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### HARVARD

News Items.  
The body of Samuel Peckham was brought to the town vault here on last Thursday. Mr. Peckham will be remembered by the older residents as an employee of Edward Turner, when the latter conducted the grain and lumber business at the mill here. Mr.

Peckham was a veteran of the civil war. The last in the season's lecture course was given this week Friday evening by the Schubert male quartet of Boston.  
Thomas F. Hoban, of Lowell, hotel proprietor, accused of operating an automobile in Harvard while under the influence of liquor, appeared in

like, is at Bryn Mawr college, where she is playing as goaltender on a water polo team. Both girls are summer residents here at "High Hills." Mrs. Paul Thorndike is a guest at the farm with Mrs. Fiske Warren for the week-end.

E. E. Royal, son of Dr. and Mrs. Royal, has been appointed as one of the commencement work committee at the Worcester Poly-technic.

Still River.  
Wednesday, Mrs. Alice Haskell, Mrs. Anna Flanders and Mrs. S. B. Haynes attended a sectional conference of the Federation of Women's clubs in Worcester. Mrs. Cyrus E. Ballen, of Arlington Heights, spoke on "Parent-ry work in Massachusetts and Massachusetts." Mrs. E. Haynes, formerly teacher of drawing in the Harvard schools, state supervisor of industrial work in institutions for insane, gave a talk on "Occupation as a remedial factor in hospitals for the mentally sick."

On next week Friday evening there will be a supper and entertainment in the vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leary, of Hudson, were guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, over Sunday. Mrs. Leary was well-known in this village as Miss Marion Clark.

Mr. Little, son and daughter, of Concord, N. H., who are guests of Mrs. Anna Flanders on Monday.

Mrs. Edna Smith, of Randolph, Vt., is stopping with her sister, Mrs. John Mitchell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs entertained their daughter from Boston over Sunday night.  
A very bad storm here were only nine out at church on Sunday.  
Edwin Haskell is again sick with tonsillitis, but not as bad as before.

### BOXBOROUGH

News Items.  
Lincoln's birthday was appropriately observed at the Grange on Friday evening of last week. In the absence of the lecturer, Miss Richardson, the place was filled by her brother, George Richardson. Readings were given by the master and many others. Luther Burbank recited the famous Gettysburg address and Albert Littlefield gave "Captain, oh my captain, my country" after having been heard many times in these troublesome times and rekindle the fire of patriotism in our hearts. A very taking part of the program was the singing of old war songs by six young men.

Miss Parker, teacher at No. 2, and Miss Maria Steele gave a very enjoyable valentine party about twenty young people last Monday evening at Miss Steele's home. Any games were played and everyone got a glimpse of their future in the Valentine favors. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, heart shaped cakes and frozen cream were served. Judging by the glowing accounts heard the day after everybody had a delightful time.

It seemed like a glimpse at the real old-fashioned way last Monday morning when the race was held for a stake of \$100 by four horses. The teachers all got through but the school attendance was small.

W. H. Furbush, Mrs. Norman Wetherbee and Mr. Albert Walker are on the sick list this week.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.  
Mrs. Louise Inall returned to her cousin's, Mrs. Norman Bennett, last week Friday from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where she had been for a short time after having a serious operation performed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Merrill of Conway, are board and Mrs. Josephine Maxwell's for the present. Mr. Merrill is the principal in the high school, taking a course in the State Normal.

The Home Economics club met on Tuesday at Mrs. E. M. French's. Quite a large attendance was present, the subject being "Home Economics." This is the last meeting for awhile, as Miss Bates, the lecturer, has other classes elsewhere who need her attention just now, but she expects to take up the work here at some future time.

Mrs. Willis C. Hardyver two fingers quite badly on Monday while opening a can of fruit.

The school authorities were notified recently by the state superintendent of education, H. C. Smith, in the case that our high school is no longer on the list of approved high schools of our state. This seems a sad calamity and it is hoped that the pupils and parents will work together and do all in their power to re-plant the school on the approved list again.

Miss Carrie Demault has recently left the high school on a count of poor health.

Ralph L. Lovejoy, New Hampshire college, is a member of the Glee club and has recently been on a ten-day concert trip through Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He is a violinist. His many friends wish him great success.

The attendance at church last Sunday was very small on account of the snowstorm.

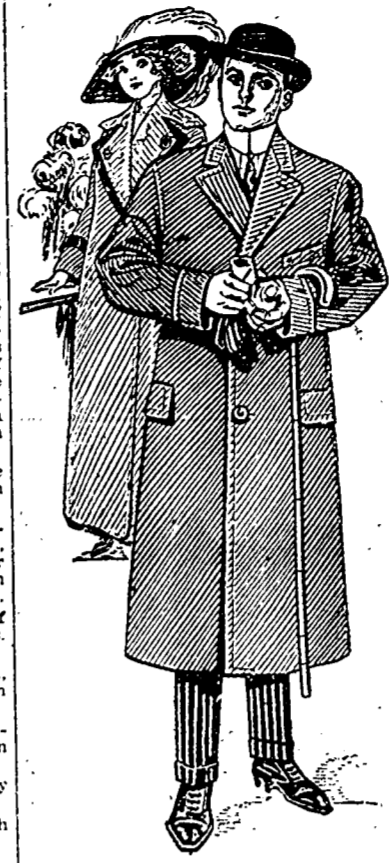
Albert F. Hildreth is taking an advanced course in electricity in Nashua. There are six pupils in the class.

Mrs. Fred B. Wheeler, who has been quite ill for a few weeks, is reported as gaining slowly.

Franklin Worcester is at Charlesgate hospital, Cambridge, Mass., having electrical treatment for neuritis. It is hoped that he will be able to return home soon.

The pupils in Miss Lucia F. Read's room enjoyed a little valentine party on the afternoon of February 14.

Fire.  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woods on the Popperell road was burned to the ground on last Sunday morning shortly after four o'clock. The barn connected with the house was also destroyed. The cause of the fire is supposed to be a defective chimney. Mr. and Mrs. Woods, an aunt, their daughter, Mrs. Nellie Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Danvers were sleeping in the house at the time the fire was discovered. Help was called about three o'clock from their neighbors, Frank Spaulding, Mr. Spaulding and several other men who were boarding there gave



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their prompt assistance and all was done possible to extinguish the fire, but with no results. A general alarm was given at about four o'clock and several men hurried to the scene.  
The fire was working in the partition which made it impossible to get out. Considerable furniture, etc., was saved from the downstairs rooms but scarcely anything upstairs. The rooms soon filled with smoke. The aunt, who is blind, was hurriedly taken out and carried to Mr. Spaulding's. The live stock in the barn were all saved and many willing hands worked as quickly as possible carrying out all the things which they could get. Mr. Woods got quite overcome with the smoke and it was necessary to call a physician to him.  
Mr. and Mrs. Woods have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their loss. The place was insured, it is said.

Obituary.  
A few words in regard to the life of Miss Sarah Alice Worcester, whose death was announced in last week's issue, would not seem amiss at this time as she leaves many friends in Hollis, as well as many other places where she had lived during her life, who always had a warm place in their hearts for her and she was always highly respected by all who knew her.

Miss Worcester was born in Hollis on April 4, 1844, the daughter of the late Taylor Gilman Worcester and wife, and was one of a family of seven children. She graduated from the New London Literary and Scientific Institute in 1866; was engaged for thirty-five years in high school and collegiate work. In Urbana, Ohio, she organized a chapter of the D. A. R., and represented the same for two successive years in the national congress in Washington. She spent several years in Europe in the study of modern languages.  
In 1903-4, under the auspices of Pere Hyacinthe and wife, she went on a mission to Jerusalem to study conditions and report as to the apparent feasibility of establishing an international non-sectarian college for girls in Jerusalem. She took an active interest in several philanthropic, literary and patriotic societies in Boston and vicinity. She was engaged for several years in various kinds of literary work. In 1909 she undertook the revision of the Worcester Genealogy, published in 1856, and this book was ready for sale in 1914. She had put in five years of hard, strenuous work in the revision and about the time the work was near an end Miss Worcester was beginning to feel the effects of her work, but was always happy to think that her health and strength held out

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WESTFORD

Center. Mr. and Mrs. H. Bert Walker are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Walker's home people in Waltham. Mr. Walker gains each week but convalescence from so serious an illness is necessarily slow.

George Henry Cadman, at the Old Homestead farm, has installed a telephone this week, 68.

E. J. Whitney has been gaining this last week and is able to get down stairs after being confined to his bed and upstairs rooms for some weeks.

At the meeting of the Tadnuck club next Tuesday afternoon the entertainment will be in charge of the teachers and given by the children. The meeting will be in the Congregational church vestry. Each member is expected to invite one child and to cooperate in every way to make the annual children's day in the club a success.

Genial Conductor Clement is back on duty on the electric car after a week's illness with the grippe. We understand all the members of the Clement family have had their turn with the same affliction.

The Washington's birthday dance given by the academy senior class next Friday evening promises to be one of the pleasant social events of the winter season.

Colds and grippe are very prevalent.

Storm. The hard snowstorm of last Saturday and Sunday proved the worst of the season, fully twelve inches of snow falling. There was cause for gratitude that there was no serious amount of wind to cause too heavy drifting.

It was a hard proposition for the branch line electric and the faithful crew worked valiantly up to their limit of strength until it was inadequate to the situation. About noon Sunday, Supt. McDonald, with the town teams, was called out and went over the route, but the body of snow, which was damp and freezing to the rails was so much that it was not until Monday morning when Supt. Cushing had the big snow plow sent across the grade crossing at Brookside that the line was really cleared. Monday being town meeting day this was especially desirable. Supt. McDonald also did a good amount of work with the big snow roller purchased by the town some years ago, going over the roads.

It goes without saying that church services were sparsely attended, although at the Congregational church a service was held with an audience of less than a dozen people.

Social. The men's supper and entertainment Wednesday evening proved a drawing card, fully 125 people availing themselves of the sociality after the comparatively shut-in period from the storm. An oyster supper was served from 7 to 8 after which an entertainment consisting of a mock trial was given. This was presided by John S. Greig and Charles Robey. The mock trial was based on the theft of a motor car and around this calamity was a grist of highly original evidence for and against, with many local hits.

The august judge was J. E. Baffier, the plaintiff, Rev. William E. Anderson, the defendant, Joe Wall, lawyers, John P. Wright and Leonard W. Wheeler, clerk of court, Clarence H. Hildreth, sheriff, Arthur Walker, tax collector, Dr. C. L. Nesmy, assessor, Edward Fletcher, William C. Roubenbush, David L. Greig, who stuttered, Charles D. Colburn, jurymen, Rev. David Wallace, foreman, Andrew G. Houghton, organist, S. B. Watson, George A. Kimball.

Town Meeting. Westford's town meeting on Monday passed off very expeditiously and quietly. After the choice of Herbert E. Fletcher for moderator the annual election of officers was held. The contests for the office of selectman were as usual a place as usual on town meeting day. For selectman, Sherman H. Fletcher was re-elected by a vote of 109 against 2 votes for Frank Collins. Harry L. Nesmy, assessor, won his time-honored contest with William E. Green for town warden by a vote of 135 to 103. William L. Wall won out for constable by a vote of 128 to 109 against John Sullivan, a one-time holder of that office. Aside from Wall, Samuel H. Balch was the only new man elected to office, he succeeding Charles L. Hildreth, who declined to serve again as overseer of the poor. Other officers re-elected were Charles D. Colburn, assessor, Harwood L. Wright, treasurer, Leonard W. Wheeler, tax collector, Edward T. Harty, auditor, Frank L. Furbush and John P. Wright, school committee; Charles D. Prescott, trustee of library, David L. Greig, commissioner of burial grounds.

No license won by a vote of 165 to 69, a majority of 96. At 1.15 the polls were closed and the remainder of the warrant was taken under consideration. The various reports were rapidly accepted. The amounts raised and appropriated were in every case as recommended by the finance committee as follows: Public library, unexpended balance, dog license money and \$1,000; burial grounds, \$200; roads and bridges, \$6,000; town debts and charges, \$7,000; support of poor, \$2,000; schools, \$10,450; and unexpended balance, high school, \$3,100; school text books and supplies, \$750; salary of school superintendent, \$573.75; repairs and incidentals about schoolhouse, \$1,000; fire department, \$270; fire department, \$450 and as much more for added hose and equipment; installing electric lights in town hall, \$400; fish and game warden, \$50; sidewalks, \$600; medical inspection in schools, \$100; Memorial day, \$150; distribution of library books, \$100.

Under Article 28 a committee was appointed to make a new contract for street lighting. The finance committee expect this to mean \$3,200 this year. They expect existing contracts for hydrants to cost \$2,000. The usual one percent was voted for the tax collector. Article 24, calling for installation of a fire alarm system, was referred to a committee of one selectman, one of the finance committee, one of the fire engineers, and two members of hose company No. 1 was appointed to investigate location and building for fire department quarters in the Center village. Under Article 27 it was voted to accept gift of land from Oscar R. Spalding on which to establish a public dump. Articles 31 and 32 brought votes to sell the Minot's Corner schoolhouse and land and the Nabasset schoolhouse.

About Town. At its last meeting West Chelmsford (Granville) warned the Lowell winter work routing by a debate on the question: Resolved, "That war is necessary for the progress and development of the human race." Fred A. Snow and Charles S. Edwards, affirm; James Peck and Wilbur R. Cole, neg. No telebs hung on the windows while the debate was on. The next meeting will be held on next week Thursday evening.

Middlesex-North. At a meeting of the trustees of the Middlesex-North school district last week Thursday an invitation was extended from the Lowell Driving club to hold the annual fair of Middlesex-North on the grounds of the club which are located on Golden Gate at Chelmsford street, not far from the Lowell poor farm in Chelmsford. As a result of this invitation a committee was chosen to confer with the club and report at a future meeting. George W. Trull of Tewksbury, Walter S. Holder and Edwin C. Perham of Chelmsford, John W. Peabody of Dracut, Charles H. Spinkney of Lowell and Samuel L. Taylor of Lowell. The committee to whom was referred "innovations," reported in favor of holding the annual fair this year in every town within the limits of Middlesex-North, but promising to offer for the best town exhibit, best acre of field corn, half acre of pop-corn, half acre of sweet corn, best kept farm and buildings and general surroundings, best acre of grass, best acre of apple trees under ten years of age. This report is signed by Edward P. Dickinson of Billerica, Arthur W. Colburn of Braintree and Samuel L. Taylor of Westford.

Obituary. A more extended notice of the life of the late Charles Wright, who died from a life-long friend of the family will probably interest a large circle of friends than the incomplete sketch of last week. The son of Walter and Lydia (Richardson) Wright, he was born in Lowell on March 29, 1845, and educated in the grammar and high schools. When he was seventeen the family moved to Leominster, where for several years he was in business with his father. In 1869, he married Miss Lucy P. Stevens, of Leominster, who lived but a few years. Of her two surviving sons, one, Walter, who is married and lives in Alabama. Leaving Leominster in 1869, Mr. Wright went into business in Somersworth, N. H., where he lived for twenty years. In 1876, he married Mrs. May E. Hildreth of Somersworth, who survives him with two children, May Frances, now Mrs. Gordon Kenneth Wright of Chicago, and Russell Earl Wright, who is married and lives in Mobile, Ala. In 1888, Mr. Wright, with his family, left New England and went to Seattle, remaining two years, moving to Chicago, where he was actively engaged in business up to the time of his death, making his home in LaGrange, Ill., where he lived twenty-five years, and where he died on February 3, of pneumonia after a week's illness. Funeral services were held in Emmanuel church, Saturday, February 12, and after cremation the ashes were brought to Lowell to be deposited in the family lot. In LaGrange, Mr. Wright will be greatly missed, especially in Emmanuel church, which for several years he had faithfully served as treasurer and vestryman. He had been a devoted husband and father, and by his genial, kindly nature had always drawn a large circle of friends about him wherever he lived. He took great pleasure in re-creating his old-time Lowell and Westford friendships, when in the summer of 1914, after an absence from New England of a quarter of a century, he came with his family to visit his sister, Miss Ella P. Wright, who now makes her summer home at the old family homestead on the Lowell road, Brookside. He was untiring in hunting up his former schoolmates and business associates, and his cheerful, yet dignified personality, will be remembered with pleasure by the old friends who were so fortunate to meet him. This tribute, from an intimate friend of the family, so true to life, is given in honor of a large circle of friends in America, changing to the memory of his well-balanced personality.

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Obituary. A more extended notice of the life of the late Charles Wright, who died from a life-long friend of the family will probably interest a large circle of friends than the incomplete sketch of last week. The son of Walter and Lydia (Richardson) Wright, he was born in Lowell on March 29, 1845, and educated in the grammar and high schools. When he was seventeen the family moved to Leominster, where for several years he was in business with his father. In 1869, he married Miss Lucy P. Stevens, of Leominster, who lived but a few years. Of her two surviving sons, one, Walter, who is married and lives in Alabama. Leaving Leominster in 1869, Mr. Wright went into business in Somersworth, N. H., where he lived for twenty years. In 1876, he married Mrs. May E. Hildreth of Somersworth, who survives him with two children, May Frances, now Mrs. Gordon Kenneth Wright of Chicago, and Russell Earl Wright, who is married and lives in Mobile, Ala. In 1888, Mr. Wright, with his family, left New England and went to Seattle, remaining two years, moving to Chicago, where he was actively engaged in business up to the time of his death, making his home in LaGrange, Ill., where he lived twenty-five years, and where he died on February 3, of pneumonia after a week's illness. Funeral services were held in Emmanuel church, Saturday, February 12, and after cremation the ashes were brought to Lowell to be deposited in the family lot. In LaGrange, Mr. Wright will be greatly missed, especially in Emmanuel church, which for several years he had faithfully served as treasurer and vestryman. He had been a devoted husband and father, and by his genial, kindly nature had always drawn a large circle of friends about him wherever he lived. He took great pleasure in re-creating his old-time Lowell and Westford friendships, when in the summer of 1914, after an absence from New England of a quarter of a century, he came with his family to visit his sister, Miss Ella P. Wright, who now makes her summer home at the old family homestead on the Lowell road, Brookside. He was untiring in hunting up his former schoolmates and business associates, and his cheerful, yet dignified personality, will be remembered with pleasure by the old friends who were so fortunate to meet him. This tribute, from an intimate friend of the family, so true to life, is given in honor of a large circle of friends in America, changing to the memory of his well-balanced personality.

Graniteville. The worst snow storm of the winter arrived here on Saturday and Sunday and continued throughout both days. It was a regular old New Englander and the many who placed their faith on the ground hog supposition are beginning to think it was all wrong. The storm was followed by severe cold, the mercury dropping below zero.

In spite of the storm on last Sunday both masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church with a fair attendance. Rev. Henry L. Scott was the celebrant.

Mrs. H. N. Fletcher has recently returned from a very enjoyable visit spent with her son, Herman in Boston, and friends in Winchester. During her brief stay in Boston she visited many points of interest and considers a vacation at this time equally enjoyable to one spent in the summer.

M. J. Healy has recently recovered from his illness and is now able to be about once more.

It is expected that Manager Buckingham of the local bowling team will confer with the manager of the Westford club in the near future for the purpose of making arrangements for the series to be bowled between these two clubs.

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Charles Flanagan, Mrs. R. D. Prescott, Miss Edith M. Foster, Miss Sarah Prescott and Miss Emily Collins. This morning the ladies' parlors of the Woman's club met in the ladies' parlors with a very small attendance. Mrs. Marcellus J. Powers read an article on "Quaint characters of old Hollis." The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society met in the ladies' parlors of the Woman's club on Thursday with Mrs. Almond A. Wheeler, Mrs. George F. Hale and Mrs. Charles A. Colburn as hostesses. On last Sunday morning at about four o'clock the fire alarm was sounded for a fire that burned Ed. Woods' house and barn to the ground. They were fortunate to save some of the furniture, the animals and carriages. They will make their home for the present with their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Howard. A. H. Moore was in town a few days last week, returning home on Friday. The monthly church supper and social will be held on Tuesday evening, February 22, with the gentlemen in charge.

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SHIRLEY

News Items. The Girls' Sewing club gave a Valentine party last Saturday evening at the Shirley Inn.

The Congregational church did not open for services last Sunday owing to the severe snowstorm which prevailed during the day.

There was a rush for reserved seats for the mock trial, "Breach of promise suit," when the sale opened at Brockman Brothers' last Saturday.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Miss Inez Brown, have rented the house owned by Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, which was vacated a short time ago by Mr. and Mrs. David H. Goozey.

The public schools of the town close this Friday for one day, and on Monday, February 28, this is the commencement of the new nine week's holiday after every eight weeks of school.

Henry Babst, who was operated upon at the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Boston last week Thursday for myopia, the operation was successful and Mr. Babst is improving as fast as can be expected.

The Ladies' society of the Congregational church will meet for sewing in the vestry of the church next Wednesday afternoon, February 23, at three o'clock.

Lincoln's birthday exercises, which were planned to take place last Sunday at the Congregational church, will be given this Sunday, February 20, as owing to the storm last Sunday the church was closed.

The Valentine party held in Odd-fellows hall on Monday evening by the W. W. S. club was a merry event for all who attended.

required amount has been paid in. We would respectfully call attention to the third and fourth sections of the objects of the board.

Do you not want to help to create a fund to give to some sick child or cripple medical treatment, help some family to prolong the life of a loved one or to provide a nurse while some sick mother is getting strength after treatment at the hospital?

Officers Elected. The C. E. society of the Congregational church have elected these officers and committees for the first half of the current year:

Miss Nina Holbrook, pres.; Mrs. Harding James, v. p.; Miss Flora Shepard, rec. and cor. sec.; Miss Mary A. Park, treas.; Miss Sarah M. Johnson, pianist.

At a meeting of the board of selectmen last Saturday evening the following appointments were made: Asa A. Adams, tree warden and superintendent of moths.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Haverhill, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

The Center primary and grammar schools will close next week for a vacation of one week, according to the new plan of a week's vacation for every eight weeks of school.

Miss Eleanor Kymie spent Saturday and Sunday in Lunenburg, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh on Center road.

Dr. James L. Wellington, of Swanton, who died last week, was an uncle of Mrs. E. J. Miller. He was at the time of his death the oldest graduate of Harvard college and Harvard medical school, and had just passed his ninety-eighth year.

The announcement that the selectmen will hold their meeting in Engine hall at the village has met with very little approval in this vicinity.

These figures speak for themselves and justify the existence of the hospital board. We would call attention to the following facts: Several selectmen did not give an account of financial conditions in the town.

Economy Hints. A penny saved is a penny earned.—Benjamin Franklin. Image of Benjamin Franklin.

IT is important that vegetables should be prepared and cooked in such a way as to conserve all the available food material and their mineral salts.

Vegetables should be cooked only until tender. Many vegetables develop a strong and an unpleasant flavor and are rendered less easily digested by overcooking.

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How to Keep Your Evening Gown Fresh as New. To keep evening gowns fresh it is a good plan to hang one inside a large muslin bag.

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Nils Peterson. Central Avenue AYER, MASS. Telephone Connection. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of GEORGE WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF AYER: Your petitioner, the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, by vote of its Directors, respectfully prays it may be granted a location for an extension of its tracks in the town of Ayer, as follows:

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GROTON

There were no services at the Baptist church last Sunday on account of Rev. B. E. Tucker's illness. The storm interfered with attendance at other churches. There were twenty-five in attendance at the Congregational morning service, but there was no session of the Sunday school nor the C. E. meeting. There were about twenty-five out to the services at the Unitarian church.

Death. The passing on of Mrs. Minnie E. (Davis) widow of William A. Moore, came with that effect which a sudden and unexpected death always brings upon friends and a community wholly unprepared for it. The end came on Wednesday morning, Sunday evening at about six o'clock. The cause of death was heart disease.

All boys are cordially invited to be present. There will be special music. (Phone) has been installed in the parsonage, a gift of Rev. and Mrs. Richardson.

The public meeting of the Groton Bird Club, held in the town hall, February 14, was an unqualified success. The lecturer, Herbert K. Job, head of the department of applied ornithology of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Spread of this disease from currants to pines, while the two stand within half a mile, possibly even one mile, of each other, except by the total eradication of the currants or gooseberries.

sure of Fitchburg died but a short time ago, making the first break in this large family of ten children. With the exception of Mrs. Hunt, the sisters were present at the funeral service.

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AYER

New Items. The following clipping is taken from a Bradewater paper: The school committee last evening voted to allow double promotion to a number of eighth grade pupils...

E gave a dress drill and much praise given to our boys who certainly take credit to their 'armory.' Miss Moore, daughter of the late William Moore of the Globe hotel, was a resident of Ayer for many years...



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Dancing School Ball Prof. W. E. Brown will close his dancing school season at TOWN HALL, AYER Friday Evening, February 25 Music, Brown's orchestra, assisted by John V. Myers, of Lowell, baritone singer. Dancing 8 p. m. to 12.50. Hall tickets, Gentlemen 50 cents, Ladies 25 cents. Refreshments served by Blodgett & Markham, Caterers.

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LITTLETON

New Items. Mrs. F. S. Pingrey spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Bruce, in Townsend.

The Back Log sunset party will be held in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening, February 22. Dancing for the children will begin at four o'clock.

The King's Daughters' annual Easter-egg contest will be held at the vestry, April 8. The county convention of King's Daughters will be held with the Forget-not circle April 20.

At the morning service at the church, the choir sang "The Dawn of a New Day" and "The Dawn of a New Day".

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meets with Littleton Grange in the town hall on February 21, with the following program.

Tuesday morning was the coldest recorded up to that time this winter. Fourteen and fifteen degrees below zero.

Miss Ruth Thacher joined her Lasselle schoolmates in a reunion on Monday.

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Miss Ellen Priest, of Groton, was a recent guest of Miss Abby Billings and George Priest, coming in season for the Back Log drama.

Miss Hazel Bradlee, of Hudson, N. H., and Miss Helen Bradlee, of Newton, enjoyed the week-end hospital visit of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, coming in time for the drama.

who fittingly introduced the program and announced Richard Wagner as the composer to be discussed.

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For Young Folks. Esther, Morris, Handsome Baby in Staten Island, New York.



Photo by American Press Association.

Recently in the borough of Richmond, a part of the city of New York, which comprises all of Staten Island, situated in New York bay, there was held a great baby show.

The snowstorm beginning on last week Friday afternoon proved to be the heaviest of the season and continued until Sunday evening without cessation.

When your friends come give them each a paper and pencil and see how many can write the correct answers to these questions.

NAME A BATTLE FOUND IN EVERY FARMYARD? NAME AN UNINHABITED BATTLE? NAME A BATTLE UNPLEASANT TO BARE-FOOT BOYS?

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I got out at a small railroad station in Tennessee, to find a crowd in front of a saloon, and as I began inquiring the cause of the excitement a young man of twenty turned and replied: "Stranger, I can tell ye all about it. Do you want to see the corpse?"

"Is some one dead?" "Dead as a con track, and it's my own dad at that."

"Been a row here?" "Not a bit of it. Dad jest made a fule of hisself. He's in thiar waitin' fur a cart to take hisself home to be laid out and buried."

"Never seed nuthin' to ekal it in all my bo'n days," said a man in the crowd. "I was right yere or I wouldn't hev seedger to it nohow," added a second.

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The Ladies' Baptist church will hold a special social meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman...

Mrs. Laura Clarke of Ashby has been a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns.

Mrs. Thomas Plummer of Somerville spent the weekend with Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Ely.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, preaching in the morning on the topic "We are in the kingdom for what?"...

The Ladies' Study club will be entertained by Mrs. Albert Wilson at the home of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, on Monday evening...

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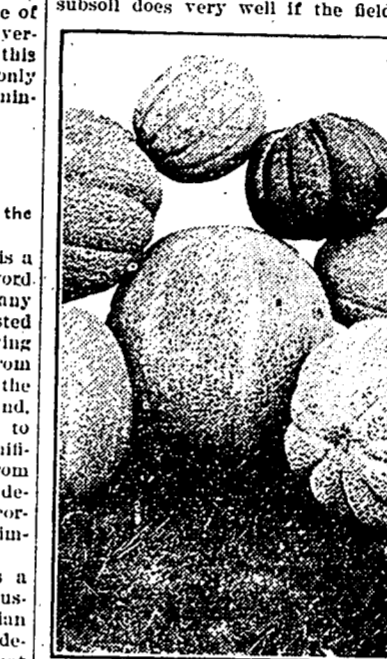
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PEPPERILL

Roger Robbins, who recently accepted a position as assistant at a school, private school for boys at Helenwood, Tennessee, writes to his relatives that as he becomes accustomed to the surroundings he likes being in the country as well as in the city. He is fast becoming acquainted with it, riding horse-back some of his chaperons every afternoon.

The Pennemaquam Camp-fire Girls entertained at the home of their guardian Mrs. W. E. Boers, on Saturday evening, giving a valentine party. About fifteen young gentlemen were invited by the circle and entertained by the young ladies after the most approved fashion.

A birthday party was held for little Mattie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rivers, at the home of her cousin, Helen Harrison, on Monday afternoon. The little guest was Evelyn Hutchinson of the most approved party.

There was a wealth of floral tributes, silent tokens of those left behind. At this service, there were representatives of the Society of the Massachusetts Daughters and of the Ladies' Physiological Institute, of which Mrs. Bland was a valued member.

Michael Doe, for some years a resident of this town, died at his home on Tarbell street, on Wednesday afternoon, February 16. The cause of death was tuberculosis, of which he had been ill for some time.

On Tuesday afternoon, after school hours, the junior department of the Congregational Sunday school were given a valentine party at their weekly services of the church.

On last Saturday Frank Leahy celebrated his fifteenth birthday with his uncle, F. E. Conant, in whose family he is a member. Early on an errand to one of the neighbors, on his return to the house he was ushered into the living room where he received joyous greetings from his relatives and friends who had arrived during his absence.

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