





LITTLETON

Miss Harriette W. Tuttle, of Worcester, daughter of the late Rev. William G. Tuttle, died at her home on Monday, February 7, of carcinoma, from which she had been a great sufferer for two years. Funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon. The body was brought to Littleton Thursday on the one o'clock train and taken to West-lawn cemetery, where interment was made in the family lot following the committal service. Miss Tuttle was born in Harrisville, N. H., and after receiving a finished education became a teacher. She was first principal of Northfield seminary and later became assistant to ex-President Alice Freeman of Wellesley college. She is survived by a brother, Dr. Tuttle, of New York.

C. A. Kimball was chosen moderator, and at the close of the meeting received unanimous vote of thanks for the fair and efficient manner in which he had directed affairs. There was an unusual number of women present, and in the afternoon a large delegation of pupils from the high school and grades listened with interest to all that took place. The dinner hour was a period of pleasant sociability. Following grace, Rev. Henry C. Speed, pastor of the First Baptist church, Clinton, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The program, in exchange with the pastor, will consist of the favorite games, music and light refreshments. Special evangelistic services will be held at the Baptist vestry next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. C. Speed of Clinton. All are cordially invited to attend these services. There will be good social singing, good speaking and a welcome for all.

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BOXBOROUGH

Town Meeting. The following disposition of the articles contained in the warrant was taken at the town meeting on Monday:

Article 4. Voted \$1,450 for school purposes. Article 5. Voted \$500 for highways. Article 6. Voted \$400 for support of poor. Article 7. Voted \$50 and one-half dog tax for library. Article 8. Voted \$1,000 for general town expenses. Article 9. Voted to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money during the winter season in anticipation of the taxes for said municipal year. Article 10. Voted that the taxes be collected and same rate used as interest on taxes not promptly paid as last year. Article 11. Voted to transport the high school pupils. Article 12. Voted \$300 for Liberty Square fund. Article 13. In relation as to whether the town would vote to use the new town hall as a union school and make necessary alterations, was passed over.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

The community was greatly grieved and shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Edgar C. Mead after a brief illness of three days on Friday morning, February 4. She had what seemed to be a long illness, but she was far rallied that serious apprehensions of recovery were not entertained, but on Sunday night another shock came and without suffering she seemed to drop all sleep, and passed on at the evening twilight. Mrs. Mead was a daughter of Dea. Joseph Hayward, of this town, and was the wife of the late Hon. Edgar C. Mead, of Ashby. Her father was born of Dea. Paul Hayward, who, with his family of ten children, done so much for the town and church in its early days, and later for the town of Ashby. She was born at the old Hayward homestead in the west part of the town on June 6, 1855, and lived here in town all her life of 60 years and 8 months.

She was a member of the Congregational church and a gifted musician, both as player and singer, and held a place in the church choir for more than fifty years. She was thus early identified with all the active and social work of the church and town, and always retained a deep interest in them through all the years. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon, February 9, at two o'clock, and it seemed particularly fitting that the last service should be held where her voice had so often been heard in praise and worship. Rev. F. H. Viets, of Waltham, a former pastor here, conducted a brief but touching service, and later for the town of Ashby. She was born at the old Hayward homestead in the west part of the town on June 6, 1855, and lived here in town all her life of 60 years and 8 months.

ALLIANCE

The monthly meeting of the Alliance was held at Mrs. Paul Brown's, Foster street, last week Friday afternoon. Fifty women or more were present to greet the speaker, Rev. William I. Nichols, of Cambridge, a former pastor of the church, who gave most delightful reminiscences of his first pastorate here in Littleton, and briefly sketched his subsequent career as preacher in Philadelphia and social worker in Brooklyn, N. Y., and pastor of the Deerfield church. The development in church work and community which he has initiated his thought and service for many years was very pleasantly discussed. His interest and enthusiasm in bringing different social classes together and encouraging competent leaders to engage in constructive work for their common welfare are marked as in former days. Throughout his excellent address Mr. Nichols was listened to with closest attention, and at the close an opportunity to renew acquaintance with

TOWN MEETING

The annual town meeting of 1916 was held on Monday and passed into history as one of the most peaceful and harmonious ever recorded. There was no element pleading for luxuries or extravagances. On the contrary, the desire for retrenchment, although not frequently expressed in oratorical flights was evident in the willingness of our voters to accept measures certain to lower the tax rate. There was little, if anything, in the way of dispute, unpleasant criticism or selfish ambition, and the forty articles were taken up and voted upon in comparatively short time. Shortly after o'clock C. F. Watts, town clerk, read the warrant, Rev. H. L. Caulkins offered prayer, and at 2:20 in the afternoon every article had been disposed of. The polls, however, were not closed until three o'clock, and the town officers remained to be sworn in.



Saturday, February 12, 1916.

AYER

News Items. Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead will lecture before the Woman's club and their friends on "Preparedness" at Hardy's hall on Thursday evening, February 17, at 7.30. Everyone is invited, especially men. Admission free. There will be a short business meeting of the club before the lecture to appoint a delegate to the mid-winter Federation meeting at Melrose.

In convention colors, green and white. L. T. L. town and state rally cries were given. Songs were sung and a short history of the life of Anna A. Gordon, national president of the W. C. T. U., was read. Rev. J. W. Thomas gave a short, interesting address to the graduates.

It was voted to pass over the items relative to abatement of taxes and reserve fund. Art. 6. These sums were raised and appropriated as follows: Poor reimbursements received \$7,600 00 Schools, refund of dog tax and income from Holmes property and 10,500 00 School incidentals 2,900 00 School superintendent's salary 740 00 School medical inspection 100 00 Highways and bridges, street railway, franchise and tax 1,500 00 Sidewalks, unexpended balance of 1915 and 2,100 00 Fire department 1,200 00 Library 1,200 00 Non-departmental 3,650 00 on bank balances and Street lighting 3,300 00 Town park, unexpended balance, income received from hydrant service 800 00 Sinking fund for water debt Public school unexpended balance 100 00 Band concert to be expended under the direction of the selectmen 300 00 July 4th celebration to be expended under the direction of the selectmen 500 00 Town incidentals, receipts from town house district and 5,500 00 Under this article it was voted under the item for soldiers' relief to pay the state aid and all sums received from the Commonwealth reimbursements for state aid paid and to authorize the town treasurer to pay such further sums as may be required by the state for unappropriated funds in the treasury.

ayers of lumber and measurers of wood and bark, A. M. Phelps, James Hillery, C. C. Wood, fence mowers, John M. Maloney, the city sexton, 2 years, Huntley B. Turner, park commissioner, 3 years, John L. Kenison, fish commissioner, 2 years, Harry C. Berry, pound keeper, John M. Maloney, license question, No. 227, Yes 183.



HENRY A. BROWN

1869, 1872 and 1880, and at the time of his death was the senior past master. He was an honorary member of St. Paul Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and became a member of Thoman Royal Arch chapter of Fitchburg in 1870. Mr. Brown was also an honorary member of Hancock Royal Arch chapter of Ayer. He served the town as selectman for one year.

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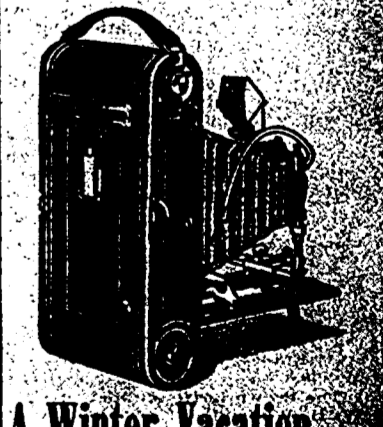
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SHIRLEY

News Items. D. Chester Parsons in compliance with a vote at town meeting has appointed Charles R. White, Frank H. Wheeler and Charles H. Weare, Jr., a committee to supervise the laying of the new sidewalk voted for by the town Monday.

out of a registered list of nineteen. The election officers were Thomas J. Gately, John F. Flynn, Michael Gionet, William F. McCormick, Joseph Murphy, William E. Barnard, Harrie P. Barnard, Harry D. Barnes, George F. Buxton and Walter Knowles. The town went on license by a majority of 64, and Lewis H. Bradford defeated Arthur G. Dunn for town clerk, and Thomas S. Gately defeated Harry H. Lynch for overseer of the poor, while Clayton M. Wells won out in the four-cornered contest for town clerk, over Mr. Gately, Mr. Buxton, Thomas C. Burrill and John H. Logue were elected constables.

The special features of business were the appropriation of the sum of \$900 for police protection, which means that a permanent officer will now be employed by the town and the new schoolhouse proposition was deferred until a later date, when the school committee and a committee consisting of Fred D. Weeks and Frank H. Wheeler will submit plans of a schoolhouse not to cost more than \$15,000.

The ladies of the Universalist church held a pound party in their vestry last Tuesday evening. The party proved itself an able auctioneer, getting good prices, which netted the ladies a neat sum of money; also, a general good time will be a foregone conclusion.

The board of selectmen have organized with Charles H. Weare, Jr., as chairman and Charles H. Tewksbury as secretary. The board will meet for the approval of all bills and general business in the hall of the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at seven p. m. All persons having bills against the town should present them in season for the board to act on them early.

The ladies' circle of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Abbie J. Wells about twenty ladies were present. Mrs. Alice L. Wright, resident, presided. The secretary, Miss Martha Hunter, read the records and the minutes of the previous meeting were discussed.

There will be a union service of the C. E. of the Congregational and Baptist churches on Sunday afternoon, January 13, at 2 o'clock. The two churches will have charge of a meeting. All are welcome.

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Miss Christine G. Longley, of Fall River, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Miss Anna Service returned to the home of Miss Elsie Kitch, this week after an absence of several weeks in New Jersey on account of the illness and death of her brother.

John Kirby, of New York, has been a guest at the home of his sister, Miss Elsie Kirby.

Robert G. Dort, of Grotton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. In the organ was taken by Miss Margaret Longley.

The following clipping was taken from last week Friday's Boston Traveler. Porter H. Adams is a son of the late Charles Adams, of Brookline, and has been a frequent visitor at the home of his grandfather, Albert Adams.

To fly 26,000 miles around the world in fourteen days in a giant hydro-aeroplane of 1500 horsepower carrying seven—is the ambition of Porter Hartwell Adams, Boston aviator and motoring enthusiast.

MOCK TRIAL

A Court will be held in Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening, February 13, at eight o'clock, when the mock trial will be held.

Miss Vera Bradford appeared as a reader at a recital given at the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, on February 2.

The Camp-fire Girls met last Saturday with Mrs. William Sanders. There were ten present and the afternoon was spent in playing games.

The senior class in the high school has in school a Washington trip this spring.

Miss Stella Ely, Mrs. Helen McCoy, Mrs. Lawrence Edgarton and the Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook and Emma Knowles attended on Monday evening the Homer Spalding concert at City hall, Fitchburg, given under the auspices of the Smith College club.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. The school board in view of the parents of pupils to meet them and Mr. Bacon in the high school room Saturday evening at seven o'clock.

Wednesday evening a leap year social was held after the supper meeting with a fine attendance. Lord Clinton's daughter was acted in pantomime while the poem was recited by Miss Hazel Marshall.

There was a large number present at the last meeting of the Grange and Vocal school program was given by Miss Lillian Key.

Miss George Verder returned from Worcester on Tuesday, where she had been visiting with her son, William Verder, since Christmas.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Walter Corey has been called to sit on the petit jury in Manchester.

Mrs. Harry Wilkins was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, last week, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

One day last week, Freeman Wright was exhibiting at line a collection of skins as this town has seen for some time. The lot consisted of ten foxes, coon, wildcat and fourteen skunk.

Miss Blanche Fessenden is spending the present week in Hallow Falls, Vt.

