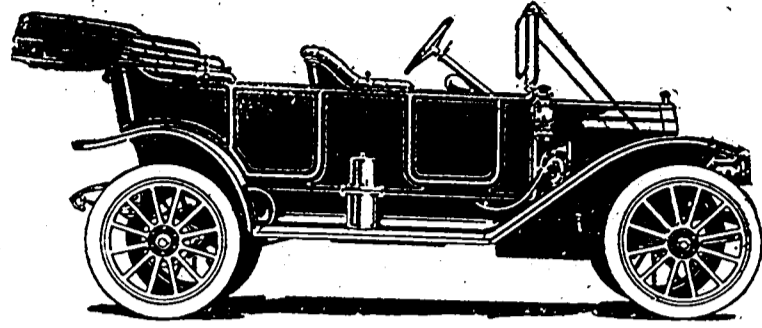


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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The February social at the Congregational church on Wednesday, February 14, is in charge of a committee of the teachers. They have provided for entertainment a concert by the Kitchen orchestra. This entertainment was recently given in the town hall at Concord to a crowded house, and was repeated in Concord and in Bedford. Some of those who participated in the entertainment at Concord will assist next Wednesday evening. Solos will be given by Mrs. Tuttle and Miss Miriam Davis, of Concord. The kitchen utensils will form the spectacular, rather than the musical part.

The offering at the Congregational church tomorrow morning is for the American Missionary association, the work which was so ably described last Sunday by Dr. Guttererson, secretary of the A. M. A.

Prof. Wilnot Mitchell, of Brunswick, Me., made a brief visit at George and Fred Kimball's homes this week, coming directly from Boston, where he had addressed a Boston college alumni meeting at the Bellevue hotel on Tuesday evening. He has recently filed several other engagements of similar nature.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams are spending Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb.

Mrs. Charles L. Smith and her niece, Mrs. George Moore, of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mrs. Smith's aged parents in Lynn, and called to see Mrs. Moore's father, who was very ill at a hospital.

Mrs. George H. Warren, of Manchester, N. H., was here for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, this week.

The telephone association met in the selectmen's room in the town hall on last Saturday evening to see if the association would agree to unite with the electric light commission to use one set of poles for the two companies. A. T. Kimball, A. E. Hopkins and W. H. Titcomb were chosen to consult with the electric light committee to ascertain the probable expense to the telephone association of such arrangement, and also to see if an increase of telephone subscribers can be obtained in order to swell the funds for such a project.

Lester Griffiths had his eyelid split by a recent blow from a horse's head suddenly raised from a drinking trough. A few stitches were required.

Mrs. Mary Griffiths Brown, of Waltham, was a week-end guest at her father's on New Estate road.

A bridal party touring through Littleton in an automobile last Saturday morning met with an accident to the car that necessitated the services of A. H. McDonald and his auto for the rest of the trip.

The Mission Study class of the United Workers met in good numbers with Mrs. N. B. Conant on Wednesday afternoon. The following interesting program in charge of Mrs. Geo. H. Kimball, was well carried out:

Devotions, Mrs. H. L. Packard; Introductory survey of the slave peoples, Mrs. George H. Kimball; Immigration notes, Mrs. N. B. Conant; "Experiences of an American disguised as a foreigner among steerage passengers," Mrs. A. M. Parker; "The German Jews and the Russian Jews in America," Miss Susie Robbins;

"The Jew in fiction," Mrs. Fred S. Kimball; song, Mrs. Leslie Hager, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton; poem, "Skum o' the earth," Miss M. H. Kimball.

Mrs. Ida Felch Dixon, of Lowell has lost another one of her children through death. Her baby, seven months old, was brought to Littleton for burial on Wednesday, Rev. H. L. Packard repeating the committal service.

The members of the Catholic mission at Littleton will have a sleighing party, dance and supper on Saturday evening, February 17. Barges will leave the town hall at 6:30 and West Littleton depot at seven o'clock for a sleighride, returning to the town hall, where a supper and dance will be held.

Miss Elizabeth McNiff, was a week-end visitor at Mrs. Andrew McNiff's in Beverly.

C. A. Kimball took the West primary school for a sleighride to Forge Village on Thursday afternoon.

About twenty Christian Endeavorers from the Congregational society went with M. W. Leahy on a sleighride to Ayer and Groton on Thursday night, stopping at the vestry on the way home and partaking of a good oyster supper.

Miss Florence Walcott and Austin Hartwell will attend the wedding of their cousin, Oliver Hartwell, in Somerville, on Monday, February 12.

Several Littleton members were present at the Pomona grange meeting held in Leominster on February 1, and report a profitable day.

Master of the grange, Richard T. Barrows, and Mrs. Barrows, were pleasantly surprised at their home a few evenings ago by a number of fellow grangers, who presented a handsome lamp and furnished an evening of good entertainment.

Miss Florence Bartlett is a week-end guest of her friend, Mrs. Eicher, in Waltham.

Miss Katherine Kimball is spending Saturday and Sunday in New Bedford as the guest of Miss Mary V. Gardner, and visiting her sister Gladys, now in the training department at St. Luke's hospital.

A chicken pie supper will be served by the Lincoln class at the Baptist vestry on Monday, February 12, at six o'clock. Those who have patronized the class at one of the previous suppers annually served, need no words of inducement. A good entertainment is promised for the evening.

#### Death.

Charles Lyman Jeffrey, for fourteen years pastor's assistant at Tremont Temple, and an active worker in the church for more than a quarter of a century, died on Tuesday, February 6, at his home in Dorchester. For the last four months he had been a sufferer from heart disease and unable to leave his home. For forty years Mr. Jeffrey had been a member of Tremont Temple, and for twenty-six years he had been president of the church chorus.

He had been a teacher in the Sunday school for more than thirty years and was clerk of the executive committee of the church during all his term as assistant to the pastor.

Mr. Jeffrey was born in Lynn in 1852, and spent his early life in New Hampshire. Later the family moved to Groton, and afterwards to Littleton, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Benjamin F. Jeffrey are now living.

In 1874, he married Lucinda E., daughter of the late Abel Flagg, of Littleton. She died many years ago, leaving one child, Lucinda E., a graduate of Wellesley college, and now a teacher in a girls' school in the south.

When he first went to Boston, Mr. Jeffrey engaged in the provision business in Faneuil Hall market. He was associated with his brother, Frederick H. Jeffrey, who is still in business there. Two other brothers survive him, Frank E. Jeffrey, of Everett, a retired real estate man, and the invalid brother, James, with whom he lived.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon in Converse hall, of Tremont Temple. The burial will take place today in the Jeffrey lot at West-lawn cemetery.

#### Grange.

The Littleton grange has now become of age, having observed its twenty-first birthday last Wednesday evening. At the conclusion of the business meeting, a reception was held, the present and past masters with their wives receiving, and the young lady members presenting the guests. There were many visitors from neighboring granges, and a general discussion of benefits of the grange took place.

Mrs. Calvin Howard recited "Money musk," and Mrs. George Cash gave a reading. There was singing by a quartet composed of Mrs. F. A. Patch, Rev. H. L. Packard, Mrs. Cornelius Dalley and Miss Harriet Smith. A large birthday cake made by Mrs. Cash, and home-made candies and popcorn constituted the refreshments. The program was well received and much enjoyed.

#### Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute slated for February 20, in the town hall, Littleton, is as follows:

John K. Whiting, of the Whiting firm in Boston, will tell what arrangements could be made that would mutually benefit the milk producer, the contractor and the consumer.

Albert F. Hayward, of Ashby, will talk on "The origin and characteristics of our best breeds of cattle."

Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield will read a paper on "Housekeeping and home-making."

A member of the State Board of Agriculture, whose name and subject will be given later, will also address the meeting.

After-dinner speeches will be made, interspersed with music, and Rev. H. L. Harrison will preside as toastmaster.

### TOWNSEND.

#### Center.

Mrs. F. A. Hardy is visiting her niece, Mrs. H. M. Sanborn, in Chichester, N. H.

Will Cowdry went to the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, Boston, Thursday, to undergo an operation.

#### Death.

Mrs. F. C. Burt, who has resided in town with her son, Arthur Burt, since 1910, died at his home Sunday, aged eighty-seven years. The funeral was held at the house Wednesday morning, Rev. A. L. Struthers of this town and Rev. L. A. Walker of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg officiating. The burial was in the family lot at West Townsend. Mrs. Burt was born in Mason, N. H., and married Mr. Burt in 1848. Mr. Burt went into business here and then moved to Fitchburg in the early eighties. Arthur E. Burt succeeded to the tinmith business. Mrs. Burt lived with her son John at Fitchburg until recently. She leaves three sons—Dr. Albert C. Burt of Momenue, Ill.; John C. Burt of the Brownell-Mason Co., Fitchburg and Arthur Burt of this town.

#### Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Adney Gray and their daughter, Miss Myrtle Gray, attended the Odd Fellows' supper in Ashby on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Proctor, who has been suffering from a carbuncle on her spine, is much better.

Mrs. Roy Shattuck, accompanied by her little son, spent Thursday with her parents.

The Harbor Monday club with its full quota of members enjoyed a sleigh ride to Fitchburg Wednesday. After dinner at one of the hotels the club attended the matinee.

The As You Like It club held its last meeting with its vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Taft. On account of sickness several of the members were unable to attend. An interesting program, including exercises relative to McKinley, was presented. After the serving of refreshments, the club adjourned.

Word was received in town last week of the sudden death in Boston of the father of Lew Crouch. Since his son's purchase of the Haynes estate, Mr. Crouch has spent part of the time in this place. He was a G. A. R. man and lived at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones recently entertained their neighbors at progressive whist. The game was enthusiastic throughout. During the evening fruit, nuts and popcorn were served from the buffet. At the close of the game the guests were further regaled with "red devil" rarebit and hot chocolate. In counting up the scores Mrs. Florence Conant and George Jones were found to be ahead while Mrs. Laura Smith and R. B. Adams laughingly proclaimed themselves boobies.

On Saturday evening last the whist loving neighbors were entertained at Westview with Mrs. Florence Conant hostess. There were five full tables and this made the game especially interesting. At eleven o'clock sand-



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- \$20.00 Suits, make way price..... \$14.47
- \$22.00 Suits, make way price..... \$16.47

Also One Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages 15 to 19, now reduced to..... \$2.47

### FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

- All our 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in Single or Double-breasted, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale 39¢
- All our 50c. Derby-ribbed Underwear in Blue or Ecru Colors, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale..... 39¢
- All our regular 25c. Fleece-lined Underwear for Boys, now reduced to..... 19¢

### Gloves

- All our regular 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys now..... 19¢
- One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves and Mittens, worth 50c., price for this sale 29¢
- One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves, a regular \$1.00 value, price for this sale..... 75¢
- One Lot of Jersey Gloves for Women, Boys and Children, reduced to..... 15¢, 2 pairs for 25¢

### Sweaters

- One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, regular 75c. and \$1.00 goods, price for this sale 43¢
- One Lot of Boys' Plain Gray Coat Sweaters, now for..... 43¢
- One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, Red Trimmed, sizes 34, 36, 38 only, actual value \$3.00 to \$3.50, reduced to \$1.50

### Shirts

- One Lot of Men's Fancy Shirts in Coat or Negligee Style, the regular \$1.00 Grade, now reduced to..... 79¢
- One Lot of Men's and Boys' Fancy Shirts, our regular 50c. kind, price now reduced to..... 39¢
- One Lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of Domet Flannel or Fancy Chevots, our regular 50c. kind, now go for 43¢

### SHOE DEPARTMENT

We have many odd pairs and discontinued lines of Shoes for Men, Women and Boys, which we have put upon the Bargain Counter for this sale. Such well-known makes as Queen Quality Shoes for Women, W. L. Douglas and J. O'Donnell are included in this lot.

### WINTER CAPS

- Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price
- 50c. Caps for Men now..... 39¢
- \$1.00 Caps for Men now..... 79¢
- \$1.50 Caps for Men now..... \$1.00
- 25c. Caps for Boys now..... 19¢
- 50c. Caps for Boys now..... 39¢
- Misses' 50c. Angora Tams, now..... 19¢

### A FEW SPECIALS

- Men's White Handkerchiefs 3¢
- Men's Police Brace..... 15¢
- Men's Police Brace, the 50c. kind..... 35¢
- Way's Mufflers, with slight imperfection, the 50c. kind, now..... 25¢

### NECKWEAR BARGAINS

- One Lot of 25c. Bows, now 15¢
- One Lot of 25c. Four-in-hands now..... 17¢
- One Lot of 50c. Four-in-hands now..... 35¢
- One Lot of 25c. Button-on Ties, now..... 15¢
- One Lot of 15c. Bows, now 5¢

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wiches, assorted cakes and coffee were served. The laurels of the evening were won by Mrs. George Jones and Will Whoroff. The hostess and Lorenzo Doran resolved to offer sacrifices to Fortuna, thereby hoping to propitiate the fickle goddess.

#### House Party.

Miss Carrie Hager, while at home on a recent visit, gave a house party to several of her Boston friends, Miss Mildred and Miss Elizabeth Gray, Miss Elsa Canell, Roy Whittier-More and Theo and Benno Bernstein. The party on route were chaperoned by Mrs. Charles Mann. On Friday evening the

### 5A HORSE BLANKETS PLUSH ROBES

young people attended the firemen's ball. The fine coasting and sleighing provided delightful entertainment for the merry company on Saturday. In response to invitations from Miss Hager, several of her school friends from the center augmented the house party in the evening. Games, dancing and singing followed by lunch made the time pass merrily and all too soon did the "good night" hour arrive. With the exception of Mildred Gray, who remained for a few days to visit Rev. and Mrs. Andrews, the young people returned to Boston Monday morning.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

The next meeting of the grange, Thursday evening, February 15, will be young people's night, the committee in charge being Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland.

Aaron Tuttle has been on the sick list with an attack of the grippe.

The regular monthly meeting of the Edward Abbot hose company took place at their headquarters on Boston road on Tuesday evening of this week.

The next Farmers' Institute by Middlesex-North will be held in the town hall, Westford, on Wednesday, February 14.

There were some enthusiastic games of basketball at the academy gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon with the following results:

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth was hostess for the Thimble club on Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Perley E. Wright was called to Somerville on Friday of last week by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Kendall Wright.

Among attractive conveniences recently added to our library is a stand in the reading-room for a set of Chambers' encyclopedias.

The members of the Tadmuck club are reminded of the regular meeting on next Tuesday, which will take place in the evening at eight o'clock in the Congregational church.

Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and son Roger were guests on Tuesday of Mrs. Hildreth's old-time school friend, Mrs. Gertrude Craven Elliott.

The large number of patrons who came out to the grange meeting last week Thursday evening expecting to hear a good address from Charles M. Gardner, state master, were in no wise disappointed.

Mr. Gardner illustrated his subject by telling how one grange was instrumental in establishing street lights in its town.

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About Town. Councillor Herbert E. Fletcher is ill with an attack of the grippe at his home on Oak hill.

The Westford Board of Trade will have a social smoke talk rally at the cavalry building on the Boston road, Tuesday evening, February 20.

Kare, but all the more true and noticeable when the birthday of three members of the same family occurs on the same day.

Judge F. A. Fisher, of Lowell, has been appointed auditor in the question of the valuation of the Luther Lawton farm at Long-Sought pond.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Fifield on Wednesday afternoon, twenty members and visitors being present.

Hugo Page, who has been ill and under the care of Dr. Blaney, has recovered sufficiently to be out, but not yet able to do sawmill work.

The annual appraisal of the personal property at the town farm took place last Saturday with the usual gathering of town officials.

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Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a very enjoyable concert and dancing party in Healy's hall last Saturday evening that proved a great pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to attend.

Song, "Where the River Shannon flows," Miss Rachel Wall; duet, "In the starlight," Henry Smith and R. J. McCarthy; reading, "St. Peter at the gate," Mrs. O. A. Nelson; song, "Love the peddler," Miss Sadie Smith; song, "Meeting of the waters," James Byrnes; reading, "Mrs. Mahoney on the Chinese question," Miss Catherine Connel; song, "Kathleen M'Anna," James May; vocal quartet, "Come where my love lies dreaming," R. J. McCarthy, James Byrnes, James May, Henry LeDuc.

After the concert program was completed, dancing was enjoyed to excellent music furnished by William L. and Miss Rachel Wall.

A large crowd was present on Forge pond last Saturday afternoon to witness the second race of the series of speed trials for horses that is being run off weekly.

The fast steppers owned and driven by Ed. Wesley, of Acton, Henry Harrington, of Granitville, and Hugh McDonald, of Littleton, failed to land in the first division in this interesting event.

The prizes were as follows: First, a good, serviceable horse blanket; second, a lap robe; third, a driving wheel. Fred M. Sweatt, of Forge Village, was the official starter, and Charles T. Brooks, of Granitville, was the official judge at the finish line.

The special race was then run off between Dr. Blaney's Knox Gelatine Boy and J. A. Healy's Nakomis. This race was won by Nakomis.

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The trees and shrubs here are being thoroughly cleaned of brown-tail moth nests by H. Nesmith, tree warden, and a force of men.

A large number from this village expect to attend the "Low Holler Singing school," entertainment at the Granitville M. E. church, on next Thursday evening.

A large party from here took in the sleighride under the direction of the Knights of King Arthur, of Granitville, on last Saturday evening and enjoyed a most excellent ride to Pepperell.

Miss Marion Boliggett, who is completing her post-graduate course at the Lowell Conservatory of Music, gave a very attractive classic recital at the conservatory on Thursday evening.

The program was excellent and included compositions from the following masters: Beethoven, Meyerbeer, Rossini, Schubert, Donizetti, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, Wagner, Raff and "Cramer." It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to attend.

Harry White and Mrs. Fennimore Morton attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Annie Patterson, who died in Boston on Sunday.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 7:30 on Sunday evening. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will officiate.

Miss Clara M. Lot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lot, died at the home of her parents on Monday at the age of fourteen years.

The woman's club will meet on Monday afternoon, February 12, at the "Unitarian vestry. The study of the poet, Robert Browning, will be continued under the able leadership of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield. This will be a music program and Mrs. Lillian Priest and Miss Fannie Sanderson

Thursday morning. Interment was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

The young ladies of St. Andrew's mission met Mrs. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, in Recreation hall on last Monday evening, and spent a most enjoyable hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and family, of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle, of Westford, Miss Laura Brown, of Pepperell, and the Blodgett families of the Ridges, Groton, sixteen in all, enjoyed a sleighride to Lowell last Saturday afternoon.

On the arrival of the sleighing party, a bountiful supper was served, including a delicious oyster and bean supper, ice cream, cake and other tasty sweets.

After supper a musical evening was spent, after which the merry party started on their homeward journey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett accompanying them, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett over Sunday.

Center. Last Sunday afternoon as Bernard Scott and his friend from Pepperell were driving through town, the sleigh slued as they were turning the corner by the watering trough to go towards the depot.

The boys were thrown out together with all the blankets, tie rope, etc., and one of the shafts dropped upon the horse's heels, causing it to start into a run.

The horse cleared itself from the sleigh near John Arlin's, and was caught near U. S. Adams' mill by Fred Ballou. No one was hurt and most of the damage was confined to the shafts.

A party of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and invited friends, numbering about twenty-five, went on a sleighride to Ashby on Tuesday evening, and enjoyed one of Landlord Partridge's famous chicken suppers.

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The trees and shrubs here are being thoroughly cleaned of brown-tail moth nests by H. Nesmith, tree warden, and a force of men.

A large number from this village expect to attend the "Low Holler Singing school," entertainment at the Granitville M. E. church, on next Thursday evening.

A large party from here took in the sleighride under the direction of the Knights of King Arthur, of Granitville, on last Saturday evening and enjoyed a most excellent ride to Pepperell.

Miss Marion Boliggett, who is completing her post-graduate course at the Lowell Conservatory of Music, gave a very attractive classic recital at the conservatory on Thursday evening.

The program was excellent and included compositions from the following masters: Beethoven, Meyerbeer, Rossini, Schubert, Donizetti, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, Wagner, Raff and "Cramer." It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to attend.

Harry White and Mrs. Fennimore Morton attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Annie Patterson, who died in Boston on Sunday.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 7:30 on Sunday evening. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will officiate.

Miss Clara M. Lot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lot, died at the home of her parents on Monday at the age of fourteen years.

will read "A toccata of Galuppi," "Abt Volger," "Master Hughes of San Gotsa," and "The founder of the feast." The Browning afternoons have been well attended and much enjoyed. Current events will be given and a piano solo by Miss Hazel Morse, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Alice Prouty are expected.

There will be a Lincoln memorial service in charge of N. B. Conant at the Congregational church tomorrow evening. The program in part is as follows:

Responsive reading; solo, with choir, "Battle hymn of the Republic"; prayer, Dea. J. W. Thacher; selection by the choir, "Life of Lincoln," Rev. H. L. Packard; gems from Lincoln's speeches, Mrs. George H. Kimball; selection by choir, Gettysburg address, Miss Maud Mitchell; "Diary of a contemporary," Miss Elizabeth Thacher; "Effect of Lincoln's death," by Beecher, C. A. Kimball; singing of "America," by the congregation.

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To the Honorable the Justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex, holden at Ayer within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully represent your petitioner, Wilfred C. Parsons and Ellis B. Harlow, partners, doing business under the name and style of Harlow & Parsons, both, having a usual place of business in and of said Ayer; that they made a verbal contract with Etta Leslie, at that time of said Ayer, on May 11, 1903, that they, the said petitioners, should use care and diligence in the storage and have custody of the household furnishings, which are set-forth in the statement hereto annexed marked "B."

And your petitioners further say that there is due and owing to them for the care and diligence, storage and custody aforesaid the sum of one hundred and nine dollars according to the account hereto annexed marked "A."

And your petitioners further say that said goods were given into their care and diligence and custody, and still are, within the district of said Court, and were the property of Etta Leslie of said Ayer, and are now the property of Etta Leslie, whose usual place of abode is unknown to your petitioners.

And your petitioners further say that the money mentioned in the account hereto annexed marked "A" was and became due sixty days ago.

And your petitioners pray, since the usual place of abode of the above named Etta Leslie is unknown to them, that a notice to Etta Leslie, the owner of the above described property, whose usual place of abode is unknown, to appear at a time and place to be designated by this Honorable Court to answer to this petition, and they further pray that said notice may be given by publication, as provided under Revised Laws, Chapter 198, section 25.

And your petitioners further pray that said goods, before mentioned, may be sold, and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the satisfaction of the debt as set-forth in the account hereto annexed marked "A," and to the costs of enforcing this lien.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1912.

By their attorney, JOHN D. CALNEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

In re Wilfred C. Parsons et al petitioners:

Upon the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that said petitioners notify Etta Leslie, and any other parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear before our justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex within the judicial district thereof at the session held for civil business on Saturday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to show cause if any they have why the prayer contained in said petition should not be granted.

And said petitioners are ordered to notify Etta Leslie and all parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear and show cause as aforesaid, by serving upon each a true and attested copy of the petition and the order of the Court thereon at least seven days before said second day of March, or by publishing the same once a week for three successive weeks in the newspaper called Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said second day of March.

Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire, at Ayer, this twenty-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve.

D. C. PARSONS, Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

A true copy of petition and order of Court thereon. Attest: D. C. PARSONS, Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

In the probate law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of BOWERS H. CHURCH late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby notified that Probate Court, to be held at Ayer, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said 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 day of February, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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**SHIRLEY.**  
**News Items.**  
Misses Maggie and Nan Love spent the week-end in Winchendon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Preston.  
Miss Blanche Sawyer is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.  
The measles is prevalent in town. The Buxton, Grout and Jubb children are confined to their homes with this malady.  
Mrs. Edwin H. Conant started on Thursday morning for Chicago, to visit her daughter Edith.  
Mrs. Dora Sulke, with little daughter Thelma and her brother Robert, left Shirley for her home in Pittsburg last Saturday morning. Mrs. Sulke has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gately, since Christmas her brother Robert, who accompanied her, has given up his position in Shirley and has accepted a position in Pittsburg, where he intends to remain and will make his home with his sister in that city.  
Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, to remain for several weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar have left Shirley for their new home in Pomfret, Vt. Mr. Farrar, being chairman of the board of selectmen, will return in a few weeks to assist in settling up town business.  
Miss Lena Gately and Miss Angie Burno spent last Sunday in Worcester.  
A very pleasant birthday gathering, with dinner and the usual festivities, took place last week Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, when the three brothers—John, Edwin and Waldo Conant—observed their birthday following the usual custom for many years past. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conant, Miss Julia Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant and Mrs. A. M. Parker.  
About twenty young people from the grammar and high schools enjoyed a sleighride to Lancaster and Leominster last Saturday evening. Mrs. Charles Stebbins accompanied the company as chaperon. All the children were delighted with the trip.  
Eighteen young ladies employed in the factory of the C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Company, went to a dance in Leominster last week Thursday evening, making the trip in one of Ames Parker's sleighs, returning home at about midnight.  
At the regular monthly meeting of the Franco Independent club held at their rooms last week Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
Sylvester Thomas, pres.; Joseph X. Desobry, v. p.; Michael G. Gionet, fin. sec.; John J. Chaboussier, org. sec.; William Gionet, treas.; Richard Murray, Philip Lezer, Felix Gionet, dir.  
**Annual Fair.**  
The ladies of the Universalist church will hold their annual fair, supper, entertainment and dance in Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday evening, February 14. A very choice supper will be served at six and seven o'clock. The menu will consist of cold meats, salads and in fact a large variety of good things, both substantial and dainty, too numerous to mention, with a fine corps of waiters to cater to the special wants of each and every individual. The fair opens at four o'clock. The entertainment will commence at eight o'clock, and the ladies have left no stone unturned to make this part of the evening's program one of delightful significance and pleasure. The program will include:  
A piano solo, Miss Hastings, assisted by high school teacher, male quartet, who will render popular, catchy selections; vocal solo, Mr. Byram; "Mystery," a one-act comedy, containing a moral for young gentlemen with the following cast of characters, consisting of all well-known young ladies and gentlemen of Shirley who need no further introduction, each of being specially fitted for the parts assigned:  
Bob Armstrong, an athletic young gentleman; William J. Conant; Jack Francis; another Earl Merriman; Amy Lovkin, an amiable young lady; Nan Love; a clever one; Babe; Fred Rose; Grady; a household force; Miss Hastings.  
The fair will show a large and complete line of useful and fancy articles which have been selected with care and will be offered at prices that will most certainly attract the attention of the thrifty and close buyer. There will be tables devoted to paper, fancy articles, aprons, china, candy, mystery, etc. A dance will close the evening's festivities with good music being furnished. This affair of the evening will be one of enjoyment from start to finish and judging from the interest manifested will be a big success.  
**Stabling Array at Wedding.**  
Andrew Jarski, a Polisher, of Worcester, was arraigned on Monday in the district court at Ayer on a charge of assault as the result of a stabling affray at a wedding last Saturday. It is alleged that Jarski, who was stabbed seven times in the back, attended the wedding of Wejlesh Weslonowski and Rozalia Golas without being invited. Jarski appeared in court on Monday, but the case was continued until Wednesday. With him will be arraigned, in connection with the affair, John Chapler, of Worcester, and Mikaloz Kijowski, who were also arrested on charges of assault and battery.  
Remarks allowed to have been made by Jarski started the trouble, during which Mikaloz Kijowski received a stab over the left eye, and Jarski was cut in the back and shoulders.  
Chief Goodwin arrested Jarski, but he collapsed from the loss of blood before the station was reached and was taken into the poolroom of Eddie Forster, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly. He was then taken to the Brookside boarding house where he remained overnight under guard of James Gately, lockup keeper.  
Jarski's wife came from Worcester on Sunday morning with bail for her husband, and besides producing two bank books she displayed a roll of \$975 in greenbacks.  
The newly-wed couple were married at the Polish church on High street, Lowell. Two automobiles from Proctor's garage at Ayer, conveyed the wedding party to and from the

house. Upon their return the celebration was observed according to the custom of their native land. A large number of guests were present from Lowell, Lawrence, Worcester and other places.  
The bridegroom is a cornet player in the Samson Cordage Works' Band and is employed there. With his bride he will make his home in Shirley.  
An all-day session was held in the district court on Wednesday on the stabling affair at the Phoenix last Saturday. A number of Polanders were summoned as witnesses. An interpreter from Worcester and one from Ayer assisted the court. John Chapler, of Worcester, was found guilty of an attempt to murder with a dangerous weapon and was held in \$1,000 bail for the grand jury. Andrew Jarski and the other Polanders that were arrested for assault were discharged. Bail was furnished for Chapler.  
**Planning a Good Time.**  
A dancing party will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening, February 16, under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish music. Ice cream and cake will be served during the evening. Late electric lights at 11.45 and to Leominster at 12.15. Train to Fitchburg at 12.50. The affair has been planned with a view to the enjoyment and comfort of all who attend. Competent aids, and in fact everything high-class in every respect will be the order of the evening. The committee of arrangements consist of John H. Logue, John M. Stevenson, Philip E. Hocquard, Jacob C. Beach and Walter Knowles. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. Logue, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Knowles, who will be ably assisted by a number of young ladies.  
**Pleasantly Surprised.**  
Fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cuyver assembled at their home last Saturday evening and gave them a genuine surprise to honor Mrs. E. Cuyver, who that day had reached her forty-eighth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in the enjoyment of music, games, etc., with refreshments bountifully supplied. The pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. E. Cuyver of a pretty silver casket, the gift from all present, her daughter, Miss Alpha, being assigned the duty of making the presentation and reading the brief address which very appropriately voiced the sentiments of the guests present. Mrs. E. Cuyver responded by thanking all kindly. Friends were present from Fitchburg, Leominster and Keene, N. H.  
**Death.**  
Mrs. Victoria (Lambert) Gionet, wife of William Gionet, died last week Thursday night at eleven o'clock at her home on Fredonian street from the effects of premature child birth, after a brief illness.  
Funeral was held last Sunday afternoon with service at St. Anthony's church at three o'clock. Rev. J. H. Cox officiating. The pall bearers were Fred Smith, Charles Gionet, Ferdinand Gendron and Joseph Thomas, of Shirley, and Fred Bourgeois and Athance Perreault, of Leominster. The ladies of the Sodality of St. Ann, of which the deceased was a member, attended the service in a body, and accompanied the remains to its last resting place. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.  
Mrs. Victoria Gionet was the daughter of David and Arselia (Rouises) Lambert, and was born in St. David county, Yamaska, Canada, thirty-two years ago. She has been a resident of Shirley for the past twenty-two years, coming to reside here with her parents when only ten years of age. The survivors are a husband and six children, who are Mabel 11 years, Rosanna 10 years, Laura 8 years, Elizabeth 6 years, Edmund 4 years, and Ellen 1 yr. 5 mos. Also, seven sisters, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Ferdinand Gendron, Mrs. Joseph Thomas, of Shirley and Mrs. Clifton Trisdale, Mrs. Fred Bourgeois, Mrs. Athance Perreault, of Leominster, and Mrs. Frank Gionet of Athol, and one brother, David Lambert, of Shirley.  
Mrs. Gionet was very much respected in Shirley, being a woman of thrift and economy, and much sympathy is expressed for her husband, Mr. Gionet, who is most certainly left in a very difficult position with his six small children.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gionet were married on August 30, 1897, by Rev. P. J. Sheedy at St. Mary's church, Ayer.  
**Entertainment.**  
The ladies of the Congregational church held their regular monthly social, supper and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, and one of the largest gatherings of the season was present. A very fine cold meat supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Peterson, chairman. Mrs. Leopold, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Wells, Miss Park and Miss Elsie Knowles. The entertainment, in charge of Mrs. H. W. McCoy and Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, consisted of a reading, Mrs. T. L. Hazen; piano solo, Leonard Hooper; reading, Miss Hastings; vocal solo, Mrs. Collyer; violin and piano, Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Annie P. Holbrook.  
**D. A. R.**  
A regular meeting of the D. A. R. was held Monday evening with Mrs. Mary Hazen. The chapter will be represented at the next Continental congress by the regent, Mrs. Minnie McM. Allen and the alternates elected were Miss Mary Park, Mrs. Marv W. Hazen, Miss Minnie Hobbs and Mrs. Carrie Tilden. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. E. E. Edgerton told of a very pleasant call on Mrs. S. B. Brigham of Worcester, last Saturday, her one hundred and first birthday. They also called on Mrs. Carpenter, who is one hundred and five years old.  
The next meeting, March first, will be the annual and the nominating committee are Mrs. Ella Lawrence, Mrs. E. E. Edgerton and Mrs. Mary Harlow. The entertainment, arranged by Mrs. Hazen and Miss Hobbs, consisted of piano solo by Miss Mabel Miner and a paper written by Mrs. Cynthia Lynch on the life of Charles

Dickens, was read by Miss Hobbs and was very interesting.  
The chapter had as guests Mrs. George P. Campbell, Mrs. Martha Conant, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle and Mrs. Amy Wheeler. Refreshments were served by the entertainment committee. The new D. A. R. song books are used at each meeting and very much enjoyed.  
**Center.**  
The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at the home of Miss Emma Hubbard.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Grout entertained Mr. Grout's sister, Miss Mary Grout, at their home over the weekend.  
S. LeRoy Longley has purchased the insurance business of the late Savillon Longley at the village.  
Miss Elizabeth Watling, of Woodsville, is visiting in St. Augustine, Fla., this winter.  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar left on Saturday for their recently purchased farm in Pomfret, Vt.  
The next meeting of the Watrons Aid will be held with Mrs. J. Walker Ward on Tuesday afternoon, February 13.  
John Grout, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout, is confined to his home with an attack of the measles.  
Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, preached a fine sermon on the subject of "Confirmation," at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, February 11, a celebration of the holy communion will be held in place of the regular service.  
Gideon C. West, at the East, was removed to the Kilbourn hospital last week to undergo an operation.  
Miss Lydia McCormick, of Pittsburg, Pa., was a guest of Miss Bessie Farnsworth, at her home at the North last week.  
Mrs. Edward Mellish, of West Groton, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer V. Farnsworth, at the North.  
Miss May Frary has returned to Lynn after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, at the East.  
Miss Ruby T. Crockett, of Fitchburg Business college, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North. Miss Crockett is now living at Lunenburg, instead of North Leominster, where she formerly stayed.  
J. Edward Adams has obtained a position in a printing establishment in New York.  
Edward Moulton, who has been assisting Ardie A. Adams with the moth work, now has a position in Townsend Center.  
Fred Frary, at the East, who has been very ill with pneumonia, has recovered sufficiently to be out.  
Miss Ruth M. Graves entertained a party of friends at her home last Saturday evening. The evening was spent in playing whist and ping-pong.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at the North, are mourning the loss of their pet dog, "Thursday," which was found dead on Sunday in the "Green Lane," its death having been caused by the bites of another dog.  
**Sleehing Parties.**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman held a very enjoyable sleighing party on Friday evening, in honor of Miss Edith Locke. The party had a sleighride through Groton in the teams of Howard Longley and Amos Parker, finally stopping at the home of Miss Ruth Lawrence in West Groton, where they were pleasantly entertained and served with refreshments of cocoa, sandwiches, cake and fruit. Those who attended were: Ruth M. Graves, Mousa Savabini, Emma Hubbard, Mildred Evans, Bessie Ross, Edith Locke, Harriet and Edwin Bridgman, Howard Longley, Edith Longley, Mrs. Edward A. Bridgman, Margaret Longley, Ruth Lawrence, Margaret Evans, Thomas H. Evans, Walter Woods, Lester G. Holden, Mildred Evans, Rae Carpenter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Chevette entertained at their pleasant home in the Center on Saturday evening. Relatives and friends from Leominster, who enjoyed a straw ride in charge of Mr. Brzard, of Leominster. Mrs. Fournier, mother of Mrs. Chevette, chaperoned the young ladies. A musical entertainment was given by Joe Fournier, baritone, Alphonse Fournier, tenor, Alma Fournier, soprano, Agnes Reed, alto. Song by the quartet, "Go, but it is great to meet friends from your home town," and also, "Baby rose," charmingly rendered. William Beland served as pianist for the quartet. Arthur Francouer, master show-clapper. Fred Mereau, autoharp; piano selections, Miss Louise Chevette; song by Mr. Brzard, "Down on the farm"; reading, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, of Shirley. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when a dainty and bountiful supper was served. The merry party left the hospitable home at a late hour, wishing the graceful and smiling hostess many happy returns of her birthday.  
**TOWNSEND.**  
**West.**  
A very small attendance of the Ladies' Study club, on account of the illness of many of the members, others being engaged in preparations for the men's banquet, was observed at the reading-room on last week Thursday afternoon, but the regular routine of the work was carried on and the reading of "The taming of the shrew," was continued, the four present reading in turn instead of assigning parts. As Mrs. G. A. Seaver, the chairman, and Mrs. Josephine Boynton, who was in charge of the reading, were absent on account of illness, Mrs. Harriet Stickney took charge of the meeting.  
Mrs. Frank Farnsworth has been on the sick list at her home, caused by an injury to her hand.  
The total number of books distributed from the reading-room at West Townsend for the month of January was 150.

Rev. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, a former pastor here, and his wife, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.  
Miss Freda Jodery, of Concord Junction, has been spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wood.  
Ralph H. Willard, from Boston, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.  
Rev. J. H. Cox, of Dorchester, preached at the evening service last Sunday, and at the close of the meeting a selection, "Would you believe," was rendered by a quartet, consisting of Walter Wilder, Milton Wilder, Ashbel Streeter and Miss Ina Wilder.  
The Brotherhood met in the vestry last Sunday with a good attendance. G. A. Seaver was elected vice president in place of Clarence Stickney, who resigned that position, and in the absence of Dr. Boynton, Mr. Seaver occupied the chair. A very interesting meeting was held and plans for further work was discussed.  
The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by Miss Ina Wilder in the vestry at six o'clock last Sunday and sixteen were present. At the regular business meeting six new members were added, and plans for the coming convention was discussed.  
Perry W. Sawtelle has been confined to his home for a few days by an attack of rheumatism.  
Miss Agnes Wilson is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis.  
Leo Russell has given up his position in Peppereil and is at present employed at Stickney's mill.  
The cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bruce on Wednesday evening was largely attended, over thirty being present. The service was conducted by Walter E. Wilder and the topic was "Faith."  
Quite a party of Odd Fellows from this village joined with the party from the Center and enjoyed a sleighride to Ashby and a chicken supper at the Ashby Inn on Tuesday evening.  
Frank Grimes, who has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. Eldridge, of Lower Main street, returned to his home in Waldeboro, Me., on Wednesday.  
The meeting of the L. B. B. S. at the parsonage on Wednesday had a very large attendance. Dinner was served at noon to a party of twenty-two. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, were guests on that occasion.  
Only three were in attendance at the reading-room of the Men's club on Tuesday evening, and after waiting in vain for other members to appear, the two officers and a guest closed up shop and went to their homes to study current events for the next meeting.  
**Brotherhood Meeting.**  
The West Townsend Brotherhood held their second public meeting at the Baptist vestry on last week Thursday evening, a chicken pie supper with all the fixings being served to forty-seven men, followed by a very interesting program. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Walter Calley, D. D., from Somerville, who proved a very witty and entertaining speaker and won great applause. Two solos, "The angel at the window," and "The rose-bud's mission," were beautifully rendered by Miss Alice Welch. The guest of the evening was Rev. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, a former pastor of the Brotherhood. On the motto of the Brotherhood, "The other fellow," the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, also spoke very pleasingly, and rendered the selection of James Whitcomb Riley's, "A hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort of way," as appropriate to the occasion. Other speakers were Dr. R. S. Ely, Walter E. Wilder, Alexander Reed, and Carl B. Willard. Dr. H. B. Boynton, president, presided, and the room was very tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and the banquet was served by the ladies of the Y. P. S. C. E.  
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**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to express our hearty thanks to our neighbors and friends who helped us by words of sympathy and deeds of kindness at the time of the death of our dear mother, also for the beautiful flowers, kind to Rev. George M. Howe, who so kindly officiated at the funeral services.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Northrup.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Folkins and daughter.  
Groton, Mass., February 6, 1912.  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To all persons interested in the estate of MARIA E. BENNETT late of Townsend in said County, deceased.  
Whereas RICHARD McELLIGOTT special administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for authority to pay from the personal estate in his hands certain expenses incurred by him as executor named in the will of said deceased, in proving said will in said Probate Court.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the fourteenth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM HENRY SPEAR late of Townsend in said County, deceased.  
Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY E. HEDRETH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to RICHARD McELLIGOTT of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
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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 JAMES GLEASON late of Peppereil 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 JOSEPH GLEASON of Peppereil 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, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
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GROTON.

News Items.

Samuel P. Williams, for over twenty years tax collector for this town, and who gave up the office a few years ago, passed his eighty-fourth birthday on Monday, February 5. He still keeps up a lively interest in the times and his fellow citizens, although kept from reading by the condition of his eyesight. He was remembered by calls on his birthday.

The gentlemen's night social with the supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church last week Thursday was a grand success. The entertainment opened and closed with piano duets by Mrs. Sampson and Miss Lowe. The play "At the Junction," was finely acted, and was very amusing. Visitors numbering over twenty were present from Littleton, Ayer and Shirley.

The funeral services of Mrs. Robert Northrup were held on Tuesday afternoon at her late residence, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patterson on Hollis street, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. Mrs. Northrup had been in feeble health for a long time, but the last illness was very brief. She died on Sunday morning, February 4. Mrs. Northrup is survived by two sons and a daughter, H. J. Folkins, Silas Northrup and Mrs. Allan Patterson, all of this town; also, nine grandchildren. The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

Six girls, who call themselves the T. H. S. club, and who are members of the junior class of the high school, were given, with their boy friends, a sleighride by Clarence Tuttle last week Friday. They went over Ayer and back again, stopping at Mr. Tuttle's house, where they were treated to an order supper, and later returned to their homes, having enjoyed greatly the merry good time.

A picture of Miss Nellie F. Hill, a Groton young woman who is a well-known settlement worker in Boston, appeared in the Boston American of Wednesday, February 7. Miss Hill does not take much stock in Prof. Allen Hoben, of Chicago university in his classification of lies. Miss Hill has had much experience in the training of girls and boys and says that in the Frances Willard settlement they teach that a lie is a lie, and that is the best way to do.

There were thirty-five from Groton grange visited Ayer grange on Wednesday evening. They report a grand time and find their Ayer grange friends progressive and full of talent.

The teachers of the Groton sewing school enjoyed a sleighride given by Mrs. John Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon. The sleighing was superb and Johnson's four-horse barge carried the fifteen ladies swiftly over the exhilarating drive, which took them to Shirley, then up toward Pepperell, and so on to the Townsend road back to Groton. About five o'clock the company arrived at Mrs. Lawrence's, where they took tea. It was a delightful afternoon's pleasure.

The Reading club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Fred W. Mansur.

Mrs. Myra Wetherbee, mother of the late Dr. Wetherbee, is a guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods. Mrs. Wetherbee has been spending the winter in Worcester.

Mrs. W. A. Parkhurst received word on Tuesday of the severe illness of her only sister, Mrs. Frank Badger, of Lynn, and left on Thursday morning to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer, W. A. Sanderson, Mrs. Edith Kierstead, Misses Elsie and Dora Bailey, Miss Hattie Woods, Charles H. Berry and Mrs. Blanche Brown attended the Pomona grange meeting at North Leominster last week Thursday. Mr. Sawyer recited a short poem, "Dreams ahead," and Miss Dora Bailey sang. All report a pleasant meeting, with a good program.

The Frederick Bishop family have moved into their new home on Main street, formerly the J. W. Wetherbee residence.

The Misses Vickery, of Pleasant street, attended last Saturday at his late home in Arlington, the funeral of their brother-in-law, Theodore Everett, of the Everett Press, Boston. He died on January 27, after a short illness from pneumonia.

H. W. Whiting and W. A. Brown are on the sick list; this week, each requiring the attention of his physician.

The Alliance meeting was held on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. No. 1 team. Mrs. Edith M. wife of Rev. O. J. Farrell, of Littleton, was present to give a talk on the talented writers of the Middle Ages.

The young men of the town will give a musical show in the town hall on Friday evening, February 16. After the show will be a dance given by the young men of the town.

Dr. Allen M. Smith was called from Worcester on Tuesday to examine a patient in Groton. He will return to Groton on Friday.

There will be a meeting of the Groton Village Improvement society at the home of Mrs. Edward B. Friedman on Monday afternoon, February 12, at 2:30 o'clock.

G. H. Rockwood has resigned as janitor of the Baptist church. George S. Chase has taken the position.

The fire alarm on Sunday was occasioned by a burning chimney at the house of F. D. Lewis, on Chicopee row.

The Book and Thinkable club met this week Friday afternoon with Mrs. E. A. Barrows. Belvia, of the South American states, was the topic taken up.

Mrs. Hindle, of Chelmsford, was a recent visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Charlton, on Chamney street, returning home last Saturday.

The morning services at the Baptist church were held last Sunday in the vestry. By a vote of the church this arrangement will continue during the cold weather.

J. S. Williams, of Framingham, and son, L. L. Williams, of Beverly, were recent guests for a few days at the home of A. F. Parkhurst, returning to their homes the first of the present week.

Mrs. Emma P. Shumway, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is better. She is now able to sit up part of the day.

William Souther, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and Mrs. C. H. Berry are shut in with bad colds. Mrs. Charles Osgood is recovering from the same trouble.

Officers Installed.

The officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed by Mrs. Dunlap and suite of Pepperell on Friday evening, February 2. The noble grand-elect, Mrs. Mary Dresser Boynton, will be installed later. The officers that were installed are as follows:

Mrs. Blanche Brown, v. n. g.; Miss Lois Wright, treas.; Mrs. Elie Harrington, rec. sec.; Miss Clara Coburn, fin. sec.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, w. m.; Mrs. Alice Woods, con.; Mrs. Sarah Whiting, chap.; Mrs. Lella Nutting, r. s. n. g.; Miss Mabel Souther, l. s. n. g.; Miss Elsie Bailey, r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Emma Porter, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Alice Miller, l. g.; George L. Boynton, o. g.

Light refreshments and a social hour followed the ceremony of installation. Visitors were present from the E. A. Spaulding lodge, of Townsend, and Vesta lodge, of Ayer.

W. R. C.

Special exercises followed the regular meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon in commemoration of William McKinley's birthday, which was on January 29. The program was prepared by Mrs. Maria A. Bowers, patriotic instructor. The selections given portrayed the life and character of this eminent man. His ancestry was told by Mrs. Alice P. Rockwood. Mrs. Whitehill continued with reference to his abilities in the various duties he discharged so well. This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Bessie Sherwin. Mrs. Emma Collier then contributed a testimonial of Mr. McKinley's service to the country in the interests of peace and humanity.

A vocal solo, "Where the flag is full of stars," was then rendered by Mrs. Grace Gibson. Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst gave an account of the devotion and tender affection bestowed on his invalid wife; his deeply religious nature, removed above all bigotry; and at the last his submissive and trustful death. A poem read by Mrs. Emma Blodgett and a piano solo by Miss Helen Barrows, concluded the exercises.

At the next meeting, February 20, there will be an observation of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. After three o'clock the meeting will be open to invited guests.

Entertainment.

The Groton School orchestra will give a musical entertainment in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 24, commencing at eight o'clock. The program will consist of selections on violin and piano by the Misses Lawrence, and selections by a gentleman soloist of fine ability. This entertainment will please the public and as it is given for the benefit of the District Nurse association, let every one respond as far as is possible. The entrance fee will be within the reach of all pocketbooks. The object is in the first rank of the most worthy in town. Help the good cause and enjoy the fine music of Saturday evening, February 24.

Full Attendance.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. T. G. Smith last week Thursday afternoon with a full attendance; every member present. This year being a Dickens anniversary year, the club decided to take up readings from this author and made a beginning on Thursday, from Pickwick papers. Other social features with appetizing refreshments as usual were enjoyed. It was voted at a recent meeting that the children and men of the families be honorary members. Several small children were present with their mothers at this gathering. These meetings are held once a fortnight.

Name Adopted.

The young men's class connected with the Union Congregational church Sunday school, completed its organization last Sunday. By a unanimous vote the name "The Builders," was adopted by the class. The officers elected for six months were: Rev. G. M. Howe, pres.; Herbert W. Taylor, v. p.; Master Lawrence Gay, sec.; Master Lewis Knapp, treas.; Masters, Guy Swallow, Louis Woods, Albert Warren and Harvey Woods, ex. com. The executive committee also constitute the out look committee. The object of the class is not only to study the bible, but to help the work of the church in its work for the extension of Christ's kingdom.

Historical Meeting.

The attendance at the meeting of the Groton Historical society on last Tuesday evening was much larger than is usual. This was the result of the announcement that Edward A. Richardson, of Ayer, would give the history of a house in old Groton. Considerable curiosity was felt as to what old house he would talk about. It proved to be one no longer within the present boundaries of the town, but was once in a part of the old-time Groton now included in the town of Ayer. The land upon which the habitation was first built was a part of the original grant given Simon Willard.

Mr. Richardson is an easy and pleasing writer, a fluent and attractive speaker. Close attention was given him as he related facts, figures and incidents connected with the lives of those who dwelt in this old house—in years whose dates were of 16-17-18 and 1900, bringing up to the present ownership and condition. No attempt will be here made to give a review of this interesting history, for it is soon to be printed with illustrations in this paper. Those who heard it will enjoy going over it again, and those who did not will be glad of the opportunity to peruse it.

Mr. Richardson brought with him a collection of veritable specimens of handwork, all made by members of the households occupying this house—linen towels, table cloths and other articles, woolen cloth of different col-

ors and textures, a genuine indienne given in time of George II, silhoettes, etc., were all closely examined by many with much interest. At the close of his paper Mr. Richardson was given a rising vote of thanks, and unanimously voted in an honorary member of the society.

Miss Douwell, the historian of the society, followed Mr. Richardson and gave facts and data concerning several old village houses, such as the Alden Warren, the Abbot or Blanchard dwelling house, the Dana and Brazier houses, the Everett, Gerrish house and the Groton Inn. She also spoke of buildings within the past year and persons of note who had passed through or visited Groton, such as President Taft and Gen. Leonard Wood.

Several business propositions were made and left open for future action. The business parts of the meeting were conducted by Lawrence Park, clerk, who read the minutes of previous meeting, and Rev. G. M. Howe in the chair, who opened and closed the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard were new members voted in. The society is in a flourishing condition.

West Groton.

Eight couples from this village joined a barge load of young people from Groton school families on Monday evening of last week for enjoyment of the delightful sleighing. The ride was followed by supper at Squannacook house, West Townsend, and dancing till one o'clock.

On Friday evening, February 2, young people to the number of twenty-five were conveyed by McGowan's team to Memorial hall, Townsend, to attend the firemen's ball. They returned in the wee sma' hours, having enjoyed both ride and dance.

Rehearsals are in progress for an old folks' concert to be given under the auspices of the L. A. society. A number of very good voices under the competent direction of Miss Susie Hill make these rehearsals not only interesting and instructive, but very enjoyable.

The supper given by the L. A. society on Wednesday evening received the usual generous patronage. The social which followed was made interesting by games, proverbs, marching, etc., in charge of Mrs. Florence Briggs, a member of the literary committee.

Miss Olive Tarbell, of Brookline, was a Sunday guest at her home here.

Mrs. Dean, of New York, sister of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, is caring for the little family of children during a week's absence of their parents.

The chapel was well filled last Sunday morning and an appreciative audience listened with great interest to a discourse by Rev. Edward E. Aiken, of the South China mission. The speaker was in Chinese costume, black tunic over a blue robe. He spoke of the great good accomplished in China by the spread of the christian religion and emphasized the needs still to be supplied. The cause of foreign missions has an able advocate in Dr. Aiken.

Little Elliott Blood is making a good recovery from the whooping cough. The latest victim of the disease reported, is Porter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

F. E. Harrington, who has been quite ill with erysipelas for several weeks, returned to his work on Monday.

Daniel Markham, of Townsend, whose hand was badly injured by machinery at the papermill about two years ago, is working at the leather-board mill. This is the first active employment in which Mr. Markham has engaged since his injury.

Mrs. William MacCherie is suffering from the effects of an accident experienced some weeks ago. A bad fall resulted in a severe injury to one eye, causing loss of sight, it is hoped but temporarily.

Mrs. Malvina Lane is recovering from an attack of indigestion from which she has suffered since Sunday.

Mrs. George Gay died early Friday morning. Funeral services will be held from the house on Sunday at two o'clock.

Mrs. Edmund Blood's condition is reported as unchanged, despite the weakness which threatened to overcome her.

W. B. Flewelling, of New Brunswick, boarding at H. Spaulding's, is confined to the house in care of his physician as the result of a severe strain from lifting, combined with lumbago.

Mrs. Harriet Bixby, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Joshua Bixby, became unconscious while dressing on Tuesday morning, and has since been quite ill.

Mrs. Andrew Jarvis has been ill, but is reported better.

Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting at G. H. Bixby's. Little Dorothy was taken to a hospital in New York on Thursday for the removal of adenoids.

Frank Powell, who has been employed recently in Lowell, and is said to have joined the militia, was at home on Wednesday. Mrs. Powell has remained in West Groton.

William Kane, who has been in Fitchburg for some time, is at home.

Word was received on Wednesday by Mrs. Martha Tarbell, of the death of her sister, Miss Jane Adams, of Lunenburg, who has been an invalid for some years.

Young ladies of West Groton will hold a dance in Squannacook hall on Monday evening, February 12. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

A Musical Treat to be Given.

The Hayden concert company, of Boston, under the auspices of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will entertain in Squannacook hall on Wednesday evening February 14. Following is the personnel of the company: Eleanor Soule Hayden, organ; chimes, xylophone, mandolin; Edith Gertrude Wales, pianist; Edwin Byron Powell, violinist; Edith B. Arey reader. This company is recognized as one of the leading concert and lyceum attractions and is noted for high-class programs and genuinely ar-

tistic work. It is said that Miss Hayden is the only artist in concert work in the east who plays the organ chimes. The people of West Groton are given the opportunity of listening to a music treat never before offered at their own door. Dancing will follow until twelve o'clock. Ice cream and cake will be served in the lower hall. Entertainment at eight o'clock. Tickets may be obtained in advance from C. R. Harrington, H. Spaulding, Chester Hill, of West Groton, and E. J. Kierstead and F. Patterson, of Groton. The public are cordially invited.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Mrs. Lura Williams, who has been at Resthaven hospital, Whalon, for two months, has so far recovered as to be able to return to her own home. Her convalescence is almost a surprise to her family for her illness was so severe and she was so exceedingly weak.

Myron E. Harvey, jr., conductor on the Fitchburg, Leominster and Ayer electric car, has moved into the H. L. Duren cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Francis and her mother took a trip to New York on Tuesday morning expecting to be gone about a week. They will attend the wedding of one of Mrs. Francis' sisters while there.

Invitations are out for the annual meeting of the Old Home Week association in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 10. It is hoped every family in town will be represented in this meeting and election of officers. Lunch will be served and a program given to help make it interesting. Every resident of the town is a member of this association, if they will only attend the meeting. No dues to pay.

Rev. A. T. Kempton preached his first sermon before his new congregation, in the Broadway Baptist church, Cambridge, on last Sunday.

Presentation Made.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church met in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon and a goodly amount of work was accomplished. During the business session Mrs. Mary E. Sands, the president of the sewing circle, in behalf of the society, presented Mrs. A. T. Kempton, the pastor's wife and vice president of the organization, with a neat little package surmounted with beautiful fragrant carnations. Upon opening the package, Mrs. Kempton found one dozen solid silver teaspoons neatly engraved with a fine old English capital K on the front side of the handle, and on the reverse side were the initials "L. S. C." for Ladies' Sewing Circle. Mrs. Kempton, though completely surprised, very feelingly thanked the ladies for their beautiful present, and described her new home in Cambridge, to which they expect to remove in the early spring.

Death.

Miss Lucy J. Adams, who has made her home at A. J. Hoisington's, Brookside farm, since selling her cottage last fall, has not been quite as well of late, and on Sunday evening she had quite a severe cerebral hemorrhage. She sold her home last year because of increased feebleness and advancing years, which made it unsafe and unwise for her longer to care for herself.

On Wednesday morning she died from the effects of the cerebral hemorrhage which she suffered last Sunday. She was born in Lunenburg on December 28, 1842, and had spent all her life in this town. She was the daughter of Gerry and Martha (Spaulding) Adams. She is survived by one brother, Albert Adams, of Shirley, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Tarbell, of West Groton, and Mrs. Sylvia Lancy, of this town. She was a member of the Congregational church, and her funeral will be held there on Saturday, February 10.

SHIRLEY.

Grange Notes.

At the last regular meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening, one new member was taken in by demit, and one application for membership was received. The feature of the lecturer's hour was a debate, Resolved, "That the rural free delivery is more important to the farmer than the telephone"; affirmative: Mrs. J. Walker Ward and William Jubb; negative: Mrs. Luther E. Holden and Ruth M. Graves. Both sides gave some very interesting arguments; but the judges, Merrick W. Cary, George Farmer and Mrs. John W. Evans, finally decided in favor of the affirmative. After the debate, the question was discussed by several of the members. The meeting closed with readings by Ora E. Holden and N. Otis Colburn.

The following members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at North Leominster last week: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Adams, Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, Edith V. Holden, Edith M. Holden, N. O. Colburn, William Jubb.

Twenty-nine members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of Ayer grange on Wednesday evening. The third degree was worked on a class of candidates by the ladies' degree team of Shirley grange. The work was done admirably and Miss Margaret Evans, the master, deserves much credit for the excellent manner in which the degree work was carried out. The team was made up as follows:

Margaret Evans, m.; Mrs. Homer P. Holden, o.; Mrs. Carl Thompson, lec. Mrs. Dike, sec.; Mrs. Edward Farns, worth, treas.; Mrs. Luther Holden, stew.; Mrs. Norman R. Graves, chap.; Mrs. John W. Evans, g. k.; Edith M. Holden, cores.; Mrs. Edith H. Perry, Pomona; Ora E. Holden, Flora; Ruth M. Graves, l. a. s.; Edith M. Holden, asst. stew.

The Shirley members served as judges of a dual entertainment, giving the decision to the team in charge of Mrs. Woods. All report a very enjoyable evening.

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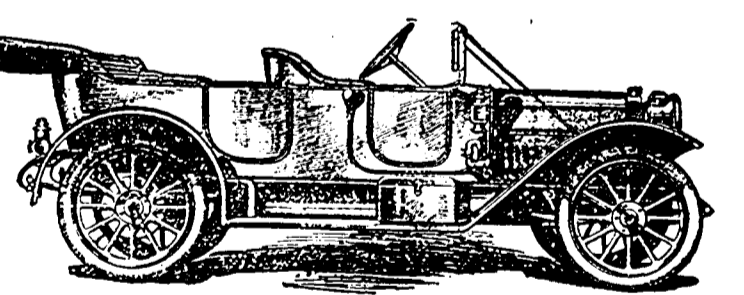
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News Items.

Glenn, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Haggatt (née Florence Smith) of Everett, had a bad fall on the stairs last Monday night and has been very ill in consequence. Her face was badly bruised, but it is hoped she will not be permanently disfigured, and that she will soon recover from the shock of the accident.

Miss Marion Weber, who has been visiting by invitation the Perkins institute for the blind; also, friends in Cambridge and Melrose, returned last week to Groton. Her glasses were destroyed when her home was burned, and she has been refitted and examined by the eye specialist in Boston who assures her that her eyes are improving constantly, which is very gratifying to all concerned.

Little Rachel Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner, has been desperately ill with pneumonia. Two trained nurses are in attendance. It is thought that the crisis has passed.

The decision in the civil suit brought by William W. T. Pearson, of Ayer, against the Haynes-Piper Company for personal injuries sustained by the plaintiff while employed at the factory of the defendant company, was filed by associate Justice John M. Maloney on Tuesday. The court finds for the plaintiff for \$150, stating that the plaintiff was injured while in the exercise of due care, and that the defendant was negligent in not properly having its trap door fastened, through which the plaintiff fell and received injuries. The Haynes-Piper Company will appeal the case to the superior court.

At the Y. P. R. U. last Sunday evening there was a very interesting program. Miss Lily Baker was leader, Miss Madolin Whitney gave a fine piano solo, Miss Myrtle Smith was pianist and Miss Whitney read Mrs. Beatley's story of the work of her Sunday school in the Church of the Disciples. On Sunday, Miss Moore, the seventh grade teacher, will give the address on Edward Everett Hale.

Rev. A. Judson Rich will preach on Sunday in the Unitarian church. His topic will be "The working and the devotee."

The Baptist ladies will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Tuesday, February 13, from three to five o'clock, and a valentine social in the evening.

The Social Gathering of the Unitarian church will meet on Tuesday afternoon, February 13, at three o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. Lois Porter, on Washington street. A full attendance is desired.

On Monday afternoon, February 12, Lincoln's birthday, the life and deeds of the martyr president, will be referred to in connection with the studies in the public schools, particularly in those studies of a historical nature.

On next Tuesday afternoon the Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will conduct a food sale in the lower town hall from three to five o'clock. There will be a valentine social in the evening.

The men of the M. E. church will serve a supper in the lower town hall on Wednesday evening, February 14, at 5.30 o'clock. The menu includes clam chowder, steamed clams, beans, bread, pies, cake and coffee.

Local moth superintendent, D. W. Mason, intends getting after the brown tail moth nests next week, providing he can get climbers to assist in doing the work.

Mrs. William U. Sherwin went to the Lucy L. DesBrisay hospital, Boston, Wednesday and was to be operated upon Friday afternoon, February 9, for hernia and gallstones.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, of Worcester, and two children were in town on Tuesday on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sherwin.

On last Saturday evening, Dr. Walker, of Boston, a specialist, came and performed a slight operation on the right ear of Robert Sanderson, son of Judge and Mrs. Geo. A. Sanderson.

Nils Peterson, employed at the cutlery works of Robert Murphy & Sons, who has been confined to his bed for several days, is a very sick man.

Dr. Hopkins has from fifty to sixty cases of measles and here, as elsewhere, they have had a great run. It is said that there have been in all a hundred cases, if not more.

Mrs. Maie A. Carley, president of the Ayer Current Events club, attended the State Federation meeting in Boston, Thursday, and reports a very interesting and instructive program.

A splendid program to commemorate Abraham Lincoln has been arranged for Monday, February 12, at eight o'clock at the town hall. Distinguished speakers, patriotic tableaux and songs make up the program. The whole is under the auspices of George S. Bonwell post, W. R. C. and Capt. George V. Barrett, camp, S. of V. It is intended as a worthy recognition of the "first great American" and is entirely free to the public.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds has diphtheria and the house is quarantined. The other children who were going to school before the nature of the disease was known have been kept from school and will remain at home till the danger of contagion has passed. This is the only case of diphtheria so far as known in town at the present time.

Buried.

The remains of William J. Brady, whose early life was spent in Groton, were taken here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery on Monday. He was the son of the late John Brady, of that town. His mother, Mrs. Mary Brady, is now a resident of Stoneham, where the body was taken for the funeral services previous to being sent here for burial. Mr. Brady was drowned while bathing with a party from the U. S. S. South Carolina, in Guadalupe Bay, Cuba, on January 23.

He had been in the United States navy for sixteen years and had been promoted to the rank of quartermaster and was thirty-three years of age. The family is well-known among the older residents of Ayer.

Death.

Mrs. Bertha C. Richards, a former resident of Ayer, died on Thursday of last week of heart disease at her home in Penacook, N. H. Mrs. Richards was a native of Washington, Me., where she was born on April 20, 1849. Mrs. Richards and Mr. Richards, her husband, lived here about three years and left for Penacook last June, where they have since lived.

She leaves her husband, one sister, Mrs. R. J. McNeill, of Tenants Harbor, Me., seven children, Mrs. Mary E. Edgcomb, of Appleton, Me.; Annie C. Brasier, of South Waldoboro, Me.; James F. Richards and Isaac F. Richards, of Penacook, N. H.; Samuel D. Richards and Mrs. Saddle A. Flanders, of South Waldoboro, and Mrs. Lillian Lawton, of this town. The funeral was held last Monday in South Waldoboro, Me.

Woman's Club.

An afternoon with Dickens proved to be a very interesting meeting of the Ayer Woman's club and guests on Wednesday afternoon, the program being in charge of Mrs. Clara F. Hill, chairman of the literature committee. Eleven members of the Monday club, of Townsend, were guests of the club. Mrs. Grace Lentz and Miss Ethel Andrews gave a mandolin duet with Miss Mabel Sargent as accompanist. Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly gave an excellent paper, "An appreciation of Dickens."

Then came the play, "Cricket in the hearth," in three acts, which was much enjoyed and appreciated by guests and members of the club. The parts were all remarkably well taken, and the audience will long remember the pleasant and profitable afternoon with Dickens, February 7. The following ladies gave the play: Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, Mrs. Emma M. Wood, Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, Mrs. Lacie A. Sanders, Miss Mildred Sanders, Miss Mabel Puffer, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Daisy Beckford, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins. Music was furnished by Miss Ethel Andrews between the acts. Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow and Mrs. Daisy Beckford served dainty refreshments to the members of the Monday club at the close of the meeting.

Death.

Died in Worcester, February 5, Mrs. Mary Ann Warren, aged 75 yrs. 7 days. Mrs. Warren was born in Baltimore, Md., and was the daughter of Hizekiah and Rebecca (Pierce) Cotton. She married Capt. George W. Warren, who was for many years connected with the Boston Fire department. His death occurred some ten months ago, since when her health has been slowly declining, until she quietly fell asleep at five o'clock last Monday afternoon. Of the three children born to them, but one son survives, and it was with this son George and wife that Mr. and Mrs. Warren spent the last years of their lives, surrounded by every attention and comfort.

Funeral services were held at the son's home, 6 Freedom street, Worcester, on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, conducted by the Episcopal clergyman, who had long been a friend of the family. The funeral party were joined at Huntington Avenue station, Boston, by relatives and friends in that vicinity on Wednesday afternoon and hacks taken for Forest Hills cemetery, where interment was made in the family lot.

Mrs. Warren was a relation of O. K., and the late George B. Pierce, of this town, and in earlier life visited often at their homes. Her own residence in Boston was for many years the stopping place for relatives in this vicinity who were visiting in Boston. Her hospitality and that of her mother, "Aunt Rebecca," who lived with her many years, was cordial and hearty. Her passing was like her whole life, peaceful and tranquil.

Beside the son and wife who have so tenderly ministered to her, three granddaughters and a little great-granddaughter mourn her loss.

Basketball.

The largest and most interested crowd of the season witnessed the fastest and most exciting contest in the local history of the game in the town hall last week Friday evening when the victory was awarded the crack Leominster high school team over the Civic club five by a score of 2 to 23. At the end of the second period of play the score was a tie, each side having 23 points. In order to settle the contest, the teams played till either one had gained two points. To Deady, the star center of the visiting team, was due the victory, he scoring one point on a basket from a foul and a few minutes later getting two more points by throwing a basket from the floor.

From the start to the finish the score was very close, with the home team having a slight lead for the most of the game. During the last regular period of play the cheering on both sides by the fans was so loud and continuous that it was impossible at times to hear the referee's whistles. A good sized number came down from Leominster to cheer their team to victory. At the end of the first period the Civic club team led by two points, the score being 15 to 13. In the second period the visitors scored ten points to their opponents eight, tying the score.

Sullivan scored the most points for the local team with a total of fifteen, one of the baskets being thrown from a difficult angle, which brought down the house. Garland, of the visitors, also made a fine basket from the floor which gained him well merited applause. Deady and Merrick carried off the honors for the Leominster boys with ten points each. The summary:

CIVIC CLUB	LEOMINSTER
Sullivan, Jr., lb.	Bacon, lb.
Green, lb.	Garland, lb.
Donahue, lb.	Deady, lb.
Ryan, lb.	Barrett, lb.
Burns, lb.	Honley, lb.
McIntire, lb.	Merrick, lb.

Score—Leominster high 26, Civic club 2. Goals from floor, Sullivan 5, Donahue, Hooley 3, Barrett, Merrick 5, Deady 3, Garland, Bacon. Goals from fouls, Sullivan 5, Deady 4. Referee, Forbes. Timer, Mullin.

The other contest was between the Leominster high second and the Ayer high school teams. Ayer high won easily, scoring 37 points to by their rivals. Donahue was nearly the whole show for Ayer with a total of twenty-three points in his favor. The playing of the visitors was devoid of special interest. The summary:

AYER HIGH	LEOMINSTER
Pillebrown, lb.	Loyd, lb.
Bowler, lb.	Stannard, lb.
Donahue, lb.	White, Cleary
Hurley, lb.	McIntire, lb.

Score—Ayer high 37, Leominster 9. Goals from floor, Bowler 3, Pillebrown, Stannard, Goal from foul, Pillebrown, 3, Donahue, Referee, Forbes. Timer, Mullin. Time, 15m. halves.

The high school team was defeated by the Crescents of Fitchburg in that city last Saturday evening by a score of 3 to 22. Donahue, the Ayer high center, still showed he had his eye with him with a total of seventeen points to his credit. Roberts carried off the honors for the Crescents with a total of eighteen points. The summary:

AYER HIGH	CRESCENTS
Bowler, lb.	McIntire, lb.
Donahue, lb.	Roberts, lb.
Brown, lb.	McIntire, lb.
Hurley, lb.	McIntire, lb.

Score—Crescents 26, Ayer high 22. Goals from floor, Bowler 3, Pillebrown, Donahue 3, McIntire, Kendall 3, Roberts 9, Mondville. Goals from fouls, Donahue, McIntire, Kendall, Bowler, Referee, Waters.

Were Successful.

The committee of the Board of Trade which was appointed to confer with the Boston and Maine officials in regard to restoring the time of the arrival of the local freight from Boston to its original schedule, has met with success. The cars carrying freight for the merchants are now attached to a through freight, which arrives here at 3.15 in the afternoon as formerly. By a recent change the time of the arrival of this train was 6.30 in the evening, which caused the merchants inconvenience as they could not get their goods to their places of business until the following morning. The weekly credit system to freight bills has also been secured through the above organization.

Verdict for Defendants.

The jury in the civil session of the superior court at East Cambridge on Thursday brought in a verdict for the defendant in the cases of Mary A. Beverly, of Ayer, vs. E. J. Richards, of Fitchburg, and Gilman P. Beverly, of Ayer, vs. the same. The actions were ones of tort. The first was to recover compensation for personal injuries received by Mrs. Beverly through being run into by the defendant's automobile near Sandy pond nearly two months ago. The second suit was brought by Mr. Beverly for the expenses incurred by him in connection with Mrs. Beverly's illness. Lyman K. Clark, of this town, was counsel for the plaintiffs and Walsh and Walsh, of Fitchburg, for the defendant.

News Items.

John Chapter, of Worcester, appearing on Wednesday morning before the district court to answer to a charge of assault with intent to murder Andrew Jarski, of the same city, at Shirley last Sunday, Leominster, caused his name to be changed to a name which was found to believe him guilty and he was held for the grand jury at the Massachusetts house of correction in \$1,000 bail, which was furnished.

The Epworth league of Fitchburg, West Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Leominster and Ayer will unite for a rally in the Leominster Methodist church on Monday, February 12, some of the district officers are expected to be present. There will be a good speaker.

Hon. Edwin L. Curtis, a member of the Massachusetts Civil Service commission, delivered a very interesting address before the members of the Board of Trade on Wednesday evening on "The civil service legislation of the commonwealth." The speaker traced the history of the civil service idea from its beginning and the benefits resulting from putting the idea into legislation. Lunch was served.

Representative Edward Fisher, of Westford, who looks after the interests of this district in the lower branch of the legislature, has been appointed on the committee of the members of the house of representatives to investigate the Lawrence strike.

The sewing school re-opens on Saturday afternoon. This district nurse committee has been appointed in the Women's club, Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. J. J. Farr, Mrs. Saele Sanders, Mrs. Edith Hasson, Mrs. Annie Sanderson, Mrs. A. M. Sargent.

These club women attended the mid-winter meeting of the federation in Park Street church, Boston, on Tuesday, Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, Mrs. Susan M. Parker, Miss Clara E. Blood, Mrs. S. Adams, Mrs. Mrs. Alice F. Fisher, Mrs. Edith J. Hard, Mrs. A. B. Fisher, Mrs. A. M. Sargent.

The moving picture show this week is to be featured by "Colleen Bawn" a three act comedy. This picture has scored a great success wherever shown and show they had quite a hard time to secure it. Three illustrated songs will be sung by a Boston singer, besides two other reels of pictures that will be shown.

The funeral services of Capt. Robert C. Blachford was held at his home last Saturday afternoon, and was performed by Rev. John E. Hart of the Congregational church. A quartet composed of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Ellis B. Hart, Holden C. Harlow and Howard Stone sang "Let the lower realms be burning" and "Beautiful land of promise." Miss Mildred Sanders presided over the services. The remains were taken to West Yarmouth on Monday for burial. The bearers were E. C. Johnson, C. E. Lyman, J. E. Hart and G. Johnson. There were many beautiful flowers.

At St. Andrew's church on Sunday the services will be as follows: 10.15 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. Sunday school at twelve. The confirmation service announced for March 23 has been changed to Friday, March 15, a confirmation class will meet every Sunday at twelve o'clock at the church.

Grange.

The most enthusiastic and largest attended meeting of the Ayer Grange since its organization was held in its quarters in Dickinson's block on Wednesday evening. About two hundred local and visiting grangers were present and they were well repaid for their attendance.

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\$2.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.00
\$2.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.65
\$1.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.15
\$1.00 Pants reduced to.....	89¢

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS	
\$5.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$3.75
\$4.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$3.25
\$3.50 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$2.75
\$3.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$2.25

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\$12.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$8.47
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work passed off. They were given a rousing vote of thanks for their work when completed. The harvest march then followed with Ardie A. Adams, master of the Shirley Grange, and his wife in the lead.

The festive entertainments were then in order. The two sides, one headed by Mrs. Emma Woods and the other by Walter C. Winslow, tried hard to get the reward of excellence, and at the conclusion, Mrs. Woods was declared the winner by the judges, who were members of the Shirley Grange. As a result the loser must furnish the supper for the next meeting, that being the agreement when the contest was started. Although Mr. Winslow's side lost, it was no disparagement to his entertainment. In fact both sides did very well, but Mrs. Woods' was considered a little the better.

At the conclusion of the entertainment a short social time was spent. Members were present from Littleton, Harvard, Shirley, Westford, Fitchburg, Groton, Pepperell, New Hampshire and Maine, every one seeming to take advantage of the good singing and a good clear night.

New Advertisements.  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, ss. In and for the County of Middlesex, in the case of MARY E. BENNETT late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas RICHARD McEILLET special administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for authority to pay from the personal estate in his hands certain debts of the deceased shown by the list of debts filed with said petition.

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late of Littleton in said county, de-  
ceased.

Whereas, certain instruments pur-  
porting to be the last will and testam-  
ent and one codicil of said deceased  
have been presented to said Court for  
probate, by EDWARD HENTON GREEN-  
AN who prays that letters of adminis-  
tration with the will annexed may be  
issued to him, or some other suitable  
person, the executor named in said will  
having deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a  
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,  
in said county of Middlesex, on the  
thirtieth day of February A. D. 1912,  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to  
show cause if any you have, why the  
same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,  
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second day of January, in the year  
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figured net in lovely nuances of pinks  
and greens, and the underlip is of  
silver tissue. The pretty rose decora-  
tions are of silk and made especially  
for the gown.

**Miss Taft's Fondness For Brown.**  
Pink and brown are the White House  
colors. Helen Taft prefers brown and  
constantly uses it as a theme in her  
dresses. Her mother clings to pink.  
The president's daughter looks very  
attractive in a rough brown homespun  
suit, the skirt a modified "bobble" with  
ample proportions for a graceful stride,  
and the coat semiformal and trimmed  
in dark brown velvet as to cuffs and  
collar. She has a beautiful golden af-  
ternoon gown built on brown messaline,  
with touches of old rose and gold in  
the underlining, while the main ma-  
terial is fluted almost completely cov-  
ered in wrought designs of thick brown  
silk. She has a natty brown fur coat,  
and with it she wears a fur turban  
with one big red rose on the right side.  
Mrs. Taft likes the old fashioned china  
pink more than any of the more mod-  
ern hues, such as rose, shell and salm-  
on. One of the state gowns of Mrs.  
Taft is of heavy satin in peachblow,  
embroidered in deeper shades of pink.

**Choice of a Wife.**  
Jeremy Taylor very aptly summed  
up his opinion of the unwise choice of  
a wife in the following words: "A very  
fool is he that chooses for beauty prin-  
cipally. His eyes are witty, but his  
soul is sensual. It is an ill band of af-  
fection to the two hearts together by a  
little thread of red and white."  
These are indeed true sentiments,  
and the man is both unwise and un-  
lucky who merely selects his wife be-  
cause she is a pretty girl. Prettiness  
alone never yet made for happiness.  
The girl who can be a true friend, a  
devoted companion and a loving wife  
is worth a great deal more to her hus-  
band than "the little thread of red and  
white" which the old time divine con-  
demns.

**When the Grapes Hang High.**  
To paraphrase the rhyme "Every-  
thing is lovely and the goose hangs  
high," everything is right up to the  
moment in fruit decorations when the

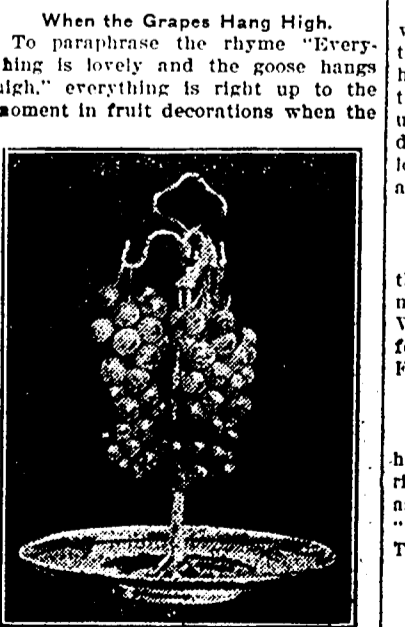


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SILVER GRAPE HANGER.

grapes hang high on a silver holder  
made expressly for the purpose. In  
other words, it is the latest way of ar-  
ranging the big, luscious bunches of  
hothouse grapes when they are used as  
a table centerpiece.

**The Fire Bag.**  
Every whaler and sealer that sailed  
the seas in the days of wooden ships  
carried a fire bag. This was a tarpau-  
lin bag about a foot long and six inches  
wide lined with waterproof material,  
with interlinings of oilcloth and thick  
flannel. Into this was placed the flint  
and tinder box for kindling fire, and  
the bag was then securely fastened  
with double flaps and tied to keep its  
contents dry. It was the special duty  
of the second mate to look after the  
fire bag and in case of shipwreck to at-  
tack it at once to his person by means  
of stout straps provided for the pur-  
pose. Thus if officers and crew were  
cast away on some deserted shore in  
the desolate arctic circle the means of  
obtaining a fire to warm themselves by  
and to heat food and drink would not  
be wanting as long as the precious fire  
bag was safe.

The steam whalers and sealers of the  
present day still carry a fire bag stowed  
in the lifeboat with the bread and wa-  
ter, but now it is of rubber and con-  
tains half a dozen tin boxes of matches.  
—New York Press.

**Hanged the Clever Forger.**  
Of curious petitions against the  
death penalty being enforced one re-  
calls the eighteenth century case of  
William Lyland, who was sentenced  
for forging a bill for \$7,114 on the  
East India House. The forgery was  
a work of art. No less than thirty  
signatures were imitated, and at the  
trial not one of the victims could  
swear that the signature was not his  
own. However, with the help of the  
paper manufacturers Ryland's guilt  
was brought home. Then came the  
petition of his friends. So clever a  
man ought never to be hanged, they  
pleaded. His craftmanship should  
save him. It gained him a respite.  
He was allowed to finish a fine en-  
graving he had begun, but nothing  
more. Though the engraver was a fa-  
vorite of George III., that king quite  
failed to see how a forgery could be  
excused on the ground that it was a  
clever forgery.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**The Soap and Water Cure.**  
The traveler in the Himalayas must  
be prepared for surprises. Two days  
after the Hon. C. G. Bruce had reached  
Maha he received a message from a  
young lady saying that ever since  
she had seen him on the day of his  
arrival she had been ill. "I was very  
much hurt, I follow," says Major Bruce  
in "Twenty Years in the Himalayas."  
During the course of a short but inter-  
esting career no such snub had ever  
been administered to my self respect.  
I said, "But can't I do anything?" She  
said, "Yes; wash your face and let me  
have the water." So we got hot water  
and soap, and she sat on a rock to see  
that there was no deception. The wa-  
ter, or, rather, the decoction, was  
then put into a long tumbler, and she  
then and there drank it all! What is  
more, the next day she sent word that  
she was quite cured."

**Four Hundred Years Before Peary.**  
The north pole is the place of great  
dignity in the world, and the peo-  
ple who dwell near it "have a won-  
derful excellency and an exceeding  
prerogative above all nations of the  
earth." How blessed we may think  
this nation to be, for they are in per-  
petual light and never know what  
darkness meaneth, by the benefit of  
twilight and full moons, as the learned  
in astronomy do very well know,  
which people, if they have the notice  
of their eternity by the comfortable  
light of the gospel, then are they  
blessed and all of nations most blessed.  
Why then do we neglect the search of  
this excellent discovery, against which  
there can be nothing said to hinder the  
same?—From Hakluyt's Voyage (Six-  
teenth Century).

**An Ill Fated City.**  
The ill fated Sicilian city of Mes-  
sina was almost entirely destroyed by  
an earthquake in 1693 and greatly  
damaged by another in 1783. In 1743  
the plague carried off nearly half of  
its inhabitants. In 1784 the city was  
visited by a terrible quake and tidal  
wave, which finished its destruction.  
In fact, it would be difficult to find  
anywhere a city with a more mournful  
history than Messina, which has  
been practically destroyed twenty-one  
times during the past 3,000 years.

**Below the Average.**  
Apropos of loss of friends somebody  
was saying one day before Morgan,  
the great calculator of lives, that they  
had lost so many friends, mentioning  
the number, in a certain space of time,  
upon which Morgan, coolly taking  
down a book from his office shelf and  
looking into it, said, "So you ought, sir,  
and three more."—Thomas Moore.

**Willing to Risk It.**  
Uncle—My dear boy, it's a fact that  
the bacilli on paper money have caused  
many a death before now. Nephew—  
Well, uncle, you might let me have a  
few notes, I'm very tired of life.—  
Fliegende Blätter.

**A Thousand Refusals.**  
Kate—That Bragson girl claims to  
have made a thousand refusals of mar-  
riage. Ethel—That's true. When Gus  
asked her to be his wife she replied,  
"No, a thousand times, no!"—Boston  
Transcript.

**Exaggerated Ego.**  
One of the hardest things in this  
world for the sixteen candle kind of  
man to do is to keep from mistaking  
himself for a lighthouse.—Galveston  
News.

**Passion For Music.**  
Mrs. Bacon—Did you say your hus-  
band has a passion for music? Mrs.  
Egbert—Yes. Every time I sing he  
flies into one.—Yonkers Statesman.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
Richard Hardy, from Durham col-  
lege, has been spending a few days  
with his mother, Mrs. Lilla Hardy.  
Mrs. Lewis Popple and daughter  
Mabel; also, Mrs. Mary Cox, visited  
friends in Townsend recently.  
Mrs. Sarah Hamilton is very sick,  
being threatened with pneumonia. Re-  
ports say that she is still confined to  
her bed, but is thought to be gaining  
a little.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, of West  
Somerville, Mass., have been the  
guests of Mrs. Maria Hall and Mrs.  
Winnie Nye.

Mrs. Thirza Edwards passed away at  
the home of Mrs. Etta Rockwood on  
Friday morning, February 2, at the  
age of eighty-six years. Prayers were  
held on Sunday afternoon at Mrs.  
Rockwood's, and the body was taken  
to Natwick, Mass., Monday, where  
the funeral was held from the Baptist  
church.

Lawrence Corey has been spending  
a few days with his grandparents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Kirk Lawrence, at Pepperell.

The many friends of Mrs. Winnie  
Nye are pleased to hear that she is  
slowly gaining.

Quite a few of the young people  
from town attended the firemen's ball  
at Townsend on last week Friday.

Mrs. Celia Powers has been on the  
sick list during the past week.

Miss Blanche Fessenden is spending  
a few days with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Edward Hadley is spending a  
few days at her home in Cambridge,  
Mass.

The Loyal Workers will meet with  
Mrs. Lewis Popple on Wednesday, Feb-  
ruary 14.

George Nye has been in Sandown,  
for a few days.

Herbert Hall has been stopping at  
the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
William Hall.

The next regular meeting of the  
grange will be held on Wednesday  
evening, February 14.

Miss Mada Nye has been in Milford  
this week.

Recent guests at the Elmwood have  
been N. E. Rogers, A. C. Bishop,  
Stephen Conley, Mr. Maker, Nashua, H.  
J. Leclair, Athola St. Pierre, J. H. Dou-  
cette, Celina Duval, Greenville.

Walter Corey and Richard Wright  
attended the smoke talk and supper  
given by the Warren Veteran Firemen  
at Pepperell on Monday evening.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes attended the  
ministers' meeting at Boston last week.  
The subject was on the Lawrence  
strike. Many experts spoke on the  
subject. Mr. Noyes will talk on this  
subject on Sunday.

Mrs. Harmon, from Boston, gave a  
very pleasing entertainment in Tar-  
bell's hall on Tuesday evening. Danc-  
ing followed the entertainment.

**New Advertisements.**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-  
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,  
creditors, and all other persons inter-  
ested in the estate of MALTHEA P.  
COOPER, late of Shirley in said county,  
deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presen-  
ted to said Court to grant a letter of  
administration on the estate of said  
deceased to RICHARD N. WALLING-  
FORD of Waltham 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  
twenty-sixth day of February A. D.  
1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,  
to show cause if any you have, why the  
same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,  
First Judge of said Court, this thir-  
teenth day of January, in the year  
one thousand nine hundred and twelve.  
3122 W. E. ROGERS, Registrar.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-  
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law and all other  
persons interested in the estate of  
HARRIETT A. LOVEJOY late of Ayer  
in said County, deceased.

Whereas HARRIETT A. LOVEJOY ex-  
ecutor of the will of said deceased,  
has presented to said Court his peti-  
tion for license to sell at private sale,  
in accordance with the order named in  
said petition, or upon such terms as  
may be adjudged best, the whole of a  
certain parcel of the real estate of said  
deceased for the payment of the busi-  
ness debts the amount to which the busi-  
ness is entitled under the statute he  
has waived the provisions of said  
statute and charges of administration, and  
for other reasons set forth in said peti-  
tion, and that the petitioner being the  
husband of the deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a  
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,  
in said County, on the twenty-seventh  
day of February A. D. 1912, at nine  
o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause,  
if any you have, why the same should  
not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to  
serve this citation by delivering a copy  
thereof to each person interested in  
the estate fourteen days, at least, be-  
fore said Court, or by publishing the  
same once in each week for three suc-  
cessive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit  
a newspaper published in Ayer the last  
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fore said Court.

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CO. LOWELL DIVISION.**

**TIME TABLE.**

**WEEK DAY TIME.**

Leaves Merrimack Square, Lowell for  
Boston via Newbury and Reading  
Sullivan Square Terminal, Charle-  
stown—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.  
until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as  
week days. Return—Leave Sullivan  
Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.  
until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m.  
and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica  
Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-  
ter and Melrose—6:30 a. m. and  
every 60 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Sat-  
urdays every 30 mins. from 12:25 p. m.  
until 9:25 p. m.) 10:25 p. m. to  
only. Sundays—6:55 a. m. and every 30  
mins. until 9:55 p. m. 10:25 p. m. to Wo-  
burn—7:10 a. m. and every 60 mins. until  
Sullivan Square Terminal—6:32 a. m. and  
every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:15,  
6:00, 6:45, 7:15 a. m. and every 30  
mins. until 9:45 p. m. then 10:45 p. m.  
Sundays—5:15 a. m. and every 30 mins.  
until 9:45 p. m. then 10:45 p. m.

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins  
until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30  
mins. until 9:45 p. m. and every 60  
mins. until 10:45 p. m. until 10:15 p. m.)  
Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins.  
until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua  
6:35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until  
10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins.  
from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sun-  
days—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. un-  
til 10:35 p. m.

**THOMAS LEES, Supt.**

**Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.**

**TIME TABLE.**

Cars leave Ayer for North Chelms-  
ford at Lowell—6:05 a. m. and hourly  
at 5 minutes past the hour up to and  
including 10:05 p. m. An early car  
leaves the Ayer carhouse at 5:15 a. m.

Sundays—First car leaves Ayer at  
7:05 a. m. then same as week days.  
Running time to North Chelmsford, 40  
minutes. Running time to Lowell, 1  
hour and 18 minutes.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer  
—6:20 a. m. and 20 minutes past the  
hour up to and including 11:20 p. m.

Sundays—1:20 a. m. then same as  
week days. Cars connect at Ayer up  
to 10 p. m. for Fitchburg and Leomin-  
ster. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester.

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

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

Cars leave North Chelmsford for  
Brookside—5:50 a. m. and 10 minutes  
past the hour up to and including 10:50  
p. m.

Sundays—First car at 7:50 a. m. then  
same as week days.

Cars leave Chelmsford for West-  
ford—5:50, 7:50, 8:50, 11:50 a. m., 12:50  
p. m., 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:50 p. m.

12:50, 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50, 6:50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6:55, 7:40,  
8:40, 11:40 a. m., 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40,  
4:40, 6:40 p. m.

Sundays—7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:40 a. m.,  
12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:40 p. m.

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