some funds are new available and the limit for a new church is spoken of is being, one says \$16,000, another \$20,000, and there are some people out of town that would give freely to rebuild, but the consideration comes again on the standluss that would income to raise the yearly expenses.

The Congregational people have more everything in a very nice way. These are talking and soon a meeting will be called to test the matter by vote.

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The Girl Scouts are planning to help the liberty loan drive in every way they can. On Saturday, April 6, when the third drive begins, the girls will be out early. Just watch and see what

Mrs. Barker's troop No. 1 enjoyed a very folly hike and picnic on Tuesday. This being the school vacation it was an especially good time for the all-day outing.

South Lancaster

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We have received a most impressive report of the scout work done by Capt. Parker's troop in the making of maple syrup. Every day a certain number of girls meet at Capt. Parker's house and tap trees. Thirty trees have been tapped, and each morning and afternoon sap is collected. On good days sixty quarts have been bottled, This means about eighty quarts have been boiled. The girls sell the syrup at, fifty cents per quart. sell the syrup at, fifty cents per quart

This same Narcissus troop cooked its dinner one day and had such things as they would be likely to use in camp this summer—bacon and fried ergs, bread and milk, pan cakes with syrup of its own boiling.

Saturday evening, April 13, at eight o'clock in the town hall, the Girl Scouts are to give "A modern Cinderella." The Brownie Scouts will give a drill between the acts of the play. Tickets for reserved seats thirty-five cents.

On Friday evening Mrs. Fuller's scouts, troop No. 1, are undertaking a big, fine thing when they give the "Modern Cinderella" for the benefit of the local Red Cross and French Wounded. A band from Camp Devens will play at this entertainment.

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Girl Scouts do not forget a single day during April that we are all trying to help bring the war to a happy termination by buying liberty bonds this month. Please buy a bond if you can; interest others to buy them; do all you can; sacrifice much to put every possible cent at the disposal of Uncle Sam.

### HARVARD News Items.

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At the annual guest night of the Woman's club on Monday the entertainment consisted of the presentation of the latest number of the club magazine. Clover Leaves; Mrs. J. Edward Maynard, Mrs. Henry H. Putnam, Mrs. Herbert B. Royal, editors. The table of contents follows: Cover design; The editor's point of view; poem; music, "The first primrose"; "Cupid in uniform," a story, illustrated; poem; music, "Lovely spring"; humoresque; cartoon. "When a fellar needs a friend"; music; dfamatic sectionsketch, "Aunt Harriet's night out."

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson an-nounce the engagement of their eldest

daughter, Miss Helen Dickson, to Frederick Wrangham. Both are of our own town and have the congratu-lations of the townspeople.

Mrs. Olive Bryant is on the sick list. Her sister Dorls is caring for the household during her illness.

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Mrs. Rachel Maynard and Mrs. Alma Royal attended the meeting of the liberty loan committee in Boston this week. Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, of Lancaster, was one of the speakers.

Mrs. Edw. Coke, with her infant son, came home on Thursday from Clinton hospital, where she has been the past two weeks.

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