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## HARVARD.

### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiske Warren have postponed their departure for London until April. Their daughter, Rachel, has been much in evidence this winter in Boston, and recently entertained the Sewing circle, members of which enroll later in the Vincent club.

While assisting in the unloading of a load of oats at the old store on Tuesday afternoon, Henry Dickson got his right arm mixed up between the wagon and the side of the building, breaking the small-bone about midway between the wrist and elbow. Dr. Royal set the bone and Henry will carry his arm in a sling for about three weeks.

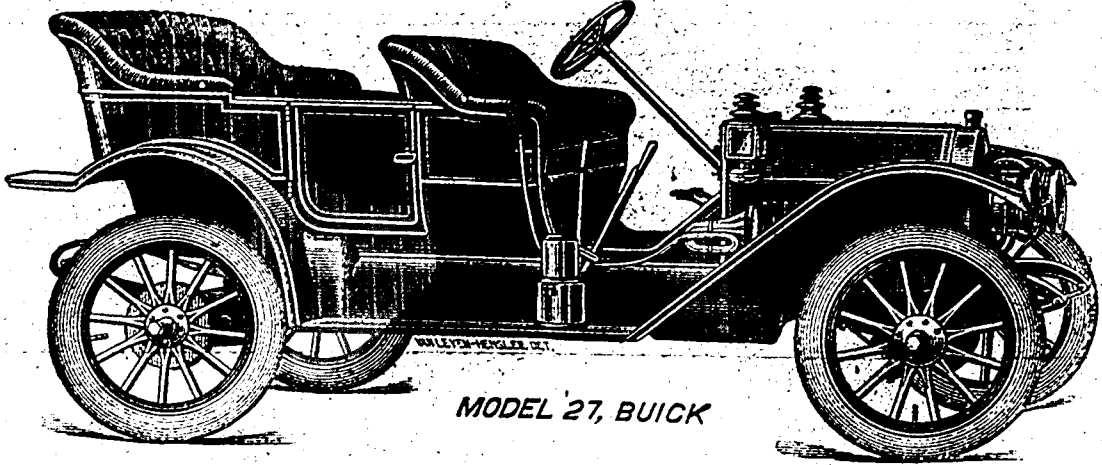
Quite a good deal of sickness prevails about town. Our oldest townsman, Absolom Gale, in his ninety-seventh year, is on the sick list, confined to his bed. Mrs. Hanna, who was taken sick with diphtheria on Thursday of last week, is gaining rapidly and is considered now as wholly off the dangerous list. Jerry Mongovin was laid up a couple of days with the grippe, but is around again.

The citizens of Harvard will meet in caucus on Saturday evening, March 25, at eight o'clock p. m., to nominate the officers to be voted on at the annual town meeting in April. Already the hum of contest is getting in the air, and as there will probably be some changes, every voter should make an effort to be present.

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has changed some since his last visit here as a boy. His standing now in the community is measured by six feet, two inches.

The Unitarian Ladies' Sewing circle will hold their annual business meeting in the church vestry on Thursday afternoon, March 23, at three o'clock.

Miss Katherine Mongovin, employed as matron of the nurses' hospital, connected with the Westboro insane hospital has been on the sick list for a while and has been with her brother, Jerry Mongovin, for a few days, recuperating. She returned to her duties on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pattee received word this week that there had been added a granddaughter to their family circle. The young lady arrived March 14. Mr. and Mrs. Frank (née Pattee) Blair are the happy parents.

Thursday is reported by men who are on the roads as being the hardest day of the winter to be out. The moth men gave up after an hour's tryout, reporting too much weather up where the birds' sing. Between sunset Wednesday and sunset Thursday the mercury dropped about thirty degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Crossley are grandparents now. A daughter was born March 5 to their son, Harold Crossley and wife of Ludlow, Vt.

Ethel K. Bruce announces that her millinery parlors are now open in the railroad station, Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Announcement of spring opening later.

### Entertained.

The last social given by the ladies of the Unitarian society was a very well attended affair, despite the extreme weather conditions. The entertainment consisted of a short sketch entitled "Uncle Sam's party," and was not only unique but certainly very cleverly gotten up. Mrs. E. P. Watson was responsible for the costuming and deserves credit. A. F. Ripley, as Uncle Sam, and Mrs. John Preston, as his wife, received couples from all over the world, the parts all being admirably well taken. The entrance of Miss Columbia, the part taken by Miss Helen Dickson, and her address of "welcome" brought out the applause. The party broke up after singing "America." Following the entertainment there was dancing until twelve

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\$8.50 Coats, clean up price	\$6.47
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o'clock. Miss Gertrude Farwell and Mrs. Alice Bigelow presided at the candy table.

### Death.

Mrs. Tower Hazard, aged eighty-seven years, mother of Mrs. Allan Hazard, passed away on Tuesday evening at the home of the latter. The funeral services were from the home on Friday afternoon. She has been for years a resident of Harvard, residing while her husband lived, in West Bare hill district, but since his death, which occurred several years ago, she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hazard. Mrs. Hazard was a very estimable lady, loved and respected by a large circle of relatives and friends. Her death was due to a general breaking down, induced by advancing years. Burial was at the Centre cemetery.

### Still River.

Miss Anna G. Houghton died on Friday, March 10, and was the only daughter of E. Warren Houghton. She

was born and always lived in the old Houghton homestead. Funeral services were held at the house on Monday afternoon, March 13, Rev. Mr. Mason of Harvard, officiating. Relatives and a few of her most intimate friends only, attended.

Miss Eliza Bateman visited at her brother Luther's in Arlington this week.

Luther Willard has been quite ill with the influenza this week, so that he has kept to the house.

The Baptist church have purchased and put into use last Sunday black walnut plates for taking up collections in place of the long handled boxes that have been in use for many years.

Thursday afternoon two boys from the Shirley Industrial school were caught by one of the officers of the school, a short distance from the Still River station. They were apparently planning to jump a freight at the bridge, but got caught. There were two others that escaped.

Miss Adeliza Turner, who has been spending the winter in Harvard, returned to her Still River home on Tuesday.

James Kendall has returned to work for Mrs. Scates.

### Items of Interest.

The name "grapefruit" was given because the fruits are borne in grape-like clusters of three or four, however, as "pomelo." Pomelos are orange shaped; shaddockes are pear shaped. Shaddockes are much larger than pomelos; often weighing fifteen pounds or more, the tree is smaller and the leaves on full grown trees are somewhat larger. The name "shaddock" is that of an English sea captain who brought a kind of citrus fruit to the West Indies many years ago. These fruits are wholly distinct species from the orange and lemon.

As the human body is about seven-eighths water, the average man has about eighteen gallons in his system.

## HARVARD.

### News Item.

Lysander L. Watson of Ord, Neb., has been visiting east for the past few weeks, part of the time being spent at Old Bridge Glen, the summer home of his brother, W. S. Watson, here in Harvard.

George McMahon, U. S. N., was home over Sunday on a furlough. He returns to Portsmouth, N. H., to report for duty aboard the U. S. S. Wisconsin.

Annual inspection at the grange on Tuesday evening, March 21. State deputy Alden will conduct the work. The Ladies' degree team staff, Mrs.

Etta Ripley, master, will confer the third degree and the regular officers will give the Harvest degree, followed by the regular banquet. Visiting patrons always welcome.

The annual parish meeting of the Orthodox society was adjourned until Monday, March 20, when the regular election of church officers, together with other business, will be transacted.

Ole Gabrielsen started on Wednesday for California where he expects to locate if conditions prove satisfactory.

Stanley Merrill, for several years as a boy resident of this town, was a guest this week at the home of A. W. Bryant on Oak hill. Mr. Merrill



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### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Mr. Wallace preached an excellent sermon on "The good fight of faith" and in the evening the church stereopticon was used to good effect, illustrating the lecture by the pastor on "The American Highlanders" and was a vivid depiction of this great number of humble people, known as the mountain whites and their surroundings. At the morning service it was pleasant to have the John Wright family in their old place after an absence from town of about a year and a half. Miss Edith Wright presided at the organ in Miss Atwood's absence.

The Donald McLeod family at the south part of the town are having a siege with whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow's many Westford friends are glad that their little son, Perry Taylor, who has been seriously sick, is improving and gaining.

Miss Amelia W. Lambert, who has been employed as a dietician at the state hospital in Tewksbury for the past two years, has left that institution and gone this week to Fountain Springs, Penn., to fill a like position in a school, enjoying a week's interval of vacation at her home between changes.

A real estate transfer of interest this week is the sale by Wm. L. Woods to J. Henry Colburn of the lot of land between Emory J. Whitney's house and the town hall. Mr. Colburn expects in due time to build a home for himself and family.

The engagement is announced this week of Miss Florence Edith Pond and Cyril Arthur Blaney, M. D.

The Henry M. Wrights of Quincy were Saturday and Sunday guests at H. L. Wright's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Fisher of Lowell have recently welcomed a little daughter into their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon have rented Miss Mary Moran's house opposite the town house and have moved in this week. Miss Moran was at home for a brief period between cases Saturday.

Henry O. Keyes has bought the lumber in the large windmill on the Brigham farm and has been moving it in sections onto his property on Boston road to use in his building enterprises.

Fred A. Smith has the sympathy of his friends in being afflicted with carbuncles.

Joseph Moran of the Westford depot neighborhood is seriously ill at this writing with pneumonia.

#### Obituaries.

Mrs. Caroline Carleton Atwood passed into the higher life Friday of last week at the advanced age of ninety years. Five days previous to her death she fell and sustained a broken hip and death was a setting tree from pain and weakness.

Mrs. Atwood was born in Orange, N. H., January 12, 1821, and was the only daughter of Edward and Sarah Carleton. She was married to Daniel Atwood January 22, 1846. Twelve years later Mr. and Mrs. Atwood came to Westford from Pelham, N. H., having purchased the large farm now known as the Nashoba farm where they lived with their large family of sons and daughters for many years.

In 1879 Deacon Atwood retired from active farming and moved to the village, having built the present pleasant family residence. Deacon Atwood died December 13, 1902.

Mrs. Atwood leaves to mourn her loss three sons and three daughters—Dr. Edward Atwood and William Atwood of Daytona, Fla.; Eliot Atwood of Chelmsford and Misses Sarah C., Lillian B. and May Atwood of Westford. Another daughter died in infancy. Mrs. Atwood is also survived by four grandchildren—Miss Evelyn Atwood of Daytona, Fla., and Misses Grace and Jessie Atwood of Chelmsford, but who at present is in South America.

Mrs. Atwood joined the Union Congregational church September 30, 1866, and in all the forty-five years of her membership had been thoroughly loyal and faithful to its interests and constant in attendance to all its services while health permitted. Mrs. Atwood was devoted to the interests of home and family. She was a fine type of the New England woman of her generation and leaves to her family and friends a record of christian living that will be cherished.

The funeral, which was private, was held from her late home Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Present were those nearest and dearest to her, her pastor, Rev. David Wallace, who conducted the service and the four gentlemen, members of her church, who acted as bearers—Houghton G. Osgood, Arthur E. Day, Charles D. Colburn and Leonard W. Wheeler. The church members sent beautiful flowers and there were also beautiful tokens from the relatives as well as from other friends.

David L. Greig had charge of all arrangements and interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

Samuel Alfred Taylor, who was taken to the Lowell General hospital on Tuesday of last week and operated upon for appendicitis the following day, failed to rally from its effects, and died Thursday afternoon, and his untimely death has caused much sadness to his circle of friends. His only near surviving relative is his twin brother, Albert Davis Taylor.

The funeral was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Mr. Taylor had made his home at Mr. and Mrs. Wright's when he was in town for a number of years. Rev. B. H. Bailey was the officiating clergyman and there was singing by James Leatham of Boston who rendered two beautiful solos: "Abide with me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

There were delegations from the Highland Veritas lodge of Odd Fellows, Lowell, and from the encampment of Odd Fellows.

The floral tributes were of unusual beauty and profusion. A beautiful scroll of assorted blossoms, a large wreath and pillow and a star of yellow jonquils were the pieces contributed by the brother of the deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spaulding and Will E. Wright's tokens were, handsome wreaths, and sprays from Mrs. Hunking and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Manning, J. V. Monahan, H. D. Collins and Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Carver, Geo. E. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. David Sherman, A. W. Heywood and family, Mr. Ferguson and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wright and Fred A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, Clarence Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright, Fred Robbins and H. L. Wright.

The bearers were Albert Heywood, Sydney Wright, David Sherman and Will E. Wright, all school boy companions and friends of the deceased. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

#### Social.

The "Shamrock social," the social for March at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday evening proved a success in every way—the good weather, the large attendance, the fine supper with its unique decorations and the excellent after program, all went to make it an evening of enjoyment. The supper was in charge of Mrs. J. E. Knight, Mrs. E. G. Boynton, Mrs. Florence Isles and Mrs. John McMaster and was one of their best efforts, which is saving a good deal. The menu consisted of cold meat, mashed potato, cranberry jelly, a good variety of delicious salads and fancy pies of all kinds and coffee. The color scheme of decoration was vivid green in honor of the patron saint of Erin's Isle. There were a variety of green plants and the tables were lighted with candelabra with green candles and green hats for shades. At each place was a pretty ornamental shamrock with tiny hat, pipe or snake attached. The napkins were in shamrock and harp design and encased in green and gold napkin rings and each coffee mug had a green shamrock pasted on. Stretched across the room near the ceiling was a streamer of shamrocks with the U. S. flag in the center. These decorations were much enjoyed and admired and were the handiwork of Miss Edith Foster, Mrs. W. J. Merritt and Miss Marlon Sweet who generously contributed skill, time and materials. Downstairs a candy table was decorated with shamrock and green crepe and did a good business, presided over by Hilda Isles and Adrith Carter.

The entertainment of the evening consisted of a trio, consisting of piano, violin and violoncello in charge of Miss Marlon Sweet and the Brothers Lougee of Ayer. Their varied selections were given with much sweetness and harmony. Little Miss Daisy Kabele supplied recitations in her usual pleasing manner. Mrs. Perley E. Wright's rendering of "His last ride" was unusually good. There was a piano and violin duet by Miss Pond and Mr. Kabele and Miss Pond sang, "Kathleen Mavourneen" to Mr. Kabele's violin accompaniment with much expression. Mr. Wallace's reading of "The ladies' aid," was much appreciated. Miss Foster was one of the trio in one selection. There were fully one hundred people in attendance and a good sum was realized for the treasury.

#### About Town.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, who has been curtailed in his varied useful spheres by grippe and bronchitis, has recovered back to the solid uses of life again and will be ready to act as regulator and arbitrator of differences at the annual town meeting on Monday, March 20. Although a member of the Governor's council, he still retains his old place among us as "Mr. Moderator."

#### A Golden Ministry.

Fifty years last Tuesday, Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey was ordained to the ministry at Dedham, and by special invitation of the Dedham parish he will conduct the services and give a historical sermon on "Fifty Years in the Ministry" at the old historic church at Dedham tomorrow. This was Mr. Bailey's first parish. Since then he has ministered to churches in Portland, Me., Gloucester and Westford. He is only one of three now living who took part in his ordination service.

Mr. Bailey is a native of Northboro and is heavily charged with church history, both serious and humorous, which he can relate with a forever memory.

#### Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, March 20. The polls will be opened at eight a. m., to receive the voters' opinion on candidates for town offices and also opinions on liquor selling. Opinions will be received as late as one p. m., after which more opinions will be counted. Mark your traveling time from home to fit one o'clock closing.

The warrant contains thirty-seven different items of business, including the moderator item. Most of the articles are of the usual in all annual town meetings. The unusual are distributed as follows in the warrant.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept chapter 423 of the Acts of 1909, entitled, "An act relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit on the Lord's day."

The last time this article came up it was voted down, no one appearing in its favor. If the benefits more than offset the innovations of the traditions

of the day, it is up to the innovator to prove it.

Article 14 calls for the purchase of a power sprayer to distribute liquid to the moth pests that have illegally taken up their residence among us. If, as reported, the State will pay half of the expense of the purchase, the town should, in the interest of extermination of these pests, go the other half and adopt wider and more efficient measures for extermination.

Article 24 relates to the "Town entering into a contract for lighting the streets in the villages of Westford, Forge Village, Graniteville and Brookside." Measured by our wealth and population as compared with other nearby towns that light their streets, we ought to answer this question in one word—"Light."

Article 25 calls for an additional hydrant at Forge Village for fire protection, and would authorize the selectmen to enter into a contract with the Westford Water company. There will be no opposition to this extra hydrant, so arguments are uncalled for.

Article 26 is also a fire article and calls for \$150 for purchasing fire extinguishers and other apparatus to be placed with the forest warden for use at all wooden fires, whether forests or buildings. They have proved their value and word arguments are superfluous.

Article 33. To see if the town will accept the several gifts of land adjoining the Whitney playground from Donald M. Cameron, Oscar R. Spaulding and William L. Woods.

#### Touring Trip.

Since being relieved by his recent auction of cow cares, Henry B. Read has been touring some parts of the State on his summer vacation, availing himself of the opportunities of farmers' week at Amherst Agricultural college, visiting his sisters—Carrie and Florence at Barre, the former being the librarian at the Barre public library. While there, Mr. Read also visited the large farm of George H. Ellis, who has nearly 250 head of stock, part of which are kept on another farm at Newton. He has 123 cows giving milk, 75 heifers under one year, 150 from one year up to milking. Mr. Ellis intends to demonstrate that farming on a large scale will pay in New England as in the west. He was institute editor of the Christian Register and is still prominent as farmer and thinker.

#### Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paquette and children of Nashua were guests over Sunday of Mrs. Paquette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc. Mr. and Mrs. Leclerc also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Pombreau of Nashua at the weekend.

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

On Wednesday evening Lenten services were held at St. Andrew's mission at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Bumpus officiated and preached a very efficient sermon. The choir held a rehearsal after the service.

On Friday evening March 17, in Recreation hall, the Groton School boys gave a drill and gymnastic exhibition. The proceeds of the affair are to be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Many from this village attended the Lenten devotions held in Healey's hall, Graniteville, on Wednesday evening.

Sunday morning, March 19, services will be held in St. Andrew's mission for the Russians who reside in this village. A Russian minister from Boston, Rev. Jacob Grigov, will officiate at the services. On Sunday afternoon at the usual hour, regular services will be held. Rev. Mr. Birckhead of Groton School, will occupy the pulpit, Mr. Bumpus taking charge of his church for the day.

Joseph Leclerc of North Chelmsford has purchased the three-story building on Central street, together with land and also the cottage in the rear of Central street from George E. Mountain.

#### Run Into.

The milk wagon owned by C. E. and H. W. Flavell of East Groton and driven by H. W. Flavell was struck by an east bound electric car on the Lowell and Fitchburg road last week Friday morning. Mr. Flavell was driving out of the yard adjacent to the home of Fennimore Morton, when the 9.20 car from Ayer came down the road, striking the wagon and totally wrecking it, besides breaking milk bottles with the result that a great amount of milk was lost.

Mr. Flavell had a very narrow escape from being killed; luckily the only injuries he sustained was a wound on his leg, where pieces of broken glass had become embedded. Dr. A. G. Kibbourn of Groton treated Mr. Flavell, extracting the pieces of glass. The horse escaped without injury. Motorman Robbins and Conductor Goddard had charge of the car.

#### Graniteville.

Lenten devotions for the parishioners of St. Catherine's church was held in Healey's hall on Wednesday evening, Rev. Fr. Schofield officiating.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held on Thursday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted.

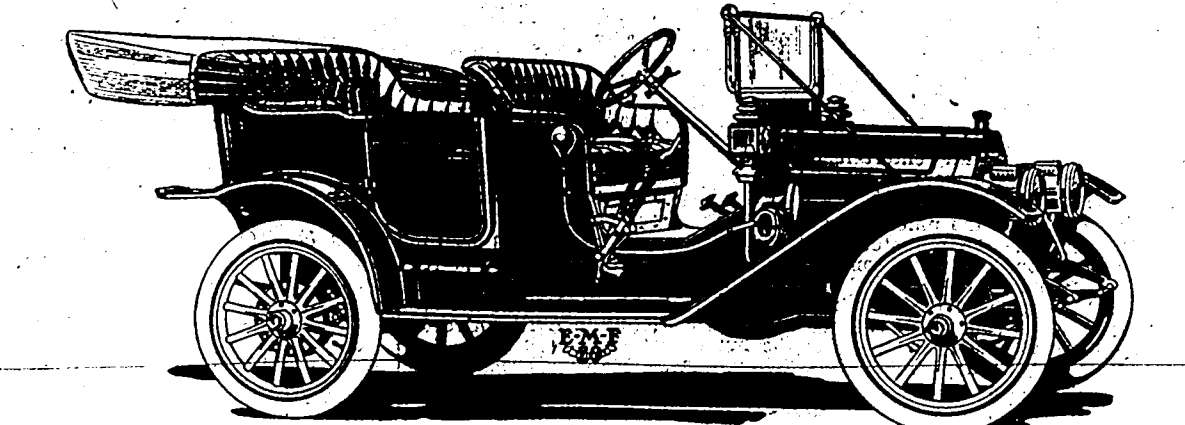
Henry Smith of this village was among those who attended the automobile show in Boston last week.

At a meeting of the St. Catherine's Temperance society, three new members were initiated and four applications were received.

#### Supper and Entertainment.

The members of the Social Six club that have been having some very pleasant times at the different homes of its members during the past few weeks, gathered at the home of Miss Ruth Furbush on one of the pleasant evenings of last week and spent the time in a very enjoyable manner. Many popular games were freely indulged in, after which a short but selected musical program was given, consisting of piano solos by Miss Furbush and Miss Bertha Galbraith; vocal solo, "For all eternity," A. John-

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Miss Helen Furbush took first honors in the whist games and Thomas Denio showed "some class" by landing the third prize. The second prize was a tie between Miss Galbraith and Fred Blodgett, and will probably be played off at the next meeting of the club.

After the games an excellent supper was served by Mrs. F. L. Furbush and it goes without saying that this was by far the most pleasing part of the entertainment.

Russell Furbush, who is spending the winter in the South, though absent, contributed in a way to the evening's festivities for before the guests departed Miss Furbush presented each one a "lemon" right from Florida, with her brother's best compliments.

The whole affair was one of rare pleasure and the club members hope to meet again in the near future.

### New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of EMMA M. BLAKE, late of Westford, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, EDWIN R. RICHARDSON, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

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

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

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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The Cost of Material has become a much-mooted point since the E-M-F Company's recent announcement of a lowered price. Other manufacturers—to be blunt, assemblers—have rushed into print with the statement that material actually costs them more than it used to.

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LITTLETON.

The Play. Rarely has the pleasureable excitement attendant upon a Back-log drama subsided as quickly as in the last instance when "A scrap of paper" was wafted into our presence and quickly and also very skilfully disposed of. But it is becoming the habit of the hour to take our enjoyments calmly, so quickly do they succeed each other.

To say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fabric of the play would not be strictly true, for no play ever written would have the qualities that would appeal to the entire large audience that always follow the Back-log plays. But commendation has been of a very encouraging quantity and quality and all unite in one loud acclaim that never has any play by the club been presented in a more skilful and artistic manner. The cast was small, but the characters were more definite than usually seen in light comedy. The action of the play was well balanced and with great animation the purpose was firmly sustained to the end.

Who could say the stage settings were not fine. They were. The room assigned to Prosper in Brimmond house was like a museum and drawing room in one. In act three the conservatory was a dream of beauty with its distant woodland scenery. More than one page could be covered with the praise that was so generously accorded the actors by everyone. They are all prime favorites and this season more than ever. Mr. Hartwell, chairman of the drama committee, was his own usual, active and efficient self in carrying out all the details such a personation calls for, ably assisted by Mrs. Hartwell. The pamphlet programs were valuable additions to the interest of the two evenings and we hope they will bring good business to all who inserted their many attractive ads. Music, both vocal and instrumental, by Mrs. Walter Hartwell and by the Cynthian orchestra was thoroughly appreciated and persistently encored. L.

To the Editor: A lady has written me asking further information as to the care for falling hair, and suggesting I publish it in your paper.

The solutions of boracic i. e., boric acid, or of the borax, are readily made by putting say an ounce or so of the powder of either in a bottle, say a sixteen ounce bottle, filling nearly full with cold water, about fifty degrees Fahrenheit is good, and shaking for a minute or so. Then let it settle and pour off the clear solution for use. This I apply all over the scalp and moustache and beard every week or ten days; but any day or evening. If any itching or irritation appears, I wet well the irritated place and its neighborhood with the solution by a bit of sponge from the size of the last joint of the forefinger to that of the ball of the thumb. It is allowed to dry on.

CHARLES E. AVERY.

Inspection of Animals. In the prosecution of its great work of making more pleasant the brief lives of infant calves the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called attention afresh to the disgraceful conditions existing in the slaughter and inspection of animals to be used for food.

While conditions exposed by the agents of the society are by no means new, they are none the less deplorable, and while the work of the society is primarily for the benefit of the animals, it seems as though the agitation of the matter ought to benefit the human beings affected.

So far the reports have dealt with out-of-State calves, but their is a strong suspicion that not a few infant calves of Massachusetts parentage see their finish at an unduly early age.

Any farmer in the milk business knows just where he can sell all the calves he has to spare as soon as they arrive and also who will buy a cow that gets off her feed or otherwise shows signs that her days of usefulness are about over.

Country people are sometimes credited with more curiosity than their city cousins, but I have noticed that the farmers don't seem to be unduly curious as to what becomes of the infant calves and decrepit cows they sell.

As a rule, however, they do not believe in reciprocity to the extent of buying their meat of the men they sell to.

The matter of cattle inspection is claimed by the agents of the society to be a farce in many cases, and it does look that way to an outsider.

For instance, in the matter of inspection at the farm, I have seen an inspector drive into a yard and after the usual exchange of compliments with the owner, inquire how many cattle he had and if they were all in good health, make an entry in his notebook and drive off without getting out of his team.

If that sort of inspection is good for anything but an excuse for drawing a salary, I am unable to see it.

I had an experience some years ago that was something of an eye-opener. Having a cow that acted suspiciously, but had been passed as sound three separate times by the local inspector, I called in a handy State inspector.

The first trip he was inclined to call her all right, then made a tuberculin test, was not satisfied and made a second, then hardly dared condemn her, but on the fourth trip screwed up his courage and did so.

Interesting Meeting.

Mrs. Mary G. Whiting, secretary of the Somerville Playground association and member of the Somerville school board, addressed the Woman's club and guests, the Improvement society, at the Unitarian vestry on Monday.

Mrs. Whiting spoke ably and interestingly on the subject of playgrounds. The development of the playground movement in this country, the rapid increase of playgrounds within three years from ninety to five hundred in number, the purpose to develop body, mind and morals through wisely directed play and other occupation on the playgrounds, the importance of such provisions for the boys and girls who would otherwise throw their energies into deteriorating channels of activity, and the encouraging results already in evidence, particularly in the decrease of juvenile crime, these were the leading topics under consideration. As an illustration of the last point the speaker referred to a certain district in Somerville, where within a radius of half a mile, juvenile crime had decreased fifty percent since the establishment of a public playground.

Each playground is furnished with basketball, horizontal bars, quoits, swings and boxes, or whatever suits the children provided for. Directors and instructors supervise the games, and the sewing and the handwork, and thus indirectly teach many useful lessons, such as honesty, fairness, cleanliness, industry, courtesy and other virtues that make for true manliness and womanliness. A rising vote of thanks was offered the lecturer for her gratuitous service.

Hon. F. A. Patch, president of the Improvement society, was invited to speak on the subject. Mr. Patch expressed himself as much interested and very grateful for the information gained from the speaker of the afternoon. He is an advocate of the public playground or whatever means will serve to keep children occupied in the right way. Good lights and the curfew, he believes, are beneficial to our villages.

Mrs. Sarah J. Conant, chairman of the Civics committee, presented a strong plea for the lyceum. In recent years a spirit bordering on indifference to the interests of the lyceum has taken possession of some citizens, but others among us take pride in the unique position that Littleton enjoys through this institution and realize its benefits, hope that it may be maintained and well supported by coming generations. To assure the continuation of the lyceum in future years, present loyal supporters would like to have a fund established and the chairman suggested that the Woman's club might well devote itself to the good cause.

With reverence and pride, Mrs. Conant referred to Col. Alfred Harwood's interest in maintaining this worthy institution by providing for it through a season chiefly, if not wholly, from his own means. The subject presented is certainly worthy of consideration. Many clubs and societies have been formed in town within recent years, but not one of them can attract people of all classes and creeds as does the lyceum. If the benefits derived in the past and the present from this source of education, entertainment and social enjoyment, there is no question. Are we interested in handing down to posterity this institution with a little financial encouragement?

The club treasurer took a collection for the maintenance of the Louise Alcott house in Concord. As several members forgot their money another collection for the purpose will be taken at the next meeting which is to be held on Saturday afternoon, March 25, at the Orthodox vestry. This is to be the Woman's club "at home," in charge of Miss A. O. Dewey, assisted by Mrs. Caroline Hosmer.

Women may take their work and all members are expected to respond to the roll-call with a favorite recipe or helpful suggestion for the home. Mrs. Martha A. Robinson will give current events, and Mrs. A. M. Parker will speak on her recent foreign travels. There will be a social tea in charge of Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson.

About Town.

The body of Mrs. Tuttle of Groton was brought here for burial in the Tuttle lot in the cemetery here.

At the town meeting on Monday, March 27, dinner will be served by the ladies of the Orthodox Congregational society.

Needham & Fletcher have commenced to make repairs on J. H. D. Whitcomb's place at the Centre. Considerable work is to be done and with such men to do it, it will no doubt be well done.

In the Backlog series on Thursday, March 23, will be served the famous men's supper in charge of F. B. Priest with efficient aids.

Topic of Guild, Jane Adams and Hull house," on which Miss Rachel Ireland will speak in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Sunday evening.

Last Saturday afternoon at the food sale in the Unitarian vestry, given by the high school juniors, about fifteen dollars was realized. It was not generally known that there was to be a sale. The proceeds is to go toward defraying expenses of graduation.

Saturday, March 25, is the date of the next Woman's club meeting in the Orthodox vestry. This date is chosen on account of town meeting, the following Monday.

Ethel K. Bruce announces that her millinery parlors are now open in Phelps' block, Ayer, Mass., opposite the railroad station. Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Announcement of spring opening later.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items. The annual town meeting comes Monday, March 20, beginning at twelve m.

The town reports have been distributed this week and the town valuations are in the hands of the printer and will be distributed later on.

Arthur Nelson began his duties as juror at Lowell, Monday morning, but was transferred to Cambridge the following morning, where he will be for the remainder of the term.

Mrs. S. P. Dodge and Miss Florence Dodge spent part of last week at the home of Frank W. Dodge in Somerville, then Miss Florence came home with her mother for a week's vacation.

Miss Waterman is in Providence where she was called suddenly last week by the death of a cousin.

Mrs. Frank W. Dodge was in town last week, coming to attend the grange anniversary and assist with the music for the evening.

It is reported that M. L. Wetherbee has sold the farm best known as the Joel Foster Hayward place to a Boston party for a summer residence.

Mrs. Charles Adams, who has been spending the winter with her son in Maplewood, is at home again.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Boxborough grange celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, Friday evening, March 10. The hall was prettily decorated by the younger members of the order, green and white being the colors selected for the occasion. Invitations had been sent to all who had ever been members of this grange, whether now connected with the order or not. The business meeting was held in the lower hall, then all adjourned to the upper hall where an address of welcome was given by worshiped master Arthur W. Nelson, responded to by past master Albert Littlefield.

Past master C. T. Wetherbee gave a brief history of the formation of the grange and its masters during the quarter century. Short speeches were also made by past masters S. B. Hager, Arthur Whitcomb, R. Y. Nelson, Levi W. Perkins, C. E. Bradford, sisters M. B. Robbins and J. A. Littlefield, after which worthy state master Chas. M. Gardner gave a fine address. Music consisted of a piano solo by C. T. Wetherbee and cornet duets by Mrs. Frank Dodge and Miss Ethel Mead. Light refreshments were served from daintily spread tables in the upper hall.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The annual town meeting for the school business of the town was held in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, March 11. It was very largely attended and part of the time some lively discussions were engaged in. The final result was the re-election of Miss Clara Smith on the board of education, her term of office having expired. Mr. Spaulding was re-elected as treasurer. It was voted to retain a supervisor of the schools. The amount of money appropriated was \$3,200 the same as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf who have spent the winter in Fernandina, Fla., returned to their home here on last Saturday.

Word was received in Hollis last week of the death of Allan Laird, whose boyhood days were spent in Hollis, he being the only son of Rev. James and Mrs. Laird. His father was pastor of the Hollis church from 1870 to 1874. Mr. Laird had been west, but was returning to New England, and was taken ill and died on the journey home. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 10, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Breed in Clinton, Mass. Interment was beside his father in Clinton.

Mrs. E. K. Jewett went on March 11, on a visit to friends in Boston, Roxbury and Lynn. She attended the meetings of the Woman's jubilee of the Foreign Missionary societies held on March 14 and 15. These meetings impressed her as the best foreign missionary meetings she ever attended.

The annual high school party given last week Friday evening by members of the school to their friends was a success in every way. About two hundred and fifty were present. The early part of the evening was spent in music, games and dancing. At ten o'clock ice cream and cake were served, after which dancing was enjoyed until twelve o'clock. Committee in charge of the affair—Harry M. Powers, Estelle Woodin, Florence L. Dudley, Ruth Goodwin and Carrol C. Read.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting for the election of town officers and transaction of town business occurred on Tuesday, March 14, at the lower town hall. The following officers were elected: George F. Hills, George F. Hale, George Woodin, selectmen; Edson L. Hurd, treasurer; George A. Ladd, Charles E. Hardy, Thomas A. Greenleaf, fire wardens; Wilbert P. Farley, Miss Minnie E. Colburn, directors of public library; S. A. Worcester, road commissioner south district; David A. Wright, east; Alec Deneault, north.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the public library; \$100 for Memorial day.

Voted, to leave the matter of laying a pipe from the well that the town has a right to use for public uses and cause hydrants to be placed, to the judgment of the selectmen.

Voted, to give the room formerly used for a library-room to the Evangelical Congregational society for the use of the ladies of Hollis.

Voted, the town purchase a burial lowering device.

Voted, to pay the funeral expenses of the late Ezra S. Wright, a dependant soldier.

Voted, to leave to the judgment of the selectmen the matter of reimbursing George Verder for injuries done his mule by accident on Long hill.

At noon the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society served a most beautiful dinner for the voters which was liberally patronized, netting the ladies a goodly sum.

New Advertisements.

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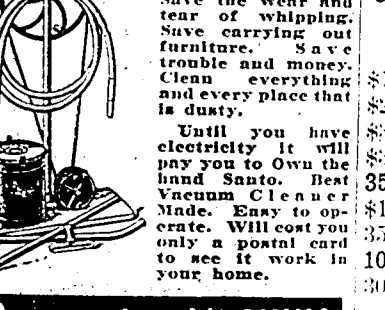
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Saturday, March 18, 1911.

### GROTON.

#### Supper and Entertainment.

The gentlemen's supper, which was  
served at the Congregational church  
last week Thursday evening, was a  
pronounced success. Some 215 per-  
sons were seated at the different ta-  
bles during the evening. Great credit  
is due Henry Whiting and his able  
assistants for the success of the ex-  
cellent spread.

The program presented was as fol-  
lows: piano duet, Mrs. Wright and  
Miss Coburn; recitation, little Merle  
Gillespie; song, Miss Dora Bailey, ac-  
companied by Miss Margaret Bened-  
ict; reading, Miss Gillespie; piano  
solo, Lewis Knapp, and a narrative of  
a trip around the world by Miss Ethel  
N. Shumway, a former resident of  
Groton.

Owing to the large attendance and  
the unavoidable delay in rearranging  
the tables, the entertainment did not  
begin as early as usual. Miss Shum-  
way did not appear until nine o'clock,  
but so interestingly and delightfully  
did she tell the story of her trip and  
experiences that the entire audience  
remained to the close of the hour's ad-  
dress.

Many of Miss Shumway's friends  
took occasion to congratulate and  
thank her for the very enjoyable treat  
she had given them, and Mrs. Bene-  
dict, president of the Ladies' Benevo-  
lent society, presented Miss Shum-  
way a beautiful bouquet of flowers  
on behalf of her many Groton friends,  
as a token of their appreciation of  
her presence and the evening's ad-  
dress.

During her stay in town Miss Shum-  
way was the guest of her aunt, Mrs.  
Emma P. Shumway.

A genuine surprise was given the  
audience by the brilliant and finished  
playing of Lewis M. Knapp, so sponta-  
neous and hearty was the applause  
which followed his performance, that  
he responded with a bright little se-  
lection, which he rendered with ex-  
quisite taste.

#### Grange.

The Groton grange meeting of Tues-  
day evening had an attendance of  
ninety-five. There were visitors from  
Shirley Pepperell and Drauc. Deputy  
William T. Herrick from Westboro  
was present and spoke in appreciation  
of the work done in the conferring  
of the second and third degrees by  
the ladies' and gentlemen's degree  
teams on the class of six members.  
David M. Howe, a brother granger  
from Oxford, and a brother of Rev.  
G. M. Howe of Groton, also spoke in-  
terestingly of the work done by the  
organization.

There was no entertainment pro-  
gram, but the work of the order and  
the several speeches, made an instruc-  
tive and interesting meeting. The  
fourth degree will not be conferred  
on this class until April 11, as there  
are three teachers among the number,  
who on account of their vacation would  
not be able to attend an earlier date.

#### Going West.

The following article is copied from  
the Lynn Item of March 6:

"The postoffice loses one of the most  
popular letter carriers in the resigna-  
tion of Albert E. Cluff who has been  
serving the public for the past eight  
years and assigned to the West Lynn  
station since 1908. Mr. Cluff goes to  
join his brothers, Harry L. and Luther  
P. Cluff, formerly of Lynn, but for the  
past four years of The Dalles, Oregon,  
where he becomes a member of the  
firm of Cluff Bros., conducting one of  
the largest fruit ranches in the vicini-  
ty. Their sister, Mrs. Edward Howard  
French, formerly Miss Alice V.  
Cluff of this city, resides not far from  
the ranch. Her husband, Edward H.  
French, is president of the banking  
house of French & Co., the oldest and  
largest banking firm in Eastern Ore-  
gon. Mr. Cluff carries the best wishes  
of a host of friends in his new ven-  
ture."

The Cluff brothers are nephews of  
Joseph B. Raddin and have often vis-  
ited in Groton.

#### Obituary.

The earthly life of Mrs. Sarah L.  
(Chapen), widow of John R. W. Tuttle,  
closed Friday afternoon, March 10,  
after a paralytic shock with which she  
was stricken four days previous. Mrs.  
Tuttle was seized Tuesday morning  
after she had risen and while dress-  
ing herself for the day. She was  
found unconscious and remained so  
to the end. This shock came without  
warning, as there had been all along  
no word or hint of any but her usual  
good health. Even the night before  
she had talked and amused her grand-  
children in her customary cheerful  
manner.

Mrs. Tuttle was born in Utica, N. Y.,  
but when young removed with the  
family to Littleton, where she lived  
until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs.  
Tuttle then lived ten years in Ayer,  
after which their home was in Gro-  
ton until Mr. Tuttle's death, twenty  
years ago, since which time she has  
made her home with her married  
daughter, Mrs. J. H. Sargent. Her  
three children were able to be with  
her, the son, Arthur C. Tuttle ar-  
riving from the south only three hours  
before she passed away.

Mrs. Tuttle was highly esteemed by  
all who knew her. She was a quiet  
gentlewoman, whose sweet, kind face  
ever reflected the serenity of her lov-  
ing disposition and character. While  
this sudden affliction falls heavily up-

on her three children, Mrs. Cora Sar-  
gent, Miss Lena Tuttle and Arthur  
C. Tuttle, they will be comforted in  
remembering their mother's faithful  
life and her belief in immortality. The  
following verses, which were read in  
connection with the funeral services  
by Rev. G. M. Howe, Monday after-  
noon, were found in her bible where  
she had put them:

#### RESIGNED.

Could we but look within, the golden  
gate,  
And see our loved in yonder world  
no fair  
We would not call them back, but  
wait  
Until our turn to enter there.

It seems as if the sweets of earth  
were gone  
When we, heart-broken, lay our  
loved away  
As if we were forsaken and forlorn  
And light no more could shine upon  
our way.

We cannot see beyond the clouds, 'tis  
dim  
Our eyes are blinded by our tears,  
But we can put our trust in Him  
Who takes away our doubts and  
fears.

God knows it all, the sorrow of our  
heart  
Just how we watch, and long and  
wait  
For time when we no more may part  
From those who've passed with  
the gate.

O precious thought! that God doth keep  
Our friends from earthly parting  
And that we too, His care may seek  
And gently lean upon His arm.

At the funeral, which was held at  
her late home, on Monday afternoon,  
March 13, there was singing of the  
hymns, "Shall we meet beyond the  
river," and "Some day we'll under-  
stand," by a quartet composed of Miss  
Susie P. Hill, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck,  
Rev. G. M. Howe and F. W. Chase.  
Besides the children she is survived  
by her four grandchildren—Clarence  
and Howard Tuttle, Harold and Stella  
Sargent. Howard Tuttle was not able  
to leave duties at the south to at-  
tend the funeral. Much sympathy has  
been expressed in this sorrow; also  
the kind offers of assistance from  
friends and neighbors have been ap-  
preciated by the family. The beauti-  
ful floral offerings were as follows:

Pillow marked "Mother," Arthur  
Tuttle, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, Lena Tuttle;  
spray of pinks and violets, Mr. and  
Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs.  
Howard Tuttle; pinks, Harold and  
Stella Sargent; spray of pinks, Mr. and  
Mrs. Fred C. Tuttle; spray of pinks,  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fletcher, Mr.  
and Mrs. Elmer Fletcher, Littleton;  
spray of flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Berg-  
quist; cut flowers, Mrs. George Gil-  
christ, Fitchburg; cut flowers, Miss  
Edwin Graves, Bennington, N. H.; spray  
of pinks and mignonette, the neigh-  
bors; spray of flowers, Miss Sarah  
Lounley; bouquet of violets, Mr. and  
Mrs. Joseph Dickinson; spray of pinks,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington, West  
Groton; spray of roses and sweet peas,  
Baptist church; cut flowers, Mrs. A.  
G. Lewis and daughter.

The interment was in the family lot  
in Littleton.

#### News Items.

Wallace A. Brown is making a fine  
recovery from last week's operation.  
The trained nurse in attendance is the  
same gentleman who cared for the  
late Mr. Mead, Mrs. Brown's father at  
West Acton.

As the people were leaving the Con-  
gregational church after the Men's  
supper last week the burning out of a  
fuse plug caused all the electric  
lights to hide for a moment.

Seventeen from Groton, making a  
good large load, attended the comedy,  
"A scrap of paper," given by the Back-  
log club in town hall, Littleton, last  
week Friday evening. They enjoyed  
the play immensely and report that all  
the characters were taken in a su-  
perior and delightful manner.

It is rumored around that Charles  
Harrington and F. O. Porter have very  
recently made a big haul on fish.  
They say they are of the golden and  
silver species. Such fish are very  
rare in Groton. Call and see them.

George Gardner Simonds, a former  
resident of this town, but recently of  
Manchester, N. H., has gone to the  
Pacific coast for a vacation trip. Mr.  
Simonds will visit in Los Angeles,  
Pasadena, San Francisco and Oakland,  
Cal., thence to Seattle and Everett  
in the state of Washington.

Miss Elizabeth Love has hired the  
tenement in Mrs. Emma P. Shumway's  
house, recently vacated by Mrs. Rob-  
inson and family. Miss Love and her  
mother, Mrs. Chase, will move in to  
occupy for their home as soon as the  
tenement is in readiness for them.

The largest was caught by Mr. Fol-  
lett and weighed 63 lb. The ice on the  
lake, through which they fished, was  
thirty inches thick.

Mrs. Harry E. Nutting, suffering  
from acute appendicitis, was operated  
on at Groton hospital last week Fri-  
day, Dr. Kilbourn performing the  
operation. She is doing nicely.

Miss Elizabeth Ayers from Whitney  
cottage, near Groton school, was op-  
erated on for appendicitis at the Gro-  
ton hospital on Monday. Dr. Kilbourn  
performed the operation. All the pa-  
tients at the hospital are doing well.

Mrs. Lizzie Floyd is keeping house  
for Harry E. Nutting and family dur-  
ing his wife's illness.

The net proceeds from the gentle-  
men's supper at the Congregational  
church last week Thursday evening  
was over fifty dollars. A very grati-  
fying sum to go into the treasury of  
the Ladies' Benevolent society.

Frank D. Lewis has been suffering  
from a severe attack of grippe which  
has confined him to his bed.

The W. A. Moore & Co. store is  
soon to change hands. Sidney F. Dav-  
is and his sister, Mrs. Minnie E.  
Moore, are to be the new proprietors,  
assuming management about the mid-  
dle of April. Miss Helen Belle Moore,  
a popular Groton young lady, daugh-  
ter of Mrs. M. E. Moore, will work  
for the new firm. Some lines of goods  
are now being closed out at reduced  
prices.

Mrs. Mary Bailey came up from  
Boston last week Saturday and visited  
until Monday night at her brother's,  
Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley of Pleas-  
ant street.

R. C. Follett, superintendent of  
Louthorpe, Fred W. Coburn, Lester  
Adams, E. F. Dorritty and D. E. Mur-  
phy went to Laconia, N. H., last week  
Friday and returned Monday morning  
with a nice catch of fine lake trout.

The board of selectmen, who are  
also overseers of the poor, have hired  
Robert Trask of Beverly as superin-  
tendent of the Groton town farm. The  
family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Trask  
and a son of about seven years of age.  
They come about April first.

Mrs. Clarence E. Ebert of Arlington  
came last week Thursday for a visit  
to her sister, Miss Gertrude Gerrish,  
at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Caro-  
line Bancroft.

The church social at the Baptist,  
which was to be held this week Thurs-  
day, was postponed on account of the  
illness of Mrs. Nutting and others.

The vacation of the lower grades  
of public schools begins at the close  
of this week Friday. That of the high  
and grammar on next week Friday.

The Groton friends of Dr. and Mrs.  
B. M. Bristol of Cohasset will be glad  
to hear that their little son, who has  
been very seriously ill, is better.

The alarm of fire which was rung  
last week Friday afternoon was for  
what proved to be a threatened fire at  
Frank A. Torrey's on Main street.  
The fire at that time was located in  
a box in the ell of the house, which  
was full of smoke.

George H. Woods is taking down  
the old passenger station, which he  
bought of the Boston and Maine rail-  
road. The lumber is going to West  
Groton.

Miss Rachel Cook of Leominster, a  
school friend of Miss Gladys A. Mason  
when attending Fitchburg normal  
visited her at her home and school  
this week Thursday and Friday.

Dr. Priest was called professionally  
last Sunday to Cohasset to little  
Philo Bristol, who was dangerously  
ill with pneumonia.

The annual parish meeting of the  
First Parish Unitarian church was  
held on Monday evening. All former  
officers were re-elected.

The Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D.,  
of Boston and Groton, was born here  
on March 16, 1830. Thursday, conse-  
quently was his eighty-first birth-  
day.

The house which Miss C. E. Sears  
of Prospect hill, Harvard, has been  
having built for Mr. and Mrs. E. E.  
Balcom, is finished. Mr. and Mrs.  
Balcom will move over there from  
Groton about April first, or as soon  
as the plastering is ready for their  
occupancy.

The Groton Castle of the Knights  
of King Arthur held their first meet-  
ing in the lower town hall on Wednes-  
day evening. Twelve members have  
been initiated and their officers cho-  
sen. Others are to be balloted for as  
members soon. This order is estab-  
lished here by Rev. P. H. Cressey  
for the benefit of the boys and youths  
of Groton from twelve to eighteen  
years of age.

Mrs. Jane Clark was ill for two or  
three days this week, requiring a  
physician.

Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting was able to  
return home last week from the Gro-  
ton hospital where she has been since  
her operation of two or three weeks  
ago.

Miss Della Haley is working for  
Miss Bruce at Ayer, in her millinery  
rooms.

Cedric Hodgman, who has been  
spending the winter in Bangor, Me.,  
came home last week Friday for a  
two weeks' stay.

Notwithstanding the many reports  
that have been in circulation, James  
R. Hawkes wishes to say clearly and  
unmistakably that he has never been  
an applicant for the position of su-  
perintendent of the Groton town farm.

Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence entertain-  
ed the Reading club on Wednesday  
afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Whitehill went on Thurs-  
day to spend the remainder of the  
week with friends in Waltham and  
Boston.

Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish spent the  
day Wednesday at the home of her  
friend Mrs. C. F. Worcester in Towns-  
end.

A number of friends gathered at  
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith's in North  
Groton on Wednesday evening, to ob-  
serve his birthday.

The Misses Mary and Minerva War-  
ren entertained a number of friends at  
a five o'clock tea on Tuesday after-  
noon in a most enjoyable manner.

F. Mason's family have moved to  
Ayer.

Millard S. Sawyer of the Boston  
road has taken out nomination papers  
for the office of selectman, overseer  
of the poor and assessor of taxes.

There has been as yet no positive  
sale of William H. Whitehill's farm,  
although it has been so reported.  
There has been a prospect of a sale  
and some steps taken in that direc-  
tion.

Mrs. Dudley P. Moors of Charles-  
town spent Tuesday night with her  
sister, Mrs. Woolley.

The senior class of the Groton high  
school has selected their play: "At  
the end of the rainbow," which is to  
be staged by them this spring. The  
cast of characters is also made.

Mrs. Van Ness of "Fieldstone," East  
Lexington, has been the guest of Mrs.  
William B. Warren this week.

Carpenters are at work remodeling  
the building in the rear of the house  
next to Moore's store. This building  
was formerly a paint shop. Miss Helen  
M. Moore is having it made over for  
her own occupancy as her home.

The rooms near Moore's store, oc-  
cupied recently for millinery and  
dressmaking, have been hired by Ed-  
ward A. Roche as headquarters for  
his line of work.

It was Mrs. Henry A. Johnson's  
birthday Wednesday and she was re-  
membered by a shower of postal cards  
from her many friends. The little  
daughters of Charles M. Raddin—  
Josephine and Barbara—carried a  
pretty bouquet and we hear too that a  
nice birthday cake was an offering  
from friends at Groton Inn.

Ethel K. Bruce announces that her  
millinery parlors are now open in  
Thelma's block, Ayer, Mass., opposite  
the railroad station. Open Monday,  
Wednesday and Saturday evenings.  
Announcement of spring opening later.

News matter of interest on all the  
eight pages of this paper.

#### West Groton.

A little change has been made re-  
cently in the one-session plan of the  
Tribble schools. The primary depart-  
ment opens at 8.45, the first grade  
leaving at 11.45, others remaining till  
1.45. The grammar department is in  
session from 8.45 till 2.15. A twenty-  
minute recess for luncheon is given  
in both rooms. Whatever may be said  
for or against this plan, it is certainly  
a judicious arrangement for the first  
grade children.

Mrs. G. H. Bixby, who required a  
physician's attendance the first of the  
week, is better.

Arthur Jarvis, whose serious illness  
has been previously reported, is able  
to sit up for short periods of time.

Word received from Waltham hos-  
pital announces that Miss Grace Bix-  
by, in training there, is suffering from  
an attack of that disagreeable malady  
known as mumps.

Born on Wednesday, March 15, a  
son to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith of  
Mill street.

Owing to impaired health, Herbert  
Rockwood has decided not to be a  
candidate for the office of road com-  
missioner at the coming election. Mr.  
Rockwood has served the town in the  
above named capacity for a period of  
twenty-two consecutive years, and has  
given faithful service.

By the time these items appear in  
print, it is hoped that a piano, an  
Emerson square, will have been placed  
in Squannacook hall. The necessary  
amount was raised by subscriptions  
after the piano had been tested by  
one well qualified to judge of musical  
instruments. If the tuner arrives on  
time the piano will be ready for use  
by Wednesday of next week.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet  
with Mrs. H. Spaulding on Thursday  
afternoon, March 23. The half-hour  
entertainment will be in charge of  
Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley visited  
Boston last Sunday, attending serv-  
ice in one of its churches.

#### Caucus.

Voters of West Groton, twenty-six  
in number, met in caucus on Friday  
evening of last week. G. H. Bixby  
was chosen moderator, Charles Bix-  
by, clerk, Carl Strand and Clarence  
Thompson, tellers. The result of the  
first ballot was the nomination of  
A. W. Lamb as a candidate for the  
position of selectman. Owing to pres-  
sure of his business as superintendent  
of the paper mill, Mr. Lamb declined  
the nomination.

W. V. Bixby next received a major-  
ity of votes, but, as he was nominated  
for the office of road commissioner  
also, he preferred to become a candi-  
date for the latter position, making a  
third ballot necessary. G. S. Webber  
of the firm of Bixby-Webber Co., re-  
ceived the majority of the vote on  
this ballot, later made unanimous.

As the people have thus shown their  
confidence in Mr. Webber, it is hoped  
that by concerted action, he may be  
elected to the office as it seems but  
right that one of the "fathers of the  
town" should be a member of our own  
thinking community.

#### Supper and Entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid and Christian En-  
deavor societies will join forces in  
giving a supper and entertainment on  
Wednesday evening, March 22. The  
supper will be served by the L. A. S.  
in the lower town hall at the usual  
hour. The entertainment by the C. E.  
S. will be given later in the upper hall.  
A variety of selections will be given  
on the Victrola by A. W. Lamb. An  
hour's entertainment will be furnished  
by "Those old sweethearts of mine"  
in two parts. The first act will con-  
sist of a monologue by Jerome Bowles,  
illustrated by living pictures. The  
second part, "The bachelor's dream,"  
will be acted by Miss Nellie Harring-  
ton and Jerome Bowles, with living  
illustrations of the "old sweethearts"  
of the bride-to-be.

#### Clipping.

The following item clipped from the  
St. Alban's Daily Messenger may be  
of interest to some of our readers.  
The property was owned for ten  
years by J. T. Shepley, now of West  
Groton and C. P. Stevens. On the  
death of the latter it was sold to the  
Mr. Boright named in the article:

"The sawmill, clapboard and box  
shop of the Mississquoi Lumber Co.,  
at Stevens Mills, three miles above  
Richford, was burned to the ground  
on Saturday afternoon, February 25.  
The fire started in the box shop, but  
the cause of the fire is not known.  
The principal stockholders in this  
company are C. M. and S. R. Boright  
of this village. S. R. Boright said this  
morning that the mill would be re-  
built. Mr. Boright has not yet made  
an estimate of the loss.

"The new power station which has  
lately been built and equipped with a  
500-horse power engine and dynamo,  
was uninjured. The power plant has  
lately been completed and is now in  
running order. In the summer power  
from this plant will be furnished the  
Quebec Cots Co., to run the new  
feed mill and elevator in this village,  
power for which is at present being  
supplied by the Sweet-Cummings Co.  
The insurance on the burned mill  
was \$7,500 which will not cover the  
loss."

#### The Passion Play.

Though the March breezes did their  
utmost last Thursday evening to dis-  
courage and intimidate, yet many of  
our people refused to be deprived of  
the literary treat in store for them and  
braving the blustering winds, assem-  
bled in the hall, which was comforta-  
bly filled. It is to be regretted that  
others, by reason of illness and the  
severity of the weather, were unable  
to be present.

"The Passion play" was the last of  
a series of lectures given this season  
in the Luther Blood free lecture  
course. After a few preliminary re-  
marks regarding the lecture fund and  
its founder, whose likeness was  
thrown upon the screen, F. L. Blood  
introduced the speaker, Hon. Arthur  
K. Peck of Boston.

Mr. Peck gave his descriptions with  
a reverence for his subject that added  
much to the impressiveness of his  
lecture.

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Saturday, March 18, 1911.

### AYER.

#### News Items.

The First Congregational church male quartet, assisted by Miss Rachael A. Osgood, pianist, will render the following program on Thursday evening, March 23, at 8.15 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Congregational church:

Piano solo ..... Miss Osgood  
"This morn'" ..... Quartet  
Reading, selected ..... Mrs. Viall  
"Under southern skies" ..... Solo and quartet  
"Po' little lamb" ..... Quartet  
Reading, selected ..... Mrs. Viall  
"Sing me to sleep" solo with violin obligato, Mr. Harlow and Dr. Hopkins  
"In heavenly love abiding" ..... Quartet  
"Jolly blacksmith" ..... Quartet  
Reading, selected ..... Mrs. Viall  
"Comrades we march" ..... Quartet

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, March 20. Work—E. A. degree.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, March 21. Work—Mark Master degree. Lunch will be served after the work.

The grades from one to six of the schools in town closed on Friday for a two weeks' vacation and grades seven and eight and the high school close next Friday for one week.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Boy Scouts was held last Saturday. Badges were distributed and a cross-country run was held. Another run will be conducted next Saturday at two.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a clam supper in the lower town hall on Friday, March 24, from six to eight o'clock.

The first degree was conferred on four candidates at a regular meeting of Ayer Council Knights of Columbus on Tuesday evening. The ceremony was followed by an address by the chaplain, Rev. M. F. Callahan, on "Frederick Ozanam—a type." Four more candidates will receive the first degree at the next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 28.

Mr. Lovett's annual reception will be next week Friday night in Page hall. An entirely new and interesting program is arranged and there will be a crowded house of parents and friends. Among the folk dances are the Hungarian, Swedish, English and Polish, all new in Ayer.

A hearing will be given in the selectmen's room on Thursday evening, March 23, at 7.30 o'clock, on the petition of Edward A. Richardson and others to have Central avenue from Columbia street to Sandy pond road, so-called, laid out as a town way.

Mrs. W. G. Wellman, with two children from Providence, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. M. Cahoon, for a week or two.

A social dance will be given in Page hall, under the auspices of the O. E. S., for members of the order and their friends on Thursday evening, March 20. Music by Johnson's orchestra of Leominster.

Two passenger trains on the Fitchburg division that we learn were not paying the expense of running them were annulled by order of the Boston and Maine railroad officials, the change going into effect last Monday.

The trains referred to were the ones due to leave here for Boston at 4.29 p. m. and the west bound train which arrived here at 10.20 p. m. The train formerly leaving here at 11.22 a. m. for Boston, now leaves at 10.43 a. m. There are other changes but the above noted are the only ones that have a local interest.

The next meeting of the registrars of voters will be held in the selectmen's room this Saturday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. The final meeting, prior to the annual town election, will be held next Saturday, March 25, when the board will be in session from twelve m. to ten p. m., continuously. Registration will close at the latter hour.

Henry W. Martin for the past four years employed at the Harvard Shakers has gone to Lincoln, Vt. to live, where he has leased a farm. He is a brother of John N. Martin of this town.

There will be a sale of aprons, food and candy for the benefit of the Unitarian church at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, Washington street, Wednesday afternoon, from 2.30 to 5.30. The sale will be under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Kittredge and Mrs. George J. Burns. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Amos W. Farrar a former well-known resident of Ayer, died at the home of his son, John W. Farrar at Shirley Center, Tuesday evening. A full account of his death will be found under the Shirley Center news in this paper.

The second in the series of no-license meetings was held at St. Andrew's church last Sunday evening. The speaker was Rev. E. B. Crooks of the Congregational church. The meeting was in charge of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, the vicar of St. Andrew's church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Hargrave of the M. E. church and Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church read selections from the scripture. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Ruth Fenner.

Edward Wilson, a teacher at Hackensack, N. J., is at home for a vacation.

Miss May Weber is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Weber, for a vacation.

The last rhetoricals of the season were given at the high school Friday afternoon, as follows: selection, orchestra; "The boy who didn't catch things," Mary Sullivan; selection from "Quincy Adams Sawyer," Marion Win-

slow; Robespierre's last speech, Frank P. Griffin; piano solo, Helen Hardy; "Trying the rose act," Lillian McGuane; "Calls," Claire Wilson; "To the Lyons," Edward McNiff; "Miss Pettigrew's reception," Maud Organ; piano solo, Edith Longley.

"Mrs. Puffer's silver wedding," Madeline Russell; "The negro," Wilbur Hart; "Bob Debutant," Madeline Donlon; selection, orchestra.

The remains of John Cleary, who died at Lowell, was brought here for interment at St. Mary's cemetery on Tuesday. He was a brother of Mrs. Bridget Brown of this town.

Rev. Fr. McCarthy of Charlestown delivered the Lenten sermon at St. Mary's church on Wednesday evening.

The next meeting of the Loyal Temperance legion will be held in the Baptist vestry next Thursday afternoon. An entertainment will be given by the organization in the lower town hall on Monday afternoon, March 27.

There was a large and very interesting meeting of the Unitarian Social gathering in the parlor of the church on Tuesday afternoon. Plans were made for a dinner to be served on April 19, and considerable other routine business was transacted. After the business there was a literary program, which included readings by Mrs. Lyman Clark, Mrs. Charles Kenison and Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman, a paper by Mrs. Henry A. Blxby and piano solos by Miss Mona Steadman.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker of the Woman's club attended on Wednesday a conference of the educational department of the state federation held in Everett and assisted in the program.

At the business meeting of the Woman's club an appropriation of five dollars was made toward the purchase of Louisa Alcott's home in Concord to be used for museum. Two petitions to the legislature were signed—one protesting against the Spanish war veteran bill and one to extend civil service to some further offices. It was voted to approve an effort for the formation of a home and school association.

The sewing school will close with this month and all who wish to see the work must improve the opportunity soon.

In the fifth session of the Superior court in Boston last Wednesday, P. J. Conlan was given a verdict of \$2000 against the city of Boston for injuries resulting from a fall on a defective sidewalk on Arch street, Boston, September 19, 1908. Mr. Conlan's attorney was John M. Maloney of this town. The case was an unusual one in that the defect claimed was that a granite flagstone, which formed part of the edge of the sidewalk where it was crossed by an alley, had been worn so smooth and slippery by travel that it was not reasonably safe and convenient for travelers.

Burglars entered the restaurant of Mrs. M. J. Hill on Merchants' row on Tuesday evening, probably through one of the kitchen windows. Mrs. Hill says that her loss will amount to \$125 that sum including two diamond rings, several boxes of cigars and a quantity of cigarettes. No clew has yet been found as to the guilty parties.

A. E. Snow, father of Mrs. Leon Downing, accompanied by his nephew, Frank Snow, started for Seattle, Wash., Tuesday afternoon. They intend to make their home in the far west, but the location is not yet decided upon.

J. Edward Barry, who won such a decided victory in being chosen mayor of Cambridge in the recent election, was in town Friday afternoon. Mr. Barry is the tourist agent for the Wabash railroad company.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brown, who resides alone in the upper part of her house at corner of East Main and Elm streets, was found quite seriously ill on Thursday. A physician was sent for. At first it was thought that she had a partial shock, but it was found out afterwards that it was an attack of acute indigestion. Mrs. Brown is much better and Mrs. Farr has been kindly caring for her. Word has been sent to her sister, who resides in Reading and is expected here anytime.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Felch left Tampa, Fla., last week Friday on a trip to Orlando, Daytona, Palatka and intended to make a stop at San Mateo and St. Augustine. They are booked to leave Jacksonville this week Saturday on the Clyde steamer Mohawk and with good luck expect to reach their home here March 22 or 23. They were at Daytona last Sunday and the beach was lined with bathers for miles. The autos have a run of about forty miles on the smoothest of hard beaches with not a pebble on it. Daytona, Mr. Felch says, is the cleanest and prettiest place they have found.

The feature pictures at the moving picture show Saturday night are: "The sergeant," a Sellig, and a Biograph, "Examination day at school." The singer will be T. G. Caskey, who will sing "Love dreams," "Love Joe" and "Satisfied Sully."

A surprise party was given Charles E. Stone at his home on the Harvard road on Wednesday evening, it being the anniversary of his birth. It was also the birthday of Mrs. Cora Burnham, who was present. Mr. Stone was presented with a fine gold Odd Fellows' emblematic ring and Mrs. Burnham with a set of gold collar pins and silk scarf. W. N. Scruton acted as spokesman for the party in making the gifts. Mr. Stone was also presented with a handsome birthday cake on which were thirty-four candles. A supper was served and all enjoyed a social evening.

Miss Ruth Fenner has a position in an insurance office at Fitchburg. Miss Gertrude Stone is filling the former position of Miss Fenner in the insurance office of Frank S. Bennett.

Calvin Blood has taken out nomination papers for tree warden and fled the same with town clerk Remick. No other aspirants for town office have as yet taken the initial step to get on the official ballot on election day.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Cobb were given a farewell reception in the vestry of the M. E. church last Saturday evening. They were presented with

a half dozen silver spoons by H. J. Webb, who made the gift in behalf of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Gobb intend to make their future home in Nashua, N. H. Light refreshments were served.

George Dudley of Easton, Me., is visiting his brother, W. H. Dudley. Miss Clara B. Thomas left last Monday for Brunswick, Me., where she intends to make her home.

Mrs. E. R. Sherman, a former resident, with her young son is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Beverly.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy will give a talk on her trip to Atlantic City before the members of the Woman's Relief corps at the meeting next Tuesday evening. The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., and George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., have been invited to be present.

Jeremiah Murray was severely injured while at work in the transferred in the upper railroad yard on Friday forenoon. The carpenters of the railroad company are engaged in building an addition to the shed and at the time of the accident were working on the roof covering the platform. One of the heavy timbers to be used as a cross piece, that rested on the upright frame work fell from its position and struck Mr. Murray a heavy blow on the head. He was picked up and taken to the railroad station and Dr. Cowles summoned. The injured man was taken to the hospital in Fitchburg in an unconscious condition on the noon train. Dr. Cowles accompanied him to the hospital.

Ernest E. Bruce announces that her millinery parlors are now open in Phelps' block, Ayer, Mass., opposite the railroad station. Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Announcement of spring opening later.

**Masonic Gathering.**  
A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter was held Tuesday evening, March 14, at Masonic hall. About one hundred and twenty-five companions attended from Ayer, Clinton, Fitchburg and other places. At 6.30 p. m. one hundred and fourteen sat down to an excellent banquet prepared by Caterer E. H. Bigelow.

After the banquet, M. E. H. P. John F. Lentz called the meeting to order and welcomed the companions in behalf of Bancroft chapter. The work of conferring the Royal Arch degree upon nine candidates followed in which the officers of Clinton chapter of Clinton and Thomas chapter of Fitchburg participated.

During the evening, M. E. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Charles Dana Burrage, who was present with his suite, addressed the companions in a delightfully earnest manner.

The work of the local chapter was at the request of Companion Lentz under the direction of E. K. Albert A. Fillebrown, R. E. Charles W. Godfrey of Fitchburg, D. D. G. H. for the eleven capitulo district, was also present for the evening and companions from Mount Horeb chapter of Lowell, and Worcester and Meriden chapters of Worcester and Meriden Sun chapter of Nashua, N. H.

The occasion was a most enjoyable one for all who attended or took part in the work.

**District Court.**  
William J. Morrissey of Pepperell, charged with drunkenness in that town, was found guilty in court on Tuesday and fined ten dollars. Sentence was suspended until April 14.

William Robinette of Townsend for disturbing the peace and drunkenness in that town was in court on Wednesday. He was found guilty on both complaints. For disturbing the peace he was fined ten dollars and sentence suspended for two months. On the drunkenness charge he was placed on probation for six months.

The case of Henry O. Keyes of Westford, charged with cruelty to a horse at Townsend Harbor, came up before the court on a continuance Friday morning. The forenoon session was taken up with the trial of the case, in which several witnesses were heard. Joseph Russell of Boston represented the Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to animals and John M. Maloney was counsel for the defendant. After the evidence was heard both the above gentlemen addressed the court concerning the testimony offered. Judge Atwood summarized the evidence at length and concluded by finding the defendant not guilty.

**Death.**  
William W. Hazzard, son of the late Tower Hazzard, died March 9, at the age of 56 yrs. 7 mos. and 25 days, of Bright's disease, after a lingering illness. He was born in Littleton and moved from there to Harrisville, N. H., where he made his home for a number of years with his family and from there they came to Ayer in 1871. Last August he went to Leominster, where his sons reside and was brought back March 1, to the home of his mother who resides on Newton street. He lived but a few days after his return here.

Mr. Hazzard is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia A. Hazzard, and two sisters—Mrs. Mary F. Marsh of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Josephine Munroe of Everett; three sons—Herbert, Harry and Winfred of Leominster.

The funeral took place last Saturday afternoon from the home of his mother, Rev. Frank Hargrave, pastor of the M. E. church officiating. The singers were Mrs. Mary I. Hazzard and her daughter, Mrs. Benton H. Roland. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

**Hearing.**  
The hearing on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to place and maintain underground connection from pole jointly owned by the telephone company and the Ayer Electric Light Company on East Main street, near West street, the land of the Boston and Maine railroad. Also from pole of the telephone company on Main street near Columbia street to land of the Boston and Maine railroad, was held in the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening. Elisha

D. Stone, chairman of the board of selectmen presided. The telephone company was represented by Henry Farnum. There were no remonstrants.

**Mother-in-laws, This Time.**  
The case of Henry F. Miller whose marital troubles were heard in the local court a few weeks ago, and who took an appeal to the superior court from a verdict of guilty at that time, came up for disposal in the higher court at Cambridge last Tuesday. The case was continued till the next term of the superior court. In the meanwhile he shall support his wife, treat her right and live apart from her mother and his mother. If Miller did not comply with these orders the court told Mrs. Miller to report the matter to Chief of Police Beatty, and he would report to the superior court at the next term. Chief Beatty was present at the court, being summoned as a witness.

**Wayward Boys.**  
Chief of Police Beatty captured two boys on Monday night who ran away from their homes in Cohoes, N. Y., last Saturday night. They gave their names as Normandin and William Myron, fifteen years of age. Upon being questioned as to why they left their homes and where they intended to go, they said that they wanted to see Boston and were bound for that city when held up here. Chief Beatty communicated with the chief of police of Cohoes stating the circumstances and asking that the parents of the boys in that city be notified, which was done, the boys being detained here in the police station in the meantime. The parents forwarded their care and the erring youths were sent back to their homes on the 5.05 train on Tuesday-afternoon.

**Resolution of Thanks.**  
Whereas, Mrs. Sara G. Shattuck has been called to a higher life and walks no more with us; therefore be it Resolved, that in the death of Mrs. Shattuck, our corresponding secretary, our club has lost a faithful member, a good worker, an agreeable associate, a devoted Christian woman, a loyal friend.

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TOWNSEND.

Centre. Mrs. Susan Weatherby left this week to keep house for her brother, Richard Pierson of Worcester, who has recently lost his wife.

Mrs. Ellen Richards, who has been very sick for several weeks, is now able to be about the house once more.

"Uncle John" Dix celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday on Tuesday and received as callers several neighbors and relatives. A general good time was held and Miss Helen Achorn, whose birthday is the same day assisted in the joint celebration.

A. J. Hinds returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Florida.

Mrs. Annie E. Fessenden and Miss Maud Hyde, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Hill and Miss Helen Hill of Southbridge, are enjoying a southern trip. They leave this week for Old Point Comfort, Va., having been at Richmond, Va., previously.

The Monday club of the Harbor called upon Miss Sarah Spaulding on Wednesday afternoon and brought a lunch and also gave an entertainment, which was much appreciated by Miss Spaulding, who is an invalid along in years and unable to get about. Each member of the club gave a reading and there was also a character sketch and selections upon the phonograph. Both the entertainers and the entertained enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

Frank S. Pingrey of Littleton was at his daughter's, Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce's, for a brief visit last Saturday.

The household goods of Mrs. S. Florence Crowell were shipped to Hingham this week. Mrs. Crowell has been in Hingham since the early winter and has now decided to reside there.

Between sixty and seventy attended the high school debate between Townsend and Lunenburg last Friday evening at the latter town, and although having the negative side of the question and losing on the debate, nevertheless, the ride over and the hospitality of the entertainers afforded all a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Mary Sherrin in Brookline, N. H., caring for her mother, Mrs. Hughes, who is ill and not expected to live.

Frank Miller, sawfiler for the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., has resigned his position and will soon leave with his family for British Columbia, where he will be engaged in the same business.

The Monday club will be held at the Congregational vestries next Monday, the occasion being their annual food sale.

Will Be Greatly Missed.

It is with regret that we learn that Richard T. Eldridge, who has been connected with the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. for nearly six years, has resigned his position in the office to accept a more lucrative one in Plymouth, his home town. Mr. Eldridge has made many friends while here and has been active in the social life of the town and among the Odd Fellows, of which order he is a member. He will be greatly missed both in a social way and in the business in which he was engaged, as he was always courteous, obliging and painstaking a few years ago, when he married one of our town girls, Miss Ethel Miller. It was hoped that he would become a citizen of Townsend, but for old "Plymouth Rock" he has always had a yearning. Mr. Eldridge will leave about April first. All wish him success in his new work.

West.

A party from here attended the high school debate in Lunenburg last Friday evening. Miss Ruth Wilson of this village being one of the debaters. The party returned about mid-night after a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kaddy have returned from a visit to relatives in Cambridge. George Kaddy, who has been very ill for two weeks with pneumonia is improving.

Linda, the pet dog of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherwin had to be killed last week, under suspicion of an attack of rabies. Dr. S. B. Shaw, having the case in charge, sent the head to the State inspector for examination, and the report was returned a positive case of rabies. It is supposed that the dog was bitten by a dog that was later killed near Fitchburg, supposed to be suffering from rabies.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver from Worcester spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

T. E. Davis has been spending a few days the past week with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Arline Whittaker has been spending a portion of her vacation with her grandparents in Mason, N. H.

Miss Stella Tucker of the Gordon Training School for Missionaries is at home for a fortnight's vacation.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Willard.

Preparations are being made by the members of the Baptist Sunday school for an Easter concert.

Miss Ruth Billings of Fitchburg spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Kate Nutting of Bayberry hill.

The Ladies' Study club met at the reading-room on Monday evening, taking up the topic, "Massachusetts," under the direction of Miss M. Elmer Tower. Miss Alice Seaver's term as president having expired, she is succeeded by Miss Emma Adams, and Mrs. C. B. Stickney was elected as third on the board. The next meeting will be divided into two sections; the first topic being "Alaska," under the charge of Mrs. C. B. Stickney, and the second, "Strange corners of our country," being in charge of Miss Emma Adams.

There was an attempted burglary at the postoffice last Saturday night, but it is supposed that they were frightened away by some late passer-by. A pane of glass was carefully removed in the rear of the office, having first been broken by a brick carefully

wrapped in newspapers and a bandanna handkerchief, but there was no evidence that the persons had gained an entrance, as nothing was missed from the office or the store.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

J. Albert Deardon went Sunday to the Boston City hospital where he was to undergo an operation for an abscess on the left kidney. Dr. Thorndike will perform the operation.

Last Saturday, James L. Holland installed a telephone in his residence on South street, the call number being 29-2. The National Fuel Company requested Mr. Holland to do this so that the business of the company could be expedited in furthering the peat industry in Shirley.

The annual meeting for the nomination of officers of the Shirley Co-operative bank will be held at the bank office on Tuesday, March 21.

The Children of Mary of St. Anthony's church will give an entertainment in the parish hall on Sunday evening, March 19, for the benefit of the church.

Sunday afternoon the members of the Société l'Assomption will hold their regular meeting at four p. m., at Glonet hall.

Rev. Fr. Bridge of Boston delivered a sermon to the English speaking people of St. Anthony's parish last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and will continue for the next two Sundays.

Born on March 8, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gionet.

Miss Evelyn Miner spent the weekend with her sister, Miss Mabel Miner of Keene, N. H.; George Pomfret of Waverley with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret, and Miss Irene Lane of Boston spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. White.

The Brotherhood meeting Wednesday evening, March 22, promises to be a very exceptional one. The guest of the evening will be E. C. Mansfield, postmaster of Boston. Mr. Mansfield will arrive in season to sit down to supper at 6.30 with the members of the Brotherhood and at eight o'clock a public meeting will be held in the church vestry, which will be addressed by Mr. Mansfield and anyone who is interested is cordially invited to be present. His subject will be postal service.

B. S. Finney is confined to his home this week with acute indigestion.

Charles R. White was excused from serving on the jury at the superior court at Lowell on Monday morning.

Miss Rena Churchill attended the wedding of her cousin in Boston on Wednesday and will return home the first of the week.

Ishley Beach expects to go to Carney hospital in a couple of weeks for an operation on his lame leg.

Miss Mary Jane Davis celebrated her eighty-first birthday on Thursday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Charles H. Miner. Miss Davis was very pleasantly reminded of the anniversary of her birth by being the recipient of many dainty gifts, consisting of flowers and post cards. Lunch was served and a number called during the day to extend congratulations. Miss Davis, for one so advanced in years, is very active and enjoys good health.

Miss Ruby Felch entertained the Sewing club at her home on Harvard road on Wednesday evening and the occasion was a very pretty social event. Miss Felch observing her twentieth birthday. Refreshments were served and the evening was very happily spent.

Ethel K. Bruce announces that her millinery parlors are now open in Phelps block, Ayer, Mass., opposite the railroad station. Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Announcements of spring openings later.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach at the Baptist church Sunday at 2.30 p. m. Sunday school will be at 3.30.

Centre.

Miss Gertrude Dodge of Worcester, formerly teacher at the Center school, spent the week-end with Miss Myrna Carter, in order to attend the dance which was held on Saturday evening.

Linton Ward is the latest victim of the mumps, reported.

Mrs. E. J. Adams is spending a few weeks in Southbridge.

Miss Helen Winslow of Cambridge was in town Thursday to inspect the Fairchild house, which she recently bought. She spent the day at Sidney A. Carter's.

The board of registrars of voters will hold their final session at the town hall Saturday, March 18, from twelve noon to ten p. m.

Edward Adams of Worcester spent Saturday and Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, in order to attend the dance.

Miss Harriet Winslow of Cambridge is spending a few days at S. A. Carter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray of Brookline spent the week-end at their summer home here.

The Girls' Sewing guild spent a pleasant afternoon at Mrs. Elmer Hubbard's last Saturday. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ruth Graves.

Miss Mary Cushing Smith, instructor in history at Fitchburg high school, spent last Saturday and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Francis E. Merriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William E. Barnard.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman and daughter Harriet spent a few days last week visiting relatives in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed of Wollaston spent last Saturday at their summer home on the Village road.

W. H. Schenk, who has been working for the past few weeks at East Dedham, has returned home from there, having finished his work as expert accountant.

Communion service was observed at Trinity chapel last Sunday morning. In the afternoon, Bishop Arthur S.

Lloyd, president of the board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal churches, gave an address on "The abundance of life." In a very interesting sermon he set forth the conditions existing among the Eastern races and the work which the missionaries have accomplished there. On Sunday afternoon, March 19, Rev. A. L. Bumpus of St. Andrew's church at Ayer will speak at the regular time.

Miss Mary Grout and Miss Alma Bowles, the teacher at the Center grammar school, spent the week-end with Miss Bowles' parents at their home in West Groton.

Several members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of Groton grange on Tuesday evening when the second and third degrees were worked.

The portable sawmill of the Bean Lumber Co. of Rindge, which is set up in the Baker woodlot at the North, has had a fine new chime whistle attached, which may be heard blowing in the morning and early evening.

Edward R. Thompson has returned home from the Groton hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Thompson is improving fast, but will not be able to resume his work for some time.

Harry Hodgman has left the employ of Henry F. Farnsworth at the Village. He expects to move there with his family very soon.

Miss Etta M. Holden sprained her ankle quite badly last week Friday and has been confined to the house with it since then.

Miss Marion Moulton became the possessor of a fine new piano last week.

The next meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Monday evening, March 20, instead of Tuesday evening. At this meeting the first and second degrees will be worked. Some of the members are planning to attend the next meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange on Wednesday, March 22, at North Leominster. The fifth degree will be conferred at this meeting.

The Matron's aid, which was to meet on Tuesday afternoon with Miss Etta Holden, was held instead at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, on account of Miss Holden's sprained ankle. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Norman R. Graves, unless Miss Holden recovers before then. If so the meeting will be held at her home.

Mr. Stacey of Boston, an expert climber, sent out by the state department of moth work, who is assisting superintendent of moth work, Ardie A. Adams, in the removal of brown-tail moths, is stopping with Sidney A. Carter.

Death.

Amos Wright Farrar passed away at the home of his son, John W. Farrar, Tuesday evening, at the age of 84 yrs. 23 days. Mr. Farrar had been sick for some time past and his death was the result of the natural effects of old age. He was born at Concord, February 19, 1827, and was a direct descendant of Timothy Phelps, the original of the Phelps families in Shirley. His mother was Sally Phelps of Shirley, daughter of Jacob Phelps, and she died in Lunenburg at the age of about eighty-four years. His father was George Farrar of Concord, a blacksmith by trade, and a very respected citizen. After carrying on his trade in Shirley for thirty-eight years, he moved to Lunenburg, where he lived until his death on January 5, 1881.

On November 26, 1846, Mr. Farrar was married to Mary Ann Farrar, who later died on January 31, 1856, at Shirley, soon after the birth of the first child, a daughter, Eva Frances. On April 10, 1857, he was again married to Mary Harris of Shirley. Three sons were the result of this union—John W., born May 30, 1858, Henry W., born October 23, 1859, and George, born November 4, 1862.

During the greater part of his married life Mr. Farrar lived at North Shirley in the house now occupied by Edward R. Thompson, where he plied his trade as carriage painter. About twenty years ago Mr. Farrar removed to Ayer, where he lived until the death of his wife, a little more than two years ago. Soon after her death he came to Shirley to live again and since then has lived here partly with John W. Farrar and partly with Henry W. Farrar at the North.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter and numerous grandchildren. George W. and Eva Frances.

Athletic Exhibition.

In spite of the muddy traveling, a large attendance was present at the athletic exhibition given by the Groton School gymnasium team in the town hall on Friday evening, March 10. Robert Evans drove a barge from the East. About twenty-five from Groton School came in a large four-horse barge and another team brought the mattresses and parallel bars. The gymnasium team was led by Mr. Hardwick and did some very excellent work. Mr. Taylor at the piano, furnished music during the evening. The first number on the program was an Indian club drill, led by Mr. Hardwick. This was followed by tumbling of many different sorts, including hand springs, somersaults, cartwheels and somersaults in pairs. Then came two pyramids, the first a circular pyramid of seven men and the second a fan pyramid of eleven men. Frog jumping was next, at first by the whole team, but later as the obstacle increased, by the larger members of the team. Mr. Hardwick closed the jumping by clearing nine men in a row. The parallel bars were then set up and two members of the team performed some difficult exercises on them. This was followed by more tumbling, another pyramid of ten men, and then a race by four men walking on their hands, after which came a pyramid of seven men.

A very amusing feature was a blindfolded boxing match between four of the smaller members of the team. Their efforts to locate each other and the fury with which they pounded the benches and their opponents furnished a great deal of amusement. Two rounds were fought and the match

was declared a draw. The next on the program was a pyramid of fifteen men, all of whom dropped flat to the floor at a given signal. The entertainment closed with more tumbling exercises and double somersaults.

Great praise is due the team and especially to Captain Hardwick for the excellent work which they carried out. After the exhibition light refreshments were served to the team by some of the ladies of Trinity chapel. All enjoyed a short social hour, with playing and singing, afterward.

A Grand Success.

The social dance which the young people of Shirley grange held in the town hall on Saturday evening was a grand success. The largest crowd assembled in the hall on Saturday evening that has gathered there at a dance for several years. A crowd of about twenty-five attended from the Village and several couples came from Pepperell. Music was furnished by Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell and refreshments were served throughout the evening. A good cash balance was realized and the management has announced another dance for Saturday evening, March 25. Everyone had such a good time that the management is practically assured of an even larger attendance for the next time.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY C. COREY late of Groton in said County, deceased: Whereas JOHN L. BOYNTON, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first, second and third accounts of his administration upon the estate of said deceased; You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of March, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3126 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Registration of Voters

AYER-MASS REGISTERED FEB. 1, 1911

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

Thursday, March 9, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Saturday, March 18, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Saturday, March 25, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m. Saturday, March 25, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1910. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law and all others interested in the estate of ROSA A. McNiff, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, MILES S. McNiff, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at public auction the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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

And said petitioner is 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 one can be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Herald, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3125 JOHN W. MAWBRY, Register.

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# BROOKLINE, N. H.

**News Items.**  
The Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. Fannie Popple, Wednesday afternoon, March 15.  
William Hall is at home for town meeting.

Mrs. Hall of Mt. Desert, Me., and little Miss Dorothy Bridges of Atlantic, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges.

Interior improvements are being made at the residence of Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse.

Married at the Congregational parsonage Monday, March 13, Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating, Albert B. Putnam of Pepperell and Miss Elizabeth M. McGrath of Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss attended the Pomona grange meeting at Hudson, March 8, and the Pomona meeting at Pepperell, March 9.

Miss Leonora Bradley was a visitor in town Saturday, March 11. Miss Bradley left for the west Monday to join the St. Elmo company in an extended professional tour.

Mrs. Frances Cox Evans is at Boston for two weeks.

Chester B. Valedge and little daughter Ruth, who have been ill with gripe colds are better, and Harry Drew is ill with diphtheria.

Secretary Gutterson of the American board of missions gave a very interesting and instructive address at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. In the evening he addressed the brotherhood, holding the close attention of the large audience. The Methodist society united in the session.

All of the schools will commence Monday, March 20, with the following teachers: grammar, Miss Elizabeth Parker of Milford; village primary, Miss Maude Chinn of Pepperell; north primary, Miss Jessie Seaver of Wareham; west primary, Miss Peeler of Westminster.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence of Pepperell is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Frank Kilduff has purchased a new automobile.

Born, March 10, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Morton A. Klein of Fitchburg. The little fellow weighed 7 1/2 lbs., and his name is Norman.

William H. Frensh observed his sixty-first birthday Saturday, March 11. A postal card shower, flowers, fruit and dainty sweets brightened the day.

The Congregational brotherhood enjoyed their monthly meeting at the vestry Friday evening, March 10. Selections were given by the orchestra, composed of Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse, piano; Frank Jenness, violinist; Alfred S. Barnaby, cornetist; violin solo, Frank Jenness; accordion solo, Arthur A. Goss; L. S. Powers, accompanist; piano solo, L. S. Powers. A social hour added to the pleasure of the evening.

Edward Johnson, expert electrician of Pepperell, was at the town meeting relative to lighting the streets by electricity.

At the meeting of the grange Wednesday evening, March 8, the articles in the town warrant were discussed. Piano solo, E. May Pierce; vocal duet, Mrs. Maude Greeley, Miss Ethel Taylor; reading, Frank Gilman; sketch, "How he popped the question"; Blanche W. Hall, Alfred S. Barnaby, Mrs. O'Connell won the prize in a doll dressing contest. The first and second degrees were conferred.

Prof. Joseph Yarrick made a brief visit at his summer home Saturday, March 11.

Mrs. Celia Powers, Harry Powers and Miss Gertrude Willey spent Sunday at the Powers' home.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker over Sunday.

**Town Meeting.**  
At the annual town meeting Tuesday, March 14, the following officers were elected:

Town clerk—Edward C. Tucker.  
Selectmen—Harry Marshall, David S. Fessenden, George L. Dodge.  
Treasurer—Herbert S. Corey.  
Road agent—Delbert W. Potter.  
Auditors—Frank L. Willoby, Edward C. Tucker.

Trustees of library—Charles H. Holcomb, Ella W. Tucker, Edward C. Tucker.  
Constable—George H. Nye.  
Police—David S. Fessenden, chief, Perley L. Pierce, Walter B. Fessenden.  
Engineers—Frank L. Willoby, chief.  
Tree warden—Delbert W. Potter.  
Public weighers—Alpha A. Hall, William S. Brown, Patrick J. O'Connell.

Trustees of cemetery fund—Harry Marshall, George L. Dodge, David S. Fessenden.  
Surveyors of wood and lumber—Perley L. Pierce, George M. Rockwood, Frank A. Austin, George H. Nye, Walter B. Fessenden.  
Sealer of weights and measures—Elmer J. Bidout.  
Memorial committee—W. Bridges, Charles A. Gilson, Alexander Taylor.

Voted, to raise \$1700 for the support of the poor and paying the just debts of the town, \$100 for the repairing of roads and bridges, \$192 for state road, \$50 for cutting brush along the highway, \$100 for destroying brown-tail moths, \$100 for sidewalks, \$15 for Memorial day, \$100 to repair state roads in town, \$75 to put running water in South cemetery, \$50 for public library.

Voted, to pay the ballot inspectors two dollars per day after March 14.

Voted, that the road agent pay forty-five cents an hour for two-hour team and that nine hours make a day's work.

Voted, to raise the salary of the members of the engine company to ten dollars a year.

Voted, to accept the legacy of \$100 of the late Charles A. Blodgett, the income, as much as may be needed, to be used for the perpetual care of the Blodgett family lot in the South cemetery.

Voted, to make a discount of three percent on all taxes paid before the first of June.

Voted, to authorize the selectmen to borrow what money is needed for the fiscal year and pay the same back from taxes when collected.

# WITH THE BOYS OF SIXTY-ONE.

An interesting Department Now Running in The Boston Journal.  
We can hardly realize that only fifty years ago, from the towns and cities which we now live, men were rushing to the South to take up arms against their countrymen in the great civil war in history. Nor can we appreciate the eagerness with which new from the front was sought by those left behind, nor the difficulty in sending information in those days, when the telephone was in its infancy and the telegraph was unknown.

The Boston Journal was particularly fortunate to have Charles Carleton Coffin as their representative with the Union Army. Physically unable to enlist, he sought a position as correspondent, and served The Journal throughout the war. Often it was possible for him to get in touch with the front by horseback, but he never lost courage, and oftentimes The Journal gave the world the first news of actions vital to the success of the North. One of his great "scouts" was on the Battle of Gettysburg, first of which he sent to The Journal, from which it was reprinted to President Lincoln at Washington. In the same manner President Lincoln first learned that the Stars and Stripes were again flying over Fort Sumter and the city of Charleston. In his work he was ably seconded by Benj. Perley Poore, who was the Washington correspondent of The Journal during the war.

The Boston Journal is reprinting from its files of fifty years ago news and interesting paragraphs regarding the great battles and prominent men of the war, accompanied each by the comments of a veteran who was many of the notable events of the Civil War.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARIANNA R. HARWOOD, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to NELSON B. CONANT of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

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

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in the city of Cambridge, to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3227 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EMELIE M. HARWOOD, JONATHAN H. HARWOOD and ROBERT W. HARWOOD of Littleton, in said County, minors, the guardian of said minors, has presented two petitions for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offers named in said petitions, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, certain real estate therein specified, of her wards for investment.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Herald, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3227 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY JANE LIVINGSTON late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to BLANCHE L. LIVINGSTON and AUGUSTA M. HASSAM, both of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

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

And the petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3125 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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# AUCTIONS.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Saturday, March 18, at ten o'clock, the horses, wagons, carts, harness, etc., to wit, the estate of Joseph I. Hooper, late of Danvers. Also on Monday, March 27, at nine o'clock, a lot of property belonging to John Attenrath, consisting of household furniture, horses, cows, bull, hens and farming tools.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING.**  
To the Honorable, the Selectmen of the Town of Ayer:  
The Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully represents that its tracks are located in the town of Ayer and that it desires a location for the extension of its tracks on Sandy Pond Road, a highway in said Ayer, for the purpose of constructing and operating a dead-end siding or turnout about two hundred sixty feet in length, partly on said highway and partly on contiguous private land owned by Frank S. Pierce, as shown on the plan filed herewith entitled: "Proposed siding of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company to the ice-house of F. S. Pierce, January 11, 1911. Parker, Bateman & Chase, Ayer, Mass. Civil Engineers." Together with the right to erect the necessary poles and wires to operate said extension by the overhead trolley system of electric power.

And said company requests that the construction and operation of such part of its railway as is shown on said plan to be on private land may be specifically approved, and represents that the petition is executed in accordance with a vote of the directors of said company.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company.  
By James W. Green, President.

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And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Herald, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3125 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, March 18, 1911.

**PEPPERELL.**

**Items of News.**  
On account of the rain there was no school on Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, formerly of Vermont, who came to town with Mr. Turner when he bought the Courtland hill farm, have been engaged to take charge of the town farm.

Benjamin Parker's administration of the town farm shows what cultivation will do, as it is keeping double the head of cattle and has hay to sell. The first of March showed about twenty-five tons of good hay and some ensilage.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane, who have been employed at the Dennen farm at the Center, have gone to Buckland.  
The temperance societies in town are going to keep entirely quiet and know that the majority of the citizens want license.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenfield observed their silver wedding at their home on Leighton street, Monday, March 13. Their eldest son Everett of Williamstown, Conn., besides about thirty other friends and neighbors were present. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Mrs. A. M. Coffin was called to Worcester this week on account of the illness of her brother, John Gray, formerly of this town.

Charles Gagnon who for years was bartender for John Reagan, died last Sunday from a violent coughing spell. The funeral was on Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's church.

Joseph Willey has sealed the town scales which are frozen every year when the snow melts and the ground thaws, making it necessary to be overhauled every spring.

Bird night was observed at Prescott grange with readings on our native birds by the members and several personal experiences with training of birds was given; also, two contests, in which Misses Dane and Andrews were declared winners. Cards with birds in colors were placed about the hall and a few mounted specimens were exhibited. The next meeting is "Mystery night," on Friday evening, March 24. It is hoped all members will be present.

Miss Edith Mason and her aunt, Mrs. Cheever of Hollis, N. H., are to occupy the tenement over John A. Coffey on Pleasant street. Miss Mason will re-enter the employ of G. M. Coffin as compositor, where she had been for the past three years.

**Caucus.**  
Monday evening, March 12, there was a turn out at the caucus. There was rivalry for only two offices in town—selectman and superintendent of roads. In the matter of selectman, Fred Parker ran against the nomination of Harry Hutchinson, with a vote of 100 for Parker, to 88 for Hutchinson. The contest, between Silas Nokes and Warren Blood resulted in Nokes having 104 votes and Blood 90. Edward McCord, collector of taxes, and John Tune as tree warden were unanimously chosen. John Boynton was chosen library trustee, Lyman Blood assessor and Mary L. P. Shattuck school committee. The auditors are Marshall Meriam and Arthur E. Bannon.

**Grange Meeting.**

The last regular meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange for the half year will occur on Wednesday, March 22, at North Leominster. It is a session of moment. The matter of an extra meeting, vacation picnic, lecturers' conference, report on farmers' federation will be settled before the beginning of the afternoon session. Lecturer Annie Greenleaf of Townsend will have the following program: "Is the local telephone satisfactory, how might it be improved?" An original poem, "Sambro and the melon." Mrs. Flora Ingerson, Ashby. "Is there any rubbish in our civilization. What?" "What the butterfly was." Mrs. Hannah Whitehill. The special speaker of the afternoon is Evan F. Richardson, lecturer of the Massachusetts State grange, on the subject of "Grange influence and legislation." "Results from Groton lecture on potato growing." Galen A. Proctor, Townsend Harbor. Reading, Mrs. Alice E. Cummings. "Fireless cooking." Mrs. Elmyr Davis, Peppercell. Officers rehearsal of fifth degree at 5.30 p. m. Fifth degree opens at 7.35 p. m., conferring of the fifth degree at 7.50 by fifth degree officers and special degree officer, Charles E. Cox of Lunenburg. It is expected that the fifth degree will be closed at nine p. m., unless the deputy, W. T. Moore, comes when the work will be detained fifteen minutes. Following the completion of the fifth degree will be a social to all patrons of husbandry. Should a lady have one gentleman friend or a gentleman one lady friend, they will be welcomed, otherwise a strict observance to patrons only will be held. Reception committee for the evening—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Boutelle of Leominster and officers of Leominster grange. John Piper of Ashby has been asked to take charge of the marching. Special invitations are hereby extended to members of other Pomona granges to come and be "merrie." Walter Winslow of Ayer is committee on games. If enough go to Leominster a special car will be run at 11.30.

**Nominations.**  
The caucus held in the town hall on Monday evening, March 13, resulted in the following names being nominated and which will appear upon the official ballots for the annual town election to be held at Precincts A and B on Monday, March 20: town clerk, Parker J. Kemp; town treasurer, E. L. Tarbell; selectmen, three years, F. H. Parker; assessor, three years, L. C. Blood; school committee, three years, Mary L. P. Shattuck; overseer of poor, L. R. Qua; trustees of public library, three years, J. L. Boynton, H. I. Whipple; two years, R. W. Drawbridge; water commissioner, three years, T. J. Drummond; one year, C. S. Denham; cemetery commissioner, three years, R. H. Blood; highway surveyor, S. M. Nokes; tax collector, E. P. McCord; tree warden, J. F. Tune; auditors, Marshall Meriam, A. E. Bannon; constable, A. A. Lawrence.

**News Items.**  
Mr. McNary, who met with a serious accident last week, has been moved to his home and his many friends will be glad to know he is improving.

The Peppercell Women's club will hold their next meeting at Central hall, on Tuesday, March 21. The meeting will be in charge of the music committee.  
Miss Bertha Johnson spent part of last week with friends in Fitchburg.  
Miss Ella Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saunders, celebrated her birthday by a party at her home on Wednesday, March 15. Her mother's birthday was on the same day.

George Glidden and Roy Hanna visited in Mason, N. H., last Sunday.  
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George F. Keyes on March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lakin of Greenfield have been recent visitors at the home of his father, Henry Lakin on Cottage street.

Fred B. Ross of Mill street has been spending a few days in Bennington, N. H.  
Mrs. Fred Dunlap, district deputy grand master for District No. 4, attended the district meeting at Fitchburg of the E. Victoria Morse lodge. The grand master of the grand lodge of Massachusetts was present and gave a very interesting talk to the different lodges present, after which a very fine banquet was served.

Mrs. Emily Shary of Foster street has entered the employ of C. W. Swasey.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. I. J. Rowell with a large attendance. All plans were made for the Easter sale the last of the month.

D. A. Weston of Pleasant street, who has been ill for two weeks, is again able to attend his work.

**About Town.**  
We are pleased to notice that Arthur Bannon, who has been confined to the house all winter, is able to ride out.

The small cottage occupied by Mr. Thompson in the rear of the residence of Charles H. Peck, caught fire on Friday noon of last week, but was quickly extinguished by W. E. Chapman and others.

Eugene Nelson, who recently purchased the Charles Dane place, has let the contract of painting his summer residence inside and out to W. E. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lakin of Greenfield have been visiting relatives in town.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore are about to reside in South Brookline, in a house formerly owned by Linville, Shattuck.

Mrs. Walter Drury of Pleasant street is entertaining her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Rice of Holden.  
Rev. D. R. Child has returned from a trip to Middlebury, Vt.

Miss Florence Tune went to Fitchburg to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Kiehn.  
Wednesday the no school signal was sounded for both the high and grammar schools.

Miss Barbara Bancroft returned home on Monday from Cambridge and Cohasset, where she has been visiting friends.  
A whist party was given by the gentlemen of the Unitarian church. Everyone had their choice between bridge and plain whist.

Wallace Willoughby has been confined to his home for the last week.  
Monday morning, the little three and a half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Drinane of Cross street, passed away with diphtheria. One of the other children have the same disease, but they expect to save his life. Mr. and Mrs. Drinane have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Coffin of Pleasant street went to Worcester to visit her brother who is very ill with double pneumonia. She is expected to return the latter part of the week.  
Mrs. Edgar Blake went to Nashua as a guest of the Pansy club one day this week.

William Deware is ailing with a severe sore throat.  
Miss Carrie Sylvester is on the sick list this week.

The Woman's club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday March 21, in Central hall. The program is in charge of the music committee who give a musicale.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will meet in their rooms on Thursday afternoon, March 23. Supper will be provided and served by the gentlemen.

Mrs. L. H. Bean went to Hollis on Thursday on account of the death of her sister's husband, Albert Baker. He was killed in the woods in that town while putting a chain around a load of logs, which broke, the logs falling off the team striking him, causing his instant death. Mr. Baker was well known in town, having worked for Dr. Fletcher and I. J. Rowell for a number of years.

**Debate.**  
A joint debate between three members of the Townsend high school and three of the Lunenburg high school was held in the town hall last Friday evening. The question for discussion was Resolved, "That the Panama canal should be fortified." The affirmative was taken by John Allen, Margaret Keith and Hoyt Barter of Lunenburg, while the negative found strong and able support from Misses Ruth Wilson, Edna Haynes and Clifford C. Lancy of Townsend. The judges, who were all disinterested parties from Fitchburg and Leominster, after carefully weighing all arguments advanced and points made, gave the decision to Lunenburg. About sixty members of Townsend school and their friends were present, and when Attorney Casey of Fitchburg gave the decision they showed their good will by hearty cheers for Lunenburg. This was the first of a series of debates proposed between these two schools, the next to be held in Townsend.

**GROTON.**  
Louis H. Sheedy attended the funeral of Michael Keady held at his late home in Wakefield on Wednesday. Mr. Keady was the father of J. T. Keady, physical director of athletics at Dartmouth college and James E. Keady of Lawrence academy.

**WESTFORD.**  
**About Town.**  
Joseph Moran is seriously ill with pneumonia at his residence on the Lowell road, near Westford station. Mrs. Moran is also ill with grippe and bronchitis. Their daughter, Mrs. Isles, is taking care of them. What a relief to have "Beautiful Isles of somewhere" close by with a helping hand instead of in song.  
William R. Taylor has purchased the Tallent farm on the Stony Brook road. It is a level tract of land of thirty acres, lying on both sides of Tadmuck and Stony brook, with barn and large henhouse. The dwelling house was destroyed by fire early last spring.  
Daniel H. Sheehan is laying plans to plant fifty acres of potatoes in the spring and claims that only a lack of land will prevent him from raising 45,000 bushels. Nothing but reciprocity with Canada will sidetrack these plans. In that event not a potato will be planted. At present he is saving a large lot of lumber in Carlisle for Capt. Wilson. When that is finished he has two pressings of cider to make at his mill on the Tadmuck brook and after this a large lot of lumber to saw in Shirley. Where will potato planting come in?

**Absence of Light.**  
If evidence is needed to prove that lighting the streets is not a modern luxury, but a modern necessity, go to Westford corner some full grown dark night, come up through West Chelmsford where the streets are lighted, strike the town line at Westford corner, where all lights are out at sundown. Try to follow several sharp curves in the electric car tracks. Travel on until two roads, steam and electric car tracks, all converge on a sharp curve and a narrow bridge, and the individual who groups around these crooks and curves could turn and dodge steam and electric cars in a down pour of darkness, could never have got his eyesight from his descent from Adam, but from some specie of night owl, whose power to see is proportionate to the absence of light.

**TOWNSEND.**  
**Harbor.**  
The As You Like It club held its last meeting with Mrs. Oliver Proctor, Mrs. Locke of New York was the guest of the afternoon. The literary program consisted of contests relative to famous men and magazines; also,

George S. Day and family are to leave the Fitch cottage and are moving into the house owned by W. A. Kemp in the rear of Townsend street school.

Frank Woodward from New York, who is a civil engineer, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Abbie Woodward.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hall and children are at M. R. Gilchrist's of Main street.

Miss Anna Jewell is visiting the Misses Hamilton and Pinkham at the Adams house, Waltham. During Miss Jewell's absence from home, Mary Muldoon is keeping house for her.  
Mrs. Adelbert A. Boynton is visiting friends in Waltham.

**LUNENBURG.**  
**News Items.**  
The Possum Hunt club minstrels of Fitchburg gave an entertainment in the town hall last Saturday evening for the benefit of the senior class excursion fund, which was highly enjoyed by the large audience which filled every seat.  
The funeral of Mrs. Sophia Wheeler, widow of the late Capt. William Wheeler, was held at her home in Goodrichville on Saturday afternoon. Rev. F. W. Bratt of the Methodist church conducted the service, and Mrs. Safford of Leominster sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Face to face," and "We shall meet beyond the river." The bearers were James Hildreth of this town and W. P. Hildreth of Winchendon, two of her brothers, and William A. Wheeler and Cyrus Fletcher of Jamaica Plain, son and nephew of her husband. The burial was in the North cemetery.

The new house and market for W. E. Dempsey is fast approaching completion and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first or middle of May.  
The Village Improvement society held its annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday evening with the following result: Warren Lewis, pres.; J. A. Litchfield, John Woodbridge, vice pres.; William A. Warren, treas.; Mrs. Gertrude Scott, sec.; the officers and Miss Ethel Emerson and Dr. E. L. Woods, ex. com.

At the grange on Wednesday evening, the first and second degrees were conferred upon three candidates by the men's degree team.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian of Westboro were recent guests of Mrs. Doherty.  
Frank Knight is visiting his sister in Peterboro, N. H.

Miss Hazel Cummings is spending her vacation with her parents.  
The automatic cutoffs on the wet machines at the leatherboard mill are an assured success.  
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Milo Woods' chimney got afire on Thursday morning, but luckily it was soon put out.  
Deputy T. E. Flarity inspected the Chelmsford grange on Thursday night.

It is rumored that the Townsend brass band will give a public concert on April 7 at Memorial hall.  
The Phebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., will furnish the town meeting dinner March 27.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a supper, and entertainment at the Congregational vestry on Friday evening, March 17. The program was as follows: piano solo, Harold Gray; recitation, Ralph Bush; vocal solo, Claude Hartford; recitation, Franz Miller; violin solo, Lester Swicker; recitation, Geo. Way; whistling solo, E. L. Haynes; recitation, E. A. Blood.

**Grange.**  
The grange held an interesting meeting Monday night upon town affairs. The subject was "How much shall the farmers on the outskirts be taxed for village improvements?" This was ably discussed by Irving Seaver and A. N. Pessenden. "Methods of making the town more orderly," was G. L. Whitcomb's subject. "More attractive," by Galen Proctor, and "More healthy," by Dr. A. J. Atwood. James Dixon gave an interesting account of his ideas of Vinton pond as a reservoir and others entered into the evening's discussion. Prof. A. G. Seaver played a piano solo and songs were sung.

**LITTLETON.**  
**News Items.**  
The last opportunity for citizens to register on the voting lists before the town meeting of March 27, is presented today.  
Mrs. John Ames of Somerville and her daughter, Mrs. Hill of Auburn-dale are week-end guests of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.  
Mrs. Mary Robbins, who is a sufferer from sciatic, requires the care of a trained nurse.  
Mrs. Arthur McKenzie of Somerville has been Miss Florence Bartlett's guest this week.

Miss Ruth Prescott and academy room-mate, Miss Kitchen of Maynard, were at J. H. Kimball's Sunday and Monday.  
Perley Smith's little boy remains much the same as a week ago. Although the crisis is past, he is very sick and as yet makes little improvement. He has received every attention possible from devoted parents and other relatives, faithful nurse and skilled physician.  
James Neagle lost his horse on Wednesday morning. As he was driving to his work the horse fell and broke his leg in front of G. W. Prouty's, and it was found necessary to kill him at once and quickly end his misery. It is singular that the same misfortune should come to a second horse of Mr. Neagle's in nearly the same place and the same hour of the day.  
A new gate house has taken the place of the old one at Littleton station and the latter has been taken to Fitchburg.

Mrs. Mattie Priest, Mrs. Alice Whitcomb, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Cora Hager and Miss Emma Tenney accepted the invitation of the Peppercell Women's club last week Tuesday, which was observed as Reciprocity day. Mrs. Hager sang and Miss Tenney accompanied her at the piano on that occasion.  
Mrs. Priest, president of the Littleton Women's club, and Mrs. Johnson, the recording secretary, also Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Gertrude Houghton enjoyed the hospitality of the Maynard Women's club this week Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Crothers gave a lecture on Oliver W. Holmes, which was in itself a masterpiece.  
Miss Cora Warren plans to leave home early in June for a trip abroad, and will return in time for the fall term of school.  
Mrs. Mary J. Kimball returned last week from Boston where she has been spending the winter with her brother and other relatives.

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U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	95,591.11
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Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$4,965.05
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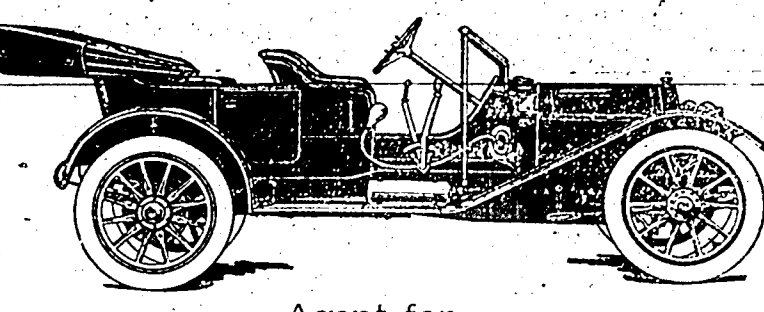
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Boston paraphrases of familiar proverbs. After the serving of refreshments, exercises commemorative of the Delphic oracle were held. The office of priestess was shared by Mrs. Leadbetter and Mrs. Locke. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Brown.  
Last Wednesday Willard Gray returned home to accept a position which he formerly held in the leatherboard mill where his father is superintendent. On his homeward trip Mr. Gray contracted a severe cold, which resulted in a slight attack of the grippe, thereby confining him to the house since his arrival.  
Mr. and Mrs. Christian of Westboro were recent guests of Mrs. Doherty.  
Frank Knight is visiting his sister in Peterboro, N. H.  
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