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HARVARD

News Items.

On Sunday evening at the town hall W. C. McNamara, of Lynn, will speak upon one of the most important issues of the day. Mr. McNamara comes well recommended and we look for one of the most stirring addresses on national prohibition ever given in this town. Special music will be a feature of the evening. Everybody come at eight o'clock and bring their friends.

The body of Mrs. Lillian Harring-News Items.

friends.

The body of Mrs. Lillian Harrington, whose funeral services were held in Ayer on Monday, was brought to Harvard for burial that afternoon. Rebekah services were held at the grave. Burial was in the Center cemetery in the family lot. Mrs. Harrington was for many years a resident here and closely related to many of the older families. She was a splendid woman of the old New England type, of such exceedingly good nature that she made hosts of friends wherever she went.

Mrs. Mary D. Sherman, aged 89

16. Funeral services were from the house at 10.30 on Monday morning. Rev. H. B. Mason officiating. Burial was in Lowell. Mrs. Sherman was of a very kindly and genial disposition and although her advanced years forbade her going out among the people as much as she would wish, yet she will be missed by a large circle of friends. She has for many years past lived with her sister here. Miss L. W. Dyar, who has cared for her in her declining years with kindly patience. Owing to various circumstances it

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has been found necessary to postpone the date of the Grange minstrels to May 7. Rehearsals are going on in good form and a high-class program of entertainment is developing. good form and a high-class program of entertainment is developing.

Jerome Johnson, with two of his young men friends, of Cambridge, are spending this week camping at Tahanto.

Segutional Churches last Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Benevolent society will be held from ten to four o'clock on Tuestypending this week camping at Tahanto.

Mrs. Leon Dadmun, Miss Blanche Dadmun, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhonstock, of Somerville, were up for

The Misses Ursula and Esther Clarke, of Tufts college, at Philip O. Dickson's; Webster Sawyer, of North Weymouth, with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Sawyer, at their summer home on Oak hill.

Mrs. Harriet E. Whitney entertained over the holldays her brother. Quincy Bull, with his daughter, Miss Ruth Bull, and his son, Leon Bull, and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bull have for some time been in Constantinople, where Mr. Bull is in business, but conditions brought about by the war has made it more comfortable in the United States.

Mrs. H. A. Skillings is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Olive Grover from Bethel, Me., who is spending a few days here.

New telephones being installed this week are at Arthur N. Calkins' and George F. Ryan's.

George C. Maynard, local moth superintendent, has been given a part of the state fund of \$50,000 for the un-employed and is using his allotment in clearing up the brush along the highways for a distance of fifty feet back,

About fifty of our young people gave a surprise call to Mr. and Mrs. D. Horace Cameron on Saturday evening, April 17. They took with them refreshments for the evening; also, a present to the young newly-weds. Nawell Chester, of Boxborough, was the orchestra for the evening and the young people enjoyed dancing through-out the evening.

out the evening.

About seventy-five members of Harvard Grange and others made an evening call on Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McLaughlin at their home at the mill on Friday evening, April 9. The party met at the home of F. O. Ryan and descended without formality on the unsuspecting host and hostess. The visitors also took informal possession of events of the evening, and after greetings were exchanged and Mr. McLaughlin had given one of his incomparable vocal solos, the chairman of the visitors, George Ryan, presented to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin a full set of dishes, a cut glass water set and a parlor lamp. Tait Brothers, of Worcester, furnished refreshments for the party. freshments for the party.

C. E. Perrin of Ayer is installing for F. W. Moses an electric pumping system for his deep well water supply. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Richards gave a reception and lunch to the pupils, with their parents and trustees of Bromfield school at their new home Bromfield school at their new home on the state road last Saturday afternoon. An entertainment was pleasantly arranged which consisted of songs by the Bromfield school girls: duet, Mr. Thayer and Miss Baker; plano and violin selections, Miss Chadwick and Miss Mildred Brennon and selections by the mixed quartet, Misses Baker and Stone and Mises Thayer and Turner. Refreshments were served and all joined in singing "Home sweet home" as the finale.

Miss Josephine Baker has been con-fined to her home this week with ton-silitis, but is at present on the convalescent list.

Allan Hazard was at Woodstock last Wednesday, attending the funeral of his aunt.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren O. Willard returned this week from their winterstay in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they report a delightful winter spent.

Tyler Rogers, of the M. A. C., was a guest over the holidays with Ellery Royal at Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Royal's.

Baseball.

Bromfield school ball team opened the season's games on Monday with the Bromfield alumni and were defeated by the score of 4 to 1. The game was lost owing to erratic fielding and wild throwing, but was nevertheless a very interesting game. The schedule of the season's games is as follows: April 24, Lawrence academy 2d, Groton; April 28, Ayer high, Harvard; May 15, Fitchburg Normal, Harvard; May 12, Ayer high, Ayer; May 15, Littleton high, Harvard; May 15, Pepperell high, Harvard; May 29, Groton high, Groton; May 31, Lancaster A. A., Harvard, pending; June 5, Shirley Industrial, Harvard, pending; June 9, Shirley Industrial, Harvard, pending; June 19, Pepperell high, Pepperell.

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The game Saturday with Lawrence academy 2d team is to be played at Groton and the game is to be called at 1.30 sharp. Manager Harold Whittemore is planning to run a truck, leaving here at 11.45 for all those who wish to go.

Unitarian church service will be at 10.45 on Sunday, with Rev. C. W. Wendte, D. D., of the A. U. A., of Boston, occupying the pulpit. The chorus choir will sing "Seek ye the Lord" by Roberts, and Whitney's Roberts, and Whitners and Whitners and Whitners and Whitners and Whitners are a second with the second whitners are a second with the second w

At the Congregational church on At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach from the subject, "The guinea's stamp." The chorus choir will sing "In heavenly love abiding." Mr. West's rendition of Gray's "Heavenly song" on last Sunday morning has given rise to many complimentary remarks by those who had the pleasure of hearing him.

The bible select profit every Suns on Wednesday evening.

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The bible school neets every Sunday at twelve o'clock. Recent winners of honors for attendance are Marquise Houghton and Marjory Houghton.

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There will be no evening service Sunday owing to the union temper-ance meeting to be held at the town

F. A. Pollard, Mrs. H. B. Royal and Miss S. E. Pollard were elected delegates to the spring meeting of the Middless Union Association of Congregational Churches last Sunday.

The regular bi-monthly afternoo devotional service will be held in th

church parlor on Wednesday after noon, April 28, at 2.30 o'clock.

### SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

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ent to respond to the roll call. At the short business session the proposed amendment was voted down, the result of the ballot being four in favor and forty opposed. Two new names were proposed for membership, Mrs. Silas B. Haynes and Mrs. Delia

were proposed to membership, Mrs. Silas B. Haynes and Mrs. Delia Sprague.

Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, fourth vice president of the State Federation of Woman's clubs, a very clever and interesting speaker, gave the address of the afternoon. She took as her subject, "Modern drama as a social force." This is the second time our club has been privileged to hear Mrs. Gurney. She spoke in her discourse of the great influence that the different periods of drama have exerted and always will exert upon the people of the world, stating that drama being so nearly akin to life itself could not help but make lasting impressions and exert an unbounded influence on the vast populace. When this point is so clear it is very easy to see that the important thing to be done is to so govern the drama that the influence therefrom may be of the right sort. At is with this teached in the state of the teached in the bull requiring of the right sort. It is with this thought in view that the bill requiring strict examination of moving picture films is hoped to be passed.

Mrs. Gurney could not close her remarks without mentioning the three

remarks without mentioning the three great movements of the day—the woman movement, the industrial movement and the peace movement, all of which we, as a nation, must face.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday afternoon at the usual time and place and the club will be privileged to hear in person Miss Mary Wardwell, of Boston, who will give her last paper on current events. The normalism committee will report at this time.

Still River.

Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Anna Flanders attended a meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter attended a Grange meeting in Bolton on Wed-

nesday. the new platform for speakers' desk and entertainments in the vestry which is a great improvement.

Miss Carrie Coffey, daughter of Michael Coffey, has been very ill at a Dorchester hospital, and physicians about gave up hope for her life, but a turn for the better took place on Tuesday and it is hoped that she will recover. recover.

A. A. Hutcherson took' several in his auto to the auction of Henry A Bliss' household goods in Shirley or

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did woman of the old New England type, of such exceedingly good nature that she made hosts of friends wherever she went.

Mrs. Mary D. Sherman, aged 89 years and 1 month, who has been in feeble health for several months, died at her home on Friday morning, April



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Saturday, April 24, 1915,

### WESTFORD

The holiday was a quiet one in town, there being no special observance. Some households entertained guests for over the week-end and holiday with a ware and the control of guests for over the week-end and holi-day, while others were away visiting for the same time. Flags were in evi-dence throughout the village. Sev-eral of our people went to Concord and Lexington for the day, the patri-otic parade at the latter place being reported as especially fine.

reported as especially line.

The new electric light wiring at the J. V. Flethcer library is completed and is a very great improvement, making the reading-room and the whole building a very attractive place in the evening.

in the evening. Miss Sarah W. Loker has been visit-ing friends in Keene, N. H., during

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby have been guests of their kinspeople this week at the Congregational parsonage, being enroute from the south, where they have ben spending the winter, to their home in West Hartford,

Every member of the Tadmuck club Every member of the Tadmuck clubs reminded of the meeting for next Tuesday at the Congregational church. This is a real reunion of the club family and every member that possibly can should plan to be present. Luncheon will be served at 1.30. Mrs. Luncheon will be served at 1.30. Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor is the hostess for the day, and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant will act as toastmistress and there will be speeches, toasts, reports, good music, etc. The club is fortunate in having Mrs. Herbert D. Foss, of Cambridge, as one of the soloists.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cambridge occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning and evening at the Congregational church, speaking most acceptably to good sized audiences at both services.

J. Herbert Fletcher is having a large gasolene supply tank installed opposite the east end of the common. The tank has a capacity of 350 gallons and is sunk underground, which we understand is required by law for so

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler were in attendance at the spring association meeting of Congregational churches at Lunenburg. Wednesdoor. burg Wednesday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Waldo F. Funeral services for Mrs. Waldo F. Prescott, whose untimely death took place at her late home in Tacoma, Wash., from pneumonia, were held last week Thursday afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spaulding. Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were William R. Taylor, Harwood I. Wright Albert A. Hildreth wood L. Wright, Albert A. Hildreth and Edward Frisbee. There were many beautiful floral offerings and in-terment was in Fairview cemetery.

The April meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Wm. C. Roudenbush Friday afternoon of last week. The subject for the afternoon week. The subject for the atternoon was from the winter's study, "Red Man's Land" and was "The red man as teacher and learner." Much work was accomplished on the towel enterprise and at the close of the meeting tea was served and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Lieut.-Gov. Graften D. Cushing, candidate for governor of this state Cushing. next fall and Adelbert Messer, candi-date for sheriff of this county, were guests of the Young Men's Republican the Mises I club at the town hall last week Friday evening. There was a good attendance present and Mr. Cushing, who is of Belmont. a bright, keen speaker gave his hear. ers a most interesting talk on many points of interest to the voter and the tax payer, also answering many ques-tions put to him by his listeners. His talk was ably supplemented by Mr. Erward M. Abbot presided at the meeting.

The residents at the Center very will long remember her lifth birthday much regret to hear of the serious anniversary.

A brush fire on the premises of Mr. iteville of pneumonia

The young people are busy with preparations for dramatic productions. The C. E. society are to give a play next Wednesday evening and the Boy Scouts are preparing one for a little later.

Mrs. Harry Brennan is reported seriously sick this week with acute indigestion.

Mrs. A. H. Sutherland was in attendance at neighbor's night at Tewksbury Grange Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Hazel B. Hartford, who has played the organ at the Congregation-al church so capably this winter, has now relinquished this duty to the regular organist, Miss May Atwood.

Geo. E. Gould, formerly of West-ford, was at Concord, Patriot's day with his enterprising refreshment

Mrs. Isles' many friends are glad that she is getting back to normal from her siege with laryngitis. The telephone subscribers very much ap-preciate the hard skilful work Miss Hilda Isles has done at the central ex-change during her mother's illness.

### Brush Fires.

The excessive dryness of the season is proving a great aid to the careless in burning up woodland. Numerous fires in various parts of the town have kept fire fighters busy. A lively breeze made Tuesday, perhaps, the worst day. About eleven a. m. prompt work saved the situation near the Caunter place in Graniteville. About 2.30 p. m. the village force was called to a fierce fire on Rail Tree hill, near Nashoba depot, which evidently near Nashoba depot, which evidently was caused by sparks from a passing locomotive. About the time it was under control with help of Carlisle people, whose territory was invaded by the fire. A special train from Lowell brought about a hundred men help subdue it.
Later in the afternoon a fire just

west of Scribner hill in Tyngsboro not far north of the Westford bound-

ary line proved quite extensive and destroyed the buildings belonging to Miss Ella Burke, a Lowell milliner. About 10.30 p. m. this fire was called subdued. Although eight watchers were left, about three a. m. fire was so briskly burning near Frank Chandler's buildings that, as the Tyngsboro people could not be aroused by their telephones. Westford men were called upon. Either Westford telephone bells must ring louder for the Westford telephone bells must ring louder for the Westford operator surprisingly quickly ford operator surprisingly quickly feeturned from a delightful visit spent to the brother Joseph, which are considered to serve in any capacity without given the holiday with friends in Concord.

Miss Catherine McCarthy spent the holiday with friends in Concord.

Miss Lilly Mae Moran has recently that it was a pleasure to work with her. No unskind thought of another pounds and his child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational church. Her interest in other phases of church activities was consistent with her broad sympathies and sweet disposition, and she was never asked to serve in any capacity without given the congregational church. Her interest in other phases of church activities was consistent with her broad sympathies and sweet disposition, and she was never asked to serve in any capacity without given the congregational child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational church. Her interest in other phases of church activities was consistent with her broad sympathies and sweet disposition, and she was never asked to serve in any capacity without given the constant of the bible study at the Congregational child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational child and accompanied child and accompanied child and accompanied her family in the bible study at the Congregational child an ford operator surprisingly quickly aroused enough men to fill three touring cars, which went to the scene. A short time was used in effacing the

About Town.

The summer camp cottage of Post-master Charles F. Scribner, of North Chelmsford, was destroyed by fire, in-cluding a valuable piano and much else equally not as valuable. This camp is located on the shore of Nab-massett pond and the dampness enraissett pond and the dampness en-vironments at the time of the fire leaves but little room for doubt that it was of incendiary origin. Truly spontaneous originality is doing some-thing these unemployed times.

An illustrated lecture on "How to domesticate birds and beast" will be given in the town hall, Tyngsböro, on Monday, evenity Monday evening by a professor of national reputation. Everybody who does not believe in shooting every-thing in sight should attend this lec-

Forge Village.

Miss Edith M. Forster has presented St. Andrew's mission a beautiful cover for the lecturn. The gift is embroidered in gold and is very much appreciated by the church people.

Peter Campbell of Rockwood, Me, and Philip MacDonald of Lowell wore recent guests of Misses Minnie and Florence White at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fenninore Morton.

Cameron school was closed on Pariot's day, as was also the mills of Abbot & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. George Centerbar. who have been residing at the Ward farm on the Groton road, remove this week to Framingham.

Mrs. Mary A. DeRoehn has removed to Medford, where she will make her home with her sister. Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, formerly of Westford.

Misses Edith and Maud Hunt enter-ained their cousin. Miss Annie Camp-ing of Lawrence over the holiday. Next Sunday morning services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 9.30 o'clock. There will be no even-ing service. Sunday school will be ing service. Sund held at 3.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton spent Sunday as guests of relatives in

Harry White, of Boston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton on the holiday.

A social club of young folks is besocial club of young people of St. Andrew's mission. On Saturday evening a meeting will be held at 7.30 o'clock in Recreation hall. In the event of enough young people being present officers will be chosen and the club will meet weekly. club will meet weekly.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett of the Ridges gave a delightful party at their home on the holiday, in honor of the fifth birthday anniversary of their second son, George. Refreshments were served to twenty-seven, the important feature being a decorated birthday cake. The young host was the recipient of many pretty present, among which was a goodly collection of silver coins.

Patriots' day brought many visitors

Patriots' day brought many visitors to the village. Many of the cottages and camps are already taken, and if the applications for camps continue to arrive all cottages will soon be hired for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Titcomb, of Bos-ton, opened their camp and spent the week-end on the shores of the pond. Messrs. Sargent, Evans and Shafter, of Boston, spent the holiday at their cottage.

Sunrise cottage, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tizzer, was the scene of a gathering over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Tizzer entertaining several friends friends.

At the Rose bungalow a merry gathering of young folks were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting over the holiday. Among the out-of-town young people were noted the Mises Lillian, Marjorie and Carmel E. Rose, Grace and Carrol H. Tibbetts and Edith M. McPherson, all of Belmont.

date will be announced in this column later.

George A. Cook, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the farm implements and tools, pair of good work horses, household furniture, etc., the property of lavid Hall, Liberty Square, Little-ton, The sale will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 24, at one o'clock:

at their home on Orchard street on Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in games by the young people, after which refreshers to the which refreshers to the which refreshers to the which refreshers to the young people, after which refreshers to the young people, after which refreshers to the young people. which refreshments were served. Lie tle Doris received many presents and

Smith, formerly the Bradley place, brought the fire department from Groton an Monday afternoon. The flames were under control before they reached the house.

Graniteville.

The baseball season was opened The baseball season was opened here on last Saturday afternoon when a very interesting game was played between the machinists and the ledge men that resulted in a victory for the stone men by the close score of 3 to 2. Considering that it was the first game of the season some brilliant plays were pulled off that kept the crowd on its feet from start to finish. The machine shop boys are not quite satisfied with the turn of events and it is thought that another game will be played in the near future.

Miss Nettie Hanning spent the holi-day with friends in West Acton.

There was no services held in the B. church here on last Sunday. It is expected that the new pastor will be present on Sunday.

Misses Etta May and Alice C. Sheahan, of Lowell, have been recent dsitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn spent Sunday with friends in Groton.

Miss Lilly Mae Moran has recently returned from a delightful visit spent with friends in Montague City.

Mrs. J. V. Downing, with her daughter Zelia, are stopping with Mrs. Downing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingalls, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingalls, of North Chelmsford, enjoyed an automobile trip to Beverly last Sunday.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

C. W. Perry, of Hillsboro, N. H., has week with his daughter, Mrs F. C. Hartwell.

Miss Alice Spaulding, of Lexington, was the guest of the C. A. Hartwells of Hartwell avenue recently.

The Littleton Choral society wish to bring to public notice the date of their annual concert, Friday evening, May 14, when the oratorio, "The rose maiden," will be given. Much hard, conscientious work has been put into tonscientious work has been put into it and we hope that it will meet with merited success. All members of the society are requested to be present at the next rehearsal which will be held at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday even-ing, April 27. As there are only two more rehearsals before the concert, it is essential that all members should is essential that all members should attend. Election of officers for the ensuing year also comes up at this meeting

May 2 is the date announced for Miss Nina Fletcher's concert in Ayer, and Littleton people are requested to plan no important local attraction for that evening as many relatives and friends in town will attend her concert in Ayer. cert in Ayer.

Osman Needham has bought a new ford automobile.

Ex-senator Claude L. Allen and family, of Melrose, were Sunday and holiday guests of his cousin, William Ames, of Tahattawan road. William Bailey, who has been work-ing in the webbing factory, has re-signed his position and gone to Som-

erville to live.

Augustus P. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent Sunday with his parents at the Center.

at the Center.

The Back Log sunset party given Patriots' day was the usual strong drawing card with the children and young people who are fond of dancing. The music was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Marshall played in the afternoon to the satisfaction of all concerned and Hibbard's orchestra, always popular with Littleton people, played for the older dancers in the evening. About eight dollars was netted from dancing fees. A satisfactory sum was realized from the supper which met the approval of good sum was realized from the supper which met the approval of good judges; approximately 150 persons were served. Not a few visitors were present from out-of-town. The number of our own people was somewhat smaller than usual, owing to sickness and the children's ball which preceded the supper party to the children's ball which preceded the supper party to the children's ball which preceded the supper party to the children's ball which preceded the supper party to the children's ball which preceded. ed the sunset party by only a few evenings

A. V. Carroll and family, of Malden came to their summer home Priests' Crossing for the holiday.

Mrs. George F. Gould, of Temple-ton, visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Wainwright and family, Wednesday. Howard Canney, secretary to the principal of St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., has been visiting his home people at the Common.

Miss Alice M. Howard, Mrs. E. M. Christie, Miss Margaret Thacher and Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson attended the Woman's club federation in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Jr., has been visiting relatives in Brookline this week.

On account of the Social Service Conference to be held in the Unitarian church on Monday the Woman's club has postponed children's day. The

The deepest sympathy is universal-expressed for Herbert C. Bradley, is three little children and their grandparents in the extremely pathet ic and untimely death of Mrs. Brad-ley at the Groton hospital on Tuesday morning. She had been operated up-on for appendictits four days previous and the operation at the time was and the operation at the time was son followed, and before the public had gained knowledge of that fact her death was announced, causing a shock to friends and neighbors to shock to friends and neignbors to which they can scarcely be recon-

Besides her husband Mrs. Bradley leaves two little boys, Raymond, seven years old, and Clifton, six, and a little daughter. Doris, one and a half years; diso, two sisters and one brother. She attended the funeral of a sister in

attended the funeral of a sister in Maine about three weeks ago. Her own funeral services were held at Albert Bradley's on Great road on Thursday afternoon, and Rev. J. C. Alvord officiated, offering much consolation and sympathy, and speaking very tenderly of the deceased. The interment was in West Acton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, with their son Arthur, have recently returned from a brief visit spent with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLenna in Norton. years ago she was married to Herb C. Bradley, of Littleton, and ca

years ago she was married to Herbert C. Bradley, of Littleton, and came here to live. Shortly afterwards they moved to South Acton, which was their home for four years or more, when they returned to Littleton.

Although Mrs. Bradley's life was short it was in many ways complete. She had attained to that maturity of thought and activity that characterizes the devoted wife and mother, the maker of the home, its charm and glory. With absolute forgetfulness of self she entered upon her duties to that little circle which looked to her for love and care and always found a There were several small woodland fires in the vicinity of Pine Ridge, Cold Spring and the town farm districts on last Sunday, but no great damage was done. On last Tuesday a forest fire burned over considerable woodland back of Benjamin Counter's house, and it was found necessary to call out the members of the fire company, who worked hard and fast before the fire was gotten under control.

Mrs. James B. Healy, with her daughter Mary, spent the holiday with relatives in Groton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn spent she could and did help in the church frequently. Her young sons were sent the regularly to the Sunday school and

church. Her interest in other phases of church activities was consistent with her broad sympathies and sweet disposition, and she was never asked to serve in any capacity without giving a welcome and hearty response to the request, and following with efficient service, so happily performed that it was a pleasure to work with her. No unkind thought of another was ever framed on her lips, and no feeling of antagonism or even discontent was traceable in her attitude or actions. It seemed as if her soul or actions. It seemed as if her soul were so in tune with the beautiful that her heart and mind knew only the world of peace, joy and perfect

self-sacrifice was so natural for Mrs. Self-sacrifice was so natural for Mrs. Bradley that her happiness was never complete unless she was giving herself for the good of others. And in her modest, unselfish, but full life, she was constantly endearing herself to all who know her, and winning the "well done" approval of the Master.

Social Service Institute.

The Social Service Institute, to be held Monday afternoon and evening in the Unitarian church, will be preceded on Sunday evening by a local union service in the Baptist church at seven o'clock, with an address by Rev. E. Tallmadge Root; of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, on the subject, "The churches as colleagues in community building." Good music will be provided. This should prove a good introduction for the institute. Mr. Root will be entertained at the home of Rev. J. C. Alvord, and will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday morning. For the institute proper a very attractive program is issued. This includes expert and able discussions of the interest of churchs. Social Service Institute. program is issued. This includes expert and able discussions of the interests of church and town from both sides, namely, "What the churches can do for the community" and "What the community can do for the churches," closing with an illustrated lecture on "New Americans in Massachusetts." The session on Monday afternoon will begin at 2.30, the evening session at 7,30. Supper will be provided for visitors from other towns.

Children's Ball. A pleasanter evening could not have been desired than Friday, the date of the children's ball, given by Mrs. C. R. White, of Shirley, the popular dancing teacher, who has held, a very R. White, of Shirley, the popular dancing teacher, who has held a very successful course in the town hall this winter. Many parents and other guests were present and were intensely interested in the brilliant social affair. The children were daintily and in some instances elaborately dressed. All were presented to the two charming patronesses of the evening, Mrs. J. N. Murray and Mrs. H. F. Proctor. To the music of Mudgett's orchestra of Shirley the children formed in line for the grand march which was led by Sally Kimball and Junior Flags. A prettier picture than that made by the class of little people in festive dress crowned by radiant faces is not easily imagined. After they had enjoyed the freedom of the floor long enough to dance the different figures taught this winter, their seniors had

enough to dance the different figures taught this winter, their seniors had an opportunity to enter actively into the festivities and the little people showed no small amount of pleasure in seeing their parents join in the dances of former years.

The crowning event has come and gone, and to Mrs. White is due great credit for her patient, painstaking, efficient and always courteous services in the capacity of teacher. It is hoped that she may continue to favor the young people by opening another class here next year. Her ability has been thoroughly tested in her long experience, and in a quiet, pleasant and tactful manner she secures the best of results.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ALICE M. M. BOYNTON late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CHARLES E. BOYNTON, Adm.

Pepperell, Mass., April 17, 1915. 2t33 LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 550, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908 Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 7555 has been lost on the same stonned NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK Sarah T. Tuten, Treas.

Ayer, Mass., April 21, 1915. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the houseat-law, next of kin

sed, intestate, betition has been preleourt to grant a letter to no no the estate of said THARLES B. STICKNEY at the County of Middlekiving a surety on his by cited to appear at a to be held at Cambridge, by of Middlesex, on the May A. D. 1915, at nine

forenoon, to show cause e, why the same should cased, why the same should petitioner is hereby directed that notice thereof, by public epiation once in each week, successive weeks, in Turner's that a newspaper published in last publication to be one ast, before said Court. Charles J. McIntire. Esquire, the fore said Court, this seventhal that the seventhal that

20133 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HANNAH L. PARMENTER late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Count, for Probate, by GEORGE T. STEVENS who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the diffth day of May A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Court.
Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court this fourteenth day of April in the year one
thousand nine hundred and fifteen.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kincreditors, and all other persons. Interested in the estate of MARY JANE WIGHT, formerly MARY JANE CRAIG late of Troy in the State of New York, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate not already administered of said deceased, to EARL COLE CRAIG of Providence in the State of Rhode Island without requiring a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of April A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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### SHIRLEY

News Items. N. Dana Sanderson has moved into the upper flat of the house owned and occupied by his parents on Lancaster

Miss Jennie Pelote was tendered a pleasant surprise at the closing hour of labor at the factory of the Samson cordage works last week by her associates at the mill. It took the form of a paper shower, as she was the recipient of many fancy and unique articles made from paper, with other dainty novelties. She also received a handsome fruit dish and bureau scarf. bureau scarf.

Waldo Miner, of Weymouth, was a guest Patriots' day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke.

Mrs. E. C. Pevear, of Swampscott, with daughter Ruth, paid a flying visit in their automobile Patriots' day to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, parents of Mrs. Pevear.

Roy Birchstead and family have rented the house vacated by the Jo-seph Tremblay family. Fred Rich is working for Harrie P. Barnard, Harvard road, doing ex-tensive repair work, making additions and painting the entire property own-

ed by Mr. Barnard. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday

Miss Ruth Carter, commercial teacher, spent over Patriots' day at her home in Winchendon.

Miss Margreta S. Hastings, high school principal, remained in Shirley over the holiday.

William Grebinslen, a temporary william Grebinslen, a temporary engineer at the Samson cordage works, fell from the top of the boilers in the fire-room Thursday of last week, a distance of ten feet, and broke his wrist and sustained severe hruises about the face and forehead. He was given first aid by Dr. Lilly and insisted upon returning to his home in Haverhill for further treatment. Defective eyesight was the cause of the accident.

The Leominster A. C. were defeated on Patriots' day on the Shirley grounds by the Shirley A. C., the score being 13 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, with daughter Ruth, of Fitchburg, spent Patriots day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs.

Miss Mary A. Park, in company with the Misses Ruth Woodman and Gladys Phelps, attended the C. E. convention in Malden on Patriots' day. They were the representatives from the Congregational church.

Joseph Tremblay and family moved to Littleton on Patriots' day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawton and daughter Gertrude, and Mrs. Ferris, all of Worcester, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch, Lancaster road. Miss Emma Knowles attended the funeral of George Bowers, of North Leominster, last Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Harris celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage last week Thurs-day evening at their home on Maple

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Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the week-end and over Patriots' day with relatives in Framingham. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Dana Sanderson, born last Sunday, died on Wednesday morning. The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. George S. Wells next Wednesday af-

ternoon at three o'clock. There will be a legal contest over the money and real estate left by the late Thomas Hassett, who died with-out leaving a will. The amount left by Mr. Hassett is reported to be about

Miss Gertrude L. Conant left on Wednesday for a three-months' trip to California. She will be accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Porter, her uncle and aunt. The party left Boston on the two o'clock train Wednesday afternoon and will go direct to Los Angeles, and after a brief stay in that city will go to Almeda, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter. Mr. Porter arrived in New York city last Sunday from Europe. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, parents of Miss Gertrude, went to Boston to see the party start on their western trip.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Shirley Co-operative bank was held in Engine hall Tuesday bank was held in Engine hall Tuesday evening. The president, D. Chester Parsons, presided. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. Chester Parsons, pres.; Charles W. Marshall, v. p.; William H. Wilbur, treas.; Harry H. Lynch, elerk; Albe L. Annis, Warren H. Atwood, Arthur E. Felch, David F. Goozey, Eugene N. Livermore, directors, 3 yrs.; Thomas F. Mullin, director, 1 yr.

The following statement shows the bank to be in a prosperous condition:

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Mrs. John G. Conant, in company with Mrs. A. M. Parker, of Littleton, left this; week Friday for Upper Montclair. N. J., for a six-weeks visit at the home of Mr, and Mrs. Walter W. Manning. They will remain at the Manning home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, who left this week Saturday for a trip to California. The three boys and maid will remain at home with Mrs. Conant and friend.

G. M. Ballou's auto truck leaded.

Manning home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, who left this week Saturday for a trip to California. The three boys and maid will remain at home with Mrs. Conant and friend. G. M. Ballou's auto truck, loaded with 2500 pounds of cement, caved through the weak flooring in the barn of the Davis estate, located almost opposite the railroad depot, at about noon time on Thursday. The truck, with Harold Landry, driver, and Richard Murray, helper, all fell a distance of about fifteen feet. The crash caused considerable excitement, Dr. Lilly was hurriedly sent for as those nearby, who rushed to the assistance of the men, thought sure that the men on the truck were injured. Tortunately no one was injured beyond a severe shock and a few bruises. The studding of the barn gave away and the weak, decayed, flooring crashed in like sawdust. The truck was put out of commission.

Miss Christine G. Longley, of the Worcester Domestic Science acheel.

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Giris held a ceremonial meeting last week Friday evening at the home of Miss Stella

We are sorry to report that J. P. Tolman, head of the Samson cordage works, is sick at his home in Newton, suffering from the effects of a shock

Mrs. Frank W. Snell was operated upon at her home on Center road on Wednesday. The attending physicians were Drs. Goodwin. McKay and Chase, of Clinton, and Dr. T. E. Lilly, of this town. Mrs. Fernaid is the attending nurse. Mrs. Snell is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Thomas D. Morin was peared.

Graves.

The First Parish Branch Alliance will hold its annual meeting Thurs. day afternoon, April 29, in the parity was attending year will be elected.

Mrs. Herbert Sweetser left on last Saturday afternoon for Hudson, where

Exciting Experience.

The police of Shirley and Ayer are this week making vigorous search for this week making vigorous search for an Italian who on last Monday evening, about 6.30 o'clock, flourished a revolver at Atty. Emerson W. Baker, president of the Fitchburg Board of Trade and Merchants' association, who was returning to his home in Fitchburg, in company with his wife and young son in their auto, by the way of the new state road in North Shirley.

of the new state road in North Shirley.

According to the report which Mr. Baker made to the police, the Italian at first declared that he was the son of Chief Beatty of Ayer, and he also claimed that he had been assigned by the chief to investigate several hold-ups which are alleged to have occurred on the North Shirley road which is being built by a gang of about fifty Italian workmen.

While the man made no attempt to shoot up the Baker party it is believed that he intended to make a demand for money, but lost his courage when another automobile loomed up. From the description which Mr. Baker gave to Chief Beatty, the Ayer chief believes that the Italian is a man whom the police have been looking for for some time, and it is said that he bears a very unsavory reputation.

Chief Beatty got into communication.

of their marriage last week Thursday evening at their home on Maple street by entertaining a number of relatives. A wedding dinner was served and Mr. and Mrs. Harris received gifts of silver.

Miss Anna Lougee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lougee, of Chapel street, is confined to her home with a severe attack of the grippe.

Miss Mabel I. Osborne, assistant high school teacher, spent over the holiday with friends in Providence. R. I.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. Dana Sanderson last Sunday morning.

Miss Nina Fletcher, the talented violinist, is to give a recital in the town hall, Ayer, Monday evening, May 3. She will be assisted by Helen Pratt Kelley, lyric soprano, and John Craig Kelley, accompanist. Tickets go on sale at Hill's drug store, Ayer, Thursday, April 29.

The following program for class day at the high school has been announced: Valedictory, Mildred Day salutatory. Carl Badstübner; prophecy, Raymond Harris; statistics, Hazel Brill; history, John Penesseau; will Doris White. The two first students were assigned the honors according to rank, Miss Midred Day having the choice.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the week-end and over Patriots' for some time, and it is said that he bears a very unsavory reputation. Chief Beatty got into communication with Constable Burrill, of this town, and before the week ends a visit will be made to the Italian camp in North Shirley in an endeavor to locate the man. Mr. Baker will also be called upon to identify the man. According to the report which Mr. Eaker made to the police the Italian twas riding a bicycle along the North Shirley in an endeavor to called upon to identify the man. According to the report which Mr. Eaker made to the police the Italian tundentify the man. According to the report which Mr. Eaker made to the police the Italian tundentify the man. According to the report which Mr. Eaker made to the police the funding the strength of the report which Mr. Eaker made to the police the funding the strength of the man. According to the r

pocketed the revolver and said that he had taken it away from a hold-up man a few minutes before.

Mr. Baker was returning from a camping expedition and according to his statement he looked as if he probably had "about three center" with his statement he looked as if he probably had "about three cents" with him, and he believes that the Italian decided that it would be taking considerable of a chance to hold him up for what he could get and at the same time run the risk of being seen by the other automobile party.

The attorney did not lose his nerve and he drove over the road which the Italian said was being watched by highwaymen and later in the night he reported the incident to the police.

The supper and entertainment gives

Entertainment and Supper.

The supper and entertainment given at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, under the direction of the men of the church, was a most enjoyable event. The menu consisted of clam chowder, with beans, etc. and was most appetizing. C. R. White, under whose direction the chowder was made, was highly complimented. The committee having charge of the supper consisted of George W. Balch, chairman, assisted by Henry Burrage, Esbon A. Mills, David Goozey and John Beach. Those who served in the capacity of waiters were Fred Peneseau, Roland Hocquard, Charles Clark; John Seymour and John Peneseau. A fine program of entertainment, consisting of the following numbers, was given at eight o'clock! ment, consisting of the following numbers, was given at eight o'clock: Plano duets, Miss Eleanor Weeks and Miss Hazel Coolidge: of West Acton; vocal solos, Miss H. Coolidge; reading, William Jubb; violin solos, Miss E. Vance of West Acton; readings, Walter Mellish. The committee in charge of the above program consisted of John Beach, chairman. Fred Peneseau, Charles Clark and Roland Hocquard. About 100 sat down to supper and the affair was a splendid success.

The next regular meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. Taylor on Parker

A party of about forty neighbors and fellow Grangers tendered Mrs. Henry Farrar, at the North, a surprise party on last week Thursday evening, the occasion being her birthday. She the occasion being her birthday. She was presented with a silver pie knife by those present. A pleasant evening was spent with music and games, and refreshments of ice cream, cake and refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy were served.

A. E. TITUS, Ayer.

Mattresses custom made and made over. Packing and crating Furniture for shipment. Cabinet work. 1m24 candy were served.

A. E. TITUS, Ayer.

MARTELL, P. O. Box 607, Ayer. 4134

Miss Christine G. Longley, of the Worcester Domestic Science school, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbig Longley.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, with Mrs. Mable

as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Thomas D. Morin was operated upon for appendicitis Thursday at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Descoteaux. The attending physicians were Drs. Goodwin of Cilinton and Dr. Lilly.

Exciting Experience.

Saturday afternoon for Hudson, where Mr. Sweetser has a position as manager of a farm. It is understood that the Mary Anna home will not be opened at all this season. It is unfortunate that the largest house in the Center, which might be profitably put to many uses, should have to remain closed. Mrs. John Stickney who has been

very ill, is reported to be improving slowly. Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard

university, is spending a week's vaca-tion at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden, on Horsepond road. Miss Ruth M. Graves returned to Royalston on Monday after spending the week-end at the home of her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray, of Brookline, spent the week-end at their house on Parker road.

Contrary to an announcement in this column last week, the First Par-ish church was not opened last Sun-Forrest B. Wing, of Brookline, is spending his week's vacation from Harvard at the home of his grandfather, Albert Adams.

Charlie C. Longley, of Milibury, with some friends from New York, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

It is expected the play which Shir-ley Grange has been rehearsing for several weeks will be given on May 28, the proceeds to go to the educational aid fund.

The Grange meeting on Tuesday evening was very well attended. The lecturer's program consisted of songs by all; talk, "Whether land should be by all; talk, "Whether land should be posted or not." A. R. Cummings; paper, "The effect of spraying on birds." A. A. Adams; remarks by members. Following the lecturer's hour Harry N. Brown, the present master, was tendered a surprise party, the affair being a genuine surprise to him. A large birthday cake was brought in and C. E. Bradford, on behalf of the party; presented Mr. Brown with a gold trimmed Waterman fountain pen. The remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent with dancing and games. Refreshments of candy, cake and coffee were served. A few guests were present in addition to the members of the Grange.

Miss Mildred Evans is having a va-

Miss Mildred Evans is having a va-cation from Fitchburg State Normal school, caused by a threatened scarlet fever scare at the school.

Miss Mary A. Hobbs, of Center road, has been entertaining her sister this week. The junk dealer at the village, whose horse has been treated for blackwater at Longiey homestead for past two weeks has removed

horse to the village Mr. Parson, of Groton School, con ducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday. Regular service on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Sunday school immediately after the service. Howard M. Longley, who has had practically all of the teams about the Center busy preparing the land on Peach hill for an orchard, is now ready to begin setting the trees. Mr. Longley intends to set eight hundred fruit trees, in addition to the large orchard which he already has.

orchard which he already has.

John Neat, a life-long resident of
the North, died on last week Friday
morning at the age of seventy-two
years. His death occurred at the
Leominster hospital, where he has
been ill with pneumonia. Nearly all
of his life was passed on his farm at
the North, but recently he has been
staying at the home of Mr. Rines until, his removal to the Leominster
hospital. He leaves a daughter, Miss
Mildred Neat, of Ayer. The funeral
was held on Sunday afternoon from
his home at the North, and burial was his home at the North, and burial was in the family lot in the Center ceme

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Saturday, April 24, 1915.

### GROTON

News Items.

Lawrence academy won from the Brookline high school last Saturday by the score of 2 to 1.

The alarm sounded on Monday af-ternoon was for a brush fire beyond the Ridges on the Littleton road.

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Com. C. H. Berry, of E. S. Clark
post has received word from department: headquarters that Memorial
Sunday will be observed by the veterans on May 23. The invitation extended the E. S. Clark post and W. R.
C. to attend services at the West
Groton church has been accepted.

Groton church has been accepted.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Williams,
of West Somerville, were week-end
and over holiday guests of Mr. and
Mrs. W. A. Brown. Their daughter,
Miss Eleanor, came over for the holiday recess from Fitchburg Normal
school and joined her parents at Mr.
Brown's. Miss Mildred Brown was
also home from Simmons for Patriots'
days.

The following from Groton attended The following from Groton attended the Hillsborough County Pomona Grange meeting in Nashua, N. H., on last week Friday: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilson, Mrs. Messenger and daughter, Miss Hattie Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Miss Lois Wright, W. J. Putnam and daughter, Mrs. F. C. Bishon.

C. Bishop.

Mrs. Estella Collier has returned to Joseph B. Raddins' to take up again her duties as housekeeper. It will be remembered that Mrs. Collier broke her ankle a year ago last Bebruary. She has had a long siege with the break, but hopes now, as do all her friends, that she has recovered.

school at Fitchburg.

Courtney Guild and Miss Guild,

a host of callers.

The household economics section of the Woman's club will hold an open meeting in the lower town hall on Friday afternoon, April 30, at 2.30 o'clock. Miss Harriett Hopkins, of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, will demonstrate "Meat substitutes." The public are cordially invited. Admission free.

Miss Nina Fletcher, the talented folinist, is to give a recital in the

Because of the crowded quarters of the Fifth and Sixth Forms at Groton School, it has been decided to ton School, it has been declared to make an extension on Brooks House. When the addition is finished there will be fifty-two studies and therefor it will be possible each year to give every boy in the upper forms a study. In connection with these alterations in connection with these alterations there will be added another entrance there will be added another entrance to the building, situated about where Mr. Regan's study is now. A flight of steps will lead from here to the new dormitory. There will be a master's suite at the end of the dormitory. and another at the end of the tory, and another at the end of the stidy hall. Mr. Crane's study is to be enlarged. All these things, it is ex-pected, will be completed by the be-ginning of next term in September.

J. E. Adams has bought a new Reo car, 1915 model.

Mrs. William Peabody is the guest his week of Mr. and Mrs. Everett B.

was in town this week.

Mrs. Fred W. Mansun, Miss Helen Gray, Mrs. John Lawrence and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck attended the antisulfragist meeting held at Hotel Somerset, Boston, Tuesday. There were six hundred in attendance.

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS Addle M ... Woods, Mrs. Hattle Fitch Mrs. Blanche Brown and Mrs. Lillian Shattuck attended Federation day at the Ayer Woman's club Wednesday

Harvey Woods was home from owell Textile for the April 19 vaca-

Mrs. James R. Hawkes returned from Atlantic City last week Friday not feeling as well as usual, and later, growing worse found it necessary to call her physician. She is better now but the attack of grippe was very severe and still remains with its attack. tendant weakness and other bad ef-

Mrs. Herbert Bradley, a young w man from Littleton, operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital, died there Tuesday morning. The case was a very serious one. Mrs. Bradley was a relative of Mrs. Eugene Collier of this town.

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Groton School defeated Lowell Textile last Saturday by the score of 7 to 3.

Groton high school defeated Groton School second team by the score of 4 to 2 last Saturday. The pitching of Wood for Groton high was the feature.

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The Groton Woman's club extends a cordial invitation to the pupils of the public schools to attend the May party to be given in the town hall on Saturday, May 1, at 2.30 p. m. Robert P. McLauchlan will give an entertainment with the "Pixies," which will be followed by dancing. At five o'clock the children will be served ice cream and cake in the lower town hall. A large attendance of club members, is expected. members is expected.

Mrs. William A. Woods has had her goods moved to the residence of her brother, George L. Boynton, of Pleasant street, where it is said she will make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Jr., of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonaid, Jr., of Dorchester with his brother-in-law, P. L. Donahue, and wife, also of Dor-chester, were up to spend Patriots' day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, sr., of Farmers' row.

McDonald, sr., of Farmers' row.

The fire alarm was given four times on Tuesday afternoon; two sounded for forest fires, and two for house fires. Although no houses were destroyed there were some that stood in danger as the fires spread rapidly, a high wind blowing. The first calls were for fire North Groton way, the same that burned down the Nokes icehouses by Reed's or Wattles pond, near Mr. Willis' place, and ran over considerable Groton territory. The Pepperell call sounded for this fire also. The other and larger fire was by Sand hill and ran over woodland of Harry Nutting, burning a quantity by Sand hill and ran over woodland of Harry Nutting, burning a quantity of cut and piled wood. It also ran over land belonging to Percy Benedict and threatened what might have been a much larger conflagration. The two fires burning at the same time-created much excitement. It seemed as if all the townsmen available besides the full fire department rushed to fight the flames. Taking both fires a large acreage was burned over.

Dr. William A. Gobie has just been

all her friends, that she has recovered.

Born on Friday, April 23, at the hospital in Dorchester, a nine-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Patterson, of Dorchester. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Champney street, have thus reached to the dignity and pleasure of grandparents.

The Lawrence Academy A. A. held a well attended dance in the town hall on Monday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Arthur J. Clough, Mrs. Ellen M. Needham, Mrs. Henry H. Gay, Mrs. Charles Henry Stevens. There was an estimated attendance of about 200. assistant.

Prof. Julian Coolidge, with Mrs. Coolidge, have been guests for a week at the Groton Inn. Prof. Coolidge, now at Harvard, was at one time an instructor at Groton School. Owing to a case of scarlet fever among the students at the Fitchburg Normal school they have been given a vacation a week earlier than was scheduled. Miss Muriel Moison and Miss Selina Bradley, of Groton, are at home for this vacation. Miss Edna Leonard, a senior and in training as a teacher, continues at her duties in school at Fitchburg.

assistant.

Rev. George M. Howe, Dea. and Mrs. Ansel M. Shattuck, Miss Jessie Shattuck, Miss Vickery, Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Whiting, Mrs. M. Coburn and Mrs. Allan E. Woods of the Groton Congregational church attended the Middlessx Union Association of Congregational Churches in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

At the ball games here on Wednesday, Groton School won over Worcester South high by the score of 1 to 0; Lawrence academy won over Groton A. A. by the score of 16 to 5.

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Mrs. Edna Morehouse Nagler, with Courtney Guild and Miss Guild.
brother and sister of the lamented Ex-governor Guild, were over holiday guests at the Groton Inn.

Miss Fanny H. Prescott, of Cambridge, was a week-end and over the holiday guest of the Misses Hutchins, of Pleasant street, and during her stay called on Mrs. Augustus Woods and others of the family.

Mrs. Edna Morehouse Nagler, with her little five-months-old daughter, Frances Virginia, returned on Tuesday to her home in Cambridge, having made a week's visit to the W. M. Tyrrell family. Miss Irene Tyrrell was her college chum and belongs to the same college sororiety.

B. H. Tyrrell has returned home from a ten-days' visit in Hartford, Conn. and Patterson. N. J. While at

street and will work as driver for J. E. Adams.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck was much pleased to receive one day last week a fine box of extra large luscious oranges and grapefruit sent and grown by Rev. A. J. Hovey, of Caloosa, Fla. Miss Lucy Raddin, teacher in Everett, is home for a week's vacation. John Trayne met with an accident a few days ago while using chemicals, burning the palm of one hand and the thumb of the other. Mrs. Trayne's pony, well-known about the town, has a week old coit, "The Duchess," which is attracting much attention, having a host of callers.

The household economics section of the Woman's club will hold an open

Mrs. Emma Blood, of West Groton, was able after a stay of seven weeks at the Groton hospital and five weeks after she underwent an operation violinist, is to give a recital in the town hall, Ayer, Monday evening, May 3. She will be assisted by Helen Pratt Kelley, lyric soprano, and John Craig Kelley, accompanist. Tickets go on sale at Hill's drug store, Ayer, Thursday, April 29.

The W. R. C. met in regular ses-sion Wednesday afternoon and held exercises appropriate to Patriots' day

A very pretty occasion was the shower given by Mrs. F. F. Waters and daughter to Miss Geneieve Hodgman, at their home on Monday afternoon, April 19. About thirty guests were present to enjoy the music furnished by Miss Hodgman and Miss Holmes. Miss Hodgman received a special delivery latter containing on Holmes. Miss Hodgman received a special delivery letter containing an agreeable surprise announcing the shower. She received a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

Twenty-four of the Boy Scouts met at the scoutmaster's residence on last Saturday evening. The evening pass-ed off very pleasantly. Refreshments were served. The scouts meet there again this Saturday evening.

The Board of Trade, which started Mrs. William Peabody is the guest his week of Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. lerrish.

George W. Lewis of West Upton given the closest attention.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans is now more comfortable from the attack of nervous prostration which kept her in bed for eight weeks.

Mrs. Benjamin P. Williams, of West six hundred in attendance.

Mrs. Arlene Bishop, Miss Clarissa holiday visit at W. A. Brown's, reCoburn, Mrs. Marion Torrey, Mrs. mained for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark ar-ived at the home of his brother, E. I. Clark, on Common street, Wednes-H. Clark, on Common street, weenesday afternoon, coming from California, where they have been staying for the past three or more months. The climate did not agree with Mr. Clark as was expected and it was thought best to return to Groton.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes has sold her place on the Boston road to George E. Meyet.

Charles B. Ogilvie has a new Ford

The honors in the senior class of the high school have been awarded as follows: Miss Virginia Woods, valedictory; Miss Hope Nichols, salu-tatory; Miss Irene Peabody, essay.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams, of Chicopee row, left on Monday for their place at Fitch's Bay, Canada, where they go to make quite a lengthy stay. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Williams' mother, went the Friday before, taking with her the little girl. Nelle Sawyer, who has had her home with the form! with the family.

Mrs. Mary-Messenger and daughter, Miss Hattie Messenger, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilson attended the Pomona Grange at Bolton Tuesday, mak-

The operator at central put in two hours or more of hard work on Tuesday afternoon. What with the forest fire and the house fire alarms and the numerous inquiries made about the fires, and the keeping on the alert for orders to sound other alarms if necessary, there was such an afternoon as never before experienced by the operator in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman of Winchester were recent visitors of his sister, Mrs. A. B. Farwell, and family. Henry R. Gilson of Ambridge, Pa.. consulting engineer of the National Metal Moulding Co. of Pittsburg, coming to New York city on business,

made a flying visit here Thursday night and a visit to relatives. The economic section of the Wo-man's club will hold a food sale in the lower town hall, Friday afternoon, April 30, in connection with the talk by Miss Hopkins.

The latest attraction just now in Groton is Fred McDonough's twin bossies. They are very much admired by all for their size, beauty and even markings. They are red and white in color and so near alike that one can hardly tell them apart, only one is larger than the other. They have been named Inabelle and Isabelle. belle.

Town Meeting.

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There was a good attendance at the special town meeting Thursday evening. A. H. Torrey, town clerk; called the meeting to order. Henry W. Whiting was chosen moderator. Art. 2, voted, to raise \$800 in addition to the amount raised and apropriated at the annual town meeting to build a new bridge over the Nashua river or repair the Red bridge.

Art. 3, about selling oil wagon was indefinitely postponed.

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Art. 6. Voted, that the school committee be authorized to transfer appropriations as may be necessary for transportating district school children

from one school to another.

Bird Club Meeting.

At the meeting of the Groton Bird club on April 9, Miss Gertrude Ger-rish submitted a brief report of the recent meeting of a section of the Pepperell Woman's club devoted to Pepperell Woman's club devoted to furthering bird study and protection in that town. Miss Gerrish and her sister attended this meeting and found much interest had been aroused among both adults and children. The sum of three dollars was appropriated for the use of the Junior club. It was stated that birds had been seen entering several of the nesting boxes on the common and elsewhere.

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B. H. Tyrrell has returned home from a ten-days' visit in Hartford, Conn., and Patterson, N. J. While at the latter place he heard Billy Sunday. Mr. Tyrrell was pleased with Mr. Sunday and believes he is doing a good work.

Mrs. Frederick May entertained the members of the Neighborhood club, they being out in good numbers on also being present. The usual quotast of the Brookline Bird club, then read an interesting paper on "Wild ducks." He roll call. It was a great pleasure to roll call. The president urged that more to the beput up at once and called attention to the fact that boxes of roofing paper can be secured from Winthrop Pack and be the fact that boxes of roofing paper can be secured from Winthrop Pack and be the fact that boxes of roofing paper can be secured from Winthrop Pack and Canton, Mass., for thirty-five day be the fact that boxes of roofing paper can be secured from Winthrop Pack and be the fact that boxes of roofing paper and be the fact that

interesting paper on "Wild ducks." He said that despite the thickly settled condition of the country around Brookline, excellent opportunities for the study and observation of ducks were offered by the many park reservations, where these birds from long continued protection have become tame, and where they resort in

large numbers.
There are three groups of ducks the mergangers or sheldrakes, which Miss are tish eaters and therefore good are fish eaters and therefore good divers; the sea and bay ducks, also good divers, securing their food in more or less deep water, mostly from the bottom; and the river and pond ducks, which feed in shallow water by "tipping." and are therefore as a rule very poor divers. The mangansers are divided into three species—the American, the red breasted and the hooded mergansers. The first and third are primarily fresh water, and third are primarily fresh water, and the second salt water, birds. They are said to be the swiftest fliers among ducks and though rank and fishy in flavor are shot in considerable

numbers for the table numbers for the table.

The sea and bay ducks are found most often in salt or brackish water. The sub-family includes the canvasback, red head, scaups, commonly called blue bills, golden eyes, commonly known as whistlers, bufflehead, old squaw and little ruddy ducks.

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Distinguished from these by absence of a lobe or web on the hind
too, the river and pond ducks are
found mostly in and about fresh
water, though some species have acwater, though some species have acquired the habit in localities where they are much shot of spending the day out at sea and coming into their feeding grounds only at night. A distinguishing characteristic of this sub-family is that the ducks belonging to it rise directly from the water into instant flight, instead of patter-ing along the surface, as do the sea ducks and mergansers. The mallard and black ducks are probably the most common species and are known to destroy large quantities of insects, including mosquito larvæ, as well as weed seeds. The stomach of one bird contained over 23,000 of the latter. Other river and pond ducks are the Other river and pond ducks are the boldpate, the green wing and blue wing teals, the shoveller, the pintall and finally the beautiful wood duck. This little duck is fond of the society of mankind, where it is not molested, branch and thrown to the ground in lawrence Marshall of Arlington Lawrence Marshall of Arlington

Sewing School.

The Groton sewing school held its annual closing last Saturday afternoon. As usual there was the pleasant party with singing, dancing and tained a party

ant party with singing, dancing and refreshments of ice cream and cake. Mrs. John Lawrence presided and read her report as follows:

"This is the fourteenth year of the sewing school and in is in many ways the most interesting one we have ever had, for the girls have not only been learning how to sew for their own the most interesting one we have ever had, for the girls have not only been learning how to sew for their own benefit, but they have been using what skill they have in the service of others, and all, except the very young ones, have been working for the unhappy victims of the war, the children and women of Belgium. They have shown such energy and good will that we are able to send 220 garments abroad, 170 of which were finished by the girls, and 35 partly made by them. We have had a larger number of girls than usual, seventy-six names being on our list; our average attendance was 58 ½, and the largest in any one day 63. We have found it impossible to award prizes this year, so are giving badges of the Belgian colors, with an inscription, which we hope will please the girls who have given such good work to the homeless and unhappy. In the two oldest classes we have allowed the girls to take the work home and we are most happy over the result. The following girls have been especially industrious: Helen McDermott, two finished 17 garments; Mary McDermott, 11; Viola farm, soon reactive of the provided in Helen McDermott, who finished 17 garments; Mary McDermott, 11; Viola Harris, 9; Ethel Green, 9; Elizabeth Blood and Beatrice Murphy, seven each. A large number of girls have not missed more than a day."

Clipping.

The Bradford (Pa.) Evening Star and Dally Record of April 12, printed the following:
"An address on the historic sequences logically and inevitably lead-

ing to woman suffrage was read by Miss Georgianna Boutwell at a reby Miss Georgianna Boutwell at a re-cent suffrage meeting over which she presided. It was read again by Mrs. Margaret B. Stone at a meeting of the Political Equality club of Brad-ford and received enthusiastic ap-proval. It was voted that the address be transmitted to the state organization with the recommendation that it be printed as a campaign leastet. Miss Boutwell's distinguished father, in the counsels of Lincoln and Grant and sa leader in both houses of congress during the civil war covered also the period of reconstruction, was the author of the fifteenth constitutional amendment, which crowned the victories on the battlefield and assured to close all the district schools outside and transport the school children to the new Boutwell school, was indefinitely postponed.

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The whole address was printed in these columns recently.

West Groton.

R. W. Bliss

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West Groton.

R. W. Bliss

last week on account of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Byron C. Bliss, of Rutland. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon and Mr. Pliss returned home on Sunday evening. Mrs. J. L. Tatman is visiting with friends in Framingham.

Mr. Lamb, of Worcester, is a guest of his son, A. W. Lamb. Coming on Thursday of last week, William Baker, a student at Lowell Textile school, spent a week's vacation at his home. He was accompanied by two school-fellows, who remained until Saturday.

Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge is in her physician's care with a severe case of

W. F. Lane spent Thursday in Los-Mrs. E. F. Sleeper has suffered this

week from a severe attack of the grippe. Mrs. John Carey has also Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington and other relatives from this village attended the funeral of Mrs. Lillian Harrington in Ayer on Monday. The deceased was the widow of the late George Harrington, of West Groton, and step-mother to F. E. and George

G. Harrington; also, an aunt of Mrs. F. E. Harrington, who was with her much of the time during her last ill-A number from this village attended the church convention in Lunenburg on Wedensday. So far as known they were Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. M. E. Williams, E. K. Harrington.

Messrs. Bates. Spaulding and Andrew Blood assisted at the initiation of members into Middlesex lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., of Ayer on Wednesday evening. These were only a part of the degree staff, other members being out of town or unable to attend.

The contract has been given for the concrete bridge over the Squan-nacook between West Groton and North Shirley and it is understood that the work of construction will be-gin in July.

We are requested to announce that the papermill will open for work on Monday for one week and probably longer. This statement is authorita-tive as it comes directly from the superintendent.

At six p. m. on Tuesday an alarm was sounded for a forest fire in the Bliss district. About an acre, mostly grass and brush, was burned over not far from Thompsonville. On Wednesday afternoon the same alarm was sounded but the fire was quickly subdued.

John Liacos returned on Thursday rom a three-weeks' trip to Lewiston. for employment. Mrs. Liacos, not ex pecting her husband's return, left with her children on Wednesday for a visit in Bennington, N. H. Mr. Lia-cos followed on Friday and the family will return on Saturday.

Mrs. G. I. Woolaver has required the attendance of a physician this week, suffering from the severe nervous shock occasioned by the tragic death last week of her young brothe

Miss Kathleen McGowan is taking a few weeks rest from her duties at the training hospital in Waltham.

The Improvement society met on Tuesday evening and elected officers as follows: Mrs. C. F. Spaulding, pres.; A. H. Thompson, v. p.; John Robinson, sec.; C. R. Dudley, treas. Names of other officers will be announced later.

and fortunately can be propagated in captivity. Mr. Brewster, the well-known ornithologist, reports that he witnessed a contest between a wood duck and a hooded merganser for a nest hole in a hollow tree. Eighteen eggs were laid, twelve of which belonged to the former and six to the latter.

After a general discussion the meeting adjourned about 9.30 p. m.

### TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver enter-tained a party of Lowell friends over the holiday.

Ira Williams, of Haverhill, spen the week-end with A. W. Gray. Miss Annie Keefe, of Cambridge, was a guest of her parents over Sun-

day.

Messrs. Altmiller are enjoying their Mrs. Strout's daughter, Mrs. Proc.

tor, and family, returned to their home in Needham on Wednesday. Mrs. B. C. Cummings is spending a few weeks in West Towns

Coming in their new French auto, James McDonald and family spent Monday at their Pepperell home. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton, of Chel-sea, and Mr. and Mrs. George Morton of Lexington, were holiday guests of Mr. Knowlton, who recently purchased the Brown estate.

Proctor's mill pond, which last ear received its quota of fish from he state commission, was well patronized on Monday. Stillman Anderson returned to Hickory farm on Tuesday from Glou-

On Tuesday, a fire for the burning rubbish started on the place formof rubbish started on the place form-erly known as the Almond Holden farm, soon reached such generous proportions as to be beyond control of the family. Help was summoned and after a hard fight the fire was conquered just as it was about to en-ter the tall timber land.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fletcher, of Fitchburg, with their family and guests, spent Patriots' day at their summer home in South row.

W. A. Dole and family opened their summer home for a few days just

veek. Misses Lillian and Melora Warner were at home for the holiday.

E. F. Draper and Miss Clara E. Bagley were guests of A. D. Bagley the past week. Mrs. Esther E. Bailey and daughter ybil returned to East Boston on

Tuesday Miss Jennie Taylor is improving and ble to be out.

Mrs. Ida Keenan, accompanied by Mrs. D. T. Spofford and Charles Spaulding, went to Leominster last Saturday to visit her daughter Marion, where another daughter and children from Canada were also guests.

The Harbor would seem to be quite a resort, judging from the number of visitors returning by train, to say nothing of those who leave by other means of transportation.

On last week Friday Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blake and son Donald came in their new Hudson from their home in Wollaston to visit their son, R. C. Blake, and his wife at Hickory farm. Patriots' day was spent motoring through the country, visiting places of historic interest relative to April 19. The itinerary included Groveland, the home of R. C. Blake's grandmother. The party direct Salishury. er. The party dined at Salisbury Beach and later in the evening came to Haverhill where they spent the night with relatives, returning to the farm the next day. W. F. Blake and family left for Wollaston on Wediesday.

### LITTLETON

News Items Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Alvord, Mrs. A. F. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant went to the spring meeting of Congregational churches held in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

Geo. H. Kimball is continuing the work of improvement on his place in Newtown by painting his buildings. From the president of the Forget-not circle we learn that the linen box is empty and contributions of old white cotton or linen cloth are solicited from any and all who can spare it and send the same to Mrs. J. W. Ireland at the Center. There are fre-quent demands for soft white cotton or linen in cases of sickness and ac eident and it seldom happens that a application to the K. D. circle for the

ame is made in vain. Guy Green has purchased a large touring car in which he is transport-ing passengers.

W. F. Conant, who conducts a print to Jamaica road in that city to better suit his convenience. He has let his house in Arlington Heights. His sister, Miss Miriam Conant, visited him and his family in their new home this

Mrs. A. M. Parker accompanied her sister, Mrs. John Conant of Shirley to New Jersey, where they will be in charge of family and household cares during Mr. and Mrs. Walter Man-ning's visit of a few weeks in Cali-fornia. Mrs. Parker will visit friends n other parts of the state before her

Margaret, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Channing Brown, is making rapid improvement from an attack of pneumonia.

The Congregational church and so-ciety will celebrate their seventy-fifth anniversary next month and the church committee met this week to plan for the program, which we hope soon to publish in this column.

Miss Sears of the High school faculy is spending the week-end at her tome in Providence.

Miss Forbes, teacher of second and third grades in the union school, visted friends in Providence and Med-

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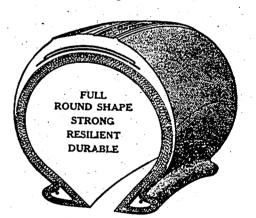
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visited his grandfather, Thomas Marshal, and Miss Marshall the first of the week. Studio Reception.

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A small audience and a splendid entertainment is the report for the studio reception given by the Congregational club in the vestry Tuesday evening. Many of the townspeople were out late the night previous, hence the small number present. This reception was much of a novelty and under the direction of a most able and energetic committee was brought to a high state of perfection. Memand energetic committee was brought to a high state of perfection. Mem-bers of the society posed in a large frame and Miss Gertrude Sanderson explained the pictures, which rep-resented the paintings of famous ar-tists. As the curtain was drawn Miss Sanderson gave a brief sketch of the artist and an expression of his work red friends in Front an holiday. The G. H. Barkers returned home last Saturday after a pleasant winter in St. Peterburg, Fla. At Washington they stopped a few days and visited their son.

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Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting Miss Dewey and Mrs. McLauglin in Brookline.

Ten men of the Littleton fire department were called into service on Thursday to fight a forest fire in North Acton which swept over a territory of about 150 acres.

Fred Zappy, who has been the tester of milk in the several Littleton dairies of the local dairy association for the last two years, is concluding his services here to fill another position. satisfactory sum of money

# Wanted

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### AYER

News Items. Charles F. Bruce, of Worcester, a former well-known citizen of Ayer, was in town on Monday. citizen of Ayer,

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Patriots' day passed off quietly. The perfect weather brought many out-of-doors to enjoy various sports and pleasures. The principal attractions were the shoot of the Ayer Gunciub, the baseball game between Littleton high and Ayer high-school at the town park and the ever popular special moving picture exhibitions given by Poulius Bros. The Fitchburg and the Lowell electric cars did a tremendous business and throngs also came on the steam cars. The day also marked the annual inspection of many of the summer camps day also marked the annual inspec-tion of many of the summer camps in the resorts in this vicinity, some staying in the camps over the week-end and holiday. Many others also obeyed nature's call to the wild.

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An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United
States; District court against the
Powers-Dundas Company, shoe manufacturers, of Central Falls, R. I.
Three Massachusetts creditors, alleging liabilities of \$22,268.08; joined in
the petition. They are the B. & R.
Rubber Company, \$10,570.42; Ayer
Tanning Company, \$10,570.42; Ayer
Tanning Company, \$10,566.62; Lucius
Ecebe & Sons, Boston, \$1,641.04. On
Wednesday of last week Herman W.
Fowers filed a petition in the superior Powers filed a petition in the superior court for the appointment of receivers for the firm, and Norman F. Case of Providence and Chester C. Burnham of Boston were named. The same men were named as receivers in the United States court after the in-valuntary petition had been filed.

The third and fourth degrees will

to a neighborhood meeting to be held in the Unitarian church in Groton on Thursday afternoon, April 29, at 2:30 G clock. Miss Anna Bancroft, president of the National Alliance, will deliver the address of the meeting.

There will be an early service of holy communion at St. Andrew's church at 7.30 Sunday morning. The second service will be in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. Morning prayer will be held in Forge Village at 9.30.

Miss Nina Fletcher, who is to give a violin recital in the town hall on Monday evening, May 3, will be assisted by Helen Pratt Kelley, lyric roprano, and John Craig Kelley, accompanist. Mr. Kelley is the pianist who appeared a number of years ago in the series of artists concerts given in town. Mrs. Kelley has a beautiful in town. Mrs. Kelley has a beautiful in town. Ars. Kelley has a beautiful voice and has sung often in and around Boston. Tickets go on sale at Hill's drug store on Thursday, April 29. Miss Fletcher has won an international reputation as one of the most noted violinists in this country and abroad, and has assisted many noted artists in their concert tours both here and abroad, among them Malan and abroad, among them Madam

Schumann-Heink Robt. Murphy's Sons Co. have installed an electric motor for E. W. Carley for his ice cream business.

The Unitarian Girls' club gave a very pleasant dance Monday evening in the town hall. It was in charge of Mrs. Stella Farnsworth, Mrs. Bertha Authier, Mrs. Winifred Proctor and Mrs. Callie Murphy. The hall was very finely decorated with flags and Good music was furnished by Bonnett's orchestra of Leoninster.
The whole affair was well managed and very successful. Everyone of the large gathering had a good time. Refreshments were served by Caterer

Remember the lecture, "The wonderland of America," illustrated with slides in colors and black and white by Rev. Joseph B. Kettle, in the Condition gregational, church on Tuesday even-ing, April 27, at eight o'clock. Mr. Kettle takes us through Colorado, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, Yellow-stone park and the Yosemite valley of California.

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold its second annual May basket and home-made candy sale in the Unita-rian vestry on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, at 3.30 o'clock.

At the Baptist church next Sunday At the Saptist church next Sunday preaching at 10.45 by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas; subject, "Expansion." Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven p. m., followed by ser-mon; subject, "The other man."

ters Thursday evening at a whist party. Mrs. A. B. Fleet and William Prescott were the winners of the first booby prizes. Ice cream and cake were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

The lady of dreams," in two parts, "The lady of dreams," in two parts, will be the headliner at the moving picture shows this Saturday. "A maid of war," "Love will cut" and "Broncho Billy and the escaped bandit" are also good pictures. Special attraction—"The three black trumps," after the design age of design age of the parts attraction—"The three black trumps," a story of daring aerial feats. After-noon at three, evening at eight.

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the New Hampshire consistory. April late in the evening, a few hours be20, 21 and 22, in that city, and there
were others who attended the different days.

A minstrel show, given under the

ent days.

A minstrel show, given under the auspices of the George J. Burns hook and ladder company, by the boys of the Shirley Industrial school, will be given in Page hall on Thursday evening, April 29. The program consists of solos, both vocal and instrument clog dances and character sketches. The boys have always made a hit in town with their shows and this year's program will be as lively as ever. U. H. Barrows has the personal direction of the show in his charge and all who know his work in this line will come prepared to see a first-class show. Tickets go on sale at Blodgett & Markham's store at nine o'clock on Monday morning.

James Curran, a lineman for the

nine o'clock on Monday morning.

James Curran, a lineman for the telephone company, had a narrow escape from serious injury. Thursday while at 'work changing wires on a pole near the Main street entrance to the subway. In the course of the work a telephone wire, which had become loosened, fell onto the feed wire of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroad Company. The latter wire was heavily charged with electricity which was communicated, to, the telephone wire. ommunicated to the telephone wire.
Mr. Curran was severely burned about the hands and will be unable to work for a few weeks. Dr. Sullivan attended him.

There was quite an exciting time on the North Shirley road on Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg, riding in an au-Baker, of Flichburg, riding in an au-tomobile were held up by an unknown man. In answer to Mr. Baker's ques-tions the stranger said that he was a special officer detailed to look out for criminals and that he was a son of Chief Beatty, of Ayer. The chief and Officer Thomas C. Burrill, of Shirley, went immediately to work on the case and think they have located the man. The hold-up man is believed to be demented. case and think man. The hol be demented.

David S. Harvey, who recently died in Philadelphia, was a former well-known resident of Ayer, where he liv-ed for many years. He was a mem-ber of George S. Boutwell post. G. A. R., of this town. He was about eighty-

There came near being a serious ac The third and fourth degrees will There came near being a serious active worked at the Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening, May 26, with inspection by George A. Witherell, of Waltham.

The Woman's Alliance are invited to a neighborhood meeting to be held in the Unitarian church in Groton on the Staffing Special by a shifting engine. When the air brakes were applied they did not re-spond with sufficient force to ma-terially aid in checking the speed of the train. The train dashed into the bumper post putting that safeguard out of commission. The passengers and employees on the train were shaken up and one of the passengers was thrown against the side of the car, injuring his head. There was no one seriously hurt.

> The fire department responded to an alarm from box 27 at 2.20 Thursday afternoon. The fire caught in day afternoon. The fire caught in the grass near the Lowell and Fitchthe grass near the Lowell and Fitch-burg car barn and rapidly spread. The fire was put out, however, before the arrival of the department. The roof of the house occupied by Nils Petersen caught fire, but was put out without damage.

without damage.

The funeral of Mrs. Emily M. Nutting, a former resident of Ayer, was held last Sunday from the Congregational church at two o'clock, Rev. J. S. Strong officiating. The quartet, consisting of Dr. B. H. Hopkins. Frank Harlow, S. Bassett Dickerman and Howard Stone, sang "Come untome" and "Abide with me." The bearers were William U. Sherwin, Charles Sherwin, Edward A. Richardson, George H. Hill, Daniel W. Fletcher and Augustus Lovejoy. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery. The funeral was time of the assault, is past seyenty

Died in Ayer Thursday evening, April 15, Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington, aged 74 yrs. and 8 mos. Hannah Lil-lian Steele was born in Amherst, N. H., the only child of Abiel and Elizathe Grand Canyon of Arizona, Yellowstone park and the Yosemite valley
of California.

A social dance will be held at the
Sandy pond schoolhouse on Tuesday
evening, April 27. Music by Perry's
orchestra.

H., the only child of Abiel and Elizabeth Steele. She was first married to
Simon Hammond of Harvard and to
them were born three children—Ruby
L., Lizzle E. and John H., all dying
in their teens. Mr. Hammond's death
occurred soon after the death of the

occurred soon after the death of the youngest daughter.

In 1890 Mrs. Hammond married George A. Harrington of West Groton. She was soon called to part with her youngest child, her only son John. He died in January, 1891. Two years later Mr. and Mrs. Harrington came to Ayer to live.

The funeral services occurred on Monday, April 19, in the Methodist church. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends; also, members of the W. R. C., the W. C.

The selectmen will give a hearing at the selectmen's room in town house at eight p. m., Tuesday, April 27, upon the applications of William Brown and George H. Hill for a sixth class liquor license and upon the applications of the National Express Co. and Kidder's Express Co. for a license to transport, etc., liquors.

I. M. Wallace entermost a profusion of beautiful flowers, set pieces and sprays from relatives, set pieces and sprays from relatives, and the W. R. C., W. C. T. U. set pieces and sprays from relatives, friends and the W. R. C., W. C. T. U. and Vesta Rebekah lodge. The in-Thursday evening at a whist
Mrs. A. B. Fleet and William
of were the winners of the first
and Mrs. Minnie Fowler and
r Winslow made way with the
prizes. Ice cream and cake
prizes. Ice given at the grave by a delegation of

ladies from Ayer.

As we leave her in that quiet city of the dead we hope and believe that for Aunt Lillian there is peace and a blissful reunion with her loved ones.

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A number of members in Ayer of Main street the was ago which aggra-

the Masonic order of Scottish rites vated his condition. The end came attended the banquet held in Nashua, rather sudden. He had been about N. H. Wednesday evening in connection with the three-days' session of was able to be about the house until

He leaves five children, William T., Charles, Frank and Miss Mary Meehan, all of Aver, and Mrs. Lillian Gravel, of Worcester.

Mr. Meehan was a member of Court Napoleon Bonaparte, F. of H., Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., Division 7, A. O. H. and of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society. He was also a member of the towerner's Catholic Benevolent society. He was also a member of the towermen's union.

The funeral will be held Sunday af-

ternoon at two o'clock from St. Mary's

Frank S. Chick, vice president and general manager of the John H. Pray & Sons Company, died very suddenly on Thursday at the home of Harry E. Converse in Marion, where he had been visiting. Mr. Chick was ill less than four days. Death was due to

Mr. Chick was born in Groton, now Ayer, 59 years ago, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Chick, both now deceased. He received his education in the public schools of Ayer and went to Boston, where he became connected with the Boston Belting Company as salesman. Later he went to the John H. Pray & Sons Company in a similar capacity and forged ahead until he became who received and sone control of the same way. became vice president and general manager

manager.

For the past twenty-five years he had made his home at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, with his wife, who was Miss Frances Williams of Jamaica Plain. Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Isaac W. Chick.

Mr. Chick was a member of the Algonquin club, Temple club, Brookline Country club, Boston Press club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Frank S. Chick was the son of Rev. John Milton Chick, who for years was

John Milton Chick, who for years was pastor of the Baptist church here, coming to the town from New Ipswich, N. H. The Chick residence on East Main street is still in the possession of the Chick family. It adjoins the residence of Oliver K. Pierce.

Thomas Hillery, of School street, died this week Friday afternoon at two o'clock after an illness of about ten days. He was about sixty years of

### District Court.

Luther H. Hall, of Lowell, has been summored into court this Saturday morning to answer to a complaint for operating an automobile in Groton without a license.

Matti Ecklo, of Townsend, was ar-raigned this week Friday on a com-plaint charging attempted rape. Prob-able cause to believe him guilty was found and he was ordered to furnish ers were William U. Sherwin, Charles Sherwin, Edward A. Richardson, George H. Hill, Daniel W. Fletcher and Augustus Lovejoy. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

M. O'Keefe, of Boston, was in town this week Friday afternoon looking for a location in this vicinity. He is at the head of about 100 or more grocery stores throughout the New England attended.

In the morning there was a twentyfive-bird handicap event for a cup
which resulted in three ties. Draper,
Burrill and Pillman with twenty-five
each. In the shot-off to break the
ties Burrill won with a perfect score
of four birds with four trials. Pillman was second and Draper third.
Burrill was awarded the cup. The
individual scores of the contestants
for the prize were Sabine 24, Pelletier 23, Fisher 23, Webber 23, Kidder 22, Reynolds 22, Carley 21, Carlson 20, Ryan 18, Blodgett 14. for the prize were Sabine 24, Pelletter 23, Fisher 23, Webber 23, Kidder 22, Reynolds 22, Carley 21, Carlson 20, Ryan 18, Blodgett 14.

Another match shoot of twenty-five Another match shoot of twenty-five birds for the gold watch fob pre-sented by the Du Pont Powder Com-pany of Wilmington, Del., was an in-teresting event. The individual scores were Kidder 19, Burrill 18, Reynolds 17, Draper 17, Carlson 17,

### Inquest.

The inquest on the death of Joseph

his pocket led to the belief that he had relatives or friends there. Aside from the information regarding the matter of furnishing heat and during the man's name there was nothing definite learned.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, of Ayer, medical examiner, testified to being called to the south railroad yard shortly after the body had been distortly after the body had been distorted in the body. The doctor said that the body was on top of a freight car and lying on the back. The legs were drawn up and both hands were in the coat pocket. He found a scalp twound and a very severe fracture of the skull in the rear. In his opinion

were drawn up and both hands were in the cont pocket. He found a scalp wound and a very severe fracture of the the skull in the rear. In his opinion the doctor stated that the man was he hot dead over eight hours. The wounds were not inconsistent with interest that might be received by the head coming in forcible contact with an overhead bridge.

Gibert H. Powers, the conductor of the train on which the body was found, told the court that he was unaware of the body being on the freight until some hours after the train arrived here. So far as he knew there was no one on the train except the regular train crew. It is body was found on the train when it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the stations where it reached Ayer, might have boarded the train at one of the steep up grades between Deering, Mc., and Ayer, on which grades the freight trains run quite slowly.

Conductor Powers said that the rank morning. The time consumed in making the distance between the fore the accident and arrived here at 1.30 the next morning. The time consumed in making the distance between the two points averages eight or eight and one-half hours.

Sidney Wetherell, a brakeman on the Concord, N. H., and Ayer freight, said that he discovered the body at about 4.30 o'clock on the morning of April 12, in the position it was as described by the medical examiner. He notified the yard men and the medical examiner was immediately summoned.

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The concert by the Groton School orchestra and Glee club, given for the benefit of St. Andrew's church in the town hall on Thursday evening, was a decided treat. The only regret is that there was not a larger audience to hear them. The numbers given by the orchestra were exceptionally spirited and the continued applause of the audience showed their appreciation.

The Glee club sang unusually well.

possibly owing to their patronage of the candy table. "Tom, Tom, the piper's son," was the favorite of the young people and "Doan ye cry, ma honey" was the next to receive the greatest amount of applause. The violin duet by Mrs, Sabine and Miss Lawrence was so thoroughly enjoyed that the pauses while the music was that the pauses while the music was being turned was used for applause. We were favored with two encores. The pianist accompanied them in an unusually clever manner. The vocal quartet by the Misses Peabody and Messrs. Richards and Farr was most pleasing indeed. One of the encores was composed by Edwin H. Higley, our own organist of St. Andrew's, and was a very gay little hunting song which received most enthusiastic applause. applause.

### Pleasantly Entertained.

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Grand Army hall was the scene of a very pleasant time on Tuesday evening when the George S. Boutwell W. R. C. entertained the members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., associate members of that organization and invited guests. There was a very large attendance.

ha in man and has a wife and four small children. Mrs. L. A. Mitchell, the victim of the assault is past seyents and charge of the evening's enterthis week Friday afternoon looking for a location in this vicinity. He is at the head of about 100 or more grocery stores throughout the New England states.

The Ayer high school baseball team of the first game of the season at the town park on Patriots' day. The score was 8 to 6.

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committee. A general social time followed with whist, the principal feature.

sented by the Du Pont Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., was an interesting event. The individual scores were Kidder 19, Burrill 18, Reynolds 17, Draper 17, Carlson 17, Sabine 17, Pillman 16, Pelletter 14, Barry 12, Hyde 11, Fisher 11, Ryan 10, Boutwell 4.

In the fifty-bird event which followed there were three classes, A, B and C. Draper was the winner in Class A and was awarded the prize, a shell bag. His total was 42, Kidder was second with a score of 38, and Reynolds was third with 36 birds to his credit. In Class B, Burrill won the prize, a tobacco pouch, his total being 38, Sabine and Pillman were second and third respectively with scores of 32 and 30. In Class C, Boutwell, with a total of 30, carried off the first honors with 38 birds. He was awarded the prize, a kick pad. The remaining contestants and their scores were Pelletier 29, Carley 28, Ryan 23, Barry 20.

The highest score of the day, known as "high gun," was won by Gates of the Leominster Gun club. The prize was a box of cigars. A. W. C.

tional vestry, as announced, and will begin at 7.30. The ladies quartet will

News Items.

Mrs. Anna Page received a telegram on Wednesday announcing the sudden death of her step-son, Frank Page, of New York city. Mr. Page was a frequent visitor here and his visits will be much missed. He was a prominent hotel man at Rockaway Beach. Mrs. Page being unable to attend the funeral her nephew, C. H. Mead, will represent her and carry her sympathy to the bereaved family. George Burroughs has bought the

George Burroughs has bought the cottage formerly owned by Mrs. Mary W. Fowler and used by her and her friends as a summer home. In a very artistic prospectus sent out Mrs. Fowler describes, several summer cottages she now owns in Pleasant Valley

As a result of the inconvenience experienced last season by lack of hav-ing driven wells put in Irving Clark and Arthur Brown have them, and Mr. Swanson is the next on the list.

Those fortunate to have apples now are getting top notch prices. C. T. Wetherbee and Burpee Steele have lately been carrying in good loads. Our local cabbage king, Albert Littlefield, also was fortunate in holding his cabbages until the rise in price. Mr.; Withington visited William Braman at the Clinton hospital on Wednesday and found him getting along well. It was a very severe case of appendicitis and it is now four weeks since he was taken to the hos-pital. He will not be able to come home for some time yet. Oliver Shattuck has gone to Pan-

John Withington and family, of Westminster, spent the holiday at John Cobleigh's.

A baseball game between the married and single men was played on Burrough's field Monday afternoon. Although possibly lacking in some scientific points it was full of interest and enthusiasm. The single men were victorious.

On last week Friday Marshall E. Wright died very suddenly at Concord On last week Friday Marshall E. Wright died very suddenly at Concord Junction. For several years he lived here on the farm now owned by C. H. Waitt. Fifteen years ago he left to become an officer in Concord reformatory. He and his wife are very pleasantly remembered and his wife has the sympathy of her former neighbors and friends here.

### SHIRLEY

The remains of Mrs. Michael Moran of Leominster was brought to this town on Thursday for burial in St. Anthony's cemetery. High requiem mass was said at St. Anthony's church at nine o'clock. Mrs. Moran was formerly Miss Delia Brasser, of this town, where she was well and favorably known

Atty, Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg was in town on Thursday afternoor and in company with the Ayer and Shirley police went to the north par-of the town and identified Romulus of the town and identified Romulus Carchai, a young Italian, about seventeen years of age, a student at the Center public school, as the one who endeavored to hold him up last Sunday evening as he was returning to his frome in Fitchburg in company with his wife and son in their auto. Carchai will be arraigned in the distance of the state of trict court in Ayer this week Satur-day. Other complaints of like char-acter have now been made against him. Young Carchal resides with his parents in what is known as the old tavern at Bull Run, so-called, at North Shirley.

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton School, will preach in Trinity chape at the Center on Sunday afternoon at

Altrurian. The Altrurians held their regular meeting at the club-room on Thurs lay afternoon, the president, Mrs day afternoon, the president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely, presiding, the meeting opening with a song. Reports and correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly. Mrs. Martha J. Conant, chairman of the civics committee stated that fivers would soon be sent out requesting all to assist in "cleaning-up day," May 2 to May 8. Much interest is feli in the work. Mrs. Conant also an-nounced that the civics committee nounced that the civies committee would hold a food sale on April 30 at the club-room. The club magazine, No. 6, was then presented by the editors, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler and Mrs. Inez R. Lynch—a very neat and pretty magazine with hand-painted covers, containg contributions from different members with brief sketches of Sarah Bernhardt and the Morgan Memorial Settlement; also, a glimpse of Nova Scotla from a member who spent a vacation there. The commitspent a vacation there. The commit-tee received a rising vote of thanks for their interesting magazine. Chil-dren's day will be observed at the Odd Fellows' hall on May 6. The meeting closed with singing. Miss Grace M. Kilburn at the piano.

### LITTLETON

News Item. At the regular meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening Geo. INCORPORATED 1869

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A. Cook and V. T. Esten led in a debate on the following question: Resolved, "That the Grange should not support the woman sufrage movement." Affirmative, Mr. Esten; negative, Mr. Cook. After some sharp verbal shooting by the two leaders the debate was opened to the Grange in general and several members discussed the subject, mingling wit and argument in pleasant proportions. The votes on the merits of the question and on the merits of the debate favored the affirmative side. The nextmeeting will be held on May 5, and Mrs. R. T. Barrow.

Mrs. R. T. Barrow. George Drumheller, whose ranch covers thousands of acres near Walla Walla, Wash., received a check for \$200,262 for his wheat crop of 200,262 bushels of wheat. To move this crop it required 180 cars, or four solid

New Advertisements. LOST — Thursday night, between Town Hall, Ayer, and the Chas. Woods house, on the Groton Road, Ayer, a Music Rack in a black leather case. Finder please return to Public Spirit Office, Ayer.

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### TOWNSEND

26 at the Grange is "Bird in charge of Herman C. April

C. W. Hildreth attended the fu-neral of M. Henry Drury at Winchendon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth went to Manchester, N. H., by auto on Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Mrs. A. D. Turner arrived in town n Wednesday evening after making a visit in Newton on her return from the south.

A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Wilson last week Friday morning.

The hospital patients from our town are all reported as doing well. Mrs. Martha Baxter is very ill with pneumonia at her home on Highland

A special meeting of the directors of the Townsend National bank was held on Monday afternoon to elect a president and director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence Stickney. Henry A. Hill was elected president and Charles B. Stickney vice president. Walter F. Rockwood was elected to the board of directors.

was elected to the board of directors. The annual meeting of the Monday club was held on Tuesday with Mrs. A. S. Howard, hostess. The business of the hour was the election of officers and discussion of plans for the new year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Abble Barber, pres. Mrs. Elizabeth Fessenden, v. p.; Mrs. Louise S. Tenney, sec. and treas.; Mrs. A. S. Howard, Mrs. Eunice Bruce, Miss. Clara. Sheldon, directors. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed. The club social hour was enjoyed. The club year closed until the first Monday in October,

Rev. E. C. Chariton, the new pas-tor, will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Housecleaning." C. E. evening topic, "The bible, the world's supreme book."

About eighteen attended the spring neeting of the Middlesex Union Assomeeting of the Middlesex Union Asso-ciation of Congregational Churches held with the Congregational church in Lunenburg on Wednesday. Dele-gates chosen from the Townsend church were Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. George G. Clarke and Dea. Albert S.

At the regular meeting of the hobe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., Tuesday evening the program was in honor of Patriots' day, consisting of patriotic readings and musical selec-

North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the third degree upon a class of four candidates Wednesday evening. After the working of the degrees a delicious banquet was served under the auspices of the sister Re-bekahs, Mrs. Agnes Woods, chairman of the committee. Visiting brothers were present from New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jefts, of Wor-cester, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leander C. Jefts in honor of Mrs. L. C. Jefts' birthday anniversary Saturday. Mrs. Jefts received from relatives and friends congratulations, gifts and a shower of cards.

Miss Arline Clarke, president of the Congregational C. E. society, and Miss Helen Whitcomb attended as dele-gates the Worcester County C. E. con-vention held in Gardner on Monday. day and evening sessions. As the county convention was organized in county convention was organized in Gardner twenty-six years ago, it was very fitting that the present day C. E. convention should be held there on the anniversary date. Miss Clarke will give a report of the convention at the C. E. meeting on Sunday even-

Mrs. Walter Leroy Smith. of Malden, state organizer of the Parent-Teachers' association, will address the public in Memorial hall on the evening of April 30, at eight o'clock. A very cordial invitation is extended to all. Mrs. Smith and the local authorities are expectably destroys of extensive all. Mrs. Smith and the local authorities are especially desirous of organizing a Parent-Teachers' association if sufficient interest is manifest. They particularly invite the fathers as well as the mothers to be present.

Rev. Waldo Burgess and family are to leave town the first of May for Los Angeles, Cal. About a year ago Mr. Burgess suffered a nervous breakdown resulting from the grippe. He was of her ninetieth birthday. obliged to give up his pastorate in Western Massachusetts and came to Townsend, the home of his boyhood. Townsend, the home of his boyhood, for rest and recuperation. While much improved in health he feels that a change to Southern California will be beneficial. Mr. Burgess also anticipates taking a small parish through the interest and influence of Rev. George F. Kenngott, former pastor of Lowell Trinitarian church, now of Los Angeles, Cal. During the stay of Mr. Burgess and family in our town they have won many friends who hope for the regaining of Mr. Burgess health, for success in his chosen work and prosperity in their new environ. and prosperity in their new environ-

### Holiday Guests.

Among those who spent the holiday at their homes or with friends and relatives here were Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hart, of Brookline, with Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Clarence Meade Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Miss Burdette, of Methuen, with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade; Fred Bent, of Lynn, with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Finnegan; Miss Harriet Miller and Miss Nellie Barker, of Attleboro, and little Alice Eldredge, of Plymouth, at H. J. Miller's; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clark and family, of Lynn, at George E. Clark's; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sidleau, of Leominster, with Mrs. M. J. Merrick; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haynes, of Medford, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haynes; Dr. Ernest Hill and family, from Millis, at the Park hotel, guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Farrar; Mrs. Blanche Wheeler, of Boston, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hillerth: Among those who spent the holiday D. W. Farrar: Mrs. Blanche Wheeler of Boston, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth; the Misses Margaret and Marion Seaton and Miss Grace Mansfeld, of Lowell, and Miss Lane, of Gardner, at the Seaver homestead on South row; Miss Viola Misner, of Fitchburg, at F. B. Higgins'; Mr. and Mrs. George Page, of Pawtucket, with Mr. and Mrs. George Gates; Miss Clorence Copeland, of Beechwood, and Harry Spaulding and friend, of Bos-Harry Spaulding and friend, of Bos-ton, at Milo Spaulding's; Miss Bessle McGuire, of Boston, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire.

### Townsend Hill Notes.

Miss Alberta Barber is ill with a grippe cold and not able to attend to her school duties in Mason, N. H.

Miss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, and Mr. Ladd, of Lynn, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J.

Winfield Morse and family, of Brockton, enjoyed the holiday vaca-tion at John Morse's. Morton Campbell and his mother attended the funeral of a relative in Fall River on Tuesday.

Miss Forestine Hinds, who has been south this winter for her health, has returned to Bostoh very much improved. She is soon expected on the hill for a visit at her father's, A. J. Hinds.

Mrs. A, J. Hinds is quite ill with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Colcord and son Reginald, of Melrose, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Jones at Seven Pines. Clarence LaFountain and Frank onant have each bought a new horse

he past week. Frank H. Cutting, of Malden, has arrived at Seven Pines for the sum-

Stephen Keefe witnessed the first ball game in Boston between the Bos-ton Nationals and Philadelphia Nationals.

Oliver Proctor visited his sister, Mrs. Ball, at the Center, recently. Mrs. K. E. Kirby and daughter, of Fitchburg, returned to their home on Wednesday after spending a week with her cousin, Mrs. A. C. Josselyn,

Miss Annie Keefe spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keefe.

Mrs. Emma Spaulding, of Boston spent Monday with her niece. Mrs. Emma Josselyn.

W. I. Whitlock, of the Center, has purchased the old Conant place on the back road to the Center.

Mr. Fletcher and family, with friends, spent a few days at their sum-mer home on South row last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefe, who has been spending a few weeks with friends in Worcester, have returned to their home, Christlebrook. Mrs. Tatro, of Leominster, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Clar-

ence LaFountain. Mrs. Esther Bailey and daughter, of East Boston, returned home on Mon-day after spending several days with her brother, E. D. Bagley.

Owing to the illness of several of the members of the As You Like It club, they did not meet on Tuesday. Stillman Anderson, who has been spending some time with his family in Dorchester, has returned to his duties at Hickory farm.

Miss Blanch Baldwin, principal of the Judson school in Malden, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin.

Harry Knight, of Worcester, was home for the holidays.

The Monday club was entertained at the home of Mrs. A. C. Josselyn on uesday. Work will begin on the new barn

at Hickory farm on Monday, the ma-terial being all drawn ready for work. William H. Robinett is assisting Horace Searles in painting his build-

Mr. Sullivan, of the Center, is working at the Old Homestead.

Gilman Conant and Howard Dorar spent Sunday with friends in Fitch-Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dole and fam-

ily, of Melrose, spent a few days at their summer home the past week. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blake, with their son Donald, spent the holidays with their son, R. C. Blake, at Hick-

Miss Hester Burdett, who has been under the doctor's care, is again about her duties. Mr. Anderson spent last week at Dr. Peters' residence in Dorchester

Miss Kate Spaulding has been visit-ng at Edgewood, Carl Newhall gives favorable re-orts of his college course at Boston

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and little son Harold were recent guests of Mrs. Ida Brown and family.

At the last meeting of the As You Like It club at Mrs. A. W. Gray's, Mrs. Bowsfield, of North Adams, the guest of the afternoon; gave a discourse on Russia and Germany, in which countries she has traveled extended.

On her return from a visit with her sister in Spencer Mrs. Willard Gray was accompanied by a young niece, who will remain with her for several

from our midst. It is hard to say "Thy will be done." yet after months of persistent weariness we should not begrudge him his well earned rest. begrudge him his well earned rest.
Resolved, that we place a copy of
these resolutions among the records
of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona
Grange No. 3; also, printed in the
Fitchburg Sentinel and Turner's Pub-

lic Spirit, Ayer, and a copy sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Grace M. P. Brock, Leominster, Blanche M. Brown, Groton, Arthur W. Rockwood, Lunenburg, Committee.

West.

Dr. Hugh A. Heth, from the Baptist association headquarters in Boston, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church on last week Thursday evening, giving a very interesting address on the work of the churches in the out districts and among the foreigners.

foreigners. Miss Mabel Simonds, from Fitch-burg, proprietoress of the Townsend tea rooms, arrived on Monday at the tea rooms to prepare them for the summer's work.

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Mrs. Herbert Wise, who with Mr. Wise have been spending the winter in Boston, was at her home here the first of the week for a day. They expect to return to their home here the first of May, but at present Mr. Wise is in the hospital, where he underwent a serious operation.

Mrs. William Neale, from Derry, N. H., was in town last week on a brief business trip.

There was no school here last week Thursday, the teachers visiting schools in Fitchburg.

Miss Bertha Hornig, from Ayer, was a guest of Miss Alice Seaver on last week Thursday.

Three of the children of Mr. and irs. Oscar Lovering are quite sick with tonsilitis. G. E. Walker, of Josselynville, is or the present with his mother in

Mrs. Kirby and party, from Boston, were at the camp at Vinton pond over the holiday. Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and daugh-

ter Gertrude spent a few days with relatives in New Ipswich, N. H., last week. The Ladies' Mission Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, Elm

George Roebuck, from New York, is at the Roebuck cottage on Main street, where his family will join him in a few weeks, being detained in the city by the illness of their oldest child Margaret, who is in the hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Roebuck has been very ill all winter and has arrived here much earlier than usual in order to recuperate. to recuperate.

Mr. and Mrs. Holliston, from Orange, have arrived at the Hamilton cottage on Stevens' hill, and Foster Hamilton and family have moved into the Wilder cottage in Josselynville.

Mrs. Vestella Norris, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. William Robbins, has returned to East West-moreland, N. H.

Miss Beatrice Haynes, of Josselyn-ville, has been quite ill, but at last reports is much improved. Miss Clara Hosley has returned from a visit to relatives in Lancaster.

Fred Tenney spent the week-end with friends in Boston and vicinity. A new sign painted by Charles Hodgman adorns the entrance to the postoffice and a flag staff just over the door supports "Old Glory" on all patriotic occasions.

Leo Russell, of Pepperell, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, of Joselvnville. Miss Bertha Reid, teacher at the

intermediate school, returned on Mon-day evening from her vacation at her home in North Reading. Frank Hamilton, of Webster, was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens' hill, on Sunday, making the trip over the road with a pair of work horses and sev-

eral teams. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, former residents here, have returned to town and moved into the tenement in Miss

King. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Stevens have both been quite ill with the grippe at their cottage on Stevens

course on Russia and Germany, in which countries she has traveled extensively.

Miss Katherine McNeal has been with Mrs. B. C. Cummings during the latter's recovery.

Mrs. Reed, of Mason, was a recent visitor with her daughter, Mrs. Strout, Mrs. Blood, of Gardner, was a recent guest of her sister, Miss Emily Lawrence.

Through remodeling, Frank-Coment has added to his home a commodious dining-room. Mr. Coment is also building an annex, 50x12, to his barn, which when finished will contain upto-date tieups for his herd of cattle.

W. H. Watson went last week to remain several days on a fishing trip.

On her return from a visit with her visitor in Stongard Mrs. Without Com. John Vattes, of Bayberry hill, who

Monday evening. At the close of the annual business meeting the social hour will be enjoyed with lunch and a program provided by the members of the club on the program committee, Miss M. Ellnor Tower, Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. George Seaver.

Adams and Mrs. George Seaver.

The Ladles' Mission Circle held regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, of Elm street, on Wednesday afternoon with six members present. The meeting was in charge of the vice president, Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, who was elected president to iill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. McKean, and Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence was elected vice president in place of Mrs. Hodgman. The program was composed of the study of the "question box" in the March number of Missions.

The Ladles' Rantist Benevolent so-

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so-clety meeting, which has been twice postponed on account of death, was again postponed on account of the funeral of L. F. Wood at the Baptist church on Thursday afternoon, and will meet with Mrs. Fred A. Patch on Wednesday, May 5, the meeting being omitted for this month entirely. Mrs. George A. Seaver has returned from a fortnight's visit to her daugh-

Mrs. Hattie Blood is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Kittle Bell, from Boston. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens' hill,

reported as being very seriously ill with the grippe.

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For a time on Tuesday afternoon the village was threatened with a serious fire. At about three o'clock an alarm was sounded by the whistles for a brush fire in the Bennett lot just above Josselynville, and in about an hour, after a hard fight with the wind against them, another alarm was sounded, calling more men to their assistance. The fire then had burned a piece in the Clark woodlot and was threatening the cooper shop of Clarence Stickney. When apparently under control it jumped nearly half a mile and broke out fiercely nearer the village and a third alarm was sounded, this time by the church bell, indicating buildings in danger. Fire Chief Piper, from the Center, was on the seen and the engine was ordered, but fortunately by the going down of the high wind which had been blowing all day. engine was ordered, but fortunately by the going down of the high wind which had been blowing all day, it was stopped within ten feet of a pine grove in the rear of Oscar Evans buildings in Josselynville. If a lire had started among the houses in the high wind of the afternoon it would have soon been beyond the control of the department.

A large fire set by the railroad, just north of this village in Mason. Was plainly visible all the afternoon and covered several miles, destroying a farmhouse barn and outbuildings.

Holiday Guests.

Mrs. Swift and little son Douglas, who have been stopping with her father. Rev. Joseph McKean, have returned to their home in Springfield. returned to their home in Springlield.
Among the guests in town over the holiday were Harry Streeter and Miss Emma. Olmstead, of Waltham, at Mrs. Mary Streeter's in Josselynville; George Ellis, of Boston, with his mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed, from Reading, with a party of friends, at Mrs. S. W. Upton's; Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and little son from Winthrop, James Thompson from Cambridge, and Miss Lena. Thompson from Norwood at Joseph Thompson's; Mr. and Mrs. Anthur Nye and child, from Westminster, with Miss M. Elinor Tower; Miss Taylor, from South Acton, with Miss Gladys Rawson, at Herman L. Stickney's; Miss Mabel Thompson, from Boston, with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch; Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, of Beverly, with Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle; S. Leroy Shaplelejh, from Somerville, with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Gates, of Leominster, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, of Lunenburg, at Frank Boutelle's on Bayberry hill. Among the guests in town over the

The funeral services over the body The funeral services over the body of Quincy Adams, a life-long and respected resident of this village, who passed away at midnight last Saturday after a few weeks illness of a complication of diseases, was held Chiœ Brown's house on lower Main street, vacated recently by the Withingtons. Mr. Fowler is at present employed on the tree work under George the spoke of the many sterling qualities of the deceased, of his faithful. ness in all matters, his loving devo-tion to his invalid wife, his conscientious service in the church and Sun-day school, and his high standing in the community as an unright Christhe community as an upright Chris tian man. Two selections, "Rock of ages" and "Jesus lover of my soul. were given by the quartet composed of Perry W. Sawtelle, Clarence Streeter, Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin and Miss Agnes Thompson, after which a large number of old friends and neighbors took their lost farewell and the burial took phase in the family let in the took place in the family lot in the cemetery here, the bearers being Ered

A. Patch, Mervin Wares, Charles Hos-ley and William Lawrence, Many beautiful flowers were sent by relatives and friends. A pillow by Mrs. Sophia Adams of beautiful roses and lilies, sprays of tulips, carnations, and snapdragon from the heighbors. sweet bear

Those and were Mr. as Worcester. eighbors, ading from out of town Mrs. Charles Burt from Mr. and Mrs. John Burt

Miller and Miss Nelle Barker, of Attleboro, and little Alice Eldredge, of Plymouth, at H. J. Miller's; Mr. and Mrs. Arman Mrs. Ernest Clark and family, of Lynn. Mrs. Arman Mrs. Ernest Clark and family, of Lynn. Mrs. Arman Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Arman Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Arman Mrs. Arman Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Arman Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Arman Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Charles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. George Gates; Mrs. Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. and Mrs. Archarles The Mrs. Adams Mrs. Archarles Mrs. George Page. of Pawtucket, with Mrs. Archarles Mrs.

### LITTLETON

J. M. Hartwell, the local Ford agent, reports sales this week to W. A. Munson and Osman Needham of Littleton, Blodgett Brothers of Westford, and E. S. Durant of Pepperell.

At the fifty-third annual meeting of the North Middlesex Temperance Union last week in Westford, Rev. Herbert L. Caulkins, of Littleton, was chosen president, succeeding Rev. Harrison L. Packard, formerly of Littleton.

Misses Ruth Robinson and Gladys Woodbury and Whitney Caulkins were among those attending the C. E. convention in Maiden last Monday.

E. convention in Malden last Monday.
The gentlemen of the Back Log
club will present "She stoops to conquer," a comedy in five acts by Oliver
Goldsmith, in the town hall, Thursday,
and Friday evenings, April 29 and 30,
with the following in the cast: C. F.
Watts, Ivo Russell, B. F. Jacobs, E. H.
Priest, R. A. Priest, J. M. Hartwell,
F. B. Priest, J. W. Ames, George
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Christle, Fred Zappy, A. T. Bradlee,
W. Robinson. Reserved seat tickets
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Lapham, of Carlisle, celebrated in a quiet way their golden wedding anniversary which occurred Sunday, April 18. Mr. Lapham, son of William and Elizabeth Brown Lapham, was born in Littleton on April 17, 1841. He enlisted in Co. K. Sixth Massachusetts regiment, in 1861, and re-enlisted in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Lapham have four sons, two living in Carlisle and two in Concord Junction, and seven grandchilcord Junction, and seven grandchildren, all of whom were present at the old homestead on the occasion of the anniversary.

Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, will speak at the Congre-gational church on Sunday morning. A neighborhood meeting of Alliance workers is to be held in the Unitarian church, Groton, next week Thursday afternoon. The address will be given by Miss Anna M. Bancroft, of Hope-dale, the efficient president of the Na-tional organization, and an attractive speaker. A number of the members of the Littleton Alliance plan to at-

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard spent the first of the week with relatives and friends in Chelmsford.

Mrs. Charles A. Kimball was the guest of Mrs. Adeline Ray Kerwin in Waltham on Wednesday.

Edward Esten. Tufts college 1916, has been at home during his vacation of one week.

Miss Emily Adams, of Weston, has spent her week of vacation from school duties with her sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb. She has been sick with the prevailing cold and sore throat, necessitating the services of a dector. doctor.

Adams Whitcomb, John and Beulah Kimball, Hayward Houghton and C. W. Hunt's youngest son have been suffering from the grippe.

Mrs. J. M. Merrill, of the Fuller farm, is convalescent. James Neagle was rounding the corner at the Dr. Phelps place in the Center last Sunday when a large touring car ran into his auto, removing a wheel and causing other injuries to Mr. Neagle's car. The occupants were not hurt seriously. Mr. Neagle's chest was somewhat sore and lame as a result. Easy places in town are nor was sult. Few places in town are more dangerous than that in which the ac cident occurred, and there is only one way to avoid collisions at this corner, viz., by going slowly and keeping well to the right.

Rev. A. F. Newton, of Dunstable, is expected to give the Memorial day address in Littleton on May 30.

E. P. Sheehan has recently pur-chased a new five-passenger Buick. Misses Ellen and Mary Downing, of Cambridge, were Sunday and holiday guests of E. P. Sheehan and his sis-

ters. P. C. Edwards, of New York, has been in town a few days this week. He was entertained at C. F. Johnson'

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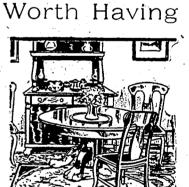
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An Interesting Game.

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1. A corn used by the cook?
2. A corn in which mice like to re side?

3. A corn that flies?
4. A corn dear to the heart of a south

5. An ornamental corn?6. A corn in which florists delight? A corn used in building?

8. A corn that children like? Q. A corn used by carpenters? 10. A corn found on a tree? 11. A corn used by musicians?

Answers.-1. Cornstarch. 2 Corncrib. 3. Corn crake. 4. Corn cake. 5. Cornucopia. 6. Cornflower. 7. Cornerstone 8. Popcorn. 9. Cornice. 10. Acorn. 11

A Remarkable Fish. The flyshooter is a small, fresh water fish plentiful in the shallow streams throughout India and near some of the

islands off Asia. In his native element the tlyshooter never need go hungry as long as there are flies to swat, for his ainmunition is inexhaustible and he always has his gun with him. He is quick to detect a fly resting on the foliage overhanging a stream, and once seen the doom

of the fly is sealed. Cautiously getting beneath his in-tended victim, the flyshooter rises to the surface, takes steady aim and eject from his tubular lips a liquid pel-let which rarely fails to hit the mark. Struck by the brilliant bullet, pro-

pelled by great force, the fly is stun-ned and falls into the water to be quickly swallowed by the nimble fish, who then keeps well beneath the surface until he spots another victim. The flyshooter is known to have brought down flies at a range of more than four feet.

The Silkworm's Work.

If every particle of the natural silk in the world, estimated at 110,000,000 pounds, were extended in one thread, such as is turned out by a loom, it would make a line that would traverse the entire earth at the equator 14,000,-000 times, or 344 times the distance between the earth and the sun. The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. But even at this degree of swiftness in traveling a ray of light would take about two days to travel a distance equal to the length of this thread. The colossal task of the silkworm can be gathered from the fact that about six filaments spun by the worm in its cocoon must go to form a single silk thread such as the loom spins into fabric.

Roots Intelligent.

Roots travel amazing distances in search of their trees' requirements. A timber merchant, excavating for a sewer in England, found an elm root one and one-quarter inches in diameter and sixty-three feet long, running through a bed of sawdust from the tree to the nearest water.

The aggregate length of root thrown out by some plants is almost incredible. A cucumber will within its short life of about half a year throw out

from ten to fifteen miles of roots. Clover roots will go straight down to depth of six to r of moisture, and coltsfoot, one of the wost powerful and persistent of weeds sends its suckers down to an even greater depth.—Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Diddey's Donkey.

Seat all the players in a line and ask the leader to state that. Dr. Diddey's donkey walks in an awkward way The next player must form a sentence retaining the words Dr. Diddey's donkey and awkward, although he can have the animal engaged in any way that to him seems best, such as kicking, braying, eating, drinking, dancing, grazing, etc. The players other than the one giving the sentence may laugh as much as they choose, but the one speaking must pay a forfeit if he smiles. The task of framing sentences with the four words goes down the entire line of players.

Boy Scout Compass Game. Competing scouts start from a base line, each with a different compass bearing given him, to a flag some distance away-not necessarily straight in front of the scout.

Each competitor has a basket over his head or a broad brimmed hat with paper or linen hanging down all round, so that he can see only the ground at his feet and the compass in his hand. but cannot look ahead.

By walking exactly on the given bearing he will reach the allotted point -it may be a flagpole, or a mark or otone, or a coin on the ground.

Simple Simon. Simple Simon met a flyman Going to the fair; Said Simple Simon to the flyman, "Can you fly anywhere?"

Said the flyman to Simple Simon, "I fly high as the sky!" Said Simple Simon to the flyman, "My goodness, that is high!"

Said the flyman to Simple Simon "I fly high as a star!"
Said Simple Simon to the flyman, "My goodness, that is far

'If you should chance to pass the My good sir, won't you please Just stop on it and get a bit For me of nice green cheese?"

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Walter Batchelder and family are moving in to Dr. Hazard's house, re-cently vacated by Fred Snow. Harvey Powers is at home for a hort vacation.

Mrs. Charles Hale is very poorly. She had a very bad nose bleed the middle of the week and Dr. Wallace was called.

Dr. Edward G. West, of Roxbury, Mass., spent the week-end with Fran-cis K. Sweetser.

The fire department was called out on Sunday to a brush fire near Mr. Small's at Fog End. The fire got within six feet of the barn before they got it under control. Some fellows carelessly dropped a match, the fire resulting. They have promised to pay all damages.

Tuesday a still alarm was sent in from South Merrimack. The woods, about three-quarters of a mile from the railroad crossing, caught fire. Mr. Harris' barn caught fire three times, but was soon put out.

The Grange held its regular meet-

The Grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. They voted to prepare the fair as usual and hoped all would take hold and do their share. Five visitors from Pepperell Grange were present. The following program was given: Topic for discussion, "Our game laws—are they written for the farmer or the sportsmen?" Francis K. Sweetser opening the discussion, followed by Charles A. Colburn. S. F. Woods, Albert C. Wetmore. Charles E. Hardy, George H. Hardy and Harold E. Hardy; essay, "The value of birds to the farmer." Mrs. Robert M. French: reading, Mrs. Martha J. Wood: music, vocal, piano, Martha J. Wood; music, vocal, piano, harmonica and flute, Grace and Clara Smith, Doris Smith, Herman Stickney, and Louis-Brown. Mr. Nash, of Pepperell, favored with a vocal solo.

John Bell is spending a few days in Luther Tarbell spent the week-end at Charles E. Hardy's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Harrison, of Stoneham, Mass., spent the week-end with Francis K. Sweetser. Miss Ida Clement was home from Boston for the week-end and Patri-

Ralph Powers spent the week-end Miss Abby Flagg and three friends spent the week-end and holiday in

Last Saturday Nissitissit Camp-fires No. 1 and No. 2 met at Bert S. Brown's. In his pasture, not far from the house, a fire arch has been held. The Camp-fire Girls held a "bacon bat" and enjoyed themselves very much. The more the bacon got burned the better they liked it. They spent the rest of the afternoon playing hide and seek in the barn.

Will Verder and family spent the veek-end at Harry Verder's home. By order of the school board and principal the junior class have given up their masquerade ball advertised for April 30.

The Boys' club, accompanied by Mr. rench, hiked to the Shattuck ranch n Pepperell last Saturday. Miss Lena Ladd spent Sunday with er parents.

Fire threatened to burn over Park-

er's swamp recently, but was soon under control and only five acres burned over.

The only service for Fast day is the usual Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Wednesday night. The topic is that printed on the topic cards for June 9, "Body under, soul on top." Frank Spaulding is entertaining a arge house party this week.

After four years and more of suf-fering Charles W. Hardy passed away on Tuesday evening. He is the last of a family of five, he being the youngest. He is survived by two sons, George and Fred Hardy. The funeral serv-lees were held on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Lovejoy has gone to delp take care of Miss Abbie Reed.

Miss Grace Hayden spent a week at home. Sunday the five brothers and sisters attended a funeral in Wor-

The W. R. C. will give "Rebecca's triumph on Saturday evening, May 1, instead of April 24, as printed last week.

The blaze from the Mason fire could

The blaze from the Mason fire could On Wednesday afternoon the woods

near the old Cameron place caught fire, but was quickly subdued. The house came near being burned, and he flames almost reached the wood ots on Pine hill. There was an unusually small num-er present at the Woman's club meet-

ing in the ladies' parlors this week.
Mrs. Leonard Lawrence furnished the
music for the afternoon. The promusic for the afternoon. The program was rather broken up, but a pleasant afternoon was spent. Burton Clement is at home from Middleboro college for a short vaca-

Mrs. Freeman Rideout, living near lollis depot, died Sunday morning, he funeral services were held on uesday afternoon. Her remains were interred in the Dunstable cemeter Tuesday night the husband of the de ceased. Freeman Ridcout, died, and funeral services were held on Thurs-day afternoon. The remains were also interred in the same cemetery.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Two new windows have been nu into the grammar school room in the Daniels Academy building, making the room much lighter and providing better ventilation. Antti Sini and family, who move

nto the town about a year ago, have noved back to Rockport, Mass. Dr. Holcombe is making improve-nents on his residence and building new garage.

Rev. Mr. Dockrill went to Goffs-town last Saturday to officiate at the funeral of one of his old parishioners. Mrs. John Whitcomb was a visitor at Milford on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Smith has returned from a six weeks' visit at Groton, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Swallow. Mrs. Swallow made calls on a few friends before returning to Groton.

On the afternoon of April 13 the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. Mrs. Hattle Pierce and Mrs. Luther Lawrence entertained the ladies with readings.

Mrs. Mansfield of eLominster was in town last week Wednesday, visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Holcombe. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall with their baby son of Fitchburg was in town for the week-end and holiday. Thomas Shaw of Somerville, Mass, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. E.

Cady for the week-end and holiday.

Alice Whitcomb, Harry Corey, Mrs. Herbert Corey, Mrs. Arthur Goss, Miss Hazel Goss, Marion Holcombe, Albert Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge and Mrs. G. E. Cady attended the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange meeting in Nashua last week Friday.

E. H. Hadley and family, motored up from Cambridge last Saturday to spend a few days at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock, of Towns-end and Charles Beals and Mrs. Mary Hartnold, of Milford, were Sunday visitors in town.

George Bridges entertained his son Theodore and family, of Atlantic, Mass., over Sunday and Monday of last week. Mrs. Clark Barnaby is entertaining Mrs. Daniel Grove for a few days.

Mrs. Daniel Grove for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby were
in town recently, visiting with their
parents before leaving for Philadelphia, where they are to reside. Mr.
Barnaby is in the service of the government and had been settled in
Charlestown, Mass., but a short time
when ordered to his present post of
duty.

Perley Kay and family, of Boston are at their summer home for a shor stay.

### LUNENBURG

News Items

Rev. William D. Goble, the pastor of the First Baptist church, Fitch-burg, has been engaged to deliver the Memorial day address at the town hall

Rev. Alfred Noon came home from Rev. Alfred Noon came home from the conference in time to occupy his pulpit as usual on Sunday morning and gave a very fine sermon upon the topic of "Revealing a secret." Miss Gertrude Barter, led the Epworth league meeting at seven o'clock upon the subject "Seizing one's chance to save another." Rev. Robert A. Bryant of the Congregational church gave a most interesting and profitable sermon Sunday morning, taking for his topic "The christian Sabbath." In the evening Warren Lewis was the leader of the C. E. meeting and the subject, "One day in seven for the leader of the C. E. meeting and the subject, "One day in seven for the highest things" was made very interesting, showing that the leader had bestowed much thought upon the subject, and gave many references from the bible and from other sources to prove not only the advisability, but the necessity of "remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The four-act drama, "The heart of a hero," given by local talent in the town hall last week Friday evening for the benefit of the Lunenburg Military band was a decided success. The hall was crowded with a very enthusiastic audience, which showed its appreciation with sincere and frequent applause. In fact the play gave such general satisfaction that the actors have already been asked to repeat it and several have asked that it be given in adjoining towns. It certainly was a very pretty play and well presented. Ice cream was on sale af-

away the guests from out of town.

The Woman's club held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Augustus Taylor on last week Friday afternoon. Thirty-six members were present and all unite in saying it was a very enjoyable affair. Miss Elizabeth Sleeper had an interesting paper on Robert Louis Stevenson, and Mrs. C. S. Alexander had prepared one upon Henry Van Dyke, which was read by Miss Elizabeth Alexander. Mrs. F. C. Cross gave selections from "The three wise men" and Mrs. Herbert Eaton recited some of Van Dyke's poems. Refreshments were then served by the hostess. The next meeting will be in the Methodist chapel and the lecture will be by Rev. Robert F. Leavens.

Mrs. Mary Louise (Coburn), widow of Willard M. Kennan, and sister of Mrs. Abbie R. Billings of this town.

Mrs. Mary Louise (Coburn), widow of Willard M. Kennan, and sister of Mrs. Abbie B. Billings of this town, died at the Old Ladies' home in Fitchburg on Saturday, April 17, aged 89 yrs. 11 mos. 18 days. Mrs. Kennan will be remembered by many in town as she was at one time a resident here, living in the Hunting house, so-called, and her aged mother. Mrs. Louise Coburn, living with her. She was born in Tyngsboro, but had lived in Fitchburg for many years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Abbie Billings; a son, of Somerville; a grand-daughter, two grandsons, six great-grandehildren, two nieces and other relatives. The funeral was held in Fitchburg on Tuesday morning; conducted by Rev. J. L. Cross, pastor of Rollstone Congregational church, where she was a member, and the body was taken to North Chelmsford for burial beside her husband.

Alvan T. Simonds has moved into his fine new house just finished by S. H. Francis & Co.

Harry Norman Brown spent Sunday with old friends in town. Miss Mabel Eaton, of Boston, and her friend, Miss Alice McGrath, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Eaton's mother, Mrs. Augustus Taylor.

People in town are very glad to learn that Rev. Alfred Noon is to be returned to Lunenburg for another

Carl E. Brown has received his appointment as postmaster and expects to take charge of the office as soon as his official bond is filed. Mr. Lewis his official bond is filed. Mr. Lewis has held the office fifteen years. It is quite probable that the postoffice will not be moved from the store of Lewis & Co., as Mr. Brown and Mr. Lewis & Co., as Mr Lewis are partners.

Interesting Convention. Patriots' day passed off very quietly here, the only observance being the closing of the stores, market and post-

Edward O'Hern's household goods eft town on last Saturday and he and his family left on last Monday for the Weirs, where he has taken up his new position.

Alpha Hall is building a new garage on his place with the expectation of having a new auto in a few days.

Judge Parkor was a visitor for the week-end at his summer home here.

Mrs. Steven Barnaby and two sons, Starr and Chester, have, returned from their winter solourn in Florida.

Alice Whitcomb, Harry Corey, Mrs. Arthur Goss, Miss Hazel Goss, Marion Holcombe, Albert Plerce, Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge and Mrs. G. E. Cady attended the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange meeting in Nashua last week Friday.

Wifred Soucey was a visitor in Nashua on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley, of Worcester, Mass., spent the week-end and holiday in town at the home of his father, Mrs. George Betterley.

Alice Whitcomb is in Fremont for

and noliday in town at the home of his father, Mrs. George Betterley.

Alice Whitcomb is in Fremont for a few days.

The Misses Mary Brown: Elizabeth Whitcomb and Marion Stiles were home for the week-end and holiday. William Wheeler, of Raymond, was a recent guest at the home of his brother, Silas Wheeler.

Mrs. Tower, of East Weare, was a visitor in town last Saturday.

E. H. Hadley and family, motored

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To the heirs at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EUDORA S. DRAPER late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HARRY R. DRAPER of dideceased to HARRY R. DRAPER of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of April A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forence, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of April in the year-one thousand nine hundred and fitteen.

St31: W. E. ROGERS, Register,

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Saturday, April 24, 1915.

### PEPPERELL

Horace I. Whipple, of Ipswich, was in town over Sunday, calling on many friends. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Harmon, High street.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill; of Millis, were in town on Monday, calling on Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce. Mrs. Hill, remembered as Miss Eva Morse, with her children, came with the doctor by auto to visit at her old home in Townsend last week.

Ray Willoughby came from Lexington Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday at his old home.

Mrs. Earl Mention has been at the home of her father. H. W. Shattuck, Oak hill, for a few days.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stinerford on Monday. Some one has suggested that the parents might name her, very appropriately, Pauline Revere.

Mrs. J. B. Lewis entertained Mrs. Maude Hubbard and son, of Springfield, over Sunday and Patriots' day. Mrs. Hubbard will remain for a longer visit during the week, her son returning home on Monday afternoon.

The high school team played the Lawrence academy second team on the Groton grounds Monday. It was an eleven-inning game, resulting in favor of the Lawrence academy boys -11 to 10.

Miss Edna Kittredge was in Boston on Friday of last week, going to con-sult a specialist, as she has not recov-ered fully from her attack of the grippe last winter.

Mrs. George Herrig and daughter Rachel were at Woodside with her parents over the week-end and holi-

on Friday afternoon of last week. Armed with their notebooks in which to write down the number and specie of the birds they found, the little party went as far as the Babbatassett driving park and were delighted with their experience. Mrs. Harris, or some one else of this committee, will take the girls of the same grades next time.

Miss Carrie F-

D. W. Hazen, of Pleasant street, met with quite an accident on last week Thursday, While engaged about the saw in the box shop of the Nashua, N. H., Wednesday evening, in connection with the three days was thrown against the saw in such a tory, April 20, 21 and 22, in that city. way that one finger was nearly sever-ed at the first joint. Two others were also badly injured, giving him a pain-ful hand, although he is still about.

The marriage of Oscar McDonald to Marjorie Bloo' daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Blood, took place on Thursday evening of last week at on Thursday evening of last week the Congregational parsonage, Rev. J. B. Lewis officiating. The groom is a grandson of the late Bradford Shattuck, and formerly lived with him. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald started on last week Friday for Boston and other places of interest on a short wedding trip.

Walter Reed was an over Sunday

Charles Harris, of Lowell, was a uest over the holiday at the home

room at the church on Wednesday afternoon, April 28.

Mrs. M. E. Reed will take a few days' rest during the week of school vacation, going to Boston to be with

Schools closed this week Friday for a week's vacation. Most of the teachers are intending to go to their homes or to visit friends on Saturday morn-

Michael Fitzgerald moved on Thurs day from the tenement they have oc-cupied at East Village to the Whit-comb place, just off Park street. He somewhat intends to purchase the small farm for poultry raising.

There will be a full rehearsal of all taking part in the May party on Wednesday afternoon, April 28, at the usual time, Prescott hall.

Miss Nellie Tully of Beachmont was a heliday guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Nashua

Mrs. Fred A. Parker is recovering slowly from her recent attack of pneu-monia. Mrs. Luella (Wheeler) Heath, who has been staying with he is assisting at Mrs. Parker's with her father.

Little Anna Drumm went to Worcester last week to visit over Sunday and Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Myron Murphy. It was her first visit away from home alone.

George Irving Tucker, the small grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George E Tucker, Nashua street, will remember his sixth birthday with pleasure for a long time. It occurred on Tuesday, April 20, and six little guests were April 20, and six little guests were invited by his grandmother to her home, where they were feasted and well entertained by her and the mother. Mrs. Raymond C. Tucker. The table was finely arranged, an ornamental birthday cake being one of the attractions. This bore the marking, "George," being cut so that each little guest had a letter. There were also individual cup cakes beside each plate, decorated with a tiny colored candle. There were games and much candle. There were games and much merriment, and Master George was well remembered by gifts from his lit-tle friends and his relatives.

Charles Pilisbury will have accomplished his part of the necessary digging to get town water in his house on Chase avenue this week. He was obliged to lay 530 feet of pipe on priobliged to lay say feet of pipe on private land. When he commenced the trench he encountered some frost, which caused later-cave-ins. Then the trench began to fill with water, even in this dry time, and he was obliged to be a number of the lower end. He rig up a pump at the lower end. He Mrs. J. N. Annis.

ONE DODDAR AND FIFTY CENTS will certainly earn the advantages of the town water by the time he gets it connected.

Miss Mary Tams of Sherbrooke, Quebec, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rainsford Deware.

Another large maple has been placed on the lawn in front of William Deware's residence. The two maples will be quite an addition to his grounds which have formerly been rather bare looking, if they can be made to live in this dry time.

Miss Florence Ames, stenographer in the bank at Winchendon, visited at the home of her parents over the

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash and daughter from Chelsea were guests at Ashmont farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, from Friday of last week until Monday evening of the holiday. holiday.

Air. and Mrs. Geo. F. Martin of Morcester and child were holiday valescent. guests at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw.

Principal Whitmarsh of the P. H. S. recently chose a girl from each class to write to the captains of the basketball and tennis teams of the schools of surrounding towns to arrange dates for games and a possible tournament

Nettle Kimball has been out of school for the past week, having trouble with her eyes. She was taken to Nashua to be fitted to eyeglasses to Nasnua this week.

At a recent meeting of the board of selectmen licenses for the sale of liquor were granted to Thomas F. Graham & Co., first class, retail, and to John F. Reagan & Co., fourth class,

Much sympathy is felt for S. M. Nokes in his recent loss by fire. His building was nearly destroyed, but with praiseworthy courage he started Thursday to roof in the side that was least thinged on the started that was least injured and save the ice.

The resignation of J. J. Monteith as chief of police having been accepted by the selectmen, taking effect on Tuesday, April 20, they have appointed a new chief, Geoige L. Andrews, of Roxbury, who entered upon his new duties on April 21.

Mrs. D. H. Handley went into Bos-on Wednesday to spend two weeks with her son.

Thomas Tarbell of New York city was a guest at the home of his par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tarbell, last Miss Elsie Northrup came from Manchester, N. H., on Saturday for a visit over the holiday at the homes of J. J. Willoughby and Mrs. Carroll Robbins.

The fourth and fifth seemed to be caused by a strain and strain and afterward.

mittee, will take the girls of the same grades next time.

Miss Carrie Foskett, of Newton-ville, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willoughby over Sunday and Monday.

D. W. Hagen of Newton-structure of the same are predicting that the figures will reveal a population of three thousand or more here, reverting to the old question of five years ago when some claimed that only an error cut the census lower than 3000.

A delegation of twalve many that the figures will reveal a population of the figures will reveal

A delegation of twelve members of the Masonic order of Scottish rites in

Lyman Robbins attended the funeral services held for the late Mrs. Freeman Rideout of Dunstable. Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rideout had both been ill for some time, being about eighty years of age. It seems singularly sad that within a few hours of the service held for his wife, Mr. Rideout also passed away. Lyman Robbins, his father and uncle, are among the few surviving relatives of the late Mr. Rideout, who is well

nown in this town. Leo Pillsbury came from North Andover with a friend by auto to spend the holiday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Monk of South and holiday guest at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed.

Charles Harris, of Lowell, was a Sunday and the 19th.

ert L. Moore, secretary of the Wor ert L. Moore, secretary of the Worcester Y. M. C. A., was in charge and was assisted by Charles R. Hicks of Clarke college. The music in charge of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash was also very effectively rendered, adding much to the service. The special features were an anthem by the young chorus choir, twelve voices, and the selection, appropriate to the day. "America, the beautiful," sung as a solo and chorus, by O. M. Nash, and the choir. This is particularly worthy the choir. This is particularly worthy of notice, both because of the fine manner in which it was rendered and because of its history. The words were composed by Katherine Lee Bates and the music by Will C. Mac-Farlane, the municipal organist of Portland, Me., whose instrument in City hall is second in size in the

Kitty Murray of Auburndale is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Murray, suffering from trouble with her eyes. She will probably remain the rest of this week.

Mrs. Leander Stewart returned to her home on Oak hill last week, after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Marston, at Melrose Paul Kimball of Middleboro spen Sunday and the holiday with his par-ents in town.

The friends of Thomas Byrnes, who formerly resided in town, who remember his ability as an amateur boxer, read with interest the account of the recent game at Derry, N. H., where he is now living. The contest between himself and James Daley of Manchester, N. H., lasted eight rounds, the decision being given in lavor of Byrnes.

Mrs. P. R. Stratton and Miss Eliza-beth McNayr went to Fitchburg on Monday to attend the Worcester Dis-

F. W. Buss and family moved on Tuesday into his new cottage on River street.

Mrs. Rose Davis of Groton spent Friday of last week with her friend,

Miss Lilla Stratton, who has been spending her Easter vacation in town with her parents, has accepted a new position in a school near Farmington. Me., and left here Saturday for her They were manly fell

Arthur Tisdale, a former night op-erator, now at Ayer, was in town on Monday, the guests of A. H. Harris. Monday, the guests of A. H. Harris.

Mrs. N. S. Pike had a sudden attack of illness on Friday afternoon last. Mrs. A. G. Pike was hastily summoned from the guests whom she was entertaining at "five hundred," and a physician called. Dr. Heald quickly responded and after giving restoratives, removed her to the home of her son by auto. She is now convenient.

Eugene Pierce of Cambridge spent Sunday and Patriot's day with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns, Pleasant street, former neighbors of his in

George Searles of North Chelmsford was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Chas. Pillsbury, over the holiday. Mrs. P. J. Tierney of Fitchburg made a short call on relatives and friends in town Tuesday.

friends in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Starr have come north from Green Cove Springs, Fia., and were in town on Thursday forenoon for a few hours. It is understood that they will spend a part of the summer here and the rest in Lovett. Me. Mr. Starr is decidedly improved from his recent illness from potenting but still shows the from poisoning, but still shows the effects of it.

The Main street school ball team and the Groton street school team having played two games which re-sulted in a tie, the rubber was played on Thursday afternoon at the playground. Judging by the cheers it was a rather exciting game. It resulted in favor of the Groton street team by a score of 12 to 7.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, accompanied by their sons, Raigh and George Arthur, and guest, Fred-erick Belcher, of Winchester, went to Ashburnham by auto last Sunday to visit Miss Elizabeth and view the ruins of the boys' dormitory at Cushing academy recently destroyed by

Quite a company of Grange mem-bers from town attended the meeting of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange in the K. of P. hall, Nashua, on Friday of last week.

E. S. Durant had a new Ford tour ing car come Thursday which he will Reunion at Boston. ice during the summer.

May Party.

The second annual May party will be held at Prescott hall on Friday evening. April 30, at eight o'clock. In addition to the May pole dance there addition to the May pole dance there are to be many attractive new features in the program. These are the Spring Garland chorus; May Queen, with her attendants; flowers; dream fairlies; lullaby march; plekaninnies; archery drill; minuet; pink poppy dance; soldiers; moon boat. There dance, soldiers; moon boat. There will also be a solo by Mildred Morgan, the accompanist being Miss Helen M. Robbins. There is to be dancing from ten o'clock until one, with music by Robbins' orchestra. The program will be repeated on Saturday afternoon. May 1, at three o'clock, and as has already been announced the proceeds are to be given to the District Nurse association. Tickets are on sale and can be exchanged for reserved seats Wednesday morning. April 28, at nine o'clock at the store of Mrs. W. N. Mault and C. D. Hutchinson. Mault and C. D. Hutchinson.

Pleasing Entertainment.

The program given at the enter-tainment at the Congregational ves-try last week Friday evening was enjoyed by a very good-sized audience.
Many who failed to hear the short farce, "Mrs. Qakley's telephone," when it was recently given, came to hear this, which was repeated by request. The musical program consistency of the ducts by Mrs. Garca and Mrs. quest. The musical program consist ed of duets by Mrs. Gage and Mrs guest over the holiday at the home of his nephew, A. H. Harris.

Arbor day, Saturday, April 24. Have you got your tree ready to plant?

The Ladies' Ald society will hold their regular meeting in the ladies' room at the church on Wednesday (College Deputation committee. Robwest well arranged. The first scene was portrayed by Mr. Lewis, Anna Peabody and Flora Boynton, entitled "Mary Jane and Benjamin." The second, "A scene at the dentist's," was brought out very well indeed by young ladies, Flora Boynon, Dorothy Dennen and Marguerite

arter.
The ice cream cones and cake found favor with many in the audience when offered for sale at the conclusion of the program.

Methodist Conference.

Rev. P. R. Stratton, who attended the annual session of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal churches, held in Boston last week, returned here on Tuesday. The illness of the wife of Bishop William A. Quayle, who presided, caused the session of the conference to close the session of the conference to close wet by Monday noon, instead of at night, as Monday noon, most was all the was noted that one of the usual. It was noted that one of the reports accepted by the conference on "Methodist historical societies," was prepared by Rev. James. Mudge, a former paster of the church in this

Rev. C. H. Hanaford, pastor here some years ago, attended the conference, although now in his eighties, and occupied one of the pulpits in the

and occupied one of the purpus in the city on Sunday.

The appointments for the coming year were read at the close of the session, Monday noon. Several changes were made, those affecting this place being the transfer of Mr. Stratton to a pastorate of the Liberty church in Springfield, and the appointment of Springlield, and the appointment of the Merch. During the three years that Mr. Stratton and his family have resided here they have made many sincere friends who will be sorry to miss them, and whose best wishes will accompany

Mrs. P. R. Stratton and Miss Elizabeth McNayr went to Fitchburg on Monday to attend the Worcester District Epworth League convention. They returned home on the evening train.

Mrs. Frank Fuller of Pittsfeld, Mc. with her two younger children came Saturday for a two-weeks' visit at the homes of Mrs. Joseph Donnelly and J. N. Annis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chase are receiving congratulations as grandparenents of a little girl, born to their daughter, Mrs. Bernice Bailey, at Hanover, April 8.

F. W. Buss and family moved on Tuesday into his new cottage on Rivor two years.

Both the new pastor, his wife and

two children will receive a cordial welcome. Mr. Beers is expected here this week and will occupy the pulpit on Sunday.

Miss Lilla Stratton, who has been spending her Easter vacation in town with her parents, has accepted a new position in a school near Farmington. Me., and left here Saturday for her new duties.

Many of the P. H. S. girls who take an interest in sport attended the ball game at Groton on Monday afternoon. Misses Helen Harriman, Doris Butler, Agnes Dansereau, Helen Hartwell and Marion Thompson went by train, although some took the six miles as a "hike."

Arthur Tisdale, a former night operator, now at Aver, was in town on the state of the Y. M. C. A. sent out a fine type of the college student in the deputation last week. They were manly fellows of good build, attractive personality and earnest purpose. The leader, Robert L. Moore, secretary of the Worcester Y. M. C. A., is a good singer and good speaker. J. S. Bixler, Amherst '16, is the president of his college Y. M. C. A., and member of several musical clubs. He played 'cello solos at every service which were much appreciated. F. B. Withington has played on the Harvard football team for three F. B. Withington has played on the Harvard football team for three years. Charles R. Hicks, of Clark college, was a good addition to the team, a young man of sterling christian qualities. He is a country-bred boy, who is working his way through college, and who expects to give his life to foreign missions. Horace L. Cole, of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

About seventy for young man and

About seventy-five young men and boys gathered on the playground at 2.30 o'clock last Saturday, and after few athletic events there, a part of them went on a hike to Heald's pond and Pepperell Springs. About eighty men and boys gathered at Central hall at 6.30 for a bountiful supper furnished by the good people of Pepperell, and served by a committee of women from the Unitarian society. Dudley L. Whitmarsh, principal of the high school, presided, and after supper introduced the speakers in a pleasing manner.

The general topic was a presentation of "Not in the curriculum activthem went on a hike to Heald's pond

The general topic was a presentation of "Not in the curriculum activities," the literary, musical, athletic and religious associations of college life. The students were assigned to the various churches and Sunday schools on Sunday morning, where they assisted in the services.

At 3.30 a "Life purpose" meeting was held in the Methodist church and high ideals were set up. At seven o'clock there was a closing union meeting in the Congregational church with a large attendance. The music

with a large attendance. The music with a large attendance. The musicwas led by a male chorus under the
direction of Mr. Moore. Each member of the deputation gave a short
address. Their topics were Bible
study, prayer, social service and missions. The leader said that the best
product of Pepperell should be its
boys and that more should be done
by church and home and community
for their culture and character.

An offering was taken, which
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An offering was taken, which proved generous enough to cover the expenses of the deputation, and any

expenses of the deputation, and any surplus will go to the Federation of the Churches.

The young men of the town feel that they were helped by the coming of the college men, and wish that a longer visit could be planned for next year.

Reunion at Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Annis went to Somerville on Sunday afternoon to visit. On Monday, April 19, they went into Boston to attend the tenth anniversary of the reunion of the Charlotte club held at the New American House. The members are those who were at one time residents of Charlotte. Me. or associated with who were at one time residents of the Charlotte, Me., or associated with them and meetings have been held regularly on April 19 from year to year. A banquet was served at 12.30 which in point of excellence and the fineness of decorations could hardly be supposed. The president of the fineness of decorations could hardly be surpassed. The president of the club, Herbert Swan of Reading, pre-sided at the after dinner speeches, which were many and brilliant. These, were enjoyably interspersed with music. About sixty guests were pres-ent, coming from all over New Eng-land and even New York.

and and even New York.

There is a paper published twice a year to keep the members in touch with each other. This is edited by the editor of a regular paper, who formerly lived in Portland, Me., but now resides in Phode Lyland. now resides in Rhode Island. During the afternoon plans were made for the meeting of 1916 with

much enthusiasm.
Others attending the banquet and reunion from here were Miss Marguerite Donnelly and guest, Mrs.

Frank Fuller.

and later at the Champion Interna-tional card shop. He moved to Fitch-burg with his family a few years ago, where he was employed at different occupations. He has been in failing health for more than'a year and for the past weeks has been critically ill with heart trouble, which was the cause of his death on Saturday, April

He is survived by a wife and son, also by one sister, Mrs. Grace (Saunders) Lavelley, and a brother, Austin Saunders, both of this town. Burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn.

Just at from Tuesday an alarm was sounded from box 29 on Groton street for what proved to be a burn-ing field some distance beyond An-derson's bakery, which was probably set by sparks from a train. The firemen responded and checked the flames, leaving the place in charge of two or three men. Later in the afternoon, about 3.30 o'clock, the Champion whistle began to blow a continuity. Champion whistle began to blow a furious long alarm and this was followed by the regular alarm, again from box 29. The flames in the burnt region had been fanned into activity by the brisk wind of the afternoon and had got beyond the control of, the few men left to guard them. In, an incredibly short time the fire reached the small growth of pines near the icchouse belonging to S. M. Nokes and before the firemen could reach the scene with the apparatus the structure was in flames. Mr. Nokes was early on the scene and with the assistance of the first few to reach the place, worked strenuously and well, but it was of no avail.

During the height of the fire the flames improved the norm getting into During the height of the fire the fames jumped the pond, getting into a small growth on the Groton side. The firemen of that town had something to do to protect the Johnson farmhouse lying to the east of the vood, but we understand this was accomplished. Mr. Nokes carried some insurance

on the icehouse and contents, but the ice that is left is not, of course, as marketable.

A fire alarm was rung in on Friday afternoon of last week from box 24, at the end of Pleasant street. A pile of rubbish at the rear of the house occupied by J. J. Montieth was burned during the forenoon and thought to be nearly out. The flames started up just after dinner, running over the field of Frank Behrens, towards the from the pearest box.

On last Saturday a brisk blaze was started in a similar manner near the residence of Elijah Reed on Mt. Lebanon street. It spread over his field toward the woodlot just cut off and caused some apprehension that it might reach the pine limbs and debris still piled up on the lot, which would have been almost impossible to control. A forest fire alarm was rung in and one from box 38; near the Center and the firemen wife rethe Center, and the firemen who re sponded soon had the flames under control.

News Items. The High School Alumni will meet at the home of the president, G. Har-old Tower, on Tuesday evening, April 27, at eight o'clock

are requested to be present. The Woman's club held its annual meeting at Saunders' hall Tuesday, April 20. There were reports from all the officers and chairman of committee, followed by a very interesting paper by Mrs. Abbie C. Woodward on "Quaint nooks and corners." The on "Quaint nooks and corners." The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. J. Lutta Boynton, pres.; Mrs. Maud C. C. Parker, Mrs. Louise A. Lunt, vice-pres.; Mrs. Anna G. Wright, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alice W. Miller, cor. sec.; Mrs. May B. Tarbell, treas.; Mrs. Abbie C. Woodward custodian; Miss Helen M. Wiley, auditor; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Handley, Mrs. Eva B. Gage, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Taft, directors, two years.

Church Notes.

The newly-appointed pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Beers, will move into the parsonage with his family on Friday of this week and will be prepared to assume at once all of the duties of a Methodist preacher. He will preach his first sermon here next Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. The Sunday school will be held at the noon hour and the Epworth league prayer meeting will Epworth league prayer meeting will be held at six o'clock. At seven in the evening there will be a praise service with preaching by Mr. Beers. The Tuesday evening prayer meet ing will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Stratton will move from town the latter part of this week and will go at once to take up the duties of his new parsonage at Liberty Street Methodist church in the city of Springfield.

Rev. J. B. Lewis will preach in the Rev. J. B. Lewis will preach in the Congregational church 'next Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. In the evening at seven o'clock he will give a stereopticon lecture. There will be several illustrated songs. This will probably be repeated at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening. There are to be services at the town farm on Sunday at these o'clock conducted by Dev it three o'clock, conducted by Rev

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The remains of Otis Saunders were brought here on Tuesday for interment, services being held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Lavalley.

Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Lewis officiating.

Mr. Saunders was born in Shirley fifty-seven years ago, coming here to reside early in life. He was employed at the Nashua River Paper mills and later at the Champion International earl earl early and the residence of the

Tou are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of May A, D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive, weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Aver, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

# Sheriff's Sale

Middlesex, ss.

. Ayer, April 1st, A. D. 1915. I have this day seized and taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office East Main street in said Ayer, on Saturday, May 22d, A. D. 1915, at eight o'clock A. M., all the right, title and interest (not exon execution) that Nellie E. Lawlor of Malden, in said County, had on the twenty-first day of July, A. D. 1914 at four o'clock and twenty minutes P. M., that being the time the same was attached on mesne process now has in and to the following described real estate:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon commencing at a point on Sterling street in said Malden, which point is distant 190 feet from Russell street; thence running northerly on land, now or formerly of Sullivan, 68 and 58/100 feet to land now or formerly of Dexter; thence running easterly on land of said Dexter 43 and 2/100 feet to land now o formerly of Cornwell; thence running outherly 70 and 6/100 feet to Sterl ing street; thence running westerly on sald Sterling street 43 feet to point of beginning, containing about 2980 sq feet of land.

Deed from Cornwell to Nellie F Lawlor, dated September 26, 1898 recorded Middlesex South District Registry, book 2686, page 241.

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff. 34:32

A Talk With Adam About Discreet Young Methuselah.

I have a book published in the early didactic period of the nineteenth century which illustrates a certain way of imparting historical information. It was written with the laudable intention of making history interesting to people who didn't want to venture into the unfamiliar. The author thought that if the patriarchs were conceived of as New England selectmen their lives could be made as interesting as if they were New England selectmen.

And I am not sure but that he succeeded. The book is divided into two parts, a conversation with Adam covering the space of 930 years and an interview with Noah giving an account of the deluge and the other events with which he was familiar. They are represented as nice old gentlemen rather formal in their language and strictly orthodox in their opinions. Adam speaks hopefully of Methuselah, who, he says, "must be now about fiftymuch disturbed over the radical views of the Tubal-Cains.

would indicate that either Adam or Noah had been out of Connecticut-S. M. Crothers in Atlantic Monthly.

ELECTRICITY IN RAIN.

The Drops of Moisture, as a Rule, Contain Positive Charges. Rain drops are almost always charged with electricity. The charge is often positive, rarely negative. Many observers have measured the charge approximately and made it from ,000,000,000,000,000,001 to 0.000,000,000, 000,001 amperes per square centimeter. Professor F. Herath of Kiel describes in the Revue Electrique the experiments by which he has measured them.

He received the rain on a fine me tallic cloth twenty-five meters square, insulated and attached to a galvanometer in a cellar. The calcanometer registered photographically. Among the facts be proves are these:

Rains with a constantly positive charge are much more frequent than those that change to a negative. The passage from a positive to a negative charge corresponds to a momentary cessation of the shower. The quantity of positive electricity brought by the rain is fifteen times greater than that of the negative. The positive currents in a steady rainfall are about 0.000. 000,000,000,000,1 amperes per square centimeter. The negative currents never exceed 0.000,000,000,000,001 amperes per square centimeter.

Sympathy With Sufferers. Probably nothing is more stimulating and genuinely tonic to sufferers, especially those with chronic ailments, than the feeling that in spite of their own helplessness they themselves can still be helpful to others. The Shut-in society in this country has made life more bearable for many persons who are confined to their rooms or their houses. Nothing disturbs a certain class of patients so much as to be constantly in contact with those who are in good health and strength and whom they can scarcely help but envy. To be brought into touch with those for whom they themselves can feel is a precious source of consolation and uplift. Pity is a luxury to be enjoyed. but no human being likes to be pitled or to feel that he is an object of pity. To be conscious of some advantage in one's situation over that of others is of itself an alleviation for many sicknesses.-Journal American Medical Association.

An Ornithological Curiosity. Jane Ann had called, on her afternoon out, to see her friend Matida. The latter's mistress had just pur chased a parrot, and Jane Ann much interested in the bird. "Birds is very sensible," she said; "you kin learn them anything. I used to work for a lady that had a bird in a clock. an' when it was time to tell de time of day it used to come out an' say 'Cuckoo' jest as many times as the time was!" "Go 'long! You don't say so!" said Matilda incredulously? "Yes!" replied Jane Ann. "And the most wonderful part was that it was only a wooden bird too!"-London Globe.

A Unique Symbol of Freedom A curious custom is observed in the village of Great Bookman, Surrey, England. When the wife of a trades man goes off for the usual summer holiday to the scaside one or two ex pert climbers ascend at midnight to the roof of the house and insert old brooms in the chimneys as a sign that the head of the house has the super vision of the domestic arrangements in addition to his ordinary work.

Her Lack of Tact. "Miss Soulsby has not a particle of

tact."

"The other evening when Mr. Jaggles, who is notorious for not paying his debts, asked her to sing she went to the plane and sang Trust Him Not? "-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Source of His Talent.

tan take every man's measure."

"That big financier boasts that he

"That's because he began life as

"What has she done now?"

tailor's assistant."-Baltimore American. Domestic Dialogue. Wife ticity-You needn't speak to me for a month. Husband-Then you

expect to have finished talking by that time?

He that lives with cripples learns to limp.—George Herbert.

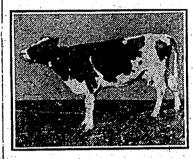
# Making the Little Farm Pay

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An Illinois farmer who maintains a dairy of thirty cows on thirty-four acres, milks by machinery, has two silos, raises the bulk of the feed consumed on the place and markets much of his produce independently presents a good example of the intensive principle in agriculture.

This man is W. E. Draper of Dupage county, and he is known far and wide as a money making, successful farmer. He has the enthusiastic help of his energetic wife. Mr. and Mrs. Draper have taken up the subject of independent marketing, with the result of greatly increasing their income. seven years old and is a discreet and They receive more than the wholesale well principled youth." He was very price for the entire output of their dairy and are making further plans in the way of direct dealing with consum-There is nothing in the book that ers in Chicago and Elgin. They will do more with poultry, vegetables and fruit when they get a little further along with their organization. Housekeepers who have had dealings with them stand ready to take all the cream, butter, poultry, etc., that the place can produce. Their poultry plant earns a few hundred dollars every

year. It is easy for farmers who are thus favorably located to get full retail, prices for their entire production. Mr. Draper says that were he located far-



A THOROUGHBRED HOLSTEIN

ther from good cash markets he would change his program somewhat, but he believes that farmers who properly diversify their production and raise those articles which pay the best can make money anywhere. Some classes of produce require quick marketing, while with others once a week or even once month will answer the same purpose.

Perhaps the most interesting part of Mr. Draper's enterprise is his crop system. His land is in such a high state of fertility that he is able to fill his two silos with corn from about ten acres. The silage is supplemented with corn fodder from an extra four or five acres and five acres of alfalfa, together with beets, turnips and millstuffs. The latter is usually bran and shorts, but this season there has been less nutrition than there usually is in corn silage, and Mr. Draper has bought some cornmeal and gluten with the bran and shorts. He feeds a fairly well balanced ration averaging somewhat about fifty pounds daily, his

cows being superior in size. The animals are Holstein grades. built up to the requirements of his intensive system by careful selection and the use of first class sires. With thirty pounds of silage the animals receive ten pounds of alfalfa or some fodder, five to eight pounds of concenrates and five pounds of roots. If the latter are not on hand the silage is in-

reased to thirty-five pounds. Fifteen to eighteen acres of corn is the limit on a little farm. Add the five acres of alfalfa and there remains enough land to permit a small pasture and five acres of strawberries. regular system of rotation and heavy manuring the soil is enriched and kept in fine order. There is little waste in the pastures, and at certain periods the cows have only two or three acres on which to run.

It happens almost regularly in Illinois that a drought in July or August destroys grazing for the rest of the year, but farmers of Mr. Draper's caliber do not allow their ground to lie idle month after month. Usually he brings on a fodder crop for fall or spring use. The cows on a little farm get an abundance of grass or tre and clover until midsummer, after which stall feeding becomes liberal again, its extent depending on the condition of the fodder crops. In addition to maintaining the dairy this farm supports some young stock and two or three mares.

Mr. Draper's enterprise in strawberries is separated from the regular farming, as he has a partner in that branch. His income from that fruit is large and is additional to the \$5,000 income from milk and poultry. The labor in connection with the strawberries is handled as a distinct account.

The fame of this little farm in Dupage county has extended over a wide territory, and many farmers who are burdened with more land than they can work properly are turning to the Draper methods. The first principle is to get rid of surplus land unless there s capital enough to organize and equip the place as it ought to be run. The idea is to cut out waste and work the and to its greatest productive capacity.

Weed Out Poor Cows. Weeding out the poorest cows is the est way to improve the record of any dairy in the amount of milk and butter produced in proportion to the number f cows kept. This process of weeding out will also aid materially to increase the profits.