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### BOXBOROUGH

#### News Items.

The school committee organized on Tuesday evening with W. F. Furbush as chairman and Franklin Dean as secretary.

Herbert Livermore is serving as jurymen in Cambridge.

Mrs. Louisa Priest, who was taken sick in October, is still confined to the bed with a nurse in attendance.

Randall Livermore is spending the week in Ithica, N. Y.

The Grange meeting last week Friday evening was a splendid party in charge of Miss Maria Steele, John McNamara and Miss Ann Coffey. After a search for hearts, broken hearts were matched and the couples marched to the dining hall where a literary turkey supper awaited them. After that came more games and a generous supply of fudge contributed by the surprise committee.

Robert Poland and Mrs. Earle Littlefield attended the alumni reunion of Concord high school last Saturday evening. It took the form of a pop concert and old-fashioned hop in Eaton hall and was very enjoyable. Harold Orendorf, a former, Boxborough boy, is president of the association. Monday evening was guest night at the West Acton Woman's club and several from here attended. The entertainer was J. L. Harbour, and his subject "Blessed be humor."

Simon Hager is sick with sciatic rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean are both recovering from severe colds.

The Swanson family have all had the grippe and some of them also had chicken-pox, which has been quite prevalent here.

A slight fire at Leo Cunningham's house caused by a chimney burning out called out the fire department one of the recent cold days. But little damage was done.

### Adjourned Town Meeting.

The adjourned town meeting convened at the town hall on Monday afternoon at one o'clock, George Burroughs being chosen as clerk pro tem. The additional town officers were elected as follows: Library trustees, 2 years S. D. Salmon 3d, Mrs. C. E. Robbins; trustees of the Peter Whitcomb fund, 3 years S. B. Hager; tree warden, Charles Richardson; constables, Frank Dodge, Linwood Richardson. There was spirited bidding for the office of tax collector, which went to Frank Burroughs. The license vote was No. 93, 100.

Article 5. Voted to raise \$600 for the extension of work on Liberty square road.

Art. 6. Voted not to accept an act relative to fixing the tax by the selectmen for an annual license for slaughtering not to exceed \$100.

Art. 7. Voted to raise \$500 and the income of the Peter Whitcomb fund for roads.

Art. 8. Voted to raise \$300 for the support of poor.

Art. 9. Voted to raise \$50 and one-half the dog tax for public library.

Art. 10. Voted to raise \$1,800 to defray town expenses the current year.

Art. 11. Voted to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 12. Voted to charge six percent on all taxes remaining unpaid after October 15.

Art. 13. Voted to abolish the office of sexton.

Art. 14. Voted to leave the matter of sealing tombs to the cemetery commissioners.

Art. 15. Voted to reduce the salary of the sealer of weights and measures.

Art. 16. Voted to accept the sum of \$200 for the perpetual care of Alfred L. Brown lot.

Art. 18. Voted to raise \$500 for work on the Hill road.

Art. 19. Voted to elect a moderator of town meetings for the term of one year.

Art. 20. Passed over the article to

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Woven and printed designs, light and dark, grounds, 36 and 40 inches wide. Prices: 28c, 38c, 48c, 58c, 68c yard

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### Littleton

#### News Items.

Mrs. O. J. Fairbank was the speaker last week at the Shirley Alliance, giving a paper on "Some ministers I have known in fiction and out."

The subject of Rev. O. J. Fairbank's sermon at the Unitarian church Sunday morning will be "The foundation on which we have to build the church of tomorrow."

A sleighing party, numbering twenty-six, with other sleighs in train, departed for Shirley on Monday evening.

There will be a strict rally of the C. E. societies of Littleton, Acton, and Boxborough in the Baptist church in West Acton on Monday evening. All young people and those interested in Christian Endeavor are cordially invited.

E. Rhu Spence, of West Acton, and Miss Daisy Alway of Littleton, were married at the Baptist parsonage in West Acton on Saturday evening by Rev. C. L. Dyer.

The Concord Woman's club beyond with other places on Monday. Monday, Mrs. T. P. Pease lecture on Hall land, which is reported as having been "very delightful."

The Littleton Woman's club enjoyed its annual musical Monday afternoon, when a splendid program, in charge of Mrs. Alice G. Prouty, chairman of the music committee, was given as follows: Subject, American music. Introduction, Mrs. Prouty, sketches, Miss Lucy Houghton, "March de nuit," L. M. Gottschalk, "The Rose Tree," Edna H. Park, M. Edith White, accompanied by M. Gertrude Houghton; sketch, Miss Helen Thornberry, "An old tramping song," "To a water lily," "From an Italian lodge," MacDowell, Miss Dorothy Chesnut, "An Irish lullaby," "Myret Lane," "I love you truly," Carrie Jacobs Bond, Mrs. A. J. Prouty, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton; reading, Mrs. Bessie Dale, "Carmena," H. Lane Nelson, Miss Gladys Woodbury, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton; opera sketches, Mrs. Dorothy Conant, "The maiden and the butterfly," "Thou art so like a flower," "Roses," Chadwick, Mrs. Cora S. Hager, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton.

A large party of Littleton's married couples enjoyed a sleighride to Acton and supper in that town Thursday evening.

Roy Canney is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canney.

The Historical society will meet in the library reading room on Thursday afternoon, February 22, at two o'clock, when a good program may be expected. All interested are welcome.

Louise Cankins is getting about on crutches very well. Continued improvement in her knee is reported.

The ladies' sewing meeting of the Baptist society was held with Mrs. H. L. Cankins on Wednesday afternoon and much work was accomplished.

### Boxborough

The young people are taking sleigh rides to neighboring towns, nearly every pleasant evening.

Now that congress is about its session J. B. Smith expects to return home for a season. Mr. Smith attended the committee hearing on the "Peak" and was much interested in Tom Lawson's testimony, which he describes as bold and defiant. He has listened to arguments in the house and the senate which he speaks of as commonplace, no attempt at oratory being made. Mr. Smith has met the congressmen very pleasantly, and is loud in praise of Hon. John Jacob

Rogers and the courtesy he has shown in the national capital. During his stay in the national capital, he has seen the Littleton Rifle club entered two division points in the second period of the Massachusetts association tournament with the totals for the three matches of January 27, February 3 and 10 as follows: with the averages Team 1, 18, Project 524, 178, 178, 181, Kendall 172, McNeil 192, total 547; Team 2, Robbins 184, Nixon 176, Remick 187, total 547.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Harwood are receiving congratulations of the birth of a daughter, Ruth, who was welcomed on February 4.

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WESTFORD

Center. One of the pleasant events of next week will be the dramatic reading at the Unitarian church on Friday evening.

The coldest weather of the season has come during this past week. On Monday and Tuesday thermometers registered 13 degrees below zero and lower.

Mrs. Bartlett, who was Mrs. Tyler's housekeeper until Mrs. Merritt returned to Westford, is now serving in that capacity for Emery J. Whitney.

The social for February at the Congregational church took place Wednesday evening and while the attendance was not so large as usual, owing to sickness and weather, those present enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Coming on the evening of the fourteenth and fifteenth of the month were in order. At eight o'clock a pretty entertainment of music and readings was given.

Mrs. Bartlett, who was Mrs. Tyler's housekeeper until Mrs. Merritt returned to Westford, is now serving in that capacity for Emery J. Whitney.

The next meeting of the community sing, in charge of Mrs. W. R. Taylor, will take place at the Congregational vestry on next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher is visiting her cousin, Miss Nellie Gill, at her home in Sudbury.

Included in the list of flowers at the funeral of Mrs. Spaulding were: Mrs. W. C. T. U. and a floral offering from Miss Sarah Rogers.

Pleasant letters came to the Westford friends from the Misses Atwood, spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and son Fisher have both been among the sick ones with attacks of the gripe.

Miss Martha Grant, principal at the Frost school, was called to her home in Gloucester last week, owing to the illness of both her father and mother.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning the members of the Boy Scouts were the guests of the day and the service was planned to be of special interest to them.

Those present, in charge of Scoutmaster Roudenbush and his assistants, were: Alfred Sutherland, Bertram Sutherland, Herbert Shea, Raymond Shea, Joseph Richardson, Fred Robinson, Carl Anderson and Gordon Seavey.

At the business session Miss Howard introduced Hugh F. Molloy, superintendent of schools of Lowell, who gave a lecture on "Marie Antoinette and her times."

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relved from eight to eighteen votes for each office. On the license question only seven men voted "Yes" while six voted "No" in a "dry" town.

During the consideration of the warrant Capt. S. H. Fletcher told of a fair held in the town in behalf of the sanitary commission during the civil war.

All reports of town officers were accepted as printed in the paper because of the collector's compensation will be the usual one percent on collections.

Two new hydrants were authorized, one on River street, Graniteville, and one near the end of Paradise street on Main street.

Under Article 25 a committee of five was appointed to arrange and contract with the Westford Water Company for water.

The treasurer to borrow money until the tax collector can pry enough away from his victims was passed, and said collector was instructed to work as provided by law.

Re-election was again the rule for town officers chosen by hand vote, and so the newly-married men were spared no little.

Article 34 was passed so that the town treasurer could draw a small deposit from a Lowell Savings Bank for the overseers of the poor.

Public library, dog license money, unexpended balance and \$1,000; burial grounds, \$250; roads and bridges, \$6,500; town debts, \$7,500; poor, \$2,000; schools, \$1,000; fire department, \$15,933.75; moths and beetles, \$1,100; fire department, \$450; new horse and fire apparatus, \$350; piano for town hall, not over \$500; Center firehouse, \$1,500 and borrow \$1,500; fish and traps, \$1,000; sidewalks, \$600; Memorial day, \$150; walking, \$600; Memorial books, \$100; lights on Lowell road, \$270.

The officers elected were as follows: Selectmen—George Spaulding, treasurer, Willard Fletcher, overseer of the poor, Wesley O. Hawkes; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; collector of taxes, Leonard W. Wheeler; auditor, Edward T. Hanley; constable, William W. Hartford; school committee, John Spier, Arthur E. Day; library trustee, John P. Wright; commissioner of public burial grounds, George T. Day; tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith.

Tadmuck Club. One of the best of mid-winter meetings of the Tadmuck club took place Tuesday afternoon at the vestry of the Congregational church.

The committee in charge of the valentine party invited all young people in town to the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening for a general social.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow have been stopping at the Hotel Impromptu New York city for a few days.

At the annual luncheon of the Woman's club of Bound Brook, N. J., which was held at the Middlebrook Hotel, Mrs. Martha Taylor Howard presided.

The funeral of Arthur Abrahamson, better known as Otto Abrahamson, who was killed in an accident last week Friday at the Ayer Tannery, took place from the home of his parents on Strawberry hill, West Chelmsford, on Monday afternoon.

The Odd Ladies repeat their invitation to the open meeting at the Odd Fellows hall on Monday evening.

The Catholic mission will hold a "white party" in the lower town hall on Saturday evening, February 17, for the benefit of the church.

Miss M. H. Kimball went to Ware on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dr. A. G. Blodgett, prominent in local and national affairs.

Thermometers in town registered 18 and 20 degrees below zero in many parts of the town the first days of this week, and in the coldest places even lower.

Mrs. James E. Smith has been visiting on Peter and Mary Waverley four days. This was the first time in twenty-five years that she stayed away from her own home over-night.

The ceilings, walls and woodwork in the depot are receiving coats of whitewash, paint and varnish that are now being carried to the sanitary conditions much better than they have been.

Richard G. Conant, of Passaic, N. J., was a welcome visitor among the home people the first of the week.

The actual amount raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting on the 14th of February, besides the \$1,000 appropriated (not raised), and the interest on the Goldsmith and Johnson funds; also, the dog tax money. Then there are the state and county taxes. All together the town sufficient to keep the taxes pretty high the coming season.

The Back Log drama has been postponed from the first and second of March on account of the difficulty of getting rehearsals through blizzard and snow weather, and will now have to be postponed to the first of the month.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of the Unitarian church, will deliver an address by S. K. Raitelle, of London, England, editorial writer on the Manchester Guardian, and lecturer under the London university extension board.

A union service will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening in the interest of world peace.

The speaker will be Henry S. Parkins, of Boston, who has probably no man in New England is better qualified to speak for universal peace, being intimately associated in this movement with such eminent peace advocates as Edwin D. Meade, James J. Elder, and "Jerry" Murray Crane, Charles F. Dole. All are welcome to attend.

The endeavor meeting will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Using what we have." Topic of morning sermon, "The power of prayer."

The members of Court Graniteville, E. of A., held their regular meeting on Thursday night.

LITTLETON News Items. Sunday evening there will be a union meeting at the Baptist church; subject, "Peace on earth."

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Mrs. Everett Kimball leaves home today for a visit of two weeks with her brother's family in East Orange, N. J.

Miss Evelyn Kimball is at home from Athol for a week's vacation from many teaching.

The West Relief committee will meet with Mrs. Channing Brown on Friday afternoon of next week, instead of on Thursday, as the latter is a holiday.

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The ceilings, walls and woodwork in the depot are receiving coats of whitewash, paint and varnish that are now being carried to the sanitary conditions much better than they have been.

Richard G. Conant, of Passaic, N. J., was a welcome visitor among the home people the first of the week.

The actual amount raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting on the 14th of February, besides the \$1,000 appropriated (not raised), and the interest on the Goldsmith and Johnson funds; also, the dog tax money. Then there are the state and county taxes. All together the town sufficient to keep the taxes pretty high the coming season.

The Back Log drama has been postponed from the first and second of March on account of the difficulty of getting rehearsals through blizzard and snow weather, and will now have to be postponed to the first of the month.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of the Unitarian church, will deliver an address by S. K. Raitelle, of London, England, editorial writer on the Manchester Guardian, and lecturer under the London university extension board.

A union service will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening in the interest of world peace.

The speaker will be Henry S. Parkins, of Boston, who has probably no man in New England is better qualified to speak for universal peace, being intimately associated in this movement with such eminent peace advocates as Edwin D. Meade, James J. Elder, and "Jerry" Murray Crane, Charles F. Dole. All are welcome to attend.

The endeavor meeting will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Using what we have." Topic of morning sermon, "The power of prayer."

The members of Court Graniteville, E. of A., held their regular meeting on Thursday night.

LITTLETON News Items. Sunday evening there will be a union meeting at the Baptist church; subject, "Peace on earth."

Monday night the Intermediate C. E. society will give a party to Shirley, and attended a convention of which they brought home very enthusiastic reports.

The committee in charge of the valentine party invited all young people in town to the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening for a general social.

The Philathea class met with Mrs. C. V. Plazg for an all-day sewing bee Tuesday.

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Whereas, HENRY B. HILDRETH, executor of the property of said HELEN MARIA BOYDEN, has presented for allowance, his first account as such conservator.

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

And said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days 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 on day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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GROTON

News Items. After an absence of seven months Miss Lena Breckenridge has returned to her home on Chicopee row...

At the regular meeting of the Grange on Monday the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of seven candidates...

Mrs. Ella Woolley went to Nashua, N.H., Wednesday, for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cook.

The ninth annual concert and ball given by Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 8, was well attended...

The music portion of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Lawrence on next Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Lawrence academy basketball team plays Milford high school in Milford, N. H., Friday night.

Mrs. Albert Farwell went to Winchester last Saturday for a visit of a few days with her mother and relatives.

Mrs. Dudley Moore has been suffering from an attack of indigestion during the past week.

Mr. Rogers, who was unfortunate in breaking his leg recently, is reported as well as can be expected.

Rev. L. B. Richardson conducted the services last Sunday morning at the chapel in West Groton.

The next meeting of the Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, February 19, at 7.30 o'clock.

The speakers of the evening will be S. W. Sturges, Mr. Andrews, who came from the country of the pheasant and sturgeon, and a member of the Groton-School-Museum society.

On Monday evening, February 19, the C. E. society will hold a Washington's birthday social in the Congregational church vestry.

The Ladies Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a Washington's birthday party in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 22.

The subject of the morning sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday will be "The Christian's Life Sunday school at 10 o'clock."

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The subject of the church on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society, its annual mite box opening on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Vesper services will be held at Lawrence academy on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

Envelopes were distributed at the Congregational church last Sunday morning for the annual offering for the work of the American Board.

The work of the Board is being carried on by war in spite of the fact that missionary work has been carried on with almost no interruption.

The church is in a position to do various things for the help of the various societies of the city.

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The Current Events department of the Woman's club met on Tuesday evening with good attendance.

Leonard Williams of Chicopee row who has been working on the beaters in the papermill in West Groton...

Mrs. Albert Hart of Newport, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Bennett.

Guy Swallow, who is the local manager for the Nashua Rubber Company...

Miss Ruth Willis is coaching the play, "The time of his life," which the Grange will present in the near future.

Rev. L. B. Richardson started Monday for Dover, N. H., to be gone several days, where he is auditing for a large manufacturing concern.

George T. Stevens attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Ellen A. C. Coburn on Saturday, February 3, at East Providence, R. I.

The Arts and Crafts department of the Woman's club met Thursday afternoon as usual with Mrs. Grant Shattuck.

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"I went in and closed the window and we just stayed there. I didn't know what else to do and pretty soon a fireman came in and said we would be all right there. It certainly was an exciting time. In the midst of it Dr. Green lost one of his shoes. Dr. Warren said attended Dr. Green for six years."

Dr. Green said that it was one of his most exciting experiences. He related several narrow escapes he had while cruising in the Mediterranean Sea, but said that it was the first time he had ever been caught like that in a fire.

Scouts Hear Good Speeches. Anniversary week for the Boy Scouts was fittingly observed in Bradford, Pa., with a fine dinner and excellent entertainment.

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Up to Thursday, 43 replies had been received; of these, 40 favored the offering of services, and 3 opposed it. Twelve of those favoring qualified their response, as follows:

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2. reasons given by those opposing the offer were: That the burden of active service should fall first upon non-professional and untrained men...

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ed that the chairman appoint a committee of five to consider the matter further. During the evening Miss Estelle Farrar sang pleasing vocal selections.

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AYER

News Items.

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood left last Saturday night on their western trip which will cover a period of several weeks.

Lyman J. Taylor, car inspector at the railway station, has been laid up this week with a bad attack of the grippe.

Douglas C. Smith, superintendent of streets, attended the Road Builders' convention in Boston last week.

A short time ago a serious accident was undoubtedly averted by the careful attention given to the inspection of cars by Lyman J. Taylor, a local car inspector, of many years experience.

A fast express train from Boston had come to a stop at the local railroad station, where all cars, particularly on passenger trains, are supposed to be carefully examined. As the work was nearly completed, and the train was about to start, Mr. Taylor saw what he thought was a defect in the rim of a wheel on the express car.

Close examination showed that the rim was cracked clear through. The car was at once set out for repairs. The trainmen said that it was a very fortunate discovery, as the cracked wheel "no doubt would derail the train before it had gone far. This is the second time that Mr. Taylor's watchfulness has prevented accidents.

The attraction at the motion picture show this week Saturday afternoon and evening will be "The Great Divide," a great production in five acts, produced by the Grand National, Colorado, with Ethel Clayton and House Peters, two stars, and other prominent actors in the cast; also, the fourth chapter of "The Great Secret" will be shown with the two well-known stars, Francis X. Brown and Beverly Bayne. The two shows will be preceded by the Hearst-Pathé News of the week before your eyes.

On next Wednesday afternoon and evening Julius Steiger will be seen in "The stolen triumph," a magnificent production that shows how deceit in life breeds disaster. It's a magnificent play, powerfully acted. The rest of the bill will be completed by "Krazy Kat and the most important bird," a comedy sketch, and "The Most Wonderful Story," a Lonesome Luke comedy, and the Hearst-Pathé News, the world in motion.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, February 19, at 7.30 o'clock at the Masonic temple. Lunch will be served.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church held a very successful Valentine social in the vestry on Tuesday evening. A large number were in attendance and all enjoyed the excellent program, which was as follows: Piano solo, Lucile Hollis; selection, Mandolin club; reading, Miss Hazel Murphy; piano solo, Miss Boliver; solo, Harold Fillman, accompanied by Marion Feich; reading, Miss Edith Thomas; solo, Mrs. Neville, of California, accompanied by Miss Edith Longley; selection, Mandolin club. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at the Baptist church on "The Macedonian cry," Sunday school at evening. Praise meeting at seven in the evening. B. Y. P. U. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8.30.

The Civil Service Commission will hold a competitive examination in Ayer on February 24 for the position of clerk in the postoffice here. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday, but not their fortieth birthday on the day of the examination. Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of examination a photograph of himself taken with two years. A pamphlet of information and the required application blank can be obtained at the local postoffice, or from the district secretary in Boston, with whom applications must be filed in time for him to arrange for the examination.

Mrs. H. E. Dustin, of Townsend, has returned to her home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren N. Kilder.

George H. Davis, formerly of Ayer, now living in Irvington, N. Y., was in town last week. Mr. Davis is an architect.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Culver and daughter, of Acton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Culver, last week.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. O. V., admitted a candidate at its last meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cole left last week for Florida, where they expect to remain several weeks.

A horse belonging to Samuel Slofski was frightened near the home of Thomas H. Griffin, Harvard, last night and ran with the sleigh attached through Main street and the Shirley road as far as the electric car bridge over the Nashua river at Mitchellville. In the attempt to cross the bridge the animal's legs were caught in the trestle. Before the horse could extricate himself an Ayer bound electric car from Fitchburg struck the animal, inflicting injuries which caused its death shortly afterwards.

The Reed-Pratt Company, of Worcester, has asked the town of Ayer for extra police protection at the Ayer Machine Tool Company, a branch of that concern. The company wants its shop here constantly guarded day and night. The fear that fanatics may do damage to the property during the present Berlin relations between Germany and the United States is thought to be the cause of the desired extra protection.

Elgin R. Foster, father of Mrs. Henry E. Farnum, died at the Clinton hospital last Sunday morning from the effects of a shock. He had been made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Farnum since the death of his wife last July. Two weeks ago he was taken to the hospital for treatment. He was stricken with a shock last week Wednesday, living until the following Sunday. Mr. Foster was born in Hardwick and was 77 years and 8 months old. Prayers were said at the home of his daughter Wednesday morning. Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church took the funeral services, which were taken to Ware, where interment took place on Wednesday afternoon, the Masonic burial service being used. Mr. Foster was a Mason

for more than fifty years. He leaves behind his daughter, Mrs. Farnum, a sister, Mrs. Lottie Page, of Brockton; one-half-brother, Freeman Foster, of Waterbury; and four half-sisters.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. Beckford on Wednesday evening, February 21. Mrs. Beckford, Misses Rebecca and Carol Pierce will be the hostesses.

Under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance and Girls' club of the Unitarian parish, a dinner will be served at the Unitarian vestry on Thursday, February 22, at 12.30 o'clock, consisting of chicken patties, cold meats, mashed potatoes, salad, plum and many breads, home-made graham and white bread and coffee. Music will be furnished during the dinner hour.

An enjoyable dance of the Girls' club of the First Unitarian parish was held on the evening of Lincoln's birthday at the town hall. The hall was decorated with American flags and bunting in the national colors. Valliant & Wheeler's orchestra of six pieces, from Fitchburg, who furnished the music, won a hearty appreciation of the excellence of their playing. E. W. Carley was the caterer. The committee included the president of the club, Mrs. F. J. P. Pillman; Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. George Pillsbury and the Misses Earl-Carley, Doris W. Fletcher and Lillian Wright.

An entertainment will be given by the Ladies Benevolent society of the Federated church in Page hall Tuesday evening, February 27, at eight o'clock, introducing the following dramatic sketches by a local cast in costume: "Trumpets," Dutch Cleanser, Cooks, Jumping Jacks, Shopping Trip, Greek Muses, Father Time, Queen of the Night and her Star Maids.

All the people of Ayer and neighboring towns are cordially invited to attend the meeting in the lower town on Wednesday, February 28, at 8 o'clock. It is a union meeting for all names and nationalities in behalf of righteousness and world peace.

The following rhetorical took place at the high school on Wednesday afternoon: "Dixie's vacation," Hazel Seroun; "A Chinese story," Raymond Miller; "The father and mother tree," Avis Chandler; violin solo, Leon Wheeler; "My rival," Herman Allen; "Character of a happy life," Elizabeth Bennett; "Work," Ralph Richardson; "The mysterious master," Joseph E. Hart; piano solo, Raymond Miller; "The Green Mountain Justice," Harold Wentworth; "Something great," Etta Green; "The absolute railway station," Margaret Nixon; "The basins of an infant," Stanley Chaffin; music solo, Lucile Hollis; "The deceased Robert," Beulah Hassam; "A fine singer," Paul Mullin; "Dreaming of home," Gertrude Davis; "Lincoln, a man called of God," Albert Chavin.

The Spiritual society will have charge of the next meeting of the Woman's club to be held Wednesday evening, February 21, in the Methodist auditorium. A stereoscopic lecture on "Surgical dressings" will be given by Mrs. Agnes McNamara, secretary in the woman's department, New England section of the National Civic Federation. This is an open meeting, admission free, and everyone interested is most cordially welcome. Monday evening, Mrs. Fullerton, nurse from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, taught the making of new surgical dressings. A special meeting for work will be held Monday afternoon, February 19, Dr. Ayres gave the sixth lecture in Red Cross first aid instruction. Friday afternoon, February 16, subject, "Injuries due to heat and cold."

Mrs. Flora Vermille of Ocean Park, Cal., who was sent for during the illness of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, was taken to her home Saturday, but Dr. Hopkins was not called until the following Wednesday, when he found she had pneumonia, and she is a very sick woman. Mrs. Vermille is under the care of a nurse and physician, her physician found, if anything, a slight improvement in her condition. The unfavorable symptoms of her illness is that she has a very weak heart.

There were twenty-three tables at the Military Whist Party given by Ida Leach at the club on Thursday evening in the banquet hall of the Masonic rooms. The winners of the first prizes were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinney, Miss Helen and Charles W. Kinney, consolation prizes were also given to Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Pillsbury, Miss Lillian Wright and Miss Maud Whitcomb. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by those present. The signals for the changes were given by Miss Gertrude Briggs, cornet.

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Dr. B. H. Hopkins while eating last Sunday had a chicken bone lodge in his throat. He at once went to a Boston hospital, where the bone was removed. The doctor was at home attending to his business the day following. The only danger was possible infection.

The selection organized Monday evening with John D. Carney as chairman, Douglas C. Smith, superintendent of streets, and Lyman K. Clark as clerk.

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Thomas A. Kittredge received word Thursday night that his father was very seriously sick with blood poisoning.

Chester L. Campbell concluded his duties as night clerk at Kittredge's restaurant Wednesday.

William F. Walsh is confined to his home with a severe attack of the grippe.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be opened on Tuesday evening, February 20, at six o'clock at the Masonic temple. Master Mason degree by the past high priest, A. T. Arthur D. Prince of Lowell, grand high priest, and suite, with Eaton D. Sargent, district deputy grand master, will be received. The following past high priests will officiate: A. A. Pillsbury, r.w.m.; E. A. Richardson, w.s.w.; Benjamin Taft, w.l.w.; Frank S. Pierce, marshal; H. H. Proctor, s.d.; Charles F. Waits of Littleton, J. H. Paul Brown, m. m.; W. E. Turpin, J. E. Hart, s. d. j. o. Followed by an entertainment by Herbert A. Clark, humorist, musician and singer. Lunch will be served after the entertainment.

The rank of knight will be conferred on five candidates at the meeting of Harbinger post on Monday evening. Charles W. E. Force will have charge of the work.

Several men of the crews of the interned German ships which have been in Boston harbor since the outbreak of the European war, are working at the Ayer Tool Machine Company shop.

The following letters remained uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending February 17: Mrs. Robert Allison, Frank DeLong, Mrs. E. E. Huse, Arthur Masse, Viola Rogers.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge will be held on Monday, February 19, at one o'clock at which time dinner will be served in the banquet hall. Work—Masonic degree.

A man giving his name as Fred Leach, accused Chief Beatty on Main street Tuesday night and asked for a night's lodging in the police station. The man was nearly frozen, having been exposed to the extreme cold weather more or less for several days. Leach, after he had got thawed out, the chief's steam-heated apartments in the municipal building, said that he had been working as a lumber man in the woods in the vicinity of North Adams, with eight or ten men, and his pocket he went to that city on a visit, when his roll was stolen. Leach said he was headed for Lowell. He was allowed to go on his way Wednesday morning.

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The young man was a native of West Chelmsford and was twenty-three years of age. He was a highly esteemed young man and very popular with all who knew him.

K. C. Entertainment. The third of the series of entertainments given under the direction of Ayer Council, K. C., was held in the council chamber Tuesday evening, in the presence of a large gathering of members of the council and their lady and gentlemen friends.

The main attraction was a fine illustrated lecture on "Life at the Mexican border," by Major H. J. Butler, M.D., of Boston, surgeon of the Ninth regiment, National Guard. The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., were present as invited guests.

George L. Wilson, the lecturer of Ayer council, had charge of the meeting and welcomed all, especially the members of the Grand Army, in behalf of the council. Rev. Thomas P. McGinn, pastor of St. Mary's church, through whose efforts the speaker was obtained, introduced Major Butler to the audience as an eminent physician and as a military man of long experience. He referred to the kindness of the speaker of the evening in coming to Ayer to give a lecture on the Mexican border on his time, and that in the lecture was increased owing to the present troubles between the United States and the Central European powers, and to the unsettled conditions of the relations with the republic at the south.

Dr. Butler has been a member of the Massachusetts militia for many years and possesses a thorough knowledge of things concerning military life. He has experienced the Mexican border. His remarks were followed with intense interest from beginning to end. At the conclusion of his most valuable lecture he was heartily applauded and given a unanimous vote of thanks.

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by invitation. In the course of the evening there was a mix-up in which the two Durant and Moran brothers were involved, which ended in the excitement of the elder Durant from the house. This excited the wrath of the younger Durant, whom it was claimed had been struck with a club or some blunt instrument, which the complainant claimed inflicted a bad wound. In the course of the evidence, when the complainant was asked by Judge Atwood how the blow was inflicted, the witness, Moran, replied "He went out head first. I threw him out body and bones." The evidence was considered unsatisfactory so far as it tended to show the guilt on the part of the defendant and the court ordered Durant's discharge. Durant was represented by Atty. John D. Coffey.

Traffic Badly Delayed. There was no traffic on the Leominster branch electric line from last week Friday night until three o'clock Sunday afternoon. The cause of the delay was the great banks of snow which were blown into the "cuts," three portions of the road where the earth has been cut away, leaving high banks on either side of the track. These, in some cases, were filled level with the tops of the banks with snow. At other exposed sections the snow was piled up to the tops of the cuts by the heavy gale.

The road "weathered" the blizzard of last week and got a clear track from Leominster to Ayer, when in the middle of three days the new trouble arose. The Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine also had its troubles. The road between Nashua and Portland was in the worst condition for many years and snow showers were raining until last Sunday a week after the bl







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**State Income Tax**

Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions. In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Save them for future reference.

**COMPETING WITH WAR**

Mass. Income Tax Widely Known—Unique Publicity—Axe Falls March First—Thousands Crowd to File Returns—Who Must Do So.

In spite of the tense war situation which has monopolized public attention, an unprecedented campaign of publicity has brought both the fact and the details of the new Massachusetts Income Tax Law before nearly every inhabitant of the state. So far as is known no statute ever passed by the Legislature was so widely and systematically advertised—and probably none was so deserving of publicity.

The Income Tax Deputy, Mr. Henry H. Bond, and his chief assistant, Mr. Irving L. Shaw, realized early in their administration that a tremendous saving might be made in the cost of administering the law if the public might be acquainted with its requirements. One of their first acts, therefore, was to establish a publicity department.

Between fifteen hundred and two thousand columns of reading matter have been published by that department in practically every newspaper in the state. A speakers bureau was established whereby some thirty experts within and without the department held themselves in readiness to address the public and offer to send lecturers to explain the law were sent to every Board of Trade, church club, forum or other organization whose name could be obtained. One or more meetings have been held in substantially every community in the state. One man alone has addressed over six thousand people in more than sixty such gatherings. This work has been carried on in addition to the regular department work as a volunteer service.

The total number of bulletins, cards and posters distributed have run into millions. The department has advertised to answer enquiries and has been handling about 5,000 pieces of mail daily.

Newspapers throughout the state have rendered excellent service to the department and to their readers by publishing the several articles in this series.

Through the assistance of the banks and trust companies reminder slips were delivered by the Department on February 1 in the monthly statements of the bank depositors throughout the state.

The Department has collaborated with various banks and brokerage houses in the preparation of many of the charts and booklets issued by them and it is estimated that the number of copies of such publications and the advertisements of them have run well into seven figures.

Most excellent service has been rendered by banks, brokers and local boards of assessors in spreading the word that THE AXE FALLS MARCH FIRST.

After March first there are penalties of FIVE DOLLARS A DAY for each day of delinquency in filing a return, and that is only the beginning of the penalties!

**FOLLOW UP SYSTEM.**  
 Because of the penalties and the fact that the public is learning of the existence of an elaborate system for checking up those who should make returns thousands are already crowding the various offices to file returns.

**WHO MUST FILE.**  
 There are two separate tests to determine who must file returns. First.—Did the person receive ANY (a) taxable interest, or (b) taxable dividends, or (c) taxable annuities, or (d) excess of profits over losses in the sale of stocks, securities or other intangible personal property?

**IF EVEN A DOLLAR OF SUCH INCOME WAS RECEIVED THE RETURN MUST BE FILED NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE TOTAL INCOME MAY HAVE BEEN.**

Second.—Even if the person did not receive any of the above income still he must file his return if his GROSS income exceeded \$2000, and regardless of whether it was from taxable or non-taxable sources. If it was all from non-taxable sources he should file the return answering the every financial question with the word: "None." ALL QUESTIONS ON THE BLANK MUST BE ANSWERED. DON'T DELAY, FILE EARLY.

**A Story of Old Venice**

By F. A. MITCHEL

"Signor Antonelli, you are summoned to attend the doge."  
 The order was given by one Andrea Carpent, a courtier at the palace. Antonelli had left the dining room of his dwelling on the grand canal and hastened to his drawing room to receive the doge's messenger.

"I will go with you in a moment," he said to Carpent, and, returning to the dining room, he finished what he had been doing when interrupted. A light luncheon, consisting of a few biscuits and a small glass pitcher of white wine, was on the table, evidently placed there for some one who was expected to partake of it. Antonelli dropped a powder on the biscuit, and since both powder and biscuit were white the former was not noticeable. Then he rejoined Carpent, and the two passed out on to the porch, whence by the waters of the canal, entered a gondola and set out for the palace of St. Mark.

On the way they met a gondola in which sat a young lady who hailed Antonelli and asked:  
 "Is your aunt at home this morning, signor?"  
 "She is," replied Antonelli.  
 "I'm going to lunch with her."  
 "By this time the gondolas passed without the range of hearing.  
 "I must go back," said Antonelli.  
 "Why so?" asked Andrea.  
 "I have forgotten something."

"The doge directed me to bring you to him without delay."  
 "Hold!" cried Antonelli to the gondolier.  
 "Proceed," said Andrea. "Since you must make choice between your betrothed and the doge you must give preference to your sovereign."

"Turn about!" cried Antonelli, now white as a cloth, to the gondolier. Starting up, he was about to seize the pole from the man when Andrea threw his arms about him and held him. Andrea was much the stronger, and in his clutch Antonelli was powerless.  
 "Come, signor," said the former; "don't forget that if it were reported to the doge that after starting to obey his summons you turned back to be with your sweetheart it might cost you your head. I am befriending you in preventing your bringing misfortune upon yourself and through yourself upon the fair Signorina Marcia Copelli."  
 Through fear of offending his sovereign, who was one of the most autocratic and terrible doges who ever ruled Venice, Antonelli suffered himself to be mastered and continued the journey, though it was evident that he was racked by some dreadful emotion.

When the two arrived at the steps that led up to St. Mark's place they landed and after traversing an interval ascended those steps that led and still lead into the palace. Then, entering an anteroom, they waited till the sovereign was ready to receive them.  
 Meanwhile Antonelli suffered torture. He was betrothed to Signorina Copelli, but he was without fortune, being dependent on his aunt, Signora Caracola, an old lady who was said to be the richest woman in Venice. Every morning Signora Caracola partook of a light luncheon and goblet of Italian wine, a beverage not much stronger than grape juice. Antonelli, who was her heir and desirous of getting possession of her wealth at once, had dropped the powder on the biscuit she would eat to put her out of his way by poison. He was in terror lest his sweetheart be poisoned as well.

For an hour he waited the pleasure of the doge, then was admitted to his sovereign's presence.  
 He found the sovereign surrounded by courtiers who were flattering and fawning upon him, for that was a time when the Venetian sovereign possessed almost unlimited power. Even after entering the presence chamber Antonelli was kept waiting for some time before being given an audience, and every moment's delay was one of torture to him. At last, after the doge had listened to a long and very dull story from a buffoon, he received Antonelli.

"Signor," said the doge. "I am told that your aunt owns a dog of the rarest breed in Venice. I have sent for you to offer her through you any price she may ask for it."

"I am quite sure," replied Antonelli, "that my aunt, when apprised of your royal wish, will present the dog to your highness."  
 "A present that will merit a royal return. You may say to your aunt that I am about to make you a noble and a member of my privy council."  
 Antonelli was dismissed and, returning to the gondola, joined the gondolier in making as quick time as possible to his home. Before reaching the steps he leaped upon them and hurried into the house. In the dining room he found his aunt and sweetheart mourning over the dead body of the dog that was coveted by the doge. Antonelli heaved a sigh of relief.

He was told that the dog had eaten the biscuit intended for his aunt, Signora Caracola. If she suspected poison, did not suspect her nephew, Signorina Copelli thought deeper and, knowing the motive for such a crime, treated him coldly.  
 When the death of the dog was announced to the doge he was furious, believing that it was a ruse to deprive him of the animal. Antonelli was banished from Venice. Signorina Copelli broke off her betrothal to him. The aunt, having become convinced of Antonelli's criminal intent, left her home to the church.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

Miss Florence Maynard of Worcester is at home of her brother, Frank Maynard, at South Brookline.  
 Freeman Wright recently caught a wild cat in one of his traps that weighed almost twenty pounds.

Mrs. Clark Barnaby went to Nashua last week Wednesday to attend a special meeting of the Daughters of Liberty, of which she is a member, returning on Thursday.  
 Mrs. William Mathews entertained her mother, Mrs. Gilson, of Groton, Mass., for a few days last week.

Mrs. Arthur Brown, accompanied by her son Harold are spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in Primus, Fitchburg and other places.  
 Word was received by the local authorities last week of the escape of Ernest Gilman from an institution in Carlisle, Mass., where he was confined recently for his threatening and abusive behavior toward his aged mother. This is his third escape from the same institution and it is expected that he will eventually turn up in this town as he has done on the previous occasions.

The condition of Mrs. Ralph Perkins, who has been ill for about three weeks, still remains quite serious and many friends are hoping for her ultimate recovery. She is being attended by a trained nurse, Miss Pickup of Manchester.

Corporal Wilfred Lacey, who returned with his company to Nashua from the border last week, is back in town and stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ouellette.

Mr. Emery, clerk of the Fresh Pond Ice Company, who is here during the ice cutting, entertained Mrs. Emery and her sister, of Somerville, Mass., a few days last week.

Harry Marshall has set up some machinery in his workshop and is manufacturing toys for which he has already received a large order.

The S. B. Social club held another very pleasant gathering last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Steven Barnaby is to be the hostess on the occasion of their next meeting.

The big snowstorm of February 5 caused much inconvenience and hardship, particularly outside the village, where the snowdrifts reached such huge proportions that it was days before the roads were broken. The rural carriers could not complete their routes, Arthur Brown being obliged to put up at the home of Mr. Elliot, of Mason, over night. The afternoon passenger train was over an hour late on the 6th and had to be assisted the rest of the way to Ayer by the freight engine. The evening up train, due at 6.45, did not reach here until 10.15, accompanied by the snow plow.

Mrs. Estella Hughes has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where she was a patient for about three weeks.

Mrs. William Hall spent Monday visiting friends in Manchester.

Frank Willoby, fire chief, in response to a telephone call, drove to the home of Harry Williams with chemicals on Tuesday morning and extinguished a chimney fire.

**Deaths.**  
 The many Brookline friends of Hartley Averill were grieved to learn of his sudden death recently at his home in Chelsea, Mass. Mr. Averill was about eighty-one years old and had been in poor health. At his summer home here, known as Wastewood, for about forty years. He was a quiet, highly respected man, always deeply interested in church work and was one of the deacons of Tremont Temple, Boston. As an amateur he conducted a Sabbath school at his home here for the benefit of those who lived too far away from the churches to conveniently attend and his contributions to the funds of the churches were numerous. His summer home is situated in the south part of the town off the main road and as both he and Mrs. Averill liked to pass their time here as quietly as possible they did not go about much. Consequently there are many in the town proper who did not know him, but for all those whom they do know they hold a staunch friendship and particularly was this true in regards to their near neighbors. All their sympathies with his widow, Mrs. Averill.

The friends of Mrs. George Bradley sympathize with her in the loss last week of her father, Deacon James P. Bradley. He was a highly respected citizen of New Boston and was an elder of the Presbyterian church. He was in his ninety-fifth year.

The body of Mrs. Mollie Dunphy was brought here from her late home in North Leominster, Mass., on Tuesday and laid to rest in the grave of her late husband, Henry M. Dunphy, who passed away last October. Mrs. Dunphy's death was a sudden and unexpected one. Mr. and Mrs. Dunphy were former residents of Ayer, having spent a postmaster's term here. They frequently visited here after moving away, spending several summers at the Elmwood at that time being conducted by the late Mrs. Lucella Deane. She was the widow of a friend of the town, Burial was in the family lot in the South cemetery.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
 Last week there was a meeting in the village hall at which the regular Grace church, although not organized here, was invited to give a concert. The program was as follows: Vocal solo, Doris Love; and Bertha Holmes; question, Rev. J. B. Thayer; benediction, Mrs. J. C. Love; a hymn, Mrs. Walter Planders; Mrs. Albert W. Lovejoy and Miss Bernice Holmes; piano solo, Raymond Lovejoy.

Last Saturday night was the fourth of the week of the World's club, but on account of the weather it was postponed until a week from Monday night.

There will be a rally meeting and social on Wednesday evening, February 21, at the Baptist church, Nashua, called to order by the Rev. J. B. Thayer. It is hoped that a good delegation will attend from here. The state C. E. officers will be present and speak.

The Pomona Grange meets in Hollis next week Friday. In the forenoon the fifth degree will be worked. The afternoon session will be open to fourth degree members. There are now six to take the fifth degree and any who wish can do so by letting "bert C. Wetmore know."

Miss Ruth Hazard spent a few days in Nashua last week.

Miss Eunice Walsh has been spending a few days with Mrs. W. J. Blood in Nashua.

**TOWNSEND**

Miss Grace Marshall has gone to Mrs. W. J. Blood's to take care of Mrs. Blood's mother for some time.  
 Charles F. Brown, of Winthrop, Me., is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Foster, of Concord, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

Miss Laura Upton, from Milton, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Alexander Reed, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston, who have been victims of the grippe, are much improved.

Mrs. Frank Boutelle has returned from a visit with relatives in Leominster and vicinity.

Mrs. Clara Kibby, of Boston, has been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Lee.

Warren Tucker, of Billerica, was a guest at the home of Mrs. Mary Tucker, Mrs. George Adams.

In spite of the extreme cold seven members of the Ladies' Study club braved the elements and attended the meeting at the reading-room on Monday afternoon. Current events were given by the different members, and the travelogue was continued. The next meeting takes up the subject, "From the Isthmus of Suez," led by E. J. Lees and Mrs. Herman Stiskney.

The coldest morning of this season in our history has been recorded for a number of years, was Monday morning, the mercury ranging from 30 to 40 below and remaining near the zero mark all day. A number of cases of frost bites are reported and many employed at the Center and in Josselynville did not go to work until nearly noon.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton, of Providence R. I., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Alfred Sherwin, who is employed in Maynard this winter, spent the weekend at his home here.

Carl B. Willard has been spending a few days with his brother, Ralph H. Willard, of Belmont.

George Hayward, of Bayberry hill is recovering from an attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. I. P. Sherwin is one of the latest victims of the grippe. At last reports she was improving.

Mrs. Joseph MacKean is spending a few days with relatives at her home in Winchendon.

Rev. Joseph MacKean expects to occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Mrs. Abbott Hodgman on the topic "Sins what you have."

The Y. P. S. C. E. will entertain a party of young people from the First Baptist church in Fitchburg, who will sleigh-ride over here for a supper on Monday evening, after which a social will be held in the vestry, to which the invited guests are cordially invited. A supper will be served after which a program will be presented by the visitors, assisted by home talent and a social hour will follow.

A very enjoyable little party gathered at Squannacook Inn hall on Wednesday evening to enjoy a valentine party. The hall was prettily decorated with scarlet and white hearts, and hearts were also used as place cards at the ten tables set for whist. About ten o'clock dancing was commenced, music being furnished by Miss Edith Tenney at the piano and a good time was enjoyed until midnight.

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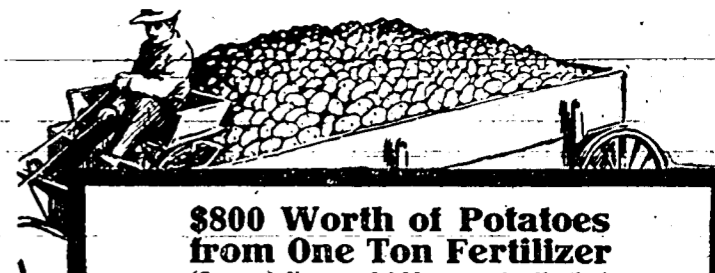
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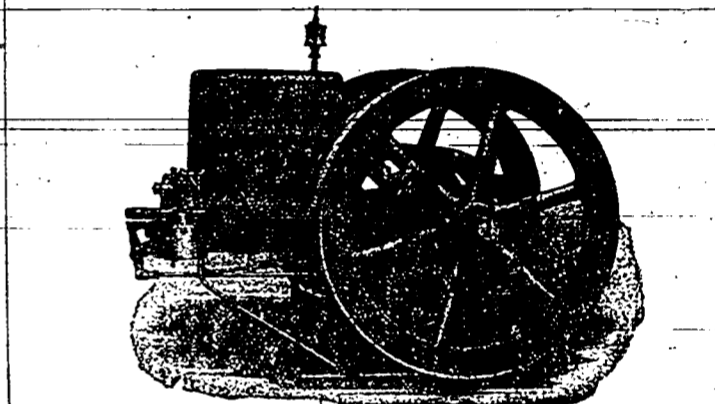
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News Items. Mrs. Doris Durant went to Hanover, N. H. last week with a party of friends from Nashua, to attend the mid-winter carnival at Dartmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Potter, who came from Brookline to attend a party at the Parkhurst party Wednesday Saturday, was obliged to return home that evening after a very short visit at the home of Mrs. Potter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blake.

The seventh annual mid-winter carnival which was held at the past week in Hanover, N. H., by the Dartmouth Outing club, came to a close last Saturday evening by a concert in Webster hall.

The East Village Social club are to meet with their new member, Mrs. Maud Chick, Franklin street, on Wednesday afternoon, February 21. The subject is sure to be an interesting one.

The Ladies Aid society will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wood on Friday afternoon, February 23, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller were given a surprise party at the home of Mrs. Fuller, Tuesday evening. The occasion was the celebration of both their birthdays, as Mr. Fuller's birthday came on the 13th and Mrs. Fuller's on the 14th.

Mrs. Stella Menton recently came from Bedford and is staying at the home of M. Luther Boynton, who is not in his usual health.

Mrs. Forrest Winch has been one of the victims of the grippe and confined to her home on Pumphrey street the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Humes have both been quite ill for more than two weeks. Mrs. Dunton has been with them nights up to the first of the week, when Mrs. John Marshall was secured to stay all the week attending to the care of the two.

Relatives from out of town attending the party at the home of Mrs. Merrill on Saturday were Mrs. Joseph Hart of Ayer, Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth and son of Shirley, Mrs. Nellie Parkhurst of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Ethel Farley of Charleston. Friends were present from Lowell and Fitchburg.

Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy returned Tuesday from Penacook, N. H., where she has been caring for her aunt.

Mrs. Charles Stinerford is quite ill with a feverish grippe cold. Her mother, Mrs. Stratton, is confined to bed, and Mrs. C. is unable to care for her.

Mrs. Lucy Care has been a victim of the prevailing epidemic during the week past.

Quest night was Tuesday evening. Rebekah lodge on Tuesday evening. About seventy members and friends were present for the social evening.

Following the short business session a musical program was offered. Miss Lillian Dunton gave much pleasure to the company.

The relatives accompanying the remains of the late Mrs. M. E. LePoer to Westchester on Saturday afternoon were her four sons and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lord, and husband.

Several of our town auto enthusiasts have visited the Nashua auto show this week.

Miss Dorothy Melville and Miss Hester Henderson, from the Middlesex-Hobart lodge, in Groton, were guests in town on Tuesday evening at the social of Acoma Rebekah lodge.

They attended with Mrs. Harris Tarbell, by whom they were entertained and Mrs. Leon Richards, who presided at the meeting on Thursday of this week at Mrs. J. J. Storrow's, Boston. Directors from all parts of the country were expected.

A general outline was presented by Mrs. Storrow and Mrs. M. E. LePoer, who work in this department of the Farm Bureau.

The meeting at the South street schoolhouse announced for this week Tuesday for organizing a Bureau Guild, was again obliged to be postponed on account of the conditions of weather and traveling will delay the meeting.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shattuck on Wednesday evening last at a short hour.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller were given a surprise party at the home of Mrs. Fuller, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Stella Menton recently came from Bedford and is staying at the home of M. Luther Boynton.

Mrs. Forrest Winch has been one of the victims of the grippe and confined to her home on Pumphrey street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Humes have both been quite ill for more than two weeks.

Relatives from out of town attending the party at the home of Mrs. Merrill on Saturday were Mrs. Joseph Hart of Ayer.

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Among those from Prescott Grange who attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting at Lunenburg on Thursday, last week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck and Mrs. John Martin.

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