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TOWNSEND

Major Jones is spending several weeks in Worcester. Charlie Spaulding has entered the employ of the B. & A. B. Fessenden Co. Last Saturday he moved his household goods to the Center, where he will occupy the upstairs tenement in the so-called Marian Greene house. On Wednesday Addie Conant went

to the St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, to be treated for an afflicted ear. Nearly three weeks ago Miss Addie was taken with the gripe and later an abscess developed in the ear. Acting upon the advice of the physician, Miss Addie was taken to the hospital and placed for treatment under the care of Dr. Kittredge, an ear specialist. Miss Addie is doing well and her stay at St. Joseph's will probably not be long. Miss Addie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conant, have been

and still are victims of the gripe. They too have suffered from sores in the head, but are gradually recovering. Other members of the family have also had hard colds.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Searles are on the sick list. The former, a victim of the gripe, is delirious much of the time and is in a critical condition. A nurse and housekeeper are in attendance, also a male assistant to help care for Mr. Searles.

Carl Liddell, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Bunker hospital, Fitchburg, returned home Monday. The operation was very successful.

Mr. Boice, a former teamster at the leatherboard mill, has again entered the employ of J. Spaulding & Sons Co., where he will fill his former position. Mr. Boice with his family moved on Thursday into the west tenement in the house opposite the mill.

The first of the week Mrs. Hagar went to Boston for a few days to be with her daughter, Miss Carrie Hagar, who on Monday morning underwent a successful operation for the removing of the tonsils. On Thursday Miss Hagar had so far recovered as to go out to Winthrop to her aunt, Mrs. Gilson.

Daniel Spofford is under the doctor's care for a lame back. Mr. Noyes, a gripe victim, is better. Owing to a severe cough Mr. Noyes for a few nights was unable to lie down.

Mrs. Ransom Adams, who also has been under the doctor's care, is much better. Arthur F. Adams of Concord Junction made a flying visit on Thursday afternoon to the home of his uncle, Horace Searles.

One of the latest gripe victims is Mrs. Essie Mitchell. On Wednesday George Cummings attended the poultry show in Worcester.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher has nearly recovered from a gripe cold.

George Fessenden and family have moved to West Grotton and their former home is now occupied by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Lowell.

HARVARD

Henry Turner Bailey, who lectures in the Warner course on Friday afternoon, February 2, will be well remembered by the Harvard people, both as an interesting lecturer and a member of the State Board of Education. Although this lecture will be given at the Bromfield school, in accordance with a suggestion in the will of Mr. Warner, it is not only for the pupils but for all citizens of the town and provides a splendid opportunity to show appreciation by a large attendance of these two generous gifts to the town—the Bromfield school and the Warner lecture course.

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Auto Accident.

The worst accident ever known in this vicinity occurred at the railroad station crossing here last Sunday afternoon, when an automobile containing five people was struck by a locomotive, and three of the occupants killed instantly, and the other two so badly injured that they died that evening and the next morning.

The party consisted of Dr. James F. Perry, 52 years old, his brother, Richard J. Perry, 64 years old; Miss Ethel Perry, 25 years old, who were instantly killed; Miss Esther Perry, 18 years old, all of Cambridge; and George Howard, 16 years old, of Harvard, who had been taken into the auto at Harvard to pilot the party to the Shirley school, where Dr. Perry had a son, who they were going to call upon.

Dr. H. B. Royal of Harvard, and Station Agent Haines were at once notified and made out their report at the station, where a awful sight met their eyes. The automobile, a complete wreck, lay across the track, and nearby lay the three dead bodies, and the injured lady on a stretcher, and Mr. Howard breathing heavily, and that was all. An automobile was secured as soon as possible and the injured lady taken to the Clinton hospital, where she died about 6.45 the next

morning. Dr. G. L. Tobey, medical examiner, was called at once and came with Mr. King, undertaker, and took Mr. Howard to the hospital, he only living until about nine o'clock, and never recovering consciousness.

It was a terrible happening and was a great shock to those who had anything to do about the station. As no one is alive who knows the particulars it is of course impossible to tell just how the auto came on the track, but it would appear that, like many another auto driver, they came onto the track without taking any precautions, and it should be a warning to all auto-

drivers to come to a stop before entering upon a railroad crossing.

George Bagster Howard was born in Boylston, a son of Henry B. Howard of that town. He was living in the Simeon Green house on the Littleton road, and was recently employed by various farmers in Harvard. Last summer he worked for Howard D. Stone, the builder, and previously had worked on the Grace Maynard farm in Lancaster. He leaves two brothers, James H. of Medford, and Ebbitt of Leominster, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Douglas of Waverley. Mrs. A. S. Fuller and Mrs. Allan Wood of this town are cousins and Fred Howard, late of

South Lancaster, was also a cousin. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning in King's undertaking rooms, Clinton, and burial was in the family lot in Boylston.

An inquest on the accident will be held in the district court-room in Clinton on February 2.

Athena colonized the peninsula of Gallipoli more than 2500 years ago. Its inhabitants, the Dolokian Thracians, asked Athenian aid against savage neighbors, and Milesias walled off the isthmus near Balair to keep the enemy in check.

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WESTFORD

Center. Up to the time of Mr. Burbeck's death on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bicknell had been having a hospital on a small scale at their home, having three sick people with three trained nurses in attendance. Mr. Burbeck had been in ill health for a long time with more or less trouble from bronchitis, but at the last was sick with pneumonia. The second patient is a Mrs. Jones, of Lowell, ill with the grippe, and reported as doing nicely. The third patient is Edward Ling, who works for John C. Abbot. Mr. Ling is quarantined with scarlet fever. It is reported as a fairly mild case, although the first few days he was pretty sick, but is now reported as doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day were in attendance at the two afternoon services of the closing day of the Billy Sunday campaign in Boston last Sunday and report great audiences and much enthusiasm.

Last Sunday, at the Congregational church, Mr. Lincoln gave two excellent addresses. The morning topic was "The Reality of an Ideal," and the evening one "Perfection," contrasting old testament and new testament standards of perfection. Mrs. Charles H. Wright was missed in the choir, but was out of town for a few days. On Sunday evening the C. E. service and the church evening service will be merged into one and will be in recognition of C. E. day, and a special order of service will be carried out.

Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, who has been ill under the care of doctor and trained nurse, is now convalescent. The next meeting of the Tadmek club takes place next Tuesday evening at the town hall and is the annual guest night. A very clever presentation of the Greek play, "Pygmalion and Galatea" is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Miss May Bateh. There will also be music by home talent. After the entertainment refreshments and a social hour will be enjoyed by the lower hall. An attendance of two hundred is expected for the evening.

The social for January in the series for the winter took place at the vestry of the Congregational church Tuesday evening, which was held in the church. Much talent from West Chelmsford assisted in the entertainment. A quartet consisting of Albert and Clarence Bruce, Anthony Anderson and Joseph E. Taylor, were heard in pleasing selections. Miss Bruce also contributed a solo. Miss Marion Marshall was the accompanist. Misses Julia H. Fletcher and Miss Elinor Colburn played two very enjoyable piano duets, and Mrs. Colburn sang a solo, accompanied by Miss Colburn. A one-act play, "An Interrupted Proposal," was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. La-bouleye and Mrs. Joseph E. Knight. The various characters were given with spirited delight and enjoyed much enjoyment. Refreshments of cake and cocoa, with social hour, were enjoyed after the entertainment. The committee in charge were Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. Charles H. Hildreth, Miss Edith Wright and Mrs. D. L. Greig.

The senior class of the academy are preparing to be given later a three-act comedy-drama. "The Voice of Charity." There are seven girls and one boy in the cast. They intend to help meet the expenses of graduation for the senior class.

The first meeting of the community sing was held at the Congregational church on Thursday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings. The new song books have arrived and can be procured of Mrs. W. R. Taylor. The community sing will be given under the direction of the music committee of the Tadmek club.

Mrs. Lauretta Tyler, the aged aunt of the late Walter J. Merritt, has met his tragic death with wonderful fortitude. Mr. Merritt was a native of this country and the shock of his death in her aged and frail condition was serious to meet. Mrs. Tyler has been most appreciative of the kind and helpful ministrations of friends and neighbors.

A Mr. Gardner was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilder on Tuesday.

The democratic caucus to nominate candidates for town officers will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening, January 30.

The annual collection for the American Antislavery association will be re-

ceived on Sunday at the First Parish church. There will be a service of song in the evening and Mrs. L. H. Buckhorn will speak on "Leading Hymns and Lyrics."

The next meeting of the Orange, on February 1 will be an open meeting, entitled "An evening with Shakespeare," to be held at the Lowell Rod and Gun club. Everybody come that believes in a preservation of fish and game that finds the rod and gun any pleasure.

Westford-North Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting in Odd Fellows hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, February 2. Entertainment by Direct Grange in the morning. Dinner by Westford Grange in the evening, on address on dairying by state experts on dairy bureau.

Hon. Arthur W. Colburn, senator from this district, has introduced a bill on petition of one of his constituents for a closed season for five years on fish and game.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel J. Abbot leave February 1 on an extended trip, first crossing the continent to San Francisco, and embarking there for Honolulu. After a stay in the Hawaiian Islands they will take another steamer for the Fiji Islands and also go to Samoa from there. They will go to New Zealand and Australia, and on their return to San Francisco by another route, they will visit Tahiti, considered one of the most interesting islands in the South Pacific ocean.

First Parish Church. The annual meeting of the First Parish church was held last Saturday evening. H. Hildreth was chosen moderator, Abel J. Abbot, clerk; Charles O. Prescott, col. and treat; Abel J. Abbot, Hon. Edward Fisher, Mrs. H. W. Hildreth, parish committee. The meeting was well attended and a report of the Woman's Alliance was read. During the twenty-five years of its existence it has raised \$4,956.06. During the same time it has paid out \$4,824.20. From the Eliza J. Herick bequest for the sick and needy it has paid out since 1902, \$286.62. A cheerful letter report from the late John Larkin was read, a wide range of helpful and hopeful correspondence during the year. The Sunday school reports the following on the credit roll: Huntington L. Fisher, Richard O. Wells, Barbara Fisher, Helen Fisher, William Wallace Wright, Richard L. Hildreth, Helen P. Greig, Donald F. Greig, Evelyn M. Mills.

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Mrs. Sarah Tenney Hildreth celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Hildreth, near Westford station, last Sunday. Mrs. Hildreth is of old New England stock of the clear-cut "survival of the fittest" type and was born in Westford on January 21, 1818. Her father was Samuel Tenney of Littleton, and Rebecca Clark of Concord. She was educated in the district school of the district, in 1841 she married James Hildreth, one of her schoolmates. Seven children were born to them, the four now living being Martha M., Mrs. Emma A. Chandler, Samuel T. Hildreth and Frank H. Hildreth. She has all of her large endowment of Yankee sense well preserved and makes up for this amiable and industrious at ninety-nine, she naturally feels that anyone is quite young at seventy-five and inquires for them in that spirit.

William H. H. Burbeck died at the home of Charles H. Bicknell, of bronchial pneumonia. He was a native of this town, being one of six children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Burbeck. His father was a farmer in Boston road. He attended the Minor's Corner school and Westford academy. Later in life he married Miss Josephine Walker, and for many years was the owner of the farm of Heywood & Burbeck at the first and sawmill at Westford station. During this time he acquired a large acquaintance over a large rural district. After the firm sold out and he retired to Westford Center and for years served on the board of assessors, where his marked good judgment in his own affairs was displayed on a host of occasions. For several years he served on the board of cemetery commissioners and in various other ways as a public handy man.

He was a constant attendant at the Unitarian church. The first of his life was a Unitarian church on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. L. H. Buckhorn conducting the service and paid his just tribute to his life. He spoke a common language and expressed a common purpose today at the funeral service of William H. H. Burbeck and but give voice to that which has immortalized his name. He was a man who was in all capacities and relations of our country life, fine and faithful, loyal and true. He was born in our village midst. Our countrymen have had his education where in the processes of real discovery ran ahead of any repeated learning. Our country church, wherein we meet this hour gave him his simple christian faith in God and himself. With this faith he took up the ordinary run of things right here in our community life and made much of them. He took up the every-day material and out of it he made something of value and honor. His reputation was as good as his character. His service was as sure as his promise. His relation to all the obligations of citizenship was as simple as his being. His most competence came out of his own initiative. His work came out of his belief in the dignity of all manual labor.

All labor ranks the same with God. We hold that sentiment in high esteem. Sometimes we apply it as a fact; more often as a theory. Henry Burbeck, as everyone familiarly knew him and called him, made it a rule of the spirit in the intercourse of every day. Into the circle of this village horizon he came—came and found the heavens to be as deep and as blue as at any spot on the earth; came and found the sunshine to be as bright and as warm as at any place; came and found faith and humanity as good as the best, and linked them all together in a simple, quiet life, and an honored and abiding memory.

The deceased leaves two sisters, May and Eliza, in Portsmouth, N. H.; a brother Charles in California, and many nephews and nieces, who died in Westford, Lowell and other places. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, beside the wife of his never-forgotten loyalty and love. The bearers were "Decease," H. Pickering, John Burbeck.

Grantville. There were no sessions held in the Sargent school here on Monday of this day, as it was allotted to the teachers as visiting day.

Many people from this village went to Forge Village on last Sunday to watch the harvesting of the annual ice crop that is being done by the George Co. of Lowell.

The Abbot Worsted Co. is building a cottage house on First street. P. Henry Harrington has the contract.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dalley McNally of this village died at St. John's hospital, Lowell on Monday night after a brief illness, aged nineteen years. Besides her husband, James McNally of North Chelmsford, she leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dalley, two sisters, Mary and Alice, and a brother, Edward Dalley of this village. Deceased was well and favorably known and had a wide circle of friends. She was a member of the eastern circle, C. P. and also of Westford court, M. C. O. F.

It is with deep regret that the Grantville people heard of the passing away of Mrs. Mary A. Larkin, widow of the late John Larkin, who died at her home in North Chelmsford on last Sunday. Mrs. Larkin was a former well known resident of this village. She was the mother of Henry Prescott here. The doctor's sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their affliction.

Miss Madeline McDonald of North Westford has been a recent guest of Miss Helen Furbush in this village.

F. Russell Furbush is now spending the winter months in Palm Beach, Fla. George Reese, who has recently returned home from a Lowell hospital after a severe illness, is now improving in health.

Harvey C. Barnes, superintendent of the Westford town farm, for five years, has resigned his position to take effect April 1. Mr. Barnes during his term of office has made many improvements at the farm and the grounds and buildings were never in better shape. After April 1 Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will leave here for Shrewsbury, Vt., where Mr. Barnes will have charge of a large farm.

Miss Isabelle Chandler of Billerica has been a recent guest of Mrs. Clara Gray in this village.

Scotsmen Are French Citizens. Every Scotsman is a French citizen, with all the rights and privileges of such, if he chooses to claim them. In other words, every Scotsman born in Scotland is also a Frenchman and is thus possessed of two nationalities, surely a unique position.

Funny in Advertisements. Laughable in illustrated advertisements is the thought apparent to the thinking man who makes one wonder why the designers of the ads. don't refer their information first hand from some one who really knows. Accuracy, even in advertisements, has the same attraction it has anywhere else.

For instance, when the seltzer bottle in an electrical sign on Broadway is filling the empty glass the level descends as fast in the bottle as it rises in the glass, yet the bottle is five times as big. It couldn't possibly be according to physics.

Still worse is a picture of a piano with a pair of hands striking certain keys. Fortunate it is indeed that that piano can't sound, for the particular keys struck would be a jangling discord. Why couldn't the artist have gone to a musician for a pleasing chord among the infinite offerings of music?—Wall Street Journal.

Odd Numbers. A hen is always given an odd number of eggs to be hatched. Why? There is no reason at all except superstition. Salutes from warships, forts, etc., are always given in odd numbers, yet no valid reason can be adduced. It is a remnant of the old "odd numbers are lucky" superstition.

Vergil records all sorts of charms and spells practiced round odd numbers—never even ones. Seven is the favorite Biblical number, and old divines taught that it held a mystical perfection. It is an odd number.

Faust in the "Merry Wives" is enraptured for the third time. He himself said, "They say there is a divinity in odd numbers," because of the old belief in odd numbers.

Physicians of other days always insisted that "bloodings" should be in odd numbers—one, three, five, etc., and never an even one.—London Mail.

The "Ear of Dionysius." A cunningly constructed prison career, consisting of a large chamber connected with one of smaller dimensions situated near Syracuse, Italy, has gone into legendary history with the title of the "Ear of Dionysius."

The smaller chamber was unknown to the prisoners kept in this underground dungeon, and the tyrant by whose name it is known had a habit of secreting himself there to listen to the conversation of the convicts, who were mostly political offenders.

An ingenious device constructed at the smaller end of the larger chamber transmitted the sounds through the partition, thus enabling the suspicious ruler to hear even the whispered conversations of his "suspects."

Business Instinct. Mary's mother found her busily engaged in cutting up potatoes. "Why, Mary," said the astonished mother, "what are you doing that for?"

Pausing a moment in her task, Mary looked up and replied, "I heard the man over at the store say that there was money in potatoes this year, mamma, and I was just looking for some."—New York Times.

Steep Farming. A slope in the valley of the Ollantaytambo, Peru, with an angle of about 45 degrees, or steeper than the roofs of most houses, is covered with transverse ridges, showing that the entire surface was cultivated in former times. Parts of the same slope are still cultivated.—National Geographic Magazine.

Makings of an Artist. He who works with his hands only is a mechanic; he who works with hand and head is an artisan, and he who works with hands, head and heart is an artist.—Ruskin.

Card Playing. Card playing began in India in the third century. It was introduced into Europe by orientals some time prior to the thirteenth century. Saracens popularized the amusement in Spain and Italy. The taste for the game afterward spread to Germany, where it commenced to be indulged in about 1275. Its appearance in France was mentioned in the records of that country in 1333. Heraldic cards were first known in England in 1690.

Genuinely Dry. Autofacasta, a senator of Chile, on Morena bay, a great shipper of metal ores, borax and nitrate, is obliged to pipe his drinking water several hundred miles from the Andes. The city is one of the driest spots in the world, though a deep water port. Beyond it lies the great Atacama desert.—Argonaut.

Lucky Youth. "Young Scadds is an absolute nincompoop. He doesn't know enough to come in when it rains."

"He doesn't need to. With all his money he can afford a new umbrella every day in the week and also a man to carry it for him."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Her Jewels. Mrs. Subbaba—I wonder where little Willie and Davis are. Did you see anything of my jewels as you came along, Mr. Nardore? Nardore—Yes; I did, ma'am. Your jewels are in soak. I saw them swimming in the river.—Boston Transcript.

Those who are readiest to criticize are oftentimes the least able to appreciate.—Joubert.

BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Time Was When He Used to Assist in Abducting the Bride.

Do you know why the bridegroom's attendant at the wedding is called "best man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding? He is supposed to look after the ushers, the carriage, the wedding ring and a host of other things that the fortunate lover could not be expected to concern himself with at such a time. But there was a period in the history of the human family when the best man had other duties than these to perform. It was when there was no church ceremony and when primitive people had come to the conclusion that marriage within the tribe was not good for the race. Then it became the fashion for the young man of marriageable age to go forth in quest of a bride, the daughter of some neighboring tribe.

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwillng to be captured, but no girl, either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted. Even if there was no put-up a game fight, and the prospective bridegroom had need of the assistance of a strong muscled friend to aid him in subduing her. There was very little to the ceremony once the girl had been taken to the home of her future lord, but the "best man" was always a honored guest in her home, especially if the marriage turned out well. In many mountainous parts of the civilized world where old customs obtain the "best man" still pretends to assist in abducting the bride.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

EATING TO LIVE.

Rules by Which Good Health May Be Gained and Retained. Herewith I give a few general suggestions for those who desire health, writes Edward B. Warman, A. M., in the Nautilus:

No one can have health who eats too much. No one can have health who eats too often. No one can have health who eats too many kinds of food at the same meal.

No one can have health who eats when tired, hurried, worried, anxious or excited. No one can have health who rises late, gulps down a hearty breakfast and then sprints for the car.

When you have eaten do not wonder if it will agree with you. When you begin to wonder trouble begins. Say goodby to it, not expecting to hear from it again. If you fear it do not eat it; if you eat it do not fear it. Be cheerful at your meals. A sour countenance will give you a sour stomach.

Praise your wife's cooking—if you can conscientiously. If you go home with a grouch leave it out of doors, where the dog will get it—then shoot the dog.

The majority of people do not know how to live until they are ready to die, and then they are not ready to die because they have not rightly lived.

Genesis of the Playhouse. Theatres in 536 B. C. acted his plays in a wagon. In 490 B. C. during the time of Aeschylus, creator of drama, the performances took place upon temporary wooden scaffolds, one of which, having collapsed during a representation, the Athenians were induced to build the great theater of Dionysius, calling it the Lenanon, which was the first permanent stone structure of its kind. It required 100 years to erect it. There was no scenery, but the scene was decorated so as to represent the locality in which the action was going on. Roofless was his structure, but around the building were porticoes, to which the people retreated during rainstorms. Sometimes awnings were used to ward off the sun's heat.

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Her Jewels. Mrs. Subbaba—I wonder where little Willie and Davis are. Did you see anything of my jewels as you came along, Mr. Nardore? Nardore—Yes; I did, ma'am. Your jewels are in soak. I saw them swimming in the river.—Boston Transcript.

Those who are readiest to criticize are oftentimes the least able to appreciate.—Joubert.

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NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., Jan. 12, 1917. 3119

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD late of Peppercorn in said County, deceased: Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES is administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of February, 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate of said deceased at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased.

Whereas CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, has appointed F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of GEORGE F. STONE late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon herself 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 3120 LIZZIE A. STONE, Adm. Littleton, Mass., January 17, 1917.

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By ALAN HINSDALE

I am a mechanic, and my specialty is safe locks. I was sent one day to open the safe of Aaron Farnsworth & Co., the only person who knew the combination being at the point of death and it being necessary that certain funds be got out. It is unwise to force a safe lock if there is any other way to open it, and I questioned those for whom I was to do the job with a view to discovering if some one else than the safe person knew the combination. Edgar Sharpley, the assistant of Robert Wendell, the financial man of the concern, admitted that he had known the combination, but had forgotten it.

Thinking I might help him to remember it, I suggested that he make a list of recalling it by turning the knob. He placed himself before the safe and began to make the turns, but nothing came to him. I listened for a sound within the lock while he was doing so, but failed to hear any indication of anything dropping. He seemed to me to be nervous, and I noticed that his hand trembled.

Falling to elicit anything from him, I went to work and in the course of a couple of hours opened the safe. There was no one in the room when I was when I finished the job, and after opening the safe door and shutting it I went out into the main office to report what I had done. I returned with the junior partner, who was two or three yards behind me.

In a corner beside the door through which I entered was a stationary washstand, over which hung a mirror. As I passed into the safe room something prompted me to glance aside. In the mirror I saw a reflection of Sharpley. He was standing with his hand on the knob of a door opposite the mirror looking into the room. As I entered he closed the door softly, thus shutting himself out of the room.

It was evident to me that he did not know that I was aware of his presence. This I knew, not only by the expression of his face, but by the care he took to make no sound in closing the door behind him. However, I thought little of the matter. I had not been out of the room a minute, and Sharpley had been intrusted with the combination of the lock. This indicated that he was trustworthy; indeed, if he had wanted to take funds from the safe he could have done it long ago.

I turned the opened safe over to the junior partner, and being told that when my further services were wanted I would be sent for, I gathered up my tools and went away.

That evening when I was sitting down to supper with my wife and kids two men came in and one of them, showing the badge of a deputy sheriff, arrested me. They not only searched me, but searched the house. Astonished, I asked them what was the charge against me, but they gave me no answer. When they took me away from my weeping wife and children I assured them that a mistake had been made, and they had nothing to fear for me. In going out I caught sight of my troubled face in a mirror in a rack standing in the hall.

The face of Sharpley as I saw it when he was about to shut the door of the safe room was recalled by my reflection. By one of those singular undefined connections in the train between incidents, I saw an explanation of my arrest. It did not come to me by degrees, but flashed upon me suddenly. It was this:

Money had been missed from the safe I had opened. Sharpley had taken advantage of my being at work on the safe to extract funds and make it appear that I had been the thief. If there was no evidence against me other than my having had access to the safe, there was none in my favor, for my word that I had seen Sharpley's reflection in a mirror when he was leaving the safe room would be worthless.

I was locked up in default of bail and during the night, instead of sleeping, thought upon a plan of springing upon him that I had seen his reflection in the mirror as he left the safe room. In the morning I asked permission to tell Aaron Farnsworth my story. I was taken to his office and before beginning my defense asked that the whole office force be admitted to hear it. This of course included Sharpley. When all were present I asked him if he was not in the safe room when I left it to announce that I had opened the safe. He replied in the negative. He stammered that he could not remember.

I asked the partners to adjourn to the safe room, and when there I placed Sharpley at the door as I had seen him, it being partly open, with his hand on the knob. Then I asked Mr. Farnsworth to enter the room from the main office as I had entered it and glance aside into the mirror as he came in. He did so and saw Sharpley's image, now pale as a ghost, for he knew that I had seen his reflection before he closed the door.

"That is all the defense I can make," I said. "When I returned from announcing that I had opened the safe I saw Mr. Sharpley reflected in the mirror as I have just placed him." Sharpley was arrested, the missing funds found between the mattresses of his bed, and he confessed all on the same day. I was returned to my home and family.

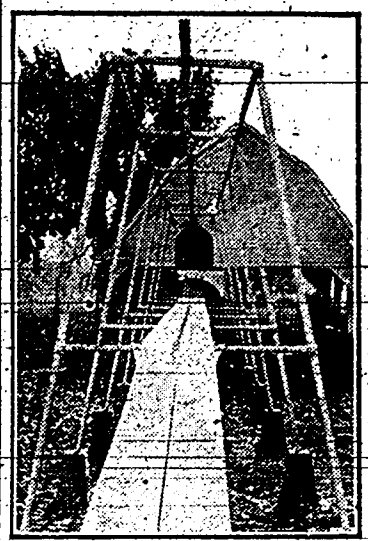
I was told by lawyers that I had handled my case beautifully. I doubt if I could have saved myself in any other way.

Scientific Farming

COMPOST AND GREEN MANURE

Anything of Vegetable or Animal Origin Can Be Made a Fertilizer. [Prepared by United States Department of Agriculture.]

Composting manure is not usually economical where general farming is done. It requires too much labor. Besides, the manure will ordinarily give better results when scattered directly on the ground and plowed or harrowed in. It is advised only where coarse materials need to be put in better condition. It is especially advisable for truckers and gardeners. These farmers may multiply their available manure many fold by means of the compost heap.



A MANURE SHED CONNECTED WITH BARN BY A CARRIER AND TRACK.

It should be remembered that anything of vegetable or animal origin has value as a fertilizer if put in proper condition. The compost heap is one means of doing this. One ton of leaves contains fifteen pounds of nitrogen, 3.2 pounds of phosphoric acid, and six pounds of potash, and at ordinary values for these substances is worth nearly \$3.46. Straw similarly is worth about \$3 per ton. These values are based on their total percentages of fertilizing constituents. In actual practice it is safe to assume that half of these are available, and this only after the materials have undergone decomposition.

Locate the compost heap in an old shed or build a shed with any kind of cheap material for a roof. Spread on the ground a layer of stable manure 8 by 10 feet six inches deep. Over this spread 100 pounds of acid phosphate or ground phosphate rock. The phosphate rock is less expensive than the acid phosphate, but is not so effective. Continue these alternate layers until the manure is used up or until the pile has become inconveniently high. To these layers might be added straw, leaves, mold or other litter, adding 100 pounds of ground phosphate rock to each ton of material used. Be sure to wet all thoroughly. When the compost heap is completed cover it about four inches deep with good loam or with forest mold.

When applying two tons per acre or less the best results can be obtained by putting the compost in the furrow and bedding out on it. Be careful not to bury too deep, especially on clay soils. When using more than two tons per acre it is better to scatter broadcast.

It is safe to say that by using compost supplemented with cowpeas, velvet beans or other legumes the productivity of the average 100 acre farm can be materially increased and simply at the cost of a few tons of acid phosphate and a little labor.

Green Manures. It has been found beneficial to plow under green crops on depleted soils or soils deficient in humus. Crops suitable for this purpose are cowpeas, velvet beans, clover, buckwheat, rye and lespedeza. Ordinarily the crops should be allowed to reach maturity before turning under. It is not good practice to turn under a heavy green crop immediately before planting another crop, especially small grain.

A cover crop is usually sown late in the season, after the main crop is out of the way. Oats, rye and crimson clover are most commonly used for this purpose. They are sown in the cotton or corn at the time of the last working and make some growth during the autumn and early spring. They serve the double purpose of adding humus and of preventing soil erosion. The cover crop should be plowed under at least two weeks before the time for planting the next crop. Green manure crops are helpful in improving the mechanical condition and rendering available the plant food already in the soil, and if a leguminous crop like the clover is used as green manure the soil also gains in nitrogen as a result of the power of such plants to fix the nitrogen of the air. With barnyard manure and with the clover at his service to save and gather nitrogen for him, the average farmer does not have to buy so much nitrogen in commercial fertilizer when he can easily produce about all that his land needs upon his farm. Economy should be his watchword, and there is no better place for him to start than by stopping the waste of nitrogen.

VALUE OF BORIC ACID.

Its Use as a Disinfectant and as a Healing Remedy.

A physician writes to Farm and Fireside saying "that the very best disinfectant known to science does not seem to be known to some people at all."

"I allude to boric acid or, as some people call it, boracic acid. It is exceedingly efficient, safe and economical. It is a white powder and makes the best dressing for wounds that modern doctors have ever discovered. "In using peroxide or hydrogen it is always necessary to remember that while it is a disinfectant it is not a healing remedy—at all, as it is acid in reaction and stimulating rather than healing to wounds."

"Boric acid is mild and safe in its action, promotes rapid healing of powder or dissolved in water as a cleansing solution. Boric acid in solution makes an excellent gargle for sore mouths or a lotion for sore eyes, and as it is not at all expensive a pound box of it should form part of the domestic supplies of every family.

"Always remember that boric acid is nonpoisonous in an ordinary quantity usually used, while bichloride of mercury and carbolic acid are exceedingly poisonous."

WHEN A WHALE BLOWS.

It is Steam, Not Water, the Cetacean Spouts into the Air.

Since a whale breathes air when it is below the surface, the breath must be held for it water should be taken into the lungs the animal would drown. Thus as soon as a cetacean comes to the surface its breath is expelled and a fresh supply inhaled before it again goes down.

The breath which has been held in the lungs for a considerable time under pressure is highly heated, and as it is forcibly expelled into the colder outer air it condenses, forming a column of steam. A similar effect may be produced by any person if on a frosty morning the breath is suddenly blown from the mouth.

That whales spout out of the blowholes water which has been taken in through the mouth is probably more widely believed than any other popular misconception. As a matter of fact, such a performance would be impossible, because a whale's nostrils do not open into the back of the mouth, as do those of a man, and the animal is not able to "breathe through its mouth," as can ordinary land mammals.—Roy Chapman Andrews in New York Independent.

Origin of the Gas Jet.

William Murdoch, the inventor of the gas jet, first burned the gas simply as a flame from the end of a pipe. One day in an emergency he wished to stop the illumination. Hurdled looking around for something, Murdoch seized his wife's thimble and thrust it over the light, which was immediately extinguished.

There was a strong odor of gas, however, says the Popular Science Monthly, and the experimenter applied a light to the thimble, discovering that it was full of flame appeared. The importance of the result was that the illumination from those two or three tiny jets was much brighter than had been given by the great flare from the end of the pipe. Acting on the principle which this chance discovery revealed, he constructed what was known as the Cocksput burner.

Eyes of a Giraffe.

No matter from what direction you may approach the giraffe, the top heavy looking animal is sure to discover you. It has been called the original "rubber-neck." It is not generally known that nature, because of the height of its eyes from the ground, has supplied it with a talent peculiarly its own for making observations. As a matter of fact, a giraffe can see in all directions at the same time without moving its head. The eyes are large and prominent and so placed at the side of the head that, bulging out as they do, they are capable of seeing backward as well as forward.

Origin of the Word "Farm."

The origin of the word "farm" is as follows: In the Saxons' time the estates which the lords of manors granted to the freemen were at first but for a term of years, with a reversion to the lord. In those days of corn and other products, the leases so made were called fermes or fermes, but times ensuing turned the produce into money and terms of years to terms of life and inheritance.—Westminster Gazette.

A Marvel of Chemistry.

One of the most marvelous things is the burning of a jet of hydrogen gas in liquid air. The smoke that arises from the combustion floats off in the air as pure snow, a flame burning brilliantly in the midst of a liquid, with snow given off for smoke!

Unwittingly Kind.

Cholly Ayres—Yes, since the Parkers lost their money I have stopped calling them. Miss Keen—That is very kind of you. It ought to cheer them up a whole lot.—Baltimore Sun.

Good Impulses.

A mere good impulse that does not result in good works is rather worse than useless, for if not carried out in deed it has a reaction instead of an action as its outcome.

Happiness at least is not solitary. It joys to communicate; it loves others, for it depends on them for its existence.

TOWNSEND

Center. The New England Pathscope Co. of Boston, gave a fine demonstration of motion picture films in Odd Fellows' hall on last week Friday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Townsend Educational Association. In the morning demonstration were given at the West Townsend school and the Center school in the afternoon. President Howard of the Parent-Teachers' association, and the evening gathering, and strongly favored the purchasing of this picture machine which would be of such value in school work. The committee was chosen from the different orders and churches in town to meet Saturday evening, February 3, to discuss the advisability of purchasing such a machine at a cost of \$100. The committee consisted of hiring films of which there is a catalogue printed. The following representative committee was chosen: Dr. Charles L. Whitcomb, Methodist church; Mrs. Clarence L. Whitcomb, Congregational church; T. E. Flarty, Grange; F. B. Higgins, Rebekah lodge; F. J. Piper, Odd Fellows.

At a meeting of the Congregational parish held at the vestry room last Saturday afternoon, Henry B. Elliott was chosen as moderator, and these officers were elected for the ensuing year: Albert S. Howard, clerk; T. J. Harvey, treasurer; R. G. Fessenden, W. J. Harvey, ex. officer; G. L. White, H. B. Hildreth, W. E. Bruce, Jr., com. of the vestry. The rental of sheds: Albert G. Seaver, Mrs. B. H. Savage, Mrs. Vernal Barber, music committee.

West. Rev. Joseph MacKean, expects to occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday if his health permits and will take for his topic in the morning, "What is a Christian and in the evening, "What should a Christian do." The C. E. will be conducted by Ian Rusk on the "Fruits of the C. E. tree."

The regular monthly business meeting of the C. E. was held at the home of Ian Rusk Wednesday evening after the usual report of committees votes of thanks were given to the retiring officers, to Ian Rusk for the use of his home for the business meetings and to Miss Stella Tucker for the sum of money contributed from the sale of calendars. Five new members were added to the associate member's list and one name transferred from the associate list to the active list. It was voted to attend the rally at the Rollstone church in Fitchburg February 2 and it was voted that the next business meeting should be held at the vestry room, date to be announced later and should be followed by a social with light refreshments, games and music, and the Center society be invited.

The grippe has claimed a number of victims this week, most of whom are under the doctor's care. Among them are Mrs. George Upton, Marion Boufford, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Mrs. MacKean, Mrs. William Shields, Mrs. George King, Mrs. G. M. Fry and her little son Milton, Mrs. Warren Elliott and Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Mr. E. L. Lees has returned from spending two days in attendance at the mid-winter convention of the Equal Suffrage association as a delegate from the Townsend society.

Mrs. Abbott Hodgman has returned from a few days' visit to relatives in Boston.

Patrick Burns has left the employ of Damon & Richardson company where he has been employed for the past six months.

Lewis Bacheller, the boy evangelist, left Monday for his home in Malden and on Tuesday commences a series of meetings in Fitchburg.

Frank Adams of Boston has been spending a few days at his summer home on Bayberry hill.

Mrs. Winchester has returned to the South after a visit to her home in Taunton.

The Eclipse Engine company will meet on Monday evening to hold their annual election of officers and committees.

The pipes at the Belgrade Ritz company at Joselyville froze on Tuesday and the mill closed for the day on account of the extreme cold.

A pleasant little neighborhood party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson on Tuesday evening and the orchestra was present, giving was enjoyed most of the evening.

Louis Welch is suffering from injuries to his foot caused by working on the ice filling one of the icehouses this week.

The cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence Tuesday evening was well attended and much enjoyed. Fourteen were present and the service was conducted by Mrs. MacKean in the absence of her husband, who was ill.

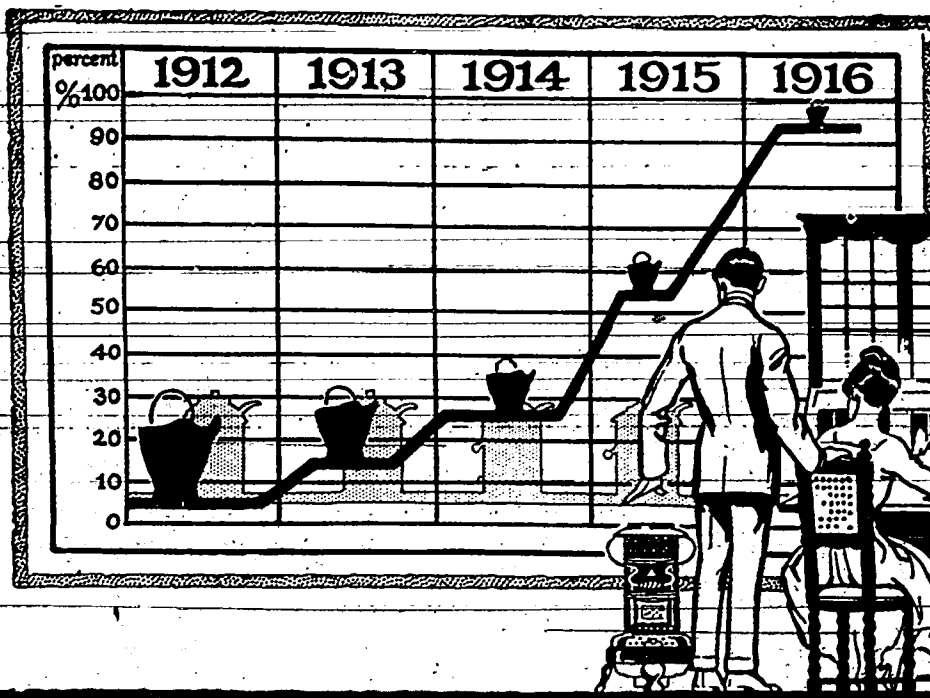
Frank D. Parsons and Frank Bontelle and two of his children who have been quite ill with the grippe are able to be out again.

A progressive whist party and social dance will be held at the Standard Cook hall by Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Friday evening. Music will be violin and piano and a new time is anticipated by all who are planning to go.

Mrs. Charles Fitch is one of the latest victims of the grippe which is so prevalent in this city.

Mrs. Thomas May of Ayer is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. D. Washburn, Richard Rusk is confined to his home with a severe cold for a few days.

The postponed meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held on Monday afternoon at the reading-room with ten present. Mrs. Oscar Lovinger was elected president in place of Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway who recently resigned on account of ill health and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson was elected as vice president in Mrs. Lovinger's place. It was voted to hold the remainder of the meetings in the afternoon instead of in the evening, the hour being 2.30 and the place of meeting the reading-room unless otherwise designated. The next meeting, which will be held at the reading-room next Monday afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. B. S. May. Mrs. Charles Hodgman, pres.; Warren Elliott, v. p.; Herman L. Stickey, sec.; Ashbel Frank, treas.; Rev. Joseph MacKean, teacher; Duncan Rusk, special committee on mid-week prayer meetings; Dr. R. S. Ely, Dr. Henry B. Boynton, Henry B.



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Hathaway, Carl E. Willard, Alexander Reed, social com.; George A. Seaver, Herman L. Stickey, Mervin Wares and Charles Hodgman, membership committee; Frederick A. Patch, George Adams, Duncan Rusk, visiting committee.

Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman has returned from a few days' visit with relatives at South Acton.

George Upton, who has been quite ill with the grippe, is recovering and able to be about again.

Lewis Bacheller, the boy evangelist, closed his three-weeks' campaign on Sunday evening, preaching to a large audience on the topic "The last prayer meeting." His morning topic was "The sword of the spirit." The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles Hodgman on the topic, "Seeing the world in people," and a pleasing feature was a duet by Mr. Bacheller and Miss Ina Wilder of the Center.

Miss Lucie Reynolds, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is much better and able to be about the house this week.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin and little daughter Dorothy returned Saturday from a six-weeks' visit with relatives in Quincy.

Fred Howard, who has been confined to the house at the home of Mrs. Charles Morgan with the grippe, has returned to his home in Stoneham.

Josephine Ross, who has been confined to her bed with the grippe for more than a week, is recovering.

LITTLETON

News Items. Little Ella Reed, aged five years, only child of Samuel Reed, after a painful illness of six weeks' duration, died at the Massachusetts General hospital on Sunday, January 21. The remains were brought to Littleton and services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. H. L. Cookins officiating. Ella's bright face and sunny nature are greatly missed at the Common.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Reed in their bereavement.

A session of the church and congregation will be held in the Baptist vestry Saturday, February 3, with dinner at noon and other exercises following. All regular attendants at any of the church services are invited.

A good attendance and a lively interest has marked the recent Sunday evening services, the C. E. topic being used, with an evangelistic aim the Sunday tabernacle hymn book being used to some extent with good effect. The young people conduct the service and all are cordially invited to attend. Frank Piper is doing excellent service as janitor.

"Shakers and Shakerism" will be discussed by Miss Alice M. Howard at the regular meeting of the Woman's Alliance in the Unitarian vestry Friday afternoon, February 3. Music will be supplied by Barbara Priest.

At the Thursday meeting of the war relief association held in the Unitarian vestry a nurse from Boston was present to give new directions for some of the work to be done by the local organization.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Brown of Chautauque, N. Y., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son that

first claimed a place in the family on Wednesday, January 24. The joy of the parents can easily be imagined, especially when we recollect that two years ago the mother lost her only child, Carl Brothock, at the age of six days.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Libby of Washington, D. C., January 19.

Hon. C. A. Kimball with the rest of the agricultural committee from the senate went to Amherst Wednesday for the annual inspection of the state college which always prepares a full program of two and a half days' duration for the enlightenment and amusement of those citizens.

Mrs. George W. Canney contracted pneumonia the first of the week and is in care of a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and daughter, Mrs. Boardman, are under submission to the grippe and another daughter, Mrs. Harriet, of Lowell, is caring for the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Jr., are also sick with the influenza.

E. S. Kimball's family have recovered from heavy colds and George H. Kimball's little daughter Faith has been sick, but is somewhat better.

W. L. Packard's family are all getting up from grippe colds.

Christine Oddy had a relapse last week, but is now reported out of danger.

Julian Lovejoy had a rather exciting experience in connection with his work on the wireless equipment in his grandmother's Whitehall street home last week Friday. A spark flew into a tank of kerosene oil and flame followed immediately. It was promptly put out by the use of a fire extinguisher, removing his glasses, the skin of his hands came off. Dr. Hopkins, who was just passing the house, was summoned and treated the burns on hands and face. At the first call for help George Newcombe rushed across the street with the chemical extinguisher and quickly put out the fire in Mrs. Whitecomb's attic. Other assistants came quickly to help and a large quantity of water was used to cool the area which was severely scalded. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy came soon to the assistance of their son. Mrs. Lovejoy will remain until he is able to walk upon himself. Meanwhile Julian is studying his books brought by his father from Tufts college and so keeps up with his class. His condition is fast improving.

Fifteen members of the Woman's club went to the W. C. conference in West Acton Monday afternoon and tell of a good meeting with cordial entertainment by the West Acton club. Miss Baker, formerly a shoe factory girl, ably discussed the eight hour working law for women, giving much of her personal experience by way of illustration and argument. A representative of the Denison House Settlement and other speakers supplemented Miss Baker's plea for guarding the health of the working women through proper legislation. During the social hour that succeeded refreshments were served by the Acton women.

The Neighborhood club met with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kimball Monday night and each contributed a brief paper, the thing of especially interest to him or her.

Newtown and Nashobah farmers, the butchers and others are busily engaged in harvesting ice from Long pond this week.

Mrs. George Newcombe has entertained her father and mother, who came from their home in Fitchburg this week.

G. E. Prouty's cellar for his new house at the Center is made and the superstructure is beginning to materialize.

On the land bought two years ago by Mr. Wood of G. H. Kimball, bordering Fort pond, is an imposing bungalow, the property of John Allies of Watertown, manufacturer of the J. A. cigar. A Concord Junction contractor is doing the work. Beside this fully equipped summer residence there will be a garage that will accommodate four automobiles and serve for the chauffeurs' headquarters. Mr. Allies is frequently conveyed in one of his limousines to his future home, the building of which he personally directs.

Miss Oesenia Bonnell of Melrose visited her brother, George Bonnell, and family of Russell street over the week-end.

Alex. Gregory's sorrel horse was taken sick last week and had to be killed. His place is taken by a newly purchased bay horse.

Ralph Hill, of Southbridge, was at home for Saturday and Sunday. Many week-ends he is unable to return to Littleton on account of rehearsals with various social organizations of which he is an active member.

The school and the church is to be the subject of the Sunday evening singing in the Congregational church and Trinitarian M. L. Greenfield will be the leader. He will be assisted by the choir, consisting of the high school and they will sing what the church and the Baptist societies are invited to be present.

A social given by Mrs. Humphreys and a feast from New York were given at Mrs. Charles H. Yapp last week.

At the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday morning a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring superintendent, C. A. Kimball, for a long term of faithful service. C. K. Hodgman is the new assistant superintendent.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence is preparing to leave town the first of the week for Florida. She will remain in New York for a short time and while there will be located at the Waldorf with friends, she will go south and remain in the land of oranges for about three months or possibly until May.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton entertained at a dinner party last week Thursday seven of their present and former Newtown friends.

Mrs. Newcombe's father and mother visited her this week, driving from their home in Fitchburg.

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GROTON

The hot cocoa served at the Boutwell school is meant for such children as use the bargos-or-live-at-a-distance from the neighborhood that go to school for dinner is impossible.

Mrs. Grace Bruce of Fall River, sister of Mrs. Roy Cunningham, has recently purchased the Dr. Pratt house on Main street. She intends moving her family to Groton in the near future.

Mrs. Michael Denahy has been sick with the grippe during the past week. Mrs. Solon Dodge went to Westford last week, after receiving word of the death of her aunt, Miss Emma Sherborn.

At an early hour on Saturday evening a party of fifteen young people from town and the Chicopee neighborhood assembled on what is called Williams pond, for a skating party.

It gives us much pleasure to correct the item in last week's edition in regard to the supposed death of Eugene Shattuck of Portland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Totter of Reading, formerly of this town, has been entertaining Mrs. Allen Woods, who expects to visit with friends in Boston before her return.

Several parents and friends of the pupils of the high school are availing themselves of the opportunity to hear the rhetorical exercises which took place in the high school building on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

Mrs. Maud E. Trayne exhibited six of her Japanese silkies at the Boston Poultry show and was awarded the following prizes: First and second prizes, hen, cock, third cockerel and fourth and sixth pullets.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Torrey of Concord were in town last week Tuesday to attend the joint installation of the E. S. Clark post and corps.

To the surprise and alarm of Principal Clough and students of the day students gave the alarm that the main school building was on fire. It was about 10:30 Tuesday morning when the fire was noticed.

Albert Blood, of Fitchburg, was suddenly killed on the railroad near the station in that city last week Thursday. He was on his way to Groton.

Phineas Harrington, who will be ninety years of age next July, called at our office on Thursday morning. He is a very active man for one of his years and bids fair to live many a year yet.

The New England rally of the Woman's American Baptist Home Missionary society will be held on Thursday, February 1, at the Park street church, Boston.

The pair of gray horses which belonged to Ladd and were taken by the late Mrs. Ladd, were taken sick Monday afternoon about two o'clock, one dying at two o'clock in the morning and the other a few hours later.

The community club held their first meeting on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. A. Durant. There were twelve members present.

One of the large pair of horses belonging to Kenzie Fletcher was taken suddenly and seriously ill at the station Tuesday morning when Mr. Fletcher was about to start home with a load of coal.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be the certainty of belief. Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at seven o'clock.

Troop I. B. S. A., held its regular meeting on last Saturday evening. The meeting was called to order by the senior patrol leader.

work outlined for the month includes: First class, first aid; signalling sixteen legs a minute; nature observations; judging height, size and distance; handicraft; the making of an article of furniture and the story of the scout badge.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church held its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon in the church parlor.

The Lutheran society will be held in Odd Fellows hall on Thursday evening, February 22. Supper and entertainment in charge of the gentlemen.

Miss Myrtle McManis, of Fitchburg, has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Kenzie Fletcher, during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Finch have moved their little son Harold Pratt, Fitchburg, to Groton.

Mrs. George H. Rogers and Miss Louise Rogers spent Friday and Saturday of last week with friends in Lowell and attended the theatre.

Allen Barnard, of Harvard, formerly of Groton, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

C. E. Hatch succeeds Mr. Holbrook as caretaker of Mrs. Ellen A. Ellis-Brown-Loaf farm.

Kenzie Fletcher is filling his ice-house at Cady park this week. The ice is of fine quality and is excellent in quality.

The district Equal Suffrage association will hold a meeting in the Westgroton hall on Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Charles McNiff, of Ayer, died at the Groton hospital last week Friday night.

Kenneth Sawyer was kicked by a horse while working on the ice this morning. He was fortunate not to have any bones broken.

Arthur Mason is spending a few days in town. It is understood that he has been offered a position as traveling salesman for the New Jersey Ice Co.

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The open meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona Grange, January 18, in Grange hall was well attended. There were also many invited guests who were non-members.

Miss Doris L. Smith spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Johnson of Chicopee row.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Southern was the scene of an especially happy family reunion on Thursday evening, January 25, when many of their relatives and friends gathered in recognition of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Southern were ideal hosts and the reunion proved to be one of the most pleasant events which has occurred in the family circle for years.

They were assisted in receiving the many callers and friends who came to extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Southern, upon the attainment of their sixtieth anniversary and upon their excellent health, by their daughters, Mrs. Norman Shattuck and Mrs. Paul Ladd of Leominster. Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Grange, the Y. W. C. A. and the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church, to which she belongs, brought her much pleasure and cheer during the afternoon by their presence and the many beautiful plants in full bloom of which they are especially fond.

It seemed particularly fitting symbolizing the lives they have lived so full of happiness and joy. Dainty refreshments were served throughout the afternoon.

Mr. Southern was born in Littleton April 27, 1835. When he was fifteen years of age he came to Groton and was employed by John Mark Hollingsworth in what is now known as the Nashua River Paper Mill. Mr. Southern was one of seven sons, of whom there is but one living, Warner Southern, of this town. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Southern was united in marriage to Miss Susan Jane Bardeen, who

was born in Groton December 11, 1835. She was of a family of six children. One sister is still living, Miss Maria Bardeen of Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. Southern were married Sunday-morning at the Baptist parsonage January 25, 1857, by Rev. George Tucker of Groton, who lived in the house now occupied by Michael Denahy.

They went to live with her parents in the paper mill district. In about a year they moved to West Groton, where they lived for a period of seven or eight years. The next change was when they moved into the house in which they still live, which they built and was completed November 21, 1890. Since that time Mr. Southern has been engaged in gardening. He is a republican, but has never joined any party.

Mr. and Mrs. Southern have lived a quiet, home life, caring little for society. In January 25, 1907, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. It was a real winter's day, the fields were covered with a deep snow, quite unlike Thursday, which was a very warm day, the mercury reaching as high as 45.

Mrs. Southern joined the Baptist church during Rev. F. C. Whitney's pastorate and has been a regular communicant ever since her health would permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Southern have three children—William N., Southern of Groton and two daughters as above mentioned, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sincere wishes that the worthy couple may live to celebrate many more anniversaries. They are fully given to the social life and general good cheer made this a most delightful event for Mr. and Mrs. Southern and for all attending.

Horace L. Whitney, who for ten or more years has lived in town, was found dead Sunday morning, where he has lived, alone near the Westgroton road, as he was called by all who knew him, was best appreciated by those who knew him best and what faults he may have had were not of the kind to trouble his regular associates in the business with him.

He was perhaps the most industrious man in town, among the best to pay his bills and give value for what he got. He was also a man of great energy and vigor of his labor and garden often giving away the first and best that grew. Although past seventy and troubled with heart disease, which he died of, he was able to keep himself along with what he could earn and left sufficient means to keep clear of any cost to others. He left two sisters in Boston.

May we bring again to the public attention the fact that a new bandstand is needed.

A simple, attractive structure, somewhat lower than the present one, with a roof and proper acoustical construction, built of cement, such a bandstand would last practically forever in our town square as a tribute to the love of music, hospitality and social intercourse of a historical town. In summer small children could gather there on the days with their parents and enjoy perfect safety. As a memorial to some person or persons connected with Groton nothing could be more appropriate and no organization more worthy of the honor than the Groton Cornet band, founded more than a half century ago. Drawings, specifications and approximate price of bandstand may be had on application to the manager of the band.

About 150 attended the illustrated lecture given by T. Gilber Pearson, secretary of the Audubon society, under the auspices of the Groton Bird club on Monday evening, January 15. Before showing the three reels of motion pictures Mr. Pearson read the history of the Audubon society, and the leading part which it has played in the fight for bird protection in North America. He described the early Audubon movement, the organization of the society, the various expeditions, the stop the wearing of bird plumage as an article of dress by voluntary effort. At that time the slaughter of birds for the military and other purposes, the killing of birds in such great numbers on their breeding islands that they were in great danger of extermination, and many of the familiar land birds were also being seriously reduced in numbers by the demands of this trade.

It was not, however, until the National Association of Audubon societies was formed and strongly organized by William Dutcher at the close of the last century that the movement for the protection of these non-game birds really began. This association, in collaboration with the American Ornithologists' union, drew up a model law for the absolute protection of such birds and the best protection of such birds is the adoption by the various states. How well it succeeded is shown by the fact that at the present time every state in the union has enacted laws in the far western section.

In addition to this accomplishment, the National association has procured the enactment of many laws forbidding the wearing of the breeding plumage of birds such as egret, gull and others of large size and showy plumage which require the constant protection of articles, and to the best methods for attracting and increasing useful birds of all kinds. The association has also taken part in the movements for the better protection of birds and has played a very large part in securing recently the passage of the federal bird law and the ratification of the treaty with Canada, both of which have for their object the protection of migrating birds throughout North America under uniform regulation.

The pictures shown were mostly taken during the past few years and many of the first of their kind ever taken. The nesting and feeding habits of our familiar birds were strikingly and graphically depicted. Song sparrows, wrens, chickadees, and many other birds were shown apparently within arm's reach of the audience. The perpetual hunger of the nestlings and the great amount of insect food which they consume were impressive lessons in the value of birds as insect destroyers.

The many friends and acquaintances of Frank E. Spaulding, who resided in Groton many years, and who was a graduate of Lawrence academy, will be interested to learn of the position which he has recently accepted. The following is a clipping taken from Boston Evening Transcript of January 17:

A salary of \$12,000 a year, with a four-year contract and a promise of a free rein comprise the magnet which

has drawn Frank E. Spaulding, formerly head of Newton schools, to the superintendency of the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio. Those who know Dr. Spaulding will be inclined to believe that the promise of non-interference rather than the salary was the factor that determined his decision to accept this new position.

In a sense Dr. Spaulding has always been a scholastic czar. So it was in Newton; so it was in Minneapolis. When executive duties were heavy, he would know the reason why. And he was ever ready to assume full responsibility for what happened as a result of his actions. With a salary at least as high as that of Dr. Spaulding, he becomes one of the highest paid educators in the country. Many a college president does not receive half as much.

Dr. Spaulding is to be given a free city at all members of the school board have agreed not to interfere with his policies. Such was not the case in Minneapolis. Taken as a whole, however, Minneapolis is very complimentary to Dr. Spaulding. It is recognized that he is one of the foremost educators in the country.

"I congratulate Cleveland," declared President N. Leighton of the local board. "The loss to Minneapolis and her schools is great. Only those who have worked with Dr. Spaulding and have appreciated his policies can know what a loss it is to have him go at this time. Dr. Spaulding's term here expires on July 31. The term of the present superintendent, Cleveland, does not end until August 1, but the board there is anxious to have Mr. Spaulding go there at once so that he can make his plans for the next school year. It is believed he will be released from his contract here as soon as a successor can be obtained."

The election of Dr. Spaulding by the Cleveland board is a significant fact. He has been in Cleveland for six weeks ago, after the resignation of Dr. James Frederick, the Cleveland school board began looking for a successor. Several men were named, but none of them had made names for themselves in educational matters in all sections of the country. One long director held out for Dr. Spaulding.

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The make-up of the second platoon will be announced in a day or two. The squads are to drill together until the first of April or May, when a prize drill will be held. Each squad will be credited according to the scale, one-third on attendance, one-third on general proficiency, one-third on its record in the prize drill. The prizes awarded at the drill will be for each member of the winning squad. It is expected that they will be delivered on Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the rifle club was held and the following officers elected: Walter Powers, pres.; Frank A. Torrey, vice-pres.; Stephen W. Sabine, treasurer; Carl A. P. Lawrence, sec.; LeRoy Johnson, ex-officer.

The drill of the first platoon on Wednesday evening took up the same program as last week. After going over the mechanism of deployment and advance, the platoon was turned over to the sergeants and corporals, who drilled the squad leaders. They marched across the floor of the town hall, down the back stairs, through the selectman's room and up the front stairs, arriving at the door of the town hall. They were met by simulated artillery fire, which caused them to cross the floor at a run. They repeated the march four times, each time meeting with some difficulty in the town hall.

The second platoon took up advancing by platoon columns, by squad columns, and by thin lines. Lieut. Branigan followed the rifle squad on a tank on the first stage of the attack.

To the Editor: As time draws near to the annual selection and election of the necessary town servants and officers, a local citizen of your town is desirous to aspire for and yet not all fitted or available for its duties. At the coming town meeting there are three running for selectman. It is not a timely opportunity to give one of our native farmers a chance or preference for this office? One who is at the proper age, has the time and means to devote to the town's service. One who is in touch with the farmer's life and needs. Is this not an opportune time to honor our native talent? His available inherited assets for the town are not to be lost. The law of life? Let us give him in his closing days a token of esteem by considering for one of the selectmen.

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Ayer Farmers' Co-Operative Exchange, G. B. SCHULTZ, Mgr.

An interpretation of "An interpretation" evening "An interpretation" evening "An interpretation" evening. Next week Friday evening the Epworth league will entertain in the church hall the members of the Fitchburg Circuit league. A pleasant evening is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods attended the Rebekah installation in Ashby on Tuesday evening. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Service, the law of life." The following readings: "Fruits of the Christian Endeavor tree"; leader, Gertrude Higgins.

The Townsend Hill Improvement society held a meeting of unusual interest Thursday evening at the brick college on the hill. A goodly number were present and enjoyed the following interesting program, arranged by the committee on the subject of "Corn." Three excellent papers were given. "Cultivation of corn," Mrs. C. A. Stickney; "Corn products," Mrs. Arthur Barber; "Corn producing countries," Edward E. Morse; reading of letters were served by the committee in charge of the subject of "Silage for the cow," Mrs. C. E. Worrester.

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AYER

This Saturday, from twelve noon to ten in the evening, is the last time for registering voters prior to the annual town election.

A young buck deer was killed by the car at Gilson's crossing, near the Groton line, last week Friday night.

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through an accident while at work in the engine house in the railroad yard.

Mrs. Mary L. Brooks and Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell entertained the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church on Tuesday afternoon.

The Special Aid society held its second meeting for First Aid last week Friday afternoon in the lower town hall.

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dition to the present engine house, the changing of the coal elevator and other improvements in the south railroad yard.

George L. Wilson has announced that he is a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention.

The following letters remained un-called for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 27: Mrs. Burns, Arthur Masse, Mrs. Edith Shattuck.

Below is given the full list of nominations of candidates for the annual town meeting, February 5, to be held with Guy B. Kenick, town clerk.

When the legal limit for filing papers ended, Town clerk, Guy B. Kenick, auditor and overseer of the poor, Douglas C. Smith, Lyman K. Clark, John D. Carney, Harry E. Fisher, treasurer, Ellsha D. Stone, assessor, three years, George L. Wilson, assessor, three years, Edward A. Richardson, water commissioner, three years, Edward O. Proctor, assessor of health, three years, Edward E. Sawyer, Henry L. Brown, auditor, Thomas J. Ryan, John B. Leahy, George O. Fitch, town trustee, Ayer library, Frederick B. Kenick, Richard S. Conables, Frederick B. Kenick, William F. Fitzgerald, Lyman J. Taylor, A. A. Fillebrand, John M. Wallace, park commissioner, three years, Douglas C. Smith and Albert B. Downing.

There are no nominations for some of the minor offices, including fish commissioner, in the town hall.

The music-lovers of Ayer enjoyed a rare treat on Tuesday evening in the grand concert given in the town hall by the Ayer Musical Association.

The program included the part songs, "Tell me, Flora," Piusini; "Madelaine," Rueckel, and "Love and Summer," West, by the association; "Rocking in the Boat," by the male voices; "Breeze of the night," Lamotho, by male voices; quartet, "Country dances," Farmer, by Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Frank B. Howard, Howard Hillman, Norman Gutterman, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Bassett Dickerman, J. Howard Pillman, Edw. Sanderson, Howard Pillman, Richard McCarty.

The town hall was well filled, the audience being appreciative, and the concert a great success.

These were the members not mentioned above: Miss Caroline Brown, Mrs. Mabel Turner, Mrs. Harriet G. Briggs, Elizabeth Patterson, Abbie Robinson, Gladys Pillman, Marion Felch, Mrs. Miller, Ellis B. Harlow, Harold Hillman, Norman Gutterman, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Bassett Dickerman, J. Howard Pillman, Edw. Sanderson, Howard Pillman, Richard McCarty.

An interesting match between the local bowling alleys on Tuesday evening, there was a match game between the Boston and Maine railroad team and the Gun club team.

The match was a game worth taking in, for the Boston and Maine team were a revelation to the local bowling enthusiasts and was the subject of much comment.

The game ended so close it seems no more than fair that the losers should have a chance to come back at their opponents, man for man, and if a game is arranged there should be a big crowd on hand.

The following is a detailed summary of the match:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Boston & Maine and Gun Club scores.

Blanchard 83 113 87-285
Cullinan 98 103 87-288
Sullivan 108 111 112-321
Fitzgerald 88 139 95-322
Totals 471 554 476-1699

Ryan 82 89 91-263
Rodgers 97 116 110-323
Reynolds 110 119 110-329
Pender 113 82 106-311
Totals 506 507 486-1699

Death. James C. Chandler, formerly of Ayer, died in New Ipswich, N. H., on Thursday, January 18, Mr. Chandler had been in the hospital for several weeks due to a complication of diseases. He was born in Greenville, N. H., June 12, 1861, his parents being George W. and Hannah Chandler. He was educated in the public schools of New Ipswich. On October 29, 1885, Mr. Chandler was married to Miss Ellen M. Wright of New Ipswich. During their marriage they have lived in Ayer, New Ipswich and Nashua.

Some are willing, and even argue, that the fighters should be left to fight it out to a finish. But we would not allow dogs, or any other animals, to do the same thing, in any public place.

Can any man look on indifferent, when the welfare of humanity is at stake, without perceiving his own soul to have indeed kept out of war thus far unscathed, while we have made banks full of money by selling munitions, at a high price, to those who are struggling for their life.

Well qualified to serve. Nominations papers are being circulated by Ayer and other towns comprising the twelfth Middlesex representative district for Edward A. Richardson, of this town, as a delegate to the constitutional convention for which delegates will be elected on May 1, 1917, throughout the state.

William L. Woodleigh, of Somerville, an employee of the Boston Ice Company, engaged in the work of assisting the company in cutting its annual supply of ice at Sandy pond, was drowned by a fall from a tree about 4.30 in the morning.

The unfortunate man met his death will never be known whether he was on the ice or on the shore. The facts as to how the unfortunate man met his death will never be known whether he was on the ice or on the shore.

According to the story told the party had finished work and were about to go to the boarding house where they lived near the pond. Woodleigh was heard to make the remark as the party came near the ice houses as to whether the ice was broken up or not.

The annual installation of the officers of the Ayer chapter, O. E. S., took place in Masonic hall on Wednesday evening.

The exercises were presided by Mrs. Alma J. Brown, the new worthy matron, in charge of the meeting, who were brief addresses by Mrs. E. G. Sawyer, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Melissa Cook the first grand matron of the order.

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John and Uriah Knox of Littleton. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

The annual joint installation of the officers of Harbinger Lodge, K. P., and Harbinger Temple occurred on Monday evening in their rooms in Hardy's block in the presence of members of both organizations and their friends.

The ceremonies of installation were perfectly carried out and at the close of the exercises the installing officers and their suites were given due credit for their work by well-deserved applause.

The installing officer for Harbinger Temple was Maude Hadley, 442, who was assisted by Frank J. Perry, acting grand senior, and Louis Muner, acting grand manager, all of Norumbega Temple, Waltham.

A past chancellor's jewel was presented to the new grand commander, Nelson, of the lodge in recognition of a faithful service in the term just closed.

The presentation was made by Clarence E. Akerton, one of the installing officers, in behalf of Deputy Past Master, Mrs. Hadley, the chief installing officer. Brief remarks were made by the installing officers, I. B. Nelson, Levi B. Tuttle and others.

The banquet supper was served in the banquet hall. An orchestra under the direction of Frank J. Perry, and including Mrs. Perry and George Barrows, furnished music during the evening. The following officers were installed:

Harbinger Lodge—J. E. Nelson, e.c.; Frank B. Harmon, v.e.; Joseph Howarth, p.; Charles W. E. Force, k.s.; Levi B. Tuttle, m.w.; Oscar C. Rand, m.f.; John C. Davenport, m.c.; John M. Wallace, m.a.; W. Blanchard, l.g.; Charles H. Harris, o.c.; Harbinger Temple—Lucy Prescott, p.e.; Alice Fleet, m.e.c.; Elsie Force, e.s.; Lucy E. Akerton, e.s.; Mrs. M. M. Mennie Fowler, m.r.c.; Mary Howarth, m.f.; Evelyn Cunningham, p.; Mabel Dayson, g.

These committees of Harbinger Lodge were appointed: Walter C. Winslow, B. Young, Max Pentaskey, finance; Douglas C. Smith, D. E. Hewes, Herbert Blanchard, auditing; Oscar C. Rand, James King, Frank O. E. S. Harmon, entertainment; Charles W. E. Force, press; Joseph Howarth, flower; I. B. Nelson, Frank B. Harmon and Joseph Howarth, relief.

O. E. S. Installation. The annual installation of the officers of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., took place in Masonic hall on Wednesday evening.

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HARVARD

News Items. The cast in "A Rose in Plymouth town," a romantic comedy in four acts, presented by the Woman's club in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 1, will be composed of the following persons: Mrs. Alice W. Cleaves, Mrs. Ruth W. W. Smith, Mrs. Coriella H. Putnam, Misses Dorothy and Ruth M. Peleg, Josephine N. Baker, Anna M. Seaside and Harriet B. Thayer. The sale of tickets for Oak Hill and Bare Hill districts, Mrs. Geo. F. Cobb and Mrs. D. W. Sheehan, for the Littleton and Oak Hill sections, Mrs. A. S. Branson, for the Ayer and depot sections, Mrs. Austin Peters and Mrs. E. W. Ryan, for the Sunnyside section, Miss Esteman and Mrs. Frank Sprague, and for the Common, Miss Helen Dickson. The play is recommended to be one of the best ever given by the Woman's club, and with an all-star cast should be a winner. The Ladies' Benevolent society will hold an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Miss E. L. Hersey on Tuesday of next week. Born on last Sunday, a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin M. Hines. Roswell C. Davis has sold his farm property on Oak Hill to Arthur W. Bryant, including hay and farming tools. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dadmun will be glad to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Dadmun at a hospital in Boston, where she has undergone surgical treatment. Mrs. N. A. Dill was taken to the hospital last Tuesday for treatment for a kidney ailment. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery. Miss Annie Kerley, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is at the Baptist hospital, Somerville, where she will remain for some time. Irving Taylor is laid up with a severe attack of the grippe. Mrs. A. T. West spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Worcester and Westboro. Jere Jones is laid up from his work on the farm with a new kind of trouble, which will affect him during the cold weather. Both L. K. Savage and George Ryan filled their houses this week with 14- and 16-inch ice of first-class quality. The annual town meeting to be held on Monday, February 5, promises to be well supplied with contests and thrills. The contests center around the selectman's office, where S. M. Burroughs and John E. Stinson are the nominees. The office of constable has a three-cornered fight on between William Hanna, Edw. C. Davis and George E. Hardy. The choice of assessor is between John E. Stinson, Laughlin and Frederick J. Wrantham, while the chance of highway surveyor is being held out to Frank O. Ryan and Benjamin J. Priest. B. J. Priest is up for overseer of the poor with no opposition. H. C. Merrill is the nominee for school committee, with no contest. Town treasurer, town clerk and auditor will go to Arthur H. Turner, James L. Winney and W. C. Haskell, nominees, without opposition. The contest for town moderator is between Percy A. Atherton and Clifford L. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner are visiting with their friends, Earle Turner in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Catherine Fairbanks returned on Tuesday after a five-weeks' stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barry, in Schenectady, N. Y. The terrible accident which occurred on Tuesday at the Hill River crossing, in which an entire auto party of five persons lost their lives, brings home very forcibly that too much care cannot be exercised in railroad crossings. It is up for discussion whether it will probably never be known. It is generally believed that the lack of chains on the auto and the icy condition of the Hill River had prevented the accident. The contest of inquest will be held at the Circuit court on February 2. "Peatherton" an interesting drama, by Paul M. Bryan, featuring Margaret G. Ryan, will be given as a feature of the motion picture show this Saturday evening. There will also be a weekly and a comedy. At the next regular meeting of the Woman's club, Monday evening, January 29, at eight o'clock, C. Smith of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, will give an illustrated lecture on "How to make and keep our town more beautiful." Mr. Smith visited here during the last summer and took photographs, which will form the basis of many of his illustrations. It will be remembered, too, that Mr. Smith spoke before the Men's club a few weeks ago. He will be invited to attend to the public to attend this lecture, which is free to all. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

SHIRLEY

News Items. Dr. A. G. K. of Groton, had a narrow escape from severe injury last Sunday afternoon at Mitchellville, when the large touring car, in which he was driving, rolled on the ice and dashed into the pine tree near the Monahan house, causing the death of a mission and a boy. Charles W. V. has been confined to his home by a severe cold and a severe attack of the grippe. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch observed the forty-fifth anniversary of their wedding last Saturday evening at their home on West Main street. About a dozen guests were present, including relatives from Worcester and Leominster. Vocal and instrumental music with the serving of refreshments were the entertainment of the evening. George A. Andrews is a candidate for overseer of the poor, contesting the office with Dr. W. E. Bryant. The board of registrars will meet this week Saturday at the town house from twelve o'clock until ten in the evening for the registration of voters and approving of nomination papers. The Athletic club will observe guest night next week Thursday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church at eight o'clock, and will be in charge of the social committee. Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday, the subject of the morning sermon being "The vision of God." Evening service at 6.30 in the vestry, song service, and sermon by the pastor. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, of Boston, with son, M. J., are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. Johnson. J. C. Ayer, of Lake A. O. L. W., installed officers for the ensuing year at his regular meeting last week Friday evening. The ceremony was finely executed by Edward H. Harlow, d.d.c.m., and suite, of Leominster. The re-

drink master workman, Sylvester Cheabrough, was presented with a handsome and five daughters, Edwina, Helen, Marian and Eudora Burnham, and Mrs. James E. Green of Seattle. Mr. Burnham has owned a summer home at Woodville for many years, and while on account of his duties he himself spent very little time there, he will be missed by all who had the opportunity of knowing him. LUNENBURG Demonstration School. The Farm Bureau demonstration school opened here on Tuesday morning and during the day and evening was well attended. The program was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower town hall was devoted to the women and Mrs. Florence Ware, now director of the department of home economics of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, gave a very interesting and instructive talk upon her department, including the subject of the best method for the dinner basket, etc., preparing and serving several varieties which the ladies pronounced very fine. The high school girls were busily engaged in making notes in the afternoon. Miss Caroline E. Nourse, of the Girls' Trade School, Worcester, gave a demonstration of home sewing, use of patterns, etc. The upper hall was occupied by the men, and able speakers talked upon soil improvement, fruit growing, dairy, poultry raising and general items of interest to every farmer or gardener. In the evening a concert was given by Worcester Polytechnic boys which was very much enjoyed by all, every number receiving hearty applause. Several encores, to which the boys very generously responded. Following the concert was an illustrated address by Rufus W. Stimpson of the State Board of Education, upon the subject of the farm. This closed the program for Tuesday. On the next day, before a large audience was leaving the hall for their homes the cry of "fire" was raised, striking terror to the hearts of everyone. It proved to be in the congregational parsonage, right in the center of the town, now directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner. The fire warden and a large force of helpers were soon there and with the aid of extinguishers the fire was soon under control. The cause was traced to a defective chimney and it was necessary to break several large holes in partitions to get at the fire. A few repairs will be needed and everyone is thankful that it was no worse. DON'T LET SKIN TROUBLES SPREAD. Red, pimply skin that itches and burns is embarrassing, and needs to be treated. Sufferers should use a special hand cream and a constant source of worry. Correct it once with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. This healing ointment not only soothes the irritation and quickly restores your skin to normal. For babies suffering the eczema, the ointment grows into a cream which does not crack and chafe. Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment is a guaranteed remedy. At your Druggist, 50c. New Advertisements. BOARD OF THANKS. I wish to express my deep appreciation to the assistance and many acts of thoughtful kindness rendered me at the time of and since the recent fire at my residence. MRS. P. S. WHITCOMB. Littleton, Mass., January 24, 1917. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE W. BROWN, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, testate. Whereas a petition was presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said GEORGE W. BROWN, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of January, 1917, 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, 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 fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3w19 F. M. ESTY, 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 JAMES O. FALLON, late of Groton in said County, deceased, testate. Whereas a petition was presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said JAMES O. FALLON, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of January, 1917, 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, 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 ninth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3w19 F. M. ESTY, 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 MARGARET BENEDICT, late of Groton in said County, deceased, testate. Whereas a petition was presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said MARGARET BENEDICT, 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 thirtieth day of February, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the 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 twenty-third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3w19 F. M. ESTY, Register. Teeth Tall Sheep's Age. A lamb has eight small front teeth on the lower jaw. When the animal reaches the age of about one year the middle pair are replaced by two permanent teeth; at the age of about two the teeth on either side of these permanent teeth are also replaced with a permanent pair; at the age of three the next tooth on either side gives way to a permanent tooth, and at the age of four the last or back teeth are replaced in like manner.—Farm and Home. Grievously Disappointed. "Have you found out why Jinks is looking so depressed these days?" "It seems that a friend of Jinks was in financial difficulties and Jinks offered his help." "Well?" "His friend took him up."—Richmond Times-Dispatch. Pugnacious Doves. Peace lovers had better find another bird to become symbolical of their ideas, for the dove is not a bird of peace, but is one of the most pugnacious little fighters. In fact, the dove fights a large part of its waking hours.—Washington Star. His Reasons. "They say the widower who has just married again was all-broken up when his first wife died." "That is what he was so anxious to be repaired."—Baltimore American. Cruelty and fear shake hands together.—Balzac.

NAILING AN IMAGE

Curious Custom of the Natives of the Kongo Country. Among the curious objects in the home of the Royal Geographical Society at Kensington Gore, in London, is a fetish that was captured in 1865 from river pirates on the Kongo river. It is a wooden figure with mica eyes that glisten unpleasantly in the dark. A number of heavy nails have been driven into its body. According to Mr. T. A. Joyce of the British museum, the practice of driving nails into images has two purposes. One is simply to get a favor granted. In that case the worshiper on paying the fetish man a fee is permitted to drive a nail into the figure while uttering his petition. The other purpose is to injure an enemy. In that case the applicant pays a heavy fee and drives his nail into the figure in the belief that his enemy will fall ill and die. A man who falls ill goes at once to the fetish man and makes inquiries, and if he finds that an enemy has driven a nail into the idol with him in mind he bribes the fetish man heavily to remove it. That, he thinks, insures his getting well. The principle underlying the practice is quite different from that underlying the old practice of making a wax image of an enemy and driving pins into it. The wax figure represented the victim, who in some occult way felt in his own person the abuse lavished on his effigy. The nail driven into the wooden figure, on the contrary, is to remind the god to perform the wishes of the petitioner. It is, as it were, to tie a string round his finger.—Youth's Companion. LEGEND OF THE VAMPIRE. Querer Beliefs That Cling About This Old World-Superstition. The vampire, according to the belief of eastern Europe, is the physical body of a dead person, male or female, that maintains itself in a sort of half life in the grave by returning to its former haunts and nourishing itself on the blood of living persons. This superstition is characteristically Slavonic. The vampire superstition is strongest in White Russia and the Ukraine, though it also pervades the popular belief in Poland and Servia, among the Czechs of Bohemia and the Slovaks of Hungary and is to be traced as far as Albania and Greece. Comparative philology proves it to have had a common origin with the equally hideous legend of the were wolf, a human being who could at will assume the appearance and ferocity of a wolf, which if wounded in its nocturnal pursuits in the head or limbs could not efface its injuries or escape detection when it returned to its human form. The vampire is to be detected during his visits to the haunts of man by his extreme pallor, his unnaturally long and pointed canine teeth and his fetid breath. The vampire also throws no shadow either upon the ground or on a looking glass and is never seen to eat or drink. How he leaves and re-enters his grave is an undecided point, because no one is ever supposed to have had the courage and address to see, but the belief is that locked doors and closed windows are no bar to his movements.—London Globe. Trial of a Dead Man. Charles de Bourbon, long constable of France, died in conquering Rome, which his leaderless soldiers straightway sacked. For this crime it was necessary to find a scapegoat, so "on July 26, 1527, in the presence of King Francis I, on his seat of justice, assisted by the peers of France and the assembled chambers, Jean de Surie, first usher of the court, called Charles de Bourbon three times—at the bar of the parliament, at the marble table and at the marble steps—and then reported that the said De Bourbon had not appeared. The sentence was drawn up, then solemnly read, "The constable de France, dead, was condemned, his goods returned to the crown, and the door of his palace by the Louvre was painted yellow."

HOW

To Destroy Troublesome Insect Pests In Your Home. ROACHES.—Coal oil is one of the best agents for the destruction of roaches and their eggs. It should be sprayed freely by means of a machine oil can into the cracks and crevices of the floors and other woodwork where they breed. Powdered borax mixed with a little sugar is also a good remedy, but in the presence of other food borax is not very effective. It is suggested that cracks and crevices, which are their hiding places, be closed up with putty or paint. Since these pests hide by day and go forth at night to feed, it is essential that all foodstuffs be kept under cover and crumbs carefully swept from the floor. The kitchen sink should be kept scrupulously clean, while the kitchen's closets should be thoroughly scrubbed from time to time. Ants.—These little busy workers may readily invade the home. They can easily be destroyed by tracing them to their nests and pouring into them gasoline, benzine or coal oil. When using these substances remember that they are highly inflammable. Flies.—Human fleas, dog fleas and cat fleas are familiar household pests; the latter being the most prevalent. The larvae or embryo young of fleas live in the interstices of carpets, matings and in the corners and cracks of floors. Since cats and dogs generally bring these pests into the home, care should be taken that these animals be kept thoroughly clean. Special rugs should be provided for them to sleep upon and the dust from the rugs burned. Hot water soap and the scrub brush are very effective in destroying the pests which hide in the crevices of the floors. Here again gasoline is one of the best destructive agents. Carpets and heavy draperies should be dispensed with during the warm weather. Bedbugs.—Their presence does not always reflect upon the housewife, as they may be found in very carefully kept homes. A good way to destroy them is to spray their hiding places with a solution of corrosive sublimate (one ounce to a pint of alcohol). This substance is poisonous and should be most efficient agents used in the extermination of the bedbug and should be sprayed freely in cracks and crevices with a machine oil can. Turpentine and kerosene are less efficient and leave oily stains after their use. Moths.—These are very destructive in clothes when not properly protected. Furs and woollens are particularly susceptible to the influence of moths. Thoroughly brush and clean the clothes before they are put away for the summer. Pack them in large paper bags or boxes, which should be made airtight by sealing the edges with strips of paper. Wardrobes should be free of dust and thoroughly cleaned. Moth preventive or tar balls should be freely distributed in trunks, closets and in the pockets of clothes. It is also a good plan to unpack these clothes occasionally during the summer and give them an adequate airing in the sun. Flies.—Keep the garbage pail covered tightly. Fly paper freely distributed will be a great help in destroying them. A solution of potassium bichromate (one teaspoonful to two ounces of sugar water) or a few drops of formalin in sweetened water will kill flies when placed where they can drink. Mosquitoes.—Burning a pyrethrum powder or sulphur will stupefy them. They then fall to the floor and can be burned with the sweepings. Do not allow any water to accumulate in barrels, pans, buckets, on the roof of any part of the house, as mosquitoes breed readily in standing water. THE SHARK INVASION. Why These Dangerous Fish Have Left Their Old Haunts. Apropos of sharks, says a contributor to the New York World, in the opinion of many of the merchant marine officials the present influx of them to our shores is due to several reasons: First, disturbing conditions attributed to the war in Europe, whereby they are driven from their native haunts and seek new quarters. The large number of horse ships attract them, the sharks following them often for days. When a ship loses, say, fifty horses in one voyage, one can easily see the reason for this. Emboldened by noninterference, they have made their appearance in large numbers off the coast of France and even in the Mediterranean sea, a thing unheard of hitherto. These remarks are the summing up of many British officers in the merchant marine service engaged in carrying large cargoes of supplies for the allies. Under the circumstances it would seem reasonable to expect these monsters to appear on our shores just as long as the cause of their presence exists, and while it may interest the learned scientists to offer many interesting reasons for it, the fact still remains the same. How to Protect Grapes From Birds and Insects. Grapes may be protected from birds and insects by tying up the clusters in paper bags. Ordinary bags from the grocery store are sufficient, one being slipped over each bunch of grapes and they will ripen a little earlier than otherwise. Bees are sometimes held responsible for damage to grapes, but they are falsely accused. Birds make the holes, and the bees simply feed on the juice that is exuded.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange will be held at Hardy's Hall, Central Avenue, Wednesday, January 31. Business meeting at 7:30 a. m. Lunch will be served and the afternoon devoted to farm discussion. Interesting and instructive talks will be made on spraying and fertilization. The farmers in this and surrounding towns are cordially invited to be present.—Interesting speakers from Amherst will be in attendance. AYER FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE. 3w19 G. B. SCHULTZ, Mgr. Registration of Voters. The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters. Thursday, January 18, 1917, from 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Saturday, January 27, 1917, from 12 M. to 10 P. M. Registration will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, January 27, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct a clerical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1916. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization. PETER B. MURPHY, FRANK J. MALONEY, LOUIS H. CUSHING, GUY B. REMICK, 3w19 Registrars of Voters. Insurance Agent and Broker. Fire, Automobile, Liability, Farm Property and Accident Policies. Placed in the Most Reliable Companies at Lowest Rates. Littleton, Mass. Telephone 30 3m14 The Shaker Weave Shop. Are taking orders now for spring delivery on my regular line of Rugs, Portieres, Pillow and Couch Covers, in fancy and plain weaves; also, Superior Hammocks and Lap Robes. See me for work which you wish to express your own individuality. I furnish patterns which will not be duplicated for anyone else. Call or address MRS. IDA SMITH DREYER, Shaker Village, Ayer, Mass. 3m11 Ralph H. Wylie DENTIST Barry Bldg. AYER MASS. Telephone Connection 3m46 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE W. BROWN, late of Littleton in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be admitted to probate. 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, 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 tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3w19 F. M. ESTY, 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 PERCIVAL J. BENEDICT, late of Brookfield in the County of Worcester, deceased, testate. Whereas a petition was presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said PERCIVAL J. BENEDICT, 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 thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1917, 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 twenty-third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3w19 F. M. ESTY, Register. IT IS A FACT that the West Groton Blacksmith saves you money on Farm Wagons and Tip Carts. We build Wheels and make Stone Drags. 1y27

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