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News Items.

Miss Mabel Lawrence went to Gleasondale last week Friday for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Braman.

Chauncey Robbins, who has been on the sick list for some time, is out once more.

Milton B. Hager and Miss Helen Ashman were married February 23 and have gone to housekeeping in West Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Priest spent Saturday and Sunday in Weston with Mrs. Priest's mother.

Miss Mary Nelson has been enjoying a week's vacation from her school duties.

Mrs. Littlefield and Mrs. Dudley attended the federation day meeting of the Ayer Woman's club on Wednesday.

Sam Wetherbee has just sent his parents a box of orange blossoms and oranges from his new home in California.

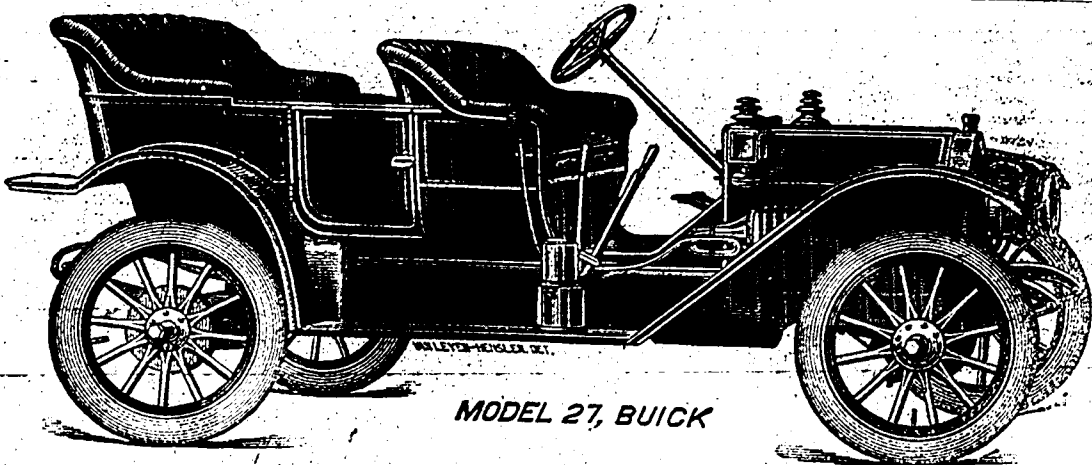
Our schools all closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee has received news of the death of her brother, Norman Wheeler, whose home was at Cottage Grove, Oregon. He was eighty years of age.

News has also been received of the death of John Lawton, who visited in town last summer and who was the last of the Lawton family who used to live here.

FOR A FEW DAYS LONGER
we will continue to dispose of what is left of the broken lots of **MEN'S CLOTHING, CAPS and FURNISHINGS** at a reduction in price.
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

There is to be a citizens' caucus in town hall on Monday evening, March 6.

The Lincoln club will discuss "The drink of evil," at the next meeting, March 5.

The Young People's Guild will be conducted by Miss Eunice Priest. Subject, "Booker T. Washington."

Miss Marlon Briggs of Boston was a week-end guest of her friend, Miss Margaret Thacher.

The Newtown whist club held its final meeting at George H. Cash's on last Saturday night.

The C. E. topic for March 5, is "Lessons from great lives—Moses." Miss Alice Libby is the leader at the Baptist church.

Littleton Endeavor societies are entitled to much credit for their good representation at the semi-annual C. E. convention held at Concord Junction on Wednesday, February 22. From the Orthodox Congregational society seven members were present, and from the Baptist, twenty-eight. The meeting was interesting and spiritually uplifting. Mrs. Leslie Hager was unable to keep her appointment as soloist, and Miss Mildred Flagg played the violin as a substitute. Rev. H. B. Drew was again elected president. Miss Mabel M. Parker was chosen Junior superintendent of the union, and Mrs. H. L. Packard was voted a member of the missionary committee.

Harry Hume is ill with the grippe. The King's Daughters' fair will be held in the Orthodox vestry on Thursday afternoon, April 13, from two to five o'clock.

Edwin N. Robinson returned on Saturday from his trip to Texas and is enthusiastic over Texas farms.

Miss Florence Whitcomb and Miss Ruth Prescott returned to Cushing academy on Monday. Miss Whitcomb has been ill with the prevailing epidemic during her vacation. She was able to score some pleasure, however, as previous to her illness she gave a delightful sleighing party and supper to Littleton friends in honor of her room-mate whom she entertained for several days.

The Backlog entertainment scheduled for March 9, has been postponed one week on account of the drama's being presented two evenings next week. On the evening of March 16, the club will have a literary entertainment provided by a Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Joseph Harwood, Misses Sarah and Phoebe White and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wilcox. The evening will be devoted to Kipling.

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Our Make-way Sale proved very satisfactory, but we still have some good things left, for the late buyers.

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Winter Suits, Overcoats Caps and Furnishings

as per list below, through the month of February, previous to Stock Taking.

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Sizes from 32 to 44.		Men's and Youths' with Convertible Collars, Sizes 34 to 42	
\$ 8.47 Suits, clean up price	\$5.47	\$12.00 Coats, clean up price	\$8.47
10.00 and \$12.00 Suits, clean up price	7.47	15.00 Coats, clean up price	10.47
15.00 Suits, clean up price	10.47	18.00 Coats, clean up price	12.47
18.00 Suits, clean up price	13.47	20.00 Coats, clean up price	14.47
20.00 Suits, clean up price	14.47	22.00 Coats, clean up price	15.47
22.00 Suits, clean up price	16.47		
One lot of Youth's Suits, sizes 31 to 35, clean up price	\$2.47	One lot of Twelve Coats, Fancy Patterns with Velvet Collars, sizes from 33 to 40 at Half Price to Clean Up.	
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING		MEN'S BLACK AND GREY KERSEY OVERCOATS	
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5.00 Suits now go for	2.50	15.00 Coats, clean up price	11.47
Knickerbocker Trousers Suits		20.00 Coats, clean up price	15.47
\$3.50 Suits reduced to	\$2.50	25.00 Coats, clean up price	20.47
4.00 Suits reduced to	2.89		
5.00 Suits reduced to	3.47		
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One lot regular price 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25, now reduced to your choice	23c.	Ages 8 to 16	
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		8.50 Coats, clean up price	6.47
		One lot of Odd Coats, all colors and sizes, clean up price	2.47
		CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS	
		Ages 4 to 12	
		\$2.75 Coats, clean up price	\$1.98
		4.00 Coats, clean up price	2.89
		5.00 Coats, clean up price	3.47
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One lot Men's Pants, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, now	\$1.50	Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, the 25c. kind	
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One lot Men's Heavy Working Gloves, \$1.00 kind	75c.	75c. Angora Tams, Greys, Blues and Reds	
One lot Men's Heavy Wool Hose, 35c. kind	25c.	\$1.00 Chinchilla and Angora Tams	
One lot Men's Heavy Wool Hose, 25c. kind	17c.	50c. Angora Toques	
One lot Men's Heavy Cotton Hose, 15c. kind	9c.		
One lot Men's Fancy Cotton Hose, 15c. kind	9c.		

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

An alarm of fire came from the house of John O'Brien on the Providence road on Wednesday evening during the supper hour. J. Herbert Fletcher and a number of his men of the Abbot-hose company responded with the chemicals and other apparatus. It turned out to be a chimney fire and subdued before any damage was done, which was a relief. Mrs. O'Brien is suffering with a broken arm and nobody wanted to see more misfortune come to this little family.

All the members of the Tadnuck club will bear in mind the specially attractive program for the next meeting. Miss Ellen H. Kimball of Worcester will address the club on "The power of good reading." The meeting will be in the Unitarian vestry on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, and each member is privileged to bring a guest on payment of the customary small fee. Club tea will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitney of Concord Junction have been guests this week at Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney's.

Miss Grace Lambert, who is caring for her brother's family at Oxford, has been spending a few days in town. Rev. David Wallace and H. G. Osgood attended the meeting for the remonstrants at the State house on Wednesday against any alteration in the Bar and Bait bill.

Miss Frances Wright, who has been so ill with pneumonia, is now reported as convalescing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and family expect soon to be back among their Westford friends again.

Harvey W. Tarbell has a large gang of men at work on the Abbot orchard, east of the postoffice, renovating these veteran trees according to modern orcharding as exemplified in the Munson-Drew methods. Years ago these trees were "trimmed up," literally so that a thirty-foot ladder was pretty necessary at harvesting time.

The newly-formed Board of Trade met last Saturday night to consider the possibility of electric lighting for the four villages of the town. The report of the committee on lighting was such that after voting in a number of new members, adjournment was taken to Tuesday evening when the committee reported further conference with officials of the Lowell Electric Light Company. A proposition was offered which was not fully satisfactory. Articles were prepared for insertion in the warrant for the approaching town meeting, so that if a satisfactory proposition can be brought before the voters they may have a chance to act on it.

Farmers' Institute.

Fully a dozen from Westford attended the Farmers' Institute at Tyngsboro on Wednesday, and it proved one of the best of the winter series in charge of Chairman Howard W. Foster.

The address of welcome was by the pastor of the Evangelical church, Mr. Brown, where the session was held, and responded to by Rev. Sarah A. Dixon, a former pastor. Professor William P. Brooks of the Agricultural college at Amherst, who gave a good address on the scope and work of the experiment station, was the speaker of the morning. Adjournment was made to the town hall for dinner in charge of the Ladies' Aid of the church where the sessions were held. It was excellent in variety and good service, and the accompanying exercises were most attractive. A good orchestra furnished music. S. Thompson Blood of Concord Junction, that prince of after-dinner entertainers, was fully up to his usual standard. Dr. Yarnell spoke for the Y. M. C. A., Rev. E. Victor Bigelow for the Boy Scouts, Principal Charles Eames for the Textile school.

The afternoon address was by David Snedden, advocating agricultural education in the high schools.

Well Managed Sales.

A cake and dainty sale at the William E. Frost school on Tuesday afternoon of this week, and also another at the Unitarian church on Wednesday afternoon, were particularly social, pleasant and well managed affairs.

At the Frost school the pupils in the four rooms, under the supervision of their teachers, sold cake, candy, ice cream, popcorn balls and beautiful plants of lily-of-the-valley grown by themselves. They did a good business and sold out their wares and added a substantial sum to their piano fund.

At the Unitarian church the good store of home cooked food, temptingly arranged, found ready customers, as did also the candy table.

Afternoon tea was served by the ladies, and Rev. B. H. Bailey entertained in his own charming fashion with readings.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. John Feeney, assisted by other willing helpers, had charge of this sale.

About Town.

Harold Fletcher on Oak hill, while stepping from a ladder to the ground last week, stepped on a rusty nail. Dr. Wells was called and removed the nail. The after ill effects that is liable to follow from stepping on a rusty nail has been averted.

There is considerable activity at Frookside mills preparatory to starting up after a shut down of several months. A new engine has been installed.

At a meeting of the republican town committee held last Monday evening

to organize for the year, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was elected chairman, Alfred Hartford, secretary, and Julian A. Cameron, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Walken) Bell added another member, the fourth to their family.

John A. Taylor writes from North Dakota of his recent trip to Winnipeg, Canada, to take part in a debate with Canadian talent in that city. Although the weather was biting cold, he bit the Canadians in argument more sharply than their weather bit him, and won the debate.

Gilman A. Wright returned last week Friday, from Connecticut, having been called thither to attend the funeral of Mrs. B. Daniel Thibbetts, Mr. Thibbetts being a brother of Mrs. Wright.

Sunday services at the Long-sought-for chapel next Sunday, Mr. Shepherd of Lowell of the "Shepherd" mission, will conduct the services, assisted by Mr. Trite, who has been leader for several Sundays.

The Board of Trade at its last meeting last Saturday evening elected John P. Wright a member of the committee on entertainments. John C. Abbot and Julian A. Cameron to serve on the committee on street lighting.

At the annual town meeting an article will appear in the warrant in regard to buying a power spray pump, to pump contaminated water to the homes of the moths. If the town decides to make the purchase, a saving can be effected by buying of the well-known firm of Massachusetts, Westford & Co., the senior partner of this firm agreeing to throw off one-half the price. Let us have this sprayer and begin to administer early on the estates of these moths.

The next meeting of the board of registrars will be held in Healey's hall, Graniteville, Monday evening, March 6, from 7.30 to nine p. m., and at Forge Village on next Friday evening at Abbot's hall. The date at Forge Village has been changed from Wednesday evening to Friday. The last meeting prior to the town meeting will be held at the town hall, Westford, Saturday, March 11, from noon to ten p. m.

The democrats will hold a caucus to nominate town officers at the town hall on Tuesday evening, March 7.

To all who are charmed with silver-tongued oratory, an opportunity is given to hear next Thursday evening, William Jennings Bryan, who will give an address in Lowell at the First Universalist church on Hurd street.

A grandmothers' club has been organized in West Chelmsford. Mrs. S. L. Taylor has been elected a member. The first meeting was held with Mrs. John Foye.

Westford was well represented at the Masonic lecture in Lowell on Tuesday evening at the First Baptist church. The lecture was an outline of Masonry for eight hundred years.

George Albert Drew was in town last week visiting his mother on the Boston road. He has a whole township of friendship here, that would have been glad to have chatted along the lines of orcharding.

Club Meeting.

At the meeting of the Fortnightly club last week Friday evening, at the Wright schoolhouse on the Groton road, the following program was observed and the meeting was called to order by Arthur T. Blodgett:

Duet, violins, Arthur T. Blodgett and Walter Steele; song, Rachel Wall; reading, Lillian Wright; song, Mrs. Arthur Blodgett; recitation, Horace C. Gougeon; oration, Joseph Wall; read, G. Edwin H. Gould; duet, violins, Blodgett and Steele; recitation, Mrs. Edwin H. Gould; advice, Samuel L. Taylor; recitation, followed by music by the Blodgett-Steele orchestra, with Joseph Wall, promoter, and F. A. Blodgett, door director.

Mrs. Archie T. Blodgett and Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman passed around home made candy and cake. Mrs. Lillian Wright and Edwin H. Gould were appointed on the executive committee in place of the expired terms of Mrs. Arthur Blodgett and Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman.

The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, March 10, at which time the annual "town meeting" will get a preliminary settlement prior to the real battling article on March 20.

Hon. Frank P. Bennett, jr., senator from this district, has promised to give an address before this club later in the season.

"Annals of a Neighborhood."

The very interesting historical contributions by E. A. Richardson of Ayer, still hold their interest and the only regretful word in the last article and the last word, "to be concluded," better substitute the word "continued." The two correspondents in Westford vary a little in regard to the chapel near the Nutting cemetery—one says foundation for a cellar, and the other speaks of "the chapel in which Ernest Dane is now living." Both descriptions are true.

After the present chapel was built, a desire was expressed for a larger building; hence the foundation for the cellar as it now exists, a few rods north of the original chapel. Under the larger attempt everything was to be on the Community basis. All things "common."

They had proceeded but a little way in the new venture before there was disagreement in the interpretation of the meaning of the words: "all things common." Asa Nutting and a Mr. Craig, who had abundance of conservative sense, also about all the cents to promote the building, led one faction, and the other side were all leaders of a heterogeneous make up, and in the words of Mr. Nutting: "If this is the interpretation of Community, we will stop right here," and not another stone has been laid since. The writer well remembers the Mr. Craig referred to, tall, straight and a long flowing beard. He was an interesting and unique personality, and was one of "leaven" of Millisism. Two grandsons are brakemen on the Stony Brook freight, so authority says.

Forge Village.

The Girls' Friendly society, at the conclusion of their meeting on last Wednesday evening, held a very pleasant musical hour in charge of the intermediate committee. Songs were

rendered by Annie Orr, Mary Cherry, Edith Spinner and Hugh Comey, Miss Mabel Phelps and Miss Hazel Comey favored the society with selected recitations. Miss Edith Spinner played a solo on the piano.

A party of fishermen who had been enjoying the "sport" up in the "Narrows," last week neglected to put out a fire which they had made, with the result that after they had left for home the embers having been fanned by the breeze, spread to a large pine tree on the banks, which caused quite a blaze for awhile. Some village people, seeing the flames, thought it was a camp on fire, but when the firemen reached there, they were quickly undeceived and soon had the fire under control.

Daniel Sullivan of Boston, formerly of this village, was the week-end guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Pond street.

Charles Flanagan is about again after his week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyde of Ayer spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hyde's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc.

Mr. and Mrs. Leclerc's daughter, Mrs. Henry Byron and children of Marlboro is visiting them this week.

Miss Abbie Splain is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Rose of Belmont.

Miss Theresa Lowther and her niece, Miss Rachel Cherry, spent the week-end at Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackie of Groton visited at the home of Mrs. Lowther on Sunday. Mrs. Lackie was before her marriage, Miss Maude Marshall of this village.

A surprise party was given to Miss Nellie Oldham at her home on Pond street on Saturday evening, by her many friends. Before departing, Miss Oldham was presented a solid gold chain.

Henry Catchpole is confined to his home by illness.

Robert Granger was the guest of Francis Lowther on Tuesday.

Wednesday evening at St. Andrew's mission, the first Lenten service was held by Rev. Mr. Birkhead.

Holy communion service will be held at St. Andrew's on Sunday morning at 8.45 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will preach.

In Abbot hall on last Sunday morning, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield held service in place of Rev. M. E. Doherty, who, on account of serious illness, was unable to be present. Fr. Doherty is very ill at the parish house, North Chelmsford, and the sympathy of his many friends here is extended to him, who sincerely hope that he may have a speedy recovery.

On next Wednesday evening, Lenten services will be held in the hall at 7.30 o'clock.

The Racing.

The horse racing on Forge pond on Saturday brought out as large a crowd, if not larger, than the race of last week.

The racing, which was run under the same conditions as last week, was open to Westford, Littleton and Groton, but only Westford and Littleton participated.

The track was in the same poor slushy condition of last week, owing to the warm spell which made it heavy going, and again this was to the advantage of Henry Healy's chestnut "Joe," of Graniteville, who captured the first prize. Austin Healy's "Dolly," took second, but "had to go some," as both Yapp's bay and Dr. Blaney's "Knox Gelatine Boy" were close at her heels. W. Yapp's bay captured third prize, which made the score the same as the previous race.

Edward Redding of Lowell officiated as starter, assisted by Lou Sutherland of Westford and Elmer Nutting of this village. The judges who gave the decision were: Charles Brooks of Graniteville, Al. Gilmore of West Acton, and Alfred Drolette of this village.

The prizes were offered by the lovers of sport of this village and consisted of a fine horse blanket, first; pair of quarter-boots, second; whip, third.

The success of the meet was due to Fred Swaet, Elmer Nutting and Alfred Drolette, who have exerted untiring efforts in the cause.

Large Attendance.

Recreation hall was the scene on Tuesday evening of one of the largest gatherings ever assembled, who came to partake of the supper and take in the entertainment and dancing. A most delicious supper was served under the direction of the Ladies' Sewing circle. It is a long time since these ladies were kept so busy waiting upon their guests, who always find their supper well worth partonizing.

The ladies in charge and who are responsible for the success of this supper were the following: Mrs. Richard D. Prescott, Mrs. Henry Catchpole, Mrs. George Sanborn, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Mrs. Fernald, Mrs. B. Comey, Mrs. Nelson Prescott, Mrs. David Lord and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Immediately following the supper a most enjoyable entertainment was given under the direction of the Girls' Friendly society. George Wilson opened the program with a piano solo. Then followed a song and flag drill by some of the little girls who were dressed in white with soldier caps and flags and red, white and blue sashes; "Songs of Uncle Sam." Miss Marlon Blodgett accompanied them on the piano. Miss Emily Collins and Miss Blodgett have both the credit of the success of this number. Miss Edith Spinner, piano and William Davis, violin, was the next number.

Then came the principal event of the evening, the one-act comedy-drama, entitled, "Ma Sweet and her family of seven talented daughters," which made a great hit and brought down the house with applause. The program opened with a greeting song by the Sweet family.

Miss Sarah Precious in her impersonation of "Ma Sweet," certainly took her part in a very able manner, and the way she introduced each daughter to the audience won for her much applause. In her recitation, "The city choir," Miss Precious showed her ability as a reader and on the

whole, she certainly made a real up-to-date leading lady.

Miss Helen Lord, the eldest daughter, who took the part of Arminty Ann, was the prima donna, and the way in which she rendered her songs in a cracked voice, would be hard to imitate, won for her much applause.

Betsy Bellamy, a leader of suffragettes, made an excellent address on "Woman's rights," which was well applauded and her costume caused much laughter. Caroline Cordella and Dorothy Dellah were twins and "only for their faces and hair no one could tell them apart." Caroline Cordella, in her lisp composition, "Susan's sweet heart," was excellent, and Dorothy Dellah, who was educated at the "Boston Observatory," gave a selection on the organ which was a rare treat.

The dramatic recitationist of the evening, Elizabeth Eliza, then followed with the recitation "Marco Bozaris," and did nobly. Frances Fedory, the lovelick maiden of the family, who lost her opportunity of marriage by saying "No," from force of habit, when she should have said "Yes," was well applauded. She gave a reading "An old maid's warning," which was good advice for all young ladies to say "Yes," when the opportunity called for it.

Gloriana Gaddabout, the comedienne of the evening, certainly deserves praise. She kept the audience in screams of laughter from the time she appeared until the close of the drama by her willingness to bow whenever she had a chance. The play would have been lost without her.

The specialties were well applauded and were acted in a creditable manner. The song, "Goodnight," by the family, closed the performance amid the applause of the audience.

The floor was then cleared for dancing to the music of the "Sweet family" orchestra, and was enjoyed till a late hour.

The proceeds of the affair, which netted about twenty dollars, will be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission. The cast was as follows:

Ma Sweet, a lone widow, Sarah Precious; Arminty Ann, prima donna, Helen Lord; Betsy Bellamy, suffragette, May Lord; Caroline Cordella, writer, C. Precious; Dorothy Dellah, musician, Edith Precious; Elizabeth Eliza, recitationist, Della Drake; Francis Fedory, lovelick maiden, Rachel Cherry; Gloriana Gaddabout, who giggles, Marion Lord.

Miss Emily Collins had general charge of the entertainment.

Graniteville.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held a very successful dancing party in Healy's hall last Saturday evening, which was largely attended. The Colonial orchestra from Lowell furnished excellent music for dancing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many people were present from Ayer, North Chelmsford, Forge Village and other surrounding towns. The affair was in charge of the following committee: Thomas Hughes, general manager; William Wall, floor director; aids, members of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyaacinth LeDuc of this village have returned home after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riney of Camden, N. J. Mrs. T. A. Riney will be remembered as Miss Louisa LeDuc of this village.

Last Wednesday evening the Social Six club assembled at the home of Mrs. Lucy Blood of this village through the kind invitation of Miss B. S. Galbraith, a member of the club. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games, cards and a short musical program which concluded the evening's entertainment. During the evening a dainty luncheon was served by the young ladies, which was greatly enjoyed by the guests of the evening. After all had joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," their pleasant affair came to a close.

At the nine o'clock mass, celebrated in Healy's hall on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, sadly announced that the curate, Rev. Michael E. Doherty, is now seriously ill at the parochial residence at St. John's church, North Chelmsford. This came as a great surprise to the parishioners of St. Catherine's church here, as they did not know that Fr. Doherty was sick. He has made many friends here since he became assistant to Fr. Schofield, and it is the sincere wish of all that he may have a speedy recovery from his present illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Colson of Clinton have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. LeDuc in this village, and will soon take up their residence in North Chelmsford, where Mr. Colson is engaged in business.

The horse race in Forge Village last Saturday attracted the usual large crowd from here. There was no change in the results from the week before, both first and second prizes being won by Henry and Austin Healy, respectively, of this village. Graniteville is right there when it comes to speed.

The first of the Lenten devotion was held in Healy's hall on Ash Wednesday evening at 7.30. A large attendance turned out.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held their regular meeting in the rooms of the society on Monday night. Business of importance was transacted, and the report of the last social dance. Three candidates were initiated into membership, and two applications received. The society is now getting along well, and the rooms are open every evening in the week for the comfort and pleasure of its members.

Deaths.

Mrs. Bridget Conwell, widow of the late John Conwell, formerly of East Groton, died at the home of her son, John Conwell, in Westford, near the Littleton line, on Friday, February 24, aged eighty years. She leaves two sons—John of Westford, and Charles of Tyngsboro—also two married daughters in Boston, as well as many near relatives in Westford and Tyngsboro. The funeral took place from her home on Monday morning, February 27, at nine o'clock, a high mass of requiem being celebrated in Healy's

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hall, Graniteville, by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, pastor of St. Catherine's church. Miss Mary Hanley presided at the organ and a mixed quartet, composed of Miss Rebecca LeDuc, Miss Catherine Hanley, Mrs. Helen McLena and J. B. Riney, sang the Gregorian chant. At the offertory, Miss Mary Hanley sang "Pie Jesu." The bearers were Frank Conwell, Charles Conwell, Daniel Dilbert and William Leahy. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

Wedding.
The marriage of Miss Minnie Alforth of Lawrence and Mark Palmer of this village, took place at the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon, March 1. After the ceremony a lunch was served at the bride's home, after which the happy couple departed for New York and Washington. On their return they will make their home at the home of the groom in this village. Miss Minnie Alforth was well and favorably known here, having lived here for the past three years, being employed as head bookkeeper for G. C. Sargent & Sons. Mr. Palmer is the son of Louis Palmer, the well-known stone contractor. The happy couple have the best wishes of their friends who wish them peace and happiness in their wedded life.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of HARVEY D. BROWN, late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to FRANK C. PARSONS, Executor. Littleton, Mass., Feb. 20, 1911. 3125

BOXBOROUGH.

Wedded Fifty Years.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hemenway of South Framingham, after a happy wedded life of half a century, where they are well-known and highly esteemed, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway, assisted by relatives and friends, were showered with felicitations of their guests, whom they received in an informal, pleasing and entertaining manner, and they were made the recipients of many beautiful gifts in token of the high esteem in which they are held in the neighborhood in which they have lived for so many years. Among the presents were many in gold, and they were also showered with a number of very pretty bouquets of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield of Boxborough, Mrs. Littlefield being their daughter and only survivor of their three children, while their two grandchildren—Charles, Albert and Earl Raymond Littlefield—assisted in serving. Little Miss Harriet Winch, daughter of ex-Representative and Mrs. Harry N. Winch, received the guests at the door and friends were present from Concord, West Acton, Littleton, Boxborough, Woburn and Nashua, N. H., as well as South Framingham. All united to make this occasion a pleasant and memorable one, expressing the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway may be enabled to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary ten years hence.

Mrs. Hemenway's maiden name was Miss Caroline Adams and she is a native of Concord, where she was born on October 3, 1843, the daughter of James and Jane T. Adams. They were married in Concord on February 17, 1861, by Rev. Grindall Reynolds, and strangely enough, not one of those present at the ceremony, other than the bride and groom, survives today. Both enjoy excellent health.

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 al., 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 situate 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 16 1/2 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 said last-mentioned road to the place of beginning. Containing 4 1/2 acres, more or less.

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Trustees of the United Society of Believers of Harvard and Shirley.
February 23, 1911. 3124

The Annals of a Neighborhood.
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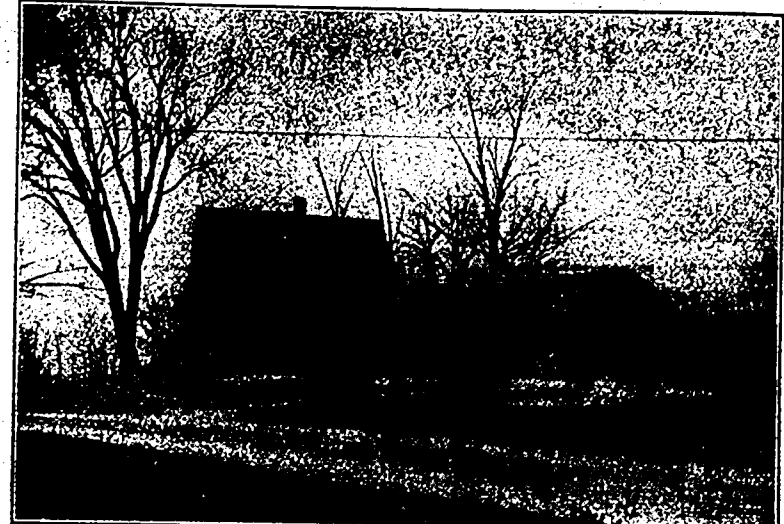
Before 1860 John Mekeken Gilson bought the Levi Stone farm just south of school No. 2 beyond the big pine woods, and had sold the dwelling house to one Otis, who moved it up on the hill towards Groton, but he became discouraged and never finished it, and in the early seventies it became a ruin and all the windows in it were out of it, so to speak. What the school boys failed to destroy the winds and weather finished and a depression in the pasture marks the cellar of the house.

Near here Russell lane, closed to

gravel before 1850, led easterly across the railroad to the Sumner Boynton farm on the "other road" and where a small stream flows down beside the track, Samuel N. Hartwell had repaired an old dam and flowed up a considerable pond for skating on his father's farm to the delight of his youthful companions, as it is today for the Groton School boys.

The pasture was sold in 1860 by Mr. Hartwell to Mr. John M. Gilson and is now a part of the holdings of the last-mentioned school and used for golf links.

The house occupied in the sixties by Noah Moulton was the one built by Nabby Stanley before 1823.



House of the Big Roof. 1857-1911.

Another old landmark is the big roof house at the top of the hill on the Ayer-Groton road, which, when purchased by Mrs. Lucy M. Richardson, was really two houses close together. Mrs. Richardson had Benjamin F. Hartwell cover the whole with one large roof and fill in between with other rooms, not a difficult job for Mr. Hartwell, who as a climax to his building career erected for the town the new High school building in 1870, at Groton Centre.

Mrs. Richardson sold the big roof house to Benjamin Needham for his occupancy, when he operated the yeast factory and she also sold the Richards place to Mrs. Ann Gilson.

An account of the Community would be incomplete without mention of the associations of old No. 2, or Moors school as it was afterwards called by vote March 2, 1874, from the Moors family who lived near it for generations on the the Junction road.

This schoolhouse was probably built in 1792, with several others and the old hipped-roof was replaced in 1866, by the present one.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, the historian of Groton, informs me that the present building was standing in 1817, as he was often reminded by his father, Dr. Joshua Green, who taught school there for one year, during his college course at Harvard which extended over the years 1814 to 1818.

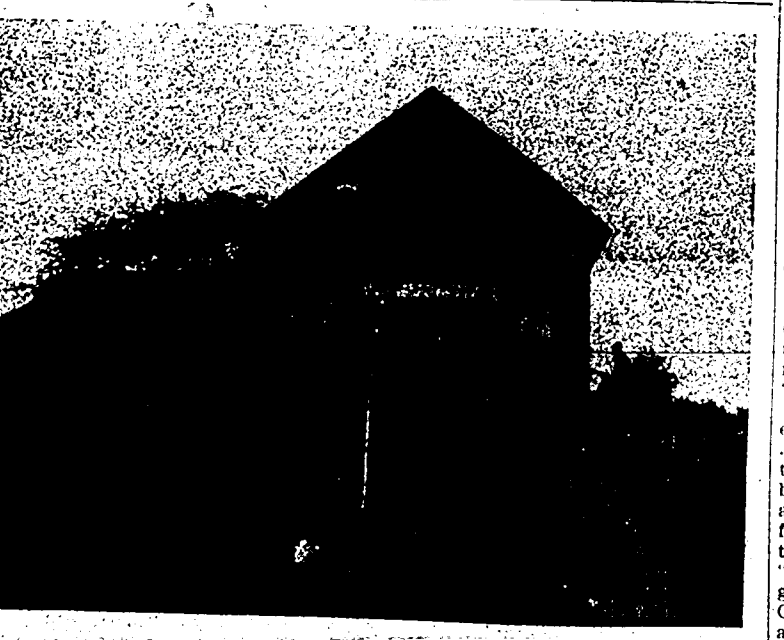
It is doubtful if a complete list of teachers of this school will ever be made, for the old records of the schools of Groton are rather brief and some of the loose sheets or books are undoubtedly lost.

I have been able to secure recently an almost complete list of teachers and pupils from 1851 to the present date and the extended list of pupils is interesting as showing the names of families living in the community neighborhood during that period.

For many years it was the custom to have a woman teacher in the summer term and a man teacher in the winter when the big boys attended and he was supposed to be able to thrash all whom he judged to need it.

The list of teachers so far as obtainable from the records is as follows:

- 1851. John F. Towne.
- 1852. Alma Willard; Alden Ladd.
- 1853. Agnes E. Pollard; Alden Ladd.
- 1854. Mary E. Andrews; Mary P. Baker.
- 1855. Mary P. Baker; J. E. Westgate.
- 1856. Jane E. Davis; Solomon Flagg.
- 1857. Amanda Brown; J. E. Westgate.
- 1858. Susan F. Bancroft; Cecil F. P. Bancroft.
- 1859. Susan F. Bancroft; Cecil F. P. Bancroft.
- 1860. Susan F. Bancroft; Rufus Livermore.
- 1861. Susan F. Bancroft; George A. Bruce.
- 1862. Julia M. Page; Charles E. Bigelow.
- 1863. Emma C. Hartwell; Emma C. Hartwell.
- 1864. Emma C. Hartwell; Benjamin H. Hartwell.
- 1865. Lizzie S. Jaquith; Maria Wright.
- 1866. Fannie E. Wright; James C. C. Parker.
- 1867. Fannie E. Wright; Jennie Wright.
- 1868. Cynthia A. Goodnow; Andrew F. Reed.
- 1869. Arabella Prescott; Andrew F. Reed.
- 1870. Jennie A. Hunt; Jennie Wright, two terms.
- 1871. Jennie Wright, three terms.
- 1872. Jennie Wright; Lucy Hill; Ellen M. Torrey.
- 1873-4-5-6. Ellen M. Torrey.
- 1877. Clara F. Woods, three terms.
- 1878. Clara F. Woods; Abby D. Pennington; J. H. Warren.
- 1879. Anna Bancroft, two terms; Sarah F. Longley, one term.
- 1880-1891. Sarah F. Longley, thirty-five terms.
- 1891. D. L. Bailey taught in winter.
- 1891. Sarah F. Longley, two terms.
- 1892. N. J. May, two terms.
- 1892. Sarah F. Longley, one term.
- 1893. M. Leola Wright, one term.
- 1893. Sarah F. Longley, two terms.
- 1894-1907. Sarah F. Longley, forty-four terms.
- 1908. Mary H. Kimball, two terms.
- 1908-1911. Sarah F. Longley, eight terms.



Moors School. 1792-1911.

In the above list where there are two names the first name in each year was the teacher for the spring term and the second for the winter term, which extended over into the next year and both terms varied somewhat in length according to the amount of money available in the district.

The two Bancrofts teaching in 1859 were sister and brother, as were also the two Hartwells, who taught in 1864.

Mr. Bancroft afterwards became principal of Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., and Mr. Hartwell was the late Dr. Hartwell of Ayer, who was a successful teacher, before he entered upon the profession in which he became so eminent. In the winter of 1859 he was a pupil in the same school with his brother Harris.

During the years of the long service of Miss Longley at her request she was relieved that she might spend a season in California, and her total number of terms of teaching at this school including the present one, is ninety-three.

The writer desires to obtain the address, present occupation or any in-

formation in relation to the past teachers of this school, also the address of any former pupils not living in this immediate vicinity. It seems desirable to secure a more extended record of this school—its teachers and scholars with a possibility of a reunion at some future date.

Now that we are older grown we are inclined to excuse our dear old teachers for sundry penalties inflicted upon us for misbehavior. We think to-day, that we would never again merit punishment and be obliged to toe the mark or hold our finger on a particular nail head in the floor with pendent back and watch at the knot hole until we caught the little mouse.

One old scholar recalls how a lot of boys had to "squat" in a row "down front," sitting on the calves of their legs, as a punishment for prolonging their recess on the ice at the pond in the pasture. They never forget that difficult task.

How did we ever manage to sit under the teacher's desk, where we would be in readiness to accept the promised punishment after school.



Benjamin F. Hartwell Home. 1847-1897.

Never again would we put a board on the chimney to smoke out the school so that we might have a recess and be compelled to carry the smoking stove out of doors, fire and all.

We wish now we had been teacher's favorite scholar so that "me an' Charlie" could go over to the spring and get a pail of water and the farther spring was the one selected, of course.

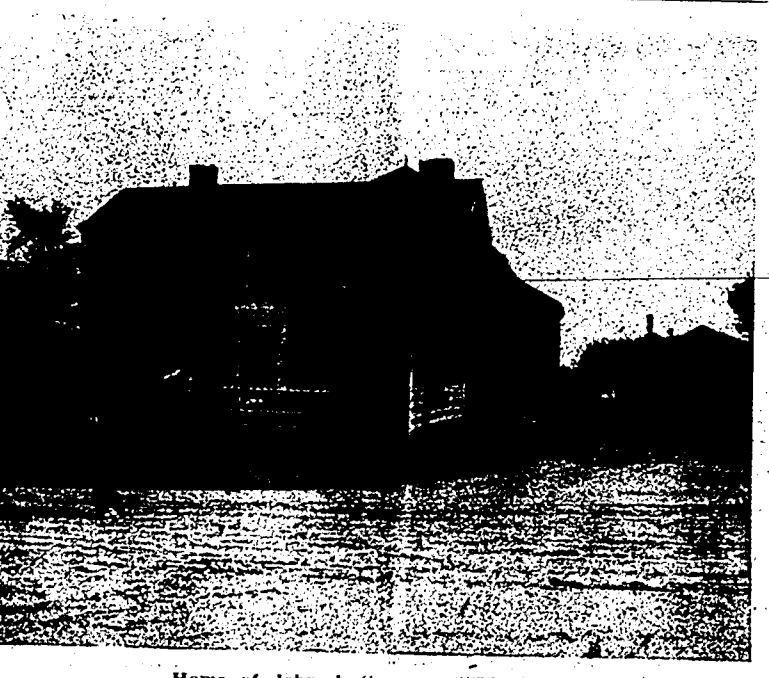
When the spelling match was on how slyly we would miss the word because we hated to go above our dear schoolmate and she shyly and perhaps half unwillingly accepted the intended favor and thanked us with her smile. When we were quite younger what a disgrace it was to be made to sit on the girl's side by the side of a girl. Still we have all changed since then. The older ones always coveted the back seats even if they had to stretch to make their feet touch the floor. How delighted the scholars were when our teacher was permitted to make an ascension in the balloon after it had alighted at the Sumner Graves farm on September 27, 1871.

These were only incidents out of a countless number occurring in a very busy school. All the quarrels and petty jealousies in scholarship and otherwise are smoothed over and the old scholars can feel that they tried to improve the passing time.

Some of the boys and girls went from this school to the academy and high school at Groton Centre, but it was here they laid the foundation for a useful career.

The former pupils of old No. 2 now living will hold in loving remembrance those teachers who endeavored to implant in their minds a desire for a better education than those who preceded them were permitted to enjoy.

On the Moors farm in 1847 lived Benjamin Moors, a venerable man who used to ride about in a yellow chaise, one of the relics of earlier days and year here, as shown on the 1847 map, Horace Evans, grandfather of Harrison E. Evans of Ayer, lived in a house which was moved on wheels by oxen to South Groton to the present Bligh street by Mr. Bligh, a railroad contractor during the construction period.



Home of John J. Graves. 1834-1860.

Aaron Mason bought the Moors farm in 1850. The former owner had a large hop field and a hop house on the land where the house of James Culver now stands, but Mr. Mason with strong temperance principles would have none of it. He moved away the hop house, cut up the hop poles for firewood and planted the fields with crops that did not enter into malted liquors. He was blessed with four daughters—Lizzie, before mentioned; Susan, who married Philip D. Dickson; Ellen, who married Valancourt Stone, and Martha, who married Alonzo E. Willis.

Mr. Mason moved to South Groton in 1855, after he had sold to Elisha Gould Culver of West Hartford, Vermont, and for a while he lived at the present J. H. Whitcomb house and on Cambridge street in a house near Columbia street. He then built the house now occupied by Mrs. Ella Stone, where he died April 8, 1875, aged seventy-five years, five years after the death of Mrs. Mason.

Their four daughters lie beside their parents in the Mason lot in Woodlawn Cemetery at Ayer.

Mr. Culver sold the farm to Mr. Harriman and he, in 1859, to William Chase and Mr. Chase in 1867 sold it to Nathan Franklin Culver, who had married Mary Farnsworth, a ward of "Aunt Betsey" Farnsworth.

On the road towards Groton as early as 1834, there lived John Jackson Graves, who owned most of the land where the Groton School buildings now are. Mr. Graves was a country trader and butcher, and was full of palaver, jovial and good natured, and was familiarly known as "Jack" Graves, by virtue of his two given names. He moved to Groton Centre in 1869, and died there in 1871, aged fifty-nine.

On the place, in later years known as the Scanlan place, lived old Tom Dodge, a queer fellow who always wore a leather apron and if asked to ride would reply, "No too big a hurry." It was directly opposite the Scanlan place that the first chapel of the Groton school was built. It was in October, 1905, moved to Groton, and remodelled, and is now the Catholic church in the village.

In 1840, Nathan Franklin Culver lived in the John Page house, a very old house in Groton. This stood in the northeast corner of the town, on the farm on the west side of Farmers' Row, and was taken down in 1870.

John Page was an original proprietor in Groton, and also owned a sawmill in the south part of the town, now Ayer. He was the direct ancestor of the late Thomas and Alfred Page, who both lived and died in Ayer.

Osgood Putnam lived on the large farm further along, having moved up from "over the river," where he had been an extensive grower of hops when that was an active industry in New England.

It is doubtful if any country road in New England furnished so many volunteers in the war of the rebellion. From the Luke Farnsworth house to the Waitt farm, a short mile, in which were thirteen consecutive houses, eleven men enlisted. They were George Farnsworth, Michael Hackett, Thomas Gilson, Sumner Gilson, Alvan Messer, Albion Messer, Charles Messer, Alfred A. Richardson, Rufus B. Richardson, Leander S. Kendall, Harrison Waitt. Five of these were in Co. B, Sixth regiment, recruited in Groton. One of this number, Alfred Austin Richardson, gave up his young life at Suffolk, Virginia, and during the war period his remains were brought to the home of his mother.



Groton Academy. Erected 1793—Burned July 4, 1868.

er and then taken to Westford for interment. Noah Moulton also enlisted from the neighborhood in Co. B, from the old Nabby Stanley house, before mentioned, on the "Junction" road.

As further showing that the military spirit was not dormant in the

Community, we may add to these, others who were boys in the neighborhood at one time, Henry and Walter Dickson, Daniel Kendall and W. H. I. Hayes, known in the army as "Old Hundred," a name which followed him and was given to a brand of cigars

he afterwards manufactured in Lowell where he later lived and died. He is said to have been one of the very youngest "men" to have ever carried a gun in the war, having enlisted at the age of thirteen. The nickname was given him on account of his small stature, youthfulness and droll wit.

For a time he and his mother lived on the Moors farm in the family of William Chase, whose daughter he married.

For returned soldiers settling in the neighborhood we had Jordan Goodwin, Nelson Root, Harrison Goding, John Bishop and John Keating.

When the war was over, the returned soldier boys, lacking a target, used to practice shooting across the field at the abandoned yeast house, and for years there was a bullet hole in the front door said to have been put there by the irrepressible Rufus.

After the 1860 sale, the successive owners of the Hall place were Abel

Fuller, William Chase, Alfred Pollard, Abel L. Lawton, Nelson Root, Sumner Hilliard, Mr. Daggett, Mr. Watson, Marshall Davis and finally Mr. William Amory Gardner and the buildings were destroyed by fire February 13, 1891, when occupied by Mr. Jefferson, an instructor at Groton school.

In the early seventies "ghosts" were seen in and about the premises and the youth of the neighborhood stood agape at the house "all lighted up with candles." Rev. Crawford Nightingale, in commenting on the circumstance, said in his drawing way: "They are real practical kind of ghosts since they left their candles in dishes of sand."

It is supposed that some one tried to depress the value of the place to the owner at that time by this uncanny display.

On the Shirley road below the Dickson farm, now the Dickinson farm, lived Jacob Pollard and son Alfred and daughters Mary Jane and



Home of John H. Hartwell. 1847-1860.

Sarah, Thomas Pollard, another son, had moved to the Whittemore place near James Brook, and a daughter Agnes had married Asa Stillman Lawrence of Groton. Another daughter Lucy, was the wife of John Jackson Graves.

The frequency of the lawsuits between Jacob Pollard and Sylvester Jacobs, who lived on the "other road," was quite noticeable, and they extended over a long period and were mostly questions of trespass and land damages.

After the death of his wife, Agnes, Asa Stillman Lawrence married the widow of Alfred Pollard and settled the estate of Mr. Pollard to the satisfaction of his wife at least. The second Mrs. Lawrence was Jane, a daughter of Nathaniel Davis, the next door neighbor of the Pollards.

Two daughters of Jacob Pollard, Mrs. Mary Jane Hazen Hastings and Mrs. Sarah Pollard Holt, are both living in Sterling and are considerably over eighty years of age.

The Nathaniel Davis place, where more recently Mr. Achorn lived, was a part of the farm of Major Amos Farnsworth. This portion was also the home of Miss Elizabeth Farnsworth until she sold to Mr. Davis and moved to Groton in 1850, where she died on February 2, 1884, aged ninety-one years. On the lower portion stands the old farmhouse, occupied in 1847, by Luke Farnsworth and his family.

In keeping with their ardor for the defence of the country, have been the efforts of the Community youth to obtain a liberal education. In 1863, Edward D. Dickinson, Henry G. Graves, Samuel L. Graves, Amos B. Putnam, Rufus B. Richardson, Harris C. Hartwell and his sister, Emma C. Hartwell, all attended Lawrence Academy at the same time, and many will recall the friendly rivalry and exchange of information between them. When the boys later came home from college, their vocal efforts in the declination of Greek and Latin words, from house to house, awoke the neighborhood.

Some of them had left school to go to the war and in the period after we find them in various colleges—Rufus Richardson at Yale, Harris Hartwell at Harvard, Samuel Graves and Amos Putnam at Amherst, and Benjamin H. Hartwell at Jefferson Medical college, and Harrison Waitt studying for the ministry. These were followed, a few years later, by two sons of Joseph H. Richardson, Charles H., and Edward A. Richardson, who were both in Yale together in 1880, and by Samuel S. Watson, who went to Harvard in 1881.

While the youth of the period before 1860, were not much encouraged in attending school and were led to believe that work was the chief end to be sought next to the church, those coming after seemed to break away from their restraint. A desire to mingle with the world became manifest, and the children of the various newcomers for the last fifty years have lived in a healthful, social atmosphere. We recall many evening gatherings, coasting and skating parties, family picnics and trips to the Nashua for fishing and a plunge in the old swimming hole down near the island, which was once "the neck."

To a one-time resident, the changes in the neighborhood are quite noticeable. The advent of the Groton School in 1884, and its extension has caused the removal of many of the old houses and fire has put its effacing hand on others.

The John Hartwell farm buildings were moved in 1898, and separated, the house now standing just north of the old Graves house and the barn removed into the pasture. This barn was built for Stephen M. Kendall, with timber cut in the Knops pond woods and sawed out at the old Lathrop mill at the outlet of the pond. The Richards, Leighton and Benjamin Hartwell houses have been removed to make room for the more pretentious buildings of Mr. Gardner, while the erection of the Joy mansion led to the removal of the Parker house in 1885, and the Fitz house, which was taken down after 1900.

The old barn on the Pollard place was burned on May 16, 1877, and that

on the Graves place, then owned by the school, was struck by lightning on May 30, 1887, and burned. The Goodwin house, then owned by Mrs. Powell, was destroyed by fire on July 19, 1904. The barn at the Aaron Mason or Culver farm being in a dilapidated condition, was taken down.

Few of the old landmarks remain, but on the ashes of the old ideas, as it were, has arisen this new Phoenix, an active, aggressive institution of learning and lasting benefit.

The changes in ownership of some of the old places in the village have been frequent, and while it has not been the intent of the writer to enumerate the many different families, an attempt has been made to record the movement of those who were living there in the Second Advent period.

There were many honest, earnest boys and girls, who have gone out from these homes and filled important places in the world.

The establishment of the Groton school on ground which may rightly be called in the Community, was a distinct epoch in the history of Groton, and the beautiful situation which made life so enjoyable there in former years, has contributed in a large measure to its success apart from the excellent methods of teaching and its management. The sojourner in other lands returns with pleasure to this delightful country road and to the westward looks across the valley of the Nashua to the extended horizon of distant mountains.

Monadnock, Watatic and Wachusett, dominate the view, but the "woods and templed hills" of various points around, all go to make up a picture upon which the eyes, tired of other scenes, seem to rest. It is a glorious prospect and restful in the softness of the outline and one that has made an impress upon all who have lived in this part of the good old town of Groton.

EDWARD A. RICHARDSON.
Ayer, Mass., February 1911.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The Boston Post of February 26, has a large and natural looking picture of Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck of this town. Mrs. Shattuck claims to have clothed herself for the past fifty-three years on an average sum of ten dollars a year. Her views and experience in dressing economically, yet tastefully, are given in quite a lengthy story in the Post.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Northrup in Somerville. The two Northrup girls, Dorothy and Helen, having a week's vacation from their school in Somerville, are spending it at their mother's old home in Groton.

Commencing March 1, and continuing through the remainder of this week, conferences along the line of rural progress, agricultural education, etc., have been held in Boston. It may interest the Village Improvement society and others in Groton to learn that "Home and school garden club," and "The New England Home Economics association" hold conferences at respectively the State house and Simmons college, Boston, today, Saturday, March 4, commencing at 10.30 a. m.

Lawyer Brewer of Boston, with others of his family, were recent guests at Groton Inn, staying there over Sunday. Mr. Brewer was an associate of Lawyer Melville Johnson on the LeBlanc case and is feeling yet the ill effects on his health from the long drawn out case.

The committee on appropriations will meet in the lower town hall on Thursday evening, March 3, at eight o'clock.

A handsome new organ was placed in the Roman Catholic church on March 1, which was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Rev. W. J. Batt of Concord Junction, who is to address the Groton Historical society on the evening of Tuesday, March 7, will speak upon "Daniel Webster and his friends." The public is invited.

The Whist club met last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. George L. Boynton.

Mrs. Efiel Shumway was at church Sunday, the first time since breaking her wrist a number of weeks ago.

Born on Tuesday, February 28, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buda. Mr. Buda is a workman at Groton Inn.

Samuel Ramsden is making changes and improvements in his farm house on the Ayer road.

The Groton School Dramatic club, in the presentation of "The gallopers," in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 23, fully sustained the high record of other years. The public was delighted. The music was by the orchestra and was even better than usual. It is said that the Groton School never had an orchestra equal to its present one.

Mrs. Milo Harrington left last Saturday for her old home at Napoleonville, La., being called by the serious illness of her father. Mr. Harrington accompanied his wife as far as New York city.

George H. Woods, who has bought the Boston and Maine old passenger station, is going to take it down, when the order comes for its removal. Mr. Woods will use the lumber in West Groton, where he is going to build a cottage.

William B. Robinson bought the first ticket sold at the new Boston and Maine railroad station. That was on Tuesday night, February 23.

Born in Groton, at the home of Geo. Parker, in the mill neighborhood, on Monday, February 27, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Seems (Miss Hattie Parker) of Leominster.

Fred G. Carpenter, who was away on a few days' vacation at Moosehead Lake, last week, returned to his post as station agent, selling tickets at the new station on Tuesday.

George E. H. Abbott has recovered from his recent illness, so that the trained nurse has left and the doctor stopped calling.

The Improvement society will meet with Mrs. F. W. Mansur, Main street, Tuesday afternoon, March 7, at 3.30.

All the necessary transfers being made and everything ready, the new Boston and Maine passenger station opened for business on Tuesday, February 28. This fine new up-to-date station is a model of good taste and convenience. The Boston and Maine may well feel satisfied with the changes brought about. The Groton public appreciate the beauty of the building as well as the improved conditions for their accommodation and comfort.

There was a meeting on Monday afternoon at the station of the railroad officials and quite a number of the Groton citizens. Plans were shown of the proposed changes in bridges, etc., which will be made in double tracking of the road. Three bridges will be reconstructed and the citizens expressed a wish that these should not be closed to town travel for any great length of time. Mrs. Barrows' driveway will be changed, but it is said, will be replaced by a better one. The meeting adjourned to March 14, in Cambridge.

Miss Lora Sherwin came home to join the grange on Tuesday night, but returned to Nashua again after a day or two here.

Osgood Farnham, an old citizen of this town, died on Sunday, February 26, after a long illness at his home on the Dr. Gilson, or, as formerly known, the Freeman Torrey place, in Chicopee road. He was aged 75 years. Mrs. Farnham had always been a quiet, industrious woman of whom one had an ill word to say. He never married, but since the death of their parents, made his home with his sister, Miss Sarah Farnham, who is his nearest surviving relative. The funeral was from his late home on Wednesday, Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The burial was in Groton cemetery.

Married, Tuesday evening, February 28, at the home of the groom's mother on Hollis street, Egbert A. Eaton and Miss Bessie J. Dingwell, both of Groton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. A. Cornell, using the ring service. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton go immediately to housekeeping in the Kilbourn cottage on Main street, which has been leased for three years by C. Z. Southard, who uses a part of the house for his study and laboratory. Mr. Eaton is employed at Shawfield-mont farm of Gen. William Bancroft.

Miss Mildred Brown was home last Saturday and Sunday from Framingham Normal, accompanied by her classmate, Miss Caroline Vance of Worcester.

Miss Ruth J. Blood is spending the vacation of the Fitchburg Normal at her home in town.

At the next meeting of the grange, Tuesday, March 14, the second and third degrees will be worked on the class of six that took the first degree this week Tuesday. Deputy Herrick will be present.

Mrs. Anna Hemenway is improving from her recent illness.

Revs. Howe and Cornell both attended the Ministers' Union meeting at Ayer this week.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society at the Baptist church last week Thursday, there was the usual study on missions, which was followed by the mite box opening, and afterwards refreshments were enjoyed.

Groton can boast now and truthfully of having the handsomest and best railroad passenger station between Worcester and Portland.

Miss Mary Dunphy, teacher at Chichester, N. H., is spending the vacation at home.

Word was received here on Wednesday forenoon of the sudden death of Noah J. Moulton at his home on the road to West Groton. He was the oldest civil war veteran in town.

Mrs. William Williams was eighty-three years old on Wednesday, February 22. The anniversary was noticed by many of her friends who kept her anniversary and the holiday. She was pleased to receive birthday tokens of fruit, flowers and confectionery. Especially pleasing was the birthday cake decorated with flags and having her initials, her age, and the year in ornamental confectionery on the frosting. This cake was made and presented by her granddaughter, Mrs. Eva B. Taylor.

Mrs. Eugene Nutting and E. R. Thompson of Shirley, the more recent patients at Groton hospital, operated on for appendicitis, are doing well.

Remember the annual gentlemen's night at the Congregational church comes next week Thursday evening, March 9. Henry W. Whiting is chairman of the supper committee. Mrs. T. J. Benedict of the entertainment. There will be a number of vocal and instrumental selections, also reading, besides the story which Miss Ethel N. Shumway will tell of her trip around the world. Miss Shumway has given this by invitation before many clubs and societies, and some of the most prominent hotels in Boston.

Word has been received from Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell that she has improved in health.

A Remarkable Trip.

Harold P. Bennett, descendant of the old Groton family, has broken the world's record as canoeist. He put his sixteen-foot canoe in the water at Thirteenth street, New York city, on August 22, 1910, with the object of canoeing as much as possible from that place by the Great Lakes and Mississippi river, to St. Petersburg, Fla. This extraordinary traveler made his way by the Hudson river to Troy and then on by canals, rivers and lakes, over rapids, through swamps, over beaver dams, into the wilds of Canada, and through the Thirty Thousand Islands, where he shipped his boat to Chicago. After striking the Mississippi, he canoed and drifted down to New Orleans and so on by water as much as possible, until he reached his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., about February 1, 1911, having canoed over 3,000 miles. Mr. Bennett is a young man of twenty-eight years, the personification of health, with broad, solid shoulders and big healthy chest. He travels without a wayer or hope of reward other than the sport he gets out of it. He is a member of the National Geographic society. Harold Bennett is the son of George W. Bennett, well-known here in Groton, where he was born, brought up, educated for college and lived until he started out in the world for himself. His son, Harold, the subject of this sketch, is the first cousin of James T. Bennett, a well-known citizen of Groton.

Death.

Charles Franklin Kittredge, a prominent lawyer of Boston, died suddenly on Sunday afternoon, February 26, at his home in Dorchester. He had worked Saturday and upon his arrival home in the evening felt as well as usual. He was making arrangements to attend church on Sunday morning when he was suddenly seized with pains around the heart and died within a few hours, his death following a stroke of apoplexy. He was of an old historical New England family and was born at Mont Vernon, N. H., February 24, 1851. Among other important positions held by him was assistant city solicitor for eleven years. He had a large and successful clientele and was a lawyer of wide experience.

This sketch of Mr. Kittredge is of interest to the people of Groton, in that he was married on September 24, 1872, to Miss Adelaide L. Lee of this town. Miss Adelaide Lee in those days was prominent among the young people of Groton. Miss Lee was the step-daughter of Dr. Norman Smith, for so many years a leading physician here. Mrs. Kittredge with their three daughters survive the deceased.

Grange Entertainment.

The first degree was worked on a class of six candidates entering as members of Groton grange on Tuesday evening. They were: Lewis Woods,

Marjorie Armstrong, Agnes Johnson, Lora Sherwin, Ada B. Jewett and Marion E. Hart.

The entertainment consisted of an interesting program: a patriotic poem by Mrs. E. A. Barrows; piano solo, with encore, Mrs. Amy Tolles Wright; vocal solo, by request, Miss Dora Bailey; patriotic songs by the grange.

A farce, "Hiring help," was given by the following: Mrs. Whitcomb, lady of the house looking for help, Mrs. Mervin; Mrs. Benedict, her daughter, Emma Mervin; Mrs. Woolley, Miss Rooney; Mrs. Lura Adams, Nora McCarty; Miss Annie Gilson, Ellen Flynn; Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer; Joanna O'Neil; Mrs. Rockwood, Angelina Simple; Mrs. Hawks, Mary Ames, and Miss Ames got the job.

The whole evening proved enjoyable to the good number present.

Entertainment.

The Groton School orchestra will give an entertainment for the benefit of the District Nurse association in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 8, exercises to open at eight o'clock. There will be vocal selections, besides the music by the orchestra. The Misses Lawrence will also render violin selections. Those who heard the Groton School orchestra last week will surely want to hear it again, and those who did not, ought not to miss this opportunity. The private subscriptions made for the employment of a district nurse, not being sufficient for that purpose, the District Nurse association relies on the public to help out. Here is the chance given to help in this worthy object. Let the public respond freely. The tickets will be of two prices, according to seats. Neither price is high.

Clipping.

The Lewiston (Maine) Sun of February 24, published the following item: "The engagement was announced yesterday of G. Allen Howe, esq., formerly of Lewiston, now a prominent attorney of Brunswick, and Mrs. Eunice Mathews of Kansas City. Mr. Howe is the junior member of the law firm of Wheeler & Howe. He formerly lived in this city where his father, Rev. George M. Howe, was for many years pastor of the Pine street Congregational church. Mrs. Mathews is a sister of Mrs. F. E. Roberts of Brunswick, and is well-known here, having for several years spent the summers in Brunswick and vicinity."

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blood lately entertained Mrs. Blood's mother, Mrs. Baldwin, of Fitchburg.

Week-end and over Sunday guests at A. W. Lamb's were Miss Catherine Gould of East Walpole, and Winthrop Lamb of Wellestee.

Edward Webber visited his grandparents in Groton from Saturday till the following Wednesday.

Robert Bixby spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Willard Mason of West Acton.

Lois Worster, for some weeks a visitor in our village, returned to her home in Fitchburg on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan, for some time past in poor health, is deriving benefit from her physician's latest prescription—a half-mile walk before breakfast.

Born, February 23, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward DesRoche.

Friends of Miss Ethel Williams' girlhood days will be interested in the following notice: "Born in Fitchburg, February 12, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worster."

On February 24, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at Vose on Thursday afternoon, March 9, with Mrs. Augusta Harrington.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge attended the ministers' union meeting in Ayer last Tuesday afternoon.

Arthur Jarvis, who has been in care of his physician for some weeks, became worse on Wednesday and is seriously ill.

Well Attended.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, on Friday evening of last week, was well attended. The audience, by hearty applause, testified their appreciation of the first numbers of the program, consisting of music by Robbins' orchestra, reading by Mrs. Isabel Wiggin and a mandolin solo by Miss M. E. Bradley, accompanied by Miss Bixby at the piano. These numbers were followed by "Zerubbabel's second wife," a bright, mirth-provoking farce, in one act, given with realistic effect. Matilda, a sentimental spinster of uncertain age; Zerubbabel, deaf as a post, asthmatic and rheumatic and a near-sighted awkward blundering serving woman were the widely different roles, and all were exceptionally well taken by, respectively, Dr. Branigan, James T. Bennett and Howard Gilson, of Groton. A large number enjoyed the dancing later.

Entertainment.

"The gentleman gambler," the three-act play presented by local talent last Tuesday evening, drew a full house. The leading roles were played by Mrs. John Carey, William Holohan, Ernest Bowen, William Kezar, John Carey. The scenes were laid in the garden of a country homestead, a New York home, and a brokerage office. The play had been prepared with thoroughness and was enacted with vigor and realism. Mr. Holohan was especially fortunate in his interpretation of the hero role, which required a considerable amount of versatility. The role of villain, always difficult, was well rendered by Mr. Bowen. In the last act Mr. Carey, as the stand-in friend, was especially pleasing. Mrs. Carey was prettily gowned and charming in her various roles of country maiden, neglected wife and lastly, loyal wife who refuses to leave a ruined husband.

A comic specialty act was introduced between first and second acts of the play with Mr. Kezar, a fake doctor, Mr. Carey, colored office boy and Mr. Holohan, ubiquitous janitor. The entertainment was followed by dancing.

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HARVARD.

News Items.

Miss Maude Hewins has accepted a position as assistant matron in a children's home in Bristol, B. I., to commence on March 1.

"The three chauffeurs," a two-act play, given Monday evening by the pupils of the Bromfield school, was in every way a success. Gross receipts were \$55.75, expenses out, leaving a net balance of \$42.03. Prof. Leonard expresses himself as very well pleased with the whole affair. The music by Thayer's orchestra during the entertainment and for the dance after gave entire satisfaction.

The Ladies' Sewing circle, Unitarian, will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. A. R. Hussey on Thursday, March 9.

The population of Harvard has increased by two since our last writing. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kinsman have a baby boy, born February 24, and Prof. and Mrs. A. F. Leonard have a baby girl, born February 26.

Page Edmunds of Watertown is a guest this week at Dr. Royal's.

The final hearing to be given the case of Skillings vs. Town of Harvard, in a suit to recover damages for illegal breach of contract between the plaintiff and the school committee of this town, is to be given on Saturday, March 4, at South Framingham.

Kent Royal, now preparing for college at Worcester academy, won his sweater and "W" at the interscholastic meet at Mechanics' hall, Boston, on Saturday last. Owing to an accident he was obliged to withdraw before the finals.

Mrs. E. F. Houghton gave a birthday party to the friends of her daughter, Doris Houghton, on Saturday, February 25. Games were played and refreshments served.

Degree work at the grange on next Tuesday evening. Grange paper by Miss Mildred Tooker. Music by the grange male quartet.

The family of Emil Anderson have moved into their new house at the Harry Crooker place, and Herbert Cleaves and family are now located at the so-called Kendall Willard place, vacated by Mr. Anderson.

Home for this week from Fitchburg normal school are Misses Viola Parker, Edith Davis and Katherine Waters.

Miss Lena Tewksbury and Miss Christine Webster, of the teaching force of Springfield, have been home on a vacation the past week.

Louis Savage, who went to work on the new Union depot at Worcester, returned on Wednesday. He goes next week to Springfield, where he has been offered a paying proposition as caretaker on a gentleman's place.

Miss Edith Davis is confined to her home with a severe case of tonsillitis. She was erroneously reported as sick with diphtheria.

The annual temperance meeting held at the town hall on Sunday evening was very well attended. Those who went felt well repaid with the address given by Rev. George Jones of the Unitarian church. Music was furnished by the Ladies' quartet of Still River.

Another mystic order was born to Harvard on Saturday, February 25. The charter list contains only names of young ladies. Authority does not mention whether from choice or otherwise. Oh! the name—yes the "T-500-M" club. The object of the order is not yet determined. The officers to serve until new ones are elected are: Louise Freeman, pres.; Mildred Fairbank, vice pres.; Katherine Dickson, treas. and sec.; Harriet and Margaret Thayer, Mildred Carman, Josephine Baker, Helen Whitney, ex. com. The first session was held at the home of W. H. Fairbank on Saturday last. Games were played. Refreshments were served.

The body of Eben Lakeman for many years a resident of this town, was brought here for burial at the Center cemetery on Wednesday, March 1. Death occurred at the National Soldiers' home at Toxus, Mass. Mr. Lakeman was a veteran of the Civil war, a member of the 4th regt., Mass. Vols., Co. D. He was eighty-eight years old and left one daughter, Linda Lakeman of this town.

To the Editor:

A correction should be made in regard to the number of votes taken on the question for debate at the last grange meeting. The question stood, Resolved, "That reciprocity with Canada is of advantage to the United States." The vote taken was aff. 2, and neg. 7, announced by the lecturer after the L. A. S. had collected the votes. Furthermore there was action taken, as by vote of the grange, Mr. Ladd, a grange representative was to be notified of the fact that Harvard grange was not in favor of reciprocity. E.

Still River.

Mrs. W. H. Smith has been very sick with the grippe and her daughter Esther has been down with pneumonia, but both are now on the gain.

Miss Gladys Sprague, of Leominster is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes.

The new concrete abutments of the railroad bridge are nearly finished, the concrete being all in, except a small amount immediately under the present track, which cannot be done until the track is raised, but this is only a small amount. Work on the large fill, south of the bridge for the double track, has commenced, the gravel being brought from a bank near South Lancaster by large team loads and about thirty men are at the job to handle it.

James Kendall, who has been with Mrs. Seales for the past year, left suddenly Sunday, leaving a note he had come west.

Mrs. Frank Evans and daughter Helen, from New Hampshire are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson.

Miss K. L. Lawrence spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Annie M. Black of Lancaster.

William Hart and family of Littleton have moved into the new home of the bridge for the men running on the Still River and Boston milk car.

Howard D. Stone has been unable to attend to his carpenter work this week owing to the grippe cold that is so prevalent.

Mrs. W. C. Haskell, Alice Harrod and Eleanor Haskell are also victims of severe colds.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. W. E. Kimball has been taking a vacation, incidentally exercising his new horse.

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The Common schools will close for spring vacation on March 11, and open again on April 3. The high school will close on March 24, and reopen on April 5.

Delightful Entertainment.

The last entertainment in the Lyceum course was given on Tuesday evening and consisted of a grand concert by "The big chorus of men and women, lads and lassies," conducted by Edwin A. Cox. Accompaniments were played by Misses Emma E. Tenney and Olive Fingar. Readings were given by Rev. H. B. Drew. "The house by the side of the road," written by the late author, Samuel Foss, and a selection from Will Carleton, entitled "The schoolmaster's guest." Other readings were given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Mr. Hop Toad, and "The raggedy man," also selections by Mrs. Fairfield, Rev. H. L. Packard was to have read, but was unable to do so on account of a call to Abington, where he officiated at the funeral of a friend. The program was finely rendered. Mr. Cox is entitled to a large measure of praise for his able service in conducting a large chorus and securing excellent results in spite of unusual difficulties in getting the members together for rehearsals.

The hall was well filled and the audience thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed every feature of the entertainment.

According to recent custom the business meeting for election of officers was held at the conclusion of the program. Rev. H. B. Drew was re-elected president, but declined to serve because of his inability to attend to the duties involved in addition to his work in pulp and seminary. The following persons were chosen: Rev. O. Fairfield, pres.; Rev. H. L. Packard, vice pres.; C. F. Johnson, sec.; Waldo E. Conant, treas.; above officers and Mrs. W. E. Conant, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox.

We regret that a larger audience was not present at the Orthodox vestry on Monday evening to hear an address full of good advice and profitable suggestions from Mayor M. F. O'Connell of Fitchburg, who addressed the Men's League. Unfortunately the invitations to the public was not printed in last week's Guide and the Old Fellow's lodge, the concert, and grange rehearsal occurred on the same evening so that the mayor's eloquent discourse was enjoyed by a comparatively small number of persons.

Heads in public life," was the subject of the speaker's address. Among good watchwords for those in public life: Democracy and efficiency are the most efficient service. The highest ideal of the public official as well as for anyone else is honesty. All men should enter politics, and by that is meant politics in the best sense of the word. They should seek not only to have honest, efficient officials, but they should constitute a good body of supporters. "Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained," as Pres. Hadley has said.

The speaker cited many instances of man as their representative, and a course based on qualification rather than political preference. This has been demonstrated in the election of recent senators who represent the worst possible that in power. Mr. O'Connell deplored the tendency to criticize public officials' unfairly, just and fair criticism he would encourage, but that criticism emanating from a desire to pick flaws and nag, he condemned. Mr. O'Connell was guest of his friend and president of the league, C. A. Kimball.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff is slowly and steadily gaining in health and is now well enough to receive her company. Miss Elizabeth McGrath of Bridgeport, Conn., a school teacher, who was also a patient at the New England sanitarium at the same time Mrs. Wolff was, was a guest this week at the Wolff home.

Burt N. Tatro of Shirley and Miss Bertha Eastwood of Fitchburg were married at Nashua last week Monday by the city clerk. The couple, after spending a few days in New Hampshire, returned to Fitchburg, having succeeded in keeping their marriage a secret. The bride went to her home where she informed her parents of her marriage and the bride and groom received the usual parental blessing. Mr. Tatro is a chauffeur in Fitchburg. They will reside at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eastwood in that city.

Miss Mary Pine of the Fitchburg Normal school has been engaged as a temporary teacher to succeed Miss Nellie F. Cronin, and will remain until a permanent teacher is secured.

Miss Inez McMurray spent the weekend in Everett with her sister, Mrs. John Glendening.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers will give a concert on Thursday evening, March 9, in Odd Fellows' hall, under the auspices of the Brotherhood connected with the Congregational church. Those who heard this company of colored singers two years ago in Odd Fellows' hall, will certainly want to hear them again, as they were considered the best troupe that ever came to Shirley.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin, who has accepted a position as teacher in Waverley, was presented with a very pretty mesh bag by the school children of Shirley last week Friday at the close of the school session.

Rev. A. A. Bronson preached in North Brookfield last Sunday and his pulpit here was occupied by Dr. Bridgman, who in his sermon last Sunday gave an object lesson for boys and girls as well as the discourse for adults. In the evening the C. E. meeting was led by Mrs. Andrew Phelps, and an address was given by Mrs. Carrie Dexter of Fitchburg, of the missionary work being done among the negroes of the south and also the southern mountaineers. Russell Miner and Arline Wilbur, delegates to the C. E. convention at Concord on February 22, gave a good general report of the doings at the convention.

Miss Mamie Dolan is spending this week at her home in Ashburnham.

Mrs. Henry Eisner, who has been ill the past week, is much better.

A daughter was born on February 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Pondriand.

Mrs. M. Louise Butler left town on Tuesday for a two or three weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Medford and other places.

Miss Gertrude O'Neill is this week confined to her home with a quinsy throat.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Hattie Conant on Tuesday afternoon. A large number was present and plans were made and committees appointed for a fair to be held about the first of May.

William Porter of California passed through Shirley late Monday night, enroute to Boston, where he boarded a steamer for Europe on Tuesday morning. Mr. Porter, who is a native of Shirley, advised his sister, Mrs. John Conant, that he would stop off and make a call, but his train was delayed six hours, consequently he was obliged to keep going in order to reach the steamer in time for sailing.

A demonstration of a peat fire was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland on Wednesday afternoon and evening. A goodly number were present, including some from out of town. The visitors were much impressed with the peat prepared as a fuel, which gave out a stronger and more penetrating heat than coal.

James L. Holland attended the forty-second annual meeting of the Co-operative Bank club in Boston last Saturday. Many points of interest pertaining to co-operative banking was discussed.

Postmaster Mansfield of Boston will address the Brotherhood of the Congregational church on March 22.

A very limited number of reserved seats for the Canadian Jubilee Singers, who will appear in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening, March 9, will go on sale at the store of Brockelman Bros., Saturday afternoon, March 4, at two o'clock. The jubilee singers are playing to crowded houses where they appear.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold their regular monthly supper, social and entertainment on Wednesday evening, March 8. A bountiful supper will be served at seven o'clock, followed by an entertainment at eight o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. George Knox. Program:

Piano solo, Leonard Hooper; duet, G. E. Byram, Frank Harlow; selection, male quartet; farce, "The merry widow," Mrs. Julia Sims, Mary Sandlin; Mabel Garth, Lois Bowen; Ethel Noble, Fedora Wheeler; Nancy Noble, Josephine Wheeler; Mary Ann Nickerson, Mildred MacNeil.

Sarah S. Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stevenson, observed her twelfth birthday on Tuesday evening, February 28, by a party to twelve of her young friends, and all present entered into the spirit of the occasion most heartily. Games and music were indulged in and dainty refreshments were served. Miss Sarah is one of Shirley's bright girls and was very lovingly reminded of her birthday anniversary, and she was the happy recipient of many useful and dainty gifts.

Miss Mary Cushing Smith of the Fitchburg high school, was the guest this week of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Merriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen started on Tuesday for Rockland, Me., where Mr. Hazen will take treatment from a specialist for stomach trouble. Their stay there will be indefinite.

Edwin Smith of Harvard road is confined to his home with sickness.

Gus Lecuyer, clerk at Poesley's

store, is confined to his home, being ill.

J. Albert Deardon, who has been ill for the past month, will consult Dr. Thorndike of Boston, the eminent surgeon, on Friday of this week. Dr. Cowles, his attending physician, advises this course owing to Mr. Deardon's condition, which has not improved any, and an operation will in all probability be the ultimate outcome.

Miss Stella Ely last week Friday evening, accidentally fell on the ice and cut a deep gash over her eye, requiring the services of a physician, who took a couple of stitches to close the wound. Miss Ely soon recovered and resumed her duties in the office of the Edgarton Company on Monday morning.

Death.

The funeral of Andrew Flynn took place last Saturday morning with services at St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. H. Coté officiating. The pall-bearers were Jeremiah Dennis, Leo and Eddie O'Neill, and Jeremiah and William Flynn. Burial was at St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Andrew Flynn passed away on Wednesday, February 22, at his home on Centre road. He was born in Ireland, coming to this country when young and has spent the greater part of his life in Lancaster and Shirley. He was employed in the leather department of the C. A. Edgarton Co., and had his long experience in this line made his services very valuable. He was an excellent citizen and had the respect of everyone. He was throughout his illness kindly cared for by his son and daughter, John and Miss Alice Flynn, who resided with him.

Mr. Flynn is survived by his son, J. P. Flynn of Allston, and son John, and daughter, Miss Alice Flynn of this town.

A Large Attendance.

The supper and entertainment given on Wednesday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church was attended by a large number of townspeople, and a fine supper was served under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Conant, chairman. Mrs. R. Pomfret, Mrs. Frank Brockelman, Miss Nan Love, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Flora Shepard and Miss Elsie Knowles, and the following persons gave excellent service as waiters: Arline Wilbur, Jessie Love, Flora Shepard, Blanche Wells and Elsie Knowles.

The entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps and Mrs. George S. Wells, was of a very pleasing character, and the following is the program: Lillian Anderson, Catherine and Esther Otto; piano solo, Leonard Hooper; piano duet, Eleanor and Gladys Phelps; reading, Mrs. Ruth Phelps and Mary Prescott; song, Mr. Stillman; violin solo, Ralph Jenkins.

A Grand Success.

The special event of the season for Shirley occurred last week Friday evening, when "The elopement of Ellen," was presented in Odd Fellows' hall by a cast consisting of all home talent, and was given under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

The play was high-class and decidedly American in character, and was staged under the able direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, with Miss Annie Clark Holbrook at the piano.

The noticeable feature of the evening was the singing of Mlle Esther of Boston, who was favored with repeated encores. William J. Crommett, principal of the Shirley high school, who impersonated the part of Richard Ford, was good, being sincere and affectionate as a husband, while the acting of Miss Gertrude Conant, who assumed the role of Molly, his wife, was artistic and lifelike with a stately and commanding personality that captivated the audience.

The part of Robert Shepherd, Molly's brother, was splendidly demonstrated by J. Edwin Pomfret, who delivered his lines with distinct emphasis and was thoroughly enthusiastic and emotional in his love for June Haverhill.

Earl C. Merriman, who portrayed the part of Max Ten Eyck, a chum of Robert Shepherd, presented a firm, gentlemanly stage appearance, being excellent in his mannerisms, and made an ideal Romeo in his love for Dorothy March.

Miss Ruby Felch, who played the character of Dorothy March, was also well adapted to her character, and showed how it was possible for a woman to conceal the real sentiments of her heart from the man she loved and adored.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin, who impersonated the character of June Haverhill, was certainly all that could be desired and performed to perfection the two parts called for, that of Ellen, the maid, and the college girl, revealing her lines in well defined tones, which she strengthened by good acting with color and life.

Frank Harlow played well the part of the actor, giving all the required touches necessary to make the part effective with grace and ease, and in his aggressive to find a wife, created an abundance of fun for the audience. Mr. Harlow was naturally gifted for this part.

During the play Mrs. Charles R. White, Miss Gertrude Conant, Miss Ruby Felch, Miss Nellie F. Cronin, Miss Annie Park Holbrook and also the vocal soloist, Mlle Esther, were presented with very beautiful bouquets of flowers.

Frequent applause while the play was in progress gave marked evidence of the hit of the comedy, which was all due to the well-known abilities along this line of Mrs. White, who was favored by the support of a strong cast, and it is only fair to say, just at this time, that J. Edwin Pomfret, who was called into the cast at the eleventh hour as a substitute, taking the place of Edwin Smith, who was suddenly summoned to New York, is worthy of special mention, his work being excellent. He was a prime factor in the success. Dancing followed the play with Miss May Wadsworth at the piano.

The committee in charge consisted of John M. Stevenson, Jacob C. Beach, Thomas C. Burrill, John E. Adams and Walter Knowles, and much credit is due the chairman, John M. Stevenson, who was an indefatigable worker for success. One of the largest audiences of the season was present and was responsive and appreciative to the finer points of the comedy.

The users included Charles W. Wolff, D. Chester Parsons, Harry Collyer, John M. Leopold, Joseph H. McClellan and Thomas C. Burrill.

Mrs. Charles R. White was the recipient of many compliments at the close of the evening's entertainment for the success scored which was overwhelmingly in every respect and reflected credit on all who participated, leaving another triumph in the annals of social successes for J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

Resigned as Librarian.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright has resigned her position as librarian of the Shirley public library, to take effect on April 1. Mrs. Wright's reasons for resigning are the pressure of personal responsibilities and duties which fact was known to the library trustees who were fully convinced that Miss Wright's decision was final.

Consequently at a meeting of the trustees, recently held, it was voted to forward Mrs. Wright a formal letter expressing regret at the acceptance of her resignation.

When the news of the resignation of our town librarian became generally known, many kindly expressions of regret were voiced, as Mrs. Wright has been the town librarian for the past six years and besides being able and courteous and expressing a distinct knowledge of authors and subjects, has been an ideal librarian, having the full confidence of all the residents and an especial favorite with the younger people, and very helpful in the selection of their books.

It is now conceded by all leading educators that no public office in any town has the opportunities for the cultivation of high ideals of character as the office of public librarian and one holding a position of this character should necessarily have a higher aim than mere remuneration. Shirley in the past has been fortunate in this respect, and its better class of residents will appreciate a continuance of this wise policy.

Since Mrs. Wright has assumed the duties of librarian, many modern and efficient changes in the systemizing and cataloguing of books have been installed under her supervision, and order and decorum during the hours the library is open has been the rule and not the exception.

The trustees have appointed Miss Grace M. Kilburn to succeed Mrs. Wright, and will assume the duties of librarian on April 1. Miss Kilburn has had previous experience in the library and her election means a continuance of a fine administration.

Game Law Violations.

Two buck deer were Tuesday found dead on the Edgarton farm, having been shot through the heart with a rifle. The discovery was made by Game Warden, Albert H. Sherman, who immediately notified Game Warden, Forest Hooper. A thorough investigation was then made. One deer weighed about 220 pounds, the other was somewhat smaller, and were about 150 yards apart when found. One had been dead about three days, and the other, as near as could be judged, had been killed about two weeks ago. They were both brought to Forest Hooper's tin shop in Shirley where they were dressed and disposed of. It is probably the work of men who use an automobile, as tracks were plainly evident near the spot where the deer were found.

Shirley seems to be getting her full share of violators of the game laws, as on January 22, the heads and carcass of five deer were found in an old well on the Stewart place by some wood choppers in the vicinity. Just how long the deer had been killed was difficult to determine and a thorough investigation revealed no clue as to when this occurred or who the offenders were.

Deputy fish and game warden, Jas. I. Mills of Ayer, was in town on Tuesday afternoon on a tour of investigation, but nothing tangible was discovered, as the matter still remains a mystery. However, Mr. Mills, in a conversation with the correspondent of the "Oracle," told a very exciting experience he had Monday in the woods near the Edgarton farm. On hearing the sound of a rifle shot, he said he ran as fast as possible to where he had heard the shot and was just in time to observe two men with rifles jump hurriedly into an automobile, and the driver of the auto, who was waiting for them started off at a rapid pace and the three men and auto were soon lost to view.

Mr. Mills, on arriving at the spot where the auto had stopped, discovered they had shot and carried off with them a pheasant, as blood and feathers were seen upon the snow, and Mr. Mills then recalled the fact that one of the men carried something beside his gun which he could not then discern plainly enough to ascertain what it was. Mr. Mills followed the tracks to Shirley. He said they made their first stop at Haskins' hotel, and then traced them to the Brookside boarding house, where he found the three men had stopped for dinner. He said they then went up Harvard road, past the State Industrial school, and he lost track of them after that, but he thinks he knows who they are, and from what he saw and the description he obtained, says they are old offenders, as he had them convicted in Concord some time ago.

Residents on Harvard road recall the three men in the auto who passed by at almost lightning speed.

The deer were first discovered by Fred Lawton.

Center.

Charles P. Longley of Millbury spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley.

Alfred Bridgman of Hyde Park spent Washington's birthday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman.

Hazel Cummings, Robert Evans and Robert Holden, all of whom attend Fitchburg high school, are spending a week's vacation at the respective homes here.

Miss Mary C. Smith, instructor in history at Fitchburg high school, is spending the spring recess at F. E. Merriman's.

The Groton School gymnasium team will give an athletic exhibition in the town hall, Friday evening, March 10. The team is unusually good this year and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman substituted at the Congregational church at the village, Sunday.

Miss Marion Holden, who attends the state normal school at Fitchburg, is enjoying a week's vacation at home.

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

The names of Arthur R. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden and Geo. Farmer were omitted last week from the list of those who attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange meeting at Ashby on Washington's birthday.

The Girls' sewing guild held a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. H. F. Groat on Saturday afternoon. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Elmer Hubbard.

Mrs. John C. Ayers is suffering from an attack of the gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Miller entertained several of their friends at a card party at their home last Saturday evening.

Miss Mary E. Groat of Medford spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Groat.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth spent several days recently at Concord. While there they attended the wedding of Mrs. Farnsworth's brother, Walter Gabriel of Concord.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange on March 7, the lecturer's hour will be devoted to "Bird nesting." "Our native birds" and a bird guessing contest will be special features. The roll-call will be answered by bird stories or quotations about birds. The next Pomona grange meeting will be held at Pepperell on Wednesday, March 8.

The Matron's aid met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hattie Adams. The next meeting will be held with Miss Etta Holden.

Mrs. Emma Dodge is spending a few days at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Damon and her niece, Miss Butterfield of Ashby, spent Sunday with Dr. Ellen Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stevens are both enjoying hard attacks of the gripe.

Miss Marie L. Chevette is spending a few days visiting friends in Fitchburg.

Arthur R. Holden, who is attending Middlebury college, is just recovering from a case of the mumps. Barnard Holden, also, is at home with the same affliction.

Frank R. Cameron, while cutting wood for Frank Farnsworth Wednesday, received a bad gash in his foot. He was engaged in cutting up a tree on a steep side hill, when his axe glanced off and struck the instep of his foot, cutting a deep gash. The buckle of his overshoe saved him from receiving what might have been a very serious cut. The injury is very painful and Mr. Cameron has been unable to use his foot enough, during the past week, to attend to his work.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth, who has been spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, has returned to her home in West Groton.

John Farmer at the East has a bad attack of the gripe and is threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. William Berger and little son Raymond of Fitchburg are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, this week.

Mrs. William Wilkins spent the first part of the week with friends in Lowell.

The portable sawmill at the North is now running at full capacity. It is turning out about 16,000 feet of lumber each day and will probably stay until July.

Edward R. Thompson, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week is getting along nicely. He expects to come home some time next week.

Melzer Farnsworth, who has been confined to the house with the gripe, is much improved.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met with Mrs. Homer P. Holden on Thursday afternoon, March 2.

Accident.

John W. Farrar received a hard fall and shaking up on Tuesday evening, in his barn. He was standing on the front part of his delivery wagon in order to reach a blanket in it. The blanket happened to be just beyond reach, so he grasped a ring, fastened to a beam over his head, so as to draw himself up and reach it. The ring pulled out from its fastenings suddenly, allowing him to fall backward onto the floor. He landed on the back of his head and shoulders and was rendered unconscious by the blow. Aside from lameness and a general shaking-up, no serious injuries resulted and Mr. Farrar will be out again in a few days.

Altruism Meeting.

The Altruism club held their regular meeting at the club room, Thursday afternoon of last week. The president, Mrs. M. W. Hazen, opened the meeting at 2.30. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and twenty-two responded to the roll-call. Mrs. M. W. Hazen and Mrs. Abbie J. Wells attended the state federation meeting at the new Chauncey hall, Boston, during the week. Mrs. Wells, as delegate, gave an interesting report of the meeting. The subject was "The study of conservation in forestry," by Mrs. Fred H. Tucker. The subjects of the club for the afternoon were on "Preservation of our forests," by Miss Julia E. Rynn, who gave a most interesting and instructive paper on the subject. Mrs. Abbie J. Wells gave an excellent account of "Reforestation," referring to the need of this work being done everywhere and mentioned two localities where the work of reforestation had been started in Shirley, as well as in the surrounding towns. An animated discussion followed. The next meeting of the club will open at three o'clock, continuing at that hour for the rest of the season.

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PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

On February 28, three two-horse teams went from here to get the new big steam boiler that was placed in Zack Fitch's sawmill in Groton.

Hon. A. P. Stone of Cambridge, brother of Mrs. L. E. Starr, was in town on Friday of last week.

H. Blaisdell is building a new blacksmith shop on Cross street. Mr. Blaisdell has been employed at Mr. Pike's blacksmith shop.

George Lawrence has gone to live with his son, Dr. George Lawrence.

Mrs. Warren Blood has been confined to the house for a week, the result of a cold and over doing.

William H. Heath of Brooklyn, N. Y., passed away on February 22. He was past noble grand of Joppa lodge, I. O. O. F., whose members in a body conducted the services. He had followed the occupation of marine engineer for thirty years. He left a family, one brother Frank, and a sister, Mrs. May Heath Blood of this town, who was too ill to attend the funeral.

Monday, Miss Emily Lawrence had a peculiar mishap. Coming from her home just at the foot of Parker's hill, the melting snow had made a rushing brook across the road. Her horse would not take a watery road so she urged him, when a plunge and a rare-up broke the harness and Miss Emily had to get out into the snowy water above her shoes, fix up the harness and go on to Robert Lepore's, and then in her drenched clothing return home, from which she did not experience what might have been serious results.

Charles Moore of Lowell, formerly of Pepperell, called in on a few of his friends recently, and he is looking well and likes his new position.

A committee, consisting of H. A. Hall, Fitchburg; George S. Knapp, Groton; and William Pickard, Littleton, is to report at Pepperell on Wednesday, March 8, on the question "Would an agricultural State fair help boom Massachusetts?"

Miss Edna Caro, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Bisbee, and Victor Edwin Peppard were married on Wednesday, February 22, at Hull, and will be at home after May 1, Concord road, Acton. Rev. R. E. Bisbee was pastor of the Methodist church from 1899 to 1901. Miss Edna C. Bisbee graduated from the Pepperell high school in 1901, and from the Normal school of Boston in 1906. Mr. Peppard is a graduate of Acadia university, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

The Mother Goose party given by the O. H. S. was a decided success. Much credit is due the committee and those who assisted in the evening's program.

The O. H. S. are anticipating a visit in the near future from a lady who will lecture on "Bulgaria and Turkey."

Miss Nellie V. Ganey of Prospect street has been spending a few days with relatives in Boston.

Miss Mammie E. Hynes of Cambridge was in town on Sunday to attend the funeral of her uncle, John B. Hynes.

Miss Katherine T. Morrissey of Boston spent Sunday with her parents on Shamrock street.

George F. Fahy of Concord has been spending a week with his parents on Tarbell street.

Mrs. Sarah Tucker is grandmother of a sixth child born on February 26.

Mrs. May Tarbell, president, and twenty-five members of the Women's club attended the Federation meeting at Ayer on March 1.

The high school play cleared \$100.

The junior class of the high school have just come out with a new banner and two dollars ahead.

The East Village Social club met with Mrs. Brigham this week.

Prospect street, February 24, after a prolonged illness at the age of forty-nine years. He was born in Brookline, N. Y., and has resided in Pepperell for the past two years. Besides his sister he is survived by four brothers—William of Westbrook, Maine; George of Boston; Thomas of West Groton; and Daniel of this town. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from St. Joseph's church, Rev. T. I. Cogan officiating. The bearers were George Obea, Thomas Fitzgerald, John Garvey and Thomas Cuniff. The burial took place in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Harmon & Mahoney.

Grange Meeting.
The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange meets at Pepperell on Wednesday, March 8, with the following program: Welcome, master of the grange; "Where is the dividing line between honesty and dishonesty?" Rev. H. A. Cornell, Groton; "Which is the better child, the country child or the city child?" The possibilities in birds, W. W. Carey, Shirley; "Birds and the farmer," Joseph Mason, Westbury; "Pranks," original poem, Verne Barber, Townsend; "Good citizens from waste humanity," George J. republic; "Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, Townsend; "Rejuvenating an old apple orchard," C. V. Plagg, Littleton; "Our birds," Dr. Lambkin, Ashby; "Nuts as food," Mrs. Thomas Gilson, reading, Susie Andrews, Pepperell; "Good things for farmers by experience," Bro. Wright, Littleton; "Shall we have a meeting at Townsend Harbor in April?"

News Items.
Pepperell Woman's club will hold a meeting at Sanders banquet hall on Monday. It being reciprocity day the club tea will be served.

Mrs. Belle Wallace is quite ill at her home here with rheumatic fever. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Mrs. L. S. Robbins and Mrs. Hattie Andrews, recently visited their sister Mrs. Tolles, at the old homestead in Dunstable.

The Ready Workers' circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Warren M. Blood on Monday, March 13. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. George Bulek of Fitchburg is in town visiting at her father's, D. A. Weston.

Mrs. Charles Card is still quite ill and unable as yet to sit up. The district nurse has been in nearly every day.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., will work the second degree on Thursday evening.

The L. E. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 9, at 2:30.

By invitation of the Ayer Woman's club, the Pepperell Woman's club attended their Federation day held in Ayer, their being twenty-eight members.

Robbins' orchestra furnished music at the annual banquet of the North Middlesex Agricultural society at Congdon on Wednesday, March 1, with S. Thompson, Blood of Concord Junction, humorist.

About Town.
Mr. and Mrs. Forest which returned from their honeymoon trip last week and are now with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Messer.

Roscoe Woodward has been home for several weeks with the measles. Although he recovered he does not expect to return to Dean Academy until the school is again opened, there being so many cases of measles. It was decided best to close for a while.

Everett C. Boynton came home for a few days on Thursday from his work in Nashua, spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boynton of Hild Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Waters, who have been stopping at the Reid farm, left on Thursday for their home in Salem.

The lower town hall is much improved in appearance by the new coat of paint.

Mr. Gilmore, manager of the shoe shop, returned on Sunday from Buffalo, N. Y.

William Hurd, a familiar figure on Pepperell streets, has left Dr. Head's where he has boarded for twenty years, and is now in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodard left on Wednesday for a sojourn at Pinehurst, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Miller are on their way home from California.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.
Mrs. Sara T. Locke of Bloomfield, N. J., is visiting at Pinehurst.

Mrs. Doherty, a few days ago, seriously sprained her ankle by stepping on a loose board.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Wachs, at the close of her music lesson at the Harbor school, made farewell to her pupils as she expects soon to leave town.

Much to the regrets of the parents and pupils of this village, Miss Kloss has resigned her position as teacher, to accept the principalship of the Ashburnham grammar school. Miss Melora Warner has charge of the grades in this building from this time, before her marriage. Mrs. Oliver Proctor taught the grammar school in this same village.

Last Saturday evening the C. C. Whist club was entertained at Seven Pine. Mrs. Sara Locke was the guest of the evening. Those making the highest scores were Mrs. Conant 41, and Miss Jones 41. Those making the lowest scores were Mrs. Locke 31, and N. G. Proctor 31. At the close of the game Mrs. and Mrs. Jones invited the whist club to a dinner at the club house. A three-course lunch was served in true Bohemian style.

On February 22, the Mid-week club were entertained at Mrs. Orin Ball's. The house was prettily decorated with flags. The literary program, Washingtonian in character, was varied and interesting. In addition to several sketches read regarding Washington, Mrs. Cyrus Lane gave an entertaining talk on her visit to the national capital, paying special attention to all that related to the father of his country. A unique feature of the lunch was the serving of tiny steaks of real Chinese tea.

Death.
On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Gray and their daughter, Miss Myrtle, went to the home of Mrs. Gray at Groton. Everett Gray, Mr. Gray's brother, who died last Monday from tuberculosis of the kidney.

Everett Gray spent several weeks in camp in this village, and although greatly benefited, did not entirely recover. Since last November Mr. Gray has been in the hospital. On Sunday last, he wrote his brother Adney, that as a last resort he was to undergo an operation and hoped that it would be successful. On the following day Adney received word that his brother had not survived the operation. Ten years ago, the wife of Everett Gray died at the same hospital while undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Gray was a member. The pillars, crosses, anchors, the many wreaths and sprays gave sweet though mute proclamation of the grief which he held in the loving hearts of his relatives and many friends.

The friends, the Masons and the Red-men, at the funeral, read the names enrolled—and the floral emblems from these orders bore beautiful testimony of the high regard in which their deceased brother was held.

Mr. Gray joined the Waltham fire department in 1892, and since 1895, had been in command of Hose 4, never leaving his post of duty except on leave of absence. At all the fire stations flags were at half-mast, Hose 4 deeply draped in mourning and the fire companies of the city were present at the last sad rites. The fire companies, together with the Masons and Red-men, preceded the body to the cemetery. In honor of their dead comrade the bell on Hose 4 station was tolled as the long procession moved to the place of burial.

Center.
Miss Ruth Nowell is suffering from quinsy sore throat and Mrs. E. L. Haynes is substituting for her at school.

E. B. Higgins is starting in to build a garage on the land back of his dwelling house.

The Z. Z. S. club and friends of Fitchburg enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend Tuesday evening and had a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray. A supper was served with the covers laid for about twenty-five people. During the evening there were musical numbers and games were played. Mrs. Barber was presented with a handsome table cover by the secretary of the club, and after thanking them for their hospitality, she assured them all hearty welcome to her home. She was assisted in receiving by Albert Barber and Miss Gray.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey of Pepperell are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman.

Mrs. Josef Yarrick is at a private hospital at Waltham for surgical treatment. Favorable reports were received from her on Monday. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Chester B. Valdege and daughter Ruth were guests at Rockland last week.

Miss Gladys Bennett of Fremont was the guest of Miss Marion Stiles over Sunday.

A union prayer meeting was held at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Rev. James N. Seaver preached an inspiring sermon, taking for his theme, "What think you of Christ?" An English quartet, composed of Mrs. Bertha Brown, H. Arthur Brown, Chester Valdege and Llewellyn S. Powers, finely rendered selections.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Nye, also Mr. and Mrs. Huntington of Sandown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish have moved to their cottage on Canal street.

Henry Hall of Somerville, Mass., was a guest at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hall on Sunday.

Henry W. Abbott of Hoboken, N. J., is a visitor in town.

Clarence R. Russell has been detained at home with the prevailing distemper.

Alpha A. Hall is confined to the house with a second attack of the grippe.

District superintendent, Rev. R. T. Wolcott was in town on Saturday and conducted the Fourth Quarterly conference of the Methodist church at the study of Rev. James N. Seaver. A unanimous request for Mr. Seaver to remain another year was made and fifty dollars over and above what was pledged last year was added to his salary.

Twenty-six of the young people of the Methodist Episcopal church of Arlington street, Crown hill, Nashua, enjoyed a sleighride to Brookline last week and completely surprised Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye. An oyster supper was served.

Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse is at Boston and vicinity for part of the week.

Miss Mary L. Brown is at home from school duties at Waltham for the week.

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

To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for cutting and hauling the snow.

To see what action the town will take in relation to, destroying the brookline woods.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow plow.

To see if the town will accept the bequest of the Charles A. Blodgett, which reads: "I give and bequeath to the town of Brookline, the sum of one hundred dollars, the income, so much as may be needed, to be used for the perpetual care of the Blodgett family lot, in the South cemetery, Brookline."

To see if the town will vote to accept the amount of the estate bequeathed to it under the will of the late Charles A. Blodgett.

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be added to a like amount, already appropriated, to build a sidewalk beginning at the old town house and running to or near the West primary school.

To see if the town will vote to establish the price of the several officers, or any part of them for their services.

To see if the town will vote to pay good wages, for day labor, and fifty cents per day, for work on highways.

To see if the town will vote to raise the salary of the members of the engine company to ten dollars a year.

To see what action the town will take in relation to discount on taxes for the year 1911.

To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow what money is needed for the fiscal year, and to pay the same back from taxes when collected.

To see if the town will raise ten dollars to buy flags to decorate soldiers' graves and paint the monument.

To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars to repair State road in town already built.

To see if the town will vote to have running water put in South cemetery.

To see if the town will vote to make a price of the several lots in the South cemetery.

LITTLETON.

Backlog Drama.
Don't think this is a dandified, fudgy sort of a play because the characters are for the time being rather frenchified in name. People of that nation know a thing or two and can hyper around for "A scrap of paper," as lively as the next one. It is a play of individuality that it will never rest very long on the agent's shelf, and is even now making admirers in different parts of the country. Set straight and take notice as the little bit of paper flutters before them. Altogether, the adventures of a love letter, for that is the pivot on which the play revolves, will present to you a dainty picture of love and its attendant ills, finally adjusting itself after many vicissitudes into the happy condition that sends every one home in contented frame of mind. Have you forgotten that a ticket sale opened on March 3—just a week before the play is presented? There is also to be very fetching vocal and instrumental music during the evening by Mrs. Walter Hartwell of Somerville. Take the scribe's word for it, you will like it. A magnetic curtain raiser, Thursday and Friday evenings, March 9 and 10, Town hall. Following is the cast of characters:

Prosper Courmont..... Mr. Taylor
Baron De La Glaciere..... Mr. Jacobs
Brisemouche, landed proprietor and naturalist..... Mr. Johnson
Auntie, his wife..... Mrs. Johnson
Baptiste, servant..... Mr. Ireland
Joseph, servant of Prosper..... Mr. Priest
Ferdinand, servant of Prosper..... Mr. Priest
Madame Dupont, housekeeper of "Chateau de la Glaciere"..... Mrs. Whitcomb
Pauline, maid..... Miss Priest

News Items.
Mrs. Annie Breckenridge and Miss Marion Rushmore of Ware were Saturday and Sunday guests at Rev. O. J. Fairfield's. Miss Breckenridge is one of Mr. Fairfield's former parishioners.

Fred O. Stiles and his men have returned from New Salem where they have put up about 2,000 boxes of apples for export for Arthur Blanchard.

Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton is at Orange and Gloucester City, N. J., visiting for about a month with her daughters, Miss Edith and Mrs. Dodge.

Miss Mary Pickard has taken a house in Concord Junction and is caring for her sister's children. Miss Almira Pickard also lives with her.

Mr. Wetherbee has returned to his home in the south.

The degree staff of the Odd Fellows will go to Groton on Wednesday, March 8, to initiate two candidates for Middlesex lodge.

The registers of voters will be in session on Saturday evening, March 4, from eight to nine o'clock, and on Saturday, March 18, from twelve m. to ten p. m. in the selectmen's room at town hall.

Deputy Norman Tey of Braintree made an official visit to the range to inspect the work of its officers who conferred the third and fourth degrees on dates, the third degree work being done by the ladies' degree staff. Among the former class were Rev. and Mrs. F. A. and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Backus. A banquet oyster supper was served in the lower hall, after which the ranks listened to interesting remarks by Deputy Tey and other visitors. To the officers of the range, members of the ladies' degree staff, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrows presented a beautiful tea roses. The occasion was enjoyed by a large company from the local range, and fellow grange people from Acton, Ashby, Boxborough and Westford.

Miss Martha Kimball is enjoying a short vacation which she is spending at the delightful home of Miss Alice E. Chapman in Winchester. Miss Chapman returns with her to Littleton this evening.

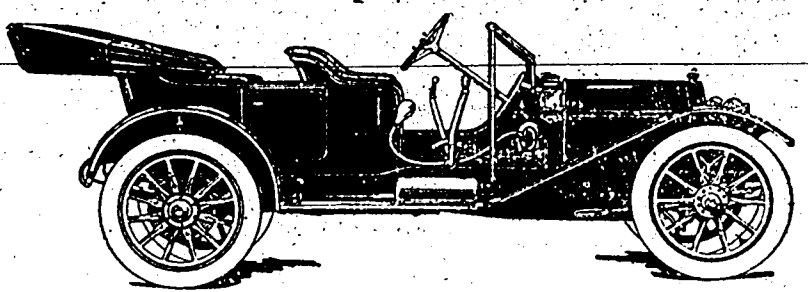
Capt. William H. Sawyer has spent the greater part of the week in Boston and attended the Royal Legion meeting on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Conner, aged eighty years, died at the home of her son, John Conner of North Littleton last week Friday night, after an illness of only two hours. The funeral was due to heart disease. The funeral and burial took place on Monday.

Charles Yapp lost a dozen jugs of milk on Monday morning, and repairs the harness in the blacksmith shop in consequence of a runaway.

Mrs. David Wilcox is still suffering from a running sore on her hand.

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All kinds of farms and estates are to be found on my lists and something new comes in every few days. From 7 acres with 30 apple trees, house and barn for \$525, up to 250 acres with prices from \$30,000 down. I can show you nearly every place offered for sale in my district. Don't ask me about foreign farms, but having farmed myself and studied agriculture, I feel sure I can serve you in my own field to our mutual advantage. Watch this space for descriptions from week to week, phone, write or come and see me for details or any help within my power. My auto and I are always "On Call" to show or examine property.

EDWARD H. BLISS, Ayer, Mass.

the widow of the late Rev. R. G. Johnson who died some six years ago. He was for many years pastor of the Baptist church in this town, and for a time was supervisor of the public schools here. Mrs. Johnson's death was due to cancer of the stomach from which she had been suffering a long time. Within the three weeks previous to her death she failed very rapidly, but was able to wait upon herself up to the day of her death, which was a week ago last Monday. She leaves three children—Arthur of Weston, a lawyer in Weston and Boston; Alice, wife of Prof. Aiden of Converse college, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Florence, a daughter at home. Mrs. Aiden left her home in South Carolina immediately upon receiving the death telegram, but arrived in Weston one day late for the funeral.

Mrs. Charles V. Flagg arrived home with little "Junior" from Nashua, N. H. He was twice operated upon. His ear is doing well and all symptoms at time of writing are encouraging.

From a recent letter written by Mrs. Ferdinand Wyman of Hyde Park, we learn that sickness prevails in that family. Ferdinand is prostrated with rheumatism, and Mrs. Wyman is suffering from the same malady, although up and about the house. Other members of the family at home have been afflicted with this characteristic of the season.

Miss Emma Hutchinson has been visiting Mrs. Mabel Bradley Cough in South Acton. Mrs. Cough has a six-acre farm in East Acton.

Mrs. George W. Canney arrived home from New York on Thursday noon.

Miss Florence Whitcomb has been dined at home on account of continued illness. Her last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Items of Interest.

The deepest shaft in the bituminous coal field in Pennsylvania is at St. Michael. The shaft is 697 feet deep.

In thirteen working days C. A. G. Simmons of Camden, Me., shod 473 horses.

New Advertisements.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of BARTHOLOMEW MCGRAIL, late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, MICHAEL D. MCGRAIL and DELIA MCGRAIL administrators of the estate of said deceased have presented to said Court their petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best in the interest of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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 March A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the afternoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any cannot be so found, 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 second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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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