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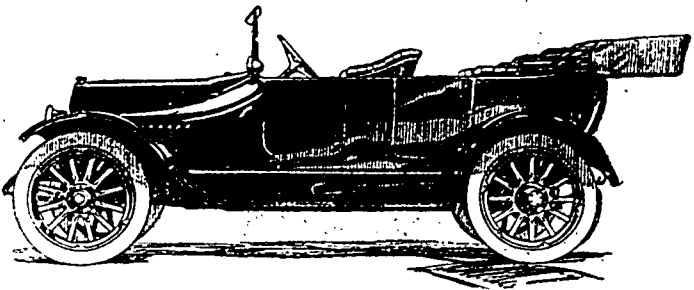
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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The next meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church is slated for Wednesday, February 18. Hostess, Mrs. Everett Kimball. Leader, Miss Rachel Cornwell. Subject, "New civic service and religious backgrounds."

"Why everyone should sign a temperance pledge" is the subject of the C. E. meetings on Sunday evening.

Miss E. E. Tenney and Miss F. A. Sanderson attended the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs in Dorchester on last week Friday.

Maynard Bartheaux, who has made his home with his son, Harry Bartheaux, left town recently for Nova Scotia, where he will again take up his residence.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence returned on last week Friday from a good visit with friends in Boston.

On Monday afternoon, weather permitting, the children from all the Littleton schools will meet in the town hall to listen to an illustrated lecture on Abraham Lincoln by Rev. H. L. Packard, from 12.30-1.30.

All the schools were closed on Thursday on account of the severity of the weather. Thermometers registered anywhere from fifteen to twenty degrees below zero in localities where the mercury wasn't lost.

By vote of the school board the common schools will close on Friday, March 13, for a vacation of two weeks, and the high school will close on March 20 for one week.

Priscilla Fairfield, graduate of Littleton high school 1913, and at present a freshman in Boston university, is receiving congratulations on the recent award of a scholarship for her good work in that institution.

Thursday evening was pretty cool, but it did not prevent a large party of Littleton dancers from attending the Complimentary ball in Ayer.

The urgent call for "everybody-at-church" last Sunday met with a general response that was encouraging to ministers and laymen alike who are seeking for the spiritual uplift of the community.

At the Congregational church to-morrow morning the pastor will take for the subject of his sermon "The unfinished task." The morning offering will be for the American Missionary association. In the evening Rev. H. L. Packard will give an illustrated lecture on Lincoln. There will be a hundred views, all of which are unusually good. The accompanying lecture is of high order.

Thursday evening, February 19, the Littleton Choral society will give the annual concert in the town hall. The

society of forty members will render choruses conducted by Robert W. Carter, of Boston. The following famous artists will assist in the entertainment: George S. Dane, baritone; Miss Ethel Bentley, soprano; Miss Marguerite Pearson Moss, violinist; Miss Louie Stiles Mudgett, reader; Mrs. James D. Christie, pianist, will play the accompaniments. "Tickets are on sale by members of the chorus."

The regular meeting of the grange will be held in town hall on Wednesday evening. At this meeting, Mrs. E. O. Marshall, of New Salem, secretary of Massachusetts State grange committee on protection of wild birds, will talk on "Birds." She will exhibit a chart with colored pictures of birds. It is hoped that a large representation of the grange will be present to hear this valuable lecture.

The district attorney, who is residing in Grantville for the winter, is coming to Littleton on Thursday, March 5, and it is requested that the date be kept open.

The Historical society is planning an interesting program for Monday, February 23, in the reading-room of the library to which all are welcome. Further particulars may be expected next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Blanchard, of Concord, announce the engagement of their daughter Marjory to Herbert Edward Harwood.

About five o'clock on Thursday afternoon Warren Moore discovered fire bursting forth from a chimney in his father's house. No time was lost. The alarm was sounded and father and son, with calm judgment and prompt action set to work. Through the application of salt the fire was brought under subjection and a conflagration was avoided. The fire department found little to do when they arrived. Fortunately the chimney was in good condition and the fire was confined to that alone.

M. W. Leahy lost one of his valuable dapple gray horses on Wednesday. The mate has been very sick, but is much better.

#### Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute was held on Wednesday under the auspices of the Massachusetts Dairy association. Many were present from all the neighboring towns as well as Littleton. Charles A. Kimball introduced the speakers of the day, all of whom gave instructive addresses on practical subjects.

Supt. F. H. Hill spoke with much interest on "Agriculture in the schools," reviewing methods of his boyhood days and comparing the present scientific treatment of the subject. Many have expressed a desire to have Mr. Hill repeat his address at some future grange meeting.

P. M. Harwood, general agent of Massachusetts Dairy Bureau, who

spoke on "Encouragement for practical dairymen," emphasized the need of cleanliness and told of some experiences in testing milk, examining milk-rooms, barns, etc. It is the man who is neat in his habits that supplies the markets with clean milk, whether it is the product of cows kept in the most approved barn or those housed in a ramshackle building.

A bountiful dinner, well up to the standard, was served by the local grange. This was followed by a story telling by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, a short speech by Rev. H. L. Caulkins, two vocal solos by George A. Cook, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. D. Christie, piano solo by Mrs. G. W. Prouty and vocal solo by Miss Bertha Love, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Prouty.

**Patriotic Social.**  
The patriotic social at the Congregational club held the "vestry on Wednesday evening more than met the expectations of the large company present. Much credit is due the able committee who put in much thought, time and good work, to all those who took part in the splendid program, and to Littleton friends and George Brown, of Ayer, who lent costumes for the occasion.

The vestry was appropriately decorated with red, white and blue bunting and flags. The different periods in the history of our country were well represented in tableaux, literature and songs. Benjamin Conant impersonating Uncle Sam, reviewed his own history, briefly, and announced the program.

Tableaux included an Indian family and wigwag, Pilgrims and Puritans, Samantha and Josiah Allen going to interview the president, military leadership, present day immigrants and other interesting and characteristic scenes and events in American history, with speeches, recitations, poems and songs. A quartet composed of Messrs. Hill and Cook and Misses Miriam Davis and Ruth Thacher sang several selections. Mrs. Christie pianist, accompanying. The entertainment closed with the singing of "America" by a group of those who were in costume.

**L. W. C.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Proctor, as hostess received the members of the L. W. C. and many of their daughters at the Unitarian vestry on Monday afternoon. The ladies entered into the "at home" spirit with their usual grace and cordiality, and the young guests thoroughly enjoyed their reception into club life for an afternoon.

Mrs. Proctor was most fortunate in having with her two friends, who gave a generous share of the entertainment, Mrs. Hines, of Milford, N. H., who in pleasing voice, sang several solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss Fannie Sanderson, and Mrs. Annabell Phillips, of Jamaica Plain, a talented reader. The vocal soloists were Mrs. Adella M. Parker and Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell. To everyone who had a share in providing the entertainment the club is indebted for this delightful occasion.

### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

On Friday evening, February 20, the last concert in the series of the entertainment course under the direction of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will be given. The vocal soloists, quartet, of Boston, will give voice vocal selections. All lovers of good music should be sure to attend.

The Ladies' Circle met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Holbrook on Wednesday afternoon.

John Howard Adams and Miss Ora Ella Holders, Shirley, were united in marriage at Ayer on Thursday. They will reside for a time at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eva Holden, Center road.

J. Fred Brown was taken suddenly ill Thursday morning with hemorrhages of the lungs and is in a serious condition. A trained nurse is in attendance.

#### Guest Night.

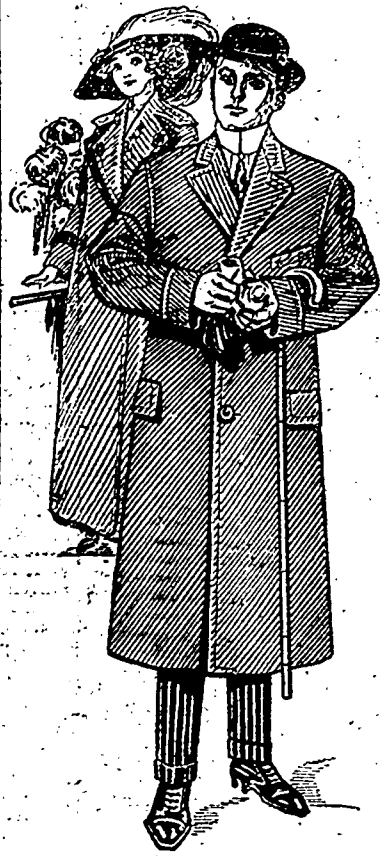
Guest night of the Altrurian club was held on Tuesday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall at Shirley. The fact that the thermometer registered about ten below zero about one hundred were present. The hall was tastefully arranged and its home-like appearance gave the occasion a decided cordial atmosphere, and there with streamers of red, white and blue, with the portrait of Lincoln adorning the stage, and the decorations and also served as a forcible reminder of the emancipator of the slaves.

The president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely, in a very informal manner, received the guests with her usual grace and sunny smile and was a potent factor in making the evening one of real enjoyment to all in attendance. The ushers were the school teachers, consisting of Miss Margaret S. Hastings, Miss Lena F. Fuller, Miss Marion E. Fowle, Miss Laura A. White, Miss Julia F. Ryan and Miss Margaret E. Fowle. The entertainment committee, who were Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth, Mrs. Clara L. Herson and Miss Margaret J. McMillan, provided a very enjoyable program of entertainment, the first feature being an animated conversation of five minutes in each of the following six topics, "Abraham Lincoln," "Breakfast menu," "Camp Stevens," "Your favorite book," "The weather" and "The Lincoln penny." This had the effect of dispelling embarrassment and placing all at ease. Vocal solos were then rendered by Mrs. E. B. Heywood, soprano, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Carlton R. Sanford, contralto, of Leominster, with Miss Annie Park Holbrook as piano accompanist. The next number on the program was readings by Mrs. Ross, of the Curry School of Expression, Boston. The orchestra trio who played selections during the evening were Miss Goodwin, violin, Miss Otto, cello, and Mrs. Goodwin, pianist.

Refreshments were then served under the direction of the hospitality committee which consisted of Mrs. Hattie L. Conant, Mrs. Lydia R. Binney and Miss Marion E. Fowle. Waitresses were Misses Hazel Ballou, Grace Tewksbury, Virginia MacElroy, Cora James, Gladys Eisner and Rheta Lennox.

The guests of the evening were appreciative of the hospitality and entertainment accorded them and another Altrurian guest night passed into history leaving only fond memories on the pages of its records.

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We have many broken lines of Women's, Misses' and Children's Shoes which we have put on the Bargain Counter. Here are a few of the many bargains:

One lot of Queen Quality and Mayfair makes of shoes in Kid, Gun Metal and Patents, regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades, for this sale	\$1.48
Misses' High Cut Storm Boots in Tan or Black, in Button or Lace, regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 quality reduced for this sale to	\$1.69
One lot of Women's Tan Button Boots, regular \$3.00 quality, reduced to	\$2.39
One lot of Growing Girls' Tan Button Boots, a \$2.50 quality, reduced to	\$1.98
One lot of Men's Felt Combinations with a Two-buckle Duck Rubber, a \$3.25 quality for	\$2.69

#### CHILDREN'S SUITS

Ages 6 to 17

\$3.00 Suits marked down to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Suits marked down to	\$2.75
\$5.00 Suits marked down to	\$3.47
Children's Odd Trousers—8 to 16 Years	39¢
50¢ Trousers marked down to	69¢
One lot of Children's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Trousers marked down to	69¢

#### MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

Men's and Boys' Felt Hats and Velvet Hats that were \$1.50, marked down to	98¢
Men's Felt Hats, all colors, and also Velvet Hats, all colors, that were \$1.98, now marked down to	\$1.47

#### A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS

Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢
Men's Police Braces	15¢
Men's 50c. Police Braces	35¢
Way's Mufflers, 50c. grade	25¢
Boys' and Misses' Yarn Toques, 50c. grade, all colors	35¢
President Suspenders for this sale	35¢

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Every Cap Marked Down	
25c. Winter Caps for Boys	19¢
50c. Winter Caps for Men	39¢
\$1.00 Winter Caps for Men	79¢
\$1.50 Men's Winter Caps	\$1.00
\$2.00 Men's Winter Caps	\$1.50
Fur Caps now go at Cut Prices	

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25c. Bow Ties now	15¢
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WESTFORD.

Center. The Arthur E. Day household is quarantined on account of their little four-year-old son Norman, who has scarlet fever.

The choir and members of the C. E. society of the Congregational church held an enjoyable supper and social at the church on Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. E. V. Hildreth has been enjoying a visit during the greater part of this week with Mrs. Joseph R. Draper at her home in Auburndale.

Mrs. Edwin Howe, of Nahant, has been a recent visitor at Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher's.

Complain of Service.

The report as published in the Lowell Courier-Gazette of hearing before the Lowell Board of Trade of complaints about trolley car service in Lowell is interesting reading for patrons of the Lowell & Fitchburg electric for the loudest complaints seemed to concern the crowded street cars which the Lowell & Fitchburg patrons have to use to get into Lowell and home again.

Lowell people complained of having to stand because the seats were all occupied by suburbanites. We can wear in sympathy for you know how it feels, having rode on our feet (what time we could keep off of other people's feet), swinging from straps (if lucky enough to get a strap), clear to the jumping off point, while we watched the Lowell people drift out of the seats as they arrived at their street corners.

We hope we won't have to reach too great an old age before some sort of arrangements may be perfected by the two railway companies to better conditions.

Tadmuck Club.

The program of the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall was most enjoyable and of genuine literary merit.

The subject for the afternoon was "Robert Louis Stevenson" and was in charge of Miss Alice M. Howard. Miss Howard read a finely prepared paper, giving with most sympathetic interpretation the life story of this lovable and brilliant author.

Assisting Miss Howard in the program were Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, who read from "A child's garden of verse"; Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant reading "The lantern bearers"; Mrs. Ella Langley some descriptive bits from his writings, and Miss Mabel Drew extracts from a most pleasant feature was the distribution to each member present a fine likeness of Stevenson.

At the close of the program all felt a renewed admiration for the genius and optimism of this gifted man.

At the business meeting the president, Miss Loker, paid loving tribute to the memory of the late Miss Miranda G. Luze, who was always an interested and helpful member.

New members just welcomed into the club were Mrs. Edwin Amesbury, Mrs. Harry N. Fletcher and Mrs. Thomas Denio.

Death.

It brought sadness to all hearts when the untimely death of Mrs. Albert W. Heywood was announced on last Sunday. Mrs. Heywood died at the Lowell General hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis about two weeks previous to her death.

The operation and all were pleased with encouraging reports, when unfavorable conditions developed and she failed rapidly in spite of all skill and care could do until the end came.

Henrietta McDougal was born in Westford on February 9, 1830, and all her life had been spent here, receiving her education in the public schools of the town and at Westford academy.

On April 20, 1910, she was united in marriage with Albert W. Heywood, and to them two little daughters, Alice and Dorothy, have been born.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and two children, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alec McDougal; a brother, Allen McDougal, and a sister, Mrs. E. J. Fitch.

The funeral was held from the parental home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Sylvester B. Fitch officiating and the Rev. J. H. Fitch, pastor of the Congregational church, who spoke wise and tender words of sympathy and paid loving tribute to the deceased as a faithful and loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend.

Mrs. H. M. Sears, a beautifully rendered selection, "Shall we meet beyond the river?" and "The Christian's good night." The bearers were Robert Prescott, John Feeney, J. H. Fletcher and H. D. Wright.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery in charge of David L. Greig & Son.

There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings bearing their sincere messages of sympathy as follows:

Pillow of roses inscribed "Wife," Albert W. Heywood; wreath of roses inscribed "Daughter," Mr. and Mrs. A. McDougal; pillow of roses and lilies inscribed "Sister," Allister McDougal; wreath of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. John Feeney and Mrs. E. J. Fitch; wreath of lilies, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pyne and Miss Eva Pyne; wreath of pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan; family; wreath of violets and roses, overseers and friends of Graniteville mill; wreath of pinks and orchids, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron; wreath of pinks and calla lilies, S. H. Fletcher and family; spray of violets and pinks, I. M. Abbot home company; wreath of roses, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron; basket of sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carver; spray of violets and jonquills, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbot; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart; wreath of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and Roger, John M. Fletcher and Eva Fletcher; wreath of lilies, Mr. and Mrs. Lizzie A. Hamlin and daughter, Miss Mary E. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hildreth; sprays of tulips, Mrs. Ales and Miss Lela; wreath of pinks, Mrs. George Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright and family; cluster of

roses, Extension Service, Massachusetts Agricultural college; sprays of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hildreth, Miss Edna Comins, of Amherst; sprays of pinks, Miss Mary E. O'Brien, William Sutherland and Miss Jeanette Sutherland, Mrs. Sarah Drew and Miss Mabel Drew, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fletcher and Miss Gladys Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright and Mrs. E. A. Carter, Misses Alice and Jennie McDougal, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Robert Prescott and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown and family of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Day and Miss Emily Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Carlin and Warren Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lyle of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hamilton, Miss Mabel Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Curran and family of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and John, Mr. and Mrs. Edna M. Smith of Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutherland and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mills, Frank A. Douglas; spray of tulips, Archie McDougal.

About Town.

James A. Graham, a veteran of the civil war and a former resident of Westford, died at his home in Newton Upper Falls, recently aged seventy-three years.

He was one of forty-three men who enlisted in 1861 in Company C, 16th Massachusetts regiment, under Capt. Leander C. King.

He was in several severe engagements, one of them being at Farrow Oaks, Va., and the seven-days' retreat. He was also a member of the signal corps for two years. He was employed at the Abbot Worsted company, Graniteville, at the time of his enlistment. J. Everett Woods and Wesley O. Hawkes of the Westford Veterans' association represented the association at the funeral in Newton on last Wednesday.

Mr. Graham was well-known by the veterans in town and was a frequent attendant here at Memorial day exercises.

In listing the symptoms of spring as given last week the writer omitted to list a large black snake seen in West Chelmsford last week during the last few days of the winter.

Black snakes were scarce this week and ice not so scarce.

The next meeting of the grange will be held on next week Thursday evening. "Experiences and experiments on the farm 1913" will occupy part of the time.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. held an "inspirational meeting" with neighboring unions at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

The speakers were Mrs. Ella A. Gleason, vice, president-at-large of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. and Mrs. August Brigham, secretary of the Middlesex county W. C. T. U.

The unions invited were Westford, Peppercorn, Dracut, Lowell and Ayer.

Rev. C. C. Hiller was a guest of George F. Snow at West Chelmsford on Monday. Through Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mr. Hiller sent his regards to his Westford friends. He attended the funeral of Paul Quist, having been the officiating clergyman at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Quist a few days before.

Pomona Grange.

The board of registrars of voters will hold the first meeting of the season of 1914 at the town hall on Monday evening, February 16, at 7.30.

The last meeting of Middlesex North Pomona grange at Lowell last week Friday was one of the fullest meetings in point of attendance and fullest in point of program and rapid firing since the Pomona celebrated its birthday.

The forenoon was largely given over to the discussion of "Railroad government ownership." Reading by Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, editor of the Citizen, opened the discussion at a lively pace, followed by others at a gallop pace.

The firing was rapid and ridding and government ownership was badly defeated. The afternoon went several points better for enthusiasm. Hon. Edward Fisher, of Westford, delivered an address on "Our new currency bill."

It was one of the clearest and best addresses ever delivered before this Pomona grange. It was a fair and impartial analysis of the bill and revealed in a clear and comprehensive manner the business methods of our national banks.

It is the first time the writer ever got an inside peep into these methods. The only regret was one of lack of time for questions. Had there been time there was a storage battery loaded ready for firing.

Our new currency bill will prevent future financial panics and also prevent the Wall Street money centers from controlling influence. Both nature and history slam-bangs the door in the face of such a hope.

It is hoped Senator Fisher will appear oftener before Pomona granges. Some of the inside and outside of Boston hill 1914 would be tillable soil for future sowing. Humorous readings, humorous songs and a description of the Isle of Pines by Boston eyesight followed the currency bill.

Graniteville.

Miss Jessie Parker, principal of the Sargent school, and her father, Frederick J. Parker, custodian of the building, have been confined to their home by illness during the past few days.

The Gage Ice Company, of Lowell, are now busy heating their annual crop of ice at Forge pond. Several men from this village are at work there.

Death.

Joseph Provost, an old and highly respected citizen of this village, died at his late home here on Thursday, February 5, aged 86 years, 9 months and two days.

He had been employed by the Abbot Worsted company for many years, but retired from active labors some few years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters, Mrs. Rose Hernen, Mrs. Fred DeFoe, Miss Joseph Provost, and two sons, Fred and Henry Provost, all of this village.

The funeral took place from his late home on last Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock, and was well attended. At nine o'clock a funeral mass was said in St. Catherine's church, Rev. Edward C. Mitchell being the celebrant. The regular choir was in attendance and under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, organist and director, sang the Gregorian chant. The offertory the "Pie Jesu" was sung and as the casket was being borne from the church the "De Profundis" was sung. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

The bearers were Joseph Wall, James O'Brien, Charles Courser, Daniel Poirignault, William J. Healy, Thomas Ledwith. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

A Pleasing Affair.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday night. Much busi-

ness of importance was transacted and the new officers having been legally elected were duly installed by Mrs. J. H. Grant, president of the executive council, as follows: Mrs. E. Healy, c. c.; Miss Martha Doucette, s. c.; Mrs. Edith M. Brooks, rec. sec.; Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, fin. sec.; Mrs. Julia B. Wall, treas.; Mrs. Alton Benson, r. g.; Mrs. W. J. Robinson, l. g.; Mrs. Eugenia Mattson, l. g.; Mrs. Ruth Jones, o. g.; Mrs. Hannah Harrington, Mrs. Ella Healy, Mrs. Mary Payne, trustees.

After the meeting the rest of the evening was given over to "gentlemen's night" the festivities opening with a whist tournament which was much enjoyed. The following persons were declared the winners: Gent's prize, a handsome pack of playing cards, won by William Buckingham; ladies' prize, leather card case, won by Miss Rebecca LeDuc; consolation prizes were won by Miss Alice Harrington and F. Russell Furbush.

After the whist tournament an excellent supper was served by the ladies, the members of Cameron Circle, in the F. of A., being special guests. The supper was all that could be desired and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After supper was served informal card games were enjoyed.

The whole affair was a great success and considered one of the greatest social events of the season. The affair was very largely attended, many being present from Forge Village and the immediate vicinity. The ladies deserve great praise for the able manner in which this affair was conducted and in making this, their first "Gentlemen's night," such a grand success.

Forge Village.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon in Recreation hall.

Mrs. George O. Jackson is ill at her home.

Go-to-church Sunday was very appropriately observed at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday. A very large congregation was present. The pastor, Rev. Williston M. Ford, gave a most interesting sermon, having for his topic the subject, "Why we should go to church every Sunday."

In the absence of the organist, Miss Sarah G. Wright, organist of the church, Naylor is a player of ability and pleased all his hearers. On next Sunday afternoon church services will be held at 4.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 8.30.

Two of our well-known ladies are soon to join the ranks of matrimony and their hearts' desire is being fulfilled. Miss Nellie Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr, is to become the bride of Bert Little of Ayer, this month.

Miss Margaret Smith and James Kellum, who were married in this village. They will make their home in this village.

The Misses Sarah and Edith Precious, Emily and Bertha Collins visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers of Boston on Saturday and Sunday last.

Miss Elizabeth Bennett of this village. It is expected that all the ice-houses of the Daniel Gage Ice Co. will be filled by the end of this month.

Owing to the storm and the warm weather of last week, the ice cutting was delayed, but good crop is to be harvested, however.

The case of Verbybo vs. Bidde, which was to have been tried in the district court at Ayer last Saturday morning, was postponed until Saturday, February 21, owing to the illness of Verbybo.

Condition as a result of a fight between several Russian women a week ago. However, the constable here, Officer John Sullivan, has been ordered to bring them to court on the 21, even if an auto has to be obtained to carry them unable to go by car.

Dear Teacher.

Thou bright, brainy, self-poised thinker, V. T. E., who residest in Littleton, the best I have ever had since the teaching days of the late, lamented Delacey Corkum, of Billerica. I plead guilty to being a stupid and backward scholar and not able to keep up with my class.

Now will you work the law of favoritism just long enough to graduate me into the "Government ownership of railroads" I sailed for Denmark and studied your lesson there. Now Denmark, as you must know, is a very large place, nearly as large as the whole county of Androok, Me., and I could not find a good map to include the mosquitoes in the census.

Very large place as you see as compared with the United States, almost as large as that, but I couldn't think of anything to say about it, so I used the microscope to discover something.

Dear teacher I have been having a delightful time riding in the cars here in Denmark. But hold on Mr. Conductor, pull that bell cord quick! I want to get right in the car, and how I will almost feel first of head first, for my teacher in America has openly charged me with "This is the third time you have slandered labor."

Now dear teacher, let us see where we are at and what we are doing and perhaps a bit of chemical analysis of your scholar might explain your charge.

Born to influence and wealth, plays hide and seek with the select four hundred of New York and the high brow, high bred and high society. If by accident he shakes hands with a laboring man he immediately cleanses himself with the advice of old, "Shake off the very dust off my feet."

Such condensed is the chemical analysis. I refer you to your townsman, Rep. Charles A. Kimball. He has known the animal many years. Here is the slander text and all the other slander texts were the children of this one, "Give us your brains for we are not sufficient to succeed." This decree is based upon the eternal decree of the universe from which there is no appeal or modification.

There is no such thing as "equals" in the law logic of Nature and any attempt of man to legislate in or coax it in by the higher law of love has been, is now, and ever will be "World without end," an attempt to "Reap where thou hast not sown and gather where thou hast not strewn" and Nature will have nothing to do with such a system of agriculture, either in vegetable or man life.

The variations in the degrees of wealth from J. Pelport Morgan to the pauper is due to this same law of Nature which cannot be repealed and which can be read in all forms of Nature and Nature hoisted the sign ages ago "Equals not tolerated." She might add with propriety at the present time "Call at the next door to Nature."

The new freedom administration at Washington is trying to down Na-

ture by the new currency bill. Oh yes I see they are trying to prevent money from gravitating to those who have the brains and skill to make the law of gravitation work and who have gathered their present millions by brains and gravitation, and when I see the Wilson administration upsetting the law of gravitation by which the earth turns on its axis once in twenty-four hours, and swings around the sun once in 365 days without dashing into the sun, more than its own, then and not until then shall I expect to see this or any other administration devise a bill in direct violation of the decrees of the universe that will prevent the individualisms of the Morgans from reaping the harvest of their capacity to sow and likewise all other individualisms between these two extremes.

Why are you giving us reserve banks to try and equalize to some extent wealth. Might as well try and establish a reserve bank of brains and brains and brains, and brains and brains without the law of gravitation. Money will gravitate by the established order of the universe to where there is already money. It cannot be made to gravitate to incapacity in twenty-four hours, and the laws of the present administration cannot change the working of this law.

"Like gathers like" and let no concert of men be saucy enough to say it is not so. Brains gravitate to brains and brains to brains. This universal law expounded by one of old "Give us your oil for our lamps have gone out" is still the law that evolves in modern life all grades of financial output from millionaire to pauper.

To illustrate this law just squint with me to a few cases out of millions. A young man of temperate habits was left a good farm and money. His money and farm was his management in gravitating towards other people's money and ability. Getting discouraged he decided to go into the cemetery and go to mixing dust. His successor, fresh from mill life, is managing the farm and money. The clear of the wide-open doors of the savings bank for deposits only. Both were farming under the same poverty, tariff laws and restrictions. Both had their finances crippled by the ineffectual laws of Morgan and more infamous gang of monopolies and trusts, the same rain cloud, sky, sunshine and soil.

Now the measurement in the difference between failure and success in this age is the law that is teaching about, "Give us your ability for we are not sufficient to do these things." This difference in success is by the working of that eternal law by which we move, live and have our being. This is the law of Morgan and set down a paper and the savings bank or we recognize this law and cease our impossible reserve banks remedy and our equally self-deceptive illusion that these inequalities can be cured.

But the moment we shall behold the law that leads to our troubles as of old. So now and ever thus: "You cannot make grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles."

Upon this great law (I rest my case and argument) I remain an uncompromising fighter. Neither can I recant from the principles of law though charged with "slandering labor." If I have done such I have done it by exactions of this law and the love of money, office or friendship or the love of money would induce me to recant in favor of governmental remedies as against the law of "the survival of the fittest."

Now dear teacher I have not recited nor do I recite ready to recite some of the lessons you gave me in December. Next time I will try and have them ready for reciting. But for this time let me tremblingly say, "I am yours for the unsullied decrees of a higher law than Washington, D. C. Samuel Law Taylor." P. S. You can see how I came to talk so much about Law. I have got lots of it in me and I think lots of it, and I am trying to make everybody else see it and think lots of it. S. L. T.

AYER.

G. A. R. Skeleton. Second Lieutenant Francis Lovejoy enlisted as a private when twenty-six years of age in the 1st Regt. of the Seventh N. H. Volunteers on September 27, 1861. This regiment was raised by direct orders of the war department. He went to Camp Hale, Manchester, N. H., on November 5, and there daily drill was the routine and where Mr. Lovejoy was promoted to sergeant. On January 14, they started for Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Stonington Line, passing through Ayer on their way. From Brooklyn they went to White Street barracks in New York City, where they were quarantined for Dry Tortugas, Fla., on the three-mastered, full rigged ship S. R. Mallory, being twenty-four days on the passage, small-pox carrying off some of the men, and landing at Fort Jefferson, which covers almost the entire island.

Here the soldiers drilled in handling the eight-inch Columbiads and found time to search the sands for shells, and 300-pound turtles, large enough to fill a wheelbarrow and make soup for a whole company of one hundred men. After several months they proceeded to Fernandina, Jacksonville, Beaufort and Hilton Head and St. Augustine, and in June, 1863, to Folly Island and Charleston, S. C.

The union forces gained a footing on Morris island, drove the rebels to Fort Wagner, stormed July 18, 1863, and held it for an hour or more, when they were obliged to withdraw. In this assault Sergeant Lovejoy received flesh wounds in his neck, hip and arm; his Enfield rifle was knocked from his grasp, and in seeking refuge in a cavity torn out by a shell, a soldier already occupying it called out his name in the dark, "Don't get on me for my legs are broken."

In this famous engagement Col. Putnam was killed, also many line officers, and Sergeant Lovejoy's Co. of fifty men, reduced to twenty.

The siege was continued until the morning of September 8, where as they were about to make a charge, they discovered the enemy had evacuated the fort during the night.

Mr. Lovejoy visited the famous "Swamp Angel" both before and after its explosion.

On April 28, 1864, he was promoted to second lieutenant and in November was furloughed home for thirty days. On his return he joined his regiment at St. Helena Island, Hilton Head, thence to Jacksonville and took part in the famous battle of Olustee, shelling hims home in his efforts to bring order out of the chaos created by wrong orders from headquarters.

On April 28, 1864, he was discharged for disability at Gloucester Point, near Yorktown, Va.

Mr. Lovejoy has some mementoes of the war. His lieutenant's sword

with which he killed a copperhead snake on the march to Olustee (copperheads were detested as much as rebels); also, large grains of powder from a torpedo buried in the earth near Fort Wagner. Whitworth cartridges and Greek fire. A duerguerro-type taken at Camp Hale shows his uniform and his rifle, left later at Fort Wagner.

Mr. Lovejoy is the eldest of three brothers who enlisted. He is past commander of Geo. S. Boutwell post 48, and for twelve or fourteen years served as adjutant. His regiment like many others has published its history in a large volume, containing among many illustrations a view of the regimental building at the Veirs and a portrait of Lieutenant Lovejoy.

Mr. Lovejoy has been a resident of Ayer since 1879.

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FOR SALE—One of my three Horses, a family Cow, a Democra, a Top Buggy, Open Buggy, Sleigh and one of two driving harnesses; also, about eight bushels of Potatoes. EDWARD H. BLISS, Pepperell Center, 2123.

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CARD OF THANKS. I hereby express my heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and for sympathy extended to me during the sickness and death of my husband. MRS. W. D. DOWN. Ayer, Mass., February 10, 1914.

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This gives you a \$6.25 value for the sum of \$3.50. This offer MUST be taken advantage of within thirty days of this Advertisement to accompany the order. To those who do not care to accept this offer within the limited time can procure a coupon for 50 cents which will entitle you to have the sitting inside of six months' time. If you cannot come to my office send 50 cents and the coupon will be forwarded to you.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ANDREW J. BROWN, late of Townsend in said County of Middlesex, 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 CATHERINE S. PUTNAM 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 of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Peppercorn Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3121 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, February 14, 1914.

GROTON.

News Items.

Charles H. Gerrish left this week, going South to spend the next two months with the Potters at Palm Beach, Florida.

Born at Hudson on Friday, February 6, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eglew. Woods. The little boy is named Solon.

Mrs. T. M. Prinn, of Westford, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Buckingham.

The Book and Thimble club meets on Friday afternoon, February 20, with Mrs. Thomas Gilson. Miscellaneous subjects will be considered.

Donald Buckingham, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Buckingham, is getting over his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Locke, of Clinton Grove, N. H., were called last week Friday to Groton by the very serious illness from pneumonia of her father, Henry P. Shattuck.

The current events department of the Groton Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Alice P. Rockwood at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, February 20.

For a Groton Historical society meeting there was a large audience on Monday evening assembled to listen to George H. Brown, of Ayer, on a talk of his recent trip to the Panama canal and other places. One of the party of 150, Mr. Brown first called at interesting places in Cuba, Havana, Santiago, San Juan and he showed illustrations of the great canal with its wonderful mechanism, and vividly described the marvelous work. He then told of a visit to some of the South American states and islands and their natural resources. Mr. Brown is an easy and clear speaker, very pleasing to his audience. Everybody was closely attentive. At the close of the talk Mr. Brown was given a rousing vote of thanks for the very instructive and enjoyable talk.

"Everybody-at-church Sunday" was very satisfactory. The attendance at the First Parish was double that of the usual attendance, and at the Congregational church there was a larger attendance than usual.

The February meeting of the Groton Bird club has been postponed from the regular meeting of February 21, and will be held on Saturday evening, February 28, at eight o'clock in the lower town hall. Miss E. Hill will read a paper on "Winter birds." An informal discussion will follow.

The bad cold with which Henry P. Shattuck had been afflicted developed into pneumonia and was so pronounced by Dr. Kilbourn last week Thursday that he was pronounced a very sick man.

Work on the Oriental pageant play "Faithful even unto the end," is progressing most satisfactorily under the personal direction of Miss Chapman. This entertainment will be given in the parts of about 50 people and the combination of singing, dancing, living statuary, beautiful tableaux, lovely costumes, together with an intensely interesting play, with elaborate Oriental stage settings, ought to attract those living at a distance and crowded houses are expected for both evenings, February 20 and 21. Seats can be secured by out-of-town parties by telephoning to Bruce's pharmacy, where reserved seats will go on sale on Monday morning, February 16, at nine o'clock. No effort will be spared by the management in making this pageant play the phenomenal success it has been wherever presented.

Rev. J. W. Thomas, of Ayer, exchanges pulpits with Rev. William Breckenridge on Sunday morning.

There will be a meeting of the Progressive town committee in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening, February 17, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Odd Fellows' concert and ball of last week Thursday evening was very fully attended and by a very nice set of people from this and many other towns. Hibbard's orchestra, Lowell, six pieces, furnished fine music. There were seventy-five couples in the grand march led by Noble Grand and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood, and two hundred enjoyed the beautiful and tempting supper which was gotten up by the lodge members with Mrs. George Badtman's assistance. The affair is to be classed with the season's social successes.

Miss Alice Chapman, who is in Groton superintending the rehearsals of the Oriental pageant play to be given by the Rebekahs, went Thursday to Brookline to attend the wedding of Miss Mildred Symmes and Arnold Heath, whose father was of the firm of Heath & Co., book publishers. This will be of interest to many in Groton who will remember Miss Symmes a surprisingly fine little reader of years ago, when she was a protégé of Miss Chapman. It will be remembered particularly how the little girl took the part of Lady Teazle.

Burpee Blakney is reported on the sick list and under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Estelle Collier, housekeeper for J. B. Reed, broke her ankle on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Collier was just leaving Mr. Molson's house, going to get her team, when somehow she slipped and received the injury.

H. L. Bradford of Wiscasset, Me., is at present principal of the high school. He has been engaged for a month and a half for a long period. He is a graduate of Boston college '04 and took a post graduate course at Harvard of a year's study. He has had twelve years' experience in teaching.

Nomination papers are out for William H. Whitehill, candidate for selectman, to be voted for at the next town meeting, Monday, March 2.

The Alliance will hold the annual Washington birthday social dance on Monday evening, February 23.

Miss Lucy Young, of Winchester, is in town until Saturday, the guest of Mrs. Ellen M. Needham.

We had a smart taste of cold weather on Wednesday night and Thursday morning when the thermometers around town dropped to 15, 13 and 20 degrees below zero. It was the coldest weather we have had this winter so far.

The regular Alliance meeting was held at Mrs. Needham's on Thursday afternoon.

The checker tournament held on Monday evening resulted in a 12-12 and eight draws games. After the games C. Shattuck played seven men, winning three, losing two and drawing two.

The regular meeting of Groton grange was held on Tuesday evening. The subject, "Community service," was discussed by several. Miss Irene Tyrrell rendered very pleasing vocal selections, being her own accompanist, and Miss Eva Blodgett piano selections.

Thirty women responded to the notice given and met on Tuesday after-

noon to act in the matter of choosing candidates for school committee. Miss Boutwell presided and explained that one C. A. Shaw, of the three new delegates had been chosen by the gentlemen voters already, and had nomination papers out for him. As all of those present would coincide with that choice there remained only two more to be named. Each woman wrote out her choice of two or more ladies and then a committee of three was chosen to choose from all these collected names, two considered by them the most desirable. Mrs. John Lawrence, who was present, accepted to serve for one year. Mrs. Charles Bixby, of West Groton, was another selected candidate. She was not present and it was not known whether she would accept.

Deaths. The sorrow and deep sense of loss experienced by parents over the death of a little child seem almost too tender and sacred for ordinary words and yet when on Monday it became known that Martha, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn, had passed away early this morning there were none in town or wherever the word had gone but felt and expressed the sincerest sympathy. The beautiful child, scarcely a year and a half old, had just begun steps in the journey of life which gave promise of a long and happy continuance, but in only a brief few days the dread double pneumonia developed, taking its precious victim.

A wealth of floral offerings and the presence of many friends at the funeral services on Tuesday afternoon, at which Dr. Endicott Peabody officiated, were other expressions of sympathy. One thinks of her as a little flower growing strong and beautiful until stricken by a ruthless hand and life is quenched, but the thought changes—a flower, transplanted to a fairer clime there no rude chill or blast can ever come to wither.

It is well with the child. She will not grow old, and for her comes not sorrow or fading powers. Always as when in your arms, you "She is our."

Abel Lawrence, one of the oldest men in town, passed away on Friday, February 6, after a long period of falling health. His age was 89 yrs., 4 mos., 1 day. He was the son of Nathaniel Lawrence and Sally Shattuck, who were married on March 20, 1808. Abel Lawrence was next to the youngest of their nine children. He was born on August 5, 1824, at a house which stood near the site of the present Longley monument on the Pepperell road. His mother was a daughter of Job Shattuck, 2d, and both his parents belonged to the early Groton families. Mr. Lawrence married Miss Eliza Baldwin at Townsend on March 7, 1849. They had two children, Abel Lorenzo and Charles, neither of whom are living now. Mr. Lawrence was for a number of years the foreman on the farm of the late Hon. G. S. Boutwell, occupying with his family one of the farm buildings on Hollis street, which was later moved away.

Mr. Lawrence was an affiliated member of the Caleb Butler Masonic lodge, was, when able, an attendant at church, an industrious man, a good citizen. For many years he and his only sister, Mrs. Davis, have made their home together on Hollis street, where the funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

Besides his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Davis, he is survived by two grandsons, one of the late Abel Lorenzo Lawrence, who are somewhere in the west.

Henry Porter Shattuck, a life-long resident of this town, a member of E. S. church, passed away on Wednesday morning, February 11, after a week's illness from pneumonia. He was born in Groton on August 19, 1844, in the same house where he died, the son of the late Noah and Sarah Shattuck. He was a direct lineal descendant of William Shattuck, who was the first of the family to settle in Groton, coming here in 1678, and was the great-grandson of Job Shattuck, the colonial Quaker soldier, who was also a leader in Shay's rebellion. On his maternal side he was a great-grandson of Sergt. Prudence Cummings Wright of revolutionary fame.

He enlisted on August 25, 1862, in Company B, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, and was honorably discharged on June 8, 1863. He was a past commander of E. S. Clark post, and at the time of his death held the office of junior vice. He was always patriotic.

When the civil war broke out he was a student at Lawrence academy and was one of the company formed by the boys for military drill and practice. It was not long after that he enlisted for the war.

Mr. Shattuck was a man of strong friendship, loyal to his family. He was independent in his ways of acting and thinking, always bore a good character and will always be reckoned among Groton's honest and law-abiding citizens.

The funeral was held from the Congregational church vestry on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, Revs. G. M. Howe and William Breckenridge and the Grand Army comrades conducted the services. The W. R. C. was represented among those attending. The home was a beautiful display of flowers, the E. S. Clark post furnished a beautiful wreath. The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Locke, of Chelsea, N. H.; three grandchildren, one brother, Arthur W. Shattuck, of this town, and several nieces and nephews.

He goes to join the veterans' ranks, that sleep on yonder hill. Where one by one they fall in line—a long unbroken line of drum is never heard, and life is never played. But endless sleep and silence guard the soldiers' last parade.

Clipping. The following dispatch was received by the Boston press and printed in papers of February 6:

"Miss Blanche S. Jacobs, teacher of English at the high school since 1909, died Thursday morning, February 5, at her residence, 394 Broadway, Pawtucket, R. I., after an illness lasting from Saturday last."

She was a native of Chelsea, a graduate of Wellesley college in 1896, and came here from the Pynchard high school of Andover, being promoted to the head of the English department in September, 1911. She was a member of the Pawtucket Congregational church. Besides her mother she is survived by three brothers. Her funeral will be held Saturday and burial will be at Melrose.

Miss Jacobs was an associate teacher in the Groton high school some twelve years ago. She was a very successful teacher, a young woman of lovely christian character, and was

highly esteemed by the townspeople among whom she had warm personal friends who are sincerely grieved over her death. Mrs. G. W. Shattuck received notice of her death which occurred on Thursday, February 5, after a four-days' illness from pneumonia. Funeral services were held on last Saturday forenoon at Pawtucket, R. I.

Neighborhood Meeting. The officers and heads of the different departments of the Woman's club to the number of sixteen accepted the invitation of the Neighborhood club, and going in Johnson's barge, spent the afternoon at Mrs. Theophilus Smith's. There were fifty in all present to enjoy Mrs. Smith's hospitality. The entertainment took the form of a Lincoln day observation. The club members gave quotations and Mrs. Dickerman read "A perfect tribute," and a humorous selection which pleased all. Miss Lillian Tuttle gave enjoyable vocal selections, and Miss Lowe and Miss Tuttle selections on the piano. Delicious refreshments of chicken patties, cake and coffee were served. The club song was sung, and Mrs. Smith said, the barge was ready and the pleasant social gathering was over.

Baseball Schedule. Groton School is going the limit in baseball this year although only four entering remain from last year's nine. Manager Tyden games, two of which are with Middlesex school, and all are at home except the game of April 23, which will be played at Concord. The list is as follows:

- April 11—Noble & Greenough.
April 15—Lowell Textile.
April 18—Worcester High.
April 22—Worcester E. High.
April 25—Boston Latin.
April 28—Cambridge Theological.
April 29—Middlesex at Concord.
May 2—Worcester High.
May 6—Dartmouth 1911.
May 10—Middlesex Classical.
May 13—Middlesex.
May 16—Harvard Second.
May 20—Lawrence Academy.
May 23—Middlesex.
May 27—St. Mark's.

Clipping. The following was taken from the Boston Transcript of Monday, February 9, after a long period of falling health. His age was 89 yrs., 4 mos., 1 day. He was the son of Nathaniel Lawrence and Sally Shattuck, who were married on March 20, 1808.

Speaker Cushing of the House took the floor this afternoon for the first time this session in defence of a bill to extend the corporate powers of the trustees of Groton School. Martin Lawrence had requested that action on the bill, which was up for a third reading, be postponed till Thursday. He said that he did not know why it was desired to increase the powers of the school and pointed out that the trustees and the Morgans were among the trustees. Speaker Cushing, taking the floor, said that the money was intended for a fund by which endowments could be made for teachers. A roll call was then taken. The motion to postpone was lost, 90 to 113. Speaker Cushing declared that it did seem absurd that he should be obliged to argue this bill in detail. The school authorities, he said, had told him the property of the school was approaching the authorized amount. They asked permission to borrow \$10,000 more. At roll call on the main question of passing the bill to be engrossed decided in the affirmative, 118 to 84.

West Groton. G. H. Bixby and G. S. Bixby attended a paint dening in Fitchburg on Wednesday and found it very interesting.

On Tuesday Rev. J. P. Trowbridge attended the evangelistic conference of Congregational churches of Eastern Massachusetts which was held at Park street church, Boston.

A sled load of jolly young(?) people of various ages with James Hill as driver, journeyed to Pepperell Thursday evening despite the zero weather. The occasion was a supper followed by a lecture on the Pacific islands given under the auspices of the Congregational church.

The Glee club will hold a vaudeville entertainment on Wednesday evening, February 18, to be followed by a dance with music by Robbins' orchestra.

Owing to the extreme cold schools were not in session on Thursday.

The Ladies Aid' society met with Mrs. L. G. Strand on Thursday afternoon, eleven members being present. The guest of the afternoon was Mrs. Elizabeth J. Jerey, who coming on Friday of last week is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington visited in Groton this week with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Tuttle. She attended the meeting of the Neighborhood club, which had invited the officers of the Groton Woman's club, and, others from other clubs out-of-town. Mrs. Harrington reports a very pleasant afternoon.

Letters and papers sent to friends by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley, now in Florida, are very interesting. Extracts from Mrs. Shepley's letters, giving a description of their new home and its surroundings will be published next week for the benefit of West Groton friends.

Mrs. C. A. Kean is very ill with double pneumonia. Her mother, Mrs. Tracey, of North Shirley, is caring for her. Reports are somewhat conflicting as to how long she will live, but her condition is favorable for recovery.

Mrs. Everett Small and her sister, Miss Laura Taylor, are suffering from the prevailing grippe cold.

Envelopes have been distributed for the American Missionary association offering to be used on Lincoln Memorial Sunday, February 15. An appropriate service will be held.

The improvement society will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 17, with the entertainment committee in charge of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, chairman.

Clipping. Those who have met Mr. Richards, brother-in-law of Mrs. E. Harrington, in his frequent visits here, will be interested in the following clipping from the Boston Daily Post of February 11: "Our own Sam Richards, like the good and true sportsman that he is, is going to the city to compete in the aquatic expert of Philadelphia, to settle the 'championship' by engaging in a swimming race the coming summer from Chester, Pa., to Philadelphia and return, a distance of about thirty-three miles. Richards is a native of Groton, and his water journey from New York city to Sandy Hook Richards has already proven his tremendous superiority to Duborow. But the latter wants more conviction—and everybody up this way believes that Richards will supply him with it. This is the only one who is not quibbling, none of New York's ungenerous doubts as to performance."

AYER.

News Items.

Old winter came back strong this week after its temporary absence and sent the mercury to the lowest point it has reached this season. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the temperature was well below the zero mark with the highest reading Thursday morning when the mercury dropped to fifteen to twenty below according to location. A piercing wind blew most of the time, which made it nearly unbearable to persons out-of-doors unless dressed in arctic garments.

Last Saturday Judge and Mrs. Sanderson attended the mid-year reception of Walnut Hill school, Natick, where their daughter, Miss Charlotte Sanderson, is attending.

The Massachusetts Forestry association has announced a contest in which fifty towns and cities must enter before July 1. The city of Ayer, which has planted the most shade trees in proportion to the population by September 1, the association will give as a prize one mile of street or road to shade trees at least seven feet high.

Henry Tobin, an employee at the freight transfer shed in the upper railroad yard, met with a very painful accident on Tuesday afternoon when a heavy block of granite fell and crushed the side of his foot. Fortunately no serious results will follow the weight falling on the fleshy part of the injured member, missing the bone by a very small margin. Dr. Sullivan was called and gave medical aid.

Warren L. Probie, deputy grand juror, installed the officers of Clinton lodge, N. E. O. P., Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy and Mrs. Sacle Sanders attended guest night of the Altruistic club at Shirley on Thursday evening.

Charles W. Kinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinney, returned last week Thursday night from an extended trip through the west and south of Canada, covering a period of fifteen months.

A smoke talk was given by Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening, the members of Fredonian lodge of Shirley and Acton lodge of Acton being invited guests. The first degree will be conferred at the next meeting.

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, Thursday, February 12, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, John Edward Adams and Miss Ora Ella Holden, both of Shirley. Ernest L. Whitcomb, driver for Harlow & Parsons, is confined to his home by sickness. Ellis B. Harlow is taking his place.

Largely Attended. The morning service at the Baptist church on "Go-to-church Sunday" was well attended, having more than usual the usual number. The evening service was unusually interesting, Rev. Percy Bakeman, missionary to China, addressing the meeting. Mr. Bakeman is a son of Rev. R. W. Bakeman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Chelsea, covering a period of thirty years or more. He has been engaged in mission work in China seven years, being located in the beautiful city of Changcha, called "Heaven Belon," on account of its picturesque scenery. His work extends over a territory of fifty miles of densely populated streets.

Mr. Bakeman spoke very highly of the Chinese, not surpassed by any people in the world in frugality, industry and skill in their various occupations, and they are becoming rapidly Americanized. Among their public works are excellent roads, great canals and the famous wall more than 1200 miles long and thirty feet high, built 250 years before Christ to act as a barrier against Tartar invasion. "No other country contains so many large cities as China. Opium dens are passing out of existence. Mission chapels and schoolhouses are being erected and wonderful changes are being wrought. After a few months' vacation Mr. Bakeman will return to China and resume his mission work. The other churches also showed a very gratifying increase in the attendance which was very much greater than ordinarily. All the pastors delivered sermons appropriate to the occasion. The committees of the churches consisting of the clerical and lay members are highly pleased at the fine results which followed their appeal for a large attendance at church on this occasion and feel greatly encouraged to continue the work so finely begun.

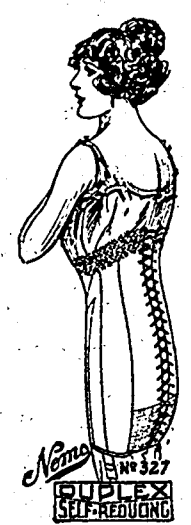
District Court. The liquors seized at the house occupied by Peter Belanger on Ashby, amounting to four gallons, were declared forfeited to the state last Saturday morning as no one appeared to claim them. The cases resulting from the Polish row at Forge Village, which were continued until last Saturday morning, were again continued for two weeks as two of the important principals are still confined to their beds as a result of their injuries which they received. Up to date eight complaints for assault and battery have been issued and there may be more before the trial.

St. Andrew's. There will be services at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, with sermon on "Isaiah, herald of a hero king." Every member of the church is urged to be present. On Tuesday afternoon there will be an important meeting of the Guild at three o'clock. Congregational. On Sunday, February 15, choir practice at ten in the morning. Worship at 10.45. Subject, "The making of character." Sunday school at noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 5.45 in the evening. There will be no evening worship, but a union meeting will be held at seven o'clock in the Baptist church.

Chairman Says "Thank You." To the men and women of Ayer: The attendance at the churches last Sunday was most gratifying to all concerned. Many people took much pains and underwent some sacrifice to be present. Permit me to say for the joint collection churches that much appreciation and people appreciate highly the good will and confidence which everyone displayed. And now, dear people, why not it again? You will surprise and delight the ministers, and they will surprise and delight you by their increasing helpful services, their industry and their progressive amiability. What could we not do for this community with such a force supporting our churches?

Unitarian Church Notices. Sunday morning at 10.45, Rev. William Channing Brown will preach on "Unitarian way of life and its support to the people." The Sunday school and Young People's meeting will be held at 11. If all should come to church as we did last Sunday what a power for

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good we could be in this community, and what a benefit it would be to us! And why can we not do this? Let us surprise ourselves by our loyalty. The young people are making strenuous efforts to help. The Woman's Alliance, the Sunday school and the Young People's Union are loyal and active. Let us support them by doing our part. Minister and people will certainly have a happy year if the spirit which dominated last Sunday continues. We shall believe that such will be the case. TOWNSEND. Center. The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Ellen Howard and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. The roll call was answered by quotations upon "Nature" and a very interesting address upon "Nature's Impression on literature," was given by Rev. A. L. Struthers, who was a guest for the afternoon. Prof. A. G. Seaver, also a guest, entertained the club with musical selections which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and a social time enjoyed after the program was finished. Miss Angela Boutelle received a few of her former neighbors and friends at her home at Mrs. D. Fessenden's, Wednesday, the occasion being her birthday. Mrs. A. D. Fessenden, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Marion Miller, at Quincy for some weeks, has returned home. The program, "An evening with the poets and noted men," was given at the grange Monday night with the music in charge of Mrs. Ica Cowdrey. The next meeting has been postponed from the regular night, February 23, and will be held on Tuesday evening, February 24. It will be a special meeting and town meeting night. Important town affairs are to be discussed. Selectman John Arlin had a bad fall on the ice last week as he was going across lots towards the depot from his home. He was rendered unconscious for a time. Miss Bertha Spaulding also was unfortunate during the late slippery traveling and fell so that she was obliged to be carried back and forth to her work at the telephone office for a few days. Elmer Wallace has improved from his recent sickness so that he is out once more. Lincoln Night. The Anson D. Fessenden Camp and the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, observed Lincoln night at Memorial hall on Thursday evening. They were assisted in the exercise by the high school orchestra and by the high and grand school chorus. There was quite a large attendance despite the bitter cold weather which undoubtedly kept many from attending who would have liked to have heard their former townsman, Rev. Maurice A. Levy, of Newton, speak. He gave a very fine address and he is a speaker who holds the attention of his audience from start to finish. He was introduced as the speaker of the evening by A. N. Fessenden, this district's representative in the legislature. Mr. Fessenden making a short address in a pleasing manner. Mr. Levy's subject was "The new citizen." He spoke of the growth of the nation from three millions near to ninety million strong, of the emigrant as an asset and the citizen as a unit. During the evening Mabel Temple spoke Lincoln's Gettysburg address.



Saturday, February 14, 1914.

AYER.

News Items.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning with Rev. Mr. Breckenridge of Groton. Sunday school will be held at twelve o'clock.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

Judge George A. Sanderson, who has been holding court at Worcester for the past six weeks, closes the session of the superior court there this Saturday.

Thomas Manning, chief of police of Greenfield, formerly of Ayer, where he filled a similar position, was in town on Tuesday.

We received a pleasant call from F. E. Jewett, of Lowell, on Monday. Mr. Jewett is the senior member of the firm which bears his name and is engaged in the cigar and cigar business, having a large mill in Lowell, where his products are manufactured.

Wesley W. Brown, who has been assisting Frank Willis in the lunch cart which was recently sold to the latter by Mr. Brown's father, J. W. Brown, concludes his duties this Saturday evening and expects to leave on Monday morning for Newbury, Vt., for an indefinite visit.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Callie Murphy on Wednesday evening, February 18.

John O'Connor has tendered his resignation as night police officer and janitor to take effect March 1.

It is currently reported that the Haynes-Piper Cider Company's property is on the market for sale.

Rev. Fr. Walsh of Pepperell, chaplain of Division 7, A. C. H., of Ayer, gave the lecture on "The History of the Organization Sunday evening which attracted a large number of the members of the order and their friends. In addition to the lecture there was a pleasing entertainment consisting of a piano solo by Miss Madeline McCarthy who also acted as accompanist during the evening; songs, Miss Frances King, of Ayer and George Connors of Clinton, who were taking part in the concert were encored. Remarks were made after the regular program by Rev. Patrick A. Sharkey, the new curate of St. Mary's church. A social hour followed.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, February 20, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Clara A. Webber, of Leominster, state superintendent of lumbermen work, will be present and speak of her work among the lumber camps. The Westford W. C. T. U. has accepted an invitation to visit the Ayer union on that occasion. All former members are especially invited to be present. Light refreshments will be served.

A union temperance meeting will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ayer W. C. T. U. The speaker will be Mrs. Ella A. Gleason, of Boston, vice president-at-large of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. Ayer is cordially invited. The meeting is held a little earlier than usual in order to allow the speaker to take the train for Boston at the end of her address.

Mrs. Jennie Trull Ryan, who recently purchased the millinery business of the late George L. Davis, intends to spend next week in New York city studying the latest styles in millinery.

W. L. Burbank, representative of the New England Directory Company, of Salem has been going over the towns of Groton, Littleton and Harvard getting a new list of names for a directory to be printed during the present year. He intends to canvass Ayer also later. Mr. Burbank is now making his headquarters here.

A branch of the Holy Name society was formed at a meeting of the men of St. Mary's parish last Sunday afternoon. Charles McCarthy was chosen president; John H. Hooley, vice president; and John B. O'Connell, secretary and treasurer. Sixty-seven names were placed on the roll at the meeting.

Mrs. Bessie M. Crocker, pres.; Mrs. J. W. Thomas, vice pres.; Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, sec.; Mrs. Edgar Learned, treas.; Mrs. Julia Craig, Mrs. Jessie Saunders, Mrs. Julia Kidder, Mrs. Josie Hatch and Mrs. John Clark attended the Temperance Inspiration meeting held at Lowell by the W. C. T. U. on Thursday afternoon. Utations from Westford, Pepperell, Dracont and Lowell were represented. The speakers were Mrs. Ella A. Gleason, vice president-at-large of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. and Mrs. Augusta R. Brigham, secretary of Middlesex county W. C. T. U.

George S. and William Poulous, our well-known moving picture managers, will attend the first annual ball and entertainment of the Motion Picture Exhibitors League of Massachusetts which will be held in Symphony hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, February 17. Previous to the ball an entertainment will be given by the leading actors and actresses of motion picture fame. The grand march will be led by Governor Walsh and Mrs. Mary Fuller, the leading actress in the moving picture story entitled "Who will Mary marry?" which is now being produced in serial form by the Ladies' World magazine in conjunction with the Edison Film Co.

George H. Brown gave an illustrated talk on the Panama canal before the members of the Groton Historical society on Monday evening. He was assisted by Howard M. Beverly, who operated the machine showing the photographs of the various parts of the canal as it looked when Mr. Brown took them on his visit to the canal zone. They were driven to Groton by Alfred Yates, chauffeur for Robt. Murphy's Sons Company, in one of the firm's new double-decker cars.

"The fatal shot," in two parts, will be the leading picture at the moving picture show this Saturday evening. Others will be "In the shadow," featuring Mary Maurice, and "The doctor's duty," a western drama. George M. Anderson, the well-known actor, in the leading part. There will be illustrated and spotlight songs and good music. The show on Wednesday evening was pronounced first-class.

It is reported that Albert E. Little, of the Sandy pond district, and Miss Nellie Orr, of Forge Village, are to be married soon.

This week's G. A. R. sketches will be found on pages two and three.

Miss Lillian Fletcher, of Hopedale, is visiting this week at the home of John B. Washburn.

The meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, February 18, will be in charge of the civics committee, Mrs. Mary L. Hutchins, chairman. There will be addresses by Miss Helen Peabody and Mrs. W. Sturgis of Groton. This meeting, which is to be held in the Congregational church vestry, is open to the public and a small admission fee will be charged.

Miss A. M. Robinson, of Kingston, N. H., has been engaged to teach the sixth grade in the Pleasant street building. She is a graduate of Sanborn seminary at Kingston and has had several years' experience in teaching, the last two of which have been in New Ipswich, N. H., where she has had charge of the grammar school. She will begin her new duties in two or three weeks.

Charles Trefethen, who has been in the employ of Eugene Barry & Sons, is now filling the position as master mechanic.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ida C. Perkins on Washington street and was entertained by Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Marie M. Clark and Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin. One request from a New Hampshire Alliance was answered and an appropriation was made to the A. U. A. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Preston Keyes, of Concord, a vice president of the National Alliance. She gave an interesting and earnest account of Alliance work. Rev. William Channing Brown was also present and spoke briefly. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Arthur Fenner has rented her house on Washington street to H. J. Webb, who will occupy it with his family.

Monday night Mrs. Edith B. Haslam and daughter Irene and Mrs. E. G. Duncklee attended gentlemen's night of the Woman's club of Pepperell.

The annual roll call of the First Congregational church will be held on Thursday evening, February 19. Supper at seven o'clock and roll call and social following.

A very attractive barber sign has been installed in front of Eugene Barry's shop by Robt. Murphy's Sons Company, who also put in the electrical apparatus which operates it.

These members of the Woman's club accepted an invitation to the Neighborhood club of Groton on Wednesday. Mrs. Nina E. Lovidge, pres., Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Edith B. Haslam, Mrs. Juliet E. Allen, Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, Mrs. Estella B. Farnsworth, Miss Mary B. Johnson, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Nina M. Beverly, Miss E. Adelaide Blood, Annie E. Ellebrown, Mrs. Clara F. Hill, Mrs. Mary L. Hutchins, Mrs. Almira M. Sargent and Mrs. Grace M. Dickerman. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Julia K. Smith. The trip was made in auto. The program was music and readings by members of the club. Refreshments were served. It was a very pleasant social occasion.

The Complimentary Ball club held its annual party in the town hall on Thursday evening. It was a large gathering. Music was furnished by Poole's orchestra, of Boston. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence. There were sixty-five couples in line. A buffet luncheon was served by John Lentz. Guests were present from Littleton, Shirley, Groton, Lynn, Worcester and Ayer. It was a very brilliant and enjoyable occasion. The whole club served as committee of arrangements.

The plumbing business took a decided jump from its mid-winter lethargy and extra hands were brought into commission repairing many broken water pipes and thawing out others throughout the town.

An unusual condition as a result of the cold prevailed at Standby, where the Boston Ice Company started in to finish filling its houses which was suspended some time ago by the warm weather. The weather was so cold on Wednesday and Thursday that it was impossible to work. The greatest trouble came in sawing off the large floats on the pond, the water following up the grooves made by the saws freezing so quickly that it was impossible to gain headway. Work was again resumed on Friday morning and it is expected that the company will have harvested their full supply, amounting to 57,000 tons.

There is some talk in town about changing the date for town meeting from the Monday in April to the first Monday in February, and it is probable that an article will be inserted in the warrant at the annual town meeting in April to take action upon the matter. The reason the proposed change is considered desirable is on account of the new law which fixes the closing of the financial year of all towns on December 31. Under the present method of holding our annual meeting in April three months' delay elapses between the close of the year for which appropriations are voted and the April meeting. To set the date of the annual meeting as near as possible to the close of the financial year as possible is therefore considered a good plan.

The next meeting of Ayer Grange, Wednesday evening, February 18, will be Educational Aid fund night. A Valentine party is on the program. A collection in aid of the educational aid fund will be taken up. Box lunch.

Judge and Mrs. Sanderson were guests last week Friday night of Willis E. Sibley, lawyer, Worcester, who gave a dinner to a number of his friends of the profession at the Hotel Bancroft in that city.

Other Ayer news will be found on the opposite page.

Death.

Wenlock D. Down died last Saturday morning after a lingering illness of consumption. He was born in Charlotetown, Prince Edward Island, thirty-four years ago last August. He came to Ayer from Nashua, N. H., last October where he had been engaged in the electrical business there for a year. Before going to Nashua he lived in Norwood for four years. On coming here he was employed as electrician by Robt. Murphy's Sons Company for a time until ill health forced him to give up his work. During his long illness the spirit of human kindness was never better shown than in the assistance given the family of the deceased by the neighbors and all who came to know of the circumstances attending his sickness and death.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, Rev. Williston M. Ford, of St. Andrew's church, performing the services. The remains were taken to Norwood on Tuesday morning for interment in the Highland cemetery. Mr. Down leaves his widow, Mrs. Edna L. (Thilton) Down, to whom he was married at Walspole in 1902; two brothers, Arthur L. Down of Norwood, and Guy N. Down of Montreal, Canada; also, five sisters, Mrs. Edward Doran of Lexington, Mrs. Eugene Bowman of Burlington, and Misses Branta Down of Waverley,

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MEN'S FUR COATS

Table with 2 columns: Fur coats description and Price. Includes items like \$25.00 Dogskin Coats with Coon Collar, for this sale \$20.00, \$20.00 Dogskin Coats for this sale \$15.47.

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Table with 2 columns: Furnishing goods description and Price. Includes items like Fleece Lined Underwear in Single and Double Breasted, regular 50c. value, now 39c, Derby Ribbed Underwear, in Black and Ecru colors, regular 50c. value, now 39c, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Winter caps description and Price. Includes items like All Winter Caps cut to the following prices: 50c. Caps for this sale 39c, \$1.00 Caps for this sale 79c, etc.

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drants being slightly frozen, but the loss of time was so small that it made no material difference so far as saving the property was concerned. Chief Engineer Henry E. Farnum, who lives close by the scene of the fire, was on hand as soon as the alarm sounded and did good work.

The temperature which was eleven degrees below zero froze the water almost as soon as it left the nozzle of the hose and wherever the water struck there was instantly formed a coating of ice. The hose was also frozen. In spite of these handicaps the firemen made a brave struggle to save the property, but their efforts were vain.

Some members of the fire department were attending the annual ball of the Complimentary Ball club in the town hall and rushed to the fire as soon as the alarm sounded. They soon discovered their dress was hardly the proper one for the arctic temperature, but they all did good work for which due credit should be given.

A chimney fire in the house owned by Hon. George J. Burns, and occupied by Henry J. Waterman, on Fletcher street, called out the department on Wednesday morning. The firemen had a cold run in the biting atmosphere, it being one of the coldest mornings of the winter. The fire was put out without any damage. The insurance on the property is placed through the agency of Frank S. Bennett.

John Guthrie, chauffeur for the New Method Laundry, while rushing down Main street with the company's truck to hitch onto the hook and ladder carriage, locked wheels with Kidder's express wagon in charge of Hartwell Kidder and came near tipping it over. John Dempsey, photographer, who was in the rear of the wagon en route for the fire made his escape before the full shock of the collision occurred.

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Mabel Down of Norwood, and Ruth Down of Brookline. Mr. Down also leaves six small children—three boys and three girls. His father died last July at Keene, N. H., and his mother ten or eleven years ago.

Mr. Down, the widow, will remain here for a short time and expects to go to arrange matters so that she can go to Norwood the latter part of the present month, where she has relatives and where she will make her home.

Interesting Meeting. An unusually interesting meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the rooms on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the regular monthly meeting of the organization.

Mr. Kimball is secretary of the Massachusetts Insurance League and he spoke interestingly of the great work which the league was doing in providing the best possible insurance for the poorer classes at the lowest possible price. Although the league has been in existence only a few years the amount of business now done is very large. Mr. Kimball also alluded to

old age pensions and the work the league is endeavoring to do to assist people in preparing to meet the conditions when they shall be unable to work. At the close of his remarks he was given a rising vote of thanks for his address. He answered several questions of the members which brought out additional facts of the subject of the evening.

A new feature which was introduced for the first time was the question box. This was placed on the table and the members were asked to write questions on subjects of interest to the town on slips of paper and deposit them in the box. The box was then passed around and each member drew one of the slips on which a question was written and upon which he was required to speak. The questions were then presented for general debate. The question box proved very popular that it will probably be a fixture at the meetings.

At the business session three new members were elected to membership. Lunch was served.

Unnecessary Complaint. Someone called up the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Boston by telephone early Thursday and made complaint that a horse was left in a box car all night in the local railroad yard

without sufficient protection from the intense cold. The society at once called up Chief Beatty who had gone off duty for the night and asked him to look after the matter. An investigation, according to the chief, showed that the complaint was unfounded for as the horse was in a closed box car and protected by a heavy blanket and was apparently not suffering from the cold. The horse was left in the car longer than the shipper intended, the reason given being that the train to Worcester, the place to which the animal was consigned, was greatly delayed by the breaking down of the locomotive. Word was received from the consignee on Thursday that the horse arrived in good condition.

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### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the vestry. A very appetizing supper was served at 6:45 o'clock under the direction of the following committee: J. Albert Dearden, Paul Woodman, Sidney Horton, Lester James, Leonard Hooper and Russell Miner. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Dearden, Mrs. James and Mrs. Hooper. A delegation consisting of Rev. George A. Gordon, of the Congregational church, Lancaster, with thirty-two young people from his church, arrived at 7:30 o'clock and after partaking of supper remained to enjoy the address of Rev. Charles L. Pierce, of West Acton, on the subject of Mormonism, which proved delightfully interesting. A brief business session was held preceding the address the president, F. H. Fowler, presiding.

Christian Endeavor week at the Congregational church brought out a large number. At the combined services there was an aggregate attendance of nine hundred.

Rev. G. Edwin Woodman will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. On Thursday the usual prayer meeting will be held. Subject, "Heroic age of the church."

Miss Edna Hanna died on Monday morning at the Homeopathic hospital, Boston. Miss Hanna was brought from St. Stephen, N. B., last week and died of sarcoma. Miss Hanna was well-known in Shirley, where she made frequent visits for a number of years past to the home of her sister, Mrs. H. W. McCoy. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy accompanied the remains to St. Stephen, N. B., for burial. The deceased was a trained nurse and a graduate of the Homeopathic hospital where she died.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will serve a supper in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, February 18, from six to eight o'clock. The menu will consist of baked beans, scalloped potatoes, fancy pies, hot rolls and coffee. Fancy articles and candy will also be on sale.

Rehearsals for the old folks' concert will take place on Tuesday evening in the Munson house at 7:30 o'clock.

Frederick W. Downs, of Somerville, formerly advertising man at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., paid a brief visit on Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Harvard road. Mr. Downs is the manager for the Happy Land Magazine.

Miss Gelo has returned to Shirley again from her home in Vermont and is for the present substituting in the office of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haggitt, of Alton, spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen. Mr. Haggitt is a cousin of Mrs. Allen.

John H. Will will go to the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston the latter part of this week or the first of next to be operated upon. This will be the fourth operation for Mr. Will at that hospital since last May. At the first operation three stones were removed from one of Will's kidneys. Since that time two other operations were necessary to remove abscesses. Mr. Will has the sympathy of a large circle of friends who wish him a God's speed and a safe return home.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening, held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, was a very enjoyable event. A fine supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Elden, Mrs. Binney, Mrs. Lavonne Edgarton, Mrs. Laura Ballou and Mrs. Harrie Barnard. The entertainment at eight o'clock was under the direction of Mrs. G. M. Ballou and consisted of the following program: Piano solo, Miss Hazel Ballou; vocal solo, Miss Mary Badstuber; reading, Miss Lena Fuller; farce, "Why Mrs. Gaskill did not hire a cook," with Misses Marion E. Fowle, Leona Lee, Sarah Stevenson, Lena Fuller, Margaret S. Houghton, Gertrude L. Conant, Mrs. H. H. Lynch and Lester James in the cast.

Mr. and Mrs. James West are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, born the first of the week. Mr. West and family reside in the double house owned by John F. Smith.

Mrs. Howard Willoughby, of Pepperell, spent over the week-end in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins.

Edmund H. Winterbottom resumed his duties last Sunday as janitor of the Congregational church after an absence of two months.

Charles E. White, who has been confined to his home with rheumatism for the past two weeks, is improving nicely and is now a familiar figure again at his store.

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Halcum of Boston spent over the week-end in town with his parents.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold a valentine party in Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening, February 14. Mudge's orchestra will furnish music.

Salathiel R. Walker, of Leominster, spent last Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Roy Birchstead.

All the churches of the town were well filled with the townspeople on "Go-to-church Sunday."

Lester Porter, owner of the coal and ice business in town, has made plans for the building of a spur track and coal sheds on the land just easterly of the residence of C. R. White and Mrs. Love, which Mr. Porter recently purchased. The location of this point is naturally adapted for the building of a spur track as the hollow south of the railroad will allow the automatic coal cars to empty into the sheds. This, Mr. Porter says, will materially reduce the price of coal.

The Universalist church will stage a minstrel show in Odd Fellows' hall Monday evening, February 16. This show has been in preparation for some time past and new songs, new jokes and specialties will be the order of the evening. The music is under the able direction of Edward F. Colburn. A large number will be in the chorus and the men will give a good account of themselves.

Reception and Ball. The reception and ball given by the pupils of Mrs. C. R. White at Odd Fellows' hall on last week Friday evening brought out a large and select audience, and no event in the season has been more successful. The howling northeast snowstorm that prevailed during the evening failed to have any effect or daunt the spirits of Shirleyites and the goodly number who were present from out-of-town. They were all well repaid for it was most certainly a privilege to have a glimpse at the children when the merriment and festivity was at its height.

The dainty frocks of the little girls with appropriate and delicate shades, together with other accessories, gave a charm and fascination seldom equaled. The many new features of fancy dancing and the graceful manner with which they were executed by the children, highly appreciated by the audience who gave vent to their feelings by continuous applause.

The ushers were Prof. E. H. Sullivan of the Industrial school and Earl C. Merriman, who appeared in conventional evening dress. The floor director was Frank E. Wheeler. The orchestra furnished music. The matrons were Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman and Mrs. L. Allen. Mrs. C. R. White, who most graciously directed the evening's function, struck a note of individuality in her attire which was a fancy dress and carried the elegant Anna Fasette led the grand march for the junior classes and Edward Lilly and Virginia MacElroy led the grand march for the senior classes.

The exhibition of the children came to an end at ten o'clock when dancing in fancy dress and order. Brockelman Bros. served refreshments during intermission.

The festivities came to a close shortly before the midnight hour, leaving in its wake memories of beauty whose vision will not soon be effaced from the hearts of the large and enthusiastic gathering present. As a fair of the evening gave tone and dignity to this class of amusement for the children, to Thomas Graham, a scene of beauty, grace and artifice. Mrs. C. R. White, who has done training young people in dancing with the proper conventional and correct ideas and methods of dancing at fancy dress and order. The usual receipt of stanzas and congratulations which were honestly deserved. They were present from Boston, Hingham, Peppercell, Lancaster and Amherst, N. H.

#### Promising Youngster Sold.

E. A. Miller of this town, a well-known farmer-breeder and trainer, has sold Homer Guard, a nifty trotting stallion with a public trial of 2:23 1/2 over the Groton track, to Thomas Graham, of Pepperell. The youngster is expected to be sent to Walter R. Cox, the headquarters of Dexter, N. H., and indications are that a colt bred in this vicinity will be prominent on the big track. Mr. Graham, who formerly lived in Leonard, is an enthusiastic horseman and has for a long time been afflicted with diphtheria, a disease that has purchased hundreds of light class trotters and pacers for the Yankee race track.

Home Guard was priced at \$1500 only a few weeks ago by Mr. Miller. He is considered by experts who have seen the animal to be the best no-record trotter in this part of the state.

He is by Homedale, a son of Dale Axworthy, and his dam is Pearl Guard, by a well known brood mare owned by Mr. Miller at Maple Dale farm, Shirley Center. Homer Guard is bred as much as when he came to that brought Mr. Miller a long price for him.

#### Center.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild on Saturday afternoon, February 14, will be held with Misses Helen and Carrie Bradford.

On Tuesday evening, February 17, Shirley grange meeting will be called at 7:45 o'clock. After a short business session the meeting will be opened to the public. A progressive whist party will be held and a short program of music and readings will be given. Refreshments will be served. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds to go to the literary fund.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, Miss Catana and Miss Smart, of Brookline, spent the week-end at the Bolton summer home on Center road.

Mrs. Viola Bonney recently entered the Worcester hospital for a three-years' course in training as a nurse.

Miss Elsie Kirby, who has been confined to her home with a very bad cold, is now able to be out again.

Forbes Mackaye, the well-known dramatist, has been chosen as one of the directors of the great masque to be given in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis. This will be the largest masque ever given in America and will have 6500 people in the cast. The subject will be the early history and legend of St. Louis. Mr. Mackaye is the author of "The pageant and masque of St. Louis."

The house and land at the North formerly belonging to LaForrest J. King, and now owned by Royal S. Wentworth, has been sold to a party with the farming tools, hay and about fifty cords of wood to George Conant, of Maynard. The sale was made through the agency of Fred A. Smith, of Ayer. Mr. Conant has recently been ill with pneumonia and as soon as he recovers sufficiently will take possession.

Miss Priscilla Sweetser goes to Reading the latter part of the week for a short visit with friends.

The Groton School orchestra will give a concert in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 26, under the able direction of Trinity chapel. These concerts, which have been given on several times in previous years, are always well worth attending.

The Matrons' Aid society was pleasantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George H. Farmer at Woodsville.

The whist party held at the home of Mrs. F. G. Groat last Saturday evening, under the management of the Girls' Sewing Guild, was even more successful than the first one. Miss Margaret Longley carried off the high score of the evening. Refreshments of coffee, donuts and cheese were served. The third in the series will be held at the same place in two weeks.

The Pray woodlot on the road to Lunenburg is being cut off rapidly. A portable mill and a large gang of men have recently located upon the lot.

Lester R. Holden, who has been ill with jaundice, is now much improved.

John Stekney has moved his hay and ice, etc., from the Worcester place to his house, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hill and family, and will move his furniture as soon as the house is vacated. The Worcester place, it is understood, has been leased by the owner to parties who will engage in the nursery business. It is not yet definitely known where Mr. and Mrs. Hill will move to.

Mrs. Charles Longley is very ill at her home with pneumonia and is under the care of Dr. C. J. Peirce, of the village.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Alice Prouty and Mrs. Adella M. Parker, delegates from the Littleton Woman's club, attended the Maynard Woman's club Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed the fine program which included the reading by Mrs. Margaret Deland from "Old Chester tales" and violin solos by Miss Rebecca Nye Warren of Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest returned home last week Friday from a very pleasant visit with friends in New Jersey at an interesting convention in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. D. C. Houghton went to Gloucester City, N. J., last week Friday upon hearing of her little granddaughter's illness. Reports of improved condition are very welcome. Littleton relatives and schoolmates

were pleased to read in the Ayer column of last week's issue the very brilliant progress of Col. Edward Fletcher of San Diego, Cal. Several of his early boyhood lived with the rest of the Charles Fletcher family in Littleton. It seems that his California friends and admirers have congressional aspirations for the very worthy young man and the Ayer friends would be glad also if those aspirations should materialize.

Miss Ruth Thatcher went to Auburndale Monday to attend a meeting of Laseil seminary and enjoyed a reunion of former classmates and teachers.

Miss Helen Bradley, West Primary teacher, was out of school Friday of last week on account of illness and Miss Love of the Common substituted for her.

Marcia Wilcox made Friday, February 6, which was her thirteenth birthday, a very happy date in her young friends' calendar. Several of her mates were invited in for the afternoon and early evening. With games and story telling and the most palatable refreshments served by the famous cooks of that house, the afternoon was complete and the "evening time" expressed verbally by each invited guest was further emphasized in looks and actions.

Miss Florence B. Bartlett enjoyed a genuine surprise last week Friday night. Other members of the "happy six" having discovered that it was her birthday, planned a genuine good time, and well provided with everything that makes for fun, they walked in upon her and asked her consent to celebrate. This gained, the entertainment took care of itself and no one retired low spirited from the scene of innocent amusement.

Elmer K. Conant of New York, who was reported ill and at the Methodist Episcopal hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., was operated on for ulcers in the stomach and since the operation of two weeks has had most good progress. His physicians tell him that he will be as good as new eventually. His brother, Prof. L. L. Conant, has visited him several times during his illness.

The Alliance had an all-day meeting last week Friday which was most successful from a social and literary point of view. Many of the ladies carried their sewing and with needle in hand spent the forenoon socially. At noon a delicious dinner was served by a well initiated committee. Rev. G. J. Fairfield gave a splendid literary treat in the afternoon, reviewing books and sketching the life of William Sullivan, author, whose works are now in the hands of many readers in his audience. The ladies voted to hold the annual fair, Mrs. Fairfield, president, Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton were chosen delegates to represent this organization at the neighborhood meeting in Concord Unitarian church next Monday.

The Alliance entertainment to be held in the vestry Friday, February 27, at 7:45 p. m., will consist of a musical followed by a play, entitled, "A midnight fantasy, 1750 and 1914." Home-made candy will be on sale.

F. L. Fraser has sold his farm in West Littleton, known as the Hubbard place, to a corporation. A young man, recent graduate of Amherst Agricultural college, by name, Vernon E. Prior, and his bride, moved into the house Monday. Carpenters are now engaged in repairing old hen-houses and building new houses for a large poultry establishment. The corporation also owns a tapica and relative factory in Orange.

C. M. Thayer, who was operated on at a Boston hospital several weeks ago, has returned home much improved and in a fair way to make complete recovery and regain perfect health.

A social dance will be held under the auspices of Loyal Nashobah lodge, C. O. F. M. E., and the Pride of Nashobah lodge, G. L. O. E. M. F., in town hall, Littleton on Saturday evening February 21. A good time is assured to all. McNally's orchestra.

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### PEPPERELL.

#### About Town.

Mrs. Burr McKinley, of Lowell, formerly Miss Annie Goodwin, of this place, was in town on Tuesday and Wednesday of the week calling on friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna and son Raymond spent last Sunday with friends in Wilton, N. H.

Mrs. M. A. Cuthbertson came from Fitchburg on Monday to spend the week at the home of her son, Spurgeon Cuthbertson.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Ladies' society of the Methodist church was held with Mrs. Stratton on Thursday afternoon of last week. There were nineteen ladies present and the society received a most generous donation of "remnants," some of them good-sized ones. Plans were made for the Easter sale to be held on the eighteenth and nineteenth of March. It will be under the supervision of Miss H. L. Lawrence, general committee.

Mrs. A. H. Raymond has been quite ill with the prevailing grippe cold at her home on Hollis street. Mr. Raymond was out of Hayes' store for a short time as they have a large flock of fine laying fowls that require considerable care.

Mrs. Lucius Wilson, who has been quite ill from inflammatory rheumatism, is sufficiently recovered to be about the house in well-warmed rooms.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 19, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Simmons. This is to be a work meeting and members are especially requested to note this and also the change of date, from Wednesday to Thursday afternoon.

Winifred S. Boynton, estimator for the Cogswold-Bradley Car Company at Worcester, recently returned from a business trip to Montreal, arriving at his home in this town on Sunday morning. While in Montreal he visited the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's plant, which he would naturally find interesting. Remembering him as one of the Pepperell high school boys but a short time ago, the position he holds at Worcester seems a responsible one.

Mrs. Joseph Graham returned from Derry, N. H., last Saturday after a stay of ten days with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Shattuck. She was, of course, called back there on Thursday as Mrs. Byrnes is in very poor health.

Thomas Murray, who suffered a shock a few weeks ago, is so much improved in health that he is able to sit up and converse with friends.

Raymond W. Noon, son of Rev. Alfred Noon, who formerly occupied the parsonage at Odd Fellows hall in this town, has recently received an appointment from the Methodist Missionary Board to go to India. He leaves here in March, going by way of Suez canal for Merut, in Northern India, where he is to be in charge of a boarding school. At present he is acting as superintendent of the Friendly society at Brookline, Mass.

The pupils in the dancing class conducted by Miss Helen Robbins, will hold a social on Monday evening, February 16, at the Odd Fellows hall. The members of the class and also of last year are privileged to invite a friend. This social will conclude this series of lessons until after Lent.

Mrs. George W. Pierce entertained the members of the Enterpean club, Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Bowers and Otto, of Loomister, who gave so pleasing an entertainment for guest night of the Woman's club last Monday evening.

Mrs. Guy Green is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Ireland, from Littleton, this week.

Mrs. Timothy Lorden, who has been quite ill at her home on Railroad street, is now convalescent. Dr. Hazard, of Hollis, has been attending her.

The members of the Epworth League are planning to hold a Washington party on Thursday evening, February 19, at the Methodist vestry. Mr. and Mrs. George Washington will hold a reception at eight o'clock. Everyone who would like to meet them and also enjoy a good social time is cordially invited to be present. Refreshments suitable to the occasion will be served and an interesting program of music and tableaux is being arranged.

Ruth Lawson, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawson, of West Haven, Conn., was operated upon for appendicitis at her home in that city on Friday of last week. There were complications attending the operation which caused much anxiety at the time, but later reports are more favorable. The child will be remembered by many in town as she has often visited here with her parents well-known. Her mother has also been here alone at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright, on Townsend street. Mrs. Wright has been with her daughter, Mrs. Lawson, through the child's illness, but is expected home this week.

Edward Dwyer, an employee at the Peppercorn dry shop, has accepted a position at Rumford, Me., in the new coating mill just started there. His

position there will be similar to the one he occupies here, with prospect of advancement. He expects to leave here on Saturday, although his family will not move until the following week. The general opinion seems to indicate that there may be quite an exodus of card shop help after this mill gets fairly running, as some of the help in the card shops have been out more or less of late.

It is reported on good authority that the young race horse, "Homer," which attracted so much attention and favorable comment at the Columbus Day races held at Babba-tasset driving park last October, has been purchased by Thomas Graham of this town. According to a late Fitchburg paper his late owner, E. A. Miller, of Shirley, priced him but a few weeks ago at \$1500. It is claimed that the youngster will be put into training by Walter Cox, of the Cox Syndicate at Dover, N. H., with whom Mr. Graham has been connected in the past, having for some years been interested in several high-class trotters, and matters pertaining to the turf.

C. H. Miller is confined to his home on Park street, being afflicted with numerous boils on the neck and back which are extremely painful.

Mrs. H. C. Thurston is suffering much more from her rheumatic trouble during the severe weather. She has been obliged to give up her room upstairs as it was becoming so hard to get up and down, even with assistance.

Mrs. Frank Bennett and little daughter Dorothy went to Alfred, Me., on Wednesday to make a visit at her old home.

Mrs. Walter Shattuck returned home from a week's visit with relatives at Fitchburg on Thursday. Mr. Shattuck also made a short visit there returning last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Shattuck returned to her studies at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, Tuesday morning, having spent her mid-year vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, on the night of the 13th.

The Standard orchestra of this town, furnished music for a well attended dance in Brookline, N. H., last week Friday evening.

Miss Mildred Lunt, who is teaching school in Dunstable, spent the week-end with her parents on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Corradin White were guests this week of Mr. White's aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck, of Park street.

Miss Fannie Tower has returned to Roxbury, where she is the guest of Mrs. Everts. Mr. Everts, who has been ill with typhoid fever, had a slight relapse on Saturday, but is improving at present.

Miss Harriet Kendall, of Hollis, N. H., spent Monday with Mrs. Charles Boynton on Heald street and attended the guest night of the Pepperell Woman's club in Prescott hall.

Rev. John E. Whitley, of Cambridge, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday, being the pastor of the church.

The Pepperell Woman's club will meet at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon, February 17. Subject, "The birds of Pepperell." Current events will be given by Mrs. Ida E. Jewett.

Letters remaining uncollected for at the home of the postoffice, will be collected ending February 20. Frank Deo, Mrs. Phyllis Charter, Richard Crocker.

**Death.**  
Died in Natick, February 4, Martha W. widow of R. E. Farwell, in her ninetieth year. Mrs. Farwell was remembered by the elder citizens of Pepperell as the last of a family of thirteen children of John and Rebecca (Newhall) Walcott, who lived on the farm on Park street known for years as the Walcott estate. She was the late Daniel Blood, 2d. She was born at that home and it was there her girlhood days were spent, attending school at North Village. Her brother John, the elder son, when he attained his majority went to Natick to learn to make shoes. As soon as age would permit one after another followed until all the children had left the maternal home. By this time the elder sons had built factories and were manufacturing brooms.

They were very successful in business and did much to build the city of Natick. Several public buildings, their gifts to the city, stand as monuments today to their name (Walcott). The parents loved their Pepperell home, but now the children had left their greater interest was with them and they sold to Mr. Blood and moved to Natick to spend the remainder of their earthly life.

Aunt Martha, as she was familiarly known, was a really mother in Israel, had a smile for everyone and a loving influence over the young. She was remarkably well preserved in mind as well as body. She fell asleep so peacefully, the smile of joy still resting on her glorified countenance as she reposed in the rich broadcloth case covered with the beautiful flowers she loved.

The funeral services were held at her late home, 59 Central street, Natick, on Saturday afternoon, February 7, at two o'clock. The large attendance by neighbors and friends was louder than words of the high esteem in which she was held. The friendship between the Walcotts and Bloods

has never waned and Rolan H. Blood representative of the family. Burial was in Natick Dell park, a beautiful cemetery near to Nature's heart, which was laid out by her other Edward many years ago, and the all this noted family rest. Truly as another said, "Aunt Martha's life was a sweet benediction, may her mantle of love fall on many."

**High School News.**  
Do not miss the debate and dance given by the high school at Prescott hall on February 20.

The orchestra is doing good practice under Manager Sullivan. You will have a chance to hear it at the dance.

Marguerite Carter has recovered from an illness of several days and returned to school.

A short time ago Payer, of the junior class, suggested a high school paper. Look for the first issue this month. Single copies five cents.

It looks as though the girls have at last found a way to resume basketball practice. Let us help them out a little.

At a recent meeting of the boys in regard to baseball Mr. Harris was selected as manager. An effort is being made to form a high school league of three or four teams and compete for a silver cup. Two schools have already signified willingness to join with Pepperell in this. It is done the players will probably be put on a scholarship and conduct basis of eligibility. This will mean a movement in this section to run clean and lively high school sports. Pepperell high school players need new suits. We would like to see the boys' team and "old sports" for contributions. Everybody likes good high school baseball.

Some of the Poles who attend Mr. Harris' evening school can write already better than most of the high school pupils. What is the explanation?

We propose to make use of the playground this spring so that no one will have reason to think it a nuisance—rather a valuable addition to the welfare of Pepperell.

An omission of news some weeks does not mean that we are dead or passing from the limelight, but just too busy about something else to write news.

We are glad to know that Ruth Morgan is rapidly recovering health and strength and will soon return to her home.

**Methodist Church Notes.**  
Rev. P. R. Stratton will speak on Sunday morning upon "Business principles applied to church methods."

At seven in the evening the pastor will illustrate "Christie's old organ," which is one of the most interesting stories of human life, with sixty stereoscopic views.

The bright hour service of the Epworth League will be held at six o'clock. Our responsibility for our neighbor's soul. Leader, the pastor.

Monday evening there will be a meeting of the finance commission at the parsonage at 7.30 o'clock.

The Tuesday evening service will be held at 7.30 o'clock. The bible study and teacher training class will be held at 8.30.

The men are making preparations for a first-class chicken pie supper to be given on Friday evening, February 27.

**LUNENBURG.**  
**News Items.**  
The annual meeting of the Old Home Week association is to be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 14. Officers are to be elected for the year. After the business session there will be a social time with music by Lancy's orchestra and a promenade. Coffee will be served and people are asked to bring a basket lunch. Everybody is invited and every resident of the town is a member of the association if he or she will only attend the meetings and use the privilege granted them of voting for officers at each having a part in all other business.

The mid-winter festival of the Old Home Week association will be held on February 20 in the town hall. There will be a concert and the three-act comedy drama, "Out of town," will be acted by people in the cast, and music, etc.

The poultry association of the seventh district will hold an all-day meeting in the town hall on Wednesday, February 18. The morning session will begin at 10.30. At twelve o'clock dinner will be served by the club. Ad society of the Methodist church.

The annual town meeting will be held in the town hall on Monday, March 2. Dinner will be provided by the W. C. T. U.

The registrars of voters added ten names to the voting list last week.

Twenty members of the Junior C. E. society attended the rally at the First Baptist church in Fitchburg on last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Kent met with quite a severe accident on Friday afternoon of last week. She went out to feed her hens and slipped on the ice. In trying to save herself from falling she put her right hand through a window. The broken glass cut the wrist of her several fingers. Dr. Woods was summoned by telephone, but as he was out-of-town it was evening before he arrived to dress the wound, which had bled freely and was quite painful. Upon examination it was found that the tendons were cut which had to be stitched together. She was removed to the Burbank hospital, where she will probably remain for about two weeks, if the wound heals favorably.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. S. Parker on Massachusetts avenue on Friday afternoon.

The High School Improvement league held a debate on last week Friday afternoon that created more than the usual amount of interest. Hereafter it is proposed to give more time to the league as the interest in debating seems to increase. The question for discussion last Friday was: Resolved, "That the secession of the southern states was justifiable." The affirmative was taken by Doris Nickelson and Lucy Proctor, and the negative by Orville Martin and Carl Harrington. The judges were two of the teachers, Miss Estabrook and Miss Allen, and one of the pupils, Miss Eleanor Harley. The disputants put up fine arguments on each side and made many good points. After careful consideration the judges decided in favor of the affirmative because of the ability shown in the arguments brought out, and not on the merits of the question.

In spite of the very cold, unfavorable weather of last week Friday

thirty-five ladies attended the meeting of the Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Edwin C. Smith. Mrs. Lora H. Brown presided. After the program upon art and music had been carried out Mrs. H. T. Estabrook, of Fitchburg, presented the case of Mrs. Ellis and the effort she is making to once more gain possession of her daughter Olga, whom the court awarded her, but who was kidnapped from her and is now in Japan. It was voted to ask members of the Woman's club to assist Mrs. Ellis in raising funds to procure her daughter and contributions may be handed to Mrs. F. Francis, the treasurer of the club, any time at or before the next meeting, February 20.

Thirty-five members of the Epworth league and society from the Methodist church took a sleighride to West Townsend on Monday evening, going in Warren Percy's large sleigh. Lunch was carried and was served in the schoolhouse, after which music was furnished by members of the party for promenading. A fine time and safe arrival home at two in the morning.

**Prize Speaking.**  
The prize speaking contest by members of the high school occurred on Tuesday evening. There were eight contestants and they were greeted by all house, and each number received hearty applause. Lancy's orchestra furnished music. The judges were Rev. S. D. Ringrose, Fitchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ross, Townsend, the principal of the high school. The first number on the program was by Miss Southwick, musical director in the school. Then came "The painter of Seville," by Mary Keith; "The old man goes to town," Miss Ethel Sherwood; "Spartacus to the gladiators," Estella Harrington; "How Mrs. Gray came to visit the saloon," Miss Lillian Stowell; music by the orchestra; "The new boy's death," Dorothy Cass; "The black horse and his rider," Carl Harrington; "Curfew shall not ring tonight," Pauline Cass. The judges retired and during their absence there was music by the orchestra. Upon their return the first prize, \$5.00 in gold, was awarded to Miss Pauline Cass; 2d prize, \$3.00 in gold, Miss Dorothy Cass; 3d prize, \$2.00 in gold, to Master Carl Harrington. The floor was cleared for promenading for another hour. Ice cream and cake were on sale.

**Caucus.**  
The citizens' caucus was attended by about ninety voters on Monday evening and passed off very harmoniously with the following vote:  
James Hildreth, moderator, 68; Sherman Sanderson, town clerk, 47; Edwin Smith, selectman, 23; John Woodruff, 62; Ernest K. Proctor, 63; Geo. F. Williams, 56; E. G. Carwell, 18; E. A. Cook, 4; Assessor for three years, John Woodruff, 25; Treasurer, Sherman Sanderson, 45; E. C. Smith, 19; Collector of taxes, S. Sanderson, 19; School committee for three years, J. L. Harrington, 30; Mrs. C. Cross, 23; N. G. Bigelow, 10; Road commissioner, E. E. Howe, 28; E. N. Cummings, 10; Constable, J. L. Harrington, 52; Thomas G. Copp, 18; Tree warden, James S. Gilchrist, 49; Auditors, two, J. Bigelow, 40; C. L. Allen, 35; E. N. Spencer, 13; Library trustee for three years, two, Fannie C. Graves, 35; Ebenezer Bailey, 27; Frederick C. Cross, 13; Committee on Sidney H. Francis, 37; Ernest G. Carwell, 25; James S. Gilchrist, 28. There were several scattering votes in every case, running from one to seven.

**HARVARD.**  
**News Items.**  
The pupils of the Bromfield school will give a musical comedy play at the town hall this Saturday evening at eight o'clock, a brilliant piece, acting bringing out the musical talent of the pupils. The title is "The rival choirs," following the play there will be dancing until 11.30.

On Monday evening last the Bromfield school pupils took their annual sleighride about thirty going. They went to Clinton, where they listened the moving pictures, afterwards patronizing the various stands where cats and drinks were served, arriving home at one a. m. Tuesday. They all report a most enjoyable time.

Marriage announcements are in town of the wedding of Florence Mabel Wyman and Arthur E. Calkins. The ceremony was performed at North Abington on Tuesday, February 10, and the young couple will be at home at Harvard after April 15. Mr. Calkins is the owner of the farm formerly owned by D. W. Sheehan on the Littleton road.

The Girls' Sewing and Social club met this week Wednesday with Miss Josephine Baker.

Charles E. Bigelow, Jr., has organized among his friends a social organization which gives promise of being a very successful musical and athletic body. The following are the members at present: W. Cleaves and Miss Grace Morse, violins; C. B. Bigelow, 'cello; Rev. C. S. Bodwell, flute; Miss Ethel Hubneck, piano; John Cleaves, trombone; A. T. West, clarinet.

Mrs. Mary Merriman, of Cambridge entered at her camp at Barr Hill pond for last Saturday and Sunday her friends, Miss Mary Norwell, Miss Jane Blood and Miss Gertrude Beard, all of Cambridge.

The lecture given on Friday evening last week by Miss B. Mayes, a genuine Indian maiden of the Chippewa nation, was a high-class exhibition of the songs and dances of those people given by one who is competent to interpret. Her captivating manner completely carried her audience along with her and held their closest attention throughout the evening. The next lecture is to be the last in the course to be given Friday evening, February 20, and is to be the concert of the year's course. The following is the talent who will appear: Mrs. Wilhelmina Wright Calvert, soprano; Miss Katherine Ricker, contralto; Miss Alice McDowell, pianist; Leon Van Vleet, 'cello.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society will be held at the town hall on Sunday evening, February 22, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. C. E. Howland will deliver the address of the evening. Music will be by the chorus choir, under the direction of H. A. Thayer.

Regular Sunday service at the Unitarian church tomorrow at 10.45 a. m. Preaching service by Rev. C. S. Bodwell. Music by the chorus choir. The will sing "In heavenly love abiding" by Brown; also, the solo and choral antiphon from Gault's oratorio, "The holy city." Sunday school at 12.

Thursday morning broke all previous records for cold weather, the thermometer going down to exactly 20° below zero on Harvard common at six o'clock, a maximum of 36 degrees reported from 16° to 23° below.

Mrs. Susan J. Savage has purchased for her son Edwin, our popular and efficient chauffeur, a new Lozier six-cylinder motor car, which he will use in his work. This is a high grade car,

fully equipped with every modern improvement. The purchase was made through the house of Wentworth-Poodlet Co. of Boston.

About fifteen couples from here attended the annual ball given by the Ayer Complimentary ball club at Ayer on Thursday evening, February 12.

There will be a five-cent social and burlesque luncheon given on Monday evening, February 16, at the Congregational church by the V. class.

Morning service at the Congregational church at 10.45. Sermon by Rev. R. M. Grey. Sunday school immediately following the morning worship. C. E. at seven o'clock. Subject, "Why everyone should sign a temperance pledge." Leader, Martin Gabrielson. Music by the C. E. choir. One name for active and four for associate membership will be acted upon at this meeting.

**SULLY RIVER.**  
The Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg is handicapped by a mortgage of one thousand dollars and the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, is trying to raise money to pay it off and on Tuesday evening, February 17 he will be at the Baptist church here, where he will give his lecture, "The master and the masterless." Guy Bolles, a celebrated bass soloist will be with him and entertain with singing. There will be no admission charged, but a collection will be taken to help Mr. Ringrose to lift the mortgage.

Mrs. Carl Angelo was taken seriously ill early Sunday morning and Dr. Royal was called and took her to the Clinton hospital. She returned home Thursday afternoon.

Thursday morning was the coldest up to date this winter, the temperature being about 20° below zero and a good stiff wind blowing made it very uncomfortable being out.

Miss Edna Robinson is visiting in Hudson.

Chester Willard has finished cutting the lumber from the Atherton lot on Cranberry hill and is now cutting the Henry Harrod lot adjoining the Atherton lot. The lumber is being hauled to Fullers' sawmill in South Lancaster.

John Sprague of Shirley has been the guest of his son, Frank Sprague, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Balcom attended the golden wedding of one of his brothers in Winchendon Tuesday.

Mrs. Valade of Nashua was here and got her furniture that was left in Mr. Viles' house, when she went away over a year ago, Wednesday.

There were forty-one out at church last Sunday morning.

Miss Eleanor Bateman, who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Arlington hospital recently, was doing finely at last reports.

**BOXBOROUGH.**  
**News Items.**  
Charles Waitt left for Florida last week. He intends to be away about a month.

Mrs. Durkee recently received a letter from her cousin, James Knight, who enlisted in the navy about two years ago. He is now at Fort Shafter, H. I., and is evidently pleased with his work.

Arthur Brown, who is spending the winter in the south, recently sent his housekeeper a little alligator which has become quite a pet with the children.

Thursday morning the mercury was sixteen below zero on Boxborough hill, which is the lowest there for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins, and Mary Hager attended the farmers' institute at Littleton on Wednesday.

Milton Hager, of Fitchburg, visited his father on Friday.

Miss Critchett, of Newton, was the guest of Bertha Livermore last week.

Waldo Livermore has finished his work in Newton and is now at home.

Ira Whitcomb, who has been quite sick the past two weeks, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence, of Silver Hill, were guests of Mrs. George Burroughs over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, of Somerville, were in town last week.

Mrs. Bertha Shattuck and daughter Marjory visited friends in Spencer during the week.

Ann Coffey is taking a course of sewing at a trade school in Boston.

The Neighborhood club spent a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Gooch on Wednesday.

Austin Lawrence attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Martha Lawrence, at West Acton last Wednesday. Mrs. Lawrence was ninety-two years old and had been able to live alone until this week, when she was persuaded to go to her grandson's home in the village. She lived in this town for several years and is remembered by the older people as a very smart and capable woman.

**TOWNSEND.**  
**Harbor.**  
Thursday morning the mercury ranged from sixteen to twenty degrees below zero.

Mrs. Mitchell is recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

Mrs. M. E. Covell, who has been at Pynchon since last October, on Tuesday returned to her home in Shelbourne Falls.

On account of the severe cold weather there was no school at the Harbor on Thursday.

George Jones made a business trip to Boston on Wednesday.

W. H. Watson has returned from his fishing trip to Lake Winnepesaukee, bringing with him several fine salmon trout and shadwives.

On April 1st, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Christion will take charge of the Pepperell town farm, but will move there a month earlier.

Frank Knight is so far improved as to be dressed and sit up for several hours each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tomlin have returned from Charlestown, where they have been visiting relatives. Miss Spence, sister of Mrs. Tomlin, returned with her aunt.

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