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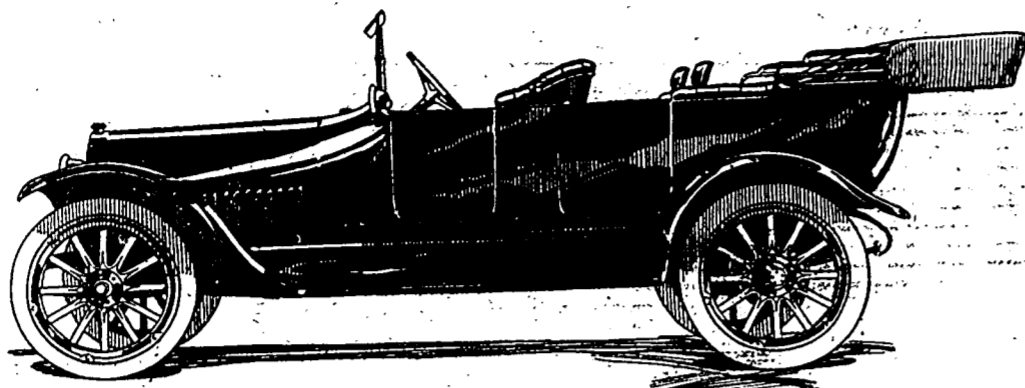
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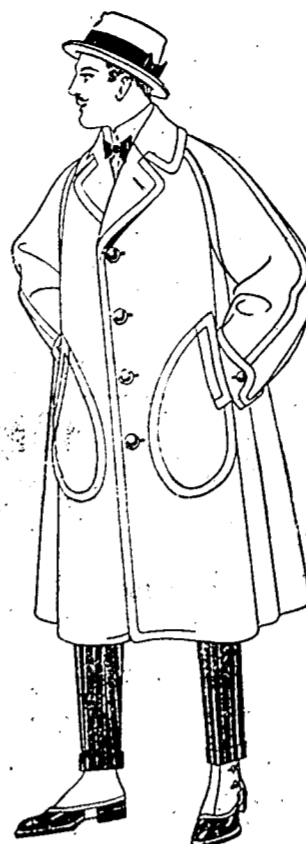
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LITTLETON

News Items.

William Newell fell from a ladder at the sawing factory Tuesday and at first thought that he had sustained little injury, but later developments revealed a fractured hip which necessitates his confinement within doors.

Harry W. Knights sold at the Hood farm in Tewksbury several of his Berkshire aristocrats that brought purchasers and breeders of famous swine from all over the country. The prices paid for some of the porkers was simply fabulous.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash have remained in Newburyport a few days since taking the remains of their sister to that city. Miss Miriam Cash will join them in Boston. Mrs. F. D. Smith is keeping house during the absence of Mrs. Cash and daughter.

Deaths.

Miss Florence Edgerly passed away at the home of her son, Mr. George H. Cash, Sunday forenoon, after many weeks of suffering. She patiently endured continual pain and gradual weakening, but was exceedingly thoughtful of those who cared for her and wished to burden others as little as possible. She was a devoted sister, a sympathetic and loving friend and a loyal supporter of church and granite, of which institutions she was a valued member. In a quiet, amiable manner she accomplished much good and won the love and esteem of a host of friends who were pained to learn of her untimely death.

Funeral services

Funeral services were held at her late home Tuesday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, officiating, and paying a well earned tribute to her memory. George A. Cook sang with much sympathy "The plans of peace" and "Crossing the bar." A wealth of flowers surrounded the casket in which the beloved form was taken to Newburyport for interment Wednesday.

Grange Notes.

The Grange was well attended Wednesday evening when eleven young people took the first and second degrees, the regular officers working the first and the men's degree staff, under efficient direction of C. F. Watts, master, exemplifying the second degree. Leonard Roberts, Edward Hagan, Hazel Wainwright, Ella Wilkins, Dorothy Smith, Marion Sauter, Mrs. Joseph Wainwright, Misses Elmer, Carey, Florence Millett and Florence Hunt constituted the class initiated. They will receive the third and fourth degrees in two weeks, when a deputy from Fitchburg will be present. Norman Bonnell played the piano for the marching. Miss Corwell was reported sick and threatened with pneumonia and Mrs. Patch was reported improving. All grange members were urged to attend the lecture in the town hall next Monday afternoon. Several mem-

bers were present from neighboring towns.

A large company of strangers went to the Ayer Grange Tuesday evening and many attended Westford Grange Thursday evening, which was observed as past masters' night.

Club Meeting.

The United Workers met with Mrs. W. E. Conant Wednesday afternoon and several guests from the other societies were welcomed, making the audience number sixty or more. Mrs. Conant, president, called for the secretary's report which was read and approved. Miss Elizabeth Houghton led in the devotions and Miss Beatrice Wainwright sang "Spirit away," accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret Conant. Mrs. Emma K. Lemley of Boston was received with the usual cordiality by her many friends and former townspeople and commanded their closest attention throughout her all-too-brief address on "Personal recollections of Korea, the hermit kingdom." This was one of the courses visited by Mrs. Lemley and her husband, the late Dr. Lemley, on their trip around the world and to her it was the most interesting. She felt that Littleton people had been greatly favored in their opportunity to read Mr. Hurlburt's letters and hear his lecture on Korea in addition to the study of that kingdom as presented in the text book used by the United Workers.

The tourists found the Korean capital under careful military guardianship of the Japanese whose interests are always regarded above those of the Koreans, their hewers of wood and drawers of water. The approach to the peninsula of Korea was made from Japan and the panorama of islands, their smiling shores and attractive bay with its fleet of ships flying flags from many nations, was indeed an impressive picture, not soon erased from memory's canvas. The entrance to the Bay of Pusan was made under favoring skies, although the coast looked cold and forbidding. Entering into this country of 12,000,000 inhabitants, they found the interior more inviting.

The flora, a brilliant feature, won the admiration of the travelers, the air vibrated with the humming and buzzing of insects, and was made radiant with the glitter of myriad butterflies. The climate, Mrs. Lemley described as varying in different sections. Her principal stay was in Seoul, a city inhabited by from a few hundred to many thousands. Faithfully she pictured the low houses of bamboo or thatch, with small rooms. Noticeable was the distinction of caste, three classes, the nobility, the middle class and the plebeian, standing out in marked contrast.

Buddhism was the original religion of the Koreans. Today the nations are adopting the religion and the civilization of their masters. The Lemleys

were allowed to see the priests and their assistants feeding the idols rice and liquor after consecrating them. Incidentally the visitors observed that this food and drink eventually found its way into the stomachs of the "devout" priests. The people are Confucianists in morals. With difficulty the tourists found hotel accommodations, but having succeeded, they were well cared for. From the missionaries stationed in and about Seoul they received many favors and learned much of the progress and reforms introduced through these faithful ministers. In one of the schools Mr. Lemley addressed an audience through an interpreter and realized how eager are the natives to learn of civilized ways and how willing to adopt them. The dirty narrow lanes have been widened and a general transformation is taking place, but improvements are not altogether rapid. The hulling of rice was interesting and the happy employment of women in this industry formed a pleasing picture. The raising of beans, buckwheat, cabbage and other foods occupies the native workers for several months. From July first to the end of August Korea passes through its rainy season. The speaker was interested to note the great variety of uses made of rice straw. The best rice she learned was sent to Japan.

The picturesque costumes and peculiar head dress of the Koreans was described in detail and that of the different classes observed. The industry of the women at their various occupations was noticeable and the proficiency of the men in doing nothing was equally marked. Women are slaves to the men. From the age of twelve years they are visible only to members of their own family. Mr. and Mrs. Lemley visited Dr. Ernsburger and the corps of faithful workers among the natives. Mrs. Seranton, an enthusiastic missionary, then eighty-four years old, related most interesting personal experiences and told of the school she had founded and other missionaries served. They seemed to have accomplished wonders in company with the native Bible women. A great help in their work is the earnest seeking of

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knowledge on the part of their pupils. The Severance Memorial hospital seemed little short of marvelous to the travelers. Prominent among the educators met was Mrs. Rosetta Hall and Mr. Hall's grave, which is now a favorite shrine in Northern Korea, was one of the interesting places in the itinerary. Mrs. Lemley looked upon the progress in different parts of the kingdom as really wonderful, with remarkable possibilities under right conditions. The opportunities for missionaries' efforts are truly great and the brave men and women to carry on the good work of civilization and Christian religion rises from the hearts of people who note the improvements to the present time.

HARVARD

News Items. There will be an all-day sewing meeting of the ladies of the Unitarian society with Mrs. W. E. Dickson on Thursday, March 3.

never missing a meeting of the board during his long period of service. He became a member of the Orthodox Congregational church in his early life, holding various church offices from time to time.

during the evening and a jolly time enjoyed by all. Miss Maud Hodson of Reading is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

To the Board of Selectmen of Pepperell, Massachusetts. Respectfully represents the Shirley Electric Company that it desires locations for all poles formerly owned by the Town of Pepperell.

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In Board of Selectmen



Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 21, 1916. On the foregoing petition it is ordered, that a public hearing be held in the Town Hall on Monday, March 13, 1916.

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SAMUEL SLAVSKY. Ayer, Mass., February 11, 1916.



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AYER

These members of the Woman's club attended the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation at Melrose last Friday.

The democratic town committee has organized with the following officers: Michael E. Markham, chairman.

There will be a gym team exhibition and cheer club contest given by the Groton School in town hall on Tuesday evening, March 7, at eight o'clock.

W. E. Murphy, representing the Ayer Auto Station, will be at the Boston auto show the coming week.

The Ayer Branch Alliance held their March meeting in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Thursday afternoon with twenty-one members present and five guests.

Marjorie Gleason, daughter of Principal Ernest M. Gleason and Mrs. Gleason, who has been sick for the past few weeks, is somewhat better.

The Alliance will hold a food and candy sale in the church vestry on Saturday afternoon, March 18, from 2.30 to five o'clock.

Anthony Anno: "The little boy who ran away." Mary Morris: "The minute." Carol Pierce: "Uncle John's boarder." Harold Allen: "Little Miss Eriev."

He asks the assistance of parents which he hopes will be granted. Moreover, any information given Mr. Beatty as to the violation of the law will be appreciated and treated as strictly confidential.

The continued case against August Beck, a wholesale liquor dealer of Fitchburg, in August Watkins and Primo Rosetti, one of the city, for violation of the liquor law in Shirley on December 21, were called last Saturday morning.

A. W. C. The music section of the Woman's club will meet with the chairman, Mrs. Avis Flynn, on Thursday evening, March 9, at two o'clock.

Topics of the day section will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday afternoon, March 8, at three o'clock. Headed by a continuation of a far country, by A. M. Ribbany.

Scenes Usual Success. Ayer Grange scored a distinct success on Tuesday evening when the four-act drama, "Up Vermont ways," was given under the direction of Mrs. Torrey.

Herbert Whitecomb has returned to his teaching in Boston university after an illness of two weeks.

Francis E. Ballard of Lexington, who underwent an operation in a Boston hospital a month ago, passed away Wednesday evening.

John L. Cannon has moved from Harvard to a tenement in Charles C. Stone's house on Washington street.

Miss Rebecca Pierce, who is regularly employed in the First National bank, will work in the savings department during March and April in assisting in the added work of the verification of bank books which is done once in each year.

John L. Cannon, postmaster, has received official notice that the postal clerks on train 514, due to leave Ayer at 11.02 in the morning, daily, will not collect any mail at the railroad station on and after March 16.

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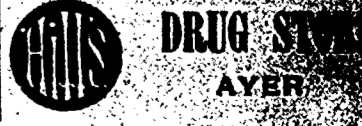
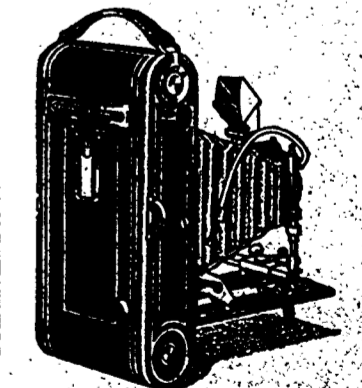
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LITTLETON

News Items. The sympathy of his many friends in Littleton and Acton is extended to B. Ward Brackett, of Greenwich, Conn., in the loss of his wife. Death was due to tubercular peritonitis. Special pathos is attached to the fact of her leaving two little motherless children, the younger but two months old, and the other but a few years of age. Mr. Brackett, who is supervisor of drawing in our public schools for several years.

progressive and reliable people. There is but little manufacturing business in progress on account of a scarcity of sufficient water power, but it has good land and many excellent farms. Water for household use has been introduced and also electricity for lights.

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Miss Lucy Adams, of Waltham, is spending her vacation from school duties this week with the N. H. Whitcomb family. Miss Emily Adams is now in St. Petersburg, Fla. She has been in St. John's River, Tampa and Jacksonville and writes of having met Mr. Watts there very pleasantly.

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Mrs. Albert Pierce slipped on the ice and fell while coming from the postoffice last Saturday afternoon and injured her right shoulder quite severely. Though not feeling the injury at the time, by Sunday it had become so swollen and painful that a doctor was called to attend to her.

The heavy rains of last week caused much annoyance and inconvenience to many householders by flooding cellars and causing cesspools to overflow. In some places the overflow was so great that the water unit for use. The town book was several feet above normal. Flooding the adjoining land and had the appearance of a large lake.

While driving home from Popperell on last week Wednesday, Fred Worden's sled runner struck a projecting rock in the road which brought the outfit to such a sudden halt that Mr. Worden was thrown headlong into the road. His face was quite badly cut and he received a bad shaking up. A part of the harness was also broken.

A very pleasant and interesting meeting was held by Brookline Grange on last week Wednesday evening. It being the day following Washington's birthday the program was made as appropriate as possible. The first number was a piano duet by Grace and Alice Whitcomb, and as their music is such that one can never get too much of it, they were obliged to respond to a request by Brookline Grange on last week Wednesday evening.

The senior class of the high school are planning for a social dance on the evening of March 19 in the town hall. On Friday evening, March 21, they are to give a humorous entertainment. "A week graduation," full of wit and fun, and it is so near April 1, there will be many April fool jokes.

For the Children

Snow and ice make Sport For Little Folks.



Photo by American Photo Association.

Not for many years have the children of New York enjoyed such a winter as the weather man has provided this year. There have been half a dozen snowstorms, and some of the time the lakes have been covered with ice for skating. You may easily believe that these snow opportunities go to waste, for some of them remember winters when there was not snow or ice enough to give them a chance to enjoy the sports of winter.

The Chickens Surprise Party. In southern California the dry sea son lasts from six to eight months, so there were some good sized chicks in our yard that had never seen rain. writes a correspondent of the Orange Judd Farm.

The River Jordan. Among famous rivers must always be included the Jordan, nearly as sacred to Christians as the Ganges is to the Hindus because of the baptism of Christ in its waters. The Jordan except near its source, is below the level of the ocean, and the Dead sea where it empties, is a quarter of a mile below the surface of the Mediterranean.

Natural Snow Bridges. A slow thaw, following a heavy fall of snow, is almost sure to form, here and there, miniature natural bridges of snow, over which a rabbit or even a fox might run without crushing the short span. According to the lay of the land, the melted snow water collects at a certain place and gradually eats its way under another part not melting so rapidly, and this tunnel, growing larger from the increasing water, soon forms the span. In the same manner natural bridges of earth and rock are formed after hundreds of centuries of erosion, while the snow bridges are formed in a few hours and often disappear as quickly.

Under the Bridge. Under the bridge the trains go puff. With whistle and shriek and puff. And I mean to go right off in a train When I am his own.

Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned.— Benjamin Franklin.

Candlelight is perhaps the softest and prettiest light in the world, and now that we have every sort of electric contrivance to make our houses lighter we are turning our attention more and more to candles.

Unshaded candles are still used on the dinner table, although shades are used too. So individual taste may be depended on to decide the matter. If you desire to carry out a color scheme have shades of silk or paper for your candles. If you want as much light as possible have the unshaded candles.

THAT KITCHEN STOVE. How to Build a Coal Fire Without Resorting to Strong Language. Before starting to build a fire free the grate from ashes. To do this put on covers, close the front and back dampers and open the oven damper.

How to Mend China Not Smashed In Too Many Pieces. A splendid cement for china is made as follows: Into a thick solution of gum arabic and water stir thoroughly plaster of paris until the mixture is of the consistency of cream.

How to Have an Attractive Bit of Greenery All Winter. Have you ever grown a fern ball? This Japanese novelty is very attractive. It can be grown in a pot, but is prettier hanging from a string. It must be thoroughly soaked for an hour before hanging it up. Repeat this treatment every other day and never allow it to become perfectly dry.

How to Clean the Tiles That Are Smuddy and Dull. Often the tiles in a hearth become so stained that water will not clean them. Try rubbing them with a piece of flannel soaked in turpentine; then wash them with a dry cloth. The tiles will then look fresh and new.

Advertisement for Overland line cars, featuring a portrait of Benjamin Franklin and the text 'WE ask you to look over the OVERLAND line at the Auto Show. F. B. HIGGINS, Agt. Townsend, Pepperell, Hollis, Ashby, Greenville, Mason and Brookline.'

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, titled 'Pale, Sallow Cheeks' and 'Tell the Need Of'. It describes the benefits of the pills for various ailments and includes the text 'Beecham's Pills. Women who are subject to these conditions should not fail to avail themselves of their prompt and beneficial effect.'

Advertisement for Sew-E-Z Sewing Motor, featuring the text 'Sew-E-Z Sewing Motor' and 'Change your Sewing Machine into a Self-Operating Electric by attaching a SEW-E-Z Sewing Motor.' It also includes the name 'Mrs. E. F. Chandler Ladies' Hatter' and 'Barry Block, Ayer, Mass.'

Advertisement for La Touraine The Perfect Coffee, featuring an illustration of a hand holding a coffee tin and a cup of coffee. The text reads 'La Touraine The Perfect Coffee' and 'The best cup of coffee comes out of a La Touraine bag. Order it today of your grocer, it will be fresh ground for you.'

LUNENBURG

The Old Home Week association has appointed Friday evening, February 19, for the annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year. The day proved to be an unusually stormy day with rain and snow, each apparently striving for the mastery, and this continued until so late in the evening that the meeting was postponed until Saturday, the business hour being appointed for 7 o'clock. As the time was rather early there was a smaller attendance than there should have been, but the weather had grown so cold and rough that parents thought it best to come with the children to enjoy the entertainment an hour later.

The election of officers resulted as follows: James J. Harrington, president; Augustus A. Cooke, Treasurer; Taylor, sec. pres.; Aaron W. Watson, sec. ed. vic. C. Smith, treas.; John Woodard, Warren Lewis, Frank E. Arden, Arthur Q. Emerson, Arthur D. Scott, ex. com. The meeting was then adjourned for one week and by this time the audience was gathered in the upper hall to witness and enjoy the program to be given by the schools.

President Harrington gave a short address of welcome, closing with an announcement of the first number on the program, "Mending the First Flag," beautifully given by seven of the little folks from the primary school appropriately costumed in colonial style. Three little gentlemen, with their white wigs and powdered hats and knee breeches, representing George Washington, John Adams and John Hancock, made a fine appearance as they called upon Mrs. Betty Bloss and her sewing girls, jokingly moving their hats as they bargained with her to make the flag. It was a very pretty little drama of three acts, finely given and at its close received well merited applause.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN. Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company. A petition, 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: Beginning at the westerly terminus of your petitioner's present tracks in Main Street and then running westerly in said Main Street across the location of the Worcester & Nashua Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and in West Main Street to and connecting with the easterly terminus of the tracks of the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company, substantially as shown upon a plan heretofore filed with your Board, and that your petitioner may be authorized to operate its railway over and by the location so prayed for, by means of electricity or by such other motive power as your Honorable Board may at any time approve; and for this purpose to erect and maintain all necessary poles, wires and other fixtures and appliances over and along said streets. This petition is filed without waiving any existing rights of your petitioner under a former petition for the same location.

Advertisement for the Board of Selectmen of Ayer, Mass., with a circular seal for the Ayer Mass. Board of Selectmen.

Attest: LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

