house. Everybody seemed to be more than pleased with the concert given.

The Up-to-date club will hold their

for the afternoon session.

work. Everyone welcome

followed by the class:

The next number was the dancing

well done and deserves special men-tion. The next was a song and dance,

the glow worm, by Mildred Carmen, Josephine Baker, Priscilla Shores,

The whole affair showed the result of

care and training on the part of both teacher and pupil. Mrs. White was rewarded for her effort by one of the

The young people of the village will

give their play, "The district school at Blueberry corners," at the town hall, Lancaster, next Friday evening, March 4. They go there under the aus-

pices of the Lancaster circle of King's

Rev. James Brownville of Fairchild Center, Me., was the guest of Still River friends from Saturday to Thurs-

day, and preached the sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday. Mr

Brownville was pastor of this church

Tuesday A. A. Hutcherson, H. D. Stone, W. E. Haskell and C. H. Haskell attended an exemplification of the degree work in Masonry in Fitchburg. Miss Flora Murchie was operated upon for appendicitis at the Memorial hospital in Worcester last week, and Tuesday of this week, Arthur Cross, a nephew of Miss Murchie, was taken to the same hospital for an operation for the same trouble.

Josiah Withington, a former resi-

dent of Harvard, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellinwood in Worcester, last week, and the body was brought to Harvard Saturday for burial. Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth of this

village is a daughter of Mr. Withing

Mrs. Richards and daughter have

Mr. and Mrs. Wetherbee, who live i

Frank Sprague's cottage, were called to Concord, N. H., last week on ac-count of the sickness of his father, returning Wednesday, Mrs. Wether-

bee's sister coming with them for a

Mrs. Anna H. Flanders and Mrs. W B. Haskell visited relatives of Mrs Flanders in Mattapan over Sunday

The stand pipe at the railroad sta-

tion, which was broken off about six weeks ago, has been replaced this

been visiting friends in Boston.

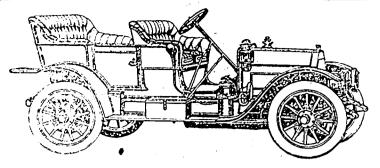
argest parties of the season.

Daughters.

thirteen years ago.

Dancing Class.

Schools close this week Friday.



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# Verification of Savings Bank Books.

The attention of Depositors in the following Savings Banks is hereby called to the provision of Section 43 of Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, requiring verification of books of deposit during the present year; and they are respectfully requested to bring or send in their books, for this purpose, during the months of March and April.

> North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer. Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg. Fitchburg Savings Bank. Gardner Savings Bank.

Clinton Savings Bank. Leominster Savings

Athol Savings Bank.

Winchendon Savings Bank. Templeton Savings Bank, Baldwinville.

#### HARVARD.

Miss E. Gertrude Smith entertained her father from Waltham at "The Elms," over Sunday last.

will hold one of their suppers and socials at the town hall on Thursday evening, March 3. The supper committee have had plans for a chicken-piet supper for this night. This is not, however, fully decided as yet. The evening is to be devoted to one of Charles Dickens' works. Miss Marion Renfrew, first assistant at the Brom-Renfrew, first assis The ladies of the Unitarian society field school, has dramatized this work, and the committee are confident of a more than ordinary entertainment. Following the play there will be danc-ing. Suppers to be served at six and tion, held on Friday evening, February seven o'colck.

Nearly every member of the Harvard Complimentary club has receivvard Complimentary club has received an invitation to be present at the annual ball of the Clintonians given the complementary hall Clinton A large. The provider hall Clinton A large. in the new town hall, Clinton. A large number are making plans to attend.

On February 18 Mrs. Sarah Pierce, for several years a resident here, and sister to the late Wright Hartwell of this town, passed her ninetieth anniversary of her birth. Miss Pierce has spent nearly all her life in the capaed in a large number of the homes here and Still River village. Her friends wish her many more pleasant days in city of a trained nurse and has assisther declining years.

Josiah Withington, for many years for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. a resident here, late of Worcester, passed away at the age of 90 years and

now fast disappearing. Those who re member him recall him for his honesty Ine regular meeting of the King's one daughter still in town, Mrs. M. A. Daughters will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 3, at 2.30 o'clock, at the Memorial rooms.

Misses Kate and Annie Horrigan of Arlington, and Miss May Pepper of Dorchester were guests at the Kerley over Sunday and until Wednesday

The Ladies' Afternoon Whist club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs.

an ordinary twelve-foot sled.

Charles L. Clay attended the twenty-ninth annual reunion and dinner 18, of which he is a member. He reports a very pleasant meeting. Durat this meeting of making the acquaintance of Dr. S. S. Snedden, the new Massachusetts commissioner of educa-

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry have just returned from a visit to friends at Springfield and Ware.

Miss Georgia Ellis from Keene, N. H.,

Miss Susie Marsh of Ware is visiting

passed away at the age of 90 years and 6 months at the home of his daughter of that city. He once owned the farm in East Bare hill district, which still bears his name, now owned by Warren Wilkins. He was a highly respected citizen, one of the old-type Yankees,

Commencing Monday, Feb. 21 the Clothing Store of D W. Fletcher & Son will be controlled and managed by the Fletcher Bros. We intend to carry a complete line of Men's Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Furnishings and solicit the patronage of our friends and former customers.

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# For Men and Youths

We find ourselves with too many Fancy Winter Overcoats in our stock. We are determined not to carry these Overcoats over to another season, we prefer to take on them our loss now.

# Every Fancy Overcoat Must Go.

Our Entire Stock of Fancy Winter Overcoats must go at ONEof the Highland fling, and was given by Mistress Mary Griffin. This was thought by some to be the best num-ber on the program. It was certainly HALF OFF—the regular price cut in two. They are all good style-handsome garments every one, not a poor style in the lot. You can now purchase one of these handsome Overcoats for just one-half the original price. If you need an Overcoat you simply cannot re-Josephine Baker, Priscilla Shores, Rachel Farnsworth, Olive Houghton, Helen Whitney, Grace Morse. Song, "I remember you," by Philip Watson and chorus of seven young ladies, very well done. Barn dance in costume by sixteen of the children, singing "Down at the husking bee." This number also brought out the applause. sist these prices. Sizes run from 31 to 40.

# Men's and Young Men's Fancy Overcoats.

\$10.00 Overcoats now go for \$5.00 \$15.00 Overcoats now go for \$7.50 \$20.00 Overcoats now go for \$10.00 . \$22.00 Overcoats now go for \$11.00

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We are now offering the balance of our stock of Staple Black Kersey Overcoats at a very substantial reduction from the original low price.

	Sizes run from 34 to 44.	
\$10.00	Overcoats, now	\$7.47
\$12.00	Overcoats, now	\$8. <del>4</del> 7
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### Children's Overcoats and Reefers

The balance of our stock of Overcoats and Reefers at a cut price. All new styles.

Overcoats, Ages 4 to 12.

\$5.00 Coats, now	<b>₽3.</b> ₹/
\$6.50 Coats, now	\$4.47
Reefers, Ages 8 to 16.	
Reefers, Ages 8 to 16. \$3.50 Reefers, now	\$2.50
\$5.00 Reefers, now	

# Underwear Bargains

Men's Fleece-lined Underwear, the regular	50c.
kind, splendid values, what we have left	_
for	39c
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# Men's and Boys' Winter Caps at Cut Prices

Every Winter Cap in our stock is now offered at a big cut from the regular price, also all our Toques and Tams.

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\$1.00 Caps for Men
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25c. Caps for Boys
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25c. Toques for Boys and Girls
50c. Tams for Girls
75c. Tams for Girls
\$1.00 Tams for Girls

### Men's Fur Coats

Every Fur Coat at a cut price and each one is a good bargain.

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Coats worth \$25.00, now	\$20.00
Coats worth \$30.00, now	\$25.00
Coats worth \$35.00, now	

### Men's Sheep-Lined Coats

The small balance of our Corduroy Sheep-lined

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#### WESTFORD.

# About Town.

The Molly Varnum Chapter of the Lowell D. A. R. held a Colonial recepthe hospitality committee, which served refreshments.

Mrs. Clara Littlefield of Fitchburg, one of the old loyally remembered scholars and teachers of the Stony Brook in its "Little red schoolhouse" days, has been visiting her sister, Miss Belle Walker and her brother, Charles E. Walker, at the old Walker home-stead on Main street, where the quiet peace of prosperity reigns.

At a meeting of the Board of Regis trars of voters, Friday evening of last week, dates for future meetings were arranged as follows: Friday evening, March 4, at Brookside, from 7.45 to 8.45 in Moore's mill; at Graniteville, Monday evening, March 7, at Healy's hall, from 7.30 to nine; at Forge Village, Wednesday evening, March 9, from 7.30 until nine, at Abbot's hall. The final meeting for registration prior to the annual town meeting will be held at the town hall, Westford Center, Saturday, March 2, from noon until ten o'clock p. m.

Arthur G. Boynton of Lowell, having sold part of his milk route to E. B. Edmonds, it necessitates a transfer of milk raisers in Westford. Mr. Boynton will retain the raisers on the Lowell road as far as Banister's corner; those on Main street and elsewhere be transferred to Mr. Edmonds Mr. Boynton is an exceptional milk man, and fortunate are the farmers who have such a one.

Harold Fletcher, who has been ill at the hospital in Lowell, is home, but with the usual caution restrictions following this class of illness.

At the meeting of the grange, Thurs day evening, March 3, the farce, "The third degree," will be taken from the list of "try and have it ready next meeting," and be put on the list of 'here you have it at last.'

James H. O'Brien, who has been il with pneumonia, has got round it, with cautious planning of avoiding the outdoor paths that dampened the way that led to his illness.

Among others who will accompany the Goode family to California and Oregon are Mrs. John M. O'Brien, Frank D., Nellie and Agnes O'Brien. They will leave about March 15.

#### Obituary.

Rev. John Calvin Kimball, who died week Thursday at the home of his daughter in Greenfield, has the clear and friendly remembrance of all who knew him when he was minister of our old First Parish Unitarian church sev eral years ago. By the townspeople he will ever be remembered for his ex ample of plain vigorous New England living, both from temperament and from free choice. His was the cour-ageous living of all that was best in that solid type of life that the world has long known and admired as New England. By the First Parish church he will be remembered as an eloquent and forcible exponent of righteous ness, and for his clear and fearless expression of opinion in regard to this life and the life elsewhere. None who ever knew him could help but admire of Joe Wall, will present their play, his sincerity for truth in matters of "The third degree." Let everybody religion and his independence in matters political, as he loyally defended the principles of minorities as did Has Accepted the Call. his father, but not simply because they did, but because he thought it right He had a vigorous personality and a very reverential spirit. As his name suggests, he was named for the great anostle and founder of Calvinism H. was the author of several virile pamphlets on the Unitarian faith, published by the Unitarian association During the civil war he served as chaplain in a Massachusetts regiment, which saw active service in many frontier fights. While in Westford the Veteran's association invited him to give the address on Memorial day. The citizens will recall that address as the fire of elo-quence cannonading for human rights that could not be stopped this side of

realization. Mr. Kimball was a graduate of Amerst college, and later was a classmate at Harvard with our own pastor Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey. At the Sunday service here Mr. Bailey fittingly reviewed the courageous lifework and independent loyalty of his old class-

mate. The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon and burial was in his native town of Ipswich, beside the companion of his life, near to the resting places of his ancestors and close by the homestead farm of his boyhood days. Mr. Bailey was invited to attend but health considerations made it necessary for him to decline this last ser vice to his classmate.

## Basket Ball.

Westford academy basket ball team was defeated by the Stow high school team last Saturday at Stow by the score of 38 to 14. The Stow team has been under training for some time by a college coach. This advantage was the real telling factor that led to the defeat of the Westford team, who have the usual and more than ordinary physical weight and muscle belonging to farm life, but they lacked training in It must also be remembered that this is the first for several season: the school has been represented in this branch of winter sport. Principal Woodward has them in hand for train ing, and in their training and build Pond street, Saturday evening, and a they have some reserve defeats for large number of their friends were even college-coached teams. The acadbanister to hold and balance by.

academy gymnasium by the score of 26 to 14. It was a clear case of practice and out of practice.

ACADEMY. Feeney, rf. rb, Hartford
Banister, lf. lf, Hildreth
S. Tallant, c. c, Wright
Walkdon, rf. rf, Johnson
A. Tallaht, lb. lb, Hamlin
A social lunch was served at the close.
Referee, O'Connor. Timekeeper, Mr.
Woodward.

Give Us Light.

Representatives of the Connecticut River Power Co. were in town Washington's day with a view of lighting up our darkness in street, hall, school, mill and private dwellings, and per-haps trolley us to Brookside. We need light on the streets of our villages for the safety of our name as a town in Lowell D. A. R. held a Colonial reception at the Spaulding house in Lowell on Washington's birthday. Mrs. F. A. Snow and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher was on were present. Mrs. Fletcher was on traffic from Westford to Brookside at the safety of our name as a town in comparison with less wealth and population that surrounds us. We also need light to read the statistics of passenger traffic from Westford to Brookside at

a time when the fare was fifteen cents for two and one-half miles, and five cents for five miles elsewhere by the same charge of electricity. Yes, give us light to prove figures fair and right Yes, give us light that we can see our selves as others don't see us.

Center.

Miss Ida M. Gould is convalescing from a two weeks' siege with grippe Mrs. J. W. Pyne and family attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Geo. Woodbury, in Manchester, N. H., Thursday. Death was due to heart failure, he being found dead in his room at Troy, N. Y., where he was stopping.

Mrs. John P. Wright was in town Monday of this week calling on old friends and neighbors.

Members of the Tadmuck club are reminded of the change of meeting time, beginning next week, from 2.30 to three.

Schools were closed Washington' birthday and also the J. V. Fletcher library. The R. F. D. carriers also library. The R. F. D. carriers also enjoyed the holiday. As the weather and traveling were bad, the holiday must have been doubly welcome to these last mentioned.

Miss Eva E. Fletcher, having reached a quiescent stage from her recent severe attack of appendicitis, was tak-en to the Lowell General hospital this week, and underwent an operation Wednesday. The operation was per-formed by Dr. C. R. Metcalf of the dassachusetts General hospital, and Dr. O. V. Wells, and is apparently successful. Her many friends sincerely sympathize with her in her suffering and earnestly wish her a speedy recov ery.

#### Accident.

Leslie Devereaux, who was a week end guest of Alexander Cameron, met with an unfortunate accident last Saturday afternoon. While coasting down a steep hill below the house with urday afternoon. a double-runner, they collided with a ree, and the Devereaux boy's leg was broken below the knee. The boys were classmates together at the Middlesex school for boys at Concord. Dr. Wells end the school physician from Concord, Dr. Chamberlain, attended to the boy's injuries. His home is in Utica, N. Y.

#### Grange.

Weather and traveling were such that the attendance at the grange last Thursday evening was not as good as usual, although every officer of the staff, including executive committee, were present. After the business session the lecturer presented a good pro-gram of patriotic nature. There were papers and poems on the lives of Lin-coln and Washington, and music by Arthur Blodgett with the cornet and Miss Mabel Miller at the piano, all the elections being of the stirring patriotic order.

At the next meeting, March 3, some of the brothers, under the direction who can come and enjoy a good laugh.

Rev. David Wallace preached again most acceptably to a large congregation last Sunday morning. At the close of the service there was a business neeting of the church members and there seemed to be a unanimous wish o extend to Mr. Wallace a call to become the pastor of the church. Of wenty-nine written ballots cast twen v-eight were affirmative.

Wallace has accepted the cal extended to begin work at once. He omes to his church with a record of successful pastorates and the commit tee feel that they have secured a mai suited to the needs of the parish. Fol owing is his letter of acceptance:

Lunenburg, Mass., Feb. 21, 1910. L. W. Wheeler, Chairman Supply Committee, Congregational Church Westford, Mass.

Westford, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler: Your letter at and, notifying me of the Union Conregational church, Westford, in calling ie to the pastorate, I accept the call, nd. in accordance with my understanding with you as to the wishes of the copie, I propose to begin my pastoral ork with you next Sunday morning.

Rock with you next sunday morning. Cobruary 27.

Belleving that the great head of the church has brought us together and rusting and praying that his richest clessing may attend us in all the work and through all the days that we may be privileged to enjoy together, and wishing you all grace, mercy and peace.

#### I am, sincerely yours, DAVID WALLACE.

Mr. Wallace has a special message for his congregation next Sunday morning and especially and earnestly desires all to be present who can posdo so. At this writing freshly renovated parsonage is ready for occupancy, and the new pastor's household goods are expected to arrive Thursday or Friday. have been most canably and attractively done with additional assistance of

willing parishioners. The new family circle consists of the pastor, his wife and two daughters, Pauline and Rachael.

Forge Village. The Misses Ellen and Annie Holden held a reception at their home on large number of their friends were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in vocal and instrumental music. The boycot of the beef trust is now practically at an end, and the net result to date seems to be merely an object emy team was manned by Feeney, spent in vocal and instrumental music. It date seems to be merely an object Bannister, A. Tallant, S. Tallant and Walkden. Plenty of talent and a good evening's entertainment were: James of the heaf trust evening's entertainment were: James how completely they are at the mercy Burns, Miss Sarah Smith, Miss Mary of the beef trust.

The Academy team defeated the Gardner, Miss Rachael Cherry, Frank Academy alumni team on Washington's Lowther, vocal selections; duet, the holiday at the basket ball game at the Misses Christina and Theresa Lowther; piano solos, Miss Mary T. Hanley and Frederick Naylor, who was also the accompanist of the evening. Light re-freshments were served.

Frank Murphy, Peter Hanley, W Connors and brother of Lowell, were guests Sunday of Francis Lowther. These well-known Lowell young men spent the past two summers camping at Forge pond and made many friends here. They were so fascinated with camp life that they made arrange ments to obtain a cottage on the shore of the pond for the entire season of 1910. They are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of the "good old summer time.'

Mrs. M. A. Lowther, who has been very ill the past week, is somewhat better and is resting comfortably.

Philip D. Lord is confined to his iome with a severe attack of grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett of Worenter were guests last Sunday of Mrs H. E. Randall. Mrs. Randall also en-Ada Nute of Haverbill and Mrs. Augusta Whidden.

Mrs. Mary Leclerc has been suffer ing from an attack of mumps the past few days.

A large number from here attended the play, "The dictator," which was given by the boys of Groton School in the town hall, Groton, Wednesday evening. J. A. Healy of Graniteville conveyed some of the members in his large three-seated sleigh. R. D. Pescott was the driver.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley of Marlborough and little daughter Mary have returned home after a pleasant visit spent with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Han-

Miss Mary Cherry is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met with Mrs. George H. Sanborn, Thursday afternoon. After the usual work refreshments were served.

Eugene Coté, who underwent an operation at the Lowell General hospital several weeks ago, is in a critical condition as a result of blood poisoning.

Loyal Self-Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., held a very interesting meeting in Abbot hall on Monday evening. A large number was in attendance. After the lodge business was completed a short entertainment was given: Piano solo, John Shackelton; harmonica duet. Charles Eaton, John Baker; re-citation, Charles Thompson; song and dance, John Baker; songs, William De-Roehn, Harry White, John Shackelton, Charles Flanagan. Another entertainment has been arranged for the next meeting night.

#### Graniteville.

The regular meeting of St. Catherine's temperance society was held n its rooms on Wednesday. Business of importance was transacted and reports of committees acted upon. A whist party is one of the features promised for the future.

Ernest Longbottom, a former resident, but now located in Arlington Heights, has been a recent visitor in this village.

Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a very interesting meeting in its rooms on Thursday night. Chief Ranger L. G. Sullivan presided. Business of importance was transacted and three applications were received. It was voted to hold an entertainment after the next regular meeting.

The entertainment committee of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., has decided to run a dramatic entertainment after the lenten season. The selection of the play has practically been decided upon, and rehearsals will commence in the very near future. The cast will include three of the original numbers of the Graniteville Dramatic club.

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#### Birthday Anniversary.

A very pleasant family event tool place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wil iam White in this village on Sunday the occasion being the seventy-fift irthday anniversary of William White An excellent dinner was served by Mrs White, and seated about the festive board were members of the immediate family, including Mr. and Mrs. C. H Wright and Miss Edith Wright of Westford; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ed-wards of West Chelmsford; Henry White and little son, Master Normar White, of Beverly. Mr. White received many happy returns of the day, and was presented with an elegant Morris chair of the latest pattern by the mem-bers of the family. Mr. White is a well-preserved man for his years, enjoys good health and works every day The presentation of the chair was a happy thought of his children, for, as he remarked, "it was just what I wantand he can now enjoy his eve ning paper and books while comfort ably seated before the glowing fire.

Church Services.

At the Methodist church last Sunday the pastor preached from the topic, "The mission of the church." In the evening the theme was "Where the soul lives." A chorus of twelve or more has been organized and will render special music at the evening hour. The pastor met all the men of the church in the vestry on Saturday evening. and an informal hour was spent. Refreshments were served.

Many attended the lenten service in

Many attended the lenten service in St. Catherine's church on Wednesday evening, which included the stations of the cross, followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament, were conducted by Rev. J. J. McNamara. Fr. McNamara also gave a brief sermon appropriate to the lenten season.

Lenten devotions were to be held on Tuesday evening, but owing to the se-verity of the storm, they were held on Wednesday evening instead.

After the 9.45 o'clock mass that was celebrated in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning by Rev. J. J. McNamara, a short meeting was held by the parishioners for the purpose of forming plans for the coming entertainment to begin in aid of the church.

#### LITTLETON.

To the Editor:

If this fact that has been so clearly demonstrated shall cause the common people to really think it will be well Russell, Miner and Stanley Wells of worth the trouble of demonstration. We should face the facts and ponder leeply as to whither we are tending.

If the beef trust were the only combination of capital, with the power to oppress the people, it would not be so serious a matter, but it is only one of many that can at will oppress us in a greater or less degree.

How many of us realize what would happen if John D. Rockfeller and the select band of financial buccaneers associated with him should think expedient to turn their stocks, bonds and other securities into the win of the realm. By such action they could instantly and any day start such a panic as the world has never known.

By simply exchanging securities into cash they could at once absorb the surplus money of the whole country, force all the banks to call in loans when there would be no money available for their debtors to pay the loans. Under such conditions all depositors in savings banks would want their money at once and, of course, would have no chance of getting it.

Chaos would thus reign in the finan-cial world, stocks would depreciate, fortunes on paper would vanish and the holders of the cash could buy back their stocks and bonds for a fraction of their face value and increase their

wealth accordingly.
This sort of thing is done every day on a small scale, and it is not because of any regard for the people that it is not done in a wholesale way Though they openly disregard the

rights of the people, these gentlemen have a wholesome regard for their own welfare, and they realize that it is easier to start a panic than to stop one when it reaches a point where it s dangerous.

A general financial cataclasm, such as these gentlemen could easily inaugurate might end in a revolution that might be injurious to their physical welfare, so they may well hesitate to start the ball in motion.

In spite of the peace that seems to lover over us, this dangerous power is still in the hands of a few men, and they use better judgment to hold this power as a club to gain their ends than they would to use it to wreck the country and buy up the ruins.

Is it any wonder the "Standard oil" does not pay twenty-nine million dol-lar fines when a hint as to what it might be advisable to do if that virtuous concern was oppressed, might well cause even honest and well-meaning executive officers to hesitate.

A strict regard for the law is not

a characteristic virtue of the trusts, except as it applies to those of humble station, but we notice not many trust A good-sized audience assembled in magnates are doing time in our penal Oddfellows' hall on Monday evening institutions.

We have a beautiful example of the

which seems to do its own sweet will D. A. R. The cast consisted of about regardless of laws, legislatures or seventy-five of the children and young regardless of laws, legislatures or The trouble is general and deep-

seated, and I doubt if any case can be found short of a complete overturn and reorganization of our methods of doing business. The trusts will probably continue to squeeze the public for more and more profits till the people finally wake up and overturn the whole sys-

tem for one of co-operative produc-tion for use instead of profit.

Littleton, Mass., Feb. 22, 1910. About Town.

At the annual town meeting on Monday, March 28, the ladies of the Unitarian society will furnish the dinner All who attend the Backlog entertainment Thursday evening next are expected to furnish a package of something, neatly tied up, which will be auctioned off by J. P. Thacher, the proceeds being for the benefit of the club. This is one of the many attractions o the evening.

John Smith, who formerly lived here, s now an inmate of the Battles' home for aged men in Lowell. It was through the influence of Hon. F. A. Patch that he gained admission there.

There has already been eighty cases of measles here, and new ones appear-ing every day. They have been severe in some cases, two or three who have been noted as having them have es caped thus far.

A large delegation of Christian en deavorers of this town attended the convention held in South Acton on Tuesday. It was very entertaining and instructive to those who attended.

The Tuesday evening Sunset party proved to be a very large and enjoy able affair. The dancing for the little ones commenced about 4.30, was a pretty scene to behold them as they glided gracefully around and around. A very large and pleasant part of the elderly ones entered into the evening's pleasure, to the music of Atwood's orchestra. The hall was prettily decorated with the national colors, flags and streamers. was a large attendance and a bountiful supper was served, which was partaken of with much relish by considerably over a hundred.

Tuesday Rev. C. A. Drummond spoke in the late Dr. E. E. Hale's church in Boston before the Isle of Shoals re union.

C. S. Robbins has had a 'phone put into his house on a private line, same as Mr. Prouty's

The annual Easter sale of the King's

Daughters will be held in the Uni-tarian vestry on Saturday afternoon, February 26, from two to five o'clock. Under the guild auspices a food sale will be held in the Unitarian vestry on Saturday afternoon, March 5, from three to five o'clock.

Miss Daisy Robbins will lead the guild meeting, to be held in the Uni-tarian vestry, Sunday evening, Feb-ruary 27. Subject, "Elements of suc-

#### SHIRLEY.

Basket Ball. Oddfellows' hall was crowded to the doors last week Friday evening to witness the two match games of bask-ball team will play the Clinton high

The price we are to pay for our et ball. The Shirley teams lost one school girls in Oddfellows' hall, Saturbeef is clearly shown to rest solely and won one, which caused honors to day afternoon, Feb. 26, at 2.30. This with the trust and is a matter of ex- be equally divided. The sport compediency only.

menced with the contest between the the boys of the Shirle lf they choose to double present Shirley high school and the Ayer and Westford academy. prices they can do it at any time with-out a shadow of doubt. Civic Juniors. The Shirley high won by a score of 42 against 14 for the Ayer Civic Juniors. The feature of this game was the superior playing of

This game was followed by a match game with the West Fitchburg team

and the Shirley Crescents. The Fitch-burg team won by a score of 22 to 14. The summary of the two games as follows:

SHIRLEY CRESCENTS. W. F. A. A. . . rb, Murphy . . lb, Fletcher . . c, Cashman

Goals from floor, Bangs 1, Connors 3, O'Neil 1, Weeks 1, Goals from fouls, Connors 2, Referee, Ricker.
Goals from floor, Murphy 3, Fletcher 5, Cashman 1, Woodcombe 1, Goals from fouls, Murphy 2.

SHIRLEY HIGH. CIVIC JUNIORS. ....rb, Moore Hooper, c......c, Brown Weeks, lb.....rf, Bowlet Evans, rb.....lf, Lyman, McGuand Goals from floor, Miner 9. Wells 12, Weeks 1, Evans 1. Goals from fouls, Miner 2. Goals from floor, Moore 3, Coughlin 2, Brown 2.

Bowling.

Burrill's and Day's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys last Saturday evening. Day's team won the game, taking the first two strings, and tied with Burrill's team in the last string, both scoring 444. However, Day wor in the first two checks across, which gave his team the credit of three straight. They also captured the total

pinfall by a majority of forty pins.

M. Day was the top notch and swift individual bowler in the contest, con necting with the first string for 11 and followed it up with 104 in the second and finished his last single with a score of 93, which gave him a total of 307.

Eddie Tremblay came next, rolling 111 on his last single and finished with a total of 293. Sibley kept close behind him with a total of 289, which was closely followed by Burrill with a

score of 200. The sumi	1141 .						
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Gilmartin 73	84	76- 233					
Burrill 95	97	96 288					
Pierce 82	78	81 241					
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DAY'S TEAM.							
Mansur 71	94	81- 249					
Stebbins \$1	7.5	78- 237					
Gately	8.8	86 253					
Sibley 92	91	106- 289					
Day	101	93 307					
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#### Miscellaneous Entertainment.

to witness and enjoy the entertain-ment and drama given by Mrs. Elmer power of corporate capital in our own H. Allen and Mrs. George S. Wells state in the New Haven railroad, for the benefit of Old Shirley Chapter, people of the town. The program was lengthy and varied, containing thirty one numbers. All the participants of the evening's entertainment gave marked evidence of good training and reflective credit upon themselves, and Mrs. E. H. Allen and Mrs. George S. Wells, who have labored hard for the past ten weeks to bring the affair with its multitude of details to a success

ful termination.

No public event ever given in Shir ley in the past brought together so many of the younger element of the town, and the smoothness with which everything was carried out was com-mendable to all concerned. It would be difficult to specialize any particular individual or number for conspicuous mention, as the program as a whole was admirably executed. The applause so liberally given to every number must inary hall. Thursday evening, was have been gratifying to all taking part.

#### News Items.

Miss Edna Hanna of Boston is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. W. McCoy John C. Babb has been confined at ome for ten days with abscess in his ear, which is very painful. He hopes to be out in a few days.

Oliver W. Balcom, age 5 months and days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa H. Balcom of Boston, died last Saturday of pneumonia. The remains were brought to Shirley Monday and placed in the tomb at the village cemetery. Amasa Balcom was a former respected resident of Shirley.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook pent the week-end and Sunday with relatives in Framingham.

At a business meeting of the Chris tian Endeavor society, held last Saturday evening at the close of the con ference on Sunday school work, Miss Edna Harris was elected a delegate to the Christian Endeavor convention, held in Acton, Tuesday.

A very interesting game of basket ball is to be played Saturday evening, February 26, in Oddfellows' hall, tween the Shirley Crescents and the Crescents of Fitchburg Y. M. C. A. The contest will be a very exciting one, as both teams are looking for ward to victory.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting Monday evening, February 28, at eight o'clock. Misses Etta, Lena and Joseph Gate

Eddie Gately, on same street with Dr Lilly. Mrs. Harry Collyer is spending a ew days this week with friends

Waltham.

ly have gone to live with their brother.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg of Boston spend the week-end and Washington's birthday at their summer home on Lancaster road. Mr. and Mrs. Lindenberg during their stay enter tained a few Shirley friends.

A conference in Sunday school work was held in the vestry of the Congregational church last Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Brons don, presided.

A. S. Howard of Townsend, president of the Ayer District Sunday School association, gave a practical alk on the relations of the Sunday school to the home and community.

. The Shirley high school girls' basket

the boys of the Shirley high school TOWNSEND.

Birthday Party.

Ernest L. Dow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dow, celebrated his eighth birthday on Wednesday, February 16, by a social gathering at his home with eighteen of his schoolmates, and games were enjoyed by the little ones. march to supper was played by Miss Louise Arlin. The dainty supper of Louise Arlin. The dainty supper of ice cream, cakes and fancy cookies was served by Mrs. Dow, assisted by Miss Clare Arlin and Irene Dorris. The young host received gifts from his guests. The children present were Emma Arlin, Louise Arlin, Lulu Ballou, Guy Ballou, Raymond Ballou, Edresenden, Dorothy Bliss, Marshall Higgins, Doris Bliss, Cora Farrar, Sadie Moulton, Robert Smith, John Smith, Gladys Felch, John Davis, Ernest Dow.

#### Divorce Granted.

A little quarrel over who should go to the woodshed and bring back an armful of wood was said by Mrs. Lanar Isabella Richards of Townsend to have been the cause of her husband leaving her in November, 1906, after they had been living together for twentyfour years, when she stood before Judge John W. Hardy in the superior court at East Cambridge, Friday afternoon, to prosecute her libel for a divorce.

She said that all was harmonious in their home till on the day named she asked her spouse to go out and get some wood. He became angry, she testified, and left the house, after telling her he would not live with her any longer, and went to a hotel, where he has since lived. There was other evidence of the husband and wife living apart during the past four years, and Judge Hardy granted a decree nisi.

But few out-of-town visitors were in town for the holiday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Cook of Boston at Rev. R. S. Cook's; Edward Patch of Boston, who spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Josslynville; S. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge at William Thorpe's on Elm street; Mrs. Susie Aldrich from Aver at the home of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Seabon; Harvey Hodgman from Fitchburg with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hodgman of Bridge street; and Miss Blanche Hall of Brookline at W. W. Webster's.

Mrs. Fred J. Tenney of Main street is on the sick list this week, suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. R. S. Ely visited friends, in Boston last week, and Alden P. Sherwin spent Sunday with friends in Quincy.

Miss Agnes Wilson assisted in the library delivery station at I. P. Sherwin's store last Saturday on account of the illness of the librarian's mother, Mrs. George A. Seaver.

Rev. J. H. Cox left the first of the week for a business trip to his home? in Maine, and Mrs. Cox has been called to Dorchester on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Steele. Ralph H. Willard from Boston spent

Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard on Main street. Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin of lower Main street entertained the Ladics' Whist club on Thursday afternoon.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society are planning to give a supper in the vestry the first of March. Rev. Charles Upton of Greenville,

N. H., will occupy the Baptist pulpit as usual next Sunday. On account of the severe storm and oad travelling, the lecture to be given by George Jefts of Fitchburg in Sem-

omitted. Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig of Main street have closed their home for time and are visiting relatives in

Troy, N. Y. Miss Belle Hellur of Worcester has been enjoying a brief vacation at her home here.

Harry Hobart has left his boarding place at the home of Levitt Ells in Joslynville and is at present boarding Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovering of Elm street. Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock of New York

have been spending a few days at the

Sherlock place on the Ashby road.

Duncan Rusk, who has been on a business trip to his former home in Scotland, is on his way home and is expected the last of the week.

Miss Marion Kellogg has returned from a brief visit to friends out of town. Rev. Victor Wachs and family from he Center spent February 22 at the

#### home of Kingsbury Morgan on the Ashby road. New Advertisements.

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A certain parcel of land, situated on the Easterly side of the South Road in Pepperell, Mass., and containing Thirty-one acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of the premises at the corner of said South Road and the Road to said Pepperell: thence Northeasterly by said Road to Pepperell, about thirty-seven rods to land now or formerly owned by Charles Gerrish; thence Easterly by the said Gerrish land about ten rods to a ditch; thence by said ditch to land now or formerly owned by James Lawrence; thence Southwesterly by said Lawrence land about one hundred and six rods to the aforesaid Road; thence Northwesterly by said Road about ninety rods to the point of beginning.

Excepting, however, from the above

parcel of land four rods in width extending from said South Road to land of said Gerrish, and being the same strip of land included within the lo-cation of the Brookline and Pepperell Railroad, being the same premises conveyed to Elwyn F. Kemp by deed from Moses P. Palmer, mortgagee, bearing even date herewith.

Terms cash. MOSES P. PALMER, Mortgagee. Groton, Mass., Jan. 28, 1910. 3t22

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13th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow-plow for the sidewalks or take any action in relation to the same. Remember the Place

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Elliott and little son are improving from their recent illness and are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Elliott at Mason for a few weeks.

Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy, Mass., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

Mrs. George L. Dodge, little daugh-ter Priscilla and son Harry, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Beverly at

Miss Blanche Fessenden spent part of the week at Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Daniel McKenzie of Townsend has been the guest of Mrs. O. D. Fes-

senden. Mr. and Mrs. George Haven Abbott are at Palm Beach, Fla., and Havana,

Cuba, for a few weeks, Mrs. Phœbe Randall, who has been ill for several weeks, has gone to St.

Joseph's hospital for treatment. Parker Webber and family have moved to Westminster, Mass.

Miss Hattie Whitcomb of Fremont has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall.

The harvesting of ice by the Fresh Pond Ice Co. was completed Thursday, February 17.

Mrs. George Betterley is visiting relatives at Shirley, Mass.

Dodge Will.

Bequests that will grow to millions re left to found, seventy-five years

until two years ago his secretary, Fortunately neither of the ladies nor Mr. Dodge directs that enough be paid the horse were injured. in addition to her dower right in the estate, to make her total legacy \$150,000.

A large bequest was anticipated by the Oddfellows, of which order Mr. Dodge had long been a distinguished member, but the only bequest of this kind is one of \$500 to the Oddfellows' home in Manchester, the income to be used for an annual band concert. Uniform bequests of \$300 each are made to relatives scattered over New

For the hospital, \$30,000 and half the residue of the estate is left in trust to the Worcester Trust Company, to be used with its accumulations. About \$122,000 will be available in all for the hospital trust fund, which is not to be used until the expiration of seventy-five years. It is figured that at four percent the fund will

then amount to \$2,300,000.

The Brookline academy, likewise, is to be established solely for the bene-fit of the next generation but one. Fifteen thousand dollars, together with the second half of the residuary estate, is left for this project, with the Worcester Trust Company. It is figur-

workester Trust Company. It is ngured that when this fund becomes available it will have grown by compound interest to about \$1,300,000.

Brookline is the birthplace of Mr. Dodge's first wife. The academy will be established as a memorial to her.

Mr. Dodge was widely known as an aventor. Most of his fortune he made from his connection with the Wash-burn and Moen wire mills, now part of the United States Steel Corporation For many years he was a patent at torney, and at one time he was ar officer in the patent office at Washing ton. His business activities for nearly a score of years were slight.

Several of the prominent citizens of Brookline have anticipated that Mr. Dodge would remember his wife's native town with a town library or town hall in memory of his wife Nevertheless, we are glad that Brook line has prospects in the far-away future.

Church Notices.

The women of the Congregational society gave a reception to the men. Friday evening, from seven to ten o'clock, at the church pariors.

The committee, Mrs. Warren L. Noyes, Dr. Holcombe and Mrs. William Hall, have purchased the individual communion service. It will be dedicated Sunday, March 6, when the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed at the morning service at the Congregational church.

Rev. R. T. Wolcott, district superintendent of the Manchester district, will preach at the Methodist church, Sunday morning, February 27.

Rev. D. H. Hickey will preach at the union service at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, February 27.

H. Arthur Brown conducted the eventual control of the conducted the eventual conducted the eventual church.

H. Arthur Brown conducted the eve-ing service at the Congregational hurch last Sabbath, the theme being emperance.

Town Meeting.

The warrant for the annual town meeting has been posted and contains the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose all necessary own officers for the year ensuing. 2d. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

3d. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor, paying the just debts of the town and all other legal purposes for the

poor, paying the just debts of the town and all other legal purposes for the year ensuing.

4th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairing of highways and bridges.

5th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of highways under the law passed at the January session, 1905.

6th. To see if the town will vote to raise any money to rebuild the plank walk between Tarbell's hall and the postoffice or act anything relating thereto.

7th. To see if the town will vote to raise seventy-five dollars to cut the brush along the highway or act anything relating thereto.

8th. To see what action the town will take in relation to destroying the brown-tail moths and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9th. To see what action the town will take in regard to reorganizing the fire department or take any action in relation to the same.

10th. To see if the town will vote to purchase one or more extension ladders for use of fire department or take any action in relation to the same.

11th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any money for repairs to the town hall or take any action in relation to the same.

12th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any money to repair the highway between P. L. Pierce's house and the Townsend line or take any action in relation to the same.

13th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow-plow for the side-

14th. To see if the town will vote to raise any money for improving the South cemetery or take any action in relation to the same.

15th. To see what action the town will take relating to accepting or rejecting a gift from some of its citizens of a tract of land for a public park.

16th. To see if the town will vote to accept one hundred dollars as a legacy from Bertha Hutchinson for perpetual care of a lot in South cemetery or take any action in relation to the same.

ame. 17th. To see what action the town vill take in regard to observing old

will take in regard to observing old home week.

18th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claim of William Ladd Dodge or take any action in relation to the same.

19th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the town history.

20th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Brookline public library.

21. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount on taxes or act in relation to the same.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Last Saturday George Cobb, who purchased the village store last De-cember, while on his way to Nashua to take his civil service examination for the position of postmaster, when passing the Mitchell farm, their large log ran out and viciously attacked him so severely that the veterinary, who was summoned, was obliged to take eight stitches in the wound.

The same afternoon, when Mrs. Helen Wetherbee and her sister, Miss Mildred Rogers were returning from a trip to Pepperell, their sleigh struck a small bank of snow, frozen so hard that it upset the sleigh and both the hence, a hospital for Worcester and an academy for boys and girls in Brookline, by the will, filed February 21, of Thomas H. Dodge, the philanthropist, who died in Worcester response caughty aged eighty-eighth soon caught and with the assistance of some men, who witnessed the accicently, aged eighty-eighth.

To his widow, Cora J. B. Dodge, dent, a team was procured and the more than forty years his junior, and ladies were conveyed to their home.

O. D. Goodwin of Lynn spent Wash ington's birthday at his home to remain several days, and George Jones from Sanborn academy spent the holiday at his home.

John W. Fairbanks of Boston gave his illustrated lecture on "Whitman's ride," at the town hall on Monday eve ning, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., It was a very instructive lecture and quite a number were in attendance.

Forty-one of the Endeavorers of this town attended the convention of the Nashua River union, held in Groton, February 22. Francis A. Lovejoy of the Hollis society, is the president of the union. A good program was enjoyed, but the storm was a very severe one for those returning to their homes.

Charlie Adams of East Hollis, the young son of Mrs. Adams, is very ill with pneumonia at the home of his mother.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss M. A. Hardy, Wednesday afternoon. The program consisted of current events, a paper on "The people of Holland—their manners and customs," by Mrs. A. C. Colburn; reading, "An afternoon in Holland," by Mrs. Frederick Worcester.

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# Young Folks

ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

The Conqueror Taught Justice by as Oriental Potentate. Alexander the Great, being on a vis-

it to an oriental potentate, learned how justice was administered there. Two persons came into court and in vited the king's decision on the following point: The one had bought a mound of rubbish from the other and on exploring it found it contained a treasure. He therefore wished to return it to the owner, but the owner refused to accept it. What was there to be done? Now, the decision was that, as it happened that one of the two persons had a son and the other a daughter, they should be united in marriage and the treasure should be given to both of them as a dowry.

'Alexander, in some surprise, pointed out that in his country the matter would have been differently settled. Both would have been put to death and the government would have appropriated the treasure. The potentate then asked whether there were cattle in his country and whether the suu shone there and the rain fell. Being answered in the affirmative, he remarked that he thought Providence had meant the rain and sunshine for the cattle only, for human beings of such inhuman disposition hardly de served these heavenly boons.

Some Queer Things.

Tomatoes were grown in England as early as the year 1600, but until about 1750 no one dared eat them for fear of

bringing on palsy. There are certain districts in Russia where the peasants believe that any one eating a cucumber will be be-

witched. In Munich if a how has an attack of the colic they lay him on his back and iron him the same as they would a sheet. This is supposed to iron the

pain out of him by way of his toes. In Finland if a boy or girl under fifteen years old dreams of seeing a black cat they must go barefooted for the next week, no matter whether it is

winter or summer. Should a Chinese boy under sixteen years old commit a theft his father is condemned by law to suffer the loss of an arm. After the boy is over sixteen they take off one of his own arms.-Philadelphia Record.

To Engrave an Egg. Write on the eggshell in beeswax or

varnish or even with tallow. Plunge the egg into glass of strong vinegar. Wher



sign stands out in relief. There is no difficulty in this experiment. Two or three

the tracing.

The Toad. He has the power to drink with his skin. Even if emaciated his skin will take

up enough water to make him appear He is most useful in the garden

catching the insects. His skin secretes an acrid humor, so a dog seldom bites one the second time.

Like the frog, he begins his little life as a tadpole. Authorities unite in saying that he has been known to live thirty-five to forty years.

bedded in stone unless there be a fis sure. He has no use for the "secondhand man" or the pawnbroker, as he inva-

It is not true that he can exist im

Overheard In the Library. "I should think you'd get tired." said the ceiling to the picture molding.

riably swallows his castoff coat.

"Tired!" said the molding. "Why? "Why, you're running around the room all day long." explained the celling.

"I wish you'd be my friend," said the register to the screen.

"Never!" retorted the screen. "I'l never be the friend of anything that blows hot and cold the way you do."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Not a Familiar Landscape. A drawing teacher put a landscape on the blackboard. "What would you name that?" she asked, expecting the children to recognize it. To her surprise one small girl answered, "Home." "Why should you call it home, Elizabeth?" asked the teacher. "Because," explained the girl, "there's no place like it."

A Vain Little Kitty. I'm only a tiny, wee kitty,
And I'm black, just as black as can be But my mother says that I'm pretty. The prettiest she ever did see.

She cays that my coat is so silky
And, oh, my four little paws
Are just the dearest and softest,
For I haven't begun to grow claws! Some day when my ma goes out walking

And nurse is all burdened with cares 'm going to steal from the nursery 'And eat up that mouse on the stairs. Dear me, I wish I wasn't so pretty. But just ugly yellow or gray, For then I could go out and catch birdies, Like that common old cat'cross the way. -Philadelphia Ledger.

#### WHEN TO OWN UP.

An Old Theory That Should Be Ex ploded.

A teacher said to me the other day: "You must never own up that you are wrong. If you do the children will lose faith in you. If I make a mistake I bluff it out," says Ruth Cameron in one of her talks.

Many fathers and mothers have the same theory. But I think both in the schoolroom and around the fireside it is totally wrong.

You are far more apt to lose a child's faith by bluffing a thing out than by honestly owning up when you make an error either in judgment or in the statement of fact.

By honestly owning up you admit to your child that you are human and therefore liable to mistakes, but you show your injustice of intention. By bluffing you not only risk his faith in your infallibility, but also in your jus-I was visiting at a house the other

day whose master is noted for his square dealings with his fellow men and who, unlike many men, carries his love of the square deal into his own home.

I had a very good illustration of this fact.

At the breakfast table one day he had rather sternly reproved his son for being late. At dinner that night he called the boy to him and said without any of the patronage of a superior. but with a man to man manner that boys so love to have their father use to them:

"Phillip, I made a mistake this Your mother says that it morning. was something for which you were not at all to blame and which you could not very well explain to me this morning that made you late. I re proved you in front of our guests, and I want to ask your pardon in the same way. Please excuse me. son."

I had always admired the man, but never so much as at that moment.

I recently had the pleasure of being at the same little inn where Woods Hutchinson, the well known physician and writer, spends his summers. He has a son nine or ten years old, who is very old for his age. At the table one day Dr. Hutchinson reproved him for taking too large mouthfuls of steak and eating too fast.

"Father," said the youngster, who, by the way, always reads everything his father writes-"father, in your last book you said that meat was so digestible that if a person with average digestion should cut his meat in inch pieces and swallow it whole it would not hurt him. Now, I think I have an average digestion, and I am cutting this much smaller than that, and I'm not swallowing it whole, so I think I'll get along all right."

It would have been hard to find a chance to "bluff it out" in the face of that quotation, but if Dr. Hutchinson. had been like some parents I know he might have said, "That will do; I don't want to hear any more about it." or something similar.

enough unlike some parents to acknowledge the justice of his son's re-Nothing rankles in a child's mind

But I am happy to say that he is

more than a sense of injustice. It may be hard for some fathers and mothers to own to their children that they are always right, but I think they will be apt to find that justice pays in

Minerva's Maxims.

the end.

We seldom think, said Goethe, how much we owe our first love. Tom Moore compared love to a potato "because it shoots from the eyes." Devotion is the last of our loves. Through it the soul, thinking that it enires only to felicity in another life.

unconsciously seeks to procure some fresh sweetness in this. "I would not be a woman," said Montaigne, "for then I could not love her." Lady Montaigne said, "The only objection I have to being a man is

that I should have to marry a wo-Marry into a different blood and tem-

perament from your own. Every woman needs annually two chastisements-the bad woman in order to make her good and the good one

in order to keep her good. "Marriage is a burden so heavy,' said Mme. de Stael, "that it requires two to carry it and sometimes three." A woman may be as true as steel but, then, you know, some steel is too

highly tempered. The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest

call of duty. Before marriage it takes a woman a long time to make up her mind. After marriage she can make it up more quickly than her husband.

Mrs. Noel Helps Conservation.

The conservation schemes set on foot by former President Roosevelt have found strong supporters among women in all parts of the country, and the wives of the governors of the southern states have made themselves particularly active in this connection. Mrs. Noel, wife of the governor of Mississippi, has formed several women's organizations, and almost the entire state has been divided into sec tions, in each one of which is a body of women pledged to some particular effort aiming at the conservation of the national resources. Above all else. however, Mrs. Noel has interested herself in the conservation of the human race, and she has devoted untold labor to the establishment of classes for the teaching of the elementary principles involved in caring for children and ill persons. Her organization of trained nurses is growing fast and already has achieved notable results.

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#### GROTON.

its regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. Needham, Tuesday, A son was born to Mrs.

Joseph Peabody of Lowell, one of with a number of friends, went on Washington's birthday. a-fishing at Knopp's pond, February 22, and caught forty-seven of the finest stormy and blustering weather of that and able to enjoy the fine sleighing.

A meeting of the members of the Groton Historical society will be held fornia, at the lower town hall, at 7.30 p. m., Miss on Tuesday, March 1, Rev. Pemberton tion, which she is spending with her ber of people to our village on visitH. Cressey will read a paper entitled sister, Mrs. Fred W. Coburn. "The confessions of a Romanticist." The public is cordialy invited to attend.

out on the program. There were vio-lin solos by Henry Adams, readings by Sisters Farnsworth and Sawyer, singing by Brother Sawyer, recitation by Sister Starr. Stories were told by several members and chorus singing of familiar graphs places and chorus singing of familiar grange pieces added to the Groton School Play. variety of the interesting program.

Miss Lucy B. Raddin, another teach-r from Groton came home for the The play was a success, well acted from Groton came home for the Washington's birthday vacation,

teams to get through.

cast and all were admirably taken.

On Monday, February 28, at eleven o'clock in the morning, Miss Ella Gilbert Ives of Dorchester, will give at the Lowthorpe school, the first of a course of bird lectures. First subject, "Save the birds: a new plan for conserving vanishing species." Later in the season the lectures will be followed by field walks. A limited number of the control of the music.

Cast and all were admirably taken.

Srocke Travers, was exceptionally good and a favorite performer of the evening. The costumes were noticeably attractive, suited to the wearers' positions and work. Groton School orchestra furnished the music.

In the big checker match, Tuesday, between the Boston and all New England players at the American house, stations for visitors attending the Boston, there was one participant from Groton, Charles Shattuck of the New evening. A play is presented annual-

three private cars, which were side-

Rev. H. A. Cornell, pastor of the Baptist church in this village, on last Monday evening, attended a reunion of the alumni of Colgate university at the City club in Boston. He was one of the appointed speakers on the Ceding Manual Conduction of the provided the Congregational church during passion week. The general topic is to be "Leston one of the appointed speakers on the Ceding Manual Conduction of the week provided the Congregation of the C at the City club in Boston. He was one of the appointed speakers on the program, presenting a twelve-stanza be discussed by Rev. G. M. Howe.

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Wednesday evening Rev. P. H. Cressigns of that city, under the auspices of the Y. W. There will be a piano of

E. F. Doherty is around on crutches since last week, having, we hear, experienced a sprained ankle.

The ladies of the Groton Branch Alliance met with Mrs. E. B. Gerrish on Thursday afternoon.

nett woodlot in West Groton, recently deserve much credit for a successful purchased, and is teaming the nine and the poplar to A. H. Thompson's mill, where it is made up into reels for which large orders have been giv-

en Mr. Thompson. Mrs. E. P. Woolley is the leader of the daughter Dorothy of Waltham were Guild next Sunday, the subject of her paper to be "Taking our share of hard-G. H. Bixby's.

ships."

Friends of the brothers, Edwin and George Fay Sampson hear the good word from them that they were confirmed at the services on Thursday ing.

Mrs. Effic Williams was called to Fitchburg last week Thursday by the very serious illness of her grand-daughter, Lois Worster. Last reports from the little one are very encouraging. The body of William Henry Robbins arrived from California, Wednesday. evening of this week at St. Matthias ing.

The circulation of our nine papers is church, Ambridge, Penn., a suburb of ten times larger than that of any other Pittsburg, Penn.

The annual Washington's birthday dance held in town hall, Tuesday evening, February 22, was given a good attendance and was a successful af-

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood were the popular insurance men of that guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilson

J. R. Hawkes made another visit to the Massachusetts General hospital pickerel ever taken out of that pond, last week for further treatment and which was remarkable considering the advice, but is home again this week.

Miss Annie L. Gilson is in town this week and plans to leave soon for Cali-

Miss Clemma Blood is taking a vaca-

The usual monthly sociable will be Mrs. Fred O. Parker of Pepperell, with her two little daughters, spent Tuesday, February 22, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Mason and family. musical selections and a play entitled | Despite the lowering aspect of the "God's plans, like lilies, pure and white, play are Mrs. Dickerman, Mrs. Sher- attended the semi-annual convention We must not tear the close-shut leaves

Miss Phyllis E. Gay, teacher at acts, given by Groton School students Brockton, is having a vacation week, in their gymnasium, Tuesday, Febru-"The dictator," a farce in three which she is spending at home here with her parents and the family.

In Ineir gymnasium, Tuesday, February 22, and was repeated in the town her physic hall, February 23. There was a good-bronchitis. Miss Nellie M. Sargent, assistant sized audience at the hall, estimated principal of cooking at the New Eng- at three hundred, which would have quite ill during the past two weeks ing the elements for the spiritual upgirl, now of Newport, N. H., came up traveling. Large parties had arranged cian. Miss Blood of East Groton, a from Boston to visit friends here for to come from neighboring towns, but the roads were too badly drifted to

and heartily enjoyed by the audience. The roads here were badly drifted Some twenty different characters, Wednesday, making it very hard for teams to get through.

in the season the lectures will be 1017 A Fromment result way.

lowed by field walks. A limited number of tickets may be obtained at Miss Gould's, opposite Bruce's drug store.

H. A. Johnson's stable had a rush of work Tuesday. To supply the demand, hacks from neighboring towns to furnish convey. were drawn upon to furnish convey-Groton, Charles Shattuck of the New evening. A play is presented annual-England team, who made one win over ly at the school gymnasium building his opponent, who made three wins, in their play. No draws. J. R. Hawkes went to the Massachusetts general hospital last week for further treatment.

S. Eavens, who formerly worked for Mr. Hawkes was up from Original forms. Mr. Hawkes, was up from Cambridge be present at the play and attending for a few days' visit to the family last week. Mrs. J. E. Young of Waltham was another recent visitor at Mr. Hawkes'.

Although the day was stormy the atherwise of Creater School feight.

A shipmen J. P. Morgan, jr., accompanied by a party of friends, coming to attend the Washington birthday holiday at Groton School, arrived in town. They came in the defits.

A shipment of animals was received at the United States quarantine tween the two home classes, the after over \$25,000. It included twenty class by a score of 28 to 6. The following was the linear corresponding to the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of 29 to 27. The other game was between the two home classes, the after over \$25,000. It included twenty class by a score of 28 to 6. The following was the linear corresponding to the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score at the dark of Lowell by the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score of the narrow score at the United States quarantine at the United States quarantine the two home classes, the after of Lowell by the narrow score at the United States quarantine the two home classes, the after of Lowell by the narrow score at the United States quarantine at the United States quarantine the two home classes, the after of the narrow score of the narrow score at the United States quarantine at the United States quarantine the two home classes, the after of Lowell by the narrow score at the dark of the narrow score at the united States quarantine at the drifts.

Miss Lottie Woods was home for the vacation from her work in Boston. Nesbit L. Woods went home from the hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. W. W. Ames had her birthday celebration the day before Washington's, that is, on Monday, February 21, when she was sixty-two years old. The whist club, of which Mrs. Ames is a member, and some of the younger ladies, met at her home and remembered her well on the occasion.

E. F. Doherty is around on crutches

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'Miss Eleanor Rand was a guest this week of her aunt, Mrs. Grant Shat-tuck had a merry time. The social commit-W. V. Bixby is cutting off the Ben- tee, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, chairman evening.

Mrs. Estey of Keene, N. H., has been guest this week of her cousin, Mrs. Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby and lit-

Swampscott

Henry Kittredge has left the paper mill to accept a position in the comb shop at Leominster.

Miss Ethel Bliss is employed for a part of each day at Groton hospital. Miss Bertha Bixby spent last Saturday in Boston and enjoyed "Rebecca nesday, February 9, and passed away of Sunnybrook farm," the very popular the following Monday, February 14. comedy-drama running at Tremont The deceased was born twenty-nine theatre.

Miss Olive Tarbell is substituting his teens he came to Littleton to live in the office of S. S. Pierce, Brookline, with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Mass.

Herbert Brown, until lately employ-

This week's holiday brought a num-Mr. and Mrs. Flewelling, Mrs. . Howard Northrup and daughters, Kathleen and Doris of Ayer, and Harold Strand of Fitchburg.

on Monday afternoon. Owing to the new pastor and his able assistant felt moist condition of the roads, however, that nothing was omitted in the way but few visitors were present.

The literary class has for two weeks been obliged to omit its usual Monday evening meeting. Last week the in-structor, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, was out of town, and this week illness con-fined him at home. The next meeting will be an evening with Whittier.

Mrs. Myra Murch is in the care of her physician with a severe attack of

Mrs. Charles Parkhurst has been Miss Blood of East Groton, a niece of Mr. Parkhurst, is caring for About Town. her. The patient is reported as make The King's ing good progress toward recovery.

The arrival of a little daughter was welcomed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb last Monday afternoon.

#### Very Ill with Grippe.

Edward Brown, who lives alone at the place once known as Thompsonhelp, and obliged to care for his horse, stabled at some distance from the house, he endured alone all the aches and agonies that are one's portion the hungry party partook of a fine supper.

when attacked by grippe.

Becoming alarmed at his continued absence from the mill, A. H. Thompson, employed Mr. Spaulding, Wednesday afternoon, to make an investiga-Wading through drifts, where he could not drive his horse, he finally reached the house and found Mr.

#### LITTLETON.

and a Scotch terrier. The pedigree CIVIC GYM. LOWELL MYSTERIES. stock is consigned to Mr. Harding of Sullivan, rf....
Wisconsin, who purchased it for Green, if....

oreeding purposes.

Brown, c...

Hooley, Kidder, b club provides for an address on settlesolo by Miss Helen D. Harwood, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Ada Webber. The solo by Miss Helen D. Harwood, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Ada Webber. The Coughlin, if meeting will be held in the Orthodox vestry at 2.30 p. m., Monday, February 28

are expected soon to introduce a new hymnal for use in their Sunday school and devotional services.

Master Maxwell W. Cook of Lee, N. H., is a very pleasing young guest at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolley.

The "Jill" Whist club met February 14 with Mrs. J. C. Shattuck.

Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell is spending the week with friends in Bosregular meeting, Thursday evening, March 3, when the West End commit-

Guild meeting Sunday evening. Subject, "Elements of success." Lead-

are highly complimentary.

Mrs. Patrick McNiff of Harwood avenue, is recovering from a severe attack of grippe.

operation last Monday for disease 2 Brown 3, McGuane, Saboll, 10.

Saboll, 10.

Brown 3, McGuane, Saboll 3, Bowler back of his ears. Dr. Blake, specialist of Newbury street, was the surgeon Employed. The operation was very successful, but Mr. Harwood has not successful with the successful of the successful with the successfu of Newbury street, was the surgeon employed. The operation was very successful, but Mr. Harwood has not returned home yet.

Mrs. Talmage Kierstead entertained morning, and was taken to James her sister, Miss Lillian Northrup of Nixon's on Ayer road. The funeral Lowell for a day or more this week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge spent Friday, at two p. m. Rev. H. B. Drew last week with their daughter in was the officiating clergyman, and the engine was in charge of Mrs. A. B. singing was in charge of Mrs. A. B.

The interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

Since the publication of last week's Guidon information regarding Mr. Robbin's death has been received. He

The deceased was born twenty-nine years ago last September. Early in James Nixon, who gave him parental love and care, and were largely ined in the leather-board mill, is in Fox-boro, and, according to report, has ac-cepted a position there.

strumental in moulding the young man's character. He, in return, gave the highest expression of gratitude the highest expression of gratitude through his devotion to their interests, and his affectionate and faithful ser-

vice to them. Mr. Robbins has always bourne ar admirable reputation, and the world today misses and mourns for another good life that it seems has ended all too soon.

Miss Ruth Allen of Worcester was a guest at the home of her friend, Miss Marion Blood.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman, with a college-mate from Wellesley, was home for the twenty-second. Miss Helen Eddy of Bradford seminary spent the holiday at home. Daniel Needham of Harvard came up home for the holiday, and Harold B. Woods of Worcester Tech spent the day with his relatives in Groton.

Only thirteen members of the grange were brave enough to venture out to the meeting Tuesday night. These thirteen surely deserve special mention. As none of the committee for the vening were present, nearly everyone there did something to help out on the program. There were violin solos by Henry Adams, readings by Sisters Farnsworth and Sawyer.

Miss Ruth Allen of Worcester was a guest at the home of her friend, Miss aguest at the home of her friend, Miss Bolton at Groton last Tuesday. The pastot, outling on Tuesday, February 22, there and other varieties of weather prefer the twenty-second. Miss Helen with standing the snow storm Those who braved the storm were and other varieties of weather prefer the twenty, Miss Bixby, Miss Bixb

of favor and genuine cordiality.

They have recently received from the parish a very generous gift in way of money to be expended in furnish ing for their new home.

Mr. Favor was in town Tuesday.
He was one of the speakers at the
C. E. convention, held in South Acton,
Washington's birthday. From the Baptist and the Congregational societies in Littleton a very large delega-

with Mrs. F. A. Hosmer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Prouty were over Sunday visitors here with their parents.

hungry party partook of a fine sunner. They returned home by another route and a glorious time was enjoyed by all the participants, long to be remember-

Miss Fentrice Kerlin of Cambridge spending part of her vacation with Elizabeth and Margaret Brown.

The March meeting of the Outlook club will be held with Mrs. S. J. Co-nant, Wednesday afternoon.

# AYER.

Basket Ball.

The basket ball team had a lively game last Saturday evening, when the Gymnasium won from the Mystery team of Lowell by the narrow score was the lineap;

lf, Moore
rf, Kittredge
c, Donahue
lb, Fillebrown
rb, Reed Goals from their Methiane, Coughlin 9. Brown 2 Leman, Maynard, Reed 2, Moore, Timekeeper, McDonald, Scorer, Murphy, Referen, Merfam.

The teams played again on Washington's birthday and scored two more victories -the Gymnasium with the

Church Services. Services at the Unitarian church, Sunday, February 27, at 10,45. Dr. Fisk's sermon will be on "The blessings of hunger and thirst." Sunday school at twelve.

The body of William Henry Robbins will preach at the Congregational arrived from California, Wednesday church next Sunday morning.



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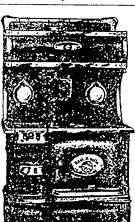
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The Boston and Maine Railroad Company has asked of the state rail-road commission the right to purchase the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester road, which it holds under lease. A legislative act of 1908 authorizes the purchase subject to the approval of the commission.

The forty-two cabooses of the W. N and P. division of the Boston and Maine are being equipped with Gilman-Brown universal emergency knuckles. These will be used on any style of drawbar when one breaks.

Count Napoleon Bonaparte No. 147 F. of A., are to have a social dance Easter Monday evening, March 28, in Page's hall. L. M. Martell, floor director; Charles Fletcher and O. E. Carlson, aids. Music by Charron's orchestra of Marlborough. Dancing from eight till twelve. Refreshments served. Every effort is being made to entert make this social affair one of the most inviting of the season.

Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, aged four years, who has been treated for eye trouble at the eye and ear infirmary in Boston, returned last week Wednesday, entirely cured.

Mr. Trefry, the state tax commissioner, has prepared his triennial apportionment of the share laid upon every city and town of each \$1000 of the state tax. Of every \$1000, the shareful upon property is \$909.47, and the share upon polls is \$90.53. For each town its apportionment, including property and polls, is Ayer, 56c.; Groton, \$1.03; Pepperell, 61c.; Shirley, 30c.; Townsend, 36c.; Ashby, 20c.; Harvard, 34c.; Lunenburg, 29c.

The men of the M. E. church are to give a clam supper in the lower town hall. Wednesday, March 2, from 5.30 to eight o'clock. Clam chowder and steam clams will be served.

The W. T. C. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Scruton, Friday, March 4, at three o'clock.

The Ayer Whist party met with Mr and Mrs. M. L. Savage, Monday evening, and the prize winners were: Mrs. George H. B. Turner, first; Mrs. William Brown, second; George H. B. Turner, first; Dr. C. A. Fox, second. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Monday evening, March 7.

Miss Clara Belle Thomas of Boston daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, has been spending a few days at

The Boston Ice Co. have been cut ting right along at Sandy pond, loading this ice on cars, and have kept a number of men at work when weather was favorable. They commence cutting again next Monday. There has been a shortage of cars to load the ice.

We have received a letter from Fred B. Felch, Orlando, Fla., dated February 16, and he says, "Fine warm weather, feeling fine and expect to go to Tampa, Fla., in about ten days. Expect to get back to Ayer about April first.

Union ministers' meeting of unusual interest to this community next Tuesday, March 1. Rev. E. A. Paddock, superintendent of religious work in Idaho in mining camps and among the cowboys of the wild west, will speak. Also Rev. E. T. Root, secretary of the church federation movement, and Rev. M. L. Cutler, Universalist, of East Jaffrey, N. H., are to be speakers. The public is invited for the after-noon at two o'clock.

The meeting March 2 of the Ayer Woman's club will be an open one. will be an afternoon with the blind Speakers from the Massachusetts commission for the blind. Exhibit and sale of work of the blind. Art fabrics and household supplies.

Washington's birthday served by the Unitarian social gathering on Tuesday was a success financially and socially. A very excellent dinner was prepared and enjoyed by about one hundred people. Those who assisted: Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. assisted: Mrs. L. J. Spauling, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. Albert Perkins, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Miss Hattie Whitcomb, Miss Eleanor Clark, Mrs. Lyman Clark, A. C. Perkins.

The Art class of the Woman's club met last week Friday evening with Mrs. Carrie Lynds. There were papers by Madolin Whitney, Mrs. Lynds, Miss S. A. Blood and Mrs. Barker. The president of the club was the guest of

There are two cases of diphtheria in town, Myrtle Flagg and Kimball Martin, who has been one of the worst cases, but we are pleased to learn that he is improving.

Charles H. Hardy and George H. Brown went on a fishing trip into Maine the first half of the week.

where it is June weather with balmy breezes, flowers and a temperature that is a strong contrast to what we have had. That they are not the most hardened of sailors is proved by their inability to be present at all the meals

on shipboard. Miss Gladys M. Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood, is to be married to Herbert A. Lang, a telegraph operator of Manchester, N. H., the lat-

ews Items.

In the basket ball series, being playd in the town hall, the Hillside A. C.

New York city were guests from Saturday till Tuesday with their parents,
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth.

The executive board of the Woman's club meets this Friday evening with Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly. Mrs Susan M. Barker of the Wo-

men's club attended the lecture by Judge Lindsay before the Woman's club in Waltham last Friday.

The costume party given by O. E. S. Tuesday night, was a very pleasant occasion. The storm prevented the attendance of some, but those who went thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

O. K. Pierce, W. A. Wright and Rev. L. E. Perry attended the exemplification work of the Blue lodge and banquet of the Masons in Fitchburg on Tuesday, February 22.

Herbert L. Whitman, principal of the high school, learned Thursday of the sudden death of his father, Leonard Whitman of Paris, Maine. Mr. Whitman started Friday morning on the seven o'clock train for his home and will return Monday.

Miss Alice Winslow of Lyme, N. H., is visiting her brother, Harvey Win-

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Winslow entertained the Red Rose. Whist club at their home on Washington street, Thursday evening. The following members were present: Misses Margaret McMillan, Clarabell Scripture, Maude Whitaker, Gladys Wood, Eleanor Wood and Charles Perrin, George Barrows, Leroy Smith, H. H. Bliss and Walter Winslow. George Barrows and Clarabelle Scripture won first, while Harvey W. Winslow and Gladys Wood received consolation prizes.

Walter C. Winslow, of the dinner committee, in behalf of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange, wishes to thank the merchants of Ayer, who so kindly assisted him upon the apple dinner held at Aver, February 18.

M. L. Savage left Friday night for for a week or ten days before returning.

There has recently been placed in St. John's Episcopal church of Ban-gor, Me., a finely carved oak pulpit, in memory of the rector, the late Rev. Edward Henry Newbegin, which will be consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert Codman, bishop of Maine, using a special service of consecration compiled by Very Rev. Frank L. Vernon, dean of St. Luke's cathedral, Portland Me., a classmate and very close friend of Mr. Newbegin's. The pulpit is from the studio of Irving & Carson, Boston the firm that executed the beautifully carved picture, "The Shepard of Jerusalem." which is over the altar in St Andrew's church, Ayer.

Our venerable townsman, C. Loring Willard, the oldest resident, observed his ninety-first birthday, Tuesday, February 22, at his home on Williams street, receiving friends and acquaint ances, many of whom came long dis tances to offer congratulations, as as other tokens to emphasize their appreciation of a life so well spent. While ever mindful of the passing years, Mr. Willard's optimism gives promise of some years to come.

Fr. McCarthy of Charlestown was the clergyman who delivered the ser-St. Mary's church, Wednesday evening. There was a large at-tendance and he had the closest at-tention of his hearers, preaching a most excellent sermon.

Plouffe, the convicted murderer of Dr. H. N. Stone, September 13, of last year, in Harvard, was on his arrival at Charlestown state prison, after one day of solitary confinement, assigned to the shoe-shop of that institution to learn shoe-making.

Mrs. Howard Pillman has sued her husband for a separate maintenance which was brought before the superior court at East Cambridge, Thursday. John M. Maloney is attorney for Mr Pillman, and Lyman K. Clark for

Fire last Saturday morning was discovered in the engine room of the lower sawmill of Mr. Phelps, and the fire department were soon on the spot after the fire alarm was sounded, and they readily put it out. The damage was slight, burning the woodwork of the inside of the boiler room.

Division 7, A. O. H., will hold their annual concert and ball in town hall, Thursday evening, March 7. Music, Holt's orchestra of Nashua, seven

H. B. German, who has opened the photo studio in Carley's block, Aver is making some fine pictures, equal to the best.

Monday, February 21, Howard and Frank Fletcher, sons of D. W. Fletcher, took possession of the clothing

able and sits up some. She is still under the care of a trained nurse.

Frank Nutting, who was seriously bone. An operation is to be performed to set the broken bone. The lower part of the body is paralyzed.

Ninety new safe deposit boxes hav been placed in the First National bank by Remington & Sherman Co. of Boston, making in all now

A dozen deer were seen from the

ter part of March.

Augustus Lovejoy met with a paintal accident last Saturday. A cask fell on his foot and injured it so as to prevent his walking, and he has not yet been able to wear a shoe.

The rhetoricals in the high school last Saturday were given by members of the sonphomore class. The program of the sophomore class. The program of the sophomore class. The program included recitations, "George III," by Harry MoNiff; "The fox brush," Milded and Mr. Wing, and reached here about ten in the forenoon. Through the kindness of Mr. Chandler planer, Warshington's birthday, in company of the sophomore class. The program included recitations, "George III," by Harry MoNiff; "The fox brush," Milded Sanders; "Many a plan," Devena McLeod; "The cavaller," Mary Moc. Through the kindness of Mr. Chandler by the forenoon b

Helen Hardy, plano solo by Pauline transferred from the New England Leigh, eleven years old, and Earle Sherwin and selections by the Mandolin club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farnsworth from New York city were guests from Satvery popular pastor.

Charged with Robbery.

Five men and a woman, charged by the police with being implicated in the wholesale looting of freight cars, were arrested in Jamaica Plain last Satur-

More than \$10,000 worth of propery had been stolen from the cars of the Boston & Maine in the last few weeks. Those under arrest are Nathan Cobb, Roxbury; Edgar W. Fielden, Albert F. Caswell, John H. Adams, the latter of Jamaica Plain, all employés of the road; Mrs. Clara Fielden and Leon W. W. Hastings, a Boston and Albany yard clerk. The two latter are charged

with receiving stolen property.
It is charged by the police that four of the men, who were members of night-shifting crews in the Boston and known by them to contain valuable merchandise, into a secluded corner lived in town ten years and in Shirwhere it could later be rifled at their leisure.

They were too clever to break the had a snock and three years ago. seals, but the police say would force she never recovered.

a door back with wedges, so that a

The funeral was h thin member of the party could squeeze through into the car and toss the goods out to the gang. The car rifled, he would slip out, the wedges would be knocked away and the door would close. Thus, when a car finally reached its destination, the seals would be found intact, while a large quantity of goods would be missing.

So well was the work done, and all tracks carefully covered that the police for a time were completely baf-fied. They could not figure how a car could be robbed yet the seals remain undisturbed.

For weeks railroad officers, F. O. Downer, George Newcomb and P. J. assisted by special officer James H. Egan of Boston and others have worked on the case. Finally suspicion was fastened on the shifting crew and the arrests followed.

At the houses on Brookline avenue and Dudley street, Boston, about \$500 worth of goods, alleged by the police have been stolen, was recovered. Cobb, the police assert, was the leader

of the gang.
Fielden, Caswell, Adams and Hast ngs were at different times employés in the upper yard of the Boston and Maine railroad here. The mother of Caswell is a resident of this town.

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Ayer Circle, 478, held February 15, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his divine wisdom to take from our midst, Companion Margaret Donahue, when so many years of useful were apparently before her.

Whereas, we desire to express our esteem and regard for her.
Resolved, that in the death of Companion Donahue, her husband and parents have lost a loving wife and daughter, and this Circle a good and

faithful member. Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Circle. Resolved, that a copy be sent her bereaved husband, and they be pubished in Turner's Public Spirit.

Resolved, that as a token of respect ur charter be draped for ninety days MARGARET J. MURPHY, SUSIE E. DAFFY,

MAUD E. SULLIVAN, Committee.

bout Icehouses.

There is a lot of talk about the suc-essful man being the one who makes Mrs. Burgess said they were not in essful man being the one who makes a specialty of some one thing. in this town, is a firm believe in this, and for the last twenty years has made a specialty of icehouses and elevators. He has lately completed a large ice plant for a Mr. Abbott of Georgetown. which is a great success, as in design it is a departure from any heretofore and money.

Mr. Crawford for a number of years has advocated the uselessness of coverng the ice wth hay, as it is expenafter this plan, and it keeps the ice to Boston with the bundle of goods. better, cleaner, and with less shrinkage, which is a great saving. There is another improvement he is trying to Those who att impress upon their minds and that is that it is unnecessary to have two delighted with the pictures, which valls built to hold sawdust and shavings when one wall properly con-structed without sawdust, which rots the timbers, will keep the ice as well

Camp George V. Barrett, S. of V. gave an entertainment in G. A. R. hall Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher are expected to return from their bridal trip, Tuesday, March 1. They are having a very pleasant visit in a land ling a very pleasant visit in a land line and the X-ray was applied, and the X-ray was applied to X-ray on Thursday evening, after the exer- from the city streets. the photograph revealed a broken The program included an address of nected with his characterization of the welcome by the commander of the part are, perhaps, the most interest-camp, Edward E. Sawyer; piano duet, ing of the picture. Thrilling rescues Mrs. A. D. Stroud and Miss Ethel of stolen persons are always good. Andrew; piano solo, Mrs. Stroud; The audience likes such exhibitions graphophone selections, E. W. Carley; of nerve and bravery and will applaud a very stirring and patriotic address the wigorously. It deserves the warm by Mr. Wantworth of Nowton High. by Mr. Wentworth of Newton High-lands, and remarks by Rev. A. D. Stroud. Ice cream and cake were served, and a very pleasant evening 10.26 train between here and Harvard, closed with a social hour which was Monday morning. It was a rare sight enlivened by the singing of patriotic closed with a social hour which was

been in charge of the Bishop farm for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Pillman lived in Paxton, this state, before taking up their residence in town.

The funeral will be held from the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery. Mrs. Pillman leaves one brother, Warren L. Preble, beside her husband and sons,

Mrs. Mary Louise Wheeler, wife of F. E. Wheeler, who died a year ago last September, passed away last Sat urday at the home of her son, Joseph F. Wheeler, on Pearl street, where Mrs. Wheeler lived and was kindly cared for the last two years of her illness.

The deceased was a native of Pitts-

field, Vt., and was 63 years, 11 months and 8 days. She was married to Mr. ley twenty years before coming to Ayer. Ten years ago Mrs. Wheeler had a shock and then a second one

The funeral was held Monday in St. Mary's church, Rev. P. J. Sheedy of-ficiating. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. Eight children, four sons and four daughters, are left, Joseph F., who lives here and who cared for his mother during the time of her suf-fering; Charles A. and William, both fering; Charles A. and William, both of Nashua, N. H.; Edward J. of Stapleton, N. Y., Mrs. Alfred Marshall of Haverhill; Mrs. William Lynn of Nashua; Mrs. George Dobson of Bay Chaleur, Canada; and Mrs. William Perry, Lewiston, Me.

Mrs. Wheeler's mother, over ninety years old, is now living in Ashley Falls, this state, A sister of the de-

Falls, this state. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary Turney, lives in town. There are three other sisters and four brothers. One sister lives in Shirley, Mrs. John Bruno.

The flags on the Boston and Main railroad buildings in Nashua were at half mast Tuesday in espect to W. E. Cotton, a popular railroad man who died in Portland, Me., Monday afternoon, February 14, following an operation at the Maine Gen-

eral hospital, aged forty-five years. He had been in railroad service for thirty years, and although he worked on the Portland and Rochester railroad for several years, most of the time he was in the employ of the Bostor and Maine, and had worked in Nashua a large part of the time. On January he was injured at Clinton by being struck by a light engine. One week ago he returned to work, but after making two trips on his run from Portland to Ayer was forced to stop

Mr. Cotton was one of the most popular freight conductors in the employ of the railroad and he is spoken of in the highest terms by his fellow employés.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mildred Cotton. The funeral was held from the late home in Deering Junction, Thursday afternoon, February 17.

Stolen Goeds Found.

Two railroad detectives came from Boston, Wednesday, and with Officer Beatty went to the house of Mrs. Milo Burgess, on Groton street and they questioned her if she knew of the whereabouts of some stolen goods taken from the freight cars in which the four fellows who worked in the upper freight yard here were

her house, but that she knew where Crawford, who has made the plans and they were concealed, and she would constructed some of the best buildings get the bundle, which she did and get the bundle, which she did and passed it over to the detectives. In the bundle was a kimona, six neck-ties, two suits of clothes, pair of gaiters and other wearing apparel. property recovered was valued

from twelve to fifteen dollars.

Mrs. Burgess is entirely innocent, constructed, but gives perfect satis- and her son, John H. Adams, two of giving her a certain sum each week Mrs. Burgess sent her son a special delivery wanting to know why he did not send the money she expected sive and makes a dirty litter to be and instead of the money he brought washed away before marketing. He the bundle of goods, making her behas convinced some of the ice people of this fact and has put up two plants. The officers returned that afternoon

Those who attended the exhibition were of unusual merit, and created more or less of a sensation upon their appearance. The feature for this Satstore, corner of Main and Pleasant streets, and the business is now being transacted under the firm name of Fletcher Bros., who are adding new goods in their lines.

Mrs. O. K. Pierce is more comfort. little girl by saving her from a gang of Italians. The hero is not played by an actor made up for the part, but is a real organ man with his monkey

The novelty of introducing a hand organ man to assist in working out the plot has merit, and the scenes conthem vigorously. It deserves the warm praise which has been bestowed upon it in numerous instances

Among other pictures shown will be a Biograph and a Selig, which are among the best of the film makers in world, and stand at the head of

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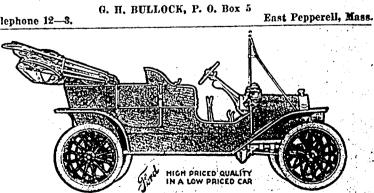
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# Woman's World

SNOWSHOES FOR HORSES.

Mrs. George Westinghouse Provides

Protection For Helpless Equines. From the royal household of the king of Wurttemberg at Stuttgart there came recently a cable order for a full set of horse overshoes to be furnished for the stables of the king. The cable went to Pittsburg, the explanation being Mrs. George Westinghouse's interest in the horse overshoes. A repre sentative of Mr. Westinghouse turned the message over to a manufacturer of these overshoes.

Mrs. Westinghouse some time ago gave to the Humane society of Pittshorses from slipping on the ice and A newspaper notice to this effect appears to have reached the

Mrs. Westinghouse is accredited with first having made the manufacture of the horse overshoe possible. She supplied funds for an inventor who had an idea for fastening chains under the frog of each horseshoe, giving the



horse a rough hold on the ice of slippery streets. Mrs. George Westinghouse was before her marriage, which took place about a year ago, Miss Violet Brocklebank, the pretty daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Brocklebank of Ireton Hall, Cumberland, England. The meeting of the young couple was very romantic, taking place in the machine shops of the great Westinghouse works. Miss Brocklebank and her mother while visiting friends in Pittsburg one day went through the shops with young George Westinghouse, who was working as a day laborer in his father's establishment, as their guide. To quote Miss Violet, he was "perfectly stunning in his overails." At the time the English visitors had no idea that their guide was the son of the great inventor. Several months later George Westinghouse went to England and became one of a week end party at Ireton Hall. It was then that Miss Brocklebank found out that the "stunning man" at the Pittsburg machine shop and the rich Mr. Westinghouse were one and the same person. Not many months elapsed after the meeting before the manor house saw a fine old fashioned country wedding, and you may easily guess who was the bride. A sister of Mrs. Westinghouse is one of the most famous woman who drove Mr. and Mrs. Westinghouse in a four-in-hand to the station, six miles distant from Ireton Hall, when they started on their honeymoon.

When the Ocean Breezes Blow. If you are thinking of going abroad be sure to have in your steamer trunk a hood like the one illustrated. You will find it not only useful when



HOOD FOR WEAR ON THE PROMENADE DECK.

you are enjoying the comfort that your deck chair affords, but for protection against the winds when you are taking your constitutional. On a pretty this hood, after the style of a monk's headgear, is very fetching.

Not to Be Called Plain. "There's one thing we will have to change if these ladies who wish to vote have their way," said Senator

"What is that?" "We'll have to quit talking about the wisdom of the plain people."-Washington Star.

#### HOUSE DECORATION.

How to Paper the Walls in an Attractive Manner.

So many mistakes are made in the papering of walls that perhaps a few hints will not be out of place, as spring will soon be here, when repairs are being made everywhere.

Never paper the walls of a small room with large figures. No matter how pretty they are, the whole effect is likely to be crowded and very home ly. If the room faces north, use a warm tone, never a blue or a gray or a green. Yellow is admirable in a

dark room, and bright rose makes even a plain, dreary room look rich and inviting. The fashion in dining rooms at present dispenses entirely with pictures. The walls are either covered with tap-

estry paper or done in paneled effects.

Wainscoting is very much the fashion

for those that can afford it. If the chair covers and portieres are of figured material they require a plain paper, and vice versa. A plain paper is much better than a figured one for showing off paintings and engravings.

If the room is very high it is a good plan to do away with the frieze and to bring the ceiling tint down on the side walls at least eighteen inches, when the molding can be placed at the top of the wall paper proper.

The servants' rooms and the kitchen should be painted with a durable color, so that they can be scrubbed thoroughly with soap and water.

It is dangerous to trust the eye in matters of color: therefore the same ples of uphoistery materials should always be taken along when choosing the paper.

#### ASPARAGUS CULTIVATION.

How to Make a Bed of the Edible Young Shoots.

Asparagus is a perennial herb cultivated for its edible young shoots. It is a rugged plant and will thrive under adverse conditions, but to obtain the succulent stalks needed for culinary purposes well drained, rich soil is absolutely necessary. The soil should be well mixed with rotted manures containing much nitrogen and potash.

Prepare the bed by plowing or spading deeply, beginning the work early and looking after the drainage problem carefully. Plants at least one year old should be obtained for this bed. They can be raised from seed, which is sown outdoors in April in drills one foot apart, the seed being covered about one-half inch. Plants suitable for transplanting the following spring may be easily grown this way, or roots may be obtained from one to three years old.

Set the plants in the permanent bed in furrows eighteen inches apart, the plants being the same distance apart in each furrow. Be careful to spread the roots out naturally and set each plant on a little mound of earth in the furrow. Cover at first to a depth of a few inches, gradually filling in as the season advances. In the fall cut back eating it furnished, he flung it across all the stocks to a level with the ground for the winter.

In the second year loosen the soil by shallow spading. When the first shoots appear the rows may be hilled up out as caused by Napoleon's rage, on somewhat. Cut sparingly until the learning the German terms of peace!third year, as the plants will be more London Chronicle. productive afterward.

How to Overcome Oily Hair.

A young woman who has tried all sorts of remedies to keep the oil out of her hair says she gets best results by using a shampoo made from pure olive oil soap in which a pinch of soda has to tell his cook to buy a chicken. Inbeen mixed. Cut a cake of soap into a quart of boiling water to make thick aspirated the word, saying, "Buy me a felly when cold. This is bottled and 'che." His cook thought that was an kept for future use. Before shampoo- eminently proper command and went ing take a couple of spoonfuls of this jelly, mix it with a pinch of soda and rub it well into the scalp, which has no chicken cooked-in fact, no dinner first been wet with hot water. Another way to apply the shampoo mixture to the scalp is to part the hair in strands and rub it on with a toothbrush or small nailbrush. After the scalp and long hair have been well washed they should be rubbed vigorously with the finger tips and thoroughly rinsed.

How to Cook a Coon.

In preparing to cook a coon see that the kernels have been thoroughly cut out of the arm pits, groins and from under the root of the tail after it has been skinned. Coons' kernels are similar to musk glands. The carcass should be hung up in the frost for two or three days to freeze by night and thaw by day until properly tendered and then parboiled and baked. Some use a dressing of bread, sage and onions; others use oysters and crackers; still others use sweet potatoes or persimmons. All use a basting rich in butter, red pepper and vinegar. coon beyond all other flesh absorbs any other flavor put with him, so sweet herbs are occasionally used. Not too fat nor too lean, he makes a fine repast for a hunter's supper.

How to Pack Blouses. When carrying several blouses in suit case place them all on a padded coat hanger so that the width of the blouses will run along the length of the suit case. In this way the crease from folding will not come at the waist line and will not be seen when the blouse is worn. The hanger will be found useful at the journey's end since the blouses will be hung on it during the visit.

How to Save the Stickpin, If the end of a stick pin is under a lapel or inside the opening of the dress, anywhere that you can easily get at it, you will be in no danger of losing it if you will wind tightly about it a small sized rubber band.

A Quick Witted Doctor." A French surgeon who was once at tending a sultan resorted to an expe-

dient which, although efficacious might have resulted in his own death. He had been commissioned to bleed the grand seignior and either through timidity or nervousness had met with an awkward accident. The point of the lancet broke off in the vein, and the blood would not flow. That point must be got out somehow. Without stopping to consider the consequences to himself, the surgeon gave his high ness a violent slap in the face. This produced the desired effect, for surprise and indignation on the part of his august patient put the blood into violent circulation. The vein bled freely, and the lancet point came out. The bystanders were about to lay hands on the surgeon when he said "First let me finish the operation and bandage the wound." This done, he threw himself at the feet of the sultan

and explained his action. The suitan not only pardoned him. but gave him a handsome reward for keeping his wits about him in a critical moment.

A Knockout.

A young lawyer was engaged in a case when a witness was put in the box to testify to the reputation of the place in question. This witness in answer to a query

as to the reputation of the place re plied, "A poor shop." The lawyer inquired, "You say it

has the reputation of being a 'poor shop?'" "Yes, sir."

"Whom did you hear say it was a

"poor shop?" The witness did not recollect any

one he had heard say so. "What!" said the lawyer. "You have sworn this place has the reputation of being a poor shop and yet cannot tell of any one you have ever heard say

The witness was staggered for a moment at the words of the lawyer The lawyer was feeling triumphant when the witness gathered himself together and quietly remarked, addressing the lawyer:

"Well, you have the reputation of being a poor lawyer, but I have never heard any one say so."

Romance of an Inkstain. Pens and furniture used in the signing of famous treaties and documents recall Archibald Forbes' experience after Sedan. After witnessing Napoleon's interview with Bismarck at a wayside cottage and his subsequent surrender Forbes and a fellow war correspondent slept at the chateau which the fallen emperor had occupied the night before. The bedroom was just as Napoleon had left it and by the bed the open book with which he had read himself to sleep. It was Lytton's "Last of the Barons." Sitting at the adjoining writing table, Forbes wrote his dispatch, while his companion gnawed at a ham bone, their sole remainder of food. Irate at the little the room and upset the inkstand into which Forbes was dipping. When Forbes revisited the chateau a month or so later the inkstain was pointed

The Order Pleased the Cook.

The following story is told on a missionary of the China inland mission, a bachelor keeping house for himself in the southern part of China: One morning in ordering his dinner he wished stead of saying "ye" for chicken he about his marketing in high good humor. At noon the missionary found at all, for his cook had not returned. About dark the man came back, say, ing: "This was not a good day for buying wives, and I have been all day looking for one, but at last I found one for you. She is rather old and not pretty, but you can have her cheap. I have promised \$40 for her."

Browning lent Lord Coleridge one of his works to read, and afterward, meeting the poet, the lord chief justice said to him: "What I could understand I heartly admired, and parts ought to be immortal. But as to much of it I really could not tell whether I admired it or not, because for the life of me I could not understand it.'

Browning replied, "If a reader of vour caliber understands 10 per cent of what I write I think I ought to be content."

Exchange of Courtesies.

One of the keenest of journalists and wits. Moritz Gottlieb Saphir, had the better of the irate stranger against whom he ran by accident at the corner of a street in Munich. "Beast!" cried the offended person without waiting for an apology. "Thank you," said the journalist, "and mine is Saphir."

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. MORSE, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE E. MORSE. of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, of any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middiesex ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of ALFRED S. HUDSON, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased:
Whereas, MARY B. NUTTING, the administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the ninth day of March. A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause; if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

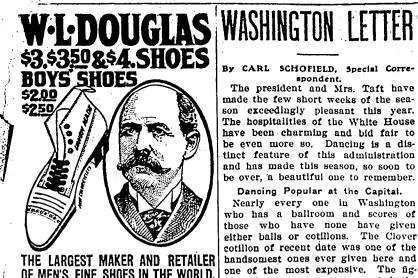
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The president and Mrs. Taft have made the few short weeks of the season exceedingly pleasant this year. The hospitalities of the White House have been charming and bid fair to be even more so. Dancing is a distinct feature of this administration and has made this season, so soon to be over, a beautiful one to remember.

Dancing Popular at the Capital. Nearly every one in Washington who has a ballroom and scores of those who have none have given either balls or cotillons. The Clover cotillon of recent date was one of the handsomest ones ever given here and one of the most expensive. The figure of the german represented the seasons of the year and were most beautiful. The favors for each one signified the particular season represented, and they were all brought from Rome, Vienna, Paris and London, purchased during the Clovers' trip abroad last year.

There were more than a hundred distinguished guests, from among the diplomatic, official and smart resident circles, asked to look on at the pretty It is not known how much scene. more than \$10,000 the little ball cost the hosts, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover.

Franking Privileges Curtailed. A question having been raised concerning the right to transmit labels for seed packages through the mails under

congressional frank, the law officer of the postoffice department has ruled that such labels are not public documents within the meaning of the law and that therefore they cannot be mailed free of charge.

This appears to be a very simple ruling, but as a fact it will affect a good many members of congress who have been sending to postmasters in their districts seed labels with instructions to mail the seeds-also sent free in packages-to those who desired them.

Something In a Name. "There was one of the so called insurgents among the Republicans who went into the caucus on the selection of the members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee and who didn't bolt, but was glad that the Republicans did not vote to reject the name of the big and good natured Kentucky Democrat, Oille James," remarked a St. Paul visitor to Washington. "He is a member of the house from Minnesota, and it wouldn't take a long guess to pick him out, for he has been one of the most active of the insurgents. His reasons as given by himself were sufficient. Out in Minnesota, where there are many Scandinavians, a familiar Christian name is Ole, and when he speaks of Ollie James he always calls the big Kentuckian Ole, because, he says, that's the way the residents of Minnesota would spell and pronounce it. The Scandinavians, it is unnecessary to say, are clannish, and any one by the name of Ole is privileged by virtue of his name, and this Republican insurgent was very well satisfied when the caucus decided to restore Ole

against Ollie." To Honor President Roosevelt.

James to the acceptable class of Dem-

ocrats. My Minnesota friend felt that

he would almost be guilty of going

back on one of his own people if he

had been obliged to register his vote

The suggestion that Colonel Theo dore Roosevelt be elected commander in chief of the Spanish War Veterans has been taken up by members of the organization in the District with the view of bringing it to fruition. General J. Warren Keifer, representative No who was the first com Veterans, has been asked to present the name of Colonel Roosevelt to the next national encampment of the Spanish War Veterans. General Keihonor at the first national encampment, held here in September, 1899.

Drummer Boy of Shiloh. John L. Clem of Licking county O., the original "drummer boy of Shiloh" and, according to the war department records, the youngest enlisted member of the Union army, is a formidable candidate for appointment to a brigadier generalship in the regular army. Clem is now a colonel stationed at San Antonio.

Colonel Clem was eleven years old when he beat the call to arms on the first day of the bloody engagement at Shiloh. How he got into service at that tender age no one knows, but he came out of the battle unscarred and served in the bugle corps until the end of the war. He was absolutely fearless, according to soldiers who know of his record, and would have been heard from in the army had he been old and big enough to shoulder a gun or carry a sword. When the war closed Clem did not desert his flag, but enlisted in the regular army at the first opportunity. He has been in the service since and in six years will be

Indians Disappearing. "It will not be many years, I fear, before there will be few or no full blooded American Indians left in the great west," said Governor D. H. Johnson of the Chickasaw Nation, who has been governor of the Chickasaw Nation for several years, during a recent visit to this city. "The full blood Indian is dying off rapidly. Pneumonia seems to be the principal cause of death among the full bloods, probably because they do not know how to take care of themselves or are careless about contracting cold. Tuberculosis does not cause so many deaths among the Indians as is popularly supposed, at least not in my part of the country.'

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"Be sure." Mrs. Jeffreys read from her husband's letter, "to declare everything. The customs inspectors are on the alert. The new collector is carrying out the law to the letter, and there is no chance of getting a 'free entry' this year. I spoke to Senator Jones about it, and he assured me that, while he would be glad to give me the same sort of letter as last year, it

would be worthless. "Let's see." she reflected. "Of course I can wear the traveling dress ashore. and then I can also wear that dear little turban. I must muss both up a bit, and I can break the feather in the turban, so that the hat will not look

"Heloise!" she called.

"Oui, madame," answered her maid. "Have you bought much in Paris for

"Non, madame; jus' a leetle lace." "Then you must take one of my trunks for yourself and pack some of my things in it. I will tell you which

later." Left to herself, Mrs. Jeffreys re sumes her addition, subtraction and division.

"Let's see, \$100 for each passenger That makes \$200 for Heloise and my self. That black silk alone cost that much, while the other dresses costlet's see-400 francs plus 500, plus 750. That's 1,650. Five into sixteen goes three times, carry one. Why, 330 plus 200 equals \$530, and, merciful heavens, that doesn't count lingerie or stockings or" - And her glance en-countered two beautiful Sevres vases standing on the mantel. She gave a scream that brought Heloise to the

"It is nothing. I-1 thought I saw a mouse.'

Heloise picked up her skirts and fied. "Ab, those vases!" Mrs. Jeffreys resumed. "How on earth am I ever going to get them in? The duty on them alone would be more than \$100. Let me think. No," after a pause, "I could not conceal them. Well, let me make the best I can out of the other things. Let's see. I can put the black silk down at, say, \$50. The materials did not cost more than \$30, I am sure; the other dresses \$30, \$35 and \$40, not counting the one I shall wear. That makes \$155 altogether. The lingerie -well, we can change the appearance of most of that by rubbing it on the carpet, and the rest I can divide between Heloise and myself in such a way that I can list the hats and the

stockings for \$40." Then she thought of the vases again. Mrs. Jeffreys was still thinking of the vases when the steamship left Cherbourg, and she thought of little else for the first three days. Women homeward bound are sometimes a lit tle talkative when it comes to discussing great bargains they have picked up, but Mrs. Jeffreys maintained a strict silence on this topic, even when her friend Mrs. Burroughs confessed that she had bought lots of things, including yards and yards of lace, and. as for simply paying duty, she would see congress and the president in very hot regions before she would give up a cent. "I shall conceal the lace on my person," she confided. "I have a dress that I am taking bome to mother, who, you know, is larger than I and on the morning we land you will see an extremely matronly person go ing down the gangplank if you watch me, my dear.'

Mrs. Jeffreys sighed. Ah, if she had

not bought those vases! A thought struck her. Why not car ry those vases ashore, after all? She excused herself and went to her state room, where after locking the door she took the two exquisite ornaments

from a traveling bag. She removed her skirts. Then she took a strap from the bag and fastened one end to a vase and the other to a belt. The other she fastened similarly, so that one hung from the front and the other from the back. Then she put on her skirts again and walked

about the room. "I have it at last," she exclaimed joyfully, "only I must be careful about walking."

That day she ate the first hearty uncheon of her voyage, and when in the afternoon the declarations were passed about to be filled by the passengers she made hers out in the fash ion she had planned in Paris. Mrs. Jeffreys did not complete her

toilet on the morning the ship arrived until the vessel was coming up from quarantine. Then she went be low, locked her door and slipped into the harness she had invented. She went down the gangway so

carefully that her husband, who was at the foot, asked in great concern What is the matter? Hurt yourself You seem lame."

"It is nothing." she assured him. 'Just a touch of rheumatism." While they were waiting under the

letter "J" for their baggage to be as sembled her husband solicitously urged her to sit on a trunk and spread a steamer rug for her.

"No," she said: "I feel much better standing." At the same time she felt as if she must sink, for the two vases. really light, now weighed a hundred

pounds each. It was an age before the trunks and

bags were collected and the customs inspector began his examination. He looked at Mrs. Jeffreys' declaration. and as his eyesight was none of the best he found only what she had listed. Then he called an appraiser to pass upon the value of the goods de-

The latter gave a sharp look at Mrs. Jeffreys, who was talking very volubly to her husband and telling him in a tone that was audible some distance away how she had taken his advice and declared everything. The official peered into the trunk that was nearest him and then wrote something in red ink on the bottom of the declaration Then the inspector carefully placed a label on each of the packages showing that they had been passed, and Mrs. Jeffreys in her relief, forgetting her own precious cargo, plumped her

self down upon a trunk. Crash! The bottom of a vase drop ped upon the pier and rolled some distance away. Mr. Jeffreys had gone . look for a porter. His wife started to make a rush for the broken piece, but as she did so a keep eved man who was standing near anticipated her. "Is that yours, madam?" he de-

manded. Mrs. Jeffreys hesitated. "Yes." she

said, with a gasp. "Will you kindly show me the other part of it?"

The woman almost fainted. "Why, it isn't possible—it—er—it's in my trunk!" she finally managed to get out. "I am sorry, madam, but I must see the other part of this vase. Will you open your trunk?"

Mrs. Jeffreys banded him the keys.

"Which one?". "This-no, that-no, the other one. Merciful heavens, what shall I do?" And Mrs. Jeffreys sank weeping on one of her trunks just as her husband

came back with a porter.
"What is this? Who are you?" he demanded of the other man. The latter showed him the shield of a special officer of the treasury. "I must see the other part of this vase," he repeated to the husband. Mr. Jeffreys, protesting, gave him his card.

"I would advise you to make no scene," the "special" told him. "There are lots of reporters about here, and they would be only too glad of a chance for a sensational story.'

He went away and returned with a uniformed inspector, not the old man who had made the previous inspection. but a younger. "Here," he told him, 'get this woman's declaration and reinspect those trunks." The "special" stood by while each article was being turned out in a heap on the pier. He fingered the dresses and looked at the declaration. Then he took up several pieces of lingerie and examined them closely.

LOWELL and FITCHBURG STREET "Ha, not worn! Apparently rubbed on the floor to give them that appear See anything of that broken vase?"

"No," the inspector replied, "but here is a lot of lace." It was that belonging to Heloise. "Tell the appraiser in charge to

come here." The latter was soon bending over the pile of finery. He looked at each

garment separately and then put down a lot of figures. "The total is \$700," the "special"

informed Mrs. Jeffreys. "Under the law we have a perfect right to seize the contents of the trunk, but to avoid unnecessary notoriety we will permit you to pay the duty and take the trunks away with you. Wait a moment; I forgot. We have not found that broken vase." He turned to Mrs. Jeffreys.

"Let me go aboard the steamship, she begged, "and I will find it for you."

"I have no objection, madam," he replied, "but an inspector must accompany you."

Mrs. Jeffreys started back. rors! Never!" she protested. "A woman inspector, madam," the

official in charge of the pier. "I regret it, sir." he said, "but your wife will have to accompany the woman inspector on board the ship and

be searched." It is best not to follow the two wo men into that stateroom. The inspectress came out with a broken Sevres vase and a whole one and several pairs of stockings.

'Now, madam," said the "special," 'we shall not take into account the er; Easterly by land now or formerly new dress and hat you are wearing, of Rufus Williams, land formerly new dress and hat you are wearing. Under the circumstances I think you would prefer to have us seize what is left of the 'pair' of vases. Now, if your husband will step to the cashier's office and pay the duty on \$700 worth of goods, less \$200 worth al-lowed for yourself and maid, I think the requirements of the law will be Susie H. Shattuck, dated June 2, 1909,

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THOMAS LEES, Supt.

BAILWAL CO. Change of Time Beginning Monday. Oct. 12, 1908. First car leaves Ayer for North-Chelmsford and Lowell at 6.05 a. m., then five minutes past every hour up-to and including 10.05 p. m., connecting with cars from Fitchburg and Leomin-

with cars from Fitchburg and Leominster.

First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 5.18 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6.33 a. m., then thirty-three minutes past every hour up to and including 9.33 p. m. The 10.33 p. m. and 10.48 p. m., cars from Lowell for Ayer leave North Chelmsford at 11.18 p. m., due at Ayer at 11.58 p. m.

Sundays.

First car from Ayer 7.05 a. m., last car from Lowell 7.33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 7.33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9.33 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 9.33 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11.05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11.50 p. m.

L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, Mass., Feb. 12, A. D. 1910. Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction at my office on East l Main Street, in said Aye day, March Nineteenth, 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, 'special" explained. But Mrs. Jef- title and interest, not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution. Jeffreys, feeling that the scene had the Arthur W. Shattuck of Groton, in said County, had on the twentieth gone far enough, demanded to see the day of December, A. D. 1909, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (that being the time the same was specially at-tached as the property of the said Arthur W. Shattuck) in and to the fol-

lowing described real estate: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of Groton, in said County, containing about one hundred (100) acres, bounded Westerly by land now or formerly of S. A. Shattuck: Northerly by land formerly of Albert Parkof Elbridge Hartwell, the highway leading to the house formerly occupied by Rufus Williams, and land now or formerly of Nathaniel Duncan; Southerly by Baddacook Pond and land now or formerly of Noah and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, in book 3446, page 376.

A. A. FILLEBROWN.

Deputy Sheriff.

"Why did you not do as I told you?" he demanded.

She disregarded his question. "Oh, the horrible customs laws of this country! They are enough to make an American deny that he is such!" she exclaimed.

"Yes; that is just the way a woman would put it." her husband returned. "On the other hand, suppose the treasury agent had handed us over to the newspapers."

"Oh, don't! I can't bear it!" She buried her face in her hands and shuddered. "Oh, Gerald, I have been punished enough! Just forgive me, and I'll promise never to buy a single thing in Paris again!"

And Mr. Jeffreys, being a tender hearted man and tolerant of woman's little weaknesses and, besides, having an eye to future economies, promptly absolved her.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE W. CANNEY, of CANNEY, late of Groton, in said Court, to grant a lotter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE W. CANNEY, of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forencon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publics pirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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Saurday, February 26, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

East.

Russell P. Wright was home for the holiday Tuesday.

About thirty young folk, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glow, gave them surprise party at their home in East Village on Monday evening, presenting them with a beautiful parlor lamp, and

At a meeting of the men of the M. E. church, it was decided to hold the annual chicken-pie supper, Friday evening, March 18.

Several from this town went to Shirley last week to hear Charles M. Gardner, state master, deliver a lecture before the Shirley grange, it being their fourth anniversary.

family are moving this week into the to pay at the central office or by mail house on Pleasant street recently oc- to the Ayer office. cupied by Mr. Spooner.

fore Thanksgiving, is now able to sit up a part of each day.

Frank Lawrence of Franklin street is tending the funeral of her sister, who centerquite a sufferer with abscess of the died of consumption, January 29. Al-Prud

Mrs. John Marshall has joined the list of "shut-ins." Cause rheumatism.

Miss Jennie Sharp, recently employed by Mrs. Putnam Webber, is now at work for Mrs. L. H. Bean.

Mrs. John Frossard returned last week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding of Somerville.

John Frossard has returned from up machinery.

Mrs. David Belyea of Groton street. who has had quite a serious time with, philanthropic deeds. blood poisoning, the result of a scratch on her finger with a sewing machine needle, is much better.

Miss M. E. Flowers of Salem is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Putnam Web- Observed. ber. at the Methodist parsonage. The O. H. I. S. will hold a social

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Committee on entertainment.—Frank
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Committee to receive contributions at door.—Elmer M. Mason. Charles I. Marishall. The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs.

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M. M. Pond, Main street, Thursday afternoon, March 3, at three o'clock, like the street o'clock. It will be a Willard memorial meeting Brookline street. A large number and a collection will be taken at the street of the street. and a collection will be taken up. One of the requirements of the new

laws for assessors is The first day tributes were many and beautiful.

of April instead of the first day of Sheaf of wheat, to our old neight May, shall hereafter be the date for with tender memories, East Village the assessment of taxes."

with tender memories, East Village social club; sweet peas, bible class;

the present superintendent, S. M. Nokes and his opponent, W. M. Blood. They both expect to win, and that will make it the most exciting of the races for municipal honors. A. A. Lawrence states that he will

be a candidate for re-election as constable. In answer to the rumors that George G. Tarbell would also accept a nomination. Mr. Tarbell stated that if the people desied it, he would serve their interests, and could handle it to advantage with his present work.

Miss Mary E. Flowers of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. Putnam Webber, at the parsonage.

About twenty neighbors and friends swooped down upon Mr. and Mrs. Ivan K. Parker at their new home, last Friday evening, presenting them not only with a surprise, but a beautiful set of silver spoons, butter knife, sugar shell and meat fork as well. All took part, and readings, recitations, music and the many new laws, and the active games were enjoyed, and the pleased interest of the state commissioners, it hosts served sandwiches, cake and cof-

The annual entertainment and supper of the gentlemen connected with per of the bad travellement by Townsend grange. A jolly it means an other neighboring and other neighboring granges. The parts were well taken that his withdrawal is a distinct loss, and the play was pleasing to all. As boys, young men and partners in business, Charles and Clarence Josselyn have been intimately associated, and the relationship between the two for so many years, the only representatives of a once large family, was unusually close, even for brothers.

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Social circle will be held at Mrs. P. J. Kemp's, Thursday afternoon, March 3, at three o'clock.

Prescott grange are rehearsing the play which they will produce the first week in April.

Harmon Williams and Samuel Ban-croft of North Pepperell, who have been so ill, are both reported improving. Francis Hamilton has improved in

his shop actively. C. W. Keyes has several of his val-

uable dogs exhibited at the show in Boston.

Notice the advertisement of W. E. Chapman in this issue. The telephone company has been

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred

died of consumption, January 29. Although she has been in very poor attended service last Sunday at the health for some time, she attended Congregational church. Rev. Robert Church the Sunday previous. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal priate historical address based on the sharehand deeply interested in its Numbers, chap. 14, verse 24. The a member of St. reters Episcopai priate historical address based on church and deeply interested in its Numbers, chap. 14, verse 24. The work. Miss Jordan's father died suddenly, February 12, from heart trouble. He was eighty-one years of age, a beautifully decorated with the Chapter of the was eighty-one years of age. He was eighty-one years of age, a mason by trade and gained enviable honors with contracts in Virginia, as well as the New England states. He was highly respected by all who knew him and made many steadfast friends in Brockton, came home for a short York, where he has been setting was highly respected by all who knew wherever he went by his honor and

Saunders' corner, Tuesday afternoon, Hermon were also at home March 1, at 2.45. Each member of the day and the twenty-second. Miss Marion Webber recently re-turned from a visit at North Dana. | Club may invite one child under fifteen. | Miss Katherine Hunt | will entertain the children.

Washington's birthday was observed by some in our town by the conspicu-The O. H. I. S. will noid a social by some in our town by the conspicudance at their hall, Monday night, ous display of flags and bunting. By February 28. A party of ten couples many the same as any ordinary day will be there from Nashua, having planned a sleigh ride for that night. February 28. A party of ten couples many the same as any ordinary day of the birthday of Abra-many 28. A party of ten couples many the same as any ordinary day of the birthday of Abra-many 28. A party of the couples many the same as any ordinary day of the birthday of Abra-many 28. A party of the birthday of Abra-many 29. The birthday of Abra-many 28. A party of the birthday of Abra-many 29. The birthday of College 29. The birthday of Abra-many 29. The birthday of College 29. The birthday 29. The b nounce the annual easter sale and supper. Wednesday, March 9, in the vestry.

The date of the chicken pie supper at the M. E. church is changed to March 25, in charge of the following committees:

Soliciting committee.—Roy Sylvester, Elmer M. Mason, Charles F. Kenfield. Arthur P. Wright, Ralph Buck.

Committee on tables and decorations—Frank A. Conant, Benjamin F. Brooks.

What a difference between the early bis room in the support of the chicken pie supper at the M. Conant, Benjamin F. Brooks. What a difference between the early bis interest in the town and takes the proposition of the lack of holiday making in honor of this enjoyed a visit to Washington, Baltington, Miss Annah P. Blood of New York enjoyed a visit to Washington, Baltington, and particularly noticed in the lack of holiday making in honor of this enjoyed a visit to Washington, Baltington, Washington in 1732.

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Miss Annah P. Blood of New York enjoy Committee on tables and decorations.

Frank A. Conant, Benjamin F. Brooks,
Joseph A. Donnelly, James Hingley, surroundings of these two great men.
Jonas E. Andrews, Putnam Webber.
Committee in charge of waiters.—Arthur P. Wright.
Committee on entertainment.—Frank which was created by the other who This distinction was

of friends were present; services by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. The floral

Sheaf of wheat, to our old neighbor The contest for road commissioner promises to be closely contested. Robert Kirkpatrick, Nashua; pinks, There are, of course, advocates of both Mrs. A. E. Elkins and daughter; cut lowers, Misses Irene and Edna Tarbell; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Card; roses and pinks, Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams; violets, Mr. and Mrs.

Alvin Wright; pinks and violets, Mrs. Cortlandt S. Hill and daughter; mixed flowers, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blood. The pallbearers were George E. Shattuck, C. L. Williams, G. G. Tarbell,

Joseph Thibeault. Mrs. Hills was born in North Penerell seventy-five years ago, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Blood) Elliot, and has one brother living, Calvin Elliot of Los Angeles.

#### Town Affairs.

The board of registrars meet February 28, March 5 and 12. Public caucuses at town house, Monday evening, March 4. This is of interest to everybody. It means much to the town who shall be the candidates chosen to fill would appear that the board of assessors and tax collecting predominate in The annual entertainment and sup-importance. The retiring assessor, per of the gentlemen connected with Addison Woodward, positively states hearts," drew a good-sized house last ity lot at Woodlawn. First Parish Unitarian church will be he will not be a candidate for re-electively. Friday night in spite of the bad travelables.

The business meeting of the Ladies' | Kemp of the assessors, intended resigning. In reply to the reporter's questions, he states that owing to the many other duties he has, added to his intention to build a new residence next spring, he feels he cannot give time for the important work of assessing.

Conn.; Mrs. Robert E. Smith, Stephen and were born to them and were many other anniversary, John A., New York; Dennis J., New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. P. J. Teehan, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. Robert E. Smith, Stephen His services to the town have not only been of long duration, but impressively satisfactory. The third member of the board, Charles H. Chapman, states in send. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey received answer to the rumor that he is inthem with a beautiful parlor lamp, and the evening was spent in games and health so that he is able to get about for his reason, remarked, "There were eral gold pieces and presents suitable to get about his shon actively." reasons enough." There has been a perfect unity of feeling between the enjoy many more years of wedded assessors, and these pleasant relations made them peculiarly qualified to best East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. A. F. Parker on Wednesday afternoon. Subject, "Miscellaneous." Experience is a good attribute to the

success of any town office. So, too is young blood and modern methods. And now is the time when a number of our young men will be sought for. F. R. Bennett is mentioned for assessor. Mrs. A. Upson of Cross street has changes into line in the matter of been confined to the house for the past week with a cold.

They are not sending out accepting. He is of the lumbering and any collectors. The majority of sub-real estate firm of Kemp & Bennett is mentioned to accepting. He is of the lumbering and real estate firm of Kemp & Bennett, and real estate firm of Kemp & Bennett, and real estate firm of Kemp & Bennett is mentioned to accepting.

his experience in these lines as well as his business training of a number of years should especially qualify him. yman C. Blood, it is understood, is a Mrs. L. H. Bean, who has been quite the initiatory degree on two candidates candidates and confined to the house since be- on Thursday evening. residents, and besides having taught ore Thanksgiving, is now able to sit pa part of each day.

Miss A. Marie Jordan returned from Providence, R. I., on Monday. She was in church and Sunday school work.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. called there on the sad errand of at-

> ter colors. Several flags were in evidence, and pink and white carnations.

visit, returning on Wednesday to her school. Arthur Tower of Worcester The Woman's club will meet at academy and Oscar Anderson of Mount Hermon were also at home over Sun-Mrs. Alfred Boynton has been en

tertaining her brother, Mr. Colburn of Graniteville, who returned home on the twenty-second. The flag on the common was raised

on February 12 to commemorate the anniversary of the birthday of Abra-

paper.

### A Pleasant Meeting.

Notwithstanding the storm, the D A. R. was well represented on the twenty-second, at the home of Mrs Elizabeth B. Heald, and a pleasant meeting was enjoyed. After the usual business was transacted an orna mental double post-card was passed among the members from the regent Miss Annetta L. Merrill, acknowledging in very clever rhyme the receipt of the cards which were sent to her on her birthday. She is enjoying summer weather on the western coast of Florida. Mrs. H. M. Tower read a jo-cose, burlesque episode of the Washington family, partly relating to George as a babe. Misses Barbara Bancroft and Margaret Boynton rendered piano solos. Mrs. Lucy B. Page added to the fund of antiques by the gift of one of the medals which her uncle, Major Luther S. Bancroft, used when he was a school teacher, as a reward of merit.

#### TOWNSEND.

#### Center.

The subject for the grange, Monday night, February 28, will be "Could the present school system be improved upon with the same appropriation? Answered by Vernal Barber, George L Whitcomb, Morton A. Campbell Cowdry.

News has been received of the death of Charles Josselyn at Malden, this week. Mr. Josselyn is a brother of A. C. Josselyn of the Harbor, and formerly kept the brick store grocery busiimportant town offices. By reason of the Center. The burial was at Malden. ness together with his brother here at

Eldon Saunders has been ill the past week. Dr. Chandler attended him and he is now on the road to recovery.

The Grange play, "Diamonds and

mittee and those who took part, and it was gratifying to have it a success. Mr. and Mrs. Caton of Greenville, N. H., visited relatives in town this Mr. Caton is station agent week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son and Mr. and Mrs. Christy Gates and two little boys, all of Waltham, are in town for a short stay with relatives.

Miss Bessie McGuire, Fred Davis, Earl Miller, Edith Clarke, Harriet Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce of Medford and other holiday home-comers enjoyed short vacations at their respective homes this

The Monday club met with Mrs. F. B. Higgins this week, the subject being "Marion Crawford," in charge of Miss Angela Boutelle. Refreshments served and a pleasant time en-

#### Golden Wedding.

Tuesday, Feruary 22, was the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Coffey of this town, and their golden wedding was celebrated quietly at their home on Brookline street, the family circle being com-plete, Mr. Coffey came to Townsend plete. Mr. Coffey came to Townsena in 1852 from Kerry, Ireland, his birthplace, and has resided here ever since. He married Mary A. Sheehan and Thomas J. of this town.

Mr. Coffey's family was one of the pioneer Catholic families of Townhappiness.

#### Denth.

The community was shocked and saddened by the death of Stephen Swicker at his home, early Sunday morning, from pneumonia and complications, aged forty-one years. Swicker had only taken his bed the Tuesday before and his death in so home with a severe attack of short a time came as a great hardship grippe. to his wife and three sons, the sons all being under seventeen years of age.
Mr. Swicker has worked for several years as foreman of the woods for the Shirley league of bowlers came to-B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., and the sor- gether for a match game at the local row of his fellow workmen, teamsters and choppers testified to the regard team won out by taking every point He was of a in which he was held. quiet disposition, always having a highest total pin fall by good major-pleasant word for all, and will be ities. It was an off night for H. Coll-greatly missed, both in his home and yer's team, as every bowler in the about the town. Besides his family, he team, without exception, fell below leaves three brothers, living here his average, while the winning team, Joshua, Aden and Enos, three others with only one exception, kept well toters.

The funeral was at the Congrega-tional church, Tuesday afternoon, at

On account of sickness there was no meeting of the Monday club this week On Wednesday Mrs. Leadbetter en-

send, where for many years the firm of Josselyn Brothers was well and favorably known. Charles Josselyn was a man of marked ability and took an active interest in all town affairs. His election as town treasurer and his many re-elections to this important office bears its own testimony of the confidence and high esteem in which he was held by the people of Town-

From this place Mr. Josselyn went west and settled in Minneapolis, where he was employed as head book keeper by the Pure Oil Co. When his health began to fail the company gave Mr. Josselyn a two months' leave of absence, and he and his wife came Fownsend last May to the home of his brother, where he remained for the summer. In September he left the Harbor for the west, but on reaching Boston he was unable to continue the journey and was taken to Malden, his boyhood's home, where after a severe illness of five and one-half months he

Mr. Josselyn belonged to the Oddfellows of Townsend, to the Royal Arch Chapter of Fitchbrug, to the Jerusalem Commandery of Knight Tempiars, and to the St. Paul lodge of Masons at Ayer. Amid the banks of flowers, shedding their beauty and F. J. Knight. Music in charge of Icea fragrance over the last sad rites, floral emblems, from three of these orders, a pillow with the three links, a exhibit. keystone, and a cross and crown bore keystone, and a cross and crown pore loving tribute to the high regard in which the deceased was held. A closed book, the floral offering sent by the Pure Oil Co., gave touching evidence of the esteem of his late employers. George Wilder, a special friend of Mr. Josselyn, was sent by the Oddfellows to represent the North Star lodge.

The interment took place in the fam-

#### SHIBLEY.

News Items. The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist raphy or go down to defeat on some church will serve a baked-bean sup- word, perhaps, that you use every per in their vestry, Saturday evening, day.

February 26, at 6.30 o'clock. Entertainment will follow supper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, with their two children, will remain at the home of Mrs. Clark's grandfather, Henry Balcom, for the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Charles Miner spent a few days this week visiting friends in West ford.

Miss Hilda Prince, after spending some three months in Shirley, will return next Monday to her home in Quebec, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Balcom return ed home Wednesday.

William Brown, Lancaster road, is confined at home with pneumonia. Miss White, teacher of the primary grades, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is somewhat better and hopes to be able to return to her duties Monday next.

The Remembrance Circle met last Wednesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon at the parsonage.

Several members of the C. E. society of the Congregational church atsince. He married Mary A. Sheehan at Manchester, N. H., in 1860. Six tended Tuesday the twenty-second anchildren were born to them and were all present on their anniversary, John A., New York; Dennis J., New Haven, and profitable meeting.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will give a supper and entertainment in the vestry next Wednesday evening, March 2, at seven clock.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held their regular meet-ing Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Snell at her home on Center road. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a very dainty lunch, after which they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Charles Petterson at her home, March 9.

Miss Blanche Sawyer and Miss Grace Adams are visiting Miss Saw-Mr. yer's aunt in Groton.

Michael Gionet is confined to his

#### Bowling.

Day's and Collyer's teams of the alleys, Wednesday evening. in the game, three straight, and the out of town, also a father and mother gether doing fine team work, which living in Nova Scotia, and three sis- gave them the victory with apparent ease.

Oscar Sibley did some good work tional church, Tuesday afternoon, at scoring 121 on his last single and re-2.30 o'clock, Rev. Granville Pierce of cording a total pin fall of 302, which Ashby officiating. The North Star was the highest individual score of lodge, I.O.O.F., also had charge of the service. The burial was in the family lot. Much sympathy is expressed for the family in their loss of husband and father.

2.30 o clock, Rev. Granville Pierce of cording a total pin lan of 502, which is compared to the service of the service. The burial was in the family lot. Much sympathy is expressed for the family in their loss of husband and father.

2.30 o clock, Rev. Granville Pierce of cording a total pin lan of 502, which is compared to a total score of the evening. Eddie Gately and Roy Manser tied for the second highest total, both rolling 268. M. Day came next with a total of 262. John Leopold was the high man of the losing finishing with a total of 248. team, finishing with a total of 248. The winning team scored a total pin fall of 1328, as against 1213 for the

### The summary:

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On Wednesday Mrs. Leadbetter entertained the "As you like it club" at her new home, Sunny Brook. A delightful time is reported. Needlework, fortune-telling, at which the hostess is an adept, and refreshments, made a most agreeable afternoon. The next meeting is with Mrs. Fannie Adams.

Colds and bronchitis are claiming any victims, some of them twice.

Double The funeral services of Charles Josselyn were held at his old home in Malden, Wednesday, February 23.

Mr. Josselyn was born in Boston. When a year old his father moved to Malden, where young Charles grew to manbood. From that city Mr. Josselyn with his mother and two brother for many years the firm send, where for many years the firm and described many cases that In 1892 the family came to Townsend, where for many years the firm and the properties.

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Stebli came before him, showing how much tact, sympathy, firmness and kindness must be given to these unruly boys. The judge also spoke strongly of the

probation officers, saying they should be first-class men, well educated, well trained and consecrated to the service as much depended on their judgment The judge is a very able and pleasant speaker, who gave every one a better understanding and more sympathy fo these delinquent children. ing closed with singing "America."

A short business meeting was held

and various matters attended to. sewing school will hold its first session Friday afternoon, at the club-room, from 3.30 to five o'clock. Center.

The Matrons' Aid met with Mrs Homer Holden, Tuesday evening, and in spite of the storm a fully average attendance was noted, twenty-sever being present. A social time was en-joyed, which included a sumptuous repast provided by the hostess.

Quite a number of Shirley people availed themselves of the opportunity to acquire knowledge along horticul tural lines by attending the Apple meeting, held at Ayer last Friday. A noticeable circumstance in connection with the request from the manage ment of the meeting, that samples of apples be on exhibition is the fact that Melvin Longley furnished the only

J. C. Avers, who has been quite sick is much improved.

Our latest snow storm is going or record as one of the worst of the winter, for while not so much snow has fallen as at previous storms, the wind has piled it up and filled the roads

A barge-load of young people rode to Townsend Friday evening, Febru-

ing match. The captains are M. W. Longley and Mrs. Alice Cummings. So you had better brush up on orthog-

#### BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Parker in town, calling on friends last Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins, Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, Mrs. John Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield and Ralph Whitcomb attended the Apple day meeting at Ayer last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Duren and little daughter spent the holiday here with his parents.

Miss Lottie Bowers has been the guest of Mrs. D. W. Cobleigh this week.

Mrs. Mansfield, who has been spending the winter at S. B. Hager's, went to her home in Westmoreland last week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Harriman and young-

est son of Clinton, divided their holiday Tuesday between the families of C. T. Wetherbee and P. W. Cunningham. Mrs. John Cobleigh, who was under

the doctor's care the first of the week, is much better.

Clarence Braman came over from Gleasondale Tuesday, bringing with him his little daughter Dorothy, who s staying with her grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence. All bills against the town must be

on or before the first Saturday in March, at which time the accounts for the year will be closed. Ruth Wetherbee has been at home

from Ashburnham for a short vaca-

Rehearsals are being held for an old folks' concert.

Littleton Filling .- Mix % cupful of sugar with 1-3 cupful of flour and a speck of salt. Pour on gradually 1½ cupfuls of scalded milk and cook in double boiler fifteen minutes, stirring constantly until mixture thickens.
Add the volks of two eggs slightly
beaten and cook two minutes. Cool, add ½ cupful of heavy cream beaten until stiff and flavor with vanilla.

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# Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters,

Thursday, March 10, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Saturday, March 19, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Saturday, March 26, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, March 26, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, ex-cept the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register must bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1909. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificates of naturalization.

JOHN L. KENNISON. PETER B. MURPHY FRANK J. MALONEY GUY B. REMICK,

Registrars of Voters.

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