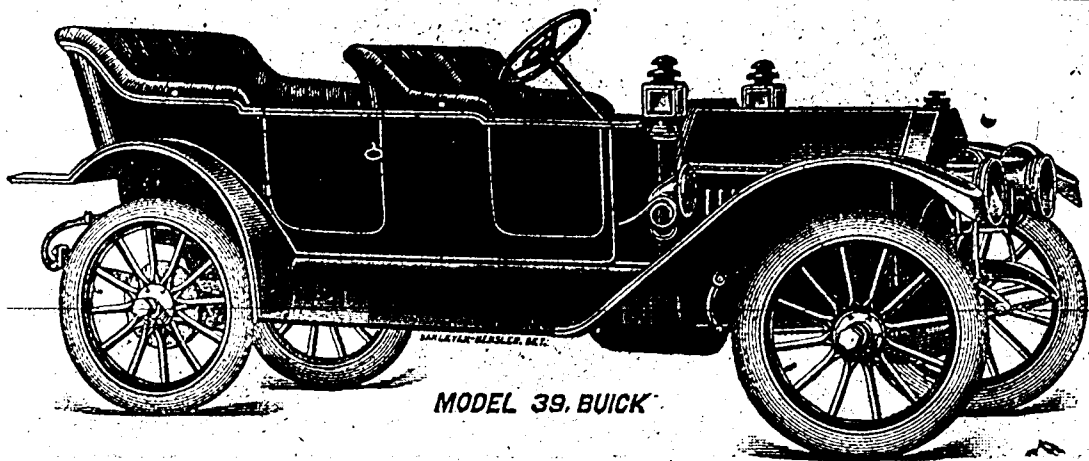


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One lot Men's Heavy Working Gloves, \$1.00 kind	75c.
One lot Men's Heavy Wool Hose, 35c. kind	25c.
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20.00 Coats, clean up price	15.47
25.00 Coats, clean up price	20.47

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Ages 8 to 16

\$4.50 Coats, clean up price	\$3.47
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8.50 Coats, clean up price	6.47
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MEN'S RAINCOATS

Warren Harrod of Worcester and Miss Grace Farnsworth of Malden are spending the week at their Still River homes, from their school duties. A few from here attended the supper and entertainment at the Congregational church in Harvard last week Friday evening, and felt well repaid for going.

Scotch Entertainment. On Tuesday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a Scotch entertainment, consisting of singing and readings, in the vestry. There was a chorus consisting of Mrs. Mary Haskell, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Ethelyn Russell, Edna Robinson, Madeline Russell, H. D. Stone, Hubert Robinson, Malcolm Campbell

and Herbert Vaughn. Miss Helen Stone presided at the piano. Eleanor Haskell accompanied one of the songs with her violin, and Madeline Russell one with her mandolin. There were readings by Miss Laura A. Brown, Mrs. Morse, Malcolm Campbell and Madeline Russell, as well as anecdotes read by quite a number of others. Mrs. Morse, Warren Harrod, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Haskell and Hubert Robinson sang solos. It was a very pleasant entertainment, and there was a good house out to enjoy it; a large load coming down from Harvard. After the entertainment was over, ice cream and cake were sold, and the young people enjoyed games.

HARVARD.

News Items.

At the annual meeting of the King's Daughters, held on Thursday, February 17, the following officers and committees were elected for 1911:

Mrs. Hattie Stone, pres.; Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Anna Planners, vice pres.; Miss Louisa Dyar, sec.; Mrs. Marion Farwell, asst. sec.; Mrs. Susie Whitney, treas.

Board of managers—Mrs. Emogene Gale, Mrs. Rachel Maynard, Mrs. Sarah Triest.

Work committee—Mrs. Jennie Dickson, Miss Ella Gordon, Miss Della Harwood, Mrs. Fannie Haskell.

Visiting committee—Centre—Mrs. Susan Savage, Mrs. Abbie Sawyer, Mrs. Alma Royal, Oak Hill—Mrs. Belle Farnsworth, Old Mill and Mill district—Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Thomas Griffin, Bear Hill—Mrs. Tewksbury, Still River—Mrs. Rose Howard, Mrs. Helen Morse.

Sunshine committee—Misses Helen Stone, Mira Knight, Georgie Billie.

Entertainment committee—Mrs. G. Shores, Miss Gertrude Farwell, Miss Gertrude Smith.

Mrs. Margaret Leahy, aged eighty-seven years, resident of Shaboken district, died at her home on Sunday afternoon last. Here ended the work of a very estimable woman, one beloved in her home, respected by all who knew her. She was the wife of John Leahy, who survives her. Burial was from St. Mary's church at Ayer on Wednesday.

Miss Mary E. Baker of Newton was a guest this week at H. A. Thayer's.

Mrs. Ethel Hapenny of Waltham, with her daughter Hazel, is now at her parents' home here, Mr. and Mrs. Hanna's. Mrs. Hapenny has been for several weeks under hospital treatment, but is much better and is here recuperating.

Miss Elsie Houghton is spending a part of her vacation from her school duties here with Mrs. Harrod and

part in Hudson with her aunt and family.

Louis Savage has secured work on the new Union depot at Worcester and goes there to work this week.

Mrs. Alberta Greenfield of Worcester is a guest this week with Miss Mary Davis and family.

Miss Marion Renfrew of Dorchester visited over Saturday and Sunday last at the home of A. H. Turner.

On Saturday evening last, a number of the friends of Benjamin Keyes surprised him at his home on Prospect hill and helped him celebrate his twenty-first birthday anniversary. The evening passed with music and games. Refreshments were served. The visitors presented him with a set of gold cuff links and scarpin. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes gave him a gold watch chain, and a young lady friend donated a birthday cake set with twenty-one candles to remind him that he had reached his majority. All report an exceptionally good time. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes showing true Yankee hospitality to the visitors.

The regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 2, at 2.30, at the Memorial rooms.

On Sunday evening, February 25, the Harvard Temperance society will hold their annual meeting at the town hall, at which everybody is cordially invited. The business of the evening will be the election of officers for the year 1911, followed by an address by Rev. George Jones. There will be special musical numbers interspersed throughout the evening.

Norman and Augustus Parker were called to Lancaster on Wednesday of this week on the sudden and serious illness of their mother, Mrs. James Parker. She is eighty-eight years of

age and her condition was considered critical. At last reports, however, she is reported more comfortable and much better.

Prof. Leonard is taking advantage of the last days of open season hunting rabbits with dog, one of his favorite diversions.

Mrs. Edith Lindley spent the fore part of this week at the home of her father, Mr. Osborne at Waltham.

Messrs. Kerley and Murchie attended the fancy dress ball given at Bolton on Tuesday evening last.

L. L. Brown of Old Mill district, Harvard, has a cow twenty years old, giving two cans of milk a day, in perfect condition. Mr. Brown has six of her calves. He has milked her for seventeen years and the cow has brought him in fifty dollars a year above all expenses. It is a question if there is another such cow in the State. Farmers, beat that record if you can for a cow of her years.

Last Saturday evening a happy crowd of grangers and friends gathered at the home of one of their members, Benjamin S. Keyes, when they gave him a surprise party in honor of the anniversary of his twenty-first birthday. Games and music were enjoyed by all and refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. Keyes was presented with a handsome pair of gold cuff links and a stickpin. Mr. Knight making the presentation speech, after which the birthday cake was lighted, the usual formalities taking place. About twelve o'clock the party broke up, leaving Mr. Keyes their best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold their annual winter picnic and gentlemen's night at the town hall on Thursday, March 2.

On Friday evening, March 3, the lecture committee will present the last number in the year's program. This will be a musical entertainment given by the Weber Concert Company of Boston.

While engaged about work at the farm of John Lee, William Costello slipped and fell, breaking his arm. Dr. Royal set the bone and the patient is doing as well as can be expected. It will be some time before he will use his arm to any great extent.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin A. Fairbank drove to Bolton on Thursday and called on their sister, Mrs. Burnham.

Students of the Bromfield school will present "The three chauffeurs" at town hall on Monday evening, February 27. Curtain rises at 7.45. Music by Thayer's orchestra of Peppercell. Dancing from nine to twelve.

Miss Bessie Crandell of South Framingham spent Washington's birthday in town with Mrs. L. A. Crandell.

Schools close March 3, for two weeks vacation.

Grange Meeting.

Owing to the weather and other attractions in neighboring towns there was a small attendance at the last regular meeting of Harvard Grange. The result of the debate: Resolved, "That reciprocity with Canada is of advantage to the United States," decided by a vote of aif. 4, neg. 5, on the merits of the question. The results of the debate was not acted upon. Much indignation has been expressed by a large number of very prominent members of the grange, but who were absent at this last meeting, as to the result of a vote taken during the business of the evening. Quite a num-

ber have affirmed their intention of taking out demit cards. That the matter can be amicably adjusted is the idea of many and as the matter is to be brought up at the next regular meeting on March 7, it is hoped all interested will make an effort to be present. The first and second degrees have also been announced for that meeting.

Still River.

Mrs. Morse had a valentine party at the parsonage, Saturday evening, for the young people, and she also had as her own guests, a young lady from Hudson, and one from Clinton. Games were played and a dainty lunch served.

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

Mr. Cutter, our branch line conductor, has been detained at home this week with the gripple. Mrs. Cutter has also had the same trouble and it has been a sick household.

Mrs. S. B. Wright has been having an attack of tonsillitis.

The sincere sympathy of the Westford friends goes out to the John P. Wright household in Lowell. Much sickness has been their portion this winter and now their older daughter Frances is seriously sick with pneumonia.

The Clarence A. Reid family, who have lived on the so-called Abel Fletcher place for a number of years, have removed to Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon, who have been spending the winter in Florida, are on their way home this week.

The ladies of the Unitarian church are arranging a pleasant affair to take place at their vestry on Wednesday afternoon of next week. There will be a food sale, also tables for the sale of candy and aprons. Rev. B. H. Bailey will give readings and there will be other entertainment. Afternoon tea will be served to all who come.

The R. F. D. carriers enjoyed the holiday Wednesday, having the day at home. A party of young people went to Littleton for the dual attractions of a hockey game and the sunset party at the town hall. About fourteen of our residents enjoyed a theatre trip to Lowell in the afternoon.

Mrs. Hall of Arlington has been a guest at the W. J. Merritt's several days this week.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. David Wallace gave a wise discourse on the power of personal influence. In the evening a Frances Willard memorial meeting in conjunction with the members of the W. C. T. U. was held.

H. G. Osgood, Ida Trask and Sadie McMaster attended the C. E. convention at Concord Junction Washington's birthday.

John Howard has been recently spending a few days with his brother and family in Concord, N. H. He was interested to inspect his brother's new laboratory at the Statehouse where he is employed as State chemist.

Mrs. John O'Brien fell on the ice the first of this week while hanging out clothes in her yard and broke her arm.

Among miner accidents, Willard Fletcher cut his left hand last Sunday, necessitating the assistance of Dr. Blaney with some stitches.

Grange.

The last regular meeting of the grange was well attended and much routine business transacted at the opening of the session. The members voted in favor of continuing the gatherings of the North Middlesex Pomona grange in the same central location in Lowell in preference to meeting with the different granges in the different towns in the jurisdiction.

The lecturer's hour was in charge of Miss Edith Lawrence and Miss Bertha Norris, who had arranged a Valentine social. Partners for the Virginia reel were chosen by matching numbered red paper hearts. The grange orchestra furnished music.

At the next regular meeting, March 2, the three granges—Ceres, Pomona and Flora will have charge of the program.

Social.

The social at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening called out about a hundred persons, older and younger, and was a pleasant and informal affair. Supper was served at half-past six and was much enjoyed, although on a simple plan. A committee attended to a few substantial items—baked beans, rolls, coffee and pickles and the general invitation for each family to bring pies and cakes met with good response.

The entertainment consisted of graphophone selections by Mr. Merritt; vocal solos by E. G. Boynton, Dr. Blaney and Miss Ferguson; recitation, Miss Daisy Kabelle, and reading by Mr. Wallace.

Games followed the entertainment and were participated in with much spirit. Those in charge were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Knight.

Tadmuck Club.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. There was a good attendance present. Rev. B. H. Bailey was the speaker of the afternoon with "The minister in fiction" for his subject. Thoroughly conversant with his subject he gave his listeners an entertaining portrayal of many well-known characters in earlier as well as modern fiction, choosing from the works of Dickens, Oliver Goldsmith, Ian MacClaren, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Margaret Deland, Hawthorne, the Beechers and others. It was a subject fully alive, giving his audience an afternoon quite worth while.

Now that the daylight of the afternoons is more prolonged, the club voted to begin the meetings the rest of the season at three, instead of at 2:30 o'clock.

The next meeting will take place in the Unitarian vestry at three o'clock. Miss Ellen A. Kimball of Worcester will lecture on "The power of good reading." There are special guests invited and a club tea will be served. It is hoped all the members will be present and bring a guest by payment of the customary small fee.

Of Much Interest.

The historical sketch by Edward A. Richardson in last week's issue was of much interest to many of our older residents as well as to those to whom many of the things referred to are matters of tradition. The names of Richardson, Leighton and Hall are all of interest to Westford people. The home of the three Leighton brothers referred to was where W. J. Merritt now lives. The site of the home of Rev. Willard Hall, Westford's first minister, was on the present Wheeler homestead. The Millerite movement referred to in the article in the early forties had a good number of adherents in this town. A cellar hole with foundations in the north part of the town was the beginning of a Millerite chapel. Their zeal must have abated for it never got beyond the foundations. The continuance of this article will be followed with interest.

About Town.

J. Willard Fletcher mistook his hand for a piece of meat and proceeded to cut it accordingly. Owing to this mistake he was obliged to issue marching orders in the direction of the skill of Dr. Blaney, who searched and soothed and sewed, and now where cut it has all grown.

Mrs. Grace Sabine has been spending a few days at her father's, J. Willard Fletcher's, and attended the Unitarian church last Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Murray is ill at her home on the Concord road.

Fred A. Daniels, formerly of the Edwin Heywood farm, was in town last week calling on Chamberlain's corner hospitality and old-time neighborly friendships. He is living at present in Malden.

The Westford Board of Trade will hold a meeting at the town hall this evening.

At a meeting of the registrars of voters last Friday evening, the following duties for future meetings, prior to the annual town meeting was arranged for. At Brookside, Friday evening, March 3; Monday evening, March 6, at Healy's hall, Granitville; Wednesday evening, March 8, at town hall, Forge Village; at town hall, Westford Centre; Saturday, March 11, from twelve noon until ten p. m.

The annual town meeting will occur on Monday, March 20, and the selectmen request all articles for the warrant to be handed in on or before Saturday, February 25.

Interesting Reading.

The historical article in last week's Wardsman by Edward A. Richardson on "The annals of a neighborhood," proved to be interesting and instructive reading in the many and varied points it covered. Wherever it unveiled Westford, it brought back to memory some of the many incidents in the history of the Millerite movement in town a little over a half century ago. The annual Millerite camp meetings, near Burgess pond and the chapel near the Nutting cemetery, now occupied by Ernest Dane, the refusal to harvest the autumn crops, in which the overseers of the poor interfered, the selling and giving away of all property, and congregating at one house and awaiting marching orders from the Lord, who has been detained on more important and sensible business, and hasn't got around yet, the camp meetings gathered every extreme of belief and conduct, like in many respects the old-time military muster. The exhortations were terrifically, inspiringly loud. But here, as elsewhere, it gradually diminished in volume to a polliwog peep.

Forbush, the Auctioneer.

A large gathering of men, boys and one woman were present at the auction sale of cows at the Read farm on Monday afternoon. Otis H. Forbush of Acton, as auctioneer of experience and natural gift of price getting, cried the sale in a fearless, fearless style. The stock was as tempting a lot for milking qualities, shapely built, color and disposition as Westford has gathered into one herd since the days of the scrub cow made her fare-well. Among the out-of-town cow dealers who were present and are widely known were Fred A. Kimball and Daniel G. Houghton of Littleton, Arthur Jones of Concord, Mr. Gordon of Harvard, Edwin C. Perham, Emily Paignon, Harry Green, Mr. Kapler of Chelmsford, and Westford's wealthy farmer, Henry O. Keyes, was also smilingly reaching after the bargains.

Helpful.

While the Farmers' Institute at Lowell Tuesday was helpful and well managed, yet there was no such cloud-burst of enthusiasm or attendance as characterized the Westford institute, which has trimmed all the institutes of Middlesex North so far this season. This may be accounted for perhaps, partly on the ground that trimming trees was part of the Westford program and it taught us how to trim in other directions.

Dr. George M. Twitchell of Maine spoke in the morning on "Some stumbling blocks."

The next meeting will be held at Tyngsboro Wednesday, March 1, with an address in the morning by Prof. Brooks of the Amherst agricultural college on "What the experiment station does for the farmer." In the afternoon, David Snedden of the state board of education will speak on "Current tendencies in agricultural education."

Forge Village.

The many friends of Charles Flanagan will be pained to hear of his illness at his home on Pond street.

On Wednesday evening at the usual hour, the Girls' Friendly society held their regular meeting, after which a musical program was enjoyed.

The choir of St. Andrew's mission held a very pleasing rehearsal on Wednesday evening. Services were held in the mission on Sunday afternoon and were well attended. Mr. Bumpus preached an efficient sermon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all his hearers.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held a meeting in Recreation hall on Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

Miss Letitia Ward gave the members of her class in Cameron school and their friends a sleighride on last Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' Sewing circle will hold a supper on Tuesday evening, February 28, in Recreation hall. After supper a comedy sketch will be given by the Girls' Friendly society, and will be well worth patronizing. Come and have a good laugh which will help digest the pancake supper. Dancing will be enjoyed the rest of the evening.

A large number from this village attended the play given by the Groton School boys in Groton on Thursday evening.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell of Westford was christened by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield in Abbot hall on Sunday morning after service.

Rev. M. E. Doherty will speak in Abbot hall at service next Sunday morning.

Mrs. William Seaver entertained a number of her relatives and friends on Monday afternoon, the occasion of her birthday.

Mrs. William Burnett celebrated her birthday last Sunday evening with a birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason of Lowell are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy at their home on Monday. Mrs. Mason was Miss Annie Catchpole, before her marriage, a former resident of this village.

The presentation of the comedy-drama, "The doctor's mistake," written by John W. Bowker of Lowell, which was to take place in Abbot hall on Friday evening, is postponed, owing to the illness of some of the leading members of the cast.

The home of Mr. Socha of Bradford street was the scene on Tuesday afternoon of a very bold robbery. One of his boarders, an Austrian Pole, entered the room of the Misses Socha, opened their trunk and emptied it of the contents, taking over \$400 in money. The affair was discovered on Tuesday night, but the culprit had skipped and cannot be found. The case has been reported to the police and it is hoped that some trace of the missing thief may be found.

Many from this village are to attend the dance in Healy's hall, Granitville, on Saturday evening, given by St. Catherine's Temperance society.

The Trot.

The horse racing on Forge pond last Saturday afternoon attracted one of the largest crowds ever seen in this village at one particular function. There were over five hundred people who came from Granitville, Westford, Littleton, Groton, Ayer, West Acton, Bedford and Lowell and other surrounding towns.

The racing, which was run on racing rules, began a little after 2:30 o'clock, and was open only to Granitville, Westford and Littleton.

The conditions of the race were to be the best three out of five on a course one-quarter of a mile in length, and the decisions were given by three judges—Charles Brooks of Granitville, Waldy Gardner of West Acton, and Douglas Whitcomb of Littleton. Dr. Murray of Littleton officiated as starter and was assisted by Elmer Nutting and Francis Lowther of this village.

Those who entered the race were: Austin Healy's little mare, "Dolly," Henry Healy's big chestnut, "Joe," driven by P. Henry Harrington; William Yapp's dark bay pacer; Angus McDonald's chestnut; Hugh McDonald's dark bay; Dr. Blaney's black, and Charles Yapp's sorrel.

Mr. Yapp, with his grey, came ready to join in the race, but his horse, while warming up, cut his foot; the shoe on the hind foot becoming loosened and caught the forward boot, tearing it off and cutting the flesh.

The race resulted in Henry Healy's chestnut, driven by P. Henry Harrington of Granitville, winning the first prize, a high-grade horse blanket. Austin Healy's "Dolly" came in second, winning the second prize, a whalebone whip. The third prize, a halter, was awarded William Yapp's dark bay.

The prizes were put up by the lovers of sport in this village, who subscribed for them.

The track was in very poor condition, the ice having become softened by the warm weather, to slush, which made the going very heavy and acted as a drawback to the lighter horses, but was very much to the advantage of "Hungry Joe," Henry Healy's horse. "Joe" certainly "ate up" the track in a manner befitting his name. The race for second place was very close, Yapp's bay keeping well up with "Dolly," who at the finish nosed him out.

Dr. Blaney's horse showed up fine and was heartily cheered for his efforts. He certainly showed that had he been in practice, and the ice had been in better condition, he would have given them all a "good race for the money."

This afternoon, another race will be held, to be run under practically the same conditions, to be open to Granitville, Westford, Littleton and Groton. It is hoped that Groton will take advantage of this race. Prizes will be offered, as last week, to the winners.

A Social Dance.

The R. T. S. club held another of their social dances on Saturday evening in Abbot hall. Music for dancing was furnished by Gilmore's orchestra from Lowell, and ice cream was served during intermission.

The young men in charge of the affair were: Dick Spinner, general manager; William Goodale, assistant; Dola Dumont, floor director; Jack Spinner, B. Smith, B. Orr, C. Jacklin, P. Lord and other members of the club as aids.

The hall was lighted by electricity for the first time, which is a decided improvement over the oil lights formerly used. These electric lights will be greatly appreciated by all who have occasion to use and visit Abbot hall.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held in the Baptist vestry on Monday afternoon, February 27. The program speaks for itself. None but club members are to take

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part, and they are women who always present something of vital interest and genuine entertainment. The following is promised: Instrumental trio, Mrs. G. F. Houghton, Miss Edith M. Foster, Miss E. Marston Sweett; travel talk through letters, Mrs. Emma S. Abbott, Miss Fannie A. Sanderson; current events, Mrs. Mary E. Dodge.

Wednesday afternoon, March 1, the American club of the Congregational church will meet with Miss Florence Wilcox. The program will consist of devotions, business, music and discussions of the political history of Porto Rico by Mrs. C. A. Kimball and civil and educational prospects of Porto Rico by Mrs. Nelson B. Conant. Open question: enumerate the difficulties in governing a people of a different race.

Friday afternoon, March 3, the Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet with Mrs. C. A. Hosmer. The subject, "Theodore Parker," will be discussed by Mrs. M. J. Priest.

The Lincoln club will discuss at its next meeting, February 26, "Municipal ownership." The subject of the Guild, February 26, is "Judge Lindsey and his work." Leader, A. Hoywood Knowlton.

The C. E. society will consider tomorrow evening, "A missionary journey around the world."

Miss Florence Whitcomb has been at home from Cushing academy nearly a week. She has been entertaining her room-mate for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant were recent guests at A. F. Cohant's.

Mrs. H. L. Packard's sister from Chelsea has been spending her vacation at the parsonage.

Many Littleton people attended the "try-out" on Forge pond last Saturday afternoon. Hugh McDonald and Charles Yapp were among those who had their trotters out.

Miss Louisa Flagg of Wheaton seminary faculty has been at home a few days caring for her mother who improves very slowly. Upon her return to school duties her sister, Miss Edith, who is a librarian in Greater New York, came home to assume the responsibilities of nurse and housekeeper. Little "Junior" Flagg is reported as doing well and is expected to return home from the hospital in Nashua with his mother soon.

Mrs. James W. Ireland has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hibbard in Winchester. Tuesday she returned home, accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter, little Miss Barbara, who remained here over February 22.

The Forget-Not-Circle of King's Daughters met with Mrs. A. E. Hopkins as Mrs. H. Davis was sick with the gripple and unable to receive the circle.

U. S. Knox, employee of the Conant Company, has been forced to a vacation by the gripple.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church held a pleasant all-day session with Mrs. Waldo E. Conant on Wednesday.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Titcomb were last week unintentionally omitted from the list of those who were in the Lowell sleighride and theatre party.

Mrs. George W. Canney has gone to New York to spend a week or two with her son Roy and other friends.

A beautiful picture very nicely carved with a jackknife by an Italian living at Louis de Silvio's was won by Mrs. Michael Bradley at a raffle last Saturday afternoon. The picture is large and handsomely framed.

Capt. William H. Sawyer with other members of the Loyal Legion attended the governor's reception in Boston on Wednesday.

Real Estate Sales.

Real estate transactions continue to be the fashion in Littleton. George A. Cook has exchanged his farm in Newtown for Frank B. Priest's Sawyer house and adjacent buildings at the corner of King street and Harwood avenue, nearly opposite the railway station. George H. Kimball has bought of Frank B. Priest the Cook farm in Newtown, formerly the property of Jeremiah T. Warren. It is understood that Mr. Cook will move into the lower tenement of his house at the station very soon, and that George Brown, who now occupies it, will move into one of the tenements over Thacher & Ireland's store. Mr. Cook is finishing off the shed to form a part of the upstairs tenement. He will finish off a room for a store where he plans to keep stoves and other furnishings. Needham and Fletcher are the carpenters employed.

About Town.

An urgent appeal comes from the King's Daughters' circle for old cotton or linen, to be left for the box at the Centre store.

Saturday afternoon, Charles Hartwell took the seventh grade scholars to Forge Village where they saw the horse-racing on the ice. Then by a circuitous route, the sleighing party landed at his home where Mrs. Hartwell had a bounteous spread prepared for them of scalloped oysters, beans, cookies, ice cream and cake. Then followed games, both indoor and out. Finally Mr. Hartwell finished the day's pleasure by taking them to their respective homes. All declared they had the time of their lives. There will always be a warm place in the hearts of these young folks for both Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell.

The annual Easter sale of the King's Daughters' circle will be held in the Orthodox Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon, April 13, from two to five o'clock, for which cards will be soon be distributed and the members are requested to bring in all the aprons they have at the next meeting.

Monday, Miss Elizabeth Thacher attended the funeral in Milford, N. H., of a former pastor's wife, Mrs. Norcross, formerly of Shirley.

Roy Houghton of Chicago was at his father's, Charles Houghton, over Sunday.

Miss Grace Prue, the Brighton district nurse, was in town last Sunday to see her grandfather, Mr. Ewings, who is critically ill. She left the next day and returned on Tuesday to help care for him.

At the Unitarian church next Sunday morning, Rev. O. J. Fairfield will preach on the subject, "The man that had not on the wedding garment," and in the evening following the Guild meeting, will give a reading from the writings of Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," whom the papers report as being seriously ill at his home on the Heights overlooking the Golden Gate. All are cordially invited.

Last Sunday, at the Unitarian church, Rev. O. J. Fairfield and Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb were made life members of the American Unitarian association.

It is a modern business principle never to pay any tax that can be evaded, and should the unexpected happen, it should amaze the steady going benefactor to watch the procession to see how many would pay like men, how many would take to matrimony and how many would have to hire counsel to prove themselves of bad moral character.

We have often heard of prominent citizens and great financiers who hire extensive talent to keep up a sufficient show of good moral character to keep them out of jail, but a man striving to prove he has not a good moral character to escape taxation will be a novelty worth seeing. V. T. E.

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By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et als., which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Tuesday the 14th day of March, 1911, at one o'clock P. M., at the District Court Room in Ayer, the following described tracts of land situated in Ayer in the County of Middlesex on the southerly side of the road leading from Ayer to Littleton and bounded and described as follows:

The first tract is bounded: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of said tract at the junction of the road leading from Ayer to Littleton with the road leading to the Harvard Shakers; thence southeasterly by said Ayer and Littleton road to a County road; thence southerly by said County road to said Harvard Shakers road; thence westerly and northerly by said last-mentioned road to the place of beginning. Containing 16½ acres, more or less.

The second tract is situate opposite the first described tract and is bounded: Beginning at the junction of said Ayer and Littleton road with road to Harvard Shakers; thence southerly by said Harvard Shakers road 1,030 feet; thence N. 75° W. 143 feet to a corner; thence N. 5° E. 1,145 feet to said Ayer and Littleton road; thence easterly by last-named road to the place of beginning. Containing 4½ acres, more or less.

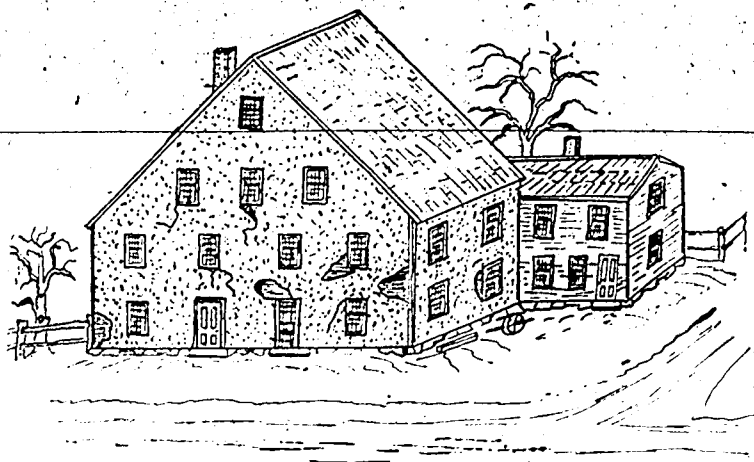
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Community Shop, 1850-1876.

The Annals of a Neighborhood.

By Edward A. Richardson.
(Continued.)

Benjamin Hall, Benjamin Hartwell, John Fitz, Joseph Richards, Walter Keyes and Joseph Cushing were largely instrumental in erecting the community shop which at first had a roof sloping to the road. In order to provide a new hall this roof was soon removed and a larger one placed upon it with gable facing the road.

Joseph H. Richardson recalls putting the topmost shingles on this building when erected and that as a lad of sixteen he loaded an ox team at this shop with house finish and drove to Concord and back in one of the coldest days of winter for which he received one dollar for his services which ended late at night.

This shop was erected in 1850, as a sort of partnership affair to furnish employment to some of the residents and with the new hall was a general gathering place and might be properly called the second advent meeting house.

This building was a huge affair with a shingle roof and sides covered with pebbled plaster, and stood nearly opposite the barn on the Hall farm.

On the ground floor in the southwest corner was a huge tread mill horse power, an inclined wheel of about thirty feet diameter. When a horse began to walk around this wheel, a feat that was never accomplished, a drum underneath was set in motion.

The revolving drum below was belted to shafting which operated the various machines for sawing and cutting cut stock for wooden boxes, measures and dippers, sometimes called "noggin's." Doors and windows were also made here and lumber prepared for house finish.

On the second floor, reached by a stairway from about the middle of the front of the building and winding up over the horsepower, were benches for setting up the wooden ware and some other machines.

The top floor in the roof was finished and plastered for a hall and school, and here every night and Sunday services were held for five or six years of the ten years of the community period.

At times school was kept here by Miss Lizzie Mason, daughter of Aaron Mason. She afterwards married a Mr. James Boyd, an advent visitor from Philadelphia, and moved to that city. She married a second time a Mr. Ewell and died in Baltimore in 1894, and is interred in the Mason lot at Ayer. The school was not a large one, having an attendance of about fifteen. The larger boys and girls were for the most part working in various places.

The reading room was an annex to this large building and with commendable virtue was erected about 1855, for the use of the young people who

numbered over twenty-five. Here were kept newspapers and other reading matter, particularly second advent literature. They also played games and for its maintenance contributed a small amount for heat and lights, which were candles set in large tin chandeliers or spirit lamps, for it was before kerosene came into general use. The shop for many years after 1860, was a neglected building, a menace to the children of the neighborhood, on account of its decayed condition and tendency to fall over and was taken down in 1878, by Mr. Hartwell and worked over into a cottage house on the same spot.

The Deacon Walter Dickson farm was the place where on October 25, 1704, John Davis was killed by Indians in his own dooryard. The event is recorded by a memorial boulder erected in 1910.

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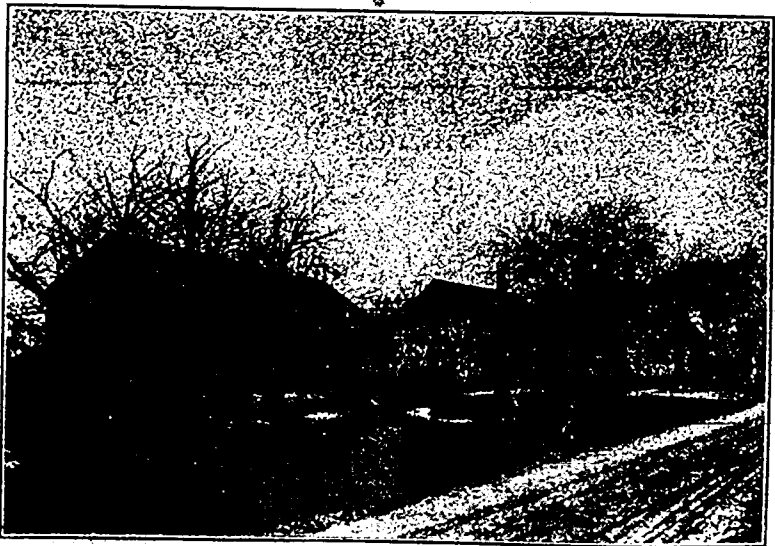
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The story of the experience of the Dickson family has always been of interest to Groton people and a brief account is here given and it will be noticed that the name, Walter Dickson, has been perpetuated for six generations in this vicinity.

Walter Dickson and Walter Dickson, Jr., came to Groton from Cambridge in 1795 and purchased a farm on Farmers' Row.

A third Walter Dickson born on the homestead in 1799 lived there with his brother Charles until he moved to the community location in 1838. He was an exceedingly pious man and was known as "Deacon." He lived here until 1853, when he sold out and went to Palestine as previously stated. His son, Walter E. settled in Harvard and was the father of Walter Fred Dickson and Philip O. Dickson of that town. The sixth Walter is a son of Walter Fred Dickson above mentioned.

Deacon Walter Dickson had another son, Philip D., who had preceded him in 1852 with his bride Susan, daughter of Aaron Mason, as a missionary to the Turks and who died in Jerusalem April 25, 1853, and was buried on the Mount of Olives at that city. His widow returned alone from Beirut by sailing vessel in the same year and died September 24, 1863, and is buried in the Mason lot in Ayer.



Home of Walter Dickson, 1838-1853.

Infused with the zeal of the missionary cause, the father, Deacon Walter Dickson, his wife and three daughters and son Henry sailed October 11, 1853, aboard the bark, John Winthrop, for Smyrna, thence to Jaffa. Here he lived and continued in missionary work until 1858. Meanwhile his daughters, Almira and Mary, married two Steinbeck brothers.

On January 12, 1858, their home was broken into by brigands and the family brutally assaulted; Frederick Steinbeck, husband of Mary, killed and Mr. Dickson, the elder, left for dead. June 12, 1858, the survivors of the family embarked for the United States from the port of Jaffa, via Alexandria, Egypt.

Here the party separated and Mr. Dickson and son Henry went to Constantinople to consult with the United States minister as to indemnity, then sailing via Malta, London and Liverpool to New York and Boston. The others sailed direct from Alexandria on bark Champlain via Spain to Boston; and a remarkable coincidence happened. Both parties arrived in Boston on the same day, September 16, 1858, not having heard from each other since parting at Alexandria and sailing by different routes on a voyage of more than three months' duration. They arrived in Harvard September 17, 1858, at the home of the son, Walter E. Dickson. Broken in health,

Deacon Dickson lived a little over a year and died in Harvard aged sixty years.

The two sons who survived him both enlisted for the war of the rebellion. Henry in Co. B, Sixth regt., from Groton Junction, and served through the whole war and Walter E. from Charlestown, where he then resided.

Henry built a home on Prospect street in Groton Junction in 1860 and after the war in 1865 moved to Fitchburg, where he now resides. Walter E. died at Ayer in 1872.

Charles Dickson before referred to will be remembered by old Groton people as residing on the old homestead on Farmers' Row, and that he did a teaming business to Boston, taking down hay and returning with general merchandise for the storekeepers of the town. One of his characteristics was to stop wherever night overtook him and continue the trip on the next day and often not going to his own home on Farmers' Row.

An examination of a Middlesex County map published in 1856, shows the residents at the Community, called on the map Nonicantus Village, when the settlement was at its best and with the changes since Mr. Hall began the settlement as shown on Caleb Butler's map of Groton in 1847.

Instead of Walter Dickson we have Henry Moody and instead of George



Aaron Mason Home, 1851-1856. Erected 1826.

M. Shattuck, John H. Hartwell, Nathan Davis is living at the Amos Farnsworth farm and Aaron Mason on the Benjamin Moors farm. There are also indicated upon it the new houses of John Fitz, Benjamin Hartwell, Joseph Richards, Minot Leighton, Joseph H. Richardson, Noah Dutton and Lucy M. Richardson and the shop opposite the Hall place is also marked.

From the small beginning in Mr. Richards' house, the dry hop yeast business grew under the energetic hand of Mr. Billings; the quarters were enlarged and then shortly after the large building known as the Yeast House was put up on land bought of Joseph Alva Cushing on the cross road.

In 1852, Daniel Needham for his brother Benjamin, bought out Dutton and Billings after the concern had been going about three years. Billings and Dutton moved to South Groton and formed a partnership with



Hackett Home, 1800-1911.

The young people of the community were not permitted to be idle and when not obliged to attend school according to the legal requirements, the girls at times worked in the yeast factory or picked berries in season, while the boys, of various ages, worked on the neighboring farms in summer and chopped wood in the winter for Mr. Hall at sixty cents per cord, earning about thirty cents per day.

One day in particular six of them, all under fifteen years of age, were sent to Snake Hill and their employer cheered them on their way when it was twenty-two degrees below zero by calling out, "Smart and tough, I can stand it well enough. On the 'other road' at the home of Alva Wright they were compassionately invited in to thaw out their benumbed hands and faces. It was before sunrise and Mrs. Wright exclaimed, "Why your poor boys' my girls of your age are still in bed."

Some of these boys remember to this day how their earnings were much reduced by paying for damage to the wood by a noonday fire which was allowed to get out of bounds and how one of their number ran all the way home from Snake Hill for help. They do not forget how the neighborhood had to contribute by buying up some of their blackened "crocky" wood at the usual price.

In 1863, Joseph H. Richardson while living in Vermont purchased the "Yeast House," and returning to Groton, removed the dry house portion in which the yeast cakes had been dried on stacks of wooden frames strung with crossed meshes of cotton twine.

Some years later he sold the place to one French, who sold to John Swan. Abel L. Lawton then took the title and conveyed to Mr. George Whitney, May 28, 1888. The building went up in smoke April 1, 1890, and upon the lot now stands the Benjamin F. Hartwell house, moved over in May 1904, from its original location.

The young people of forty years ago will recall the dances and revivals held in 1871, in the large room at the yeast house and where an old man in the "seventy tooth" year of his age often spoke. These revival meetings were attended by a great many "from the region around about," as a diary kept at that time states August 18th, 1871, "the yeast house had already been held at the school house and on July 9th, 1871, at Captain Coachman's house which he had bought of Mrs. Newman in the spring of that year."

In August 1878, revivals were held by an evangelist in a large tent in the field at rear of the Hall place, then owned by Mr. Daggett, which many attended.

There were some causes, a sort of inside history, which led to the breaking up of the Community life. Mr. Hall's second wife had been long dead and he a strong vigorous man of sixty-four, had been a leader in the village. His future wife had come into possession of a large tract of land in Germania, Marquette County, Wisconsin, and Mr. Hall, becoming interested

in the lady, also became interested in the land. They first went to Rochester, N. Y., probably in the fall of 1856, where Mrs. Pierce and he were married, and they were domiciled there early in 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Miss Ellis, a daughter of Mrs. Hall by a former husband, joined them in May, 1858, and in the fall of 1859, Mr. Hall and family were well settled on the Wisconsin tract.

Rochester, N. Y., was then the location of a small colony of the sect and letters sent back to Groton were "filled with mighty truth."

The glowing accounts of the new home in Wisconsin led some, but not all, of those at the community to arrange for the disposal of their estates and follow.

An immense auction sale of some fifteen parcels of land and ten dwellings was advertised in Boston and Groton Junction papers for March 14, 1860, which included the homes of Hall, Parker, Cushing, Fitz, Richards, Leighton, Hale, Green, the yeast house and the John H. Hartwell farm. John H. Hartwell was deputed to show the property and Col. Needham, who was then living in Vermont, was the power of attorney to make transfers.

About \$20,000 were realized from this sale which over three hundred attended from towns near and remote.

The Hale house burned down before the sale, the yeast house was left by the mortgagee as was also the Richards place.

The Hall farm was bought by H. Fuller, the John Hartwell place by Joshua Waitt, the Cushing house by Mr. Newman, the Leighton house by Lyman Blood, and the Green house by John Hackett.

We now come to the general exodus when about twenty-five souls took train together for Wisconsin, their household goods following in three freight cars. The colonists were: Minot Leighton family, five; Rodolphus Parker family, four; John H. Hartwell family, five; Joseph Cushing family, three; Walter Keyes and wife, Martha Lunt, Serina Perham, Rebecca Green, Jane Howe, Julia Hale.

In April, 1860, they arrived in the new country and lived in a large house provided by Mr. Hall until they could erect their own homes on land from out their tract.

Mr. Benjamin F. Hartwell and Mrs. Lucy M. Richardson, close neighbors, did not approve of the removal and of all those formerly associating, they and their families remained.

Subsequent to the departure of Mr. Hall for the west, one, Isaac Newton of Luhenburg, for a short time attempted to arouse the flagging interest in Adventism and conducted meetings in the hall, but he did not possess the power of attracting and holding his hearers that his predecessor had and his efforts resulted in failure.

He would work himself into a high state of frenzy and extending his arms above his head would picture to his congregation the overwhelming wrath to come and wildly shout, "Armageddon is rolling on."

After 1863, in the Wisconsin coun-

try, the fortunes of Mr. Hall greatly increased. His brother William in England had died and left a large estate, which after crown taxes were paid, left about \$30,000 to each of five heirs in America of which Mr. Hall was one.

A large part of this was used in the further development of the western colony and at Germania and Montello, the county seat, mills were built, in the management of which, Col. Needham gave valuable time and assistance, residing there at intervals.

Mr. Hall died at Germania, October 31, 1879, much respected and lamented. As showing the type of man and the consideration he received in the west, the following sketch is taken from the Montello Express in a November, 1879, issue: "Mr. Hall was probably the most remarkable man that ever lived in Marquette County. Mr. Hall was of all others the most

thorough and the most finished business man in this part of the country, always active, with more punctuality and system and precision than can be found in the average business man.

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It has been claimed that Mr. Hall had a sort of hypnotic influence over some, and it is sufficient to say that in Groton he finally lost his control over some of his old-time friends who had lost faith in him. This undoubtedly led to the ending of this advent community which differed from other communities in that they owned nothing in common except a common belief.

(To be concluded.)

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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 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 said estate, and 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.

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 the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA J. O'NEAL late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said O'NEAL to AGNES M. O'NEAL of Leominster in the County of Worcester without giving a surety bond, and said Court is to be held at Cambridge, 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 the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth 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 interested in the estate of SARAH A. FARNSWORTH, late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas CHARLES WOLCOSTER, 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, not 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 the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of ESTHER M. MURPHY otherwise known as ESTHER M. RAMSDALL of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, NATHAN A. TAYLOR the guardian of said minor has presented his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the terms in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, certain real estate therein specified, of his ward for inheritance.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of 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 of you 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.

We were over crowded with news matter this week and had to leave considerable for which we did not have room, and in order to furnish what we have, a portion of the news matter had to be set up in smaller type.

In the issue of February 11, we published almost twenty-seven columns of news matter, and in the issue of February 18, almost twenty-nine columns. Three years ago, and previous to that time, fifteen columns was then considered a large amount of news matter for a local paper to publish.

GROTON.

News Items.

Clarence Coolidge and little daughter Doris of Arlington Heights were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Culver. The friends of Mrs. Coolidge, who was Addie Culver, will be interested to learn that they have sold their place to Wm. V. Foss of Boston, and land is already purchased on which to build a new home in the early spring. It will be situated on the same street, Hillside avenue. Mr. Culver is to be the builder.

James Gibson, who has been very poorly for some time at the home of his son, David Gibson, was a little more comfortable at the last reports Tuesday morning, but the outlook for recovery is not favorable.

James F. Shattuck, who has a position with an insurance company in Boston, spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Grant W. Shattuck.

Mrs. A. V. Gibson of Glasgow, Scotland, who has been visiting in Norwich and Willimantic, Conn., is now visiting Mrs. B. J. Crowley at her home on Pleasant street.

Electricians arrived in town this week to work for F. L. Howes of the Riverdale farm, Farmers' row. They are boarding at Mrs. William Boynton's, Whiting avenue.

F. Winthrop Chase is laid off from his work at Tainter's store by an attack of grippe.

The Reading club had a sleighing party last Saturday afternoon, going in Johnson's four-horse barge through Shirley and Ayer, back to Groton. The afternoon was a delightful one, the sleighing was fine and not the least of the whole enjoyable time was that spent at Groton Inn, where they stopped on their return and took tea.

Mrs. James Bywater is recovering from a severe attack of grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton enjoyed the pleasure last week Wednesday of calling on Miss Carolyn P. Brigham at Groton. Miss Brigham will be remembered as a former district nurse here. She is not following the profession at present, but is in a delicatessen store in Dorchester.

Miss Phyllis Clarke of Lynnfield Centre was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her cousin, Mrs. John L. Gilson. Miss Bagley of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rockwood of Lunenburg were other guests at the same time of Mr. and Mrs. Gilson.

Mrs. Fanny Sampson arrived home on Monday afternoon from Beaver, Pa., where she has made a pleasant visit to her brother, H. R. Gilson and family, and her two sons, Edwin and G. F. Sampson.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson is going with her children to make her home with her mother in Concord for at least several months, though she expects eventually to return to Groton. Their household goods are to be moved next week Monday and Tuesday. The family will be greatly missed in Groton.

The first degree will be worked on a class of six entering Groton grange next week Tuesday evening.

Miss Bessie James of Salem was in town and Miss Ruth J. Blood of Fitchburg Normal was home for February 22. Jeremy M. Manning of Boston was another of the young people home for the holiday.

Mrs. Clarence Hemenway is sick with the grippe and tonsillitis.

The supply from the Groton Water Company was introduced at the new railroad passenger station this week Monday and Tuesday. The steam-heating plant was completed last week and as soon as the wires are changed it would seem as if this fine new station would be all ready for the passengers to and from Groton.

George Batchelder, a recent student and graduate of Lawrence academy, now at Dartmouth college, was a guest of his former classmate, Louis H. Sheedy, for a couple of days this week, taking in Washington's birthday and the evening's dance.

Kennie P. Fletcher's teams are at work again this week on Cady pond to complete the harvesting of his ice supply.

Mrs. Timothy Sullivan was taken very ill Tuesday, at first thought to be a shock. It was a case of severe indigestion.

Next Sunday evening at the Unitarian church, the question "Do Unitarians believe in missionaries?" will be considered. Mrs. Ella P. Woolley will have a paper on "Home," and Mrs. Ellen M. Needham on "Foreign missions."

Charles Shattuck, a well-known Groton checker player, had good luck Wednesday in the Boston-Alton New England tournament at the American house. Shattuck's score stood three games won and one draw, matched against Travers, who won 0, draw 1.

A. J. Musgrave of Cambridge spent Washington's birthday here at the home of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald.

Miss Gertrude Gerrish went this week to see her sister, Mrs. Elinor Gerrish Ebert, who is ill at her home in Arlington.

Kennie P. Fletcher is on the sick list this week.

George W. Cummings, the little six-year-old son of Mrs. William Felton Stone, while walking on the scaffold of the barn where he had climbed up last Tuesday, fell through a hole in the scaffold to the floor below and broke his left wrist.

Among those from Groton attending the convention of the Nashua River C. E. Union at Hollis on Wednesday

were: Rev. George M. Howe, Rev. H. A. Cornell, Herbert W. Taylor, Sidney Davis, Lewis Knapp, Lewis Woods, Howard Bowles, Harry Patterson, Albert Warren, Miss Fanny Taylor, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, Mrs. Herbert Taylor. Some of these enjoyed the fine sleighride to Hollis, others went by rail. All report an interesting and pleasant gathering with a large number in attendance.

Last week Mrs. George Webber was a guest at a theatre party given by Miss Alice Bradley of Dorchester, with whom she was a week-end visitor.

This week friends in town have received souvenir cards of Washington, D. C., from Evelyn Fernald, who is spending her mid-winter vacation, visiting relatives in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Converse, nee Miss Ruth A. Floyd, came to Groton last week Friday and visited here until this week Tuesday noon, when they returned to East Douglas. We hear that Mr. and Mrs. Converse are contemplating a return to make their residence in Groton.

Miss Ada A. Bradley went to Simmons college about two weeks ago, where she is taking a course in anatomy and similar studies. This is in preparation for a course later at the Massachusetts General hospital, from which after the required training Miss Bradley will graduate as a professional nurse.

The next regular social at the Unitarian church will be on Thursday evening, March 2. "The college girl and the milkmaid," a musical comedy in one act, will be given under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Lowe, assisted by Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence, Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood and Miss Gertrude Gerrish.

Word has been received from Samuel H. Raddin and the others who went to Florida two weeks ago, telling of a very pleasant trip down with none of them sea-sick. They had enjoyed pleasant, sunny weather every day since their arrival.

The Groton chapter, D. R. meets with Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee on Thursday of this week. At this time of writing the full program has not been arranged. An interesting paper by Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting, "Methods of cure in Colonial days," will be read at this meeting by her sister, Miss Flora Smith, as Mrs. Nutting is still at the Groton hospital where she underwent an operation last week.

An automobile load of friends from Pepperell braved the storm of Monday to spend a pleasant evening at whist with Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee. A few Groton friends also came in for the evening's enjoyment.

Mrs. Estella Collier returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Perrie and family at New Haven, Conn., last week Wednesday. Mrs. Collier found her daughter in good health and the little grandson growing as fast as possible.

Miss Lucy B. Raddin, teacher at Everett, where the schools are given the week of Washington's birthday for a vacation, came home last Saturday to spend the time at the parental home. Her cousin, Miss Effie Finley of Haverhill, came up with her to stay over the twenty-second.

Herbert W. Mason came up from the Charlestown navy yard last Saturday afternoon to see his folks and returned on Sunday evening, taking a train from Ayer.

Last week Thursday, Miss Evelyn Fernald, a student at Yassar college, called on Perlie P. Fallon, a student at the Columbia law school in New York. Miss Fernald and Mr. Fallon are both old schoolmates and graduates of Groton high school.

Harold Bigelow Woods and his friend, Mr. Vernon, spent the Washington birthday holiday from Worcester Polytech with his relatives in Groton, and took in the dance at the town hall in the evening.

Alfred C. Woods of Hudson was taken quite seriously ill while here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Augustus Woods. He has been under the care of Dr. Kilbourn for the past two weeks or so, and is now improving.

Mrs. S. B. Watson of Westford, and Miss Maude Fay of Hudson, N. H., relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting, coming by their invitation to enjoy the Groton School play on February 22, were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting.

At the W. R. C. meeting on Tuesday afternoon, there was an appropriate observation of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. There were a number of readings and musical selections in the program arranged by Mrs. Marcia A. Bowers, the patriotic instructor. After the exercises light refreshments were served. The members were out in good numbers, and the meeting every way was enjoyable.

A Very Pretty Affair.

All who speak of Washington's birthday party in the town hall on Wednesday evening are enthusiastic in their words of praise and appreciation. It was a very pretty affair and goes down as one of the season's social successes. The twelve silk flags, in size 24x36 inches, placed crossed upon the fixtures between the windows, and the two larger flags in the rear near the gallery, made simple yet effective decorations as combined with the tint of the walls. The electric lamps shone upon them beautifully, brightening and lighting up the hall. The matrons of the evening were handsomely gowned, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence in white net, elegantly embroidered, the others in black lace or silk with real lace trimmings. They added dignity to the occasion. The ushers were pretty in their dainty costumes and performed their duties gracefully. They were assisted by the two young collegians, Daniel Needham of Harvard and Carl Lawrence of Dartmouth. George E. Hodgman was floor director, with E. B. Gerrish and F. A. Torrey as aids. Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell furnished very satisfactory music. Friends from Harvard, Ayer, Shirley and Pepperell were present. In all there was present somewhere about two hundred people. The lunch of chicken sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake was particularly appetizing and refreshing.

Entertainment.

The annual gentlemen's night at the Congregational church, which usually takes place in February, comes this year on the evening of Thursday, March 9. Of course there will be a fine supper. The entertainment, which is in charge of P. J. Benedict, will consist in part of something entirely different than has ever been given at these soirees. Miss Ethel N. Shumway of Dorchester will tell of her trip around the world in the steamer Cleveland. This will be the seventeenth time Miss Shumway has been invited to give this deeply interesting experience, always to delighted audiences. Other numbers in music will fill out the program.

Grange.

There were twenty-five Groton people attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona at Ashby on Wednesday, February 22. Seventeen of these responded to the roll-call as grange members the others were invited guests. The day and evening sessions were both full of interest and everybody evidently enjoyed the whole day's gathering. The program was excellent, while everyone taking part acquitted themselves in a first-class manner. The speakers of the day were Supt. E. L. Haynes and A. N. Fessenden, both of Townsend, were especially interesting. "Cherries," an original poem by H. W. Seaver of Townsend is spoken of as being very cute and funny. The decorations spoke of the holiday. An adjournment was made to another hall for the evening, where games and dancing and other exercises were enjoyed. Then a good sleighride home finished the day's outing.

Club Meeting.

The Brown Loaf club met very pleasantly on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. P. J. Benedict. There were twenty-one present, among these, the invited guests were: Mrs. James Hawkes, Mrs. Frank Patterson, Miss Effie Finley, Mrs. Leon Whitcomb, Miss Lucy Raddin and Miss Phyllis Gay. These gatherings of the Brown Loaf club are quite informal and were instituted with the idea of promoting friendly social conditions among the members. Each one takes her sewing or fancy work and passes an hour or two of pleasant intercourse. This meeting of Wednesday was especially full and enjoyable. Abundant and dainty refreshments were passed around, and each one was presented with a little souvenir hatchet, tastefully made by Miss Carrie Stevens, who is well-known in Groton.

Well Attended.

The gentlemen's supper at the Baptist church on Thursday evening of last week was well attended, and heartily enjoyed by those present. The tables were twice filled, about 115 being served. After the supper an entertainment was given, with the following program: piano solo, Mrs. Amy Tolles Wright; recitation, Charles Shattuck; bell solo, Henry Adams, accompanied by Miss Helen M. Barrows; recitation, Miss Eleanor Mason; recitation, little Myrl Gillespie; song, Miss Dora Bailey, accompanied by Miss Margaret Benedict; recitation, Miss Bertha Farnsworth; piano solo, Mrs. Wright; recitation, Miss Effie Gillespie; song, accompanied, Harry Gadsby. The committee in charge of the supper were C. Frank Patterson, James R. Hawkes and Mrs. Lella Nutting. The committee in charge of the entertainment was Rev. H. A. Cornell and Mrs. Isabelle Hawkes.

Burned to Death.

Mrs. Mary E. (McLean), widow of William Wright, met her death in a deplorable manner on Monday, February 21, under circumstances shocking to contemplate. She was 81 yrs. 7 mos. old, and had lived alone for the greater part of the time since the death of her husband, some ten or twelve years ago or more. Her home was in Chicopee row on the west side of the street and opposite a part of the cemetery.

Monday forenoon, when H. P. Tainter's store tent called at her house, as was the custom, to get the weekly orders, the driver, J. Moyle, jr., found the door locked and no appearance of anybody inside. Looking in at a window, the thick volume of smoke made him decide something was wrong and he quickly drove to his father's not far off.

On entering there was a distressing state of affairs. Fire had caught on the inside walls, and when after a search the body of Mrs. Wright was found, the upper part of it was burned beyond any attempt at description. Dr. H. B. Priest, medical examiner, viewed the remains and made the official report—death by accidental burning. From appearances and without any doubt, Mrs. Wright had used kerosene to kindle her morning fire with the above harrowing results.

The interment was on Thursday in the Groton cemetery, where her husband and others of the family are buried. There was a committal service at the cemetery by Rev. H. A. Cornell. Mrs. Wright is survived by one brother, Charles McLean, and some nieces and nephews who do not live in this part of the country.

Judge A. P. Stone of Boston, conservator, placed over her property, was in town on Tuesday. There was no insurance. The damage to the house was on the inside and is estimated at a loss of from \$150 to \$200. This was the third woman in Groton, who within a few years past, has met death by accidental burning. In each case the circumstances were very different though the results were fatal.

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter Dorothy of Waltham, coming Saturday, were guests at G. A. Bixby's till after the holiday.

Miss Dorothy Bowles of Fitchburg Normal is at home for the mid-year recess, coming a few days in advance of the scheduled date owing to the need of a longer rest.

Harold Strand, employed in Hall's Jewelry store, Fitchburg, visited his home here on Wednesday.

Coming last week, Mrs. William Williamson of Walpole, spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Augusta Harrington.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington and children spent Wednesday with friends in Groton.

Miss Minnie Hupp of Boston is a guest of Mrs. Peter McGowan.

Mrs. William Fernald of Groton passed the week-end and some days this week with her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Webber.

Born on February 19, an eight-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ferden.

Edward Thompson of North Shirley, who was quite badly injured in the leatherboard mill last week, is still further afflicted with a serious case of appendicitis. Taken by Dr. Kilbourn to Groton hospital, he underwent an immediate operation and report says is doing well.

It is with real regret that West Groton learns that H. D. Bowles and family will leave the town farm at the close of the fiscal year. During the two years of their residence here they have made many friends and have so identified themselves with the village and its interests that they will be greatly missed.

At the L. A. meeting on Thursday a reading on Washington was given. The remainder of the entertainment was musical, furnished by the hostess, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, with the Victrola.

Mrs. G. S. Webber, going on Friday of last week, visited friends in Boston, attending the presentation of "Faust" at Castle Square theatre on Friday evening. She was joined on Saturday evening by Mr. Webber, and together they enjoyed "The dollar princess," at the Colonial theatre, returning on the theatre train to Ayer where they spent Sunday with Mr. Webber's mother.

The portable sawmill, stables and cottages lately erected near Mr. Hatch's residence form quite a little settlement. The workmen are engaged in clearing a large woodlot recently purchased of Louis Farnsworth. The lumber goes to a large box factory in Worcester. The contract allows three years for the completion of the work.

Posters are out for an entertainment to be given by local talent on Tuesday evening, February 28. The players style themselves "The Hickey stock company," and will present the three-act play entitled "The gentlemen gamblers." Dancing will follow the entertainment. Music by Thayer's orchestra. Cream on sale.

Miss Sylvia Lawrence and Jerome Bowles attended the C. E. convention at Hollis on Wednesday.

Miss Olive Tarbell of Brookline was a holiday visitor at her home on Wednesday.

H. E. Lindall of Cambridge spent Sunday with his family.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge left on Wednesday noon for a few days' visit with their daughter in Swampscott.

Mrs. Howard Thompson and daughters Dorothy and Myra are suffering from attacks of the grippe.

About forty people gathered in the grammar school room on Friday evening of last week to enjoy the "February birthdays." The variety in the selections given on the piano gave the listeners ample opportunity to judge of its tones and the consensus of opinion was that teacher and pupils have reason to be pleased with this latest acquisition to their room. In addition to the children's program the audience listened with pleasure to mandolin selections by Miss Maude Bradley, and piano solos by Miss Bixby and Mrs. Wiggins.

Whist Club.

Unfavorable weather conditions confronted the Whist club last Monday evening, but nevertheless, the pleasant home of the Misses Harrington was filled by a merry company, and as if in defiance of the storm, every member of the club was present for the first time since its organization. Mrs. E. P. Shores was the hostess of the evening. Highest score was won by Carl Strand with fifty-one points, C. R. Dudley ranking second with a score of forty-five. Highest score for ladies, Mrs. G. G. Harrington and Mrs. H. Spaulding with forty-five and forty-two points respectively. Lowest scores were held by Mrs. A. W. Lamb with eighteen points, and Clarence Thompson with eleven. At the close of the game refreshments were served and a social and musical hour followed with Mrs. Isabel Wiggins at the piano. The club will hold its next meeting on Monday evening, March 6, with Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Linwood F. Newell has been to Somerville recently, and returning, brought with him a young lady whom he is pleased to introduce among Littleton friends as Mrs. Newell.

Austin T. Kimball gave the pupils of the sixth grade and their teacher, Miss Jones, a fine sleighride on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Kimball celebrated the fifth anniversary of their home in Somerville on Thursday evening, February 23, by giving a large party.

Orman Ewings, the oldest citizen in town, now in his ninety-fourth year, is very ill and rapidly failing. In the same house, Hon. Frank A. Patch is sick with the grippe. Miss Grace M. Prue, Miss Etta Ewings and Mrs. Arthur Whitney are at their brother's home, helping care for the sick and aiding in whatever way they can.

The Sunset party given by the Backlog club in town hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, was very largely attended by young and old alike. People from the neighboring towns were present, and especially good number coming from Westford. Robbins' orchestra from Pepperell gave good satisfaction. A supper, equal to the best, was served in the early evening and was patronized by two hundred or more persons. The floor was given up to the children in the afternoon, and claimed by the older people in the evening. As a social function the occasion was very successful. Financially it was no failure, as about sixty dollars was realized.

The Arts and Crafts club enjoyed a sleighride to Pinkerville on Friday afternoon, and took the regular lesson at the home of the instructor, Miss Amsden. E. P. Wilcox furnished the team.

Littleton high school hockey team played Groton on Wednesday afternoon and evening. But a better luck awaited our boys when they met the Westford academy team a little later on the same place, the millpond, and won by 8 to 0.

Miss Clara Fletcher arrives home from Mattapoisett today for her vacation. Her brother, Roland Fletcher of the home of his father, Elmer Fletcher.

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GUARDIAN'S SALE OF Standing Timber

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court on February 10, 1911, the following described lot of standing timber will be sold at Public Auction on the premises, on Monday, March 6th, 1911, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to wit:

A certain lot of standing wood or timber, consisting of four (4) acres, more or less, of white pine, in the northeast corner of the following described parcel of real estate, to wit:

A certain tract of land situated in the north part of said Pepperell on the east side of Hollis St., and bounded: West by said Hollis St. fifty (50) rods; northerly by land of George H. Dow One Hundred Twelve (112) rods; easterly by land of C. M. Blood and H. B. Robbins One Hundred (100) rods; southerly by land of heirs of Linzie Prescott One Hundred Twelve (112) rods.

Terms will be announced at the time and place of sale.

FRED W. LOVEJOY, Guardian.
Pepperell, February 14, 1911. 3123

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The Selectmen of Groton hereby give notice that they will close the town books on Thursday evening, March 9. All persons having bills against the town will present them on or before the above date.

Articles for the warrant and reports of all Boards and Committees must be in the hands of the Selectmen on March 16.

JAMES R. HAWKES,
FRANK A. TORREY,
JOHN H. SHEEDY,
Selectmen.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned extend sincere thanks to all, who so kindly aided them in their recent bereavement, with words of sympathy, song service and in other ways, also those who contributed such beautiful floral tributes.

George W. Shattuck,
Mrs. Carmel Seales,
Mrs. H. G. Wright.

Ayer, February 20, 1911.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The Boston Entertainers appeared at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Altruistic club, for the benefit of the club home fund, and every number of the program was finely rendered with repeated encores. The artists were Ella May Chamberlin, whistling soloist; Anna Spencer Frost, reader and entertainer; Theodore Von Der Laik, tenor, and James Andrews Kormann, basso cantante, that gave enjoyment to all. The numbers given by Anna Spencer Frost and James Andrews Kormann are deserving of special mention.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, nee Harris, of Washington, D. C., a former resident, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, for a month's visit. Mr. Ricker, a former high school teacher here, has a position in the Congressional library at Washington.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge netted about forty-five dollars on their valentine dancing party last Saturday evening.

Three candidates will be initiated at the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., on Monday evening, February 27.

Mrs. Trueman Nickerson, who has been sick at home with Bright's disease, is decidedly worse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston are here to stay the remainder of the week.

Harold Haggart, who is stopping at E. H. Allen's, has gone to his home in South New Castle, Me., for a week.

Andrew Flynn passed away on Wednesday night from a complication of diseases after a long and painful illness.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their regular monthly supper and social and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, March 1. A fine supper will be served at 6.15 and seven o'clock. Menu to consist of cold meats, mashed potatoes, scalloped corn and other dainties, with desert. The supper committee consists of Mrs. E. H. Conant, Mrs. Pomfret, Mrs. Frank Brockelman, Miss Nan Love, Miss Flora Shepherd and Miss Elsie Knowles. An entertainment will be given at eight o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Phelps.

The following are the names of those who attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Concord Junction on Wednesday: Arline Wilbur and Russell Miner, delegates from the Congregational church; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conant, Mrs. Harry Collyer, Nina Holbrook, Mary A. Park, Eleanor Miner, Flora Shepherd, Jessie Love, Grace Adams, Leonard Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. John Conant, Rev. Allen A. Bronson, Mrs. Alice L. Wright and Joseph H. McCallan. The day was very pleasantly spent and the addresses much enjoyed. A fine dinner was served.

Court Jacque Cartier, Societe l'Assomption will hold a basket party in St. Anthony's hall on Saturday evening, February 25.

Miss Mildred Daniels spent the week-end at her home in Hopkinton.

Mrs. James McMillan of Lowell spent the week-end in Shirley with relatives.

Mrs. Albert F. Norcross died at her home in Milford, N. H., February 18. Services were held at her late home on Monday. Burial was in Rindge, N. H. Mrs. Norcross, who will always be remembered as a very estimable woman, was the wife of Rev. Albert F. Norcross, who was pastor of the Shirley Congregational church from 1881 to 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant visited relatives in Boston last Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Conant of Littleton was a guest last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Miss Ruth Burrage of Medford is the guest this week of Mrs. M. Louise Butler.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. A. A. Bronson at the parsonage on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Shea of Manchester, N. H., spent the week-end in town with relatives.

Fritz Shepard of Derry, N. H., was a week-end guest of Lloyd Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham of Harvard road spent the week-end with relatives in Maynard.

Mrs. Fred Burden of Everett, with daughter Louise, are guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Love.

Miss Mary Pine of Fitchburg was the guest of Miss Ruby Felch last Saturday and Sunday.

Clifford Felch and Edwin Smith started last Sunday on a business trip to New York city and Springfield and will return the latter part of this week.

The valentine dancing party at Odd Fellows' hall last Saturday evening, under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, was attended by one of the largest gatherings that ever assembled in Odd Fellows' hall, which was very prettily decorated with hearts, cupid, magic lanterns and foliage. Ice cream and cake was served during the evening. Parties were present from Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Ayer, Lowell, Westford, Littleton, Townsend, Groton, Boston and Derry and Manchester, N. H.

The Marshall Perry family moved back to Lawrence last Saturday. Mr. Perry, as will be remembered, died when the family resided opposite the public library.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolf returned from the New England sanitarium at Melrose last week Friday, making the trip in C. F. Edgarton's car. Mrs. Wolf is steadily gaining in health.

Rev. H. L. Packard of the Littleton Congregational church, occupied the pulpit of the Shirley Congregational church last Sunday morning and preached a very able sermon on the subject, "Patience." Mr. Packard cited many illustrations from past and present men who had achieved success and made their lives count in the annals of history by stick-to-it-iveness in their chosen work and calling. He very aptly applied this to

the Christian's life, making the application simple yet forcible and convincing, which won for him the close attention of his hearers who were much impressed with his sermon, and his personality as a minister of the gospel.

The whist party at St. Anthony's hall last week Thursday evening, under the auspices of the society of the Holy Name, for the benefit of St. Anthony's parish, had the largest attendance of the season, fully 150 being present and a goodly sum of money netted. The winners of prizes were: first for ladies, Mrs. Michael Bolger; second, Miss Rose Boucher; first for gentlemen, Anthony Lepage; second, Simon Guerin. Consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Eva Heroux and Maxime Gionet. The contest prize was awarded to Mrs. Elizabeth Hache.

At the meeting of the high school assembly last week Friday afternoon, the following program was rendered: piano solo, Rachel Carpenter; school paper, editors, Christine Longley, Leslie Wells; spelling match, school. At a meeting of the senior class of the high school, they made their choice of a classpin and also voted to pay fifteen dollars toward the rent of the piano.

Miss Mary M. Prescott, teacher at the Centre school, spent the week-end with her parents in Haverhill.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, February 27.

Mrs. Carrie M. Dexter of Fitchburg, a prominent church and club woman, will speak at the C. E. meeting at the Congregational church on Sunday evening, February 26, at seven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham of Harvard road spent the week-end with his relatives in Maynard.

Harry O. Bangs spent the week-end in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Lizabeth Kolowrath of Littleton spent the week-end with Miss Emma Knowles.

A Complete Surprise.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Gladys Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, at her home on Tuesday evening, when over a score of her young friends met by appointment at the railroad station and wended their way to her home which they invaded in the spirit of love. Gladys' mother was a silent partner to this premeditated social event and consequently everything was in readiness for the reception of the young people who were anxious to show their esteem for Gladys, their daily companion and school friend, who was completely taken by surprise by this outburst of good will, but regained her usual composure and with a light heart and buoyant spirit joined heartily in the evening's festivities of games, music and the serving of dainty refreshments. Gladys, however, was not forgotten by her guests, who presented her with a pretty gold signet ring. Miss Doris White made the presentation and in one brief sentence told the story of affection which will be remembered long after their childhood days have passed away. Gladys, in accepting the gift, voiced her feelings in words of gratitude. Congratulations and greetings were then exchanged, and as the old family clock tolled the hour of eleven, the merry guests, amid shouts of merry laughter and chatter, departed for their homes, thinking of Gladys and the few golden hours spent in her honor which passed only too quickly. Those present were: Austin Fish, Thaddeus Beach, Leslie Wells, Leon Jones, Walter Wheeler, Lester Holden, Thomas Burrill, Winnie Weeks, Abbott Bronson, Arthur Annis, Harry Annis, Louise Bowen, Sarah Stevenson, May Stebbins, Virginia McElroy, Gladys Annis, Doris White, Ruth Knowles, Ruth Day, Louisa Burden, Josephine Love, Anna Lougee and Hattie Adams.

Presentation.

At the close of the rehearsal for "The Elopement of Ellen," Wednesday evening, a very pleasing feature was introduced which will cement memories of a real pleasant character for the cast and leave in its wake a little of the sunshine that comes to the lot of each and all who honestly strive to do their best as they journey through life. Miss Nellie F. Cronin, who is to take the part of June Haverhill, a Wellesley college girl, in "The Elopement of Ellen," was also the modest heroine in another great part on Wednesday evening when a farewell reception was tendered to her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Binney, where she has resided for the past six years. The affair, which was tactfully planned, came as a complete and genuine surprise to Miss Cronin. The entire cast in "The Elopement of Ellen," and a number of the representative residents of the town, joined heartily into this affair which gave it a swing that whirled it to a successful issue. At the close of the rehearsal, the entire cast walked home with Miss Cronin in the pretext of chaperoning and when all arrived there they were joined by a goodly number of Miss Cronin's friends who had already installed themselves at the Binney homestead, waiting for the party to arrive. When everyone present had assembled in the front parlors of the home, Mr. Binney stepped forward and in a neat little speech told Miss Cronin of the esteem in which she was held in the town and gave a general outline of the many good and kind acts she had done and of the sorrow and pleasure that had come to the people of Shirley at her departure. Sorrow, because of her leaving, and pleasure to think she was to better her material prospects in life. A feeling of sadness prevailed over the gathering as Mr. Binney closed his remarks with feelings of deep emotion, presenting Miss Cronin with a very rich traveling bag, the gift from the people of Shirley. Miss Cronin, who was taken by one of the greatest surprises of her life, was very much affected and thanked all very kindly for the kindly sentiment expressed and the useful gift. An able corps of waiters then kept busy serving the delicious refreshments. Music and songs by all present were then heartily participated in

and the joyful and happy gathering dispersed for their homes at a late hour.

The motive that prompted this representative gathering in honor of Miss Cronin, was the fact that Miss Cronin, who has been one of Shirley's successful school teachers for the past seven years, has accepted a more lucrative position as teacher in Waverley and enters upon her new duties next Monday morning. Miss Cronin, who is a graduate of the Fitchburg normal school, and is also a native of Shirley, being born in the north part of the town, leaves with the best wishes of all for a successful future.

Bowling.

No. 1 and 2 teams of the Shirley league played a match game at the local alleys last week Thursday evening. No. 1 team won, doing some swift and classy bowling, taking all four points in the game with apparent ease and capturing the first string by eight-two pins to the good, and the highest total pinfall by the splendid majority of 181.

Guy Cook was the top notch bowler of the evening, rolling the unusual score of 109, 114 and 90, for a total of 313. Price of the Industrial school came next, rolling 91, 105 and 97, a total of 293. Arthur Morin, Jr., followed close behind, bowling 92, 85 and 108, a total of 285. Thomas C. Burrill was high man of the losing team with a total of 253. The summary:

NO. 1 TEAM.															
Bangs	92	65	91—248												
R. Pomfret	92	72	84—248												
A. Morin, Jr.	92	85	108—285												
Price	91	105	97—293												
Cook	109	114	90—313												
477 442 470—1389															
NO. 2 TEAM.															
L. Stebbins	74	77	81—232												
Kakose	80	76	81—237	Morin	81	80	85—246	Burrill	82	88	85—255	395 397 416—1208			
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Royally Entertained.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant was all aglow with merriment and enthusiasm last week Thursday evening, when the officers and members of all committees connected with the Congregational C. E. were royally entertained. Mr. Conant, who is the president of the society, has for a number of years past given an annual reception and entertainment to the workers of the Endeavor society. It is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, and this year the event occurred on Thursday evening, February 16. When all of this little army of Christian workers assembled at their spacious home where every department was accessible to the happy throng, and their joyful anticipations were realized to their hearts' content. The festivities provided were bountiful, unique and intensely interesting in arrangement and detail, consisting of games, music, with refreshments of a varied, substantial and dainty character. Mrs. E. H. Conant, who is naturally gifted for the management of elite occasions, was a pronounced factor in the affair of the evening, and was ably assisted by a number of her young lady guests. This Endeavor social event came to a close about eleven p. m., the happy hours spent going on record as a great success, as the true spirit of Christian fellowship predominated. Hearty hand shakes with kind words of appreciation to their host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conant, and all departed for their homes.

At a short business session, Russell Miner and Miss Arline Wilbur were appointed delegates to the C. E. convention at Concord on Washington's birthday. Centre. A sleighing party from Leominster drove to this town on Thursday evening and hired the town hall for a private party and dance. Regular meeting of the Sewing Guild at Mrs. Henry F. Groat's, Saturday afternoon, February 25. Harriet and Edwin Bridgman visited friends in Brookline recently. The Matrons' Aid will meet with Mrs. Ardie A. Adams on Tuesday afternoon, February 28. Miss Mary Prescott, teacher at the Centre primary school, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Haverhill. Edward Dockum of Everett spent Sunday in town visiting old friends. Mr. Dockum lived here for several years in the old brick house at the North, and later in the Scott house at Woodsville, but moved away about seven years ago. Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett spent Sunday with relatives in Lancaster. Mrs. George Holden spent last week at Littleton visiting Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Morse at the East is confined to her home with sickness. Capt. William Blair has now wholly recovered from his fall. Mr. Blair is an old man and is fortunate to have recovered so easily. A herd of twelve deer were seen near John Neat's house on Sunday. This is one of the largest herds that has been seen since the open season last year in the adjoining county. John Johnson, at the North, has been very ill for the past week, but is getting better now. Ralph Thompson secured another red fox last week, and his father captured one also recently. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray spent the first part of the week at their house here. H. N. Brown has been appointed correspondent for Northern Massachusetts for "The Engineer," an engineering paper published in Chicago. He began his duties this month. Melzer Farnsworth is suffering from a hard attack of the gripe. Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth spent a few days this week with Mrs. Edward Mellish at West Groton. One more is added to Edward R. Thompson's list of recent misfortunes. He was taken sick Friday afternoon with a bad attack of appendicitis. It is thought that this was caused by the injuries he received in his side in December while moving a sleigh. He

was taken to Groton hospital Tuesday by Dr. Kilbourn, the attending physician, and the operation took place the same day. He is reported to be resting comfortably and on the road to recovery. The foot which he injured recently is doing as well as can be expected.

Alta Graves, who was badly scalded last week, is much better and is able to be up.

Charles Hobbs and Cooper Hobbs of East Princeton visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard on Sunday.

Marion and Gertrude Warren of Worcester are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley.

The weekly card party was held with John W. Farrar on Saturday evening.

Henry F. Whitney of Melrose visited friends in town on Wednesday.

Edward Adams of Worcester spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams.

Dr. Kilbourn's patients in the bungalow recently erected on the farm of Henry Farrar at the North, are doing well. It is occupied by Mrs. Clough and Mr. and Mrs. Bonney.

The young folks have been enjoying excellent coaling during the past week on the Horsepond road and on Barrett's hill.

Regular services at Trinity chapel at 3.15. Sunday school at 4.15.

Groton School gymnasium is planning to give an exhibition in the town hall the first part of March.

Grange Notes.

The regular meeting of Shirley Grange was held on Monday evening, February 20, instead of Tuesday evening, February 21, in order to accommodate those who wished to attend the Pomona meeting at Ashby on Wednesday. At this meeting it was voted to uphold the bill which is to be put before the legislature concerning condensed milk. This bill provides that labels shall be placed on the cans of condensed milk, indicating the percent of water in them. It was also voted to change the time of the second meeting in March, to the Monday before. The lecturer's hour was devoted to the subjects of Washington and Lincoln, and one of the most interesting programs that has been given this year was carried out. The program is as follows: "Washington as a farmer," Mrs. Norman R. Graves; "Washington's courtship, marriage and home life," Miss Margaret Evans; "The first celebration of Washington's birthday," Ruth Graves; "Washington's funeral," Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings; patriotic recitation, William Jubb; anecdotes and sayings of Washington and Lincoln, by all the members. On account of the late hour, current events were omitted.

A large number of members of Shirley Grange responded to the invitation which was received from Ashby Grange to attend the Middlesex-Wor-Pomona Grange meeting there on Wednesday. Eight of the party drove over in single sleighs. A fine program was given and was as follows: Welcome, master of Ashby Grange; "Which have good roads helped the most, the farmer or the autolst?" "How much ought one to do for his neighbor without pay?" "Man, his head and his hand," E. L. Haynes of Townsend; patriotic songs by all; reading, Mrs. Clara W. Farrar of Townsend; "Is a lie ever justifiable?" Mrs. Lizzie Shaw of Ashby; "A funny story," J. R. Hawkes of Groton; an original poem, H. Warren Seaver of Townsend; "The axe and the tree," A. N. Fessenden of Townsend. The evening was devoted to an old-fashioned social, with old-fashioned games and a general good time.

Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, Ralph Evans, Margaret Evans, Ruth Graves, Edward Adams, Ora Holden, Elsie Holden, Thomas Evans, Mildred Evans, Ernest Bohanon.

Resolutions of Respect.

At the last regular meeting of Shirley Grange, No. 254, Patrons of Husbandry, the following resolutions were accepted and adopted: Whereas, the Divine Master has again entered our midst and taken from among us our late brother, James C. Parker; thus another link in our golden chain has broken, and his death teaches us, that, sooner or later, we must all make the journey across that mystic river. Let us hope, however, that in the golden summer of another life we will gather again in a sweet reunion, where partings are unknown; and, Whereas, we wish to express a deep and lasting appreciation of his value to us, from hearts that are hurt and sad, we offer this token of respect; therefore be it Resolved, that Shirley Grange has lost one who will long be remembered as faithful to the order and his inestimable value will long be remembered. Resolved, that our deepest sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and commend them to Him who can give comfort in hours of loneliness and sorrow; and humbly pray that our Heavenly Father will ever guide and bless them. Resolved, that the charter be draped for thirty days in his memory, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be printed in the Shirley Oracle, and a copy be spread on our Grange records. Respectfully submitted, ALICE E. CUMMINGS, Committee on Resolutions.

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ADDRESS.

The second in the series of lectures arranged by Mr. Coggeshall was given Friday afternoon, February 10, by Mr. Clark of Amherst college on the subject of "Athletics." Mr. Clark, who is manager of the track team and a prominent member of the swimming team, showed a thorough knowledge of athletics as carried on by the schools and colleges of today; and his talk, which lasted for about one-half an hour, was listened to with great interest.

Mr. Clark gave a brief sketch of the prominent part that athletics played in school and college life. He then went on to show how the different branches of sport had developed from the early stages of man's existence. Man's first and greatest care, he said, was the obtaining of food. Next was his protection from wild beasts. For these purposes, it was of the greatest necessity that he should be strong and able to meet the obstacles of his existence. As he developed, he learned to fashion crude tools, which were a great aid to his daily struggle. In this way he found some leisure time, which he found he could spend profitably by developing his body. This was the beginning of modern sports.

Concerning the sentiment that the college athlete of today devotes too much of his time to sports at a hindrance to his studies, Mr. Clark said: "When an athlete wins prominence in any branch of sport, his picture is put in the papers and his name is heralded throughout the land; on the other side, his studies are not heard of, consequently the public gets but one side of his character and it is this that has given rise to that sentiment."

He also said that a majority of people thought that a poor scholarly standing was typical of the present day college or school athlete. This he claimed was not true. The men who have gained honor in athletics, did so by hard work. They are the same in the class-room, continually working for their success there.

He said that there should be no such thing as "onlookers," that everybody should have a hobby of some kind in sport and only look on when not able to compete in the so-called "major sports." The success of an athlete depends upon his perseverance, endurance, and loyalty. Mr. Clark told how it was that a great number of athletes who won out, did so by the greatest of perseverance. "Only by continual practice," he said, "were the present day 'stars' able to win out."

Endurance is another great factor in success. It is the team that is in the best condition near the end of the contest that generally wins. The same is true of the individual. If he has trained himself carefully so that he is as fresh at the close of the contest as at the beginning, he has the best chance to win.

"Loyalty," Mr. Clark went on to say, "is a great factor in the success of any team. It is here that the amateur or college athlete distinguishes himself from a professional. A professional uses his prowess only as an end to gain his daily sustenance. He is not in the game for a certain cause. The ideal college athlete puts his loyalty to his college above all personal interest, and for this reason he strives day after day throughout the season to make his varsity letter, perhaps at the end only to be rewarded with a position on the "scrubs" or second team. Whether or not he makes his coveted letter, the glory of his school is his glory, and with this always before him he does his best so that the work of the first team will be up to the standard.

"If we lose, we should accept defeat with as good a grace as possible and congratulate our opponent, even though defeat does taste bitter. Perhaps after all the tables can be turned by a little harder practice."

This short talk by Mr. Clark gives an insight under the surface of college athletics, and the Academy was fortunate in having so able a man as Mr. Clark to give it.

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We realize that Cooper brings out only the Indian's bravery, his manliness and his many noble qualities, while he keeps the ugliest traits of the red man in the background. Cooper in this, is like Scott, who chose to present only the bright side of chivalry.

Our first American novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, was born in Burlington, N. J., September 15, 1789. While James was a child his father removed to Otsego Lake, N. Y., where he built a stately mansion. Along the shores of this beautiful lake, shut in by untouched forests, Cooper passed his childhood. From this wilderness the boy was sent, at the age of thirteen, to Yale college, where he remained three years, but he was too restless and adventurous to study and was dismissed in disgrace at sixteen. When he was seventeen he shipped before the mast as a common sailor for a year's cruise, and for the next five

years he served as a midshipman in the United States navy.

In 1811, Cooper resigned from the navy, and married Miss Delancey, with whom he lived happily for forty years. Until he was thirty years old he never even had a hankering for a pen, until reading some cheap British novel he had an idea that he could do as well himself, and so his first book, "Precaution," came out in 1820. This book, describing English life, met with such success, that it encouraged him to write on American life with which he was much more familiar. The result was that the "Spy," was published in 1821, which was not only successful here in America, but was translated into many foreign languages. This induced Cooper to write the famous five "Leatherstocking Tales," composing the "Deerslayer," the "Last of the Mohicans," the "Pathfinder," the "Pioneers," and lastly "The Prairie." After this he wrote many sea tales of which "The Pilot," is the best known; but it is "The Spy," the five "Leatherstocking Tales," and four or five of his sea tales that gave him fame. In 1826, Cooper sailed for Europe where he remained for six years. There he made the acquaintance of many great men of whom Walter Scott was one. In 1833, Cooper returned to his native land and retired to his home at Cooperstown, where he spent the remaining years of his life in peace and content. He died September 14, 1852. M. H. S. '13.

ATHLETICS.

Saturday, February 4, the Academy met defeat at the hands of Boston University freshmen, in a game replete with hard luck for the Academy team, the visitors scoring a victory by the score of 19 to 7. Although the score does not show it, the game was a stubborn fought contest, the Academy team even out-classing the visitors in passing and team work, but in their aim for the baskets were badly off color.

On the following Saturday, Maynard high failed to put in an appearance as scheduled. Owing to a misunderstanding, the academy boys supposed the game to be cancelled and so not all the team appeared. In the absence of the regular players, Hartford and B. Prescott from the first team filled in and did fine work. The Juniors won easily by clever passing. Score—Y. M. C. A. Juniors, 18; Westford 2d, 10.

Wednesday evening, February 15, the first and second teams and the girls' team journeyed to Chelmsford to play off the scheduled games. The games resulted in a triple victory for the Chelmsford teams, owing largely to the slippery floor, which the Westford teams were not used to.

The girls' team did well considering the amount of practice that they have had, and although they did not score, held their opponents down to nine points.

The academy first team was defeated mainly through the work of Paasche, who scored most of the points made by Chelmsford high.

The academy second team played a plucky game, but were forced to accept defeat by the score of 12 to 6.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic association it was voted that the academy will be represented by a baseball team this coming season. Albert Collins was chosen manager and he will arrange a schedule of games with local high schools. A coach will also be engaged to bring out, as well as possible, the material at hand.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Samuel Swett and John Quaid had a narrow escape from a serious accident on Wednesday, February 15. While driving in the millyard at South Brookline, the sleigh struck a log that was under the snow, causing the horse to jump and break the cross bar to the sleigh. Mr. Swett was pulled over the dasher, but pluckily held on to the reins for several minutes. Mr. Quaid was also thrown out. The horse ran a short distance and was captured ere he had injured himself. Both fortunately escaped serious injuries.

Alpha A. Hall is confined to the house with the grippe.

Mrs. Lottie Rockwood of Orient Heights was in town on Thursday, February 16, coming to attend the meeting of the Sunbonnet club. Sickness caused a postponement of the meeting, but the afternoon was enjoyed in making informal calls upon the members and the presentation of birthday pitchers to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley, Miss Alpha Hall and Mrs. Chester Valdege. A visit to the iceplant and a sleighride added to the pleasure of the day.

The Sunbonnet club was royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Alpha A. Hall on Friday, February 17. A sumptuous dinner was served, with an extensive menu, which included a delicious fish chowder. The favors were

"Sunbonnet" receipt books, designed by the hostess, also dainty boxes of chocolates. Ample justice was done to the tempting repast and then the afternoon was devoted to sociability, a lesson in crocheting, and artistic needlework. A reading by Mrs. Emma Valdege brought a sunny thought to the members. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the hostess for her hospitality and the pleasure of the day. Mrs. J. A. Hall was the guest of honor.

The annual school meeting will be held at the grammar schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon, March 4, at two o'clock. Among the articles in the warrant to be acted upon are: To see what sum of money the district will raise for school purposes. To see what sum of money the district will raise for repairs of school buildings. To see if the district will vote to insure the four schoolhouses. To see what sum of money the district will vote to pay the district officers for the ensuing year.

District superintendent, Rev. R. T. Wolcott, will hold the fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist church at the rooms of Rev. James N. Seaver, Saturday morning, February 25, at eleven o'clock.

Miss Lila Barnaby is detained at home with the prevailing distemper.

Morton Klein of Fitchburg was the guest of Mrs. A. W. Corey on Wednesday, February 15.

Mrs. Belle Coburn of Lowell is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Payson Burge.

The Fresh Pond Ice Company completed the harvesting of ice on Friday, February 17.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins is ill with a throat trouble.

Edwin Smith, Robert Taylor and Edward R. Pierce are the only local hunters that have taken out hunter's licenses this year.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, March 5.

Miss Marion A. Stiles conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Sunday evening, the subject being "Serenity."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish are moving to their cottage on Canal street.

Miss Gertrude Willey of Pepperell spent Sunday at the Powers' home.

Miss Goldie Swett and William Garlick of Dedham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett over Sunday.

Born on February 4, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lancy, Evelyn Mae Lancy.

Chester B. Valdege finely rendered a solo at the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church.

William Hall is at home for a few days.

Representative Edward C. Tucker is at home this week, sick with a grippé cold.

Harry S. Powers has a position as chauffeur at Brookline, Mass.

Messrs. Frank L. Willoby and E. C. Tucker audited the town accounts on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell are detained at home with severe colds.

Edward O'Heren is ill with a painful attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Sarah Barnaby is visiting friends at Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Hall of Fitchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall over Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and Mr. Martin Whitcomb of Townsend were guests of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb, February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley returned to Cambridge on Monday.

The mercury dropped to twenty degrees below zero on Thursday, February 16.

Mrs. Augusta Hobart Smith observed her eighty-first birthday on Tuesday, February 21. Mrs. Smith is a very bright, active woman, possessed of a sunny, cheerful disposition and is beloved by many friends. It is impossible to realize that she has passed even the seventieth milestone.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by FREDERICK WHITNEY, who prays that said testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond, Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said county the last day of February in the year, 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 fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.
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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of THOMAS E. FERGUSON, late of Boxborough in said County, deceased intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM F. STEVENS of Acton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the 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 one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth 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 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, for Probate, by FREDERICK WHITNEY who prays that said 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 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 ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.
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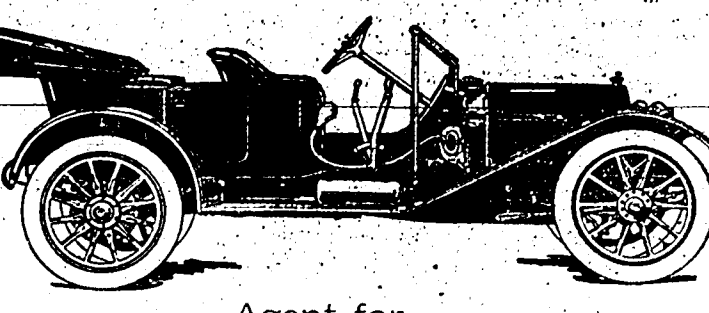
Items of News. The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. E. T. Brigham on Wednesday afternoon, March first, the subject being "Health." Charles Boynton is at work for James Starr. Miss Clara M. Shattuck, principal of the Main street grammar school, is back at her position again after two slight attacks of the grippe. C. B. Jetman bought the iron sold from the repairs of the Congregational church. Mrs. Henrietta Smith of Newburg, N. Y., has been on a visit for a couple of weeks to her father, Mr. Simpson of Sheffield street, who boards at Miss Iola Morse's. The Woman's club enjoyed the lecture on Art given by Prof. Burnham on Tuesday afternoon, February 21. Mr. Burnham is the State instructor in drawing and made visits to several of the rooms of the schools while in session, taking up the lessons. The annals of the Groton Community given in the last issue, were enjoyed by many readers in town. The idea of Canadian reciprocity is making the farmers who have to sell, think how it will affect them and comment on what the price was then from \$12 to \$14, now it is from \$15 to \$18. Charles Blanchard had a large lot of Green's chick feed come Tuesday. Mrs. John Melendy, who has been sick with rheumatism for a couple of weeks, is better. Mrs. Fred Bancroft is most of the time with her sister, Miss Isabella Bancroft of North Pepperell, at the home of the late Samuel Bancroft. Mrs. Lyman Fuller is quite sick with rheumatism. More than a passing remark should be given to Rev. Dudley R. Child's talk before Prescott Grange. It was late before the business was concluded, but Mr. Child brought out the physical change on the shores of France and the building of the wonderful monastery on Mt. St. Michel. One could see the patient workers and the village built on about the rocks, also feel the atmosphere. Prescott Grange is to be congratulated on the acquisition of Mr. Child as chaplain and Mrs. Minnie Dane Green as assistant lecturer. Mrs. William Atkinson returned from a visit to Tilton, N. H., on Tuesday, February 14. Mrs. Millie Richards is recovering from an attack of the grippe. Those worshipping at the Congregational church were glad that this last Sunday their church was again in order. While appreciating the kindness of their fellow church folks, anyone loves their own location. Mrs. Julia Litchfield is quite ill. Bertram Glidden of West street, formerly of Leominster, is under Dr. Heald's care. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bailey came to Pepperell last Saturday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Chase, the occasion being the celebration of her birthday. The Warrens had their annual oyster supper and smoke talk on Monday evening at Prescott hall. Prof. Clark of Waltham gave a very interesting entertainment. Entertained hostesses remaining at the First Baptist parsonage, February 20: B. Brogowski, Guy Clark, Jurgis Dubrinski, Gertrude DeGuiseppe, F. C. Knight, William Morrissy, Mrs. W. Walker. All bills against the town must be presented to the selectmen on or before February 28. Those not in by that date will be carried over until the next fiscal year. The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. George V. Herrig on Wednesday, March 1, at 2.30 o'clock. The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. M. M. Bond on Thursday, March 2, at three o'clock. The Odd Fellows and Rebekah social was a success in every way. The comedy, "A parliament of servants," was much enjoyed. Mrs. James Attridge at the last moment filled the place of one absent from the cast. Mrs. Julia Lawrence has returned from her professional duties in the family of Lawrence Cronin, and will now be at home for a limited time. Walter Corey and family spent Sunday at Mrs. Corey's home on Mt. Lebanon street. The lecturer of Prescott Grange, accompanied by the pianist, Mrs. Maxwell, went to Ashby day session, while the Misses Farnsworth, Howe and Gillispie were there during the entire affair. An odd sale was the latest sale at the Unitarian church. Patriotic services were held in the Unitarian church Sunday morning, February 19. Sixteen Daughters of American Revolution with vice regent were present. Rev. Dudley R. Child, pastor of the church, preached the sermon from the text, Judges, fifth chapter, twenty-third verse. National airs and appropriate hymns were sung by the choir and audience. The church was tastefully decorated with National and Chapter colors. The services were held in commemoration of Washington and

Lincoln, which is the custom of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held an executive board and chapter meeting at the home of Mrs. Erbert Williams, Park street on Wednesday afternoon, February 22, which was followed by a program consisting of sketches upon the lives of Mary Ball, Sally of Fox and Martha Custis. A patriotic song "Washington" was sung by Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. Tower had a descriptive letter of St. Augustine, Fla., from the recent. A foot was followed and refreshments served by Mrs. Williams' daughter and a young friend. Palms, cherry trees, potted plants with National and Chapter colors formed the decorations. A bunch of Centaurea, the chapter flower, was noticeable on one of the various smoking tables in the dining-room. A large fruit birthday cake was conspicuous on a table in the salesroom where it was sold by the saleswomen. A generous sum of money was netted for the chapter treasury, and much credit and appreciation is due Mrs. Williams, the hostess. Twenty-three D. A. R. and chapter guests were present. About Town. A. Clements of Mill street, while chopping in the woods met with an accident on Friday, the axe glancing and going through his left foot, inflicting a slight wound. Melvitt Howe, who was formerly employed by Dr. Fletcher, and later at Mr. Starr's, is now working at Hovey's corner for Mrs. Winn. Catherine L. McNamara, a teacher in the high school, who lives in Waltham, left her home on Monday morning to come to her school duties in Pepperell, but while reaching Ashby, she started to change cars, she slipped and injured her ankle so severely that she was obliged to return to her home. A lady from Waterbury, Miss Helen, is at present substituting in her place. Chestert Parker, who is on the sick list, is gaining slowly. Gladys Williams, employed in Nashua, spent Sunday as usual with her parents on Park street. Charles A. Dennen started for Washington, D. C. Monday morning, in behalf of the interests of the granite in reciprocity. Joseph Greenlaw is in town making some changes in the electric light system for Bolan H. Blood. The Osmond Construction Company has bid the building near the Brook Park, to house their Italian laborers who are excavating for the double line of railroad tracks to be placed through this town. Wednesday evening about twenty from here went to Ashby for the purpose of enjoying the excellent sleighing and sking furnished by the members of Ashby Grange. A party of snow-shoers from Boston spent Tuesday at the Jewell farm. Mrs. John Frossard of Cross street is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nading of Somers. The new building which is being built on Cross street, to be used for a blacksmith shop by E. Blaisdel, is about finished. News Items. The Masonic fraternity of Nashua, N. H., held a social in Masonic temple on Wednesday evening, February 15. Entertainment was furnished by Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell. The Warren-Veteran-Firemen association held their annual supper at the hall on Monday evening, February 20. Eighty-five members and invited guests enjoyed the bounteous collation furnished by caterers Woodard and Dolley. After cigars were lighted, president L. P. Shattuck called the association to order, congratulating them on their good showing in the past year. He then turned the meeting over to foreman L. G. Robbins, as toastmaster. Remarks were made by H. W. Hinchman, chairman of selection, W. M. Blood, chief of fire department, W. A. Kemp, M. R. Gilchrist, Lawrence Morgan, G. E. Kemp, town clerk, H. C. Barry, George E. Page of Pawtucket, R. I., and others. Entertainment was furnished by Prof. Clark of Waltham, who sang at his best. A good time and means bringing applause, and he was obliged to return several times for every number. Robbins' orchestra furnished music for the entertainment and dance of the evening, February 21, and for the Back Log club of Littleton, Washington's band. Guy House and Gerald Shattuck and Maurice O'Brien are sick with the mumps. Arthur A. Tower of Worcester academy attended the Junior Prom at Holyoke college, February 22. His sister, Miss Fannie Tower, being president of the Junior class, had quite an important part in the festivities. On Tuesday evening occurred the Glee club concert led by Miss Romana Dunbar, a frequent visitor in Pepperell. Aeoma lodge held an entertainment and supper on Tuesday evening, February 21. The supper was well patronized and a success financially. The entertainment consisted of a reading by Miss Mary Butler, piano solo by Miss Helen Robbins, vocal solo by Mrs. Elsie Copp, followed by a short drama which was well given. A number of the past noble grand of Aeoma lodge attended the Past Noble Grand's association in Fitchburg on Tuesday, February 21. A grand time was reported. Mrs. Lucy P. Saunders has returned home, having spent about four months with her daughter, Mrs. Foster of Rowley. Born on Saturday, February 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Ober of Prospect street. Roger Taft was in town on Wednesday, spending the day with his parents. Pepperell Woman's club held a meeting at Central hall on Tuesday, February 21. A talk on Art was given by Frederick L. Burnham. State director of manual art, which, with the very handsome pictures in water-colors, was more than interesting. Wedding. The following account of the brilliant wedding which took place in Biddeford, Me., is from the Biddeford Record of February 15: The interior of the Saco School street Methodist church has never had such a happy and festive occasion. The wedding was made by the quantities of greenery and foliage banked about the pulpit and chancel rail, for the happy couple. The bride and groom, Montreal and Miss Emily Cooke Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Burns of Saco. The nuptials occurred last evening and were witnessed by relatives and friends of Saco, Biddeford, Portland, Pepperell, Mass., West Somerville, Mass., Boston and Montreal being represented in the throng. Perhaps it was the largest attended wedding in the city for a number of years. While the hour was a little inconvenient for some, nearly all that had received invitations were present. The bride has a wide circle of friends, and that reason the nuptials were of more than ordinary interest. Many of the young people with whom she had attended school, and afterwards, are now in the city, and the members of the clubs of which she was a member were in the large assemblage of wedding guests. The church was filled with relatives and invited guests long before seven o'clock, the appointed hour. The lack of transportation that characterizes good towns prevailed throughout all the arrangements. The interior of the edifice was transformed into a scene of beauty and joy. The bride and groom, in green, especial liberality being shown about the front of the pulpit where the couple stood when they plighted their troth. Many of the gowns worn by the wedding guests helped to make a charming sight. The guests began to arrive at a quarter of eight. The church and balcony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Cook Strout of Concord, N. H., formerly pas-

tor of the school street church. He was assisted by Rev. D. A. R. present pastor of the church. The full Methodist Episcopal wedding service, performed, lasting nearly thirty minutes. The scene was a beautiful and impressive one. Miss Ruth Olive Roberts presided at the organ, and a wedding march as the bride party entered the church and proceeded to the front of the chancel, where the ceremony was performed. During the beautiful Episcopal wedding service, "Contemplation," from the "Holy City," was softly played on the big church organ. The bride's gown was a beautiful messaline with an overskirt of white Marquisette and garniture of gold crystal beads. The bridesmaids, Miss Beatrice Blaine, daughter of Pepperell, and Miss Marjory Cousins of Bangor, wore beautiful gowns of pink silk with overskirts of hand-embroidered chiffon. The best man was Francis Linsey Crossley of Montreal, a brother of the groom. The ushers were Messrs. Kendrick Burns of Saco, a student at Bowdoin college, Robert Burns of Saco, John E. Hyde of Boston and J. Edward Doughty of Boston, and C. K. Fenderson of Biddeford. The bride was given away by her father, Henry M. Burns. As a recessional the organist, Miss Roberts, "played" the "Wedding March" and a wedding reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents on Middle street. Large numbers of invitations had been sent out to the reception. The house was embellished with flowers and greenery, and the pretty costumes worn by the bride party and guests, the guests lent added charm to the setting of the post-nuptials. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was a bower of floral beauty. The heartiest felicitations were extended to the newly-weds. The array of presents was a most generous one at the reception. There were many handsome wedding gifts from relatives and friends, both here and elsewhere. These were cut glass, silver and silver articles, bric-a-brac and scores of other remembrances equally as expensive and appropriate. The bride is now residing in the office of Dr. J. T. Donald of Montreal, who is Dominion chemist. He is a young man of exemplary habits and extreme good nature, and is well known to the people of the two cities to require any extended vacation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Burns, and after attending the common schools of the city graduated from the high school and attended the Y. P. S. C. E. and was employed in Saco and subsequently in Pepperell, Mass. She is an accomplished singer and has sung in church choirs in her native city. She has an extensive acquaintance in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley will take a brief wedding journey and will be home after March first, at 14 Pondina apartments, 56 Sherbrooke street, West Montreal. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Thomas Adams Crossley of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Weeks of West Somerville, and Mrs. B. W. Galtier, Mrs. John C. Galtier and Mrs. H. Nelson Tower of Pepperell. "The Merrie." Twenty-seven from Groton, twenty-six from Pepperell, eighteen from Shirley, three from Littleton, fourteen from Townsend, and on till the tally was three hundred, that met in the evening at Ashby to the "First Merrie," given under the auspices of any Grange. It was a very successful one, for the party who drove from Groton and Littleton, reaching Ashby at 10.45 in the morning. Fine sleighing with the crisp air, a desire to play, and to be entertained served as a motive. The business discussion on the Pomona members' party, and which will confer the fifth degree at North Leominster on Wednesday, March 22, took up the time till noon, but dinner was not served until 1.30. The party, as expected a limit of one hundred, and when fifty extra put in an appearance following the dinner on the holiday, it was a matter that the Ashby committee handled with credit and satisfaction to all. The larger part of those attending the party, however, did not yet forty-nine remained for supper. During the wait, lecturer, Mrs. Annie Greenleaf, had the question discussed, "What is the difference between the most, the farmer or the autoist?" Bro. Nedham of Ashburnham, Jacobus of New Ipswich, N. H., Bascomb of Fitchburg, and others, discussed the subject of Littleton, Stockwell and Rockwood of Lunenburg, spoke on the subject of the result that the balance of opinion was in favor of the autoist, helped the autoist most. How much work ought one to do for his neighbor and how much for himself? Mr. Harry L. Hill of Fitchburg, Mr. L. E. Starr and others, with the result that some depended on the neighbor to give him a hand, while others, however, did not and tended to a better community feeling. At 1.45, all joined in singing, "Columbia, the Gem of the Sea," and the country of Lunenburg gave a reading, "The country story." Bro. Smith of Ashby eloquently in the name of Ashby Grange, taking the place of the late Master Green. The response of the Pomona was given by Mrs. Greenleaf, E. L. Townsend, superintendent of schools in Townsend, made an interesting talk on "Man, his head and his hand," taking from the time when the family or the farmer, engaged in the manufacture, workshop, farmer, domestic manufacture, tanning and early schooling, through to the present time. Now all of these things have become specialized and given over to the public instructor with possibly a loss of the initiative to the child, the community having a greater responsibility in the matter. Mr. Haynes won the close attention of all. Mrs. Lizzie Shaw of Ashby sent her paper which the worthy lecturer read and after some singing, Mrs. Seaver read the original poem written by her husband, Warren Seaver of Townsend, who portrayed the great love of the father of the country for his land in a laughable manner. A. N. Fessenden of Townsend awakened interest in the talk on the axe and the tree, saying he had been in the mill from Oregon. He earnestly advised that no one should let an acre of land go unproductive, and described his nursery of young trees and the manner of growing the same. After the meeting the young played "drop the handkerchief" sang and chatted, more being added as the evening merrie came on. Seventeen granges were represented and the largest hall being engaged, all went there. Drop the handkerchief with a large circle and a slippery floor made much activity. The first marriage of the evening was led by the masters of Ashby and Pomona granges. A Quaker march, old-time dancing, Miss Wellington of Bridge, N. H., solo, and a bright and sparkling spell to the merry-makers, and it was past twelve midnight, when the last good-bye was said. TOWNSEND. Miss Hazel Marshall was pleasantly surprised last week Thursday evening by a party of her friends, who called and presented her with a two dollar and a half gold piece, the occasion being her fifteenth birthday. Games were played and refreshments served. George L. Eastman and daughter, Miss Esther Eastman, recently presented an individual communion set to the M. E. church, as a memorial to their mother, who died one year ago last Christmas day. Bernice Woods gave a birthday party to her little friends on Wednesday afternoon. She was eight years old and received several presents. Among the guests in town for Feb-

ruary 22, were Miss Mildred L. Seaver of Worcester, and E. W. Seaver of Boston, at G. A. Seaver's; Edward Patch, George McElligott and Ralph H. Willard of Boston at their respective homes, and E. J. Pratt of Leominster with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Pratt. Mrs. E. R. Brayton, who has been in town for a few weeks on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. George Adams, returned the first of the week to her home in Providence. Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Parsons have moved into their new home on Elm street and the house they vacated will be occupied during the summer by F. H. Ormsby and family from Winthrop. Mrs. Fred A. Patch has been enjoying a few days' visit to friends in Boston and vicinity, and attended the Oakledge reunion at Chipman hall, Tremont Temple, last Monday evening. Mrs. Naomi Wilder has been called to Milford, N. H., by the illness and death of her sister. Miss Inez McElligott returned with her brother George to Boston where she is enjoying a visit to relatives in that vicinity. The Ladies' club and the Ladies' Literary and Social circle will entertain the members of the Men's club and friends in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening. A lunch will be served and a pleasing program will be presented by the committee in charge. On Wednesday, a party of nine from the Y. P. S. C. E. drove to Hollis, N. H., to attend the Nashua River Union, the barge being driven by Benjamin Hodgman, and left at eight o'clock, returning at seven in the evening. A most enjoyable and helpful program was reported. The Ladies' Literary and Social circle met at the reading room last week Friday afternoon and had a very pleasant meeting. The topic was "John Milton, the blind poet," and after the presentation of the program light refreshments were served. The next meeting is with Mrs. F. A. Patch and the topic, "Lives of some of our presidents." Next Sunday morning at the Baptist church the ceremony of baptism will be observed at the close of the preaching service, Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating and the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Miss Blanche Sprague in the vestry on Sunday evening. The many friends of Miss Margaret Flynn, daughter of James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., who spends his summers in town, will be interested to learn that she has graduated from P. S. No. 23, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has entered St. Elizabeth college, Convent station, near Morristown, N. Y., for her high school course of four years, and will finish with a four years' college course. A very well attended and helpful cottage prayer meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Stevens on Stevens' hill, about thirty being in attendance, a barge load being driven by Henry Hathaway, leaving the Baptist church shortly after seven o'clock. Centre. An entertaining Washington's birthday party was held at the M. E. church Wednesday evening and all present enjoyed the exercises very much. Everett Seaver of Boston is in town for a few days. Onslow Daniels was quite used up on Wednesday, his limbs feeling numb when he awoke. It is feared it was a slight shock. He has not quite recovered as yet. All taxpayers have received circulars, this week, from the electric road committee of the Board of Trade, asking them to realize the benefits such a road would be and that now is the time to agitate the matter while the iron is hot and Fitchburg parties are interested. It is thought that our town will have to raise only \$25,000 to get the road and shares will be available at one hundred dollars each. The company is to be known as the Fitchburg and Townsend electric railway company. The Fitchburg side of the question is favorable and it is now up to Townsend to show whether they really wish the road or not. One disinterested taxpayer says if he should invest five percent of his valuation in the proposed road and never get a cent back, he would still feel that his property had gained that much by having the road. Quite a large number of our local grangers attended the Pomona grange at Ashby on Washington's birthday and several Townsend names were on the program. E. L. Haynes, superintendent of schools, was the speaker of the afternoon, whose subject was "Man, his head and his hand." H. Warren Seaver was also down for an original program and A. N. Fessenden gave a talk upon "The axe and the tree," which was very interesting and instructive. A few stayed for the social in the evening. Miss Adelaide Weil had a birthday party on Wednesday evening, it being her eighteenth birthday. A large party of young people from here had a sleigh ride over to "Old City" and presented Miss Weil with a five dollar gold piece. Refreshments were served during the evening and games were played. Announcements have been received in town of the marriage of Albert Henry Jourdan of Grafton to Miss Annie Rebecca Copeland of this town on Thursday, February 16. Miss Copeland has been a successful teacher at Grafton for several years. Miss Hazel Marshall was pleasantly surprised last week Thursday evening by a party of her friends, who called and presented her with a two dollar and a half gold piece, the occasion being her fifteenth birthday. Games were played and refreshments served. George L. Eastman and daughter, Miss Esther Eastman, recently presented an individual communion set to the M. E. church, as a memorial to their mother, who died one year ago last Christmas day. Bernice Woods gave a birthday party to her little friends on Wednesday afternoon. She was eight years old and received several presents. Among the guests in town for Feb-

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Reid Hall received bruises and several severe cuts upon his head and face Tuesday afternoon, while loading his log team. The log binder in some way flew and caused the injuries. He was taken home and Dr. H. B. Boynton sent for to dress the wounds. Mrs. Albert Scales is able to be about once more. Last week as she was starting out to make a neighborhood call she slipped on the doorstep and fell, injuring her back quite badly. Her sister, Miss Josephine Warner, is with her. Will Lang of Boston was in town over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire, accompanied by Miss Bessie McGuire, started on Wednesday for San Diego, Cal., via the New York Central and Santa Fe railroads. They are to surprise their son George, whom they have not seen for five years. They may visit Mr. McGuire's brother at Seattle, before returning, as they expect to be gone about two months. George McGuire will be remembered here as the genial clarinet player of the Ashby and Townsend bands. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire expect to greet a little grandchild, whom they have never yet seen. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Holton, who are home at Newburyport, on a furlough from Southern India missionary work, were the guests this week of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers. Mr. Holton was a classmate of Mr. Struthers at Amherst college and is, with his wife, doing mission work at the Madura mission in Southern India. Mrs. A. Richards is still quite ill and unable as yet to sit up. Mrs. Kellerman of Jersey City, who has lately moved on here with her children, is assisting with the work. A party of about thirty-six enjoyed a sleighride from Fitchburg on Monday evening and had supper at the Park hotel. The sleighride party was under the auspices of the First Congregational church of Fitchburg. Twenty-four members of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Ashby on Tuesday night and were royally entertained by their brother officers of that town. About twelve members of other lodges were present also. A chicken-pie supper was served and the social time and excellent sleighing made the evening a very enjoyable one. Several members of the newly-organized Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church attended the fifty-second meeting of the Nashua River Union of Christian Endeavorers held at Hollis, N. H., on Wednesday. The Monday club meeting was postponed for one week and will be with Miss Angela Boutelle, as first intended, next week. Charles T. Haynes had a bad fall in front of George Clarke's house last Friday morning, but fortunately no bones were broken and he was able to attend the L. B. S. supper the same evening. The sidewalks are very icy. Monday morning, Mrs. Warren Seaver slipped and fell near the residence of Mrs. A. L. Fessenden and received a severe shaking up besides cutting her head. The force of the fall drove the teeth of her back comb into her head so that they had to be removed after she was taken to a doctor's.

Mrs. A. D. Fessenden was called to Lancaster on Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rowell, her cousin. Mrs. Weatherby, who lives at Abel Spaulding's, and is also a relative, attended also. Mrs. William Chase, who for years made her home here on Brookline street, died at the West Village last Friday. The funeral was held at the Congregational church on Sunday, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating. The burial was in town. Mrs. Chase was eighty-four years old and leaves one son, William Chase of Danvers. She was a member of the brick church. Mrs. Newton Boutelle of Leominster was the guest of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden for a few days last week. Mrs. Daisy Beckford of Ayer was the guest of Mrs. Mabel Brackett last week Friday. There will be quite a number of young people who will join the Congregational church at the next communion service on March 5. There will be eight by confession of faith, and three by letter. The following will join: Harold F. Gray, David G. Howard, Arthur G. Eastman, Lester C. Swicker, Mrs. Myra T. Swicker, Ethel E. Farrar, Walter E. Bruce, Mrs. Adeline M. Bruce, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, Mrs. Mabel L. Gilman, Mrs. Mina F. Clarke.

Death. Mrs. Lydia Wright Heselton died suddenly at her late home, Wednesday afternoon, aged seventy-three years and two months. She was a great sufferer from a stomach trouble and had been in very ill health for the past few months. A general shock was the cause of death at the last. The funeral will be held at the house this Saturday afternoon and it is expected that Rev. Wm. Hodge, formerly pastor of the M. E. church will officiate. She leaves a husband, one son, William F. Heselton, and one daughter, Mrs. T. T. Gooden, both of this town; also, one sister, Mrs. Dora Gleason, living at Upton, and one brother Oscar residing in Michigan. Mrs. Heselton was a kind, lovable wife and neighbor and her presence will be greatly missed by all.

Entertainment. The L. B. S. of the Congregational church held a supper, entertainment and social in their vestries last week Friday night and both supper and entertainment were well patronized. The program consisted of a piano solo, Alberta Barber; song, Miss Adelaide Weil; violin solo, Miss Edna Haynes; and the two following farces, which were witty and full of life: "A pan of fudge." Bettina Spencer, a senior, Mabel Bliss Pauline Newman, her room-mate, Elizabeth Bryant, her chum, Elma Johnson Nita Dunbar, Adelaide Weil Rita Dunbar, Helen Achorn M'Le Celeste Dupre, French teacher Edna Haynes "A merry widow hat." Mrs. Julia Sims, school principal. Mrs. Elva King Mabel Garth, a pupil, Mrs. Mabel Bliss Ethel Noble, a pupil, Edna Haynes Nancy Noble, a country cousin, Helen Achorn Mary Ann Nickerson, looking for a place, Alberta Barber

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