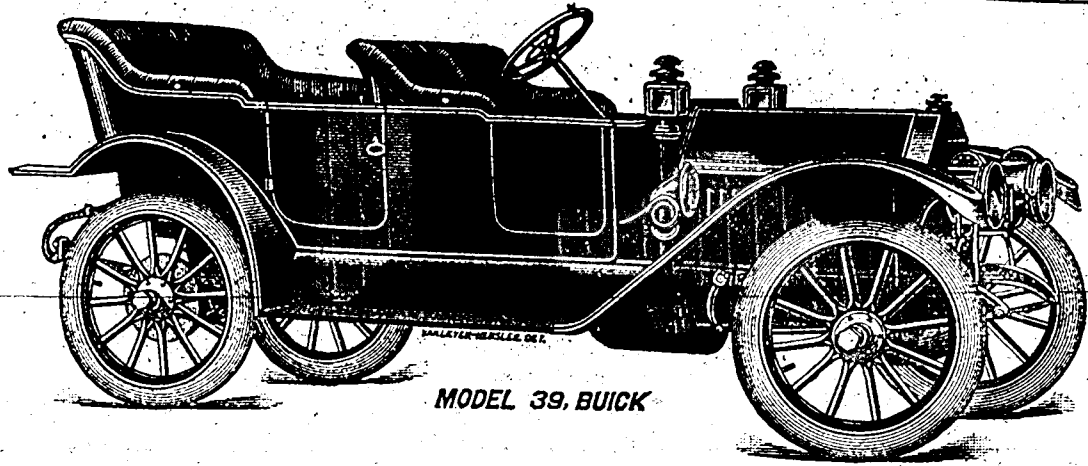


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HARVARD.

News Items.

In the state senate, Senator Greenwood for the ways and means committee, has reported in favor of the bill to fix the salary of the assistant register of probate for Worcester county. This bill is the one, which, if passed, will raise the salary of Harry H. Atwood to \$2300. Mr. Atwood is well known in town, having married Miss Louise Gale, daughter of Henry H. Gale.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their next regular supper and social at the church vestry on Friday evening, February 17. Suppers at six and seven o'clock. At eight o'clock they will present a comedieta under the supervision of Miss Annie Reed.

Stowell Davis took an involuntary bath early Friday morning of last week. He was engaged in harvesting ice on the small pond near his place at the time. He was hurried home and with a dry suit was soon as well as ever.

Mrs. Rebecca Turner had the misfortune last week to fall and break her hip. This means that she will not walk again as she is well advanced in years. Miss Della Darvorn is caring for her.

Henry Waters is at home on the sick list. He is suffering from liver trouble.

Raymond Hutchinson, attending the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst, was in town over Sunday last. He was a guest at the home of George C. Maynard while in town.

Eleven couples from here attended the complimentary ball given at Littleton on Tuesday evening last.

George Bagster is filling his ice-

house at Hell pond this week with thirteen-inch ice of excellent quality.

Manton W. King is home on a six months' leave of absence. He has been firing the switcher on the night shift at the Ayer yards.

Miss Josephine Baker is on the sick list with an attack of bronchitis. Mrs. S. J. Savage has just had completed at her residence a bathroom, located on the second floor and fitted with hot and cold water.

Miss Susie Marsh of Ware is visiting at "The Terrace" with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry.

Unclaimed letters at the Harvard postoffice: H. C. Chase, C. LaChambre, Alice McCortley.

Miss Emily Whitney went to the Memorial hospital at Worcester on Thursday, where she is to remain for a while under treatment.

Miss Mary Davis sends word from the hospital that she is coming home this week Saturday. She is improving rapidly and expects to be about again in a few weeks.

Thomas Lee, whose obituary appears in this issue, emigrated to this country from Ireland sixty-five years ago, a type of the old-time emigrant, and old-fashioned gentleman from the real old stock.

The ladies of the Congregational society wish to announce that at their next supper there will be staged a comedieta, entitled "A case of suspension," and that a small admission will be charged those not holding supper tickets.

Deaths.
Thomas Lee, for many years a citizen of this town, residing on his farm on Bare hill, died at his home on Monday afternoon, February 6. Mr. Lee was in his usual health and was sit-

ting with his family at dinner when he suddenly became ill and died in a few minutes, passing away very quietly. Death was due to heart trouble. Mr. Lee was ninety-two years old. He was born in Ireland, but in early life came to this country where he has by thrift and industry made a home for himself and family and gained a reputation for honesty and integrity and the respect of all with whom he came in contact. The funeral services were on Thursday morning. Burial in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

Early Saturday morning, January 28, occurred the death at the home of her son, C. F. Wood at Clinton, of Mrs. Anne E. widow of Abram Wright. The deceased was born in Harvard seventy-four years ago and went to Clinton over forty years ago, having made her home there ever since.

Mrs. Wright has been ill for the past three years and a short time ago was compelled to take to the bed and she sank slowly until the end came that morning. Death was due to weakness brought on by old age. She is survived by one brother, Benjamin F. Wood of Everett and one son, C. F. Wood of Clinton, with whom she has made her home for some time.

Still River.
Miss Gladys Spencer of Leominster, who has many Still River friends, was operated on for appendicitis at the Memorial hospital in Worcester on Tuesday, and at last reports was doing finely.

Edna Robinson is visiting friends in Hudson.

The farmers hereabouts filled their icehouses on Thursday from Still River.

George Chase heard robins singing on Wednesday.

Officers Elected.
The annual business meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society was held with Mrs. H. D. Stone on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The gentlemen came to supper in the evening. Owing to the storm there was not the usual number out, but the twenty that were there did ample justice to the good things provided for the supper.

After the supper, a social hour was in order followed by a business meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Charles H. Haskell, pres.; Edna L. Robinson, vice pres.; Helen E. Stone, sec. and treas. It was voted that the society buy new curtains for the parsonage to replace the old ones which are soiled, and many of them were torn when everything was removed at the time of the burning of the adjoining house last Thanksgiving night.

Helen Stone and Alice Harrod entertained with piano duets.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
Littleton high school is about to publish another school paper, and has the interest and the good wishes of its many Littleton friends in the enterprise. John G. Fairfield, '12, has been chosen editor-in-chief, Lester W. Griffiths, '11, A. Heywood Knowlton, '12, Junata Fairfield, '13, and Henry F. Works, Jr., '14, assistant editors.

Miss Florence Watson of Ayer was an over Sunday guest of Miss Ethel Edwards.

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HORSE BLANKETS AND ROBES

The subject of Rev. H. L. Packard's sermon tomorrow morning will be "The character of Lincoln," and in the evening, "The three judgments."

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, Mrs. Paul Brown, and other members of the Alliance attended the neighborhood Alliance meeting in Groton on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Fletcher has been at home this week on account of the grippe.

The Backlog club will give one of their popular Sunset parties at the town hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, February 22.

The subject for discussion at the Lincoln club, February 12, is "National ownership."

Littleton friends will be glad to hear that Dr. Isiah L. Pickard of Concord Junction is improving although rather slowly, after his serious operation at the hospital a few weeks ago.

C. A. Kimball took the grammar school pupils on a delightful sleigh-ride on Thursday afternoon. The primary school will not be forgotten, but will enjoy a ride later.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

With the coming of the snow those who put up ice for summer use "got busy." While the ice has been thick enough many waited for sledding to draw it. Pierce Bros. have the con-

tract as usual to put the ice into the icehouses at the station for the Boston Dairy Milk Company.

The Hollis Woman's club met at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon. The program consisted of the "Monthly review," given by Miss Minnie Colburn, and a paper by Mrs. C. H. Davis, subject, "Jane Austen's claim as a novelist."

A straw hat which has traveled all over the country from Massachusetts to Colorado and from Alabama to the extreme northwest has arrived at the office of an express company in Mansfield. The hat is covered with nearly one hundred tags of different express offices. It was started on its travels from Hartford, Conn.

WESTFORD ACADEMY OBSERVER

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EDITORIALS.

Last Friday afternoon, Rev. David Wallace gave a very interesting talk on "Independence, the birth-right of the American citizen." Next Friday afternoon, a student at Amherst college, will speak at the academy on "Athletics in the schools." The program for the season is not yet completed, but it is certain that there will be many interesting and instructive lectures given. These lectures are open to all who care to attend them.

The boys complain that since the new screens have been put up in the gymnasium it is no fun playing basketball because they cannot break the windows.

"Coon, coon, coon, I wish my color would change." Never mind girls, it will wear off in time.

LINCOLN'S TRAITS OF CHARACTER.

The rectitude and patience of the rocks.

The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn.

The courage of the bird that dares the sea.

The justice of the rains that love all leaves.

The pity of the snow that hides all scars.

The loving kindness of the wayside well.

The tolerance and equity of the light.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOCKEY.

The modern game of hockey is developed from a game played by the old Romans and Greeks. This game the Romans called Pagnica. It was played with a crooked or bent stick, and a ball filled with feathers or some other light material. From this game the modern ice hockey has been developed, through the Scotch "shinty," the Irish "hurling," and the English "shinty," named probably from the proneness of the puck to hit the players' shins.

These earlier games were all played on the ground and it is readily seen that the change to a sheet of ice was a natural and easy step. The original hockey had really little resemblance to the hockey as we know it today, in the earlier stages of development the number of players being practically unlimited, and everyone working for himself, with no attempts at team work.

Notwithstanding the great improvements in the game, it is probable that our forefathers derived as much sport and benefit from their shinty with its bent sticks, lumps of ice or disk of wood and their awkward rocker skates, as do we who have a whole sporting goods establishment from which to choose our skates, hockey sticks, "pucks," etc.

It seems that it was not until 1880, that the value of the game was definitely reorganized and steps were taken to improve it. Two ice hockey clubs were formed at Montreal, Canada, in the same year. To these clubs—the McGill and Victoria—all credit must be given for the introduction and development of this popular winter game, on this side of the Atlantic. Rules were adopted, matches made and played, and in 1884, more than half a dozen hockey clubs were playing the game.

The game was first introduced into the United States some years ago by Mr. C. Shearer, who was studying in the Johns Hopkins University. He formed a team among the students of that institution, and was successful in inducing the Quebec team, which was the first Canadian seven to play across the border, to travel to Baltimore for a series of games. From that time until the present day, additional clubs by the score have been formed yearly and the game has become the national winter sport in both Canada and the United States.

ATHLETICS.

Saturday, January 21, the academy was beaten by the Chelmsford Tigers by the score of 23 to 10. Although the Tigers were a heavier and more seasoned team than the academy quintet, the game was a hard fought contest and a great deal of credit is due to the boys for their plucky fight against a team with so many advantages.

The next Saturday—January 28—the academy met Possé Preparatory school of Boston and although the game resulted in a victory for the visitors, the contest was fast and interesting to watch. Possé started off with a rush and scored two baskets before the academy succeeded in scoring one point, the result of a penalty on one of the opposing players for holding. From this point, the academy slowly drew up on their heavier rivals until the end of the first half, when the score stood, Possé 9, Westford academy 7.

The second half began as the first, but this time the academy did not continue their scoring as frequently as before and the Boston team slowly drew away from their contestants. The final score was Possé 27, Westford academy 12.

The academy second team also tried conclusion with the Y. M. C. A. Juniors of Lowell and were defeated by the score of 24 to 4. The excellent passing of the whole Lowell team was the feature of the game.

Although the basketball team has met defeat in a majority of their games so far, they are loyally supported by the other members of the school who know that the boys have

been defeated in every case, mainly because of more weight and experience, and not because they have lacked the "sand" necessary to a good team. This spirit is appreciated by the team and they will work hard for a successful season for the remaining schedule. There are many things bothering now, but after next week the team will get down to real hard work. The game with the Tigers for February 4, was cancelled.

BOOK REVIEW OF "DAVID COPPERFIELD."

"David Copperfield," by Charles Dickens, is one of the best-known novels of its kind, and surely is well worth reading.

It is delightfully interesting, taking all parts of the book into consideration. It could not be called an exciting book, yet the interest is held throughout the entire story. Dickens simply describes the every-day life of the English people, and lets us share in their joys and sorrows.

The characters are of a fascinating type, and keep us interested in all that befalls them. On the whole they are people we often meet; David Copperfield, the hero of the book, is not an uncommon person, but a man that might be seen anywhere.

Agnes Wickfield is perhaps the best character portrayed; her devotion to her father showing a lovable side of her nature. The most unusual character is that of Mr. Micawber, whose downcast state of mind one moment and a most cheerful one the next, is very amusing.

One of the reasons why "David Copperfield" has stood so long as a masterpiece of English literature, is that it gives such an excellent representation of English life in city and country. Dickens had lived among the common people, and the best books he has written have been stories of people in the slums of London. He not only knew these people, but he makes us know and love them.

P. S. W. '14.

MINSTREL SHOW.

The minstrel show came off last Friday evening, February 3, as scheduled. From the rise of the curtain until its fall there was not a slow moment and the audience showed its appreciation by repeated encores. Herbert Walkden as interlocutor carried off his part well, as did the end men, LeDuc, Banister and Hanson. The end girls did well, and in fact the whole chorus deserve high praise. Some of the jokes sprung were "catchy" and many of the songs made a decided hit.

After the opening chorus at the rise of the curtain, came the song, "Sugar Moon," by Margaret Sullivan and Lena Clement. Next came the song, "Oh! you chicken," sung by Hazel Hartford and then Carrie Prinn sang "Come Josephine, in my flying machine," and made a decided hit. Evelyn Hamlin sang "Whistle" and at the encore Mr. Coggeshall came out and sang the chorus with her, making a very pleasing effect.

Right here came Hanson with a large sheet of music, and while the introduction of his song was being played, he stood as if bewildered, and then slowly turned the paper around and showed the audience the other side of it with the word "Stung" written in large print across it. Hanson's monologue on a "Football game," was also well given and was given such a loud applause upon ending that he was forced to go back and make his bow before retiring. Then came the songs, "Yum yum tree," by Adrith Carter, and "Under Southern skies," by Alice Gilson. The chorus of this was sung by a quartet consisting of Alice Gilson, Evelyn Hamlin, Mr. Coggeshall and Joe LeDuc.

Next came a clog dance by Willie Davis and he was given such an applause that he had to repeat. Marjorie Seavey sang her song well, and then the final chorus was sung consisting of all the songs that had been given and the curtain fell, bringing the show to a successful close.

Too much praise cannot be given to the teachers for the success of the show, and Miss Drew deserves special mention for the care she had of all the costumes that were used. Over fifty dollars was cleared from the sale of the tickets and refreshments. This money will be used to finance the basketball team and to buy materials to fit up the gymnasium, which at present is rather poorly equipped with apparatus.

ADDRESS.

The first of a series of addresses which are to be given at the academy on Friday afternoons, was delivered by Rev. David Wallace, pastor of the Union Congregational church. His subject, "American citizenship," was exceptionally interesting. The main point of emphasis was "opportunity." Mr. Wallace said that it was not an inheritance which was handed down from generation to generation and placed on the brow of each and every one, regardless of merit. It was a reward given to him, alone, who strove earnestly to fit mind and body for the test. He who neglects his physical and mental education is selling his "birthright," as "opportunity" may very truly be called.

Mr. Wallace went on to show how America was becoming more and more the "young people's land," and how to be a citizen of this land was the ambition of the girls and boys of all nationalities who were living under its flag.

This talk was considered a fine start on those to come and was sincerely appreciated by both teachers and pupils.

A. C. '14.

A LINCOLN ACROSTIC.

After careful consideration come to a definite conclusion, go ahead bravely, and never be discouraged.

Be not simply good, be good for something.

Reasons—whole pleasure, all the joys of sense, lie in three words—health, peace, and competence.

A well-balanced man can compel success in reasonable time if he is energetic, economical, and alive to the requirements of his calling.

Hard work is the cardinal requisite of success. A person's heart and soul must be in his work.

Affliction's "sons" are brothers in distress—a brother to relieve how exquisite the bliss.—Robert Burns.

Mix sobriety with wine and honest mirth with thoughts divine.

Labour is the price of life, its every-thing. To rest is rust.

If a man does not have belief and enthusiasm, the chances are small that he will ever do a man's work in the world.

No life is successful until it is radiant.

Commend often; never scold.

One must study and work to win, never depending upon mere chance.

Live up to your portion! That is the magic formula which transforms air-castles into realities.

No love is genuine which will not make great sacrifices.

THE ACADEMY ALPHABET.

A is for Albert, who's young but quite a fellow.

B is for Beatrice, who shows up some of the boys.

C is for Collins, a very tall boy.

D is for Dexter, the preceptor wise.

E is for Ebenezer, who's a little red.

F is for Flagg, a very still lad.

G is for Grace, the peroxide blonde.

H is for Hartford, Grace's sporty young man.

I is for Ida, with the coronet braid.

J is for John, whose sermon, we own, was short, and not nearly as dry as a bone.

K is for Katie, from Littleton way.

L is for LeDuc, the tallest in school.

M is for Madeline, known to fame.

N is for Nellie, called "pickles" for short.

O is for O'Brien, who is not far from the exercise books does not always apply.

P is for Pauline, the minister's daughter.

Q is for Questions which our teachers ask.

R is for Ruth, whose marches delight, but that some of us almost know by foot from right.

S is for Seth, the basketball star.

T is for Teacher, one frail and one strong.

U is for Us, who are writing this little.

V is for Victor, which our boys were not.

W is for Walkden, a rosy checked lad, who, in a dress suit, looks not half bad.

X is for Unknown, in Algebra used, and by many a freshman sadly abused.

Y is for You, dear little Miss Drew, without you to help us, what would we do?

Z is for Zed,—"thou unnecessary letter," Shakespeare has said,—"and can we do better?"

SHIRLEY.

L. J. Farnsworth has been obliged to close his sawmill temporarily on account of lack of water. He obtains his supply from Mulpus brook, which has frozen so deep, that no water can enter the feed-pipe.

The lumber business in North and East Shirley is booming, there being at present two sawmills, two portable sawmills and a basket shop situated there. The portable mill at the East is employing twelve men and the new mill at the North will employ as many more. L. J. Farnsworth's mill is started up as soon as water can be obtained, and Henry Farnsworth's mill and basket shop have all the orders they can handle.

Mrs. D. F. Carkins and her sister, Mrs. Brown of Keene, N. H., made a trip to Boston last Thursday.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman returned home the first of the week from his trip to New York and New Haven, and started on a week's trip to Bangor, Me., and vicinity.

It is reported that Miss Helen M. Winslow of Cambridge has purchased the Seth Chandler place from Alvin Lawton; who bought it a few weeks ago. Miss Winslow is a prominent club woman and authoress and lived for several years in the house now owned by Mr. Ware. It is said that Miss Winslow will make extensive repairs and will occupy it together with her adopted daughter, Miss Alison, both summer and winter.

The Centre schools did not keep on Tuesday, because of the stormy weather.

Regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid at Homer P. Holden's hall on Tuesday, February 14.

Howard Fuller of Connecticut has his new house here wholly completed now, and has closed it up until spring, when he intends to occupy it.

Clayton Hubbard has been confined to his home during the past week with dogwood poisoning.

Gideon C. West is planning a trip to Nova Scotia in the near future.

Robert Evans attended the senior reception at Fitchburg high school on Friday evening, February 3.

At the regular services at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon, the address was given by Julian L. Coolidge, professor of mathematics at Harvard college. Tomorrow morning at 10.30, communion service will be held. Regular Sunday school classes at 3.15 p. m., instead of at 4.15.

In spite of the bad weather there was a full attendance at the card party which was held with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout last Saturday evening.

Miss Alma Bowles, the teacher at the Centre grammar school, spent Sunday at her home in Groton.

Mrs. William Wilkins and little daughter Florence visited friends in Waverley and Arlington on Wednesday. During the visit they made a trip to Boston to the Massachusetts General hospital for treatment for Florence's eyes. She has had much trouble with her eyes for the past two years, but they seem to be improving greatly under the treatment at the hospital and it is hoped that they will soon be in normal condition again.

Miss Lottie Craft, formerly of this town, has obtained a fine position in Arlington.

Two of the young trappers of the town, Raymond Farnsworth and Ralph Thompson, were fortunate enough to get a red fox again last week.

The house in the East, owned by Mr. Craft of West Groton and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ward is reported to be sold.

The Baker woodlot in North Shirley, which the Bean & Simonds Lumber Co., of Rindge, N. H., recently purchased of L. J. Farnsworth, is to be cut off immediately. The boiler, portable houses and the rest of the outfit passed through the North on Monday and Tuesday on their way to the lot from Mason, N. H. The mill is to be set up in the centre of the Baker lot, instead of in the Crowe pasture, as has been currently reported. The employees are to occupy houses on the lot and work is to be commenced as soon as possible.

Selections, orchestra; songs, Mr. Nicol; selections, wind instruments; selections, orchestra; violin duet, Misses Lawrence; selections, orchestra; solo, Mr. Nicol; French horn duet, Mr. Cabot and Mr. Call; selection, orchestra.

Much praise is due the orchestra and its leader, Mr. Griswold, for the excellent manner in which the whole program was carried out, and it is hoped that they may be heard here again in the future. After the concert the hall was cleared and the orchestra furnished music for dancing. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

On account of the weather the attendance was small, but all who were present spent a very pleasant evening. A large load of twenty-four attended from Groton School.

Grange.

The regular meeting of Shirley grange was held in town hall, Tuesday evening, February 7. It was farm and home night and the lecturer's hour was devoted to appropriate subjects. "More attractive homes" was well discussed by Mrs. Alice Cummings, and "Agricultural methods fifty years hence," was discussed by various members. The Grange Journal for this meeting was edited by Miss Elsie Holden and Miss Ruth Graves. Additional features of the program were: reading, "Matrimony" discussed by little Bobbie; Robert Evans, and a reading by Arthur R. Cummings. The next meeting will be devoted to Washington and Lincoln, and all the members are requested to bring anecdotes or poems on these subjects.

TOWNSEND.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose has enjoyed a brief vacation this week from her uncle, R. W. Matthews of Troy, N. H.

Albert Adams and his sister, Mrs. E. R. Brayton of Providence are at their home here on account of the severe illness of their mother, Mrs. George Adams, who is suffering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia, and is attended by a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parsons have commenced moving from their cottage by the railway station on lower Main street, which has been purchased by Fred Smith, into the house formerly owned by Clarence Streeter, on Elm street, which they have recently purchased.

Mrs. S. L. Shapleigh from Cambridge spent Wednesday at the home of her father, William Thorpe.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver and Miss Grace Thompson from Worcester spent last Sunday at their respective homes here.

Mrs. George Adams is quite ill with bronchial trouble with a trained nurse in attendance.

Miss Alice Wilder is visiting relatives at the Centre, and Miss Lois Wilder is stopping with Miss Elinor Tower for the present.

Mrs. Charles Russell of Josselynville has been at the home of her husband's mother in New Ipswich, caring for her during an illness.

Saturday morning a little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder of Josselynville. Mrs. Mary Blood from the Centre is caring for Mrs. Wilder.

Mrs. George Richardson entertained the Ladies' Whist club at the reading-room on Thursday.

Ivers P. Sherwin is quite ill with an attack of the grippe, and has been unable to attend to his duties at the brick store for a number of days.

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Miss Alma Bowles, the teacher at the Centre grammar school, spent Sunday at her home in Groton.

Mrs. William Wilkins and little daughter Florence visited friends in Waverley and Arlington on Wednesday. During the visit they made a trip to Boston to the Massachusetts General hospital for treatment for Florence's eyes. She has had much trouble with her eyes for the past two years, but they seem to be improving greatly under the treatment at the hospital and it is hoped that they will soon be in normal condition again.

Miss Lottie Craft, formerly of this town, has obtained a fine position in Arlington.

Two of the young trappers of the town, Raymond Farnsworth and Ralph Thompson, were fortunate enough to get a red fox again last week.

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The Baker woodlot in North Shirley, which the Bean & Simonds Lumber Co., of Rindge, N. H., recently purchased of L. J. Farnsworth, is to be cut off immediately. The boiler, portable houses and the rest of the outfit passed through the North on Monday and Tuesday on their way to the lot from Mason, N. H. The mill is to be set up in the centre of the Baker lot, instead of in the Crowe pasture, as has been currently reported. The employees are to occupy houses on the lot and work is to be commenced as soon as possible.

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Mrs. Ella P. Woolley entertained the Whist club at Mrs. I. M. Mansur's last week Friday afternoon.

George E. H. Abbott was taken quite ill last Sunday. His physician, Dr. Priest, and a nurse were called. Mr. Abbott is seriously ill with not a hopeful outlook for recovery.

Mrs. Darwin P. Keyes, who has been poorly for several weeks, is improving slowly in health.

Mrs. Shelby Sawyer is quite ill at Mrs. James Bowers' on Hollis street.

C. E. Bigelow, who with his family is spending the winter at Eustis, Fla., writes that they are enjoying their life in the south very much. The weather thus far has been superb. A party of gunners, as the result of two days' hunt, brought back to the hotel 31 quails.

The attention of Groton grange is again called to the change in date of their next regular meeting. It will be held on Monday evening, February 13, instead of on Tuesday evening, February 14, the latter being the regular date. The change is made for next week only, and is made to give the members an opportunity to attend the concert of the Weber quartet of Boston, beginning under the Luther Blood free course.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer of Groton grange attended the twentieth anniversary of the organization of Littleton grange at Littleton last week Wednesday evening. They tell of an enjoyable evening with program appropriate to the anniversary. The hall was prettily decorated and the presence of the master of the State grange added interest to the meeting. At the Farmers' Institute held at Littleton on Thursday of last week the following Groton people were in attendance: Frank F. Woods, Eugene O. Collier, George S. Knapp, William T. Taylor, Herbert W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer.

Dea. H. K. Richards has so far recovered from his recent attack of erysipelas as to be able to take his usual business trip to Boston on Monday.

Joseph Paulhus returned home on Monday from the Massachusetts General hospital, having made a fine recovery from his recent operation.

Word has been received by friends in Groton of the death of Miss Alice Barker, who came from North Andover to teach in the Chippewee Roy school in this town some four or five years ago. Miss Barker taught the school here for two years or more, and was very popular and beloved by her pupils and their parents. Her illness was of such a nature that she was taken to a hospital in Kansas City, Mo., where she died. Her father's home is in Kansas City.

C. Z. Southard was taken quite ill last week Thursday. Fears of pneumonia were felt by his family, but he is now recovered and plans to return to New York city next Sunday.

The annual offering for the work of the American Board was taken at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. Owing to the small attendance, an offering for the same object will be taken next Sunday to give all an opportunity to contribute to this object.

The date of the supper and entertainment for the gentlemen's annual night at the Congregational church is set for Thursday evening, March 9.

Thelma Huebner, second eldest daughter of H. Huebner, the florist, is spending a couple of weeks in Fitchburg.

The speech of Representative John J. Mitchell printed in the Landmark last week was read with a great deal of interest and touched the hearts of the old soldiers.

Keenie Fletcher has finished filling his icehouse from Cady and J. P. Raddin, Harry F. Nutting and E. C. Williams from Baddacook. Others are at work harvesting their crop.

Capt. Palmer continues to gain, although he does not as yet sit up.

Mrs. Betsey B. Black, wife of Almon Black and mother-in-law of Dea. Thomas Clough, died at her home on the Ayer road on Sunday morning, February 5. Mrs. Black had been ill for a long time with ailments incident to advanced age, but for the last few days had pneumonia. Prayers were held at her late residence on Tuesday when the body was taken to Medford for further funeral services and interment.

A new grandson to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier arrived at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Collier at West Somerville on January 28. The little fellow is named Robert Hastings Collier.

While harvesting his ice Tuesday on Baddacook, the horses of Mr. Wheelock of Chippewee row got into the pond, but were gotten safely out.

Keep in mind the regular church social at the Baptist next week Thursday evening. It is the annual gentlemen's night when the men are to have the direction of the supper and entertainment.

Miss Sarah Coughlin is home on a vacation from her millinery work at R. H. White's, Boston. She returns to her position the first of March.

Pictures of "The animals' picnic," and "The animals' pleasure excursion," will be on exhibition at the public library until February 27. These pictures will interest the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan and daughter Madeline of Nashua, spent the past week with friends in Groton, and were accompanied home by Miss Nellie Bywater, who went for a short visit.

Mrs. Jane Clark, nurse, is in Fitchburg professionally.

Six members from Groton grange—Mrs. L. E. Starr, Miss Pansy Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes and Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer—went to Pomona at Lunenburg on Wednesday. They enjoyed the program and also the sleighrides, although they returned home in a snowstorm.

Miss Mary Condon is visiting relatives in Boston this week.

Mrs. Wallace Brown visited her daughter, Miss Mildred Brown, at Framingham Normal school this week.

The Whist club met with Mrs. Bickford on Friday afternoon.

The Groton Historical society will hold its February meeting on Wednesday evening, February 15, in lower town hall at eight o'clock. Montague Chamberlain will read a paper on "The primitive life of the Indians of New England." Mr. Chamberlain is an authority on history in these lines, particularly of the Penobscot tribe of the early times. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Sidney F. Davis has returned from a visit in Ackwith, N. H.

Miss Ruth Allen of Worcester came for a visit to her friend, Miss Marion Blood, to attend the Odd Fellows' ball on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ellen M. Needham was the guest of her brother, Gerry Brigham this week.

At a recent elaborate ball of the Rosindale Retail Clerks' association, Miss Alice Shattuck and Robert Hunter of the association led the grand march. Friends of Miss Shattuck in Groton, will be interested to read that she looked very nice in white, wearing a large bouquet of English violets presented to her by the association. Miss Shattuck is making a fine success in her line of work and has gained the good will of all. She now holds the position of order clerk and cashier in the store where she is employed.

Was Awarded Prize.

The Boston Globe of February 5, gives a picture of Edmund C. Tarbell, the noted Boston artist of old Groton family stock, and announces in a letter from Philadelphia that the jury on awards of the one hundred and sixth annual exhibition of the academy of fine arts has awarded the Carol H. Beck gold medal to Edmund C. Tarbell for his portrait of Timothy Dwight, D. D., LL. D.

The medal is given for the best portrait in oil completed within three years of the opening of the exhibition. It is awarded to an American artist only.

Tarbell's full length portrait of Dr. Dwight, former president of Yale shows him standing in his academic robes and as if about to begin a lecture. He is holding a roll of manuscript in his right hand, which rests on the back of a colonial chair. His left hand rests on a table at his side. The pose is easy and dignified.

The features are painted with great faithfulness and the artist has successfully portrayed the character of his subject, intellectual and benignant. The face shows a thoughtful, almost grave expression. The tones of the picture are pleasing and the portrait is unquestionably one of the best of Tarbell's achievements.

To the Editor:

Why are the sidewalks allowed to be in the condition they have been this winter? No sand, not plowed out if the present road commissioner is not able to do this work he should be discharged for incompetency rather than have the town spend a few hundred dollars' damages to those that get injured. This will not remedy the pain suffered by those that have already fallen. W. A. Brown.

Neighborhood Meeting.

The Groton branch Alliance held a neighborhood meeting last Thursday afternoon, the exercises opening at two o'clock. The committees were as follows:

Reception committee—Mrs. Cressey, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, Mrs. F. A. Sherwin.

Entertainment committee—Mrs. E. B. Gerrish, Mrs. F. G. Lawrence, Mrs. F. F. Waters, Mrs. F. F. Woods, Mrs. E. O. Collier.

The exercises opened with a piano duet by Mrs. Southard and Mrs. Sherwin. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beasley of Cambridge, who had for her subject, "The spirit of comradeship." Mrs. Beasley is an accomplished speaker and held the closest attention of her audience. They were all carried away with her handling of the subject. Mrs. Beasley is an enthusiastic worker in the Church of the Disciples, Boston, formerly that of James Freeman Clark's. She emphasized how this spirit of comradeship should be exercised by the young people.

Beside the Groton branch Alliance, there were about thirty from the neighboring towns. Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

On Monday and Tuesday, Harold Sheedy substituted for Mr. Cook, who was unable to be present because of illness.

The debate this week is on the question of "The abolition of capital punishment."

Carl Lawrence and Roger Priest of last year's graduating class were home from Dartmouth, and M. A. C., respectively, for a few days during "mid-winter exams," and renewed school associations.

During the first half-year of the school there has been an enrollment representing nine States and the District of Columbia.

At the last vesper service, Principal Clough spoke on the words, "Quit you lifemen. Be strong," and Chausse

sung a solo, entitled "Roll, on thou deep and dark blue ocean."

West Groton.

John Johnson is ill and in care of his physician.

Arthur Jarvis is taking a rest from work by direction of a physician, though not seriously ill.

Miss Dorothy Bowles spent Sunday at her home here.

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Miss Esther Jarvis has been called to Attleboro by the illness of a sister.

Miss Rubina Gilson is a guest of a former schoolmate, Miss Marian Melish.

Mrs. Charles Gilson and two youngest daughters of Groton are visiting friends in this village.

L. G. Strand found the body of a deer lying in one of his fields in North Shirley last Sunday. The animal had evidently died a natural death, as no marks were found upon it. The game warden was notified.

Beginning with next Monday, the Tarbell schools will have but one session from 8.45 a. m. to 1.45 p. m. There will be an intermission for lunch, the teachers to remain in the building. This is certainly a step in the right direction.

Miss Grace Bixby, who is training in the Children's hospital, Boston, has successfully passed her examinations at Simmons college, where a part of the course is given. She will now return to the more practical work at the hospital.

Fred Cottrell, an employee at the papermill, and boarder at Mrs. Albert Harrington's, has so far recovered from a recent attack of the grippe that he is once more attending to business.

Mrs. Edwin Brown of Leominster, visited her mother, Mrs. Keziah Small, last week.

Mrs. Lucia, who was a patient at Groton hospital some months ago, returned there for surgical treatment last week.

Miss Florence Craft has returned from a visit to friends in Concord. Her sister, Mrs. Lottie Craft, is visiting in Arlington.

Mrs. Andrew Jarvis has partially recovered from her recent attack of rheumatism and is enjoying a needed change and rest with her daughters in Leominster and Fitchburg.

The Sunshine club will hold a meeting in the chapel vestry this afternoon. These young people have lately made their first donation for the new year, a gift of five dollars to the Seaman's Friend association.

Little Seth Kierstead is making an out-of-town visit with his grandmother during the illness of his mother, Mrs. Talmadge Kierstead, who is reported as much better.

The trench which is to convey water from above the papermill dam to the leatherboard mill is very nearly completed and many of the workmen have left town.

Another fox stands to the credit of Earle Sleeper, while his brother Raymond proudly lays claim to a coon.

The supper in the lower hall on the occasion of Dr. Emrich's visit was the successful result of the combined efforts of the Sunshine club and the Boy Scouts, the latter acting as waiters. The decorations were simple but effective and the usual good number enjoyed the fine supper provided. The proceeds will be divided and each society is hoping to add five dollars to its treasury.

Dora, February 3, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cronin.

Wednesday evening, February 15, the Ladies' Aid society will give a supper in the lower hall at 8.45 o'clock. Later the upper hall will be open for a social evening in charge of the literary committee. Rev. J. P. Trowbridge will give a short talk on Julia Ward Howe and other entertainment with music and games will follow.

A late report pronounces Mrs. Kierstead quite ill, and requiring the attendance of her physician.

An Address.

That West Groton people have heard before and fully appreciated Dr. Emrich, secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary society, was evidenced by the size of the audience that gathered in the chapel last week Wednesday evening, filling every seat. His talk was given largely to the boys, who, as a Boy Scout's patrol occupied the front seats. He gave them as a motto to guide them in right living, an extract from one of Tennyson's poems, consisting of but two lines, but as the remainder of the stanza refers to the same subject as his after-talk on the necessity of submission to the laws of nature, of man, and of God, the entire quotation may be of interest. The selection was from "Oenone," a beautiful allegory:

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.
Yet not for power, (power of herself
Would come uncall'd for), but to live
By law.
Acting the law we live by without
fear;
And, because right is right, to follow
right.
We're wisdom in the scorn of consequence.

After this special address to the boys, Dr. Emrich gave a reminiscent talk, outlining his work of the last two weeks. His descriptions of places and occurrences were vivid and humorous, and the account of his many-sided work both instructive and extremely interesting.

Presented a Flag.

Last week Wednesday evening thirteen lads took the Boy Scouts' oath, administered by scout master, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, who, later, in a few appropriate words presented to the patrol a fine new flag. This exercise took place in the chapel in which a large number of friends and relatives of the boys had gathered to hear Dr. Emrich. The Boy Scouts is not a church organization, however, its object being to assist toward a useful manhood of all creeds and nationalities. Those taking the oath were:

Jerome Bowles, Leo Bixby, Richard

Kirkwood, Ralph Lawrence, Asel Bates, Arthur Young, Froyal Thompson, Elliott Blood, Irving Durant, Webster Harrington, Master Clark.

An enrolled member not present on that evening was Albert Robinson, and several boys are impatiently awaiting their twelfth birthday when they will become eligible for membership.

Entertainment.

The pupils of Tarbell grammar school will give a combination entertainment in their schoolroom on Friday evening, February 17, beginning at 7.45 o'clock. Patriotic exercises will commemorate the births of Washington and Lincoln.

The works of two of America's best loved poets, Lowell and Longfellow, whose birthdays occur on February 22 and February 27, respectively, will furnish themes for a second part of the combination, and St. Valentine will occupy a special place in the evening's work. The musical numbers of the program will dedicate the piano lately obtained by the school. It is understood that in addition to music by the children there will be instrumental solos by Miss Bertha Bixby and Miss Maude Bradley. The public is cordially invited.

Entertained.

The Whist club, entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb at their pleasant new home on Bixby hill, enjoyed a delightful evening. Specially invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby. A buffet lunch was served. At 10.30 the score was read as follows: highest score for gentlemen, L. G. Strand, 38 points; highest score for ladies, Miss Lillian Harrington, 37 points; second, Mrs. L. G. Strand, 35 points; second score for gentlemen, John Robinson, 33 points. An unusual number of players lingered near the booby goal, seeming to find it an attraction, but Mrs. G. G. Harrington, Mrs. H. Spaulding and A. W. Lamb held it against all rivals with a score of sixteen points each. The beautiful strains of a Victrola, reproducing tones from some of the world's most celebrated musicians, combined with the cheerful blaze of an open fire, proved so enjoyable that midnight sounded before the last guests reluctantly departed.

The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 20, with the Misses Nellie and Lillian Harrington.

SHIRLEY.

Altruistic Meeting.

The Altruistic met with Mrs. Hattie L. Conant by invitation on Thursday afternoon. A large number were present. The president, Mrs. M. W. Mason, opened the meeting at three o'clock. "America" was sung, Mrs. Florence Bolton at the piano. The secretary, Miss Grace Kilburn, gave the minutes of the last meeting. During the business hour, the call for help in preserving Miss Louisa Alcott's house at Concord was read, and responded to generously.

The chairman of the ways and means committee for the club home, announced that they had secured the services of the Boston Entertainment Company for a concert to be given on Tuesday evening, February 21, at the I. O. O. F. hall. Mrs. Louise Baker, delegate to the State Federation, held in Boston, last week Friday, gave a very correct and interesting report of the meeting.

The subjects for the afternoon were on "Houses," "Skyscrapers and their effect on city life," "Tunnels and bridges," by Mrs. M. G. Harlow, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou and Mrs. Lydia R. Binney. The papers gave excellent descriptions of the subjects and showed much thought and study.

At the close of the meeting the hostess invited the members to remain for a social chat and were surprised by a dainty lunch served by Mrs. Conant, Miss Gertrude Conant and Miss Daniels. Everyone enjoyed the pleasant meeting.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Bolt, who came to live in South Hollis from Pepperell a few years ago, died on February first, after an illness of one week. She lived a retired life while in town, but was ready to help whenever she was needed. She is survived by two sons—Frank and George Rule—and two grandchildren. Her funeral was held at the home of her son Frank last week Saturday afternoon. Rev. C. H. Davis officiating. Interment was in the Pine Hill cemetery.

Otis Goodwin of Lynn and Miss Mary Blood of Ayer came to Hollis last week Saturday and visited a few days with Mrs. E. F. Goodwin and family.

Miss Louise Hardy came home last Saturday for a week-end visit from her studies in Simmons college, Boston.

Charles Lewis has purchased a sugar farm in northern Vermont. He and his son Courtland will go there this spring when sugar time begins. His family will remain in Hollis until later in the season.

New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY F. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, and probate, in and for said County, was granted therein to ETHEL MEDORA WELLS, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication of said notice to be at least seven days before said Probate Court, and by mailing post-paid or delivered a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least seven days before said Probate Court.

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

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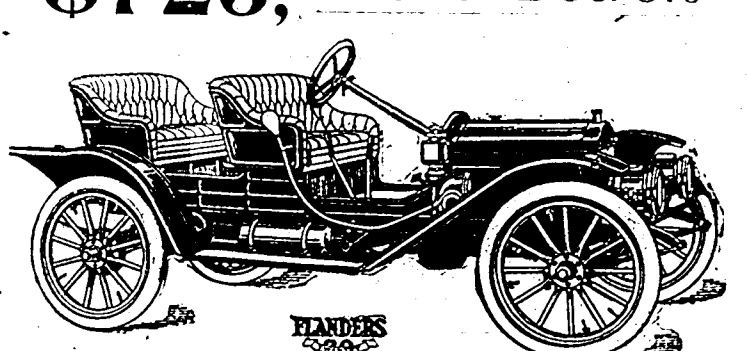
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CARD OF THANKS.

Thanks are extended to the G. A. R., S. of V., and Grange for the prominent part they had in the observance of the funeral of the late J. C. C. Parker, and for the beautiful flowers. Friends of J. C. C. Parker. Shirley, February 8, 1911.

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is in the JUNK BUSINESS and his residence is on Church Street, the Childs house, Ayer, Mass. If you have anything in the Junk line to dispose of, be sure and give Mr. Goodman a call.

AYER.

News Items.

Miss Mary Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hubbard, was taken completely by surprise by a party of twenty-five of her friends on Sunday evening at the home of her parents at Sandy Pond, on the eve of her departure for Newark, N. J., where she will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Francis Roach. Light refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present. Miss Hubbard, previous to leaving for Newark, had been employed in West Acton.

Henry F. Zoller is again in the employ of the Haynes-Piper Company, commencing on January 30.

A concert will be given in Page hall on Tuesday evening, February 14, commencing at eight o'clock, by the masters and boys of the Groton School orchestra of sixteen pieces and a band of eight instruments for the benefit of St. Andrew's church. It promises to be a performance of merit.

The meeting of the Y. P. R. U. Sunday evening was led by Miss Pauline Sherwin. The speaker was Mrs. Susan Barker, who gave the story of "The song of our Syrian guest." The special music was a piano solo by Miss Flora Cole.

Last Saturday evening Miss Flora Cole gave a party at her home on Pleasant street in honor of her friend, Miss Bernice Piper of Worcester. The entertainment was progressive whist. Pauline Sherwin and Roger Lawrence won the highest score.

The following committees have been elected by the Board of Trade for the ensuing year:

Town Affairs—F. Mullin, E. S. Pierce, C. H. Hardy, J. M. Maloney, A. M. Phelps.

Manufactures—Frederick Whitney, J. W. Fletcher, G. L. Osgood, F. S. Bennett, Eugene Barry.

Mercantile Affairs—J. P. Mullin, W. A. Wright, A. E. Lawrence, Charles Sherwin, E. B. Harlow.

Public buildings and parks—W. N. Cowles, E. B. Butterfield, L. A. Carman, F. S. Bulkeley, Augustus Lovejoy.

Statistics and general information—E. E. Sawyer, G. H. Hill, L. H. Cushing, J. L. Kennison, L. K. Clark.

Entertainment—William Brown, W. R. Burns, E. W. Carley, S. L. Cotton.

The work of filling the icehouses of the Boston Ice Company at Sandy Pond was resumed this week and it is thought that if the weather is favorable, the full supply will be in by tonight. When the unfavorable weather caused the work to stop about two weeks ago, the houses were about two-thirds full. After the work of filling the houses is finished, it is the intention of the company to load cars.

The sidewalks were well taken care of after the snowstorm the first of the week, with the exception of a very few cases. Chief of Police Beatty wishes to remind the people that in addition to clearing off the snow, the by-law also provides that there shall be sand or other substance placed upon the sidewalks so that they may well be safe and convenient for travel. This last provision seems to have been overlooked in some cases, but on the whole the work has been well done.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Cabool (Missouri) Enterprise, the first issue of which was printed on January 25.

Local interest centres somewhat in the new paper, as the editor and publisher, Ben Mires, was for awhile employed as a printer in Ayer some five years ago, working first in the job office of Huntley S. Turner and afterwards being employed as foreman in the printing department of the New England Paper and Stationery Company. The paper is certainly a creditable looking sheet, and if the first number is a criterion of what is to follow, it ought to be a success, which we hope it will be.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brown returned to her home here last week after a stay in Worcester since last November, with her niece, Miss Helen Woods.

Warren Brooks and his son Luther of Tomahawk, Wis., are making an extended visit with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Flora Vermille, Ocean Park, Cal. Mrs. Brooks is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sarah F. Brown of this town.

For other Ayer news see last page.

West, who has been in the employ of Huntley S. Turner for the past four years, as a printer, gets through this Saturday. He will leave with his wife and two children and Mrs. Sydney Lewis, sister of Mrs. West, February 20, for Mt. Clemens, Mich. This change is made owing to the ill health of Mrs. Lewis, hoping that she may be benefited by residing in that part of Michigan. Mr. West has secured a position as a printer in an office in Detroit, which is about twenty-five miles from Mt. Clemens.

Rev. J. W. Thomas attended the ministers' meeting of the Wachusett association in Fitchburg last Monday morning and the devotional exercises. An entertaining paper was presented by Rev. Mr. Speed of Clinton, and ably discussed by all the members present.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas is spending a few days in Boston with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant.

The Valentine social held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Tuesday evening was largely attended and very successful.

Mrs. A. E. Wheeler of Nashua, N. H., was in town this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Burgess.

Wednesday, the president and Mrs. Beverly from the A. W. C. attended a special meeting in the interests of library extension held by the Fitchburg Women's club. The interesting program presented consisted of solos by Mrs. Faxon, reports of various federation meetings by local club members, a lecture on library extension by Miss Zaides Brown of Boston, and four children's stories told by Miss Mages of the State Normal school. The afternoon closed with a social hour and a tea served by the hostess.

February 15, is children's day, at the A. W. C. Children of club members are invited and each member not having children is entitled to invite one. Tickets may be obtained of the

custodian, Mrs. Irwin, Saturday and Tuesday, February 10 and 14.

The George J. Burns hook and ladder company have been fortunate in securing the Shirley Industrial school boys, who will present a minstrel show in this town on February 28. U. H. Barrows has charge of the entertainment, and under his instruction there can be no doubt that the entertainment will equal, if not excel the one which they so successfully presented in Shirley early in the season.

The young people of the Congregational Sunday school will hold a Valentine social in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, February 14, at eight o'clock. Entertainment and games will be provided.

These members of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance attended the neighborhood meeting of the Groton Alliance, on Thursday, Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. Daisy Beckford, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Alice Butterfield, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Lyman Clark, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Helen E. Hartwell, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. H. L. Whitman. The speaker was Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty, who gave an interesting and valuable talk on "The spirit of comradeship."

The regular meeting of the Unitarian parish committee was held on Thursday evening, February 9. Routine business was transacted.

Miss Helen M. Hardy of the high school graduating class is pianist for the school and is an artist in music. The piano duet that she played with her teacher, Mrs. Lena B. Graydon, at the last meeting of the Woman's club, deserves more than a passing notice. It reflected great credit upon her teacher, as well as herself.

The G. A. R., W. R. C., and the S. of V. are invited to attend service at the M. E. church Sunday, February 12, and are to meet at the G. A. R. hall at 10.15 o'clock.

The Social Gathering will hold their regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. Austin Lawrence on Tuesday evening, February 14, at 7.30.

There are three feature pictures at the moving picture show tonight, and they are "Take me out to the ball game," a roaring comedy, an Essena; "The Cheyenne brave," a beautifully colored Pathé; "The deputy's love," an Essena. At a great expense, Charles Whiteley, the well-known baritone singer of Boston, has been secured, and he will sing three of the latest songs, illustrated with colored slides. No one should miss this show as it will be one of the best of the season. The management are making great efforts to please their patrons, and intend to get the best pictures and talent for the songs that can be procured anywhere.

Mrs. S. N. Lougee is down with an attack of erysipelas in the face.

Mrs. Albert M. Phelps is quite ill from the effects of blood poisoning of her finger from getting a sliver in it, so that it is necessary to have the attendance of a nurse, Miss Oliver of Worcester, who is giving her the greatest of care. Mrs. Phelps is in a good deal of pain, and Dr. Cowles is in attendance.

Ell Goodman, son of L. H. Goodman, has started in the junk business, and his residence is on Church street. If you have anything in his line to dispose of, call him up.

The following rhetorical were given at the high school Friday afternoon:

Piano solo, Mildred Bates; "The deacon's courtship," John Pender; "André and Héléne," Charles Washburn; "My rival," Florence Patton; piano solo, Mary Leahy; "Culture in emergencies," Myrtle James; "The crossing," John Crowley; "Wee Willie Winkie," Hortense Sawyer; Helen Markham; Edith Neylan; Esther Holden; "The girl I looked to school," George Parker; vocal solo, Marjorie Winslow; "The Polish boy," Violet Viall; "Tom Sawyer," Frank Boiseau; "His new year's guest," Elizabeth Sabin and Natalie Bigelow; piano solo, Charles Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Fisher will leave the latter part of the month for Mount Clemens, Mich., a noted health resort. In the hope that the stay there will result in a benefit to Mr. Fisher's health.

George H. Brown and his brother, William Brown, left last week Friday night for Pinehurst, N. C. They intend to stop on the way at Washington and other points. William will return in a couple of weeks. His brother will make a longer stay.

Alexander McLean of Greenville, N. H., a former resident, was in town on Wednesday.

The annual complimentary ball will be given on next Thursday evening in the town hall.

John F. Lentz, who has been confined to his home with a severe attack of the grippe, is much better. His place as manager of the railroad restaurant is being filled by Jenness W. Brown until he is able to resume work. Mr. Lentz's mother died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last Sunday.

W. A. Richardson and family start next Thursday for Ontario, Cal., where they intend to make their future home.

Charles Webber, a brakeman on the milk train, met with an accident while at work at Concord Junction on Tuesday, which resulted in an injury to his right leg, which although not serious, will cause him to be off duty for some time.

Mrs. G. W. Shattuck is confined to her home by illness, and is under the care of Dr. Cowles and Miss Helena T. McGovern, a trained nurse.

Miss Lincoln, teacher of the Washington street primary school, has resigned and will return to her home in Leominster. Miss Genevieve Neylan of Ayer will take her place, beginning her duties on next Monday morning. Miss Neylan has been teaching at Bellows Falls, Vt., for the past two years.

Mrs. Mary (Keenan) Manchester, wife of Charles C. Manchester, died at the Clinton hospital early Thursday morning from the effects of a surgical operation. Her age was 35 yrs. 6 mos. 6 days. She leaves her husband, three children, all of this town, and a brother, John Keenan of Waltham. The funeral was held at Waltham today. Mr. and Mrs. Man-

chester lived here for several years and moved away, returning last November.

The ladies of the Congregational church served a successful supper in the church vestry on Wednesday night.

Clipping.

From the Boston Globe, February 15: The N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad company is being burdened with requests from many places that its new car works be located in such places. Among the persistent workers for the honor of inducing the placing of the shops is the Ayer Board of Trade, which is of the opinion that the "logical" place for the works is right in that town.

It is in close touch with the railroad authorities concerning the situation, and does not intend to lighten such hold as it has upon the case, and thinks that it has a good one for a particular reason. The Boston and Maine road a number of years ago laid out about \$100,000 in the building of a large yard in Ayer. The N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad company, since assuming control of the Boston and Maine, has made radical improvements in the yard at Ayer, and has greatly improved its facilities, through making it one of seven freight transfer stations.

The company is said to want about five hundred acres of land in the vicinity of its tracks. The Ayer Board of Trade has informed the company that it can find one thousand acres of land almost as smooth as a floor adjoining its freight yard, the land lying toward Harvard, and the members of the organization are wondering where the railroad people can possibly find a better location, especially when it will be so convenient to its other possessions. Should that place be selected for the car shops it would be a boon not only for Ayer, but incidentally for Harvard.

Resigned.

W. J. Delano, who has been superintendent of the town farm for the past twelve years, tendered his resignation on Monday, February 5, to the selectmen to take effect on April 1. Mr. Delano recently purchased a farm in the town of Ludlow, Vt., located about two and one-half miles from the centre of the town which has a population of 2,600. The farm consists of 190 acres, the buildings are in good repair, and in the purchase of the farm it includes all the farming tools, a span of horses, thirteen head of cattle, poultry, and the other personal property.

Mr. Delano, as superintendent, and Mrs. Delano, as matron, of the town farm, have both given entire satisfaction in the important positions which they have so ably filled and for so many years. Mr. Delano came here from Aroostook County, Me., where he had considerable experience as a farmer.

W. R. C. Supper.

A good-sized company enjoyed the substantial supper served Tuesday evening by the W. R. C. in G. A. R. hall. The committee in charge included Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Louise P. Kennison, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Alice Crawford, Mrs. Jessie Crawford, Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Mrs. Abbie Wells and Mrs. Eileen Sawyer. The supper was followed by an entertainment to commemorate Lincoln's birthday, this being the meeting nearest that date. The program was arranged by Mrs. Lucy Richardson, the patriotic instructor of the W. R. C., and included "Reminiscences of Lincoln," by Mrs. Richardson, readings by Miss Millie Beverly and Miss Addie Lovejoy, and patriotic songs by the audience, Ellis E. Harlow, pianist.

Attended.

Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins and Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs at Boston last week Friday. The speakers were Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, who spoke on "The newer world for the child," which was very interesting, and Prof. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard university, who spoke on "Modern industry and child life." The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Adelaide M. Godding, president of the New Hampshire Daughters. The response was made by Miss Georgia A. Bacon, president of the federation. Several bills now before the legislature were endorsed by the federation, including the protection of the milk supply and the children's bureau bill.

High School Cantata.

The cantata, "The building of the ship," was given before a good-sized audience by the pupils of the high school in the town hall last Friday evening. They were assisted by the high school orchestra and Glee club, and Charles A. Grosvenor, tenor, and F. R. H. Stevens, baritone, who ably sustained the solo parts.

Annie H. Palmer was the director, Helen M. Hardy of the class of 1911, was accompanist for the choruses and solos, and Edith L. Longley of the class of 1911, acted as accompanist for the Glee club.

A fine program consisting of vocal and instrumental music preceded the presentation of the cantata, all the members receiving liberal applause. After the entertainment there was dancing until a late hour. The program follows:

March, "Defenders of the flag," Harris G. O'Connell; Solo, "To the front," Adams Mr. Stetson; Cradle song, Glee club; Overture, "Viviane," Bennet Orchestra; Solo, "Beloved, it is morn," Aylward Mr. Grosvenor; "Little pappoose," Sherwood Glee club; "The building of the ship," (words by Longfellow), Lahee School.

The members of the high school orchestra which played during the evening were: Violins—Frank E. Griffin '11, Edith L. Longley '11, Pauline M. Sherwin '13, Mildred A. Sanders '12, Cornets—Walter G. Kittredge '12, Roger C. Lawrence '13, Trombone—Doris G. Corner '14, Piano—May A. Peterson '12.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. STREETER late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY HEALD WILSON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Peppereil Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said county the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3120 W. E. ROGBERS, Register.

WANTED—Fraternal man to assist in getting up charter list in Loyal order of Moose, Organized 1888. Lodges in principal cities. Benefits \$7 per week, sick or accident, \$100 death. Free medical attention to members and families. Further information write JAMES J. DAVIS, Supreme Organizer, 406 Blakewell Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa. 5720

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the First Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1911.

In the matter of the petition of the Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad for alterations in the bridges crossing the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad, of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is lessee, at Pleasant Street, Main Street and West Street in the Town of Groton in said County of Middlesex, reference being had to the petitions on file in the office of said Commissioners, it is ordered that the petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Groton Railroad Station on Monday the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1911, by serving the Clerk of the said Town of Groton and the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is the lessee, each with a copy of this order, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be seven days at least before said view, and that they may make return of their doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

RALPH N. SMITH, Asst. Clerk. Copy of order, Attest:

RALPH N. SMITH, Asst. Clerk. A true copy, Attest:

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TIME TABLE.

Issued June 21, 1909.

(Subject to change without notice.)

WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for

Boston via Towksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—7.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winstchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 a. m. until 9.25 p. m.) 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until 9.32 p. m.) 10.32 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 10.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—10.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 1.35 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 11.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—11.35 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 20 mins. until 1.33 p. m. and every 20 mins. until 11.33 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.)

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell—6.05 a. m. and hourly at 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. An early car leaves the Ayer carhouse at 5.15 a. m.

Sundays—First car leaves Ayer at 7.05 a. m. then same as week days. Running time to Lowell, 41 minutes. Running time to Lowell, 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer—6.20 a. m. and 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m. Sundays—8.20 a. m. then same as week days. Cars connect at Ayer up to 10.05 p. m. for Fitchburg and Littleton. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester.

Cars leave Forge Village for North Chelmsford and Lowell—24 minutes past the hour.

Cars leave Forge Village for Ayer—40 minutes past the hour.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Brookside—5.50 a. m. and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car at 7.50 a. m. then same as week days.

Leave Brookside for North Chelmsford, Lowell and Ayer—6.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.55 p. m.

Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m. then same as week days.

Leave North Chelmsford for Westford—5.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Sundays—7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 10.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—8.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

Leave Lowell for Groton—8.40, 9.40, 10.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3120 W. E. ROGBERS, Register.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Arthur Nye spent Sunday at Hartford, Conn.

The Congregational Brotherhood met at the vestry on Friday evening, February 10. The Board of Education discussed the needs of the local schools.

Mrs. Jane Lyon and daughter Edith of Ayer have been recent guests of Mrs. Frank Maynard.

Mrs. Clara Heselton of Townsend is at the parental home.

Mrs. Laura Gilman Webber, little son and daughter of Fitchburg, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman.

The Fresh Pond Ice Company have a contract for cutting ice at Groton this week.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes was at Manchester on Wednesday, February 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Tarbell, former residents, enjoyed a delightful family reunion at their home at Syracuse, N. Y., recently.

Mrs. Edward C. Tucker is at Nashua and Concord this week.

Edward P. Gerrish has purchased the cottage on Canal street owned by Mrs. Jennie Gage.

An alarm of fire on Sunday evening was caused by the wood work around the chimney at the residence of Patrick J. O'Connell igniting. It was extinguished ere any serious damage had resulted.

Miss Kathleen O'Heren of Leominster and Miss M. Katherine Lavash of Waltham, have been guests at the Elmwood.

Mrs. Frank Gilman was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey at Pepperell on February 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.

Willie O'Connell is improving from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Loyal Workers at the home of Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse on the afternoon of February 8th.

Lillian Stella, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell, died at Hollis on Sunday, January 29, of dropsy, aged 3 yrs. 10 mos. The funeral took place at the Congregational parlor on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Charles Davis officiating. Burial at the South cemetery. The little one is sadly missed at the home.

The young people of the Methodist church will hold a fair at Tarbell's hall on the evening of St. Valentine's day, Tuesday, February 14. There will be booths at which there will be sold, aprons, fancy and useful articles, home-made candy, etc. Supper will be served from six to eight o'clock. The entertainment will consist of readings, selections from "Hiawatha," illustrated by tableaux, musical selections and the laughable sketch, "How he popped the question," by Miss Blanche W. Hall and Alfred S. Barnaby.

Mrs. Lenora B. Pattee, better known as Leonora Bradley, for many years an actress at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, is seeking divorce from her actor-husband, C. Horace Pattee, whose present address, she states, is unknown, on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Pattee appeared in the divorce session at the East Cambridge Court House on Monday afternoon, February 6. Judge Bell reserved his decision.

Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Rockwood Carter took place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brooks Rockwood, Thursday afternoon, February 2. A large circle of friends and relatives were in attendance. Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., a former pastor, and Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiated, and tenderly offered words of consolation. Charles Stickney and Miss Blanche Stickney sang with effect, "Some day we'll understand," and "Jesus, lover of my soul." The body reposed in a white casket surrounded by a profusion of beautiful roses, lilies, pink, tulips, floral tributes from many friends that loved "Mamie" and who will long cherish dear memories of her. The burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery. George Edward Rockwood, Will Heselton, George M. Rockwood and Orville Fessenden serving as bearers.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.

Mrs. Cliff Parker underwent a successful operation for tumor on Tuesday morning, January 31. The operation was performed by Dr. Lowell at the Burbank hospital, with Dr. Richard Ely of this town in attendance. She was doing nicely when last heard from.

A little daughter weighing six pounds was born Saturday evening to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Estes.

Clifford Bliss of Boston was at home last week, also Ralph Piper of New Hampshire State college and Burton Whidden of M. A. C.

Several members of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the funeral of their deceased brother, Benjamin March, at Ashby, Friday afternoon.

Quite a few attended the Pomona grange at Lunenburg, Wednesday, among them Mrs. Clara Flarity, Mrs. Annie Greenleaf, Mrs. Minnie Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher.

A daughter was born on Monday morning, February 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spofford.

The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren. Charles T. Haynes gave an interesting address upon the "Life of Charles Sumner," and Longfellow's poem upon "Charles Sumner," was read by Mrs. Eunice P. Bruce. After the literary program, a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

The Monday morning train ran over and killed Charles Brown's dog near the station crossing.

Mrs. Sadie Parker, who underwent an operation at Burbank hospital last week Tuesday, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Mary Blood has moved into the tenement recently vacated by Frank Wright.

Death.

Luther S. Lord, a founder of the firm of Lord & Webster, one of the largest flour, hay and grain concerns in Boston, died Wednesday at his home, 131 Summer street, Malden. Mr. Lord was born in Townsend, and came to Boston when still a boy. For a number of years he was employed by a ship chandlery firm, leaving this place to go to work for Chickering & Maynard, one of the big grain firms of that day. He remained with this concern until August, 1868, when he, with James V. Webster, organized the firm of Lord & Webster. Both members of the firm retired from business in 1909, when the company was incorporated. Mr. Lord is survived by a widow. He had been a resident of Malden for the last eleven years. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Installation.

The following officers of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge were installed on Thursday evening, February 2, at a special meeting, the evening being the seventeenth anniversary of the institution of the lodge:

Mrs. Hattie Misner, n. g.; Mrs. Margaret Higgins, v. g.; Mrs. Mary Smith, sec.; Mrs. Lena Blood, treas.; Mrs. Iona Cowdrey, w. g.; Mrs. Mary Spring, con.; Mrs. Gertrude Piper, r. s. n. g.; Mrs. Hattie Cook, l. s. n. g.; Mrs. Clara Flarity, r. s. v. g.; Miss Myrtle Gray, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Eva Ely, l. g.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, o. k.

The installing officers were from the Acoma Rebekah lodge of Pepperell, and consisted of Mrs. Kate Dunlap, d. d. g. m. and suite;

Mrs. Nellie Gutterston, d. g. w.; Mrs. Jessie Parker, d. g. sec.; Mrs. Emily Harriman, d. g. treas.; Mrs. Mary Blood, d. g. chap.; Mrs. Amelia Morgan, d. g. k.; Mrs. Susie Dorr, d. g. marshal.

An excellent supper was served in charge of Mrs. Mary Spring and assistants, and speeches were made by brothers Morgan and Blood, and by the visiting officers.

Court Inquest.

An inquest was held in the police court at Fitchburg, Saturday morning of last week by Judge Thomas F. Gallagher, to inquire into the cause and manner in which John E. Lavarway received injuries on the Boston and Maine railroad at Townsend, on November 20, which resulted in his death at the Burbank hospital on November 22. Lavarway was employed as a brakeman on the Greenville branch, receiving his injuries, chief of which was a fractured skull, while on his regular run.

The witnesses at the inquest were Charles E. Warren and William J. Creighton, engineer and brakeman respectively on Lavarway's train, Joseph Powell, a witness of the accident, Dr. L. G. Chandler of Townsend, and Medical Examiner Dr. Frederick H. Thompson of Fitchburg. The version of the accident, as brought out through their testimony, was substantially the same as published in this paper at the time of the accident.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Item.

Mrs. George Tuttle of Groton spent Sunday with Mrs. Charles Duren.

Mrs. Mary Willard Fowler came to Charles Burrough's last week Friday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradford, Misses Vera Bradford and Izette Farnsworth attended the twentieth anniversary reception of Littleton grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence and children were week-end guests at R. Y. Nelson's.

Mrs. Ferguson's brother and sister from Georgia are with her now.

Mrs. Albert Littlefield entertained the Neighborhood club, February 3.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee enjoyed a visit with friends in Somerville last Saturday and Sunday.

There was no school at No. 3 on Monday as Miss Farnsworth took that for her visiting day, spending the time in the schools of Malden and Somerville.

Rev. F. S. Rice gave a good sermon at the church Sunday in place of Mr. Viets.

Friday, February 17, there will be patriotic exercises by the school children at the town hall. Public cordially invited.

Centennial Anniversary.

Mrs. Susan S. Brigham of Worcester, a "Real Daughter" of the Revolution, observed on last week Friday the centennial anniversary of her birth, and was honored by people in her own city and other places, who remembered the significance to her of the day. She has been ill for two months, and Friday was the first occasion of late that she has been up, as she was on her birthday to welcome friends who called to see her. She lives with her son, George A. Brigham, at 397 Grove street. The State society, Daughters of the American Revolution, sent her one hundred carnations, as did also the local D. A. R. chapter of Worcester and the Old Concord chapter, D. A. R. From other friends numerous remembrances were received, including many souvenir postal cards bearing greetings.

Mrs. Brigham was born in Acton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wetherbee. Her grandfather and also her father were soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Brigham recalls perfectly the stories her father told of the famous ride of Paul Revere and of other stirring events of those times. Mrs. Brigham is an honorary member of Old Concord chapter, D. A. R., of Concord, the members of which have honored her on past birthday anniversaries for many years.

Mrs. Louise Priest. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amma Wetherbee, born in Acton, February 3, 1811, but moved to Boxborough when quite young, and this was her home until she married Mr. Brigham. She always made an annual visit to her friends and relatives here as long as she was able. She has been ill with the grippe this winter, but was able to be up and greet her friends on her birthday. An evidence of her industry is the fact that she has made 236 pieces of fancy work in the last twenty years.

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SHIRLEY.

Annual Water District Report.

The annual report of the commissioners of the Shirley Village Water District recently presented gives the following interesting statistics:

RECEIPTS.
Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1909, \$637.59
Notes payable, 1 to 6, Jan. of 1909, 3000.00
Received on construction accounts, 236.16
Received on operating accounts:
Taxes, account 1909, \$133.40
Taxes, account 1910, 115.42
Water rates, 3171.96
Hydrant rentals, 1319.96
Repairs of meters, 24.00
Sale of old brushes, 1.00
5809.79

PAYMENTS.
Notes payable:
Paid note No. 8 of 1909 \$1300.00
Paid note No. 1 of 1909 500.00
1800.00
Paid on construction accounts:
Wells, \$2636.83
Main pipe, 374.54
Service pipes, 284.47
Meters, 416.28
3622.12

PAID ON OPERATING ACCOUNTS:
Interest, \$1553.06
Taxes, assessing, etc., 55.59
Pumping (12 months) 1131.24
Management, 908.03
Renewals and repairs, 153.21
3601.13
Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1910, 460.25
\$9683.54

Consumption: Estimated population of district, 1550; estimated population on lines of pipe (includes state school), 1700; total consumption for year, 22,624,692 gallons; passed through meters, 9,024,768; gallons per day to each consumer, 37.57 gallons.

Distribution: Mains—Extended during the year, 216 feet; total now in use, 6.87 miles; cost of repair per mile, \$18.80; number of leaks per mile, .58; number of hydrants in use, 80; range of pressure on mains at centre of district, 162 to 172 pounds.

During 1910, two new wells were constructed, No. 3 at a cost of \$1072.18, and No. 4 at a cost of \$802.87. On June 2, well No. 3 was put into service and on July 18, well No. 4.

In design they are similar, each being circular, 18 1/2 feet in diameter, with walls made from cement concrete piles, and with a dome roof of mass concrete.

At present the outstanding loans of the district amount to \$43,500. In 1910, the aggregate tax and overlay for the district was \$1226.68, and the net amount of taxable property on August first in the district was \$817,784.

Play to be Given.
Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will present the four-act play, "A girl in a thousand," at I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday evening, February 15, for the benefit of the flag pole fund with the following cast of characters:

Granny Morris, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells
Flora, kind and thoughtful, Miss Flora Shephard
Charlotte, "Charlie," Miss Mary Badstuber
Kathleen, "Kit," Miss Alvina Wheeler
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Mrs. Preston, a housekeeper, Mrs. Walter Knowles
Phoebe Preston, her daughter, Miss Blanche Wells
Nora, a believer in charms, Miss Mary Prescott
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Mrs. Wentworth, a wealthy widow, Mrs. Fred Rich
Miss Gullford, her companion, Mrs. Clara Miner
Miss Prim, school teacher, Mrs. Helen McCoy

Reserved seat tickets will go on sale at the store of Brockelman Bros., Saturday, February 11, at one p. m., sharp.

Bowling.
No. 1 and No. 2 teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys on Tuesday evening. No. 2 team won the contest by substantial margins.

Oscar Sibley was the high roller of the evening, scoring 94, 91 and 103, which recorded him a total of 288. Sibley was the only player to go over the century mark in a single string. Abel Morin was the next high man with a total of 253. Harry Bangs of the losing team connected with a total of 248. The summary:

NO. 2 TEAM.			
Pombriand	78	82	70-230
Bodah	74	78	87-239
Stobins	67	74	78-219
A. Morin	83	87	73-253
Sibley	94	91	103-288
	400	418	411-1229

NO. 1 TEAM.			
Bangs	88	75	85-248
Pomfret	70	77	75-222
A. Morin, Jr.	89	90	73-252
Cook	89	78	77-244
Average	67	74	70-211
	393	394	371-1164

News Items.
Leon D. Mudgett, millwright at the C. A. Edgarton Co., who is also the proprietor of the Hillside bantam yards, has been the winner of 248 prizes which include four silver cups and one medal. Mr. Mudgett is one of Shirley's clean-cut, able young men and has come into prominence as a breeder of high-class ornamental bantams. He is also a member of the National Bantam association and has been the winner of highest honors at Baltimore, Boston, Worcester, Hartford, Syracuse, Brockton and Hagerstown, where competition in all these places were keen. He is also an expert of ornamental bantams and has already a number of engagements booked for next season at the largest shows.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin was the winner of the guessing contest, guessing 401 beans in the pot, which contained 402. The affair of the evening concluded with a dance, Miss May Wadsworth presiding at the piano. Misses Bertha and Gladys Love, mandolin and piano. Mr. Rugg of Leominster gave an exhibition of clog dancing; monologue, Miss Robinson of Groton; farce, "Zerubbabel's second wife," by Groton talent.

The Universalist church fair, supper and entertainment held at I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday evening, was a big success. About 150 sat down to a bountiful supper, which was followed by an entertainment. Articles on the several tables were readily sold.

Margaret J. Brockelman and Ida M. Warren attended the banquet given by

Miss Essie P. Rugg to the members of her suite at her home in Leominster last week Friday evening. Miss Rugg is the deputy of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge.

James St. Peter of Lincoln, N. H., a former resident who was visiting in town last week, has returned to his home in Lincoln, accompanied by Harold Landry, who will stop with him for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch of the Centre feels deeply the loss of her faithful dog Jack, who died last week Thursday night of poison. Mrs. Lynch, who has been an invalid for the past twenty-five years, made a pet and companion of faithful Jack.

J. Fred Brown was operated upon at F. H. Cohan's hospital in Leominster last week Thursday for empyema. Dr. Cohan performed the operation, assisted by Dr. H. C. Keay and Dr. Thomas A. Sphaugnessey, and is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation.

Andrew Flynn, who is confined at home with a serious illness, has improved slightly the past week. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Nelson Brasser, who was stricken with a shock last week, seems to remain about the same, and is holding his own.

Miss Mabel Miner of Keene, N. H., spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Arthur E. Felch, with son Clifford of Gardner, spent the week-end at their home on Harvard road.

Howard Ayers, with friend, Joseph Sawdy of Charlestown, spent the week-end with Howard's aunts, the Misses Etta and Lena Gately.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening.

There was a good attendance at the whist party held in St. Anthony's hall last week Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Children of Mary for the benefit of the church. The following were winners of the sovrirs: Mrs. C. H. Chaisson, first for the ladies; Miss F. O. Wilfred Morin, second. Consolations were awarded to Miss Alice Carter and Joseph Landry.

Union meeting will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday, February 12, at 6.15 p. m., when it will be observed as a Lincoln service, with special patriotic music and an address by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker. Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. have been invited to attend, and the service as a whole will be both interesting and inspiring.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will stage "The elopement of Ellen," at Odd Fellows' hall, Friday evening, February 24, supported by the strongest local talent that has ever appeared before a Shirley audience. Rehearsals are now in progress. The play, a snappy three-act comedy, written by the well-known author, Marie J. Warren, and will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White. Arrangements have also been completed for stage settings and the play as a whole will be presented with a view to making it the event of the season in its line.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 14. Supper will be served as usual at 6.30, followed with an address by S. R. Glendinning of Boston, who will speak on the subject, "Business development in towns."

Elmer H. Allen starts on Wednesday, February 15, on a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ann Lawrence is confined to home with an abscess in her head.

Andrew Flynn had a relapse for the worse on Wednesday night and in all probability he will not have vitality sufficient to again regain his former condition.

Mrs. Truman Nickerson, who is suffering from Bright's disease, is not so well this week.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Frank Snell on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Centre road. The hostess served refreshments and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent.

Mrs. George W. Balch is confined to home with a hard cold.

Mrs. A. A. Bronson is at Keene, N. H., being summoned there last week, owing to the illness of her sister.

A Valentine dancing party will be held under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge on Saturday evening, February 18, at I. O. O. F. hall. Johnson's orchestra will furnish the music. Brockelman Bros. will furnish refreshments and late cars will run to Ayer, Leominster and Fitchburg.

J. Albert Deardon has been confined to his home this week with a serious illness, but at last reports is a little better.

George Sanderson, Jr., of Lancaster road, shot a fox in the vicinity of his home on Monday.

Victor O'Brien, clerk at Conant Bros' store, spent a couple of days this week visiting relatives in Somerville. He also paid a visit to his father-in-law, Mr. Jones, who is now stopping at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea and found him much improved in health.

Owing to the severe storm on Tuesday, the public schools did not open. No school alarm was given at 7.45 and 12.15.

Henry O. Dow is confined again to his home this week with sickness.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolf, who is receiving medical attention at the New England sanitarium at Melrose, is reported as not so well this week. Mr. Wolf was very much surprised and sadly grieved upon his arrival at the sanitarium last Saturday to find his wife confined to her room. The Mrs. Wolf has taken cold which is the cause for this sudden relapse, and think a few days of confinement to restore her again to her former condition. However, Mrs. Wolf has improved during the week.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach in

the Baptist church Sunday at 2.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30. A full attendance is desired.

Birthday Presentation.

At a State regent meeting of the D. A. R. held recently in Boston, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen was appointed a committee of one to extend congratulations to Mrs. Susan S. Brigham at her home in Worcester, who attained her one hundredth birthday last week Friday, when Mrs. Allen, in company with Mrs. E. E. Edgarton, went to Worcester, and in behalf of the Massachusetts D. A. R. presented Mrs. Brigham with one hundred pinks tied with blue ribbon.

Mrs. Brigham, who is in good health for one so advanced in years received her guests most cordially and thanked Mrs. Allen, and through her extended sincere thanks and greetings to the D. A. R. of Massachusetts. Mrs. Brigham also related to them the history of her father and grandfather, both having fought in the Revolutionary war, her grandfather being one of the heroes at Bunker Hill. Mrs. Brigham presented Mrs. Allen with her photograph.

Before leaving Worcester, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Edgarton called on another one of Worcester's old ladies, who was one hundred and four years old last August. She also presented Mrs. Allen with her photograph.

D. A. R.
Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. Mary W. Hazen. Mrs. Elmer H. Allen was elected a delegate to continental congress, with Miss Minnie Hobbs as alternate. Mrs. Mary J. Harlow, Mrs. E. E. Edgarton and Mrs. Nellie Holbrook were elected a nominating committee for next year. Mrs. Allen was appointed a committee from a meeting of regents in Boston to carry flowers to Mrs. S. S. Brigham of Worcester on her one hundredth birthday last Friday. she was accompanied by Mrs. E. E. Edgarton and they also called on Mrs. Carpenter, who is one hundred and four.

The entertainment committee, Mrs. Hazen and Miss Hobbs, then took charge. Edward Colburn sang a group of Biblical songs by Dvorak; piano solos by Mrs. H. A. Bridgman; paper by Miss Adelberta Haskins, regent of Fitchburg chapter, on "Early history of the Devereux family," and sketches "From kingdom to colony;" song by Mr. Colburn, "The deathless army of Trotere." While refreshments were being passed Mr. Colburn sang and Mrs. Bridgman again favored with music.

Peat Industry.
Henry G. Adams, treasurer of the National Fuel Co., which is making arrangements to open a peat manufactory in Shirley, has been in town for the past few days, and is rapidly completing the plans for the opening of a plant which has been in consideration for some time past by the National Fuel Co., and the company's engineer, Frank A. Pescocock, has been at work in this town for some months past, and to him belongs a major part of the credit for the promulgation of the scheme.

James L. Holland, who is the local representative of the company, has been making exhaustive tests of peat bogs in this vicinity and within the next few weeks it is thought that enough stock will be sold in the town to start business.

According to officials of the company, several towns in the vicinity are endeavoring to secure the manufactory, but the conditions are such that it is thought advisable to commence operations here in Shirley.

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New Advertisements
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ABEL F. WORKS late of Littleton in said County, deceased: Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, and HENRY F. WORKS who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on or after the first day of March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

3121 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of FERGUSON late of Roxborough in said County, deceased: Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, and WILLIAM F. STEVENS of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety for his bond, is named as executor in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on or after the first day of March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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Saturday, February 11, 1911.

PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash of Chelsea spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wright at their home on High street.

Born, a son, February 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shattuck.

Lawrence library had the emblem of mourning on its door from Saturday until Wednesday, in respect to its late librarian, Mrs. Fannie Shattuck.

Arthur Winslow of Ayer is boarding with Mrs. Henry Letender while completing Mr. Nelson's plastering.

There was not a large attendance at the Pomona at Lunenburg on account of the weather. Those present from Pepperell were Mrs. L. E. Starr, Misses Ida Shattuck, Sadie Tucker, Pansy Howe and Walter and Ralph Shattuck. They report an extra good meeting with P. H. Harwood as speaker.

Valentine night at Groton grange on Monday, February 12, is in charge of Miss Pansy Howe, in place of Miss Bertha Swallow, who resigned for lack of time. Miss Howe assures all of a pleasant evening, because she is assisted by an excellent committee and is expecting visitors from other granges.

A meeting for the practice of church music will be held in the Unitarian vestry on Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

The Sunday evening meeting of the Babbidge guild will be by Russell Davey, Subject, "Patriotism."

There will be no service in the Congregational church on Sunday, February 12, as necessary repairs are not completed.

The funeral of Mrs. Fannie M. Shattuck occurred in this town Tuesday afternoon, February 7, in her death the town loses a faithful and conscientious worker, having given in the vicinity of thirty years loyal service as librarian. Mrs. Shattuck was widely known, being a life-long resident, and her aged mother and sister have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends. It will be a hard matter to fill her place in Lawrence library.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon P. Richardson started Saturday last for New Orleans and other gulf part on their way to Guatemala to make an extended visit to Mrs. Richardson's uncle, Howard Barnes, formerly city engineer of Waltham, and now chief engineer for the United Fruit Co., located in old Guatemala city. While away they will visit other Central American points in the canal zone, returning via Jamaica.

Miss Wallace is in Maine for the Burns-Crossley wedding. Mrs. James Attridge is acting as substitute at the First National bank.

The Lawrence library will be closed Sundays until April 2, the trustees having decided that the expense of heating the building was incompatible with the use made of the reading room by the public.

The young ladies of the Epworth league of the M. E. church will hold a supper and entertainment on Wednesday evening, February 15. Supper from six until 7.30, entertainment at eight o'clock.

The tubes to the heater in the Congregational church were rusted so badly that they gave out last week Tuesday, and it will be a couple of weeks before the repairs can be made so the church can be used. Last Sunday the members of the Congregational church were invited to attend the Unitarian church.

The snowstorm of Tuesday, February 7, was so severe that the no school bell rang.

Mrs. Arthur Blood of Gardner had her eye operated on at the hospital last week. Mrs. Blood formerly lived on Pleasant street, Pepperell.

On Wednesday evening, February first, the O. H. I. S. held their regular monthly meeting. Several names were voted in and new names proposed. After the business a social time was enjoyed, the younger members trying their skill at "Push the bottle," the older ones with music, etc. Refreshments were served. The society are making plans to have a lecture in the near future, given by a lady who spent a year recently in Bulgaria and vicinity. They have their new stage near completed, and are planning a Mother Goose party and supper, Valentine day, February 14.

Deaths.

Mrs. Fannie Winn Shattuck, born in Pepperell, November 4, 1848, passed away at her mother's home at evening's corner, Park street, Friday evening, February 3.

One particularly sad feature of the case is that Mrs. Shattuck had made arrangements to celebrate her mother's eighty-third birthday, and had looked forward to that time, and she closed her life in the evening of that day.

Mrs. Shattuck married Charles Putman Shattuck on May 8, 1876.

Mrs. Shattuck acted as librarian of the town library when it was kept under the town house, and when the new Lawrence library was dedicated, she found a most congenial situation in perfect surroundings. Her great love of flowers showed itself in the care of the beautiful plants in the library, and through this care Pepperell had the name of having the most beautiful fern in the State.

After sixty-two years of busy life she laid down care and left an aged mother and an invalid sister, Miss Carrie Winn, to the care of her niece, Miss Ethel Wells.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Unitarian church by the members of the Congregational church. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiated.

The public library trustees sent a handsome floral piece. The Pepperell Woman's club a large plume of pink carnations, besides many tributes from relatives and friends.

Mary E. Foster, wife of David Stillman Foster, passed away on Wednesday, February first, aged seventy-nine years. She leaves a husband, a daughter, Mrs. Imogen E. Palmer, a granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Wright, and a sister, Mrs. Martha A. Spaulding, to mourn her loss.

The deceased was born in Pepperell, the daughter of William and Mary Tarbell Spaulding, and had been a life-long resident of this town, for thirty years a resident of Foster street. She was well-known, especially as ministering to the sick, and was always ready to help others in the hour of distress and affliction. A lovable character, she will live in the memory of many.

The funeral was held from the Unitarian church last Saturday at two o'clock, Rev. Dudley R. Child officiating. Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy and Mrs. Maynard Copp sweetly rendered, "When the mists have rolled away," and "Nearer my God to thee." Herbert and Marcellus Hodgman of Greenville, N. H., her two nephews, and Robert Wright and Amos Mahony acted as bearers.

Mrs. Margaret McGrath, widow of the late Nicholas McGrath, died at the home of the Misses McGrath on Tuesday, January 31, after a short illness. The deceased was born in Dubuque county, Wexford, Ireland, May 15, 1821. She is survived by three grandchildren—Lena and Gertrude of Holbrook and Marion McGrath; also, a number of other grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; also, a daughter, Mrs. William True of Leominster. High mass of requiem was said by Rev. F. O'Neill at St. Joseph's church Thursday morning at 9.30 and interment was in the Misses McGrath's family lot at St. Joseph's cemetery. The bearers were John O'Toole, John O'Neill, Philip Attridge and Martin Carboy.

Entertainment. "Parliament of servants," a comedy in one act will be given in Central hall on Thursday evening, February 16, at eight o'clock, under auspices of the Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church, with the following cast:

Mrs. Sephina Gray, Mrs. Addison Woodward Mrs. Anzelina White, Miss Barbara Bancroft Mrs. Henry Bailey Trudel Schmidt, Miss Gladys Shattuck Annabella Estelle Darling, Mrs. Warren Blood Hepzibah Strout, Miss Ellen Miller Magde Calagan, Miss Nellie Gilchrist Lydia Ann Porter, Mrs. Myra Attridge

An odd sale will be held in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, where housekeepers can find all useful supplies.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Swain have left their boarding place at Bert Melindy's and are now with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boynton of Hollis street. Mr. Swain is the new superintendent of the Burkinshaw knife factory in place of Mr. Simpson, who has resigned and left town.

William Withrow, who is working on a farm just outside of Fitchburg, was visiting among his friends in town Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker and their daughter Helen, and mother, Mrs. Charles Parker, have been suffering this week from the effects of severe colds.

H. B. Foster is another victim of the prevailing epidemic of influenza.

Rosa Archambeault lost the tip of one of her fingers in the Standard Bottle Company on Wednesday while at work.

Mrs. Charles Goff spent Thursday at Mrs. John Babb's at Shirley, and in the afternoon attended the Woman's club as guest of Louise P. Baker.

Gleanings.

Invitations are out for the costume party of the junior class of the high school to be held at I. O. O. F. hall on Friday evening, February 17, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Fidelia Buck returned to her home in this town last week from a visit with her daughter in Norwich, Conn.

Mrs. W. H. Annis of High street has been quite sick.

Miss Madeline Graham spent Friday of last week with friends in Fitchburg.

Miss Ada Whitney started on Friday of this week for a trip to New York city.

Miss Alice McGrath of Boston has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Nellie McGrath of High street.

The L. A. S. of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. A. W. I. Nelson at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon, February 15.

AYER.

Hearings.

There were hearings on two petitions before the board of selectmen in the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening, both being presented by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. In the first petition the company asked permission for the attachment of its fixtures and wires to poles of Ayer Electric Light Company already erected, or that may hereafter be erected as follows: Harvard road from Main street to the present trunk line, fourteen poles; Forest street near Faulkner street, two poles; Third street, easterly from Maple street, five poles.

The second petition asked for permission to locate its poles and wires thereon and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires in the following named streets: Forest street, between Bligh and Faulkner streets, four poles; Grove street, easterly from Forest street, one pole; School street, between Main and Grove streets, five poles; Prospect street, easterly from School street, one pole; Pond street, between Main and Grove streets, five poles; Grove street, near Pond street, one pole; Maple street, between Main and Third streets, one pole; East street, between Harvard road and Third street, five poles.

In this petition the company agreed to reserve space for one cross arm at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires owned by the town and used in municipal purposes. The poles are to be erected under the supervision of such officers as the town may designate. The petition was accompanied by a plan of the streets and the proposed location of the poles thereon.

There was but one objector, Lowrey Wright, who wished the pole near his house removed a few feet from its proposed location so as not to interfere with his driveway. The representative of the company present, said that they would cheerfully make the desired change.

On the first petition which asked for permission to attach its fixtures and wires to poles of the electric light company to poles already erected, or that may be hereafter erected, the selectmen failed to see how they could legally give permission to allow the above attachments to poles, not already erected, except on new poles placed in the former location to replace the old ones, and then providing that the new poles were of the same description as the former ones.

The matter was afterward taken by the selectmen under advisement. E. D. Stone, chairman of the board of selectmen present. Lester Whitcomb was present in the interest of the Ayer Electric Light Company, of which he is superintendent. Henry Farnham and C. L. Stone of Fitchburg spoke in the interest of the petitioners for the company. M. L. Blaisdell of Fitchburg, an officer of the company was also present.

Many Speakers.

A Washington despatch says that Congressman John J. Mitchell, successor to the late Congressman Charles Q. Tirrell in the fourth district, who is in charge of the arrangements for the delivery of eulogies on the late Representative Tirrell, has almost completed his list of speakers. The exercises will be held in the house on Sunday afternoon.

Those who already have accepted invitations to speak are Representative Parker of New Jersey, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, of which Mr. Tirrell was a member; Representative Webb of North Carolina, another member of the judiciary committee; Representative Massey of Tennessee of the claims committee and Representatives Weeks, Gardner, McCall and Lawrence.

Violation of Deer Hunting Laws.

That wholesale slaughtering of deer took place in Shirley and its vicinity long after the legal season for deer killing was over, has come to light by disclosures which have been made by the efforts of game wardens to run the guilty persons down. The deer season was closed, legally, on Saturday, November 26, but there is conclusive evidence to prove that lawless hunters killed many deer long after that date.

A well located in Shirley, near the Ayer line, has given up a dozen or fifteen deer pelts, and a number of heads of deer, some antlered and some not, and the inference is that the hunters, after taking away the venison, disposed of the remains, that no evidences might be left around.

During the early part of last month a number of woodchoppers were at work in Shirley. Their water supply became very low previous to the January rains, and some of the men began to hunt around for other wells which had not been drawn upon as much as the one they had been regularly using. One day the men found the well above alluded to and looked into its mouth.

They were not a little startled to see looking up at them a number of deer heads, and they went at once to the authorities with their story. Game wardens went to the place and took out the heads and pelts. In one bag were a number of pelts from deer which could not have been killed more than two or three weeks previously, according to expert opinion.

Shirley, Lancaster and Harvard, adjoining towns, proved the best field for deer hunters that the whole five western counties of the state afforded during the November open season, and it is the belief that a few hunters who didn't get enough of the bloody sport in six days continued their operations secretly for weeks afterward.

Rail Contracts Awarded.

Contracts for the general 1911 rail requirements of the New Haven, Boston and Maine and Maine Central roads, approximating 66,000 tons in all, have been awarded. All the orders specify open-health rail. They

were divided practically equally between the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Pennsylvania Steel Company. A feature of the purchases for the Boston and Maine, which amount to about 41,000 tons, is that a considerable portion of this total is 100 pound rail for the Fitchburg division, the first of that weight to be laid down on the Boston and Maine. The management has decided to eventually make all the Fitchburg division track 100-pound rail.

Well Equipped.

In a statement given out for publication, Sunday, by General Manager Frank Barr of the Boston and Maine railroad, that road is said to be one of the best equipped in the whole country in the matter of safety devices and the block signal system. The road ranks sixth in the number of block signals in operation, with a total of 701.9 right of way miles thus covered, and the work elsewhere being rapidly continued.

Mr. Barr said: "The interstate commerce commissioners' report covering block signals, dated January 1, 1910, shows a total of 543.4 right of way miles, or 1,086.9 miles of track; while on December 19, 1910, not quite a year later, we had, as before stated, 701.9 right of way miles or 1,283.3 miles of track thus equipped, an increase of 18.7 percent in less than one year.

"In addition to this we expect to equip 467.5 miles during the ensuing year, so that by January 1, 1912, we will undoubtedly have a total of 1,750.8 miles of track protected by this most modern method.

"As to equipment we are now receiving the last of:

4 Mallet locomotives.....	\$120,000
22 Pacific type locomotives.....	57,400
10 consolidation freight engines.....	186,500
10 6-wheel switchers.....	125,000
16 motor freight engines.....	150,000
20 8-wheel passenger engines.....	226,000
2000 standard freight cars.....	1,833,000
250 refrigerator cars.....	336,550
105 passenger equipment cars.....	884,540
100 12-wagon capacity motor.....	100,000
Balance of way cars.....	100,000
Total.....	\$4,038,990

"In addition to this we have recently contracted for one hundred locomotives, one-half of them big passenger engines, the whole costing \$1,815,000, and three hundred passenger equipment cars, costing \$2,600,000, of which 120 will be delivered in the course of a few weeks. These new cars will be equipped for gas lighting and will be modern in every respect.

"We are also replacing oil lamps with gas as the old cars go into the shop. Our gas plant at East Cambridge is now taking care of 1,000,000 a month, using 3,500,000 cubic feet of gas, and with improvements now being made, its capacity will be increased 33 1/2 percent.

"We have a new plant at East Deerfield, which is supplying gas for three hundred locomotive headlights, and is capable of taking care of 1,000 locomotives, 1,000 signal lights and 300 passenger cars per day.

"This gas is forced into cylinders packed with asbestos, the cylinders used upon locomotives for headlights holding sufficient gas for 450 hours, and those used for supplying our passenger cars contain enough gas to light the five lamps of two burners each for 250 continuous hours.

"The cylinders used in connection with block signals are sufficient to light the two lamps for sixty days, and those for use in connection with switch lamps will light the switches for 120 days.

Church Services.

The services at the Baptist church tomorrow will be observed as Lincoln day. Preaching at 10.45 a. m. Sunday school at twelve. Children will remember the special offering. Praise service at seven o'clock by choir and congregation, with short speeches and recitations.

At the first Congregational church, the theme of tomorrow morning's sermon will be "The way of salvation." The evening service, 6.30 o'clock, will be in commemoration of Lincoln's birth and work. Rev. H. B. Drew, pastor of the Baptist church of Littleton, will make the address.

At St. Andrew's church tomorrow, at the 10.45 service, the vicar preaches on "Lincoln." Holy communion at ten, as always except the first Sunday of the month, when it is celebrated at 10.15. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Services as usual at the Unitarian church tomorrow, but no evening service. Sunday school at noon.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

Miss Belle Walker is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Littlefield, in Fitchburg. Miss Walker keeps life bright and sunny by these tuneful to and fro movements.

Councillor Fletcher's new stone house on Oak hill is now skyward enough to be visible from Strawberry hill heights, West Chelmsford and Post Office square, it being in direct route from the square towards the north pole and north star and one-half miles nearer. When completed, and with the rock and forest surroundings, it will be one of the most romantic settings on Oak hill, and allowing said hill to include the whole township of 19,000 acres.

Among the questions to be discussed at the next Pomona of Middlesex North is, "What further legislation do the farmers of Massachusetts stand in need of?"

Howard W. Foster, committee on institutes, is authority for the statement that the contemplated institute to be held in Groton has been given up and only one more is to be held at Tyngsboro in early March.

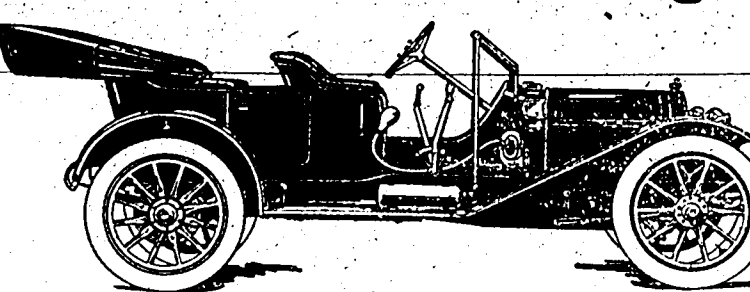
The next meeting of Westford grange will be observed as Valentine's night in charge of Miss Bertha Norris and Miss Edith Lawrence.

A collection will be taken at the Unitarian church Sunday for the Unitarian Sunday school society. Let everybody forget to stay at home.

Amos Polley is removing some contrary old apple trees that are afflicted with scale, brown and gypsy moth and hollow to the bark. One of these aged ones forgot to bear fruit, and owing to its forgetfulness it has received this long leave of absence.

The teachers of the Sargent school at Graniteville visited the schools at Arlington Heights on Monday. Miss Frances Banister as one of the teachers was fortunate in the location, se-

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lected by Superintendent Hill; whereby it allowed her the double privilege of visiting schools and visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles F. Crosby. Mr. Crosby is one of the large market gardeners of Arlington.

Mrs. Calvin L. Howard was one of several guests of the hospitality at the home of Rev. James Danforth in Tyngsboro on Wednesday. Hospitality and relationship in this case were partakers together.

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Woods on Monday was Mrs. James Frayer of Groton, a former schoolmate and neighbor in the sunny, vigorous old-time Stony Brook days.

At the meeting last Saturday of the Spaulding light cavalry association, it was voted to adjourn until the first Saturday in March, in respectful memory of Mrs. Wm. L. Woods, Mr. Woods being a member of the association.

Myrtle Upton is ill at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Fred L. Snow, at the Overlook farm on the Tenney road near Long Sought pond. At the time of writing she is out of the list of seriousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitney, who have been ill, are better and out waving the flag of good cheer at Dr. Wells for his combative skill with ill.

Inspection.

The annual town farm inspection and appraisal was held with the usual temptations of dinner last Saturday. Although a drenching rain was putting in fast work to discourage attendance, the tempting dinner won and everybody came. Those present were—Oscar R. Spalding, Sherman H. Fletcher, Andrew Johnson, representing the selectmen, Charles L. Hill, Fred, Albert R. Choate, Arthur H. Burdham, representing the overseers of the poor, Leonard W. Wheeler, tax collector, William R. Taylor, auditor, Representative Edward Fisher, town clerk, Frank C. Hildreth, Fred R. Blodgett, Calvin L. Howard, as appraisers. All the above acted as appraisers of the dinner and like the appraisal of the personal property it held all past good in the addition of present best.

Forge Village.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour. After business was transacted, a dainty luncheon was served.

St. Andrew's choir held a very successful rehearsal on Wednesday evening.

At 10.30 o'clock last Sunday morning, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield of North Chelmsford held services in Abbot hall. The hall, was as usual, well filled. Rev. Michael E. Doherty of North Chelmsford will preach next Sunday. He will take for his subject, "Indulgence."

The final arrangements have been completed for the social dance which is to be held in Abbot hall on Saturday evening of the members of the Pro Tem club. This club is composed of some of the most popular young men of the village, and it is hoped that a large number of their friends will be in attendance. Music for dancing will be furnished by the well-known Gilmore's orchestra of Lowell, and ice cream and cake will be served during intermission by a corps of young ladies. Come and have a good time everyone.

Cameron school was closed on Tuesday afternoon owing to the storm.

William Precious is confined to his home by illness.

Little Miss Gladys Baker is suffering from a severe cold at her home.

Notwithstanding the bitter cold weather of the last couple of weeks, the house which is being built by Amidee Cauton is nearing completion, as are the houses being put up by the Abbot Worsted Company.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a try-out for all speedy horse flesh on Forge pond. This is the first time this winter that owners of fast horses have had opportunity to show what they can do, and it is hoped that some of the speedy horses from Graniteville, Westford, Littleton, Groton and other surrounding towns will be on hand at this try-out.

Mission Notes.

At St. Andrew's mission on Sunday morning, communion services were held at 8.5 o'clock. Evening prayer was sung at 4.15 p. m., and was largely attended. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Bumpus, was accompanied by Rev. Carlton P. Mills, an interested worker on Sunday school work. His visit was very much appreciated by all. Mr. Bumpus would very much like to have all the Sunday school children attend church services on Sunday, which is held immediately after Sunday school.

The school is held at 3.15 on Sunday afternoons and church services takes place at 4.15, thus enabling the children to attend.

It is hoped that all mothers will co-operate with Mr. Bumpus in his effort to draw the children closer to the service of God.

The Girls' Friendly society held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening and was very well attended. After the meeting a social and musical good time was enjoyed.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. FARNSWORTH, late of Shirley in said County deceased. Whereas CHARLES F. WORCES-TER the administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3122 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons who are or may become interested in the estate herein-after mentioned, held in trust under the will of BENJAMIN HALL HARTWELL, late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, and in the County of Middlesex, and in the County of Middlesex, issue not now in being, may become so interested.

Whereas HELEN EMILY HARTWELL, trustee of the estate herein-after mentioned, has presented to said Court her petition praying that she may be authorized to sell, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by her as such trustee situated in Groton in the County of Middlesex, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested 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.

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