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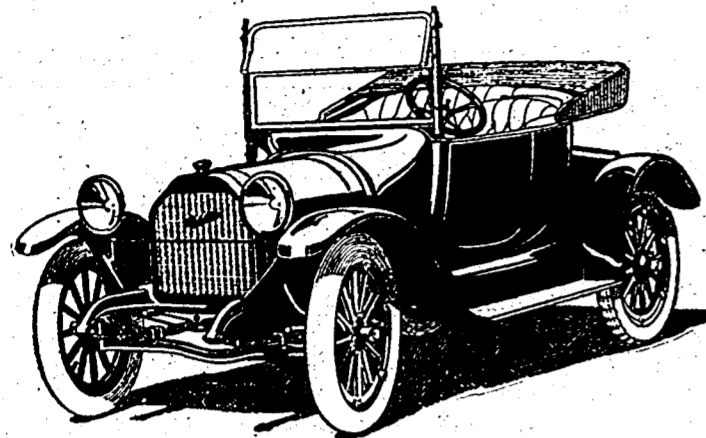
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About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Denham spent Saturday of last week in Lowell, where their son Howard is now connected with the office force at the Boot Cotton Manufactory. The mill was in operation, although Saturday afternoon is a holiday for the women. An extra crew of men were operating the looms which have been run almost night and day on a large government order for tent material.

The special meeting of the Village Aid society at the home of the president, Mrs. Qua, Wednesday afternoon, was well attended, sixteen ladies being present. The work of the afternoon was for a case just reported to the society for children's garments and bed linen. Much work was accomplished and a social time enjoyed also. Five o'clock tea was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware returned from her sad visit to Quebec on Wednesday evening.

The Equal Suffrage league met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. L. Tarrbell, Park street. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. J. E. Lewis presided. The resignation of Mrs. Appleton, one of the vice-presidents, was accepted with regrets. Mrs. James Attridge gave a most interesting report of the recent convention at Lowell, where methods of work were presented and those in attendance enthused to go home and carry inspiration to others. Mrs. Heald, Mrs. Swasey, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Tarrbell and Mrs. P. Shattuck contributed items of interest to the meeting. At the close the secretary received names and dues of members. There were twenty-six ladies present.

Mrs. Annie Wiley has been spending the week in Groton, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. W. Whiting.

The Boy Scouts enjoyed a hike to Nissitissit hill on Thursday of last week. They were accompanied by Mr. Child.

Mrs. Charles H. Fitch is confined to her bed, suffering from a nervous trouble.

Mrs. Katherine Pierce continues quite critically ill at her home on Eden street. Asthma and complications have resulted in the heart becoming affected, although she is not thought to have any serious disease of the heart. Miss Emma Spaulding of Hollis is with her and a nurse, Miss Crocker, from Groton, is now in attendance. Mrs. Pierce's nephew, Gerry B. Lawrence of Northampton visited her Monday for a few hours.

The Ladies' Sewing club, "The Jolly Eight," met with Marguerite Donnelly Monday evening, March 8. A part of the evening was devoted to sewing and was followed by a social time when refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Miss Gladys Morton at Mrs. John Bennett's. It is understood that Mrs. Maultman and children intend to occupy the small tenement in Erbert Williams' house on Park street, removing there about April 1.

Mrs. B. R. Foster of Worcester came Tuesday to spend a few days at the home of her son, H. B. Foster, Townsend street.

A conference of town officials, the clergy, and officers of the W. C. T. U. and others interested, was held at one of the rooms at the town house on Monday evening. Discussion was animated and pointed on temperance issues. Aggressive work is needed along these lines. If a minor can obtain liquor in this no-license town, the case should not be set aside for any reason, or for the lack of one.

Several auto loads of gentlemen were noted in town on Monday. Representative Saunders being a member of the party, to show them about the town. They were accompanied to the committee of the state labor organization appointed to investigate certain labor conditions and in their official capacity visited the various mills and manufacturing plants.

Archie Harriman of Danvers spent Sunday in town at the home of Mrs. E. V. Harriman.

Mrs. Alfred Blood of Milton, N. H., was in town recently, her eleven-week-old child being christened at the Methodist church on Sunday.

The operation for spinal trouble in the case of little Edna Cotton, about a year ago, was a success. She is gradually becoming weaker from the disease. The verdict of the doctors at the Massachusetts General hospital recently was that she must be kept quiet, nourished as much as possible, and be out of doors warm days.

Mrs. John W. Pierce entertained the members of the East Village club on Wednesday afternoon, an unusual large number attending. In addition to the regular members, four children were present, and a guest, Mrs. Isaac Pierce of Nashua, N. H., adding much to the pleasure of the afternoon. Current events were given by Miss Jordan, Mrs. Swasey and Mrs. Appleton at length, and shorter sketches by several of the members. Hymns were sung with Mrs. M. H. Lane at the piano. At the close of the meeting a social, merry hour was enjoyed, with refreshments. The club is invited to meet with Mrs. Albert Parker on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, the subject to be announced later.

Mrs. Charles Card has recovered from the attack of bronchitis, but is still in poor health, having been confined to her home since Thanksgiving.

Mrs. A. H. Harris with her two little daughters, spent the day, Saturday of last week with relatives at South Merrimac, N. H.

Mrs. M. M. Richards and Fred B. Ross went to Bennington, N. H., Monday for a two days' visit at the home

of Mr. Ross' sister, Mrs. Cram. The season seemed to have gone backward a few weeks, on their arrival, as snow and ice still lingered in the streets of the town, enough for fair sleighing.

Mrs. Frank Conant has been visited this week by her father, Mr. Hunt, of Hampstead, N. H.

Miss Carrie Shattuck is expected home on Friday from Merrimac, N. H., for a two-weeks' school vacation.

Glen Upson spent Sunday at his home in town, returning to Worcester for his work on Monday.

Mrs. Louise Dutton is convalescent from her inter's illness so that she is able to be out on pleasant days.

The sad intelligence of the death of Edward Tama, the father of Mrs. Rainsford Deware, was received here by the family last week. Mrs. Deware was called to Quebec on Monday and he died the following Thursday of pneumonia, services being held on Sunday. Miss Mary Tams, who is well-known in town, and other daughters were with him during his illness. Mrs. Deware has the sympathy of all in this bereavement. She is expected home this week.

Last Saturday night Officer Month, assisted by Chief Beatty of Ayer, two officers and the constables of this town, raided the Pepperell house, John Reagan, proprietor, several gallons of liquors being found and seized. The order of notice is returnable at the district court in Ayer on March 27.

Rev. J. B. Lewis, the pastor, will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday. A Lenten theme, "The cost of living the christian life," will be used in the morning, and "Counterfeit christianity," will be his evening topic. The Sunday school has begun "A trip to Palestine," an attendance contest, with a captain and other officers, each having a list of his class. Dr. C. G. Heald had an auto mishap on Brookline street, while returning home very early Wednesday morning. He was uninjured, but one of the rear wheels of his car was wrecked. The auto was towed here by Warren Blood, arriving about seven o'clock, the rear axle supported by a stout plank. It was taken to the garage for repairs.

Ingalls Kittredge was among those who attended the auto show at Boston, going Wednesday.

Dr. Hill, of Millis, was in town last week making plans concerning his summer place on the Townsend road. It is probable that he will make additions to his bungalow there, which Mrs. Hill and their children occupied much of the time last summer, and his plans extend to the cultivation of more land and setting out quite a large apple orchard. The place purchased by her cousin, Mrs. Frank Wright, near his Townsend line.

William H. Mansfield returned Saturday from the hospital in Nashua where he went for treatment several weeks ago. He is improved in health and expects to be about his store soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and two children returned to their home in Dorchester on Monday. Mrs. Bartlett and children have been visiting at her home in town for the past two weeks, and Mr. Bartlett came up Saturday to accompany them home.

Mrs. William Peach, of Marlboro, was in town Friday and Saturday of last week, making arrangements for the renting of the property of the late Augustus Lawrence, her father, at East Village, recently made vacant by the removal of Julian Shattuck to New York state. Mrs. Peach was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Rose Andrews and Miss Billa Lawrence.

John Frossard now expects to have his saw mill running again soon. It was started in January, but the power was found inadequate and a third gasoline engine has been added. It was also found necessary to make some readjustments and change some of the gears. All this has taken more time than was anticipated by the owner, who hopes to soon have it completed.

Clarence Keith is just recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. He has been confined to his room at Rainsford Deware's for whom he acts as chauffeur and general out-door man.

Mrs. Amos Mahoney returned from her visit to Middleboro last week. She was accompanied by Joseph Mahoney, who remained here for a short visit.

Mrs. Eugene Fletcher was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua on Monday. She has been in ill health much of the winter and the case was finally pronounced chronic appendicitis. Mr. Fletcher's aged mother, who has been falling in mental health during the winter, will be cared for at the town farm temporarily. It is expected an operation for Mrs. Eugene Fletcher may be found necessary.

Miss Mabel Drown, waitress at the New Prescott, has been at her home on Franklin street for a few days, having recently had an operation for enlarged tonsils and adenoids. She has been troubled for the past six months and has been under the care of Dr. Kittredge, of Nashua, a part of the time. The removal of the growths was successfully accomplished by Dr. Heald at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pillsbury visited in North Andover on Monday, where their oldest son is employed.

Mrs. Sarah Patch contracted a cold the first of this week which resulted in an attack called pleurisy by her physician.

F. E. Turner was in Northboro on Friday on business connected with a deal in real estate.

There are varied opinions concerning the location of the new horse sheds just completed for the Unitarian society, whether the property in that vicinity is improved or otherwise by this new arrangement. It is very certain that the D. A. R. chapter house

is much improved by the removal of the old sheds and it is probable that when a coat of paint softens the boarding and the shingles lose their glossy newness people will soon become accustomed to them where they are. They are certainly much more commodious than for some years past.

C. E. Marsh, of Athol, was a weekend guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank Turner, at Twin Valley farm.

Miss Nellie Brooks Hill, a former teacher in town, now teaching in the Technical High of Springfield, was in town last week, the guest of Mrs. N. W. Appleton.

Miss Marie Jordan returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Providence, R. I.

Sumner E. Shattuck, from Newton Lower Falls, was a recent guest of his niece, Mrs. Charles Baker, at the old Shattuck homestead on Heald street.

Rehearsals are in progress among Mrs. Child's Sunday school class of boys for a college play, a farce in one act, to be given in Central hall on Friday evening, March 19. The farce has eleven characters and is entitled "Aunt Abigail and the Boys." It is very clear, bright and abounding in humor, raising a laugh with the most quiet audience. Dancing will follow the program.

On last Saturday, during the afternoon and evening, the names of 69 ladies were added to the voting list; also, 18 men. In precinct A there are 296 males and 67 ladies registered, and in precinct B there are 366 males and 45 ladies. It is understood that all the women who have thus qualified themselves to do so are to vote on the question of school committee at the coming election on Monday.

Following the filing of nomination papers for George Jenks as candidate for selectman for three years, papers were filed by him within twenty-four hours declining the nomination. According to a provision of the law this action caused an extension of time of forty-eight hours. A new nominee, J. Gardner Willey, was named as candidate and the nomination papers were duly filed for this candidate for selectman on Monday afternoon.

The Boys' club, called the White Tigers, who recently organized, met with their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Albert Parker, Brookline street, on Thursday evening, March 4. Several guests were invited to spend the evening with them and Rev. J. B. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck and Miss Clara Shattuck were able to accept the invitation. Mrs. Lewis, being unable to accept the invitation, her niece, Miss Peabody, attended in her place. There was a rather small attendance of the members of the club, but they seemed to enjoy their game just as heartily and the refreshments which followed.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton has declined to serve as vice president of the Pepperell Equal Suffrage league, as her time is too fully occupied along other lines.

Easter Sale.

An Easter sale will be held at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday afternoon and evening, March 17, under the auspices of the L. A. S. Supper will be served at six o'clock to consist of cold ham and hot mashed potatoes, baked beans with relishes and assortment of cake and pastries. The chairman of the committee is Mrs. E. E. Handley, which indicates a well-served repast.

The sale, which will commence at three o'clock, will consist of fancy articles in charge of Mrs. Stratton, a nice line of aprons, in charge of Mrs. Frank Farley, and home-made candles sold by the young people.

An entertainment, to which no admission will be charged, will be arranged for the evening by Mrs. Geo. Pierce. All are cordially invited to attend this and remain for a social hour.

State Forestry Work.

A fresh impetus will be given to the work carried on under the direction of the local tree warden in this town, as a portion of the fund of \$150,000 appropriated by the legislature for distribution by the state forester has been secured for Pepperell by Representative Saunders. The sum will be about \$500 and the unemployed, who are depending on the town for help, will receive the benefit. The work of clearing the highways of brush, as one of the methods of exterminating the brown-tail and gypsy moth, will be given them, under the direction of Tree Warden Tume. He has already a crew of men at work and under this arrangement more will be added soon. It has been remarked by those frequenting the out of town residences that there are fewer evidences of the brown-tail, but an increase in the nests of the kypsy.

These were noted on the wooded drives about town, last fall, thickly covering the limbs of trees even ten and fifteen or more feet from the ground. Formerly, during their first year among us, they were usually looked for about five feet from the ground, according to the moth hunters then sent out by the state.

Marriage of Prescott Heir.

An item of interest to many Pepperell people was noted in the society gossip of the Boston Sunday Globe, dated March 7. The item concerns the marriage of Margery Ficken, daughter of H. Edward Ficken, of New York city, to William Brown Prescott, son of Mrs. W. Linzee Prescott, of Boston, which was solemnized at Grace church, New York, on Tuesday, March 9. A family party went over to New York from Boston to witness the ceremony, consisting of Mrs. Linzee Prescott and daughters, Misses Edith Frances and Augusta, the mother and sisters of the groom; Mrs. Roger Wolcott, an aunt, of Milton, her daughter, Mrs. Samuel L. Drury

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Entertaining Supper.

The supper and entertainment held by the committee of the L. S. C. at the Unitarian vestry on Thursday evening, March 4, was a very pleasant social affair and well patronized. The supper was served under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Kemp, chairman, with Mrs. E. B. Heald, Mrs. Wiley, Miss Helen Wiley and Mrs. Charles Blood as efficient assistants. A fine program was arranged for the evening's entertainment, consisting of piano solos by Miss Barbara Bancroft and selections by a male quartet, composed of Louis Shattuck, O. M. Nash, W. H. Drury and George Jacobs. An amusing little sketch entitled, "The farce," was given by Katherine Hobart and Evelyn Wilson.

The farce, "When women vote," which was given in town by the members of the Ladies' Aid society about two years ago, was given also, seemingly most appropriate just at this particular time. The characters were all well taken. Miss Florence Kemp made an ideal "apostle of suffrage," the Queen of Clubs, with Ruth Williams taking the part of her neglected daughter, Mrs. Delano; the wealthy lady, who afterward takes on a double identity as "French help," was finely impersonated by Mrs. Joseph Attridge. Miss Helen Wiley was a typical true disciple of suffrage, as the Queen of Clubs, with Ruth Williams taking the part of her neglected daughter, Mrs. Delano; the wealthy lady, who afterward takes on a double identity as "French help," was finely impersonated by Mrs. Joseph Attridge. 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WESTFORD.

Center. A little son, Richard Lawrence Hildreth, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth.

An interesting group of photographs of some of the best pictures in the Boston Art museum is on exhibition at the J. V. Fletcher library.

The next meeting of the Tadmuck club will be held at the Unitarian church on Tuesday afternoon, March 16. The meeting is in charge of Miss Alice Howard, who has arranged for a little music to illustrate her talk on "American folk lore." Several members of the club are to read myths of Indian and negro origin.

A second son was born late in February to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Morin at their home in Ontario, Cal. The baby's grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Morin, and aunt, Miss Mary Morin, of Westford, who are now in California, write pleasant letters home and expect to return later in the season.

It is good news that the J. V. Fletcher library is being wired for electric lighting, the work being done by Thack & Parker of Lowell. Twenty years ago, when the library was built, the system of lighting then installed seemed satisfactory, in fact at the time was the best method, but it has proved a good of trouble to maintain and many times inadequate, and now that electric lighting is available no doubt will prove much more attractive, especially for the librarian and in the reading-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney W. Wright and baby, of Lowell, have been spending three weeks at Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright's.

The Misses Atwood, who have been spending a very pleasant winter in Jacksonville, Fla., are expected home soon and planning to spend some time in Washington on the journey north.

At J. Herbert Fletcher's store can be found a most attractive line of Easter, St. Patrick, birthday and novelty cards. These are the well-known Davis "Quality cards" and have been personally selected by Mrs. Fletcher and inspection of them, especially the Easter cards, which go on sale Monday, March 15, will be worth while.

H. L. Nesmith, forest fire warden, has revoked all permits for burning brush and will not grant any further permits at present. Three fires that got beyond control and called out all available help on Thursday of last week helped make this decision. One was at Brookside, one on land of Miss Ella F. Hildreth and one on land of J. C. Abbot. This last especially proved pretty threatening, getting within a very short distance of the Abbot barn, and if this had got on fire with the high wind blowing at the time a serious conflagration might have been the result. The quick hard work of the firemen and getting a line of hose at work from the nearest hydrant just in time was what averted any such possibility. Once again did a public water supply justify itself.

Several interested motorists have been in attendance at the Boston auto show this week.

Frank C. Wright has recovered from his recent sickness and resumed duties on his R. F. D. route.

The whist party and entertainment on Friday evening of last week at the Unitarian church proved most enjoyable, calling out a large number of people. The entertainment consisted of solos by Mrs. Harry Saxon and recitations by Master Richard Baldwin, of Somerville. Both proved good entertainers and their selections were well received. Miss Julia Fletcher presided at the piano. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. Mrs. Eben Prescott, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Lizzie A. Hamlin and Mrs. Henry Fletcher had the affair in charge.

Some things noted in a forty-mile auto ride last Sunday through several towns were roads all settled except in a few shaded places, many automobiles, motorcycles and pedestrians out, evidently for pleasure, all of which goes to prove that for the first Sunday in March the season is remarkably early.

About Town. Fires still continue to burn, aided by the weather as an accessory. On Wednesday afternoon of last week thirty-five acres of woodland and seventy cords of wood perished by the fire on land of Almon S. Vose in Parkerville. The origin of the fire is thought to be chargeable up to stock of the Boston and Maine railroad. On last week Thursday evening a grass fire burned over about fifteen acres of land of William C. Edwards, at one time a part of the Lev. T. Fletcher farm, close to the Chelmsford town line, near Brookside.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine (McGlinchey) Jones was held at her home on Quigley avenue, North Chelmsford, last week Wednesday morning, and then at St. John's church at nine o'clock, a funeral mass being celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield. The choir rendered the Gregorian chant. Miss Gertrude Quigley presided at the organ. Friends were present from Lowell, Attleboro, Graniteville, Providence, R. I., and other towns. A delegation was present from Stony Brook Circle, F. of A., of which the deceased was a member. The bearers were William Donnelly, Charles Martin, William Flynn, Dennis Sullivan, Owen McNally and Edward Dunn. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell.

Moore's mill at Brookside is assuming a more prosperous business frontage and the amount of help employed is looking like forty and is liable to be more later on.

The next meeting of the Grange, Thursday evening, March 18, will be observed as the twentieth anniversary and is in charge of the past masters. The speaker of the evening will be E. E. Chapman, Master of the State Grange. In addition the masters of Granges of adjoining towns have been invited. Supper will be served.

Edson G. Boynton was a visitor in town last week and remarked how nicely his pea looked that were planted on the south side of a south wall twenty-five miles south of Westford.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange held one of its most successful meetings last week Friday. The forenoon saw some fire up and back-fire up on the question "Is the germ theory overruled?" The afternoon was youthful in enthusiasm in song, recitation and an exceptional address by Elvin J. Prescott, of Hampton, N. H., on "How to grow paupers for pleasure and profit." The speaker had the talent to make an apparently uninteresting subject hold his audience with close attention. He will be remembered by many as a former minister of the Methodist church in Littleton.

Mr. Kenney has retired in town as the manager of the local farm. The W. C. T. U. meeting held on March 12, at the home of Mrs. Henry Colburn was well attended. The usual business was transacted and an account given of the money which was to be sent to help in the Frances Willard Home Settlement in Boston. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Grace Day, when a quilt will be made to be sent to Hlewsac lodge in Bedford.

Forge Village. On last Sunday the services at St. Andrew's mission were conducted by Rev. A. W. Eaton, a retired clergyman of the Episcopal church, who resides in Boston. Holy communion will be administered on Sunday, March 14, at the usual hour.

Fred Morse, of Rochester, N. H., was the guest of J. W. Pyne, Pine Ridge, recently.

Mrs. Mary Murray and two daughters, the Misses Annie and Emma, of Ayer, were among the out-of-town people present at the comedy-drama, "Liberty Corners," given in Abbot hall last week by the Y. P. S. C. E., of the Murray family, former members of that church for many years.

A number of the members of the choir of St. Andrew's mission attended the services at St. Andrew's church in Ayer on Friday. Rev. John Suter, of St. Anne's church, Lowell, preached.

Miss Rose Peabody, of Groton, gave a most interesting lecture on the manners and customs of the people of Japan in Recreation hall last Thursday evening. A large audience was present and all were well pleased with the hour spent following Miss Peabody or her recent trip to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins entertained twenty of their friends at whist on last Saturday evening. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

Henry Cathepole, who has been confined to his home for some time with pneumonia, is able to go out-of-doors.

Several from here enjoyed the free organ recital in Lowell last Saturday at the Universalist church.

Cameron school closes Friday afternoon for the annual spring vacation.

Miss Letitia is still confined to her home by illness. Miss Ward, who is favorite among the children, is very much missed. Mrs. Lewis Bradley, of Tyngboro, is teaching as substitute during Miss Ward's absence.

Wall is again under quarantine, baby Cecilia being ill with scarlet fever. The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held their regular meeting in their rooms on last Tuesday night with a good attendance. Considerable business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership received.

Charles McLennan, of Norton, has been a recent visitor here.

Many people from this village attended the automobile show in Boston this week.

Several of the local firemen here visited the John Edward's hose company in Forge Village on Monday evening, where several interesting card games were played. The "rubber" game going to the members of the Forge Village department. The upstream boys are expected down here some night in the near future.

HARVARD.

News Items. The next meeting of the Harvard Equal Suffrage league will be held in the Hapgood Memorial rooms on Thursday afternoon, March 18, at three o'clock. All those who are interested in this subject, whether a member of the league or not are welcome.

Makamacheckmuck Camp-fire Girls meet with the guardian every week. Last week Friday afternoon they took the privilege of listening to a talk on the subject of first aid by Miss Harriet Holmes, a graduate nurse trained in English and American hospitals. Similar talks will be given by Miss Holmes each Friday afternoon for several weeks. The members of the camp-fire are also taking lessons in sewing with Mrs. J. H. Harlow every Saturday afternoon. They are planning for a novel entertainment to be given some time during the March vacation for the purpose of raising money for their treasury. Full information concerning this entertainment will be ready next week.

The Grange will hold its next regular session on Tuesday evening, March 16, at the home of Mrs. Henry Colburn at the last meeting, this meeting will be given over to inspection by a deputy inspector of the State Grange, who will at this time make his regular annual visit here. Music will be in charge of Mrs. Harlow and will consist of a piano solo by Helen Stone, singing by the Ladies Grange quartet and a solo by Mr. West. A lunch of cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served. Programs for the year will also be ready for distribution.

See that your dog is licensed. The law requires that all dogs over three months old shall be licensed and wear a collar marked with number of license and name of owner. If your dog has symptoms suggesting rabies consult a veterinarian who is obliged by law to report the matter to the department of animal industry and this depot will then advise the proper procedure.

February percentage of attendance at the grammar school is Miss Oakes 97.92, Miss Amson 94.18, Miss Reid 93.51, Mrs. Goodwin 93.5 percent.

The next meeting of the Harvard Woman's club, March 15, will be observed as arts and crafts afternoon. There will be a table on handloom weaving in charge of Mrs. West. A group of Boxborough, who will show specimens of her work. Miss Laura Brown, president of the West Acton Woman's club, will give a talk on baskets and basket making and specimens of her work will also be shown. There is to be a directors' meeting on Monday afternoon, March 22, at 2:30 at the Hapgood Memorial room—one of importance, and the directors are asked to be promptly on hand.

Church Notes. The usual morning service for public worship with preaching will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "The right of way." The chorus choir will sing, "Rejoice the Lord is King" by Arthur Bourgeois.

The Bible school meets every Sunday promptly at twelve o'clock. Attendance here who have recently returned are Dorothy and Kenneth West, Doris and Marquise Houghton, Eva Eagles, Harold and Wilfred Ellis, Marshall and Wayne Cleaves, the last named not having missed a session for two years.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meets every Sunday at seven o'clock. Tomorrow the subject is to be "Tests of my Christianity" and has been chosen with special reference to the interests of honorary members. Miss Hattie N. Farwell has charge of this service. There will be special music.

The annual parish meeting was held in the church vestry on Monday evening. The meeting was called to order promptly at seven o'clock and organization was effected by the choice of N. A. Dill, moderator, and Miss L. W. Dyer, clerk. It was voted to adjourn until after supper, which was served by the W. B. S. at 7:30 o'clock. When business was again taken up reports from prudential committee, treasurer, and collector showed that the year had been a prosperous one financially with a good balance on the right side of the ledger. The election of officers and committees resulted in few changes. F. O. Ryan was chosen a member of the prudential committee in place of N. A. Dill, who evinced a wish not to have his name used again. Morrill Sprague, Lloyd Eagles and Harold Ellis were appointed ushers. The music was left in the hands of the W. B. S. After the business meeting a half hour was devoted to social intercourse and entertainment in the form of general singing of old songs, a reading by Miss Amason and vocal solos by A. T. West and H. A. Thayer. The supper served under the direction of Miss E. E. Hersey, Mrs. A. T. West and Miss Helen Hildreth was especially deserving of mention. There were about eighty present.

At the morning service at 10:45 in the Unitarian church the pastor will preach and the music will be rendered by the mixed choir. They will sing "Great is the Lord" by Burdett, and "In heavenly love abiding" by Brown. All not affiliated elsewhere are invited to make this their church home.

The session of the Sunday school will be held at twelve, furnishing a pleasant and helpful hour for children and adults. A list of great hymns written by Unitarians will be made at this session. Classes will be photographed on the first bright day when every member is present.

The Unitarian Men's club held its regular monthly meeting last Sunday evening in the lower town hall. After a very fine supper the men listened to a very interesting and plain talk by Prof. Ansel Richards of Bradford school on "Responsibilities in education." Mr. Richards outlined the responsibilities of the teachers and also emphasized very strongly the responsibilities resting on the parents and general public. Mr. Richards felt that there should be a system of co-operation between the three in order to obtain the best results from the schools. There were thirty-three men out and they seemed to enjoy the evening very much. The membership and interest grows with every meeting. Ansel Richards, McAdin Murchie and Walter Dickson were appointed by the chair as the next supper committee.

Entered Suit. Saunders & Howard have been retained by the town of Harvard as counsel in a rather unusual action that has been brought by the town of Harvard against George B. Spring, of Wellesley. From the plaintiff's declaration it seems that Mr. Spring entered upon land of the town about July 8, the place being a waste land, that adjoining the town farm, cutting a large number of chestnut trees. No permit nor any contract had been given, the town alleges, and such entry was trespass and he did damage to the town's property. The action is one of tort. Mr. Spring, through his counsel, Ayer, George A. Sargent, has brought a counterclaim against the town, alleging that he had a valid contract by the terms of which he was to become the owner of the trees upon the lot and that because of the refusal of the town authorities to permit him to sell the trees he was put to considerable loss.

Last July it appears that one of the overseers of the poor heard the noise of lumbering operations in the woodlot belonging to the town, and upon investigation he discovered that about 200 trees had been cut. The work was stopped and the wood has since been disposed of by the town, most of it being suitable for railroad ties and telegraph poles.

Mr. Spring is a well-known lumber dealer in Wellesley and claims to have had a verbal contract with Fred Whitney, who was at that time warden of the town farm. The papers in the cases have been entered in the superior court of Franklin county in Dedham.

LITTLETON.

News Items. "Willowdale," a stirring drama in three acts, will be given on Friday evening, March 19, by the Ayer Grange, under the auspices of Littleton Grange. The play is surely worth while and is bound to please all who see it. There is plenty of comedy throughout the plot and there is a high-class performance in that line.

The Grange meeting next Wednesday evening will begin at 7:45 so that the business can be dispatched and supper served earlier than usual.

Mrs. Friend, from Brookline, has been the guest of Mrs. P. L. Brown this week.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled.

At Plymouth church in Framingham a bronze memorial tablet to Miss Corinna Skatuck was unveiled on February 11. Miss Skatuck was missionary to Turkey from 1872 to 1910, and was a member of the Plymouth church from her student days in the Framingham Normal school to the close of her life. James L. Barton, secretary of the American Board, in a beautiful and memorable sermon, recalled the life and labors of this remarkable woman, resulting in her having been one of the first of the Orffa ladies to organize relief for the sufferers of that terrible time, her indefatigable industry and self-devotion and the indomitable will that enabled her to bear a quarter of a century to do a unique work despite the frailty of her body, and the commendation of her colleagues that she "was not here for this world."

Miss Skatuck was a cousin of the Littleton Grange, who contributed generously to her support during her services in missionary field, and many Littleton people knew her personally or through letters written in Turkey, some of which were acknowledgments of money from the United Workers.

L. W. C. The Monday afternoon meeting of the Woman's club was well attended, but should have drawn every club woman and all others who are interested in the education of children and their preparation for citizenship.

The directors offered suggestions for changes in the club constitution that will be discussed and probably voted upon at the next meeting. The president read notices of important meetings in the immediate future to which the club is urgently invited.

first of three dollars, and the second two dollars, for the best papers on "The town beautiful," written by pupils in the Littleton schools, and Mrs. E. M. Harwell, Miss Alice Howard and Miss E. P. Toomey serve as judges. All Littleton pupils are free to enter the contest.

Mrs. Hardy further advocated that the first week in May be observed as general cleaning week as last year, and that children and adults co-operate in picking up and cleaning up and making possible improvement on the appearance of lawns, streets, sidewalks, parks, etc. She introduced the speaker of the afternoon, James P. Monroe, who very ably discussed "Our greatest national resources—our boys and girls," in one of the most vigorous and stimulating addresses delivered before the club.

Mr. Monroe in his preliminary remarks, paid a very high tribute to his friend, Mrs. Ellen Richards, who he had just learned once lived and taught school in Littleton. His lecture, he said, would center about the masses, the common children who would make up the greater part of our future citizens. Ordinarily the boy at fourteen, who is thrown upon his own resources for a living, takes the best paying job, regardless of the future, when he should be directed to enter upon foundational work for a career. Much waste of human energy is the result, attributable to many causes, likely he may enter the labor union which makes one great mistake in bolstering up the untrained and inefficient.

To say that our boys are not receiving as good and practical an education as their parents and grandparents received is an error. The present times demand much more than our case fifty years ago and curriculum must be adjusted to meet increasing demands. Mr. Monroe viewed the different school ideas of the past, the caste idea, the culture theory, the information theory, the disciplinary method of training, etc., and said that the coming schools will be based on self-development. Power must be placed under vocational training. Not only the captains of industry, but the petty officers and privates as well must come out of our schools equipped for greatest efficiency. The speaker emphasized the need of vocational training. A great responsibility rests with parents and teachers for the all-round development of the child. Lead him to take responsibilities in genuine family life. Health and morals should be secured through well ordered play, hard, regular work with a definite object, plenty of fresh air and bodily freedom. The child needs to be taught honesty, self-control and self-respect. Give him wise talks at the right time. Lead him to a sense of responsibility, and to these other requisites: culture and religion.

Present demands are pointing to the need of industrial high schools with equipped shops and a curriculum that fits the pupil, the apprentice school, the evening school, the part-time school which gives practical training part time and academic work part time.

We, as a great agricultural and manufacturing people, have large opportunities in this sort of training and we must make due preparations. Hitherto there has been much waste following the vast expense in educating the youth to the age of fourteen years, by allowing them to drift into relief work. Much of this waste is preventable. Let us by proper guidance and training in laying the foundations for a career produce for our country those artists, philosophers, artists and citizens of other attainments that are lasting fruits of a great nation and an ideal democracy.

A rising vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Monroe for his excellent address. Miss Tenney completed the program by giving a piano selection, Schubert's beautiful "Impromptu from Rosamond."

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—One Automatic Perry Pumping Engine, complete, with motor, automatic valve, etc. Used only a few months when town water was put in. Gives better than eight gallons of water per minute. Will sell for \$225. Apply to JAMES M. SARGENT, Graniteville, Mass. Telephone Westford 22-7.

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TOWNSEND.

Center. D. W. Farrar, landlord of the Park hotel, visited his mother, Mrs. Warren Farrar, this week at the eye and ear infirmary in Boston, where she has recently had an operation for a cataract. He reports her doing as well as could be expected.

Ellis Sanders, who owns two two-story houses on the Turnpike road, has recently purchased the land opposite, including the blacksmith shop occupied by J. E. Temple, the old wheelwright site and the small dwelling house.

The many friends of Walter F. Rockwood will be pleased to learn that he is gaining since his operation last week Wednesday at the Memorial hospital, Worcester.

John N. Goring has had two ill turns within a few days. At last reports his heart was in a very weakened condition.

Mrs. H. H. Higgins, of Jericho, Vt., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Higgins this week.

On Wednesday of this week Charles W. Smith attended the automobile show in Boston.

John A. Arlin is having his house wired for electric lights. The work is in charge of George Jones, of Cape Corner.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Country club was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Doris Hayward, Bayberry hill. After the business meeting the members responded with select poems from their favorite authors. During the afternoon the club members presented Mrs. Hayward with a beautiful and attractive center table. Mrs. Hayward gracefully thanked her club friends for the happy surprise they had given her. A dainty luncheon was prettily served by the hostess, Mrs. Frank Douteille was guest of the afternoon.

It is gratifying to the many friends of Vernal Barber to learn that he has improved a little since receiving treatment at the Carney hospital.

Mrs. Mary Taylor spent a few days in Pepperell this week at the home of her brother, Benjamin Parker, Oak Hill. While there she attended one of the pleasing entertainments given at Oak Hill hall.

On Friday evening, March 5, Miss Cora Farrar entertained her schoolmates and friends at her parents' home on Elm street, the occasion being her twelfth birthday anniversary. A very enjoyable time was spent by the young people in the playing of games and in a social way. Cake and ice cream were served during the evening. Miss Cora received many birthday gifts from her young friends.

At the meeting of the Townsend Memorial association held last Saturday afternoon Comrade Leander C. Jettis was appointed treasurer and T. James Harvey, S. of V. secretary, pro tem, filling the vacancies caused by the death of the late Dr. G. G. Chandler, who was secretary and treasurer of the association. Comrades O'Brien, Hildreth and Jettis were the committee appointed to provide the speaker for Memorial Sunday and the music and band for Memorial day exercises.

Mrs. Dora Chandler's sister, Mrs. A. N. Lang, has returned to her home in Somerville. Another sister, Mrs. Cotton, of Wolfboro, N. H., will remain for the present with Mrs. Chandler.

Miss Gladys Farrar, of the Walbrook Training hospital, enjoyed the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Farrar.

Fred L. Jettis, of Worcester, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leander C. Jettis.

Alberta D. Barber and Violet McKenzie, teachers, are spending their vacation at their respective homes.

The school board have organized for the ensuing year with Albert S. Howard, chairman and Herman L. Knight, secretary. The following special committees have been chosen: F. B. Higgins, C. T. Hayes, B. A. Copeland, high school; C. T. Hayes, Dr. H. B. Boynton, center grammar; A. S. Howard, G. J. Piper, H. B. Boynton, C. T. Hayes, A. S. Howard, B. A. Copeland, West grammar; Alexander Reed, Dr. H. B. Boynton, West intermediate; C. T. Hayes, Dr. H. B. Boynton, West primary; Mrs. A. C. Josselyn, Robert A. Copeland, Harbor; J. E. Piper, Dr. H. B. Boynton, Mrs. A. C. Josselyn, middle; Robert A. Copeland, George H. Harford, Jr., Frank B. Higgins, Harford, Dr. H. B. Boynton, S. Howard, J. E. Piper, Alexander Reed, B. A. Copeland, transportation; F. E. Piper, F. B. Higgins, Alexander Reed, Dr. H. B. Boynton, repairs; A. S. Howard, F. E. Piper, Alexander Reed, fuel; Dr. Henry B. Boynton, school; Albert S. Howard, F. B. Higgins, Dr. H. B. Boynton, district joint committee.

Birthday Club. The birthday club met last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Emma Lancy. After the business meeting the members responded at roll call with St. Patrick and Irish wit quotations. Musical selections were pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf, Mrs. Lida Hayward and Mrs. Doris Hayward, with Miss Isabelle Hayward at the piano. During the social hour cake and sherry were served by the hostesses. Hostesses of the afternoon were Mrs. Emma Lancy, Mrs. Elva King, Mrs. Agnes Woods and Mrs. Lillian Seaver. Miss Alice Seaver, of West Townsend, joined the club at this meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lydia Jettis. Hostesses, Mrs. Jettis, Mrs. Lizzie Richardson, Mrs. Bertha Drake and Mrs. Ella Berne-man. Roll call—quotations from Longfellow.

Adjourned Town Meeting. The adjourned town meeting was held on Monday evening at Memorial hall and was promptly called to order at eight o'clock by T. E. Flarity, moderator.

Under appropriations, \$565 was voted for Memorial hall, \$90 of which was used for the purchase of a new range for the kitchen connected with the banquet hall. On motion of A. S. Howard the sum of \$67.50 was appropriated to defray one-half the expenses of the student from this town attend-

ing the Industrial Training School at Worcester. Voted an appropriation of \$200 for permanent sidewalks to be built at West Townsend under the supervision of the selectmen.

In response to a vote the moderator appointed the chairman of the incoming board of selectmen and Aaron J. Hinds a committee to confer with the state highway commission with reference to securing aid under the small towns act in connection with the building of the permanent road on Townsend hill.

Adney W. Gray and Lendall C. Clement resigned from the committee on the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors and vice.

The matter of uncollected taxes account was adjusted satisfactorily. It was voted to accept the town reports as printed. The meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Grange. At the regular meeting of the Townsend Grange held on Monday evening the ladies' degree staff, with Ella F. Wilson acting as master, conferred the third degree on four candidates in a most exemplary manner. The floor work was splendid and the degree was given in a most impressive manner, reflecting great credit upon the respective members of the staff. The fourth degree was conferred by the regular officers, doing credit to themselves and honor to the order.

The deputy inspector, Moses T. Gaskill, of Mendon, was present to witness the initiation. He congratulated the lodge on the very able manner with which both degrees had been conferred.

Later in the evening an excellent oyster supper was served in the banquet hall with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver in charge.

Church Notes. Rev. Ellis H. Wreth, of Clinton, will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning and evening. His sermon topic for the morning service will be "Godliness and some of its blessings"; evening topic, "What do present conditions in the world signify?"

The Dorcas class of the Methodist church will give a supper and entertain the ladies of the very able manner on Wednesday evening, March 17. In the evening the cantata, "The home-made choir," will be presented. Proceeds are for the piano fund.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Reaping what we have sown." Y. P. S. C. E. evening topic, "Tests of my Christianity." Leader, Dea. George L. Whitcomb. Union service, March 28-April 4, are being arranged. In preparation for them the pastor asks that all make much of the prayer services this month.

West. The Y. P. S. C. E. will give a public supper and St. Patrick's entertainment at the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening, March 17. The kitchen band are practicing for a grand performance with sixteen members, and all the known hand and musical instruments will be represented. Mrs. Alden Sherwin will be director and Miss Alice Seaver pianist. Other features of the program will be the reading of "The Binkerville Bugle" by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, and each member will also tell how they earned their first dollar. The program will be followed by a social and a good time is anticipated.

Miss Helen Gummer, who has been enjoying a vacation from the Normal school for the past week, has returned from a visit with relatives in Somerville and taken up her school duties this week.

Fred A. Patch is visiting at the home of his son, Edward Patch, in Boston.

The Ladies' Study club held their regular fortnightly meeting at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Loos on Monday evening with an attendance of eight members. The first part of the evening was taken up with current events given by different members. The last part of the program was in charge of Mrs. Alexander Reed, who read a very instructive and interesting paper on "County government." The next meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Fred G. Smith, on "The government of state and territory" and will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Emma J. Loos.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Backwith, of Josselynville, are receiving from the chicken-pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lavallee, from Springfield, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins, of Josselynville.

Rev. Joseph McKean attended the meeting of the Baptist Association of Ministers in Fitchburg last Monday.

Mrs. George Tenney is on the sick list this week, confined to her home with a severe cold.

Miss Agnes Thompson is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell and little son, from Lyndonville, Vt., are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Frank Farnsworth has been confined to her home on Main street for a few days, suffering from a severe cold.

In the recent contest given out by I. P. Sherwin & Co., in their weekly bulletin, in which each lady finding one of eight pieces of cardboard which were placed about the main street from the railroad station to the Baptist church should receive a present of a package of raisins or its equivalent in value, and any lady finding two pieces a dozen oranges, and any one getting the whole eight should get a reward of two dollars, Mrs. Charles Stickney and Mrs. Louis Welch each found two pieces, and Mrs. A. D. Winslip, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. George Upton and Miss Bertha found the cards and received the rewards. Other gifts were offered for finding three or more pieces, but no one got over two. The search commenced early and continued

several days before the cards were all found.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met on last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Patch. A full attendance was enjoyed, all ten of the members being present, and a literary program was given by the different members. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all.

Rev. Joseph McKean will preach on Sunday morning on "The debt and how it was paid," and in the evening his topic will be "Will the same process work today?"

Charles Donley, clerk for Ivers P. Sherwin, is on the sick list at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster are entertaining friends from Malden this week.

Frank Hamilton, of Webster, was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens' hill, over Sunday.

LITTLETON.

News Items. "What our high school seniors may see in Washington," with views of some of the most notable architecture of our national capital, will be the topic for the evening meeting at the Unitarian vestry on Sunday evening at 6:30. The address will be given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield. High school pupils are especially invited to this finely illustrated lecture.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield will preach on Sunday morning the concluding sermon to the series on "The aims and end of the ten at war—"Can lasting peace be found?"

The Henry A. Robbins family of Newton spent the week-end with Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb at the Center.

Mrs. Arthur Peck, of Brookline, has visited her parents, the W. H. Tenneys, this week.

The LaDuke house on New Estate road has been sold to a Groton party who will make it a summer home. The LaDuke family expect to move to Wamesit.

The musical pupils of Mrs. Lena Graydon enjoyed a party given by her at her home in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon.

An illustrated lecture will be given for the Camp-fire Girls in the town hall on Tuesday, March 16, at eight o'clock by William H. Bain, of Boston, on "Islands of the Pacific." Pictures to illustrate the lecture were all taken by himself in his trip around the world.

Church Notes. Under the auspices of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches an institute will be held in Littleton on Monday April 26, for our own and the surrounding towns in the interest of co-operation and fellowship among the churches. The first of these institutes was held this week in Springfield and it is planned to have one such gathering in each section of the state. Because of the friendly relations already existing between our own local churches and other circumstances, Littleton is thought to be a suitable center for this locality. Preceding the institute the state secretary, Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, will address a union service here on Sunday evening, April 25.

Sunday will be observed among Baptist churches throughout the country as denominational day; hence the subject at the Baptist church on Sunday morning will be "The Baptist conception of a christian church—its character and union; a local democratic body, in a brotherhood of churches."

A committee consisting of Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, Miss Margaret Thacher and Mrs. Elizabeth Houghton will have charge of the Easter Sunday school concert of the Congregational society and the choir, assisted by local talent and directed by Supp. F. H. Hill, will give either a cantata or some other elaborate musical program in Easter evening. Miss Sanderson will preside at the organ and Mrs. John H. Kimball has very kindly consented to play the organ for the rehearsal at Miss Sanderson's absence.

"Slide hammer" will be the subject of Rev. J. C. Alford's morning sermon on Sunday.

Lecture. A program differing much from everything that has previously been given before the forum met the hearty approval and enthusiastic applause of the good audience on Tuesday evening. The committee had the Italian residents in mind when Piero Verdi and Miss Ethel Burton were engaged to entertain the Littleton forum, and there were some present, but not as many as could be desired. Mr. Verdi, the one-man band, is certainly a remarkable artist. He gave a splendid variety of music, imitating various instruments to perfection. He is a master pianist and accordion player, and gives a wonderfully fine entertainment. Miss Hinton, delightful in her personality, is also a charming entertainer. An impersonator she is most clever and finished, rendering the different dialects with much ease and meeting the demands of her most interesting audience.

LITERALLY TRUE

Irate editor (to reporter)—"What do you mean by writing 'Among the prettiest girls at the dance was Capt. Fitzball?' The captain is a man, I presume."

Reporter—Yes, but he was among the prettiest girls there the whole time!

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The Stronger Hand. If you are right handed, then the right hand is stronger than the left. If you are left handed the left hand will be stronger. If you are truly ambidextrous the strength of both hands will be equal. The advantage of one hand over the other is due to the greater exercise it may receive. All the muscles of our arms and legs are developed by exercise, and their respective strength will be in accordance with their use. That the right hand is stronger than the left can be proved by discontinuing the use of the right arm for serving the use of the left arm for serving weeks by trying it to the side of your body. When you release the arm you will find that much of its strength is gone and that now the left hand is stronger. This applies to a right handed person, and the test would work the other way with a left handed person. This goes to show that the strength of hands and arms is unconsciously affected by the amount of rational exercise.—Exchange.

Incongruous. Mamie—That Mrs. Filipp is a great matchmaker, isn't she? Tessie—I used to think so until she bought her red haired husband a purple necktie.—Judge.

Airy About It. Jack—It's a fine air castle you've built. How do you propose to get into it—by airship? Tom—No; by helms.—Boston Transcript.

New Advertisements. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank, at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 1, 1915.

Resources Loans and discounts \$416,596.51 Overdrafts, unsecured \$27,812.00 U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation 20,000.00 Other bonds, securities, etc. 10,000.00 U. S. bonds to secure postal savings (par value) 10,000.00 Other bonds, securities, etc. owned unpledged (other than stocks), including subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank \$1,150.00 Less amount unpaid 1,200.00 Due from Federal Reserve Bank 10,000.00 Due from approved power agents in central reserve cities 11,670.47 Due from approved reserve agents in other cities 27,550.75 Fractional currency, nickels 77.02 Notes of other national banks 1,149.00 Loan money reserve in bank: Special 20,150.79 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 percent on circulation) 1,000.00 Total \$651,543.42

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State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss: I, Charles A. Norman, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. A. NORMAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1915. Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 1, 1915.

Resources Loans and discounts \$228,550.52 Overdrafts, unsecured \$2,000.00 U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation 100,000.00 U. S. bonds to secure postal savings (par value) 100,000.00 Other bonds, securities, etc. owned unpledged (other than stocks), including subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank \$7,200.00 Less amount unpaid 1,000.00 Due from Federal Reserve Bank 100,000.00 Due from approved power agents in central reserve cities 11,670.47 Due from approved reserve agents in other cities 27,550.75 Fractional currency, nickels 77.02 Notes of other national banks 1,149.00 Loan money reserve in bank: Special 20,150.79 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 percent on circulation) 1,000.00 Total \$477,355.46

Liabilities Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00 Surplus fund 20,000.00 Undivided profits \$15,066.53 U. S. deposits 2,000.00 Deposits, interest, etc. and taxes 784.51 14,282.07 Dividends unpaid 100,000.00 Individual deposits subject to check 48.00 Notes and bills discounted 228,550.52 Total \$477,355.46

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss: I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1915. T. James Harvey, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Clarence Stickney, W. Eastman, Chas. H. Stickney, Directors.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Clerk of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. W. H. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, March 13, 1915.

GROTON.

News Items.

Thirty-five graduates of Groton School, who are now students at Harvard college, dined informally Wednesday evening at the Hotel Westminster, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fernald, who were burnt out five weeks ago, are occupying one of the summer camps on their premises.

Albert C. Woods of Hudson, who is well known here in his native town, a son of Mrs. Augustus Woods, is soon to start for California, attending the exposition.

Chief of Police Dowling went to Pepperell last Saturday evening to assist Chief Monteth in making a raid.

The Current Events department of the Woman's club meets Tuesday, March 15, at 2:30 p. m.

A lecture and demonstration will be given in the lower town hall on Friday, March 19, at 2:45 p. m.

H. L. B. Darling of Brookline, who comes under the auspices of the household economics section of the Woman's club, will have for her subject, "Ten new salads."

Rev. George M. Howe attended on Tuesday a meeting of the committee on Masonic relief of which he is chairman.

A. H. Mason has been ill this week and laid by from work.

This week Friday, March 12, was reciprocity day for neighboring clubs with the Woman's club.

The committee on statistics appointed by the board of trade met in the selectmen's room Monday evening.

F. F. Waters was elected chairman and G. W. Shattuck, secretary.

The alarm blown about 12:30 Wednesday noon was for a brush fire near Peter Fallon's.

The Misses Hutchins, of Pleasant street, are both very much under the weather from the effects of a gripe cold or influenza which is going around amongst people.

Dr. Albert Shattuck and family and James P. Shattuck were over Sunday visitors at the home of their brother, Grant W. Shattuck.

The Brown Leaf club was entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods.

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Miss Lena Tuttle, teacher of the grammar school in Brookline, N. H., is having a few weeks' vacation.

Frank Lawrence Blood, Clarence Ebert, G. A. Durant, Dr. W. A. Goble, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, Harry L. Bruce and others from Groton attended the automobile show in Boston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wharton (Ruth Gerrish), whose marriage took place in the Unitarian church in Groton on Tuesday, February 16, are to make their home here.

The Odd Fellows' Hall association will hold another of their popular dances on Wednesday evening, March 17.

The regular March meeting of the Groton Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, March 15, at eight o'clock.

At the Unitarian parish meeting on Monday evening Clarence Ebert and James T. Bennett were chosen to fill vacancies on the parish committee made by the resignation of Michael Sheedy and Mrs. E. M. Needham.

Frank Patterson has been spending the week in Boston visiting his two sons and taking in the automobile show.

Mrs. James Hawkes goes this Friday to Atlantic City, N. J., to stay a couple of weeks.

Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst entertained the Book and Talmbe club on Thursday afternoon.

The Boston Herald of Thursday morning, March 11, gave the following announcement: "Mrs. Albert Edwin Pond, formerly of Boston, announces the engagement of her daughter Ellen to John Lowell Stebbins, Harvard 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Francis Stebbins of Boston."

The Groton Historical society will meet in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening, March 16, at eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Raddin, going last Saturday, stayed over Sunday at Rev. Perry, returning home on Monday night.

The Neighborhood club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. James A. Bailey on Wednesday afternoon.

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The Alliance met with Mrs. W. A. Goble on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Helen Dodge, of Groton Inn, left on Thursday noon, going for a few weeks' visit to relatives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood entertained Peter MacQueen at their home the night of the lecture and invited in some of their neighbors to meet him after his lecture had been given.

That world-wide traveler and famous lecturer, Peter MacQueen, whose coming to Groton always arouses enthusiasm in anticipation of an awaiting treat, was given a hearty welcome by the audience that packed the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 10.

Mr. MacQueen needed no introduction as this was the tenth time he had lectured in the Luther Blood free course.

His first lecture here was given in December, 1900, on the subject of "The African."

He spoke of the many battles of the years since that time can be compared with the present European war which was his latest subject.

Having come directly and recently from the countries and scenes of the conflict, where he took notes and pictures, he was prepared with 200 slides to greatly interest his hearers.

He showed pictures of all the ruins of the belligerent countries, many wonderfully beautiful buildings, ruins and the conditions of the people and soldiers, but left out the most gruesome and horrible. These he thought best not to show.

Mr. MacQueen, in speaking of the terrible slaughter of men told how that at the battle of the Marne, one of the earliest of the war, battles, the number killed exceeded all slain at Marathon, Waterloo and Gettysburg combined.

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The lecturer did not come out in condemnation of any one country, had much to say of Belgium and its kind and gentle people called Germany the most progressive of the world.

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Having come directly and recently from the countries and scenes of the conflict, where he took notes and pictures, he was prepared with 200 slides to greatly interest his hearers.

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Mrs. Hanks will always be remembered by her unselfish disposition. Even amid great personal suffering she has risen from her bed to minister to others, and these, no day of her own kin. The day of her death had been spent in doing the work and taking care of her sister, Mrs. Ada McDonough, who was ill.

Returning home early in the evening she still further exerted herself by going out for some articles of food which she desired for supper, and after returning and removing her wraps immediately expired.

She has frequently remarked during the past year that she should be glad to go. The passing through the mystery of the "shadow" of a seeming "death" possessed no dread to her. Visions of the brightness of the life to come filled her mind so completely that there was no room for doubt as to the ultimate result of the inevitable change. "I shall be with my father."

This one desire, which to her was a surety, enabled her to rise supreme over the darkness way through which she must pass before she could meet him in the life to which she was hastening. Her realization of the continuity of her life, and the knowledge that it served in a measure to lessen the grief of the friends who remain.

Burial services were held at her late home in Groton, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. The service also included the singing of that ever uplifting hymn, "Aid, with me," by a quartet consisting of Rev. G. M. Howe, William P. Gleason, Mrs. Minnie Gleason and Mrs. Grace Gleason. The flowers were abundant and beautiful.

The body was taken to Cochituate where services were held in the church. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery of that town and now rests beside her father as she requested.

Lawrence Academy Notes. The senior class has elected Frank E. Tanner of Methuen president.

The annual open meeting of the Gamma Beta society will be held on Friday evening, March 19. Subject for debate is "Resolved that emigration to the United States should be further restricted."

The disputants are John E. Murray of Everett, Russell Davey of Holyoke, Frank D. Tanner of Methuen, Lawrence Gay of Groton. There will be instrumental and vocal music, violin solos by Mr. Hobbs, accompanied by Miss Beatty and The Lawrenceian will be in charge of Wm. Waldron of Boston. The public cordially invited to this meeting.

West Groton. Mrs. Blood, mother of Mrs. Wilder Blood, who entered Groton hospital last week, is resting quite comfortably after having undergone an operation. She will be obliged to undergo still further surgical treatment before leaving the hospital.

Margaret Long is out of school this week with quinsy sore throat. Gladys Veno is also reported ill.

Henry O'Connell, who has been employed in the vicinity of Boston, has returned to his home on Mill street. He was unable to continue work and is now in care of Dr. Kilbourn.

Webster Harrington has been quite ill with bronchitis, but was able to return to his work on Wednesday.

Mrs. Furbish of Lynn, mother of Miss Florence Furbish, teacher of the primary department, is visiting her daughter for several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Mrs. Patrick Haley is entertaining a cousin, Miss Haley, of Loomister.

Miss Helen Humiston of East Jaffrey, N. H., was a guest this week at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

Men from West Groton, who have entered the automobile show in Boston, are so far as known, G. H. Bixby, G. S. Webber, C. L. Roy and Harry Kemp.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. Florence Briggs, Mrs. W. M. Kimball and Mrs. C. L. Roy spent Tuesday in Boston, all with the exception of Mrs. Kimball remaining for the theatre train.

Bertha Harrington and Barbara Lamb attended a children's party in Groton on Wednesday afternoon as guests of their music teacher.

The Five Hundred club passed a pleasant afternoon on Wednesday with Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, sixteen players present. Highest scores were won by Mrs. W. P. Lane and Mrs. A. W. Lamb.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. W. Lamb.

The Improvement society will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The nominating committee will present nominations for officers for the ensuing year to be voted upon at the April meeting.

The long-talked-of old-fashioned dance is to become a reality on Wednesday evening, March 17, under the auspices of the executive committee of the Improvement society.

Woolaver, W. F. Bixby, Mrs. M. F. McGowan. Music will be furnished by Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell ice cream and cake will be on sale. A pleasant evening is anticipated and all who would enjoy an old-fashioned dance are invited to attend.

An entertainment, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, will be given in Squannacook hall on Friday evening, March 19. Miss Marian Evelyn Starks of Charlestown, a well-known and highly successful reader, will furnish the entire entertainment with the exception of musical interludes. This is Miss Starks' second appearance here and we feel sure that all who heard her on the occasion of her first visit will be glad of this second opportunity.

John Carey moved recently from one of the Blood houses on lower Main street to the tenement vacated by Mr. Boyce.

By request, we include in our items the following interesting message which talks for itself: "The Boy Scouts of West Groton have reason to

be grateful for the hearty support of their friends. The feeling that we have the good will and sympathy of parents and friends is a great help. The boys are trying to make the most of themselves; they are trying to become good timber for men. We need good men, and the surest way to get them is to train the boys. We wish to thank everyone for their support, whether it be for money or for time and effort, or a word of encouragement. A. G. Kilbourn, scoutmaster."

Changed Hands. As announced some weeks ago our postoffice has changed hands after thirty-six consecutive years under one management. The public, however, has suffered no inconvenience nor experienced any change in service. The location remains the same, as does the personnel of the office. The responsibility, however, has been transferred and Mr. Bixby and Mr. Webber have simply exchanged titles.

On July 16, 1878, under the Hayes administration, Geo. H. Bixby was appointed postmaster and has served continuously since, notwithstanding the democratic administrations of 1885-1889 and 1892-1897. Mr. Bixby appointed his brother, Charles Bixby, assistant postmaster and he served in that capacity until obliged by failing health to resign but a short time before his death, which occurred in 1913. Mr. Webber was then appointed to fill the vacancy.

When nearly thirty-seven years ago Mr. Bixby received his appointment, the present incumbent had not entered upon his career and it is an interesting coincidence that, while Mr. Bixby held the office for thirty-six years, Mr. Webber served in that position for thirty-six birthdays. Mr. Bixby is now assistant postmaster, glad after, so many years of service, to yield the responsibility.

Other postmasters have served long terms, a few of them continuously, but we think Mr. Bixby's record would stand high in the list. He long and faithful service, small hours, duty well performed and freedom from a burdensome care-taker, may Mr. Bixby live long in his enjoyment.

Boy Scout Entertainment. If, on Friday evening of last week, one had doubts of the popularity of the Boy Scout movement, and was desirous to place inside the room of Squannacook hall to have his doubts dispelled. The seating capacity of the tables is ninety-six and forty-five were seated at the second table exclusive of scouts, camp-fire girls and committees, about 170 in all, and with but very few exceptions all of West Groton. It surely speaks well for the generosity of our people that there were pies in variety, sufficient for all and several left for sale. Though many more were present than had been expected, the committee were equal to the emergency and all were graciously welcomed and heartily valued. The girls and boys made valuable assistants, were quick and alert, and earned for themselves much commendation.

The entertainment which followed was a full house and if laughing is an aid to digestion there must have been many well digested suppers, since the young minstrels kept the house in a gale of mirth during their entire performance. The jokes were local hits, all exceptionally good and given with great relish by the minstrels and "Marse Joannas," "Dixie," "Old Black Joe" and several other songs were given with great gusto.

Following the minstrel's entertainment was entirely musical. Victor Duquette, his lead largely showing above the piano, over the keys, knew how to draw music from his keys and gave us a solo, wonderful for so small a lad. The camp-fire girls in costume, were a pretty sight and their songs sweet and harmonious. A musical treat greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience was the playing of Mrs. Sabine and her sister, Miss Sabine, on the piano by the young ladies were given repeated requests, to which they were graciously responded, as always enjoyed. A buzz of surprise was heard when Dr. Kilbourn appeared in the role of vocal soloist, singing to music, a song, most of West Groton, and the doctor's vocal light had been hidden under a bushel. The surprise, however, but added to the enjoyment given by his songs.

The supper and entertainment were given on a single ticket and yet the boys netted a gift of the dollars from a Groton lady increased the amount. We congratulate the committee and Miss Sabine. Her will be given to brain control the jokes that gave us so much enjoyment.

Harbor. Stillness, Anderson, an employee at Hickory farm, is spending the week with his family in Dorchester.

Miss Mary Conkank, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Harriet Brown, returned on Tuesday from visiting relatives in Medford.

A shipment of six hundred little chicks was received at Hickory farm last Tuesday. Two new mammoth Prairie hawks furnish warmth and shelter for his big flock of small fowls. In the incubator at this farm are 1166 eggs due to hatch in about two weeks.

On last Tuesday afternoon the As You Like It club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Ida Brown.

On last Saturday evening the Social club held its regular meeting at Wilbrook. In addition to the usual meetings there will be special meetings on March 20 under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. On Friday, April 2, an April fool party will be given. On Saturday evening, May 1, there will be a May party under the direction of Mrs. Ralph C. Blake. For May 15 the club has received a partial promise for an entertainment by the Ladies' Mandolin Quintet club, of

Worcester. For Friday evening, June 4, a lawn party is scheduled.

Death. On last week Friday Mrs. Adney Gray received the sad news that on that morning her mother, Mrs. Ann Williams, had passed away. About seven weeks ago Mrs. Williams contracted bronchitis that later developed into pneumonia. This, together with a heart trouble, caused her death. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon at her son's home, John A. Williams, in Amesbury, where Mrs. Williams died. Seven of her nine sons and daughters were present at the last services. Mrs. Williams was born in St. Peter's, P. E. I., nearly eighty-one years ago. For almost sixty years the island was her home. Here she married and became the mother of nine children, and here she became a widow. Seventy years ago she came to this country, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Adney Gray, until the removal of the family to the Pepperell farm. For forty years previous to her last illness, Mrs. Williams had not required medical attendance.

LITTLETON. Miss Elizabeth Houghton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Holt, and her children in Belmont, leaving Miss Lawrence, nurse, in care of Mr. Houghton and household duties.

At the close of the lyceum entertainment on Tuesday evening a reception was held in honor of the entertainment artists, Miss Hinton and Mrs. Verdi, all those in the audience who speak Italian being invited to meet them. The response was hearty, but not so large as to make greater elbow space necessary or desirable.

A chimney fire broke out in George Dorkee's house in Newtown on Tuesday, which for a short time seemed doomed, but a prompt response for a call to help brought good neighbors to the scene, and the rapid and efficient work of many busy hands shortly gained control of the threatening flames. Much of the furniture was removed from the house when the situation seemed beyond control of the force at hand. More or less damage was caused by smoke and water, but the family feared that they were very fortunate not to lose their home. The fire department was not called into service as the response from neighbors was so prompt and efficient.

Mrs. White's dancing class for children will not soon forget this day as a party is to be held in their honor at the town hall this afternoon.

Fitchburg Normal students have returned to their school work after a brief vacation.

Little Helen Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson, was invited as hostess on Monday afternoon when she entertained a number of little people with their parents at her first birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Alward have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their baby son who was born Sunday and died on Tuesday.

In spite of all the funny Ford stories, J. H. Hartwell, local agent, received two carloads of automobiles of that make last week and has sold three: one to W. E. Wright of Westford, one to F. S. Kimball of Littleton and one very unusual car to W. H. Davis for the conveyance of school children. There are other probable customers who are still on the fence instead of under it, as they may be later.

Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton and Miss Marion W. Flagg attended the D. A. R. meeting in Concord tomorrow, and the former will play a piano solo.

The high school seniors will sell ice cream and cake at the dancing school this Saturday evening to contribute a license to carry on the sleighing business and will devote two days of the week to that branch of their business.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wetherbee on the arrival of a little daughter last Saturday morning at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Waterville, were visitors with friends in town last Wednesday.

Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, was at Walnut farm a part of last week. Mr. Pritchard and daughter, of Watertown, were week-end guests of the Livermores.

Charles and Leon Wetherbee and B. C. Steele attended the auto show in Boston on Thursday.

M. I. Wetherbee returned from his southern trip on last Monday.

An interesting item to many here is the marriage of Mrs. Louise Wood to a young man of Westford, Mr. Woodward formerly lived in West Groton, but was a member of our Grange and at one time its efficient lecturer. She is now living on a farm in Nova Scotia.

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AYER.

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The Ayer Military Rifle club had an interesting meeting on Wednesday evening. So far some of the members have procured rifles and before long all will be supplied. The club consists of thirty-six members. This organization, as well as many others of a similar nature throughout the country, is formed to encourage the practice of using firearms with a view toward making the members proficient in case they may be called upon for the national defense. The United States government is in entire sympathy with the movement and as a proof of its interest are furnishing prizes and ammunition to members.

The officers of the club are Harry E. Fisher, president; Clinton Putnam, treasurer, and Harry S. Draper, secretary.

John J. Harvey, of the Townsend camp, S. of V., inspected Capt. George V. Barrett camp on Thursday evening in company with Commander Fessenden. The meeting was an interesting and lively one, followed by the drum corps rehearsal.

A large number of the members of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Lowell in a special electric car on Wednesday evening to witness the conferring of degrees upon several candidates by Centralville lodge of that city.

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Henry Crane, of Boston, will read in dramatic style the play, "On the Vanguard," in the M. E. church on Friday evening, March 19. This is the school league peace prize. Frank, the author, considers Mr. Crane the best reader of his play. The story is a wonderful argument for peace. This entertainment is free. A collection will be taken. Admission is by ticket which may be obtained at Mr. Turner's and Mr. Webb's stores after nine o'clock on Saturday morning, March 19. Children under twelve, unattended, will not be admitted.

The annual Sunday school convention of the Ayer district will be held in the M. E. church on April 8.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, March 16, at 7:30. Work—Mark Master degree.

Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, suffragan bishop of Massachusetts, will visit St. Andrew's church for confirmation on Friday, March 19.

Lester C. Bruce, of Worcester, a former Ayer boy, was in town last week.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant, in Cambridge.

Mrs. A. N. Nixon has been confined to her home by reason of being scalded while about her household duties.

Francis Lovejoy attended a meeting of the National Aids to the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., David J. Palmer, at department headquarters in the State House, Boston, last week.

Miss Amy Covell has returned to her home in Old Town, Me., after a week spent with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Thomas C. and J. D. Martin were called to Clinton last week on account of the death of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, of Shirley, have been chosen by the owners of the poor as warden and matron of the town farm. They will begin their duties Thursday, April 1.

The selectmen appointed William E. Wheeler as inspector of animals at a meeting on Wednesday evening.

"Saved from a life of crime," in two parts, will be the leading feature at the moving picture shows this Saturday. "The lion hunter" and "In quest of a story" are two other good ones.

The comedy part of the show will consist of a two-reel Keystone picture and "Sweetie" at the fall.

Afternoon at three, evening at eight.

On Sunday morning at the Baptist church the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, will speak on "Denominational day," Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service and short address by the pastor at seven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth and Miss Marion spent the week-end with friends in North Andover.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet in the Unitarian church parlor on Wednesday evening, March 17, at 7:30 o'clock, with Miss Cochrane and Miss Robinson as hostesses. Members are reminded that a special collection for flowers for Easter is to be taken by the chairman of the flower committee, Miss Wright; that membership fees are due; that the chairman of the work committee, Mrs. Cushing, would like to see upon patterns and that the work of the evening is to be the making of May baskets for a sale in April. Please bring to the meeting scissors, paper, crepe paper, etc., and candy boxes.

Philip Andrew, son of George J. Andrew, the taker, is ill with scarlet fever. He was taken with the disease on Thursday. His sister, Althea, was very recently ill with the fever and her life was despaired of, but finally recovered from it.

Sunday services at the Congregational church will be as follows: Morning worship at 10:45; Sunday school at twelve; C. E. meeting at 1:45; evening worship at 8:30. In the morning Mr. Strong will speak on the subject, "Mistaken ideas about conversion." In the evening the subject will be "The duty of citizenship." The C. E. topic will be "To be my Christianity." Visitors are welcome.

The Unitarian Social Gathering had a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. Marie M. Clark on Tuesday afternoon. An appropriation was made to the church. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Edward Everett Hale club met Tuesday evening with Fish Butterfield. Those officers for the coming term were elected: Norman Fletcher, president; Fish Butterfield, vice-president; Mrs. Norris, secretary; Kendall Pierce, treasurer.

The Civic class met Thursday afternoon in the high school building. Mr. Peck was the speaker and the topic was "Relation of law to democracy."

Miss Flora L. Cole, teacher of piano-forte in Ayer, and also a pupil teacher at the Progressive School of Music, Worcester, presented some of her pupils in a recital held at the school on last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

A concert and ball will be given by Division 7, A. O. H., in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 17. Music will be furnished by Allen's orchestra.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon at one o'clock, at which time a dinner will be served in the banquet hall. Work—Master Mason degree.

Miss Marion Evelyn Starks will give the play, "Merely Mary Ann," and miscellaneous readings in Page hall on Thursday evening, March 18, under the auspices of the Congregational Sunday school. Dr. Myers, of Tremont Temple, Boston, says: "Miss Starks is an artist in her profession. She is a reader of marked ability."

Mrs. H. M. Beverly spoke on "Birds" at the teachers' meeting in the high school building on Monday. The address was very interesting.

This week Friday was visiting day for the teachers of grades one to four, inclusive. They went to Worcester,

where they attended a special demonstration of the methods in the above grades, which took place in the Normal school in that city.

The following rhetoricals were given at the high school this week Friday:

The Tramp Musician Norman D. Fletcher
Miss Pettengrew's Reception Hazel E. Moss
John Bunyan Joseph Miller
Cuba Libre Albert Chauvin
Lost Alice L. Lyons
Victor of Marengo Fish H. Butterfield
Josephine Chesbro Ralph H. Brown
Piano solo Matthew Anno
Willie's Signal for Jesus Helen McGuane
The Hero of the Hill Thomas H. Walsh
Our Duties to Our Country Anthony J. Anno
The Visitor Joseph Hollis
Waiting by the Gate Gladys Briggs
It's Up to You My Son Harold W. Cushing
At the Box Office Window Lillian M. Baker

A. W. C.

The Woman's club has been very fortunate in securing two very able speakers on the subject of woman suffrage for their meeting on Wednesday, March 17. Mrs. Grace A. Johnson, wife of Prof. Lewis J. Johnson, of Harvard college; also, one of the trustees of the Fiske Warren single tax colony, of Harvard, is to speak on "Suffrage for Massachusetts women." She is considered a very fine speaker. Mrs. Winona O. Pinkham is



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the state organizer of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage association, and is a fine speaker. This meeting, in Harvard's hall, is open to the public and everybody is cordially invited to avail themselves of this privilege to hear Mrs. Pinkham speak on "Woman suffrage in practice." Vocal solos are to be given by Miss Elizabeth F. Longstreet, of Brighton. Her singing is being very well received. She is a pupil of Stephen Townsend, the well-known singer and teacher, of Boston. Meeting at 8:30, open to the public.

Hot Stove Club.

The committee which was chosen at the last meeting of the Hot Stove club to investigate the origin and effect of the foot and mouth disease has as yet failed to report.

The subject of the present Mexican trouble was briefly discussed Tuesday. Some went so far as to say that the United States ought to take its sister republic on the south and civilize it. The advocates of armed intervention of this country, it was observed, were past the age for military duty and of course could not go to war if such an occasion should arise. This is usually the case when the subject of war is discussed.

The members of the club subject to military duty were opposed to "going down to clean out the creoles." They preferred to act as "home guards."

There was quite a flutter of excitement at a recent meeting when one of the members stated that the war was all over. Before anyone had a chance to ask any question about the matter the member said it was true that the war was all over Europe.

There was some talk of the club joining the State Federation of Hot Stove clubs, but no action has as yet been taken.

For the benefit of the members it may be said that they may bring their knitting to the meetings if they desire.

a statutory offence. There being no objection by the government the case was dismissed for lack of prosecution.

The civil case of James J. Morris, of Ayer, vs. Louis Brooks, of Shirley, was heard at the civil session last Saturday. The action was one of tort in which the plaintiff Morris sought to recover damages from the defendant Brooks for the loss sustained by the former through an accident last summer, which was alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the defendant. The ad damnum was \$200.

The stories told by the various witnesses on both sides as to how the accident happened was practically the same. The particulars as gathered from the testimony of the plaintiff was that on the day of the accident he was engaged in moving his household goods in a one-horse wagon from what is known as the Barratta house on West Main street to the tenement house owned by Samuel Slosky nearby. At the time of the accident he had on the wagon a cooking stove and a heating stove, which he was taking to the Slosky tenement. In order to get into the yard he was obliged to swing the wagon into the middle of the road and while doing so the wagon was run into by the automobile driven by the defendant Brooks. The wagon was struck with such force as to raise one side off the ground and tipping the cooking stove, damaging it to such an extent that it was nearly useless.

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In summing up the evidence after arguments by counsel Judge Atwood said there was no doubt in his mind but that the plaintiff had clearly proven negligence on the part of the defendant, the only question being the amount of damages which the plaintiff should receive.

The court explained the law in regard to the rights of the road which concern the movements of vehicles. When two vehicles are approaching each other the drivers must turn to the right in passing, when going in the same direction and the driver of the rear vehicle wishes to pass he must do so on the left hand side. In either case the persons must use proper care in passing lest one or the other be liable for any damage that may follow.

While the failure of the defendant to pass on the left side of the road was but one element of negligence it could be used as a basis from which to draw conclusions, bearing on the lack of due care by the defendant.

The court also added that assuming that the defendant did blow his horn when his automobile was approaching the team driven by the plaintiff, this action was not sufficient. In addition to blowing his horn the defendant must use such other methods as may be necessary to pass the plaintiff's team in a safe manner. The court fixed the amount of damage as twenty-five dollars.

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A small but very delightful party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hunt on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pugaley, occupants of the upper apartment in the same house, on the occasion of their departure for Concord, N. H., their former home. Whist, graphophone music and refreshments contributed the entertainment of the evening.

Misses Helen Bradley and M. H. Kimball attended the third and last of Arthur Whiting's musical programs of the season at Harvard college on Wednesday evening. Mr. Whiting placed selections from Brahms, Schumann, Chopin and other old Scottish melodies arranged by himself. The last and several of Brahms' songs were sung by the University quartet of New York.

Last Saturday afternoon a "Shamrock" party was given as a birthday surprise to Hayward S. Houghton by his parents. The guests were his Littleton and Andover cousins, constituting in all company of ten little people, who made the most of their opportunity to enjoy life to the full. Games and refreshments were the order of the afternoon, and the artistic dining-room decorations in green were by no means an unappreciated feature. Hayward's ninth birthday was certainly a great event in childhood memories.

Successful Sale.

The candy sale at the West school on Tuesday afternoon was attended by marked success from every point of view. A splendid variety of homemade confectionery was donated by the villagers and the teachers were kept very busy throughout the afternoon. For the children it was a real gala day and every little face was radiant with happiness. The new Victrola was in service, continually and the little people entered with perfect joy into the folk dances taught by their teachers. The occasion gave an opportunity to parents and friends of the pupils for a very pleasant social hour. The net proceeds realized from the sale amounted to \$12.75, a sum that will admit of several new records. The teachers expressed much appreciation of the people who contributed so generously by their donations of candy and the splendid patronage that netted the good receipts. A highly prized record of an Italian opera was recently presented to the school by Mrs. John Hardy, Jr.

Entertainment.

The Misses Edith and Myrtle Fletcher and their associate committee members furnished a most appetizing supper and splendid musical and literary entertainment in the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening. The tables were very attractive in appearance and were abundantly supplied with a variety of well served food. The program which followed consisted of a violin solo by Miss Maude Sears, accompanied at the piano by Miss Bertha Love, vocal duet by Misses Beatrice Woodbury and Elsie Whitney, Mrs. C. K. Houghton, pianist, accompanying; reading, "George Washington," Miss Esther Lovejoy; vocal solo, Miss Woodbury, accompanied by Miss Whitney; piano solo, Miss Caroline Conant. The program, although short, was exceedingly good in every particular. Miss Caroline, the youngest of those who took part, showed won-

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Patrick Donlon,
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George H. Brown,
Committee.

District Court.

James Pranco, of Westford, was found guilty of assault and battery last Saturday morning and was taxed the amount of the prosecution amounting to twelve dollars.

Oscar Larson, of Shirley, appeared on Wednesday morning to answer to

SHIRLEY.

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Presentation of Gold Watch.

E. Thornton Clark, who concluded his duties as farm superintendent at the Industrial school last Saturday, was presented with a solid gold Hamilton watch, fob chain and I. O. O. F. charm at a farewell party held Wednesday evening in the school chapel. The presentation was made by Supt. George P. Campbell in behalf of the instructors and officials of the school, and Mr. Clark, although deeply touched, found words to express his thanks to his former associates for the unexpected gift.

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About seven barrels of clothing were shipped to the Salvation Army in Boston by John G. Conant the latter part of last week. The clothing was contributed by the townspeople in response to an appeal from Mrs. Shepard of the army in Boston.

Floyd A. DeMarche, of Pittsfield, has accepted the position of head farmer at the State Industrial School for Boys, succeeding F. Thornton Clark. Mr. DeMarche has been manager for a number of large farm owners in New England and elsewhere.

Miss Emma Knowles is spending this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. J. Johnson, Dorchester. The board of health have re-appointed Arthur H. Jubb as inspector of slaughtering.

Mrs. Clark, of Lawrence, paid a visit to her son, Charles Clark, of Chapel street. The remains of Adolphus Wheeler were brought to this town on Tuesday from Palmer for burial. High masses of requiem were celebrated at St. Anthony's church at eight o'clock in the morning. Interment was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The deceased was the son of Jerome and Angelina Wheeler, and was born in Shirley thirty-six years ago. The near survivors are three brothers and four sisters.

The proceeds from "Willowdale," the play given this week Friday evening in the Odd Fellows hall by Ayer Grange, under the auspices of the entertainment and hospitality committee of the Altrurian club, will be used for the benefit of children's day, which is an annual affair with the club.

Joseph Hume, a former well-known resident of this town, was operated upon at his home in Leominster on Thursday for hernia.

Miss Catherine A. Hooper gave a party at her home on Monday evening in honor of her son Leonard, who had that day attained his twenty-first birthday. The invited guests present consisted of Rev. G. Edwin Woodman and the members of the church choir, of which Mr. Hooper is a member. The table was adorned with a pretty birthday cake. Refreshments, with music and games, were enjoyed immensely. The guests of the evening presented Mr. Hooper with a pair of gold cuff links. Mr. Hooper is a model young man and commands the esteem and respect of the townspeople.

The Michael Bolger family will leave the Samson cordage works' boarding house the latter part of next week and will move into the house vacated by Thomas D. Morin, selectman, which they own. The Bolger family succeeded Mr. and Mrs. Gleason as managers of the above boarding house. Mr. Morin and wife have gone to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deschamps, parents of Mrs. Morin. Supt. Charles H. Wear, Jr., has been looking over the boarding house which will be vacated and thinks in all probability that his company will make six three-room apartments out of the same. Mr. Wear says that this can be done to good advantage. Furthermore, the conditions have changed to such an extent of late years that it would be equally as profitable to the company.

Plans are under way for a gigantic Odd Fellows rally at the Odd Fellows hall, Johnsons building, Fitchburg, on Friday evening, April 9. Six lodges, including Froebian lodge of Shirley, have agreed to participate and in all probably there will be two more lodges added to the list. The grand lodge officers will be present and other well-known speakers are now being arranged for. Another meeting of the committee in charge will be held in Ayer the latter part of this month.

The W. S. S. club will hold a private dancing party on Friday evening, March 17, in Odd Fellows hall. The affair is a promise of being a most enjoyable and event. Music by Miss Marie Grosse, of Worcester.

The eight district deputies of the A. O. U. W. in Central Massachusetts were entertained the first of the week at the Raymond hotel in Fitchburg by Frank W. Waite, the grand master. At the suggestion of the grand master a flying squadron was organized, the idea being to create enthusiasm and stimulate interest throughout the entire district. The flying squadron paid its first visit on Tuesday evening to Holliston lodge of Fitchburg, and before May 1 will visit in a body every lodge in Central Massachusetts. They will visit J. C. Ayer lodge, Shirley, at its next meeting, Monday evening, March 22. At the regular meeting held on Monday evening the chair of officers were chosen by J. C. Ayer lodge as a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of the deputies on Monday evening, March 22.

Board of Trade. A very enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of the town was held in Engine hall on Wednesday evening to make plans for the organizing of a Board of Trade in Shirley. About fifty citizens were present. Gilbert M. Ballou called the meeting to order and the secretary, Charles H. Wear, Jr., read the records relative to the meeting held at Mr. Ballou's house on last week Wednesday. It was voted that the temporary officers hold office until a code of by-laws has been prepared and adopted. The following were appointed a committee on by-laws: D. Chester Parsons, Charles H. Wear, Jr., J. Edwin Pomfret, Ezekiel J. Wilson and Arthur E. Fechel. It was voted that a committee of four be appointed to work in conjunction with Mr. Ballou to in-

duce the firm of Kenney Bros. & Wolk, makers of school furniture, to locate in Shirley. The following committee were chosen from the floor: D. Chester Parsons, Elmer H. Allen, John G. Conant and Charles R. White. The meeting then adjourned to meet again next week Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Clipping. The following clipping was taken from last Sunday's Boston Globe relative to the appointments of postmasters in Massachusetts:

While five nominations for postmasters in Massachusetts failed of confirmation, it is understood that they will be made recess appointments and therefore the aspirants will not be disappointed. The offices and the nominees are: Moody (late East Northfield), F. B. Esterbrook; Indian Orchard, Michael H. Lyons; North Easton, Charles P. McMullen; Provincetown, John Adams; Westminster, Sydney Harrocks.

Of these, interest centered chiefly on the Provincetown office, for which Adams was understood to be unacceptable to Senator Lodge. Inspectors were sent to Provincetown to investigate the situation and their report was presented to the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, of which Senator Bankhead of Alabama is chairman, but it never has been made public.

As exactly fifty such nominations were left unconfirmed, it will be seen that Massachusetts furnished ten percent of the total.

Whether recess appointments also will be made at Shirley and Concord, in Representative Rogers' district, is an open question, the postoffice department saying that no fixed policy would be followed in filling vacancies occurring during the vacation of Congress. In some cases, it was said, recess appointments would be made; in others, the retiring postmasters would be permitted to serve until Congress should reconvene.

Fred A. Taylor has the office at Concord and Kate E. Hazen in Shirley. As a republican Mr. Rogers will not have any voice in filling the prospective vacancies.

A Remarkable Banquet. Fully 150 men and boys, "graduates" of the Shirley Industrial School for Boys, making up the alumni of that state institution, gathered at the Boston City club on last Saturday night, forming one of the most remarkable banquets in years. Those young men gathered as would any college alumni did listened to speeches from the judges who had sentenced them, instead of from college professors. There were boys of all nationalities. Some had been sentenced to Shirley for robbery, stubbornness, truancy and for other misdemeanors. They came together as boys who have outlived their past and made good.

Cheers for the judges greeted the judicial guests as they entered the banquet room, and many a boy greeted a judge who had sent him "south," thanking him for giving him a chance to see the error of his ways. Songs were sung and among them there was the "Alma mater" song of Shirley as follows:

Come sing together with the songs, Shirley days and Shirley days, That long time past and gone, The happy days of Shirley days, Of work and play and lessons learned, Wayward bridges forever burned, Like darkening clouds forever burned, Shirley days and Shirley days.

Carl Dreyfus, chairman of the school trustees, presided and introduced as the first speaker, Frank Baker, aged eighteen, president of the Shirley Alumni association. Mr. Baker urged the boys to stick together and asked that a club be formed. Mr. Dreyfus promised to attend to this matter for the boys. George P. Campbell, superintendent of the school, received a splendid ovation from the boys and made a kindly speech. Other speakers were Judge H. H. Baker, Herbert A. Parsons, Walter A. Wheeler and John J. Smith.

Church Notes. The officers of the First Unitarian church of Shirley attended a luncheon in Assembly hall, Leominster, on Wednesday, March 10, when the Unitarian association gave an address on what is being done with contributions.

The ladies of the Congregational church are looking forward with pleasure to their meeting on Wednesday, March 17, when the Ladies' Circle will meet in the church vestry to the several comforts, thus making the session a progressive and happy one. At six o'clock the workers and their friends will partake of a basket lunch, coffee being served by the ladies.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. Supper was served at 5:30 under the direction of the following committee: Oliver W. Ballou, Joseph H. McChesnan, Lester James and Russell Miner. The ladies who assisted in the preparation of the supper were Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. James, Mrs. Miner and Mrs. R. Pomfret. Following the supper a novel and most interesting address was delivered by Rev. Fred W. Tingley, of Acton; subject, "Life on the Maine coast," which covered the work being done by the schools, churches and various religious and philanthropic organizations and life-savers. A goodly number were present at the meeting to enjoy the address.

Center. The Camp-fire Girls held a ceremonial meeting on last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Mary Hobbs on Center road.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon, March 13, with Miss Ethel M. Holden.

Miss Vera Bradford returned on Monday to Emerson College of Oratory after a week's vacation spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, spent Sunday at their summer home on Center road.

Mary Grout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout, is confined to her home with the mumps.

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Miss Mildred Evans returned to the Fitchburg Normal school on Monday after a vacation of one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans, of Francetown, N. H., were guests over Sunday at the home of Mrs. David B. Marsh on Center road.

Miss Mildred Moore, of West Acton, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford over the week-end.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, who is having a three-weeks' vacation from her duties as school teacher in Royalston, is spending a few days with friends in Nashua.

Miss Elsie Kirby, who has been suffering from an attack of heart disease, is still quite ill.

Shirley Grange has begun rehearsals for a two-act play to be given in May for the benefit of the educational aid fund.

John Grout returned on Monday to the Fitchburg high school after a vacation of one week.

At the next meeting of Shirley Grange, Tuesday evening, March 16, the third and fourth degrees will be worked on a large class of candidates and inspectors will be made. A harvest supper will be served under the management of the Harris and Hewes families.

Miss Hazel Cummings, who has been very ill with inflammatory rheumatism, is gaining rapidly.

The Arcolo Italiano of Harvard university met on Tuesday evening with Robert H. J. Holden in his room in Thayer hall, Cambridge. Dr. A. D. Dentamaro, of Boston, was the speaker for the meeting.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of ABY FRANCIS HOBGHTON late of Littleton in said County, deceased, inestate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SARAH C. ELIZABETH HOBGHTON of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond, why the same should not be granted.

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POULTRY and EGGS FEEDING FOR EGGS. Method Employed at the Missouri Experiment Station.

The method of feeding the hens in the national egg laying contest at the Missouri state poultry experiment station is as follows: Equal parts of corn and wheat in spring and fall. Two parts corn and one part wheat in winter months and one part corn chop and two parts wheat in the hot summer weather. Ground oats were fed in a hopper to take the



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plum of the dry mash usually used. The oats were prepared by running them through an ordinary feed mill, hulls and all. With each hundred pounds of oats we mixed ten pounds of dry beef scraps, one pound of ground charcoal and one pound of salt, free from lumps. When sour milk, buttermilk or separated milk is available we use that and prefer it to beef scraps. If the ground oats are not available we use equal parts of wheat bran, shorts or middlings and cornmeal with beef scraps, charcoal, oyster shell and salt as stated. The ground feed is kept before the hens at all times. The grain is fed in a six inch litter in the following quantities:

Each morning one pint to ten hens and at night one and a half pints to ten hens. Provide some green food and keep the yards sweet by cultivation. We have grit, oyster shell and fresh water always before the hens. Each afternoon we give the hens a moistened mash, all they will eat in thirty minutes. Use the cornmeal bran and middlings for this purpose and moisten with milk or water. This is an important part of the ration for laying hens. Don't neglect the moistened mash.

This is a very simple method of feeding laying hens, and there is not much danger of overfeeding them if they have been properly bred. For brooding stock we would recommend a ration composed principally of corn, wheat and oats and no mash or beef scraps. Provide plenty of green food and complete the brooder's take plenty of exercise. This will enable you to get eggs which are fertile and which will hatch strong, vigorous chicks which will live. Remember that the brooding stock should not be so freely and compelled to take more exercise. Feed more whole grain to the brooders and avoid much mash or beef scraps.

Keep the Hoppers Filled. In winter time, when the fowls are all penned up they have no chance to pick up grit, stones or any other material that may be necessary for their well being; hence it becomes the duty of the poultryman to provide all these necessities for them. The hoppers should be filled with grit, charcoal, oyster shells and bran and, of course, plenty of clean water. These things should be kept before the hens at all times. They can get them as they wish, and they know more about how much of each ingredient they need than you do. If you will give the hen a chance she will balance her own ration and get what she needs, but if she is deprived of these things she soon becomes sick and of no account.

Keep Hens at Work. It takes a healthy, well fed flock to produce eggs. Fowls must not be allowed to become too fat, as but few eggs will be laid by hens in such condition. To prevent their getting overfat it is best to make them work for most of their feed by scratching in the litter, of which there should be about four inches on the floor. This litter can be of straw, leaves or chaff and should always be kept dry.

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About Town.

At the next regular Grange meeting, Tuesday evening, March 16, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on the new candidates and the harvest feast will be served. The program for the evening will consist of songs by the Grange choir and members, essay, "How to manage an orchard," by Mrs. Charlotte French; Grange Journal, Mrs. Estelle R. Hardy; readings, Mrs. Flora Hardy; vocal solo, Hazel Marshall. Notice was given at the last meeting that Wesley Adams, master of the State Grange, would address the meeting on June 1, instead of May 18, as given in the printed program, and that May 18 would be observed as children's night.

Miss Ruth Arlin, of Townsend, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William T. MacMaster.

Charles Colburn and bride (Nellie Eastman of Hollis) have returned to New York after spending their honeymoon in the Bermudas. It is rumored that they plan on coming to Hollis in the near future and make it their permanent home.

Among the veterans who attended town meeting on Tuesday were Capt. John A. Colburn, Gilman P. Huff, Henry G. Cameron, Samuel F. Hayden, John L. Woods, Charles A. Hale, Alonzo Wilson.

Joseph Gates, one of the elderly and most highly respected citizens of the town, was present at the town meeting on Tuesday and was appointed an important committee. Mr. Gates seems to be in quite good health and has been a cobbler in this town for nearly seventy years. He still works at his trade and is commonly known by all as "Uncle Joe."

Silas M. Spaulding, who has reached his eightieth birthday, was present at town meeting and was at his usual station as moderator.

Archie R. Colburn is planning on building a house as soon as the weather permits. The house is to be built near the home of Arthur E. Strong on Depot road.

William T. MacMaster and family were in Townsend on Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Arlin.

Mrs. Florence Ladd's friends were sorry to learn that she was obliged to give up her position as organist in the church. Since her operation some time ago she has not regained all her strength and the work seemed to wear upon her, but she is in hopes of giving up her music scholars and outside playing for a time to regain her lost strength again.

Mrs. Flora Hardy has been in quite poor health recently. The Men's Reading club met on last week Friday evening with Mr. Richardson at the home of Francis A. Loveloy and the study of orchard methods and the scientific culture of fruit was taken up.

Miss Bates met with many ladies of the town at Miss Arvilla Hardy's on last week Tuesday afternoon and demonstrated many ways of cooking meat and fish. All those present seemed much interested.

Miss Sallie Bell is filling the position as organist at the church. Leonard Lawrence was in town for the week-end.

Miss Tait, of Boston, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Laura J. Clark.

Among those from out-of-town who were in town on Tuesday were Charles A. Norris of Chelsea, Mass., Willis Hayden of Dover, Samuel Taylor of Nashua.

Mrs. George Hill was on the sick list last week, but is able to be out again.

Miss Lily P. Eaton and Mrs. M. J. Powers visited in Belmont and Roxbury, Mass., the latter part of last week with friends. Mrs. Powers attended the Hollis summer people reunion given by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clapp, Jr., at their home.

Miss Lorna B. Spaulding was a visitor in Manchester last week. While there she was one of a theatre party to attend George M. Cohan's great drama, "The miracle man," at the Park theatre by a company direct from the Astor theatre, New York city.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Animal Rescue league held at four o'clock on last week Friday afternoon, Mrs. Arthur F. Wheat was unanimously chosen to fill a vacancy on the board of directors. Mrs. Wheat's well-known activities and interest in all charitable work makes her addition to the board a most valuable and desirable choice. Other matters were discussed by the directors and also tentative plans regarding entertainments for this most worthy organization. The condition of the league's agent, Clarence H. Sargent, has greatly improved, and it is now expected that Mr. Sargent will be on duty before many days.

Mrs. Edward S. Cave returned on last Sunday from Ponemah, where she has spent several weeks with her daughter. Mrs. Cave has recovered quite nicely from the accident which she met with some time ago, when she fell on the ice and broke her ankle. She can get around quite a little now and hopes to improve daily.

The annual school meeting was held on last Saturday afternoon. The school committee chosen were Miss Clara Smith, Francis K. Sweetser and Charles P. Brown. The meeting was adjourned for three weeks and will be called on Saturday, March 27. This was done in order that additional articles might be added to the warrant and also to give the committee who were appointed time to investigate and report in regard to the Pine Hill district, the committee is Henry A. Wilson, John Howe and Lewis Rideout.

Miss Ellen Clark was a little indisposed for a few days recently. Arnold Coolan is in town and is boarding at Josiah Maxwell's.

Mrs. Lora Ladd was at home with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ladd on Sunday.

Town Meeting.

Tuesday, March 9, proved to be a pleasant day and a large number of voters turned out at the annual town meeting. The voting results are as follows: Edwin H. Stratton, Samuel Bagcom, Walter N. Hayden, selectmen; Albert F. Hildreth, town clerk; Edson L. Hurd, treasurer; read commissioners, Fred W. Holden, south; Lewis S. Rideout, east; Lester J. Hayden, north district; Henry A. Wilson, Edwin Eaton, library trustees; Chas. A. Hale, sexton; George M. Woodin, cemetery trustee; M. J. Powers, trustee of the Mary Farley high school fund; Waldo A. Flagg, chief of police; Wilbert P. Farley, Charles F. Hayden, auditors.

Art. 1. Voted to raise 1 1/2% of town valuation.

Art. 2. All reports were accepted.

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate \$200 for town library.

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate \$120 for Memorial Day.

Art. 6. Voted not to apply for state aid.

Art. 7. Voted to appropriate \$200 for sidewalks.

Art. 8. Voted to appropriate \$400 for streets and \$400 to install lights in the town hall and public library.

Art. 9. Voted to authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 10. Voted not to make special appropriation for cutting brush along the highways.

Art. 11. Voted to appropriate \$75 for additional shelving for the library.

Art. 12. Voted to lay the article on the table.

Art. 13. Voted to leave the matter of bridges in the hands of the selectmen.

Art. 14. Voted that the selectmen should sell the town's spruce lot within six months to highest bidder.

Art. 15. Voted that the selectmen make the town hall roof tight and report on other necessary repairs at next annual meeting.

Art. 16. Voted to purchase and have printed 200 copies of Spaulding's history. Voted to have town reports bound and placed in public library.

Art. 17. Voted to begin with 1915. Voted to move Peter Powers' monument. M. J. Powers was appointed committee.

News Items. There are reported two cases of diphtheria in Hollis.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social on last week Thursday evening. Many games were enjoyed and a box lunch was served. About thirty were present.

Mr. Jordan is taking a vacation in Boston for a few days. Mr. Fred Pollock is taking his place during his absence.

It is reported that Perley Lund has bought the house owned by Dr. Hazard, where Mr. Snow has moved out.

Fred Pollock was called to Boston last week to attend the funeral of his sister and his nephew.

Mrs. Maudie Powers has been spending a few days in Roxbury, Mass., this week.

Mrs. Jason Reed is visiting her brother in East Weymouth, Mass.

Charles Bell has gone to Virginia to visit his uncle, William Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Talley announce the birth of a little daughter in their home.

News Items. Mrs. David Fessenden is entertaining her brother, Thomas Storer, of Nashua.

Mrs. L. V. G. Hoyer recently entertained her grandson, Gordon Robinson, and his friend, John Brookhouse, of Somerville, Mass.

LUNENBURG.

Walter Farnsworth has been taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. W. Rockwood, of his sister, Mrs. W. Rockwood, and goes to Boston from there every day to have his injured foot dressed. He was improving, at last reports.

Capt. John Andrews was a visitor in Milford on last week Monday.

Mrs. John Martin and daughter Esther, of Pepperell, in company with Mrs. Lilla King and son Roger, of Lunenburg, were visitors in town on last week Tuesday.

William Randall and Fred Peck were visitors to Boston last week Tuesday.

Luther Malloy cut his left hand badly with an ax last Saturday. He was attended to by Dr. Hildreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell left on Monday, March 11, for the Panama Exposition. They are to travel over the Great Northern, and expect to make stops at points of interest. They will travel home over the Sunset route and expect to be gone until the first of May.

Mrs. Charles Wilkins and son, Roland Austin, went to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua last week Tuesday to undergo operations.

For the first time since the "Sunshine" was organized, almost eight years ago, with his rank as captain by claiming Mrs. Chester Walker. She removed from town to Rockland, Mass., about two and a half years ago, but had many pleasant returns visits to friends and neighbors, who had in turn journeyed to her pleasant home in Rockland on numerous occasions and had been met cordially and happily entertained by her. While here she was a tireless church worker, a sincere friend and neighbor, beloved by all. While she had been in poor health for some time the end came quite sudden and unexpected and much sympathy is expressed for the husband and only child, Roy.

The little three-year-old son of John Mackey, who has been visiting in town on the road to a complete recovery.

On Saturday, February 27, Mrs. James Edson, an old and respected citizen of this town, passed away at the age of 87 years. Her body was brought to town for a funeral service in the morning at the Congregational church, 100 North Main street, officiating, Rev. J. B. Smith. The remains were laid away in the South End cemetery.

At the school meeting held in town hall on March 6, Mrs. George Betteley was elected on the school board for the next three years. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Nancy Daniels and George Nye.

On March 3 the fourth quarterly conference was held in the M. E. church with R. T. Walker, District superintendent in the chair. George Nye reported as assistant treasurer. The committee on Sunday school is composed of Mrs. Ellen Betteley, Mrs. A. Gilman, Mrs. Josie Switzer, trustees, G. H. Nye, H. H. Shattuck, Morton Campbell, Elmer Hildreth, G. D. Fessenden, Delbert Porter, Miss Josie Seaver and Mrs. Elma Betteley; board of stewards, George Nye, Elmer Rideout, Henry Shattuck, Morton Campbell, Mrs. Ellen Sweet, Mrs. Eliza Betteley, Miss Josie Seaver, committee on Federation, Henry Shattuck, George Nye and J. B. Seaver.

News Items. A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Merrill on Wednesday, March 3.

Leon Franklin, Farrar and Miss Marian Estelle Sherman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Sherman were united in marriage on Saturday, March 6. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. A. T. Kempton at his home in Concord. The bride was escorted by her groom, and the ceremony was performed in a simple and impressive manner. Upon their return from their wedding tour they will make their home at the Farrar home, 250 Massachusetts avenue. Their many friends wish them unalloyed happiness.

Miss Hattie Osborn, who received a severe fall at her home on January 22, and who has been confined to her room and the greater part of the time to her bed, is now convalescing and able to sit up a little while each day. The many years of her right limb were badly strained and have been exceedingly painful.

George A. Littlefield is confined to his home with serious illness and is in the care of a physician. Dr. W. Stimson of Ferrisburg is attending him.

The following appointments have been made by the new board of selectmen: Edwin C. Smith, sealer of weights and measures and also sealer of leather; George F. Tyler has held the office for several years, but decided to resign; Leon H. Page and Rudolph Whitehead have been appointed public weighers.

A new telephone has been installed in the home of selectman Richard D. Field, 27-4.

A fire in the north part of the town on a cross road back of James B. Snow's last Saturday night totally destroyed a small building, the bath house, belonging to Jacob Nyhaaka. The fire was seen by people a long distance away. Fire warden James S. Gihreth with the chemical engine responded to a hurry call, but it was so far away and the difficulty of getting there so great that the building was entirely consumed before he could get there. Loss \$75.00.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Alexander on Friday afternoon, March 19. The last meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Francis with about forty ladies in attendance. Mrs. Frederick Cross gave a very interesting talk on "Eaton Kipling." Mrs. Herbert E. Rudyard read a selection from his work. Miss Ethel Emerson sang the Recessional; Mrs. Loren Brown read from "Just so"; Mrs. Nettie Barter read from "Barrack room ballads"; Miss Emerson sang "Mandaly"; Mrs. Arthur Abbott read from "The day's work." The entertainment closed with Mrs. Cross singing, "O mother of mine."

Church Notes.

The special services in the churches here, under the auspices of the Evangelistic association of New England, were conducted by Rev. S. S. Smith, evangelist, of Boston. The first meeting was held on the evening of February 23 and the last on the evening of March 7. Five were held in the Congregational church and six in the Methodist church. Besides these Mr. Smith preached at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, February 28, and in the Methodist on Friday morning, March 7. The services in the evening closed the special series of services. Slating was by the young people's choir from both the churches. The sermon was by Rev. S. S. Smith and was the last of the series of special meetings. Rev. Mr. Smith returning to Boston on Monday, March 8.

The sacrament of the lord's supper was administered in both churches on Sunday morning. At the Methodist church four members were received into full connection and three on probation.

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By virtue of and pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage deed given by Frank H. Sherwin of Groton, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Emma P. Shumway, of said Groton, executrix of the will of Eliel Shumway, dated April 25, 1910, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3515, page 287, and for breach of the conditions therein contained, and for the purpose of enforcing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, April 3, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Groton near the Common at the Junction of Common and Hollis streets, being all and the same premises conveyed to the said Frank H. Sherwin and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said premises at said Common; thence Northwest by said Common Street to and of heirs of Warren Clark; thence Northwesterly by said Clark land to Breakneck road, so called; thence Southeasterly by said last mentioned road to land of Theresa Brennan; thence Southwesterly by said Brennan land to land formerly of Mrs. Carleton; thence West by said Carleton land to a corner; thence Southeasterly by said Carleton land to land of Edward P. Smith; thence Southeasterly by said Smith land to said Hollis Street; thence Southerly by said Hollis Street to said Common; thence Southwesterly by said Common to the place of beginning, saving and excepting always that portion of the above described premises which has been released to H. K. Richards.

Terms made known at time and place of sale.

MOSES P. PALMER, Assignee of said Mortgage. Groton, March 4, 1915. 3w28

LIVE STOCK HUSBANDRY

MAKING SHEEP PAY.

Close Attention to Details Marks the Successful Shepherd.

Some men invariably do well with their ewes in winter, writes a sheep raiser in the National Stockman. The flock is kept in good flesh, the lambs come strong, and on such farms sheep are in favor. Others allow the ewes to grow thin in flesh, lambs are lost, and the owner has had "bad luck." The difference does not lie wholly in the feed given nor the ewes kept. A lot of it is in the man. Perhaps the very small amount of attention required during the summer months has something to do with it. The feeling that sheep can do very well with scant care lingers with some over into the winter months, and the result is disastrous. Anyhow it is a pretty good

gamble that the man who has little love for sheep will have indifferent success with them.

It is natural, of course, for us to spend the most time and do best with stock we favor. If we like especially well to handle sheep we will spend much more time with them than it takes to simply put the feed and water before them so many times each day. We will note future needs and supply them. We will study their flocks and type and know better what should be done in the breeding line. We will know and remember those not worth keeping and send them to the block before they eat feed they cannot profit from. It is this constant attention to details that marks the difference, in a great majority of cases, between success and failure.

Certainly we all desire to improve our sheep, and for two reasons—first, because we know that better sheep mean more profit and second, because we take pride in improved stock. It is worth something outside of dollars to take a visitor out to inspect the flock and be proud of what can be shown to him. It ought to hurt to have to apologize for them. But we cannot improve them by putting day by day our own convenience before them. To spend a day in town when the lambs are coming is not good sheep sense. To sit comfortably behind the stove and play with the baby on a cold, stormy March day is the best sort of fun, but it is expensive sport if some ewes heavy with lamb are getting soaked. We must put forth some effort if we are to advance in our sheep farming.

The Successful Stockman. A good caretaker of live stock, a man who loves live stock, will easily learn the art of calf feeding. If one has a natural love for live stock the rearing of good stock is much more easy than if the feeder does not possess that love. It is for this reason that you see on farms growing plenty of feed and otherwise adapted to successful live stock rearing a lot of "scrub" stock, which if profitable at all is not as profitable as it ought to be or would be if the owner liked to care for stock. We can talk about more and better live stock all we please, but this talk will not make a successful stockman of a man who doesn't like stock and who as a consequence is not interested in it.—Kansas Farmer.

Weaning the Pigs. The pigs should be weaned at ten to twelve weeks of age and should then weigh about thirty pounds. They should have learned to eat a little grain by going to the sow's trough. Then begin to feed them. Give them every day grain equal to 2 per cent of their weight. A pig weighing thirty pounds should have 0.6 pound of grain, and pigs of this weight six pounds, etc. Divide this into two feeds, morning and evening. This amount of grain will make them grow nicely on good pasture. As they grow increase the amount of grain.

Blanketing the Horse. While we often notice some profligate horsemen standing their horses in the stall with a blanket on them their hair will look sleek when the animal is led out to ride or drive, such a practice is not wise, since the horse is sure to chill before he can be hitched up and driven enough to start a good circulation of the blood unless the blanket is kept on until the team is started.

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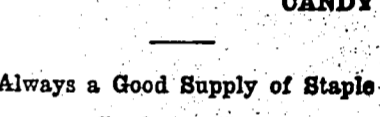
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CUTTING BACK OLD TREES.

Whether It Be Profitable Depends Upon Their Present Condition.

Whether it is likely to be profitable to cut back trees and form heads depends entirely upon their condition. If the trees are a good distance apart, say thirty-eight to forty feet, and are in a favorable location for cultivation and spraying and are fairly vigorous a thorough cutting back and pruning would be likely to be successful and profitable. On the other hand, if the trees are close together, say thirty feet, and have lost all of the lower branches because of overcrowding, with many dead and blighted branches, there is considerable doubt whether the cutting back and the forming of a new head would bring the desired results. A tree that is in good condition for improvement should have space enough in which to develop and should have a few live branches within eight or ten feet of the ground. If the trees have a trunk bare of branches to a height of fifteen to eighteen feet it is difficult to develop good low heads upon the trees. If these trees have some fairly vigorous branches within a reasonable distance from the ground the following suggestions for pruning can be made: Remove all dead and diseased branches. Prune out any upright



IN AN OLD APPLE ORCHARD.

growing branches in the center of the tree that exceed a height of twenty feet, or, in other words, cut back the top to side branches so that the tree can be sprayed readily from the tower of a sprayer.

In some cases where the trees have been much weakened there may be water sprouts growing upward from the old branches. In cutting back the trees some of these should be saved and allowed to fill the space left vacant by the pruning out of the dead and weakened branches. The lower side branches that may be left upon the trees should be pruned sufficiently to enable one to cultivate and spray the trees well. If these lower branches are very thick they should be thinned out somewhat to permit light to enter, and if they extend to a considerable distance beyond the trunk of the tree some slight cutting back may be required. In a general way the object is to secure a shortened but well balanced framework and to retain as many of the small spurs and side branches as possible. Where a large apple tree is cut back to mere stubs of branches ten to twelve inches in diameter and without any small side branches it is almost impossible to form a strong, satisfactory new top upon the tree.

The pruning should be done during the winter and early spring before any growth takes place. Whether any fruit will be borne the season following the pruning will depend upon condition of the trees. If the lower branches are vigorous enough to carry fruit buds there should be some fruit to mature. If the lower branches that are left after pruning are very weak little fruit is likely to be secured the first season.—M. A. Blake, New Jersey Experiment Station.

SOME FARM NOTES.

Kansas has just taken a silo census. The Sunflower State now boasts 7,137 silos, having a total storing capacity of 900,000 tons. In 1909 there were only sixty silos in the state. The silos are all said to be grasshopper proof, and as most of them are now full Kansas should have very little to worry about.

The potash people are putting up the price on account of the war. A ton of farm manure carries ten pounds of potash, but if it lies in the rain this element will be washed out and largely wasted. Steady the potash market by saving the home supply.

Cattle will not eat all the alfalfa stems, but the horses like them. And they are excellent hay.

When you sell a quart of milk for 7 cents you are giving more food for the money than the buyer can get in most other forms. It is twice as cheap as mutton or fresh fish, six times as cheap as dried beef, nearly three times as cheap as beef chuck, 40 per cent cheaper than pork loin, three times as cheap as beef sirloin and nearly three times as cheap as eggs. The staples that cost less in proportion to food value than milk are such things as potatoes, rice, dates, cornmeal, prunes, cheese, wheat bread and beans. The above figures will hold good in the average interior region of the nation.

ST. GAUDENS' GOLD COINS.

This Country Did Not Appreciate Their Art, Says a Critic.

All the arts but one, says Layton Crippon in his book, "Clay and Fire," show degradation today, in sunny cases degradation so great that they have virtually ceased to exist. We have not only forgotten how to make beautiful things, but we have even acquired an instinctive dislike of beautiful things. They seem to have become offensive to us.

"There was recently one curious little instance to which I am tempted to refer showing, as it did that in our present stage of degradation beauty is not only ignored, but has actually become offensive, causes instinctive dislike. The St. Gaudens ten and five dollar gold pieces were undoubtedly the noblest coins produced in any country in 200 years. Within a couple of months the American public had hoveled them out of circulation.

OXYGEN GAS.

The Value of Rev. Joseph Priestley's Momentous Discovery.

Oxygen was discovered in the year 1774. Joseph Priestley, a dissenting English clergyman who had turned scientist, obtained the hitherto unknown gas by igniting mercuric oxide. The oxygen he thus produced he called "dephlogisticated air."

Today a monument stands in England to commemorate Priestley's discovery. Were he alive, he could read of thousands of lives saved by his work. Oxygen is the only gas capable of supporting respiration, and is repeatedly used in the sick chamber to pull a patient through a crisis. Helms equipped with oxygen attachments enable the diver to go to ocean depths, the aviator to ascend into rarified air, the fireman to stand in dense smoke, and rescuers to descend into gas filled mines. So wide are its uses that some 4,000,000 cubic feet of this gas are bottled in the United States every year.—New York Post.

Clog Almanacs.

In early times in England the people used what were called clog almanacs, which remained in use till the beginning of the eighteenth century. An old writer thus describes them:

"This almanac is usually a square piece of wood containing three months on each of the four sides. The number of days in them are expressed by notches, the first day by a notch with a patulous stroke turned up from it and every seventh by a large sized notch. Over against many of the notches are placed on the left hand several marks or symbols denoting the golden number or cycle of the moon. The festivals are marked by symbols of the several saints issuing from the notches."

The Exception.

Uncle Zack, the stable man, enjoyed local repute as a weather prophet. Miss Cassie, coming down early one morning, found Zack on the back porch.

"Is the rain going to last all day, Zack?" she asked.

"Yessum, Ah reckon 't is."

"Why, Zack," Miss Cassie said, "I have always heard you say, 'Rain before 7, clear before 11.' Isn't that true?"

"Yessum, 't is strictly true," Uncle Zack maintained stoutly, "jes' cepting it don't apply to an all day rain, ma'am."—New York Post.

No Sightseer.

Little Bobby—Papa, did you ever see a cyclone carrying houses up in the air and cows and horses and wagons upside down? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—Did you ever see a sea serpent? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—I should think 't 'ud be tressome to live to your age and never see anything.—London Mail.

A Great Difference.

"You always advised against speculation!" "Yes," returned Mr. Dustin Stax. "You never played the market yourself?" "No, sir. I never played it; I worked it."—Washington Star.

Then She Couldn't Talk.

"And what do you think I'd look best in, George?" inquired the chattering wife at the recess of a three hour talk on clothes.

"In a coma, darling," replied George, he having secured his hat.—New York Press.

Plenty of Differences.

What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped child?—One pours with rain and the other roars with pain.—London Telegraph.

THE ART OF LOVE

A Lecture on How to Secure a Husband

By F. A. MITCHEL

Mrs. Matilda Robbins, a widow of fifty, who had buried four husbands, announced that she would give private lectures in the parlor of her home to young ladies on how to get husbands. A lecture would be given every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On the first afternoon a numerous audience were gathered in the lecturer's parlor.

Mrs. Robbins spoke as follows:

Young ladies, you have doubtless derived your ideas as to woman's part in a courtship from novels, and that is the reason why you are not married. The heroine of a novel is usually so modest that she doesn't dare say her soul's her own. There's more accomplished in this world in other fields besides matrimony by assurance than modesty and more accomplished by management than by assurance.

The best way to teach is by example. Therefore I shall put this lecture in the form of a story. But it's a real story, not an invention. The heroine didn't sit round and look pretty. She was up and doing. That's what we must all be in this world if we want to get on. Do you suppose a young fellow who wants a position whereby to start a fortune sits round and waits for it? No; he goes out and hunts for it. And when he gets it does he modestly wait for somebody to tell him to do things? Not if he wants to succeed. He does everything without being told and before it's wanted. That's the part of a young fellow starting out to fix himself in the world, and you young ladies should act on the same principle.

Now for my story of the way one young lady secured a husband.

Her name was Jones, Sarah Jones. Just plain Sarah Jones, not Maltravers or Montmorency, like the heroines of novels, or Gwendolin or Jacquelin for a first name. A girl doesn't need a high sounding name to get a husband; she needs something that I'm going to tell you about. Sarah Jones the day she was eighteen sat down and did a job of thinking. She wasn't long about it, for she was an acting girl, and when she had got her thinking done she acted at once on her decision. That decision was that her place was in a home as a wife and the mother of children.

Salle Jones didn't go at things blindly; she thought them out beforehand. She knew that she couldn't get married if restricted to the society of girls.

So she joined a dancing class. She couldn't afford it, but she had to afford it, and whatever has to be done is done if the party to do it is fixed on that dancing class, and she joined without knowing where the money to pay her way was to come from. There were twenty young men members and twenty-five girls.

Miss Jones realized that there is safety in numbers but for the man she was after, not for her. She didn't go fooling about among the twenty men. She picked out a steady young fellow and made up her mind to land him. His name was Abel Rogers. Nothing romantic about his name either. Rogers didn't have anything except what he was getting together himself, but he was frugal and a hard worker.

The first thing Salle did was to let Abel Rogers understand that she liked him. She didn't pout when he danced with some other girl more than with her or look troubled if he didn't dance with her at all. She smiled on him when he came back after a lack of attention just as pleasantly as if he hadn't neglected her.

This sort of work has been called angling, and so it is. A skillful fisherman if a fish doesn't bite right off wouldn't think of trying to jerk the hook into its gills, and when it does bite he doesn't try to haul it out of the water all at once. Some fish can be caught that way, but a game fish needs to be allowed to play itself out. So it is with a man. First get him on the hook, then play him.

We like those who like us, and Abel Rogers, being aware that Salle liked him, was disposed to like her. There was nothing deceitful about this in Salle. She really liked him or she wouldn't have tried to catch him. There is a difference in a girl showing a man that she likes him and showing him she wants him. Showing it would end uncertainty, and uncertainty is the line by which she must pull him in after getting the hook in his gills. Abel knew nothing about Salle's feelings for him except that she liked him. She might have liked several other men and loved one other.

It wasn't long before Salle found an opportunity to favor Abel above other men. He came one evening to the dancing class after an absence, having no partners engaged. Salle turned down several names on her engagement card to give the dances to him. This was an excellent way of showing him her good will without indicating that she coveted his attention. Perhaps there are some among you who will not see the distinction I make here, but I assure you it is one of no little importance.

Abel felt not only that some return was due for this kindly act, but it gave him pleasure to make a return. He invited Salle to go to drive with him. That was the time before automobiles came. I am not in favor of autos for courting purposes. There is too much rapid motion, and the driver's attention must be constantly on his machine, to say nothing of his grip being on the steering wheel. Abel and Salle drove out in a box buggy behind a lazy going horse. Everything pertaining to love in its early stages is zephyr-like, though I admit the climax or a brief period just before the climax may be in the nature of a hurricane. There was just a suspicion of perfume about Salle, so delicate that it could only have come from articles that had been kept in sandalwood drawers or, more likely, in a mouchoir case. It was very enticing to Abel, and as they rolled slowly over the smooth road, the reins lying loosely on the horse's back, Abel had nothing to think of except the girl beside him.

Salle had by this time come to the most difficult part of her work. Every man doubtless thinks that some time he will be married and have a home. But marriage to him is like old age to all of us. It is—I mean it seems—far distant. The bachelor thinks of the present. Some men do not like to give up their liberty for the obligations of matrimony; some, who expect to do so in time, never find a convenient season. All men must be won. Only widowers or old bachelors, tired of their bachelorhood, marry intentionally.

Abel Rogers was looking forward to the day when, having accumulated a competence, he would settle down and take a wife. It was the business of Salle Jones to break through this future intention and make it a present one. And here, again, girls' work shows a similarity to men's work. Many men who have good address and are excellent talkers fail in putting through schemes because they are working to the point. Girls also often fail in landing a man whom they have got to the water's edge.

Mr. Rogers, having brought thus far, bid fair to remain with the hook in his gills topper about in the water. The timid girl, having thus far succeeded and being balked, would remain in statu quo. The rash girl would jerk the line, break it, and the fish would go swimming away merrily. The wise girl would use a landing net.

That is what Salle Jones did. She used a landing net. But even a landing net may be used carelessly or at least injudiciously. Miss Jones studied out whatever she did. After a few months of dallying on the part of Mr. Rogers she set up a rival—not a real, bona fide rival, but one merely to excite a bit of suspicion. Indeed, by this time she was considered by the young men to belong to Abel Rogers, and it was not easy for her to secure a rival.

Abel did not seem very much frightened. At any rate, he showed no sign of being brought to terms. Perhaps he was thinking that he couldn't afford to marry or that, after all, it wouldn't be such a hardship to let Salle Jones go to another.

The experiment having failed, Miss Jones resolved upon another. She became suddenly very gracious to Mr. Rogers. At the same time he noticed that whenever he asked her to go out with him she made some excuse. It did not occur to him that the excuse was not valid. He supposed he happened to ask her at times when she was engaged.

One evening Mr. Rogers called on Miss Jones and waited in the parlor while he was about to topple over. When the maid re-entered with a message from Miss Jones asking to be excused, since she was very busy, he caught at the mantle for support.

Could it be possible that the girl he had been hanging about so long was going to be married?

The proper thing for Mr. Rogers to do was to excuse the lady on whom he had called and go away. He did no such thing. He sent a message to her begging her to see him for only a few moments.

She came. To carry out her supposed plan she should be in sewing dress. She knew better. She wore the most becoming costume for ordinary wear she possessed. When she saw Mr. Rogers looking as if the bottom had dropped out of the universe she regarded him with a gaze of interested surprise.

"Oh, heavens!" he exclaimed frantically. "How could you have done it?"

"Done what?"

"You are about to be married?"

"I?"

"Yes, don't deny it. I have seen the wedding dress, the veil, the orange blossoms."

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"Yes, I suppose I should not reproach you, but it is maddening. After all my devotion—Who is the man? I demand to know!"

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Woman's World

Jean Webster's Book to Improve the Lot of "Orphant Annie."



MISS JEAN WEBSTER.

A book with a purpose is Miss Jean Webster's charming story, "Daddy Longlegs." Since it was published it has gone into many editions. The tale has been put on the stage in a play that is one of the successes of the season.

Daddy Longlegs may do as much for the lonely little orphan child of the public institution as Oliver Twist did for English workhouse children.

The book has aroused public interest in the lot of the lonely and homeless children of the asylums, and many well to do people, inspired by the example of the Daddy Longlegs of the story, have come forward to adopt or bear the burden of expense of educating one or more orphans. It is said a wealthy New York bachelor has thus adopted forty children. The New York State Charities Aid society found so many requests for orphans for adoption coming in after the publication of the book that they appointed a special committee to look after the applications.

Miss Vidu Mary Clark, a warm hearted woman with experience in children's work, was appointed to take charge of the work.

Miss Webster, the author of the book, is a Vassar graduate, and college girls have been particularly taken with the Daddy Longlegs idea. In fact, playing fairy godmother to an orphan child has assumed the proportions of a fad, and, thanks to Miss Webster, the lot of little "Orphant Annie" is likely to be made a happy one.

Miss Webster is a grandniece of Mark Twain and has the sense of humor which seems to be a family gift. She has always been interested in philanthropic work and has written a number of books, most of them dealing with college girl life. She has lived in Italy for a number of years, but now resides in New York city.

LINEN GLOVE CASE.

Attractive Design in Roman Cutwork For Boudoir Fancy Work.

The old fashioned "cutwork" is popular again. It is carried out in many styles which differ slightly in processes. In all cases the plain foundation, whether of linen, scrim, lawn, silk or satin, is slightly cut away and embroidered crossbars, picots or lace room.

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stitches are worked into the opening. The outline is worked in buttonhole stitch or in overcasting.

In carrying out the work the pattern is stamped or traced on the material, the outline of the pattern worked and the enclosed material then carefully cut away. When completed the embroidery is usually mounted over a colored background.

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

The boys of Mrs. Child's Sunday school class will give a farce entitled, "Aunt Abigail and the boys," in Central hall in the near future.

Children's day will be observed by the Woman's club on Saturday afternoon, March 20, at Prescott hall. It will be an open meeting and all under fifteen years of age will be admitted free of charge.

Miss Anna P. Baker, cartoonist, clay modeller, shadowgraphist and story teller, consent to the club highly recommended as an entertainer for both old and young. There will be a food and home-made candy sale following the entertainment the proceeds of which are to go for the District Nurse association. All members of the club are asked to contribute for the same.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter will be a guest night on Thursday evening, March 18, at the home of Mrs. P. S. Bancroft. Each member has the privilege of inviting two guests. Hostesses, Mrs. F. S. Bancroft and the visiting committee.

Mrs. Carrie B. Pitman spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her mother and daughter on Brookline street. Mrs. Pitman is head waitress at the Russel house, Lexington.

The Conservation committee of the Woman's club report the formation of three children's bird groups, in addition to the Oak Hill club in charge of Mrs. Maxwell. One at Babbsville village—Mrs. Wm. Jewett, Mrs. Harris, Miss Aldrich, in charge. One at Nisittisitt village—Mrs. Albert H. Parker, Miss Edna Tarbell, Mrs. N. S. Appleton, in charge. One at Pepperell Center—Mrs. Addison Woodward, Miss Annetta Merrill, in charge.

Groups in north and west part of Pepperell not yet reported. The first bird walk of adults will start under the care of Mrs. Whitmarsh from her home on Thursday afternoon at half past three o'clock, April 1. Members please take notice and be punctual. Study of wild flowers and insects will be included in these tramps.

Many who had the pleasure of witnessing the special holiday bill at Page hall, Ayer, recently when Mr. Fairchild presented the comedy character change vaudeville act in which he toured the Keith theatres will be interested to know that arrangements have been completed with him for the presentation of this act in Pepperell at Tarbell's Opera house, Saturday, March 20.

Methodist Church Notes.

"The choice of Moses" will be the subject next Sunday morning.

At seven in the evening there will be a praise service and preaching upon the subject, "Blind leaders of the blind."

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six subject, "Epworthians as dyke-builders against fun." Leader, the pastor.

The service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Town Warrant.

The following articles for the town meeting on Monday are given as the ones that appear outside of the regular articles each year in the warrant:

Art. 10. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the Geo. Washington Memorial building, Washington, D. C.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take, if any, with regard to the planting of shade trees, and to appropriate at least \$150 for this purpose in order that the town might enter the shade tree planting contest conducted by the Massachusetts Forestry association.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, and how much, to continue the grading of Brookline street.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to publish a list of the assessed valuation in connection with the town report for the year 1915.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for district and school nursing as authorized by chapter 72, acts of 1911, the same to be expended in part payment of the salary of a

nurse supplied by the Pepperell Nurse association.

Art. 15. To see if the town will elect a committee on industry or board of trade to secure new business and strengthen industrial conditions, and for this purpose raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 to be expended as a salary for the sealer of weights and measures.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to gravel the Dunstable road from the line constructed last year, continuing toward Pepperell Depot, providing the Massachusetts Highway commissioners will appropriate a like amount.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to change the date of the annual town meetings from the third and fourth Mondays in March to the first and second Mondays in February.

Art. 19. To see what action will be taken in regard to extending the water system from the standpipe to Mason, Townsend and Mt. Lebanon streets, and to making appropriation therefor.

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