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PEPPERELL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Turner visited in town over the week-end, comnow live. They were the guests of visiting there, their daughter, Mrs. David F. Hills. and family, at their new home on High street, in the double tenement house with Mr. Farley. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were on their way to visit rejutives at Athol and left here on

A belated announcement has reached friends in town of the marriage of one of our Pepperell High school boys, of some years ago, Albert Pills-bury, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury, now of Middleboro. The bride was Miss Marion J. Talimar of that place, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J.-H. Buckley at the Mrs. Mary Jordan has returned Methodist parsonage. December, 26. from her extended visit with relatives in Attleboro, where he has a position New Hampshire. Mrs. Willoughby under W. G. Atkinson on an estate.

Boston, although his wounds are all tend the first of the church services at healed but two, and according to his the new Community church.

telephone message he can walk nearly Branch will be held at the home of as well as ever, and without even a Mrs. E. D. Walker, Mt. Lebanon street, ing from West Mansfield, where they to Lynn to see his mother, who is and the work for the day will consist

> Mrs. E. P. Nowell and family ex-Main street by February 1, as planned. The plumbers have finished
> their work this week and were succeeded by the painters and other
> workmen, who will probably finish
> law, Henry Wright, a former resident, their work this week, also. They are the more anxious to get settled as Mrs. Willoughby, whose furnished rooms over the store they have been renting, is now wanting them back as she expects her son, and possibly Ray Willoughby back home soon.

Although somewhat late, his many absence.

friends here wish him and his young Miss Ethel Wells recently made a wile a long and happy life typiches;

Wile a long and happy life typiches;

Royal Thompson, recently returned life; Carrier Winn, comming from her from France, is somewhat expected work at the Perkins Institute, Boston, in town to see his relatives, this week. for two days only. Miss Winn is re He is not yet discharged from the covering from her indisposition of government hospital on Parker hill, few weeks ago, and was able to at-

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excitement—"For there are great money savings here," such as

The white elephant sale last week, under the auspices of the D. A. R. tra time on the garments furnished are now being cared for by the Ameritan or other friends here, although them by the Red Cross local branch, fully carried out that the committee are even now planning a second sale meeting was held on Wednesday at the are one of Mrs. Bailey were rescued and are now being cared for by the Ameritan or other friends here, although the work of distribution it is now hoped that if Mrs. Bailey's soldier boys shows remarkat injuries are not such as to make it injuries

qualify for, and so far as we have heard Mr. Boynton is the only Pep-prell boy who has attempted to win the rank. He expects to go from here in a few days to a new position.

Walter Bosworth came from Ben-lington, N. H., Tuesday, where he has been acting as nurse for a party and visited his mother, Mrs. Maude Chick, of Franklin street over night, before returnign to report for duty at the nospital, Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Louise Dunton and Mrs. Mar tha Thompson, who have been staying with their sisters, Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Ham, at Lynn, are expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook went to New Jersey this week to see their nephew, Lieut Houghton, who is to be one of the fivers who are to make the test for the government of taking an aeroplane into the clouds for three

William Chapman has finished cutting ice on the Burkinshaw pond and a small quantity of ice from the pond on the Elijah Reed place. He com-menced on the Blake pond, in Nissitissitt river, this week. The ice there reported about eight inches thick.

The all-day meeting of the Alliance as well as ever, and without even a Mrs. 2. Thursday, February 6. Business meeting his wife at Milford, N. H., when o'clock, Mrs. Walker, hostess. There was heard from. He has also been will be a short program of readings the work for the day will consist of sewing on refugee garments.

Arthur W. Lawson of Hartford, Ct. pect to move into the Pike house on manager of the Tel. and Tel. Company, came to Boston last week on business and spent the week-end and Sunday at his old home in town. He reports his family, also that of his father-inall in good health.

Red Cross Notes.

Special meetings and extra workers Special meetings and extra workers week there was a joint meeting of the have made encouraging progress on the last consignment of garments which were sent here for the Red Cross society to make for the refugees.

Community church. Mrs. George H. Garments, are also being made at the Shattuck, president of the Ladies darments are also being made at the homes of many who cannot attend the meetings. Now that the raw materials are available in any quantity the work is being rushed in response to the application of the meeting being rushed in response to the application of the two so-

The ladies of the Mt. Lebanon Com-

fully carried out that the committee are even now planning a second sale of the same character, after house, wives shall have completed their annual spring clearing of their houses. The sum of \$33 was realized from the sale.

Wintred S. Boynton has been spending a short time at his home on Park street, having recently received his commission as lieutenant in the Ordnance Department at the Officers Training School at the Rariton Arsenal, New Jersey. This is one of the smallest and hardest departments to qualify for, and so far as we have these workers have rather smaller at-tendance, now that so, many of the summer people have returned to their winter homes, yet the interest is sus-tained and all respond nobly to the work set before them, whether the coarser garments for men and boys or

Men's Club Meeting.

the dainty layettes for infants.

At the meeting of the Men's club on Monday evening in Saunders' hall there was a good attendance. The business of the evening included the admission of the following new members: Wendell Lovejoy, L. T. Wilson Chester A. Parker, Charles F. Spauld-ing, Thomas E. Benner, Fred W. Tune, Frank T. Wright and William Paradise. The program committee reported progress on their plans for the entertainment which is to take place on February 24, and the following committees were appointed on arrangements for that evening: E. S. Durant, Fred Bennett, Leon Richardson, transportation; George DuPaw, John T. Sullivan, William Paradise and F. H. Parker, advertising; E. L. Tarbell, Addison Woodward, Chester

A. Mills, hall arrangements. The speaker, according to program. was to have been F. W. Wright, of Boston, deputy commissioner of edu-cation. He had engagements for the evening eisewhere and Rev. William H. Morrison, D. D., pastor of the First Universalist church of Nashua, N. H., was secured as the speaker of the evening. He chose as a topic, The wonderful age in which we live. and proved a most entertaining and practical speaker, giving many lessons in the course of his talk that the great war has taught the whole world. His standpoint was broad and intel ectual and enjoyed by his audience.

Community Church Workers.

On Thursday afternoon of last week there was a joint meeting of the Two fine new "Welcome home" banners have been received by the Red
Cross and placed in Railroad square
and across the street in-froit of the
Red Cross rooms at the home of E. S.
Durant.

by-laws for the new society.

Preceding to elect officers, the following were chosen: Mrs. George H. Shattuck, pres.; Mrs. M. G. Greene Mrs. E. S. Durant, vice pres.; Mrs. Addison Woodward, sec.: Mrs. L. R. Qua treas.; Mrs. James Dunn, col.; Mrs J. O. Bennett and Miss Ellen Miller

The meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the ladies' rooms of the Community church.

Special Aid Notes.

The Special Aid society held a busy neeting on Monday at their rooms There was a large attendance and much work was accomplished. In response to a request from the headquarfers of the American Red Cross in Lowell the society accepted a consign ment of work to be done in conjunc tion with the special aid work. Most of our local boys having returned from the camps, and being already well sup-plied, the work for them has lessened. Thus the society has been working on garments for the refugees.

On Monday the society made thirty flannel shirts for the refugee men and So much appreciation wa shown by the Lowell society that a larger consignment is to be sent this week, together with knitted work to be done, and all members and interested workers are invited to come to the rooms and assist. Work is also expected from the Special Aid headquarters in Boston, as there are avia-tor kits unfinished.

The Special Aid society is an auxil lary of the Red Cross and only recent has the Lowell division been advised hat they stood ready to do their bi in Red Cross work. The work will be furnished directly from the headquar-ters in Lowell to the chairman of the Special Aid here in town, and will be independent of the work of the local chapter of the Red Cross, although many members of the Special Aid are also members of the Red Cross here or elsewhere. A brief business meeting was held

in which the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The treasurer reported the "tag day" receipts as \$150. This amount will be used for the welcome banquet for the returning soldiers, which is to be given soon.

The society voted to affiliate in any way possible with C. B. Hamilton, who has been recently appointed chairman of the local committee for home service by the Lowell branch of the Cross The society is to meet each Monday afternoon at their rooms.

The rumor concerning Mr. and Mrs. Balley as survivors from the French

Steamship Chaoula, has now been con-

firmed. On Monday, A.A. Lawrence,

its sinking, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Bailby, of East Popperell, Mass. Both

acting chief of police, received a com-

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injuries are not such as to make it ciency. Fifty-five carloads of the litimpossible, they will receive a message the pasteboard boxes were sent to the direct, very soon, as she will realize front from Brest alone. Twenty-sevtheir anxiety.

News from Abroad,

tives in Fitchburg, and also Mrs. Edith Fisher, in Maine, with whom the clot Mr. Bailey has been staying.

Mrs. Darling has also received a postal direct from Mrs. Bailey, but the date is December 30, and it was mailed from Bordeaux, France, December 31. The writer speaks of their pleasant trip across the Atlantic and that a wireless had been sent to Clifford at the next port and they were hoping he would meet them. No further mes-

ated, the work of distribution to the soldier boys shows remarkable effien carloads were sped out of St. Na-zaire, and twelve more from Bordeaux. One of the "Christmas pack-Mrs. J. Edward Clement recently age boats" arrived a bit late, but was received a copy of the Stars and unloaded in record time. At the de-Stripes, the official newspaper of the barkation camp at St. Nazaire 15,000 A. E. F., published in France, from Yanks were waiting for home-bound

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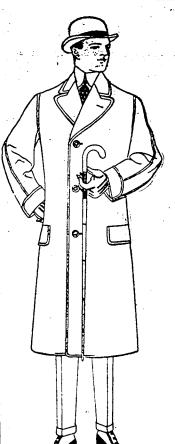


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munication from the Department of Foreign Service, Washington, D. C. Men's saying that they had received a cable-gram from the American ambassador Boys' in Rome, Italy, stating that the French Steamship Chaoula was sunk by col-lision with a mine near Messina on January 17, and there were two Ameri-cans on board the vessel at the time of

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Saturday, February 1, 1919.

WESTFORD

The home guard drill on Tuesday evening at the town hall was quite well attended. After an hour's work light lunch was served by A. Hartford, mess sergeant. Capt. Robinson then introduced Major Jeyes, of Lowell, who told his experiences in the national guard on the water front in Boston, guarding the piers, catching the ill-disposed, and loading transports. Next. Lieut. Barton, of North Chelmsford, was introduced, and told his experiences on the fighting line of his experiences on the lighting and had released Until we can get a lower cost of living from the army. Both men's ing for operatives in our various instories were exceedingly interesting. The home guard dance, February 19, is being looked forward to with interest. Poole's orchestra, eight pieces, of Boston, will furnish the music. Concert from eight to nine; dancing from nine to one. A. W. Hartford, Robert Prescott, William E. Wright, Fred Naylor of Forge Village and Albert Delayhe of North Chelmsford are the

committee in charge. Miss Ethel Webster, of Lowell, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Josie A. Prescott, and both were among the workers at Wednesday's Red Cross meeting.

Miss Webster has a brother, Corp. Herbert C. Webster, a member of the military police of the 26th Division, who has been chosen one of four as a body guard of President Wilson in

Mrs. Minnie Panton, of Lowell, is guest of Mrs. George F. White. Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Dustin, is also

Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, presi dent of the Tadmuck club, was in attendance on Thursday at the presiconference at the Hotel Vendome, followed by a luncheon.

A recent engagement announced is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. George E. their daughter Orrie to Archie A Hartford, of Westford.

Alfred W. Tuttle gains somewhat back to work on the branch line elec

Recent surgical cases of Westford for planting. people at the Lowell General hospital period of six years and the average are all doing nicely. Mrs. Houghton for the six years per acre was home Osgood is now gaining each day. Miss Elizabeth Wells was reported Wednesday as sitting up for the first than 101 hushels more per acre in time. Mrs. John O'Connell, who re- favor of Maine stock. There is much time. Mrs. John O'Connell, who re-cently returned home, is making a good convalescence at her home at Nashoba farm, as is also Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford at her home.

Considerable sickness is reported

The second and ay feed Cross meeting at Library hall on Wednesday proved successful in attendance and work accomplished notwithstanding what started in to be a stormy day. There were between twenty-five and thirty present and the relief garments worked on were boys' clothes, women's warm jackets and men's shirts. Mrs. John Feeney was in charge of the luncheon at noon, assisted by the president, Mrs. Hildreth, and was a success in satisfactory edibles for time

and work involved. The many Westford friends of Mrs. William L. Woods have been glad of more encouraging reports from her home in Somerville, where she is so seriousily ill with pneumonia following influenza.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey's of the old-time scholars in the old morning subject will be "The city with Stony Brook school in the jolly days twelve gates," and in the evening of the little red schoolhouse. She was "The drift toward religion." Sanday an apt scholar and a most companion school with men's class at near at able schoolmate, brimming with laugh which current events will occupy the ter and sociability, enlivened by a with thris half hour. The chorus choir in the conternation. This she exempt charge of Mrs. Colburn in the morn- to the last. She is survived by ing and the evening service in charge husband, Charles D. Evarts: two sis ing and the evening service in charge husband, Charles D. Evarus, two sets of Mrs. C. H. Whight. These chorus toes, Mrs. Maria Despardins, of West choirs were most successful last Sunday. There were fourteen singers at the morning service and at the evening the morning service and at the evening the service and service and service and several nephones. ing service the choir was supplement micres, with a duet by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Merce Eatnest sermons both morning the nearest to ideal apple ordnards at Merce Eathest services but a manufacture of the searest to be appearance and evening. At the latter Dr. Henry methods of handling the fruit le L. McClisky president of the state United States or the world is at $\mathbf{C}_{+}^{-}\mathbf{E}_{-}^{-}$ ungoin, specke earnestly on $\mathbf{C}_{-}^{-}\mathbf{E}_{+}^{-}$

About Town.

Rev. William Anderson has sold about there acres of the incidow land given here for the Sunday self-, con the Miller farm to George O these-dren of St. Andrew's mission has be-

son, of Forge Village Miss Althon Symmes is ill

appendicitis.

Lest we forget—it is important that there should be a large attendance at the meeting in the town hall in Priday evening. February 7, is the interest of "Better methods of storing apples." If there is interest enough shown to make it worth while other theen ill mich. shown to make it worth while other been ill with pneumonia, is meetings will be held here; if not, the to sit up each day for a shore

Graham R. Whidden is cutting off his lumber lot near Westford station and opposite the saw mill of Hugo T. This lot also borders on Grassy pond, when there is water for it to border on.

order on.

the Misses Gladys and Gertrude Bak-sell has been very busy cutting and If the idea had been to make a shinEben Tallant, who formerly lived in er, were the guests Tuesday evening of harvesting ice for different parties the ing success of government control it

town, is seriously ill with pneumonia it his home in Pelham, N. H.

Butter in England is \$2 a pound and eggs \$2.25 a dozen, and milk so scarce that it is not quoted. With these prices, what have we been quealing about for these four years.

Intensive fruit surveys have been made, in a few specialized fruit sections of the United States. Seven or eight such surveys have been seen to date. The county horticultural agent, after discussing the matter with prac-tical fruit-growers in Littleton, with the pomology department of the Massichusetts Agricultural college, and with the trustees of the farm bureau, as decided to make such a survey in The survey will include a Entered as second-class matter at the estoffice at Ayer, Mass,

necessary for us to produce more if New England is to continue to prosper. Until we can get a lower cost of the lower co dustries New England is going to suffer severely. It will mean if we look forward far enough, the abandonment of many of the industries. It is not a question of how much money a man earns, but a question of the buying power of that money."

Oscar R. Spalding is making lumber of the town farm lot with portable saw mill. Wallace Johnson is doing the skidding, hauling of logs and lum-

At the republican caucus, Monda evening, the following were unani-mously called to service: Herbert V. Hildreth, chairman; Alfred W. Hartford, sec.: Charles L. Hildreth, town clerk; Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, selectman: James W. Rafter, assessor Samuel H. Balch, overseer of poor; Leonard W. Wheeler, collector; Harwood L. Wright, treasurer; Fred A. Smith, auditor; Frank L. Furbush, John P. Wright, school committee; Charles Q. Prescott, library trustee David L. Greig, cemetery commissioner; Harry L. Nesmith, tree warden: Herbert E. Fletcher, moderator. These are the persons to be marked up for approval at the annual town meeting on Monday, February 10.

The claim is made that the potato crop in Middlesex county was disappointing last year and the claim is advanced that it was due largely to home grown seed. The Rhode Island experiment station has been making a com-parative test of home grown potatoes and selected State of Maine potatoes The last extended over a for the six years per acre was home grown seed 185 bushels; State of Maine seed 286 bushels, an acreage of more in this experiment and much that isn't in it. The less adapted the soil by nature to raising potatoes the oftener should the seed be changed. Market garden land in Middlesex county is

tangle of our valley living, and the great red dawn is shining" and "When "Maples" are too holy a part of the aesthetic to be swapped for cordwood.

The next meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Granne will be held in Odd Fellows' hell, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, February 7. The new old lecturer, Mrs. Warren A Sherburne, of lecturer, Mrs. Warren A Sherburne, of Trygshoro will have something to loved by the large number present

died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Desjardins, Lowell, Monday. She was born in Westford, her home being on Piccon hill, on the Stony ing.
Brook road, being one of five children of Thomas and Bridget (O'Brien) Horan. The family were industrious and prosperous on the well tilled farm and News Items, built the new house now occupied by members of the family. She was one Miss E. W. This she exemplified

Prof. Sears, of Amberst, S | Marshall farm in Fitchburg

Forge Village

The entertainment that was to postponed for the second time

Lieut, George Powell, who be plial in Boston from at ope to for returned from the war zone white was on a mine layer of the U S N

meetings will be held elsewhere. This She was the recipient of many town is the center of large orchards and plenty of interest should be shown. pupils, where she is in the fre-

> Miss Ethel Ripley, a senior of " ford academy, is confined at heillness.

William Baker and two daughters.

orporal Frank Curtis and Private Charles Morris at Camp Devens at an ntertainment given by Co. L at Liberty theatre. Corp. Curtis received his discharge Wednesday and Pvt. Morris Corp. Curtis received his expects to be released the last of the week. They will both return to their homes in Worcester and return to their former positions. During their stay at Camp Devens they were enstanced by the stay at Camp Devens they were enstanced by the stay at Camp Devens they were enstanced by the last of the week. They were in the last of the last of the week. There was also a good representation of our townsmen at the farmers' institute in Ayer this week Wednesday.

H. S. Barker went to Hollis, N. H., stay at Camp Devens they were ensured by the weak of the last of the last of the last of the week. There was also a good representation of our townsmen at the farmers' institute in Ayer this week. Hollis, N. H., stay at Camp Devens they were ensured by the last of the last of the week. There was also a good representation of our townsmen at the farmers' institute in Ayer this week. Wednesday. tertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Haw thorn street, Lowell, and the Misses Betty and Sadie Ross of Ayer were the guests Sunday of the Misses Edith and Sarah Precious.

The many friends of Lieut, Albert study of varieties, soils, pruning meth- that he expects to be home shortly ods, cultural methods and fertilizing from France. In a recent letter re-und spraying practises. Prof. Sears of the college will assist the horticultural Mrs. William Burnett, he states that. agent. Nothing of the sort has been after the last drive only five officers attempted before in New England, and were left in his division and they were it is expected to prove a benefit to the surrounding towns.

ed in the back with a piece of shell ed in the back with a piece of shell At the last farmers' institute, Dracut, last week, the speaker of the
morning, R. W. Merrick, of Quincy,
said many bright things. But in the
following he portrayed the true and
vital situation in New England that it
needs to be quoted with a special emphasis of seriousness: "New England
the previous progress are the France. He is a native of this town,

> The Ladies' Sewing circle are planning a Washington ple supper on Washington's birthday for the benefit of the Mission house.

past week.

Lieut, W. H. Sherman, M. D., who ing some of the old-time hymn tunes recently received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Medical Corps, has been a recent visitor here.

attended on Wednesday afternoon and uch work was accomplished. The younger element have been en joying some excellent skating here the

A letter has recently been received by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Healy from their son John, now with the A. E. F. "Jackie" is now in Paris, having the doesn't figure on being home before iext fall.

boy over there, has recently been heard from and he states that he is well, but don't know when he'll be of Miss Marion Haskell.

Frank H. Sullivan, another Westford boy, has recently written to friends here. He is now doing mili-tary police duty in the town of Ark En Barrois, about thirty kilometers from Chanmount, where President Wilson and General Pershing reviewed the big military parade on last Christmas day. Frank is well and says that there has been rain there for about forty days with very little snow He is in hopes of getting home in time for the baseball season.

Notices have recently been posted in the Abbot Worsted mills here that beginning this week the mill will run on a schedule of four days per week. The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening with a large number in attendance.

Officers Installed.

Considerable sickness is reported among the children in town. The two younger children of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Loveless are sick with influenza.

Town meeting is Monday, February 10

The Westford Water Co. held its annual meeting Saurday of last week and elected John C. Abbot, press. Charles O. Prescott, vice pres. and elected John C. Abbot, press. Charles O. Prescott, vice pres. and treas. Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, manager; Aborze H. Sutherland, supp. The French relief work goes on with good interest, hedding its meeting from the work with most interest, hedding its meeting manager; Aborze H. Sutherland supp. Charles with the meeting of the Tadmuck club at Libbrary hall Mrs. Enth Stevens Reed, will lecture on Tester drawn shallow and the meeting of the Tadmuck club at Libbrary hall Mrs. Enth Stevens Reed, will lecture on Tester drawn shallow and learn how it can be done.

The season all-day fleed Crass meeting of Middlesex. The proton and in Middlesex county is golden. The next meeting of the Manager of the Standard of the Westpect these purchases are for the department of the treatment of the department of the treatment of the Westpect these purchases are for the department of the treatment of the department of the treatment of the treatment of the department of the treatment of the department of the treatment of the department of the department of the department of the Westpect these purchases are for the department of the dep

ect. Friday, reordary of the new old the whole data proved a keet of classification. Warren A Sherburne, of classification classification will have something to joyed by the large number present, keep you busy.

The year just closed finds Westford Mrs. Catherine (Horan) Evarts court in a sound financial condition. (Several applications for membership have been received and the prospects for the present year look very promis

LITTLETON

The United Workers will meet with Miss E. W. Thacher on next Wednes-day afternoon, when Mrs. Dexter, of tary's report was read and approved chburg, will address the ladies.

At the business meeting of the Philthe business meeting of the Find-tea class last week Friday, the of-ers were re-elected: Mrs. H. F. Miss Marion W. Flagg. Mrs. J. W. Dodds, sec., and Mrs. who Crane, treas. Many business serveted to hold a rummage sale

Henrietta Ewings spent two sweek with friends in Lexing-

Cing's Daughters will hold collar meeting with Mrs. wn next Tuesday afternoon. who have not already paid seements are urged to do so The executive committee bills visiting and sunshine con-

E Ford has been called hough the sickness of his

".. George Newcombe returned to one at the Center on Tuesday. Newcombe's brother came with

t helped open the home. Kimball is in New Jersey this siting his sister Gladys, at town and country.

batrick McPadden, released from accoment service, came home this and took his former position at holes E Fay's, at the Wilderness. George H. Kimball, who has been ading for a few weeks, is gradually re-

Messrs. Alics and Wood, summer power mer who were very naturally residents at Fort pond, have filled strongly in favor of private ownership their icehouses this week. Two Russ and control.

last few weeks, most of his work hav ing been done on Lake Nagog.

A half-dozen Littleton farmers were present at the agricultural meeting held in Waltham last week Friday.

recently and sold William Proctor's cattle, as Mr. Proctor's broken hip units him for the care of his herd, and hired help is unobtainable.

Langdon Prouty, who has been quite sick and in care of a trained nurse. reported decidedly in the gain, with he prospect of a speedy recovery.

Walter Kimball is the owner of a new Dodge car. Miss Ruth Morris, of Chicago, was the Sunday guest of the Misses San-

derson. Foster Kimball, of the aviation orces, has been honorably discharged from government service.

Michael Rivetti has bought the house and land of F. C. Hartwell, loated on Taylor street. Mrs. William Dodds has received a

very cheery letter from her brother. Carroll Wright; in France, who looks forward to an early return from over-seas duty. He was raised on his twenty-fourth birthday to the position of master engineer, senior grade, the highest attainable of the non-commissioned officers.

"Stories of old New England meet ing-houses" will be the subject of the paper given at the meeting of the Alpaper given at the needing afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, and the paper will be given by Miss Alice M. Howard. Music, showare invited.

The board of registrars meet this evening in the selectmen's room to add names to the voting list to be used The Red Cross meeting was largely at the coming town meeting.

The meetings of the Baptist church on Thursday evenings have grown in interest and attendance. The meeting this week was held at the parsonage; subject, "The inside of the cup." Next week the meeting will be held at the home of George A. Kimball subject, "Victory and victors."

The school committee is fortunate in securing the services of Francis J. Foster, of Danbury, Conn., to fill the

in securing the services of Francis J.
Foster, of Danbury, Conn., to fill the
notation of Miss Marion Haskell.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of
Christian Endeavor. The topic of the
evening will be "The best things in
Christian Endeavor," followed by a
Christian Endeavor," followed by a
Christian Endeavor, "followed by a
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Mrs. Lillian M. Priest opened her home to the Woman's club on Monday as Mrs. Brown was unable to receive the club because of illness. dent, Mrs. Hartwell, was in the chair and brought up several matters of business. Miss Fannie A. Sanderson was chosen delegate to the civic con-ference in Saugus, January 28. A sum of money was voted the committee for

the work on child labor.

Announcement was made that the money for the support of a French orphan has been collected and fortary's report was read and approved and other business was brought before

the GBB.

Miss Marion W. Flagg read "The club," a poem, by Sam Walter Foss.

Mrs. Lillian Priest gave a faithful and interesting review of Mary Waller's a processing day. "Out of the silences." a present-day ance, whose hero joins the Canadian forces and enters service over-Mrs. Priest reproduced the plot. trayal of character, descriptions and marrate as of special value. The s of special value. The speaker. osest attention, and the president, in that's of the club, thanked Mrs. Priest

able and interesting presenta-A. Sanderson reported the M. . . eading interest to come before . sature during the present ses

> meeting, a musicale, will the home of Mrs, Ethel street. The artists will be Gilman Edwards, of and Mrs. Reed, of New-

In Explanation,

A estford correspondent in in article anent the railroad to be laboring under fact. We did not conwrong tree in question an argugainst government own eads. It was simply our attention to the fact that ership of a acting for a few weeks, is gradually re-garden normal health, although his back is still weak.

The government in assuming control— not ownership was forced by stress of circumstances to place in places of who were very naturally

was very unfortunate that men favor able to the idea could not have been found to take charge. We all know and the managers of the roads themselves admitted, they were at the end of their resources and the governmen took hold of the matter because that was the only thing to do. The government did what England did the first week of the war, and for the same reason. It was from grim necessity.

With terminals blocked with freight equipment inadequate to handle raffic, and things generally so badly balled up it was next to impossible to get anything over the roads—every thing was in the worst possible shape for the government to make a show it any wonder, under these

conditions, that it took some time to bring order out of chaos, and that the railroads or the government lost money in doing it. No doubt the disontinuance of trains and many changes that inconvenienced the public more or less were necessary in order that war-time work be done as promptly as possible.

Where the fine work was got in for

disgruntling the public were the little, petty rules that amounted to nothing one way or the other so far as hand-ling the traffic was concerned, but were just little, irritating inconvenhis lences that hit everybody in a greater or less degree. The big things the public could stand; they could see the reason for these changes. The petty rules were without any apparent reason and therefore the more irritating. We still think the thing has not had a fair trial, but are willing to let congress thresh out the matter and we have no desire to argue the question while congress is on the job. V.T.E.

New Advertisement

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate not already administered of MARY E. FOSTER late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, deceased intestate, and has taken upon himself 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 calld upon to make payment to

HERBERT A. BUCK, Adm. d. b. n. 50 Simpson Avenue, West Somerville, Mass.

January 25th, 1919. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

Court.

Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire

First Judge of said Court, this twentyfourth day of January in the year on
thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

5122 F. M. ESTY. Register.

No. 7071 Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND COURT

To MICHAEL BRADLEY and EM-IA COLLIER, of Groton, in the Courof Middlesex and said Common-ealth; PARKINSON ODDY of Little n. in said County of Middlesex; any JAMES B. EATON, now or formerof Nashua, in the State of New impshire, deceased; and to all whom hay concern:

Whereas, a petition has been preented to said Court by MARY MES-ENGER, of Boston, in the County of ffelk and said Commonwealth, and HANGARET DUFFY of Detroit, in le State of Michigan, to register and nfirm their title in the following deubed land:

A certain parcel of land with the ildings thereon, situate partly in said oton and partly in said Littleton. our ded and described as follows: Northwesterly running on the line of

h on land of Michael Bradley; easterly on land of Emma Coleasterly on land of Parkinson coutherly on land of Parkinson and southwesterly on the Cound: containing about eight acres more or less.

drove described land is shown plan filed with said petition and oundary lines are claimed to be 3600

You are hereby cited to appear at and Court to be held in Boston the County of Suffolk, on the sevenday of February A. D. 1919, at lock in the forenoon, to show a any you have, why the prayer d petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at time and place aforesald your deand will be recorded, and the said petitres will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree en-

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of January in the year ineteen hundred and nineteen. Attest with Scal of said Court.

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Sample bottle. WAKEFIELD EXTRACT
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court,
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN GALACH
who died in Ayer in said County of
Middlesex, intestate, being a resident
of Shirley in said County and leaving
estate in said County of Middlesex to
be administered, and not leaving
estate in said County of Middlesex to
be administered, and not leaving
estate in said County of Middlesex to
be administered, and not leaving
estate in said Commonwealth and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth and to the Treasurer and Rerefered to said Court to grant a letter
of undministrator in and for said County of Middlesex.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge
in said County of Middlesex, on
third day of February A. D. 1919, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.
And the said public administrator is
hereby directed to give public notice
thereof, by publishing this citation ones
in each week, for three successive
weeks, in Turqer's Public Spirit, a
memspaper published in Ayer, the last
publication to be one day at least before said Court; and is further directed
to deliver to the Treasurer and Receivgrey of said citation fourteen days at
least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. Mointire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this tenth
day of January in the year one tousand nine hundred and nineteen.

'12120 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of JOHN NEYLAND, otherwise called JOHN NALON and JOHN NEELAN, late of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, deceased, intestate, 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

HARVARD

News Items

The Grange will entertain at their next meeting with a mock town meeting on Tuesday evening, February 4. meeting such articles as they wish discussed, sensible or otherwise, local penditure of effort. hits or anything that may properly come before this meeting. Frank P. Abbott, Dr. Austin Peters and Arthur hances the force of the fine imagina-West are the committee in charge. ready for distribution.

teacher and principal of the Rindge Technical school, will speak on "The great you translets the special deplace of manual training in educathis meeting.

will be bound over to await trial be-

The Ladies' Benevolent society held whole blend of sympathies is fresh, their annual business meeting on Tues- This is an illustration of what I said supper is to be held in March.

The influenza still continues to find Leidy, Catherine Murphy, Miss Ayers and Miss Urquhart. All are convaiced cent. Mrs. Cleaves is substituting for Miss Ayers in the fifth and sixth grades and Miss Urquhart's room, the gram- of the gram- and the aroma of the book, mar school, has been closed.

Miss Nadine Walker is working in as filing clerk in a large insurance office.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb, of Boston, spent Monday at their farm home on Oak hill.

The Bromfield school sleighing party ficient snow shall arrive to make this

At the meeting of the Woman's club dividual, on Monday, Mrs. Charles K. Bolton read a paper on "New England homes of 100 years ago," the material for which was taken from diaries kept by which was taken from data with the succeeding generations of one family in a nearby town, covering a period of 106 years, 1772-1878. The Flora Shepherd, Bessie Dadman, and were both included, as well as the so- of officers at Prosperity lodge, Leomcial and religious life of the commu-nity. Miss Josephine N. Baker sang "Honey mine" and "Roses in Picardy," accompanied by Mrs. Herbert A. Thay-

At the motion picture show this Sat urday evening Tom Mix will be seen in "Western blood." He is the greatest cowboy actor in the whole world come and see a crowd of cowboys in full dress suits. Tom Mix was born in Texas: also a Mutt and Jeff cartoon.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting will be held in the upper town hall on Monday, February 3, at ten o'clock. The polls for the election of town officers weeks at Winchendon Springs. will be open at 6.45 in the morning and will remain open until 2.30 in the ed from military service and is now afternoon. Every voter should interafternoon. Every voter should interest himself to come out and vote.

Among the articles in the town war rant that are of more than usual importance are to see if the town will raise money for town scales; to see if the town will raise \$1000 for the Ayer road; to see if the town will lease the town farm to Herbert C. Watson, the present warden, who has made such a past year; to see if the town will put in a piece of state road beginning at past to govern the newly-organized by the Aver-live conditions at the aver-live conditions are present at its next meeting a simple and broad code of bythe Aver line on the Aver road; to seeif the town will fix a price for the rent of the town hall to Harvard Grange; to see if the town will raise money for new fire apparatus.

As is customary at the annual town meeting, the ladies of the Benevolent society will furnish a dinner in the lower town hall at twelve o'clock.

A Complimentary Letter.

The following letter has been writ ten to Miss Clara Endicott Sears by Basil King, the novelist, concerning her book "The bell ringer," which is meeting with a tremendous sale and receiving the plaudits of newspapers all over the country:

Now let me tell you with what great pleasure I have read "The bell-ringer." As you know, perhaps, I have to be a very slow reader, managing no more songs, violin solos, plano selections. than a few pages a day; but for that bell ringing and other musical specialreason I think I get the real flavor of ties; also, several numbers by Kate ed with the music. a book more thoroughly than those Ryan, an old-time performer at the who are able to trip through the chapters easily. With me each line, each cake and treated their hosts. word, gets time to sink in—and in the case of "The bell-ringer" I have allowed a few days to go by since finishing it in order to analyze its power.

Power is the word I select. I might have said charm, or I might have said spiritual beauty-but when all is said and done power is the impression that remains with me. It is very distinctly a strong book. You take hold of the a strong book. You take hold of the ing for New York city on a business subject with vigor. That is one of the trip and will return home Saturday. rarest qualities among our writers, as it is among our actors, painters, and preachers. It is one of the two essentials to authority, the other being technique. And what a delight au-thority is! How one lies back to enjoy one's self the minute one opens a book in which the first paragraph shows that the writer has a firm grasp on his material—or some one at his home on Monday evening, steps on the stage who shows by the Games were played and refreshments very manner of his entry that he is very manner of his entry that he is were served. Those present were Eraccustomed to being there. It is by nest Cole, Elmer Cole, Warren Burchrigor, and by vigor chiefly, that the stead, Harold Walton, Harlan Rich-European writer gets ahead of us. We ardson, Merrill James, Leonard Jubb, can easily rival him in technique, but Howard Lynch and Wallaco Hanson. that is only one of the elements in authority. As to the other we are timid—we are not sufficiently sure of durselves—our men and women take in their name as if they were not real. up their pens as if they were not really permeated with what they have to say. They lack sweep and dash-and

And by these words I do not mean of course not!—a mere energetic home of treatment of one's theme. I mean Glonet. sureness—the kind of sureness one. The S sees in a bird's flight the minute it fancy dress valentine party in Odd-swims off the branch. Your story Fellows' hall, Friday evening, Februswims off in the same way—and it ary 14.

doesn't faiter. It starts out to do a certain thing and it does it from the first sentence to the last—leaving the thing done: You have a sense—I thing done. mean the reader has not only of given by members of the strength and rapidity of wing, but of Everybody is invited to bring in at this the unwavering instinct that gets from point to point with the least ex-

tive quality. From the imaginative Programs for the year will also be point of view the book is big. The ready for distribution. The Unitarian Men's club will hold its regular meeting on Sunday evening at eight o'clock. John W. Wood, a soher neetry and principal of the character's have gehuine vitality, while the whole atmosphere is that of a soher neetry that the character is that of a sober poetry that takes the reader The public is invited to attend its visions and humors, so that your Rev. William C. Adams, of Cambridge, will preach at the Unitarian otherwise wholesome life. The carry-church on Sunday. Sunday school at ing of Hannah Turner over to her half-sister's house is an episode that reader feels almost as strongly as

ball, charged with assault on Thomas better. The book makes me think of Colbert, was arrested in Randolph, Vt., Hardy—with a difference; and of last week Thursday by Constable Wil-Hawthorne—with a difference. You liam Hanna, of this town, and taken have the same art of translating the to the Clinton court, where his charge narrow and rural into the correlative was changed to murder, following the terms of the human and the big that was changed to murder, tollowing the terms of the human and the big that death of Mr. Colbert at the Clinton the place. You have it with a note nospital. He was placed in Fitchburg jail without ball and will be given a me to the next thing I have to say, hearing on February 8, and if the evidence warrants, such a course he again—it is a new tale. It is new, not merely because the basic idea is unusual, but because the

a public entertainment, with Chas N. trouble with most of our writers is Pollard. Miss Amsden and Mr. West that they are afraid of being themas a committee. The annual parish selves, and either considerable to the considerable of 1918 were re-elected to serve for the in the writer himself, and that that home in his auto on the state road in of her daughter. Mrs. Charlotte consciously try to be some one else You are not afraid—and you get your new fields of work. New cases are results. I take it that is what you Winslow West, Sally Westcott, Ellen meant when you said the other day meant when you said the other day that you had to write in your own way, and just as you felt. Of course! It is what the born writer can't help book has been finished and gives the real and permanent pleasure, comes from the contact of the reader's mind with the writer's. This quality is not to be captured and printed in a page it is in something more subtlenaturally enough the more there is in the writer's mind the more stimulus has been postponed, but only until suf- the reader gets from the contact. That stimulus can't help being new because

SHIRLEY

he writer himself is like no other in

News Items. Mrs. M. J. Brockelman, Mrs. Louise Baker, Mrs. Louise Adams, Misses and indoor life of the farm Beulah Brill attended the installation inster, Tuesday evening.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will entertain the Alpha Past Noble Grands' association on February 21.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregaional church met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Knowles. After the business of the afternoon was disposed of the ladies were busy with sewing until the closhour of five o'clock, when the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. F. S. Goodheart at he parsonage.

Mrs. Janette R. Beach has returned

Edward Warren has been discharg-He was formerly clerk at the store of H. O. Peasley.,

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church met Tuesday evening at brief the possibilities of the Brotherhood when reorganized. It was voted that the executive committee draw and present at its next meet- Pleasantly Surprised. a brief address on the problems confronting the peace conference. At the meeting will be held at the home of

February 11. The Shirley ladies who have been burg, Leominster, Lowell and Pep-perell, were entertained last Saturday evening by the Y. M. C. A. and the 73d Infantry at Hut 30 at camp. Each lady was privileged to bring an escort and there were about 100 in the party. The entertainment features included

Rodney H. Brown, of Greenfield spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown. Fred W. Sawyer started to work again on Tuesday morning in the weaving department of the President

Suspender Co. Elmer H. Allen left Tuesday even-The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-

tional church will serve a supper in fluenzithe church yestry next Wednesday ed to to evening. Supper will be served as seven o'clock, followed by an enter-tainment at eight o'clock. There will also be a sale of aprons. Sergt. Coddington entertained the

members of his Sunday school class

Town meeting comes on Monday in Odd Fellows' hall at the village. There are twenty-six articles in the warrant Town business will be taken up at one o'clock.

Jerry Mushrael is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael

The Shirley Service club will hold a

tional church' collected the si thirteen dollars for the relief Armenians and the sum of s ing a total of \$18.50.

Sergt. Coddington entertamembers of his Sunday services at his home on Muday evening G were played and refreshments served. The Societé l'Assomption distalled

its officers at four o'clock has Sanday afternoon. The installing officers were Elphege Leger, grand secretary, and suite, of Fitchburg. At the close of the installation ceremony brief addresses were made by the installing officer and Rev. Charles Cordier. The following is a list of the officers in-stalled: Rev. Charles Cord.er. chap. Michael Glonet, chan.; Frederick Mc Grath, pres.; Oslas Chaisson, v. p.; Sylvain Thomas, cor. sec.; John J. Chaisson, fin. sec.; William Gionet treas.; Joseph P. Gionet, Charles Chaisson,, sergt, arms.; Joseph Gione Michael Gionet, Osias Chaisson, auditors.

Roumlas Carrchia was arrested by Chief Sawin last Saturday night on the charge of raising a disturbance in North Shirley. He was on parole from the Industrial School and officers from that institution went to the lockup and him to the school. Carrehia is only nineteen years of age, and a few years ago resided with his parents at North Shirley. He was expelled from the public schools of the town for threat ening to shoot the teacher. His next episode was holding up Emerson W Baker, of Fitchburg, with a revolver afternoon when the same officers on Tuesday—that true originality is while Mr. Baker was returning to his A few weeks ago he Wright.

Congregational church last Sunday morning Sergt, and Mrs. William Cod dington and their two daughters, the Misses Ruth and Genevieve, were admitted into membership of the church by letter. A solo was rendered by Miss Eva Case, of Boston, both morning and evening.

Officers Installed.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge installed officers for the ensuing year last week Friday evening. The installation ceremony was performed by the following suite from Ayer: Emma K. Dudley, d. d. p.; Mary J. Wheeler, w · Jennie E. Hazen, g. treas.:

L. Wyman, g. m.; Gertrude M. Harris g. herald; Sarah J. Cook, g. chap. Following the installation brief addresses were made by the deputy and her suite. Preceding the ceremony of installation the retiring noble grand, Bessie E. Dadmun, was presented with past noble grand's coliar, the gift of the lodge for services rendered in passing through the several chairs. presentation was made by the deputy, Emma K. Dudley.

Supper was served under the direct tion of the following committee: Jen-nie S. Knowles, Etta Holland, Rena Burrage and Agnes Holden. About forty were present and the evening as whole was most delightful from a social standpoint.

The following is a list of the officers installed: Louise Baker, n. g.; Beulah Brill, v. g.; Altie F. Howe, sec.; Mae Coddington, treas.: Etta A. Holland, v.; Bessie A. Buxton, chap.; Margaret J. Brockelman, r. s. n. g.; Ella F. Lawrence, I. s. n. g.; Agnes M. Holden, o. g.; May Walton, r. a. b.; Alice M. Burchstead, l. a. b. The inside guardian, Josie E. Dunn, was absent, and will be installed at some future meeting.

The following is a list of committees appointed by the noble grand to serve during the year 1919: Visiting committee - Monday, Mae Coddington; Tuesday, Beulah Brill; Wednesday, Bessie Buxton; Thursday, Rena Burage: Friday, Louise Baker; Saturday, Margaret Brockelman; Sunday, Etta Holland: finance committee, Bessie Buxton, Helen McCoy, John E. Adaamis: organist, Louise Adams; degree the parsonage. The pastor outlined mistress, Altie F. Howe. Visitors were present from Fitchburg, Leominster

Brotherhood. It was also voted to attend church in a body on Roosevek prompting the occasion being the fact day, Sunday morning. February 9, and that on that day Howard attained his listen to an address on the life of sixteenth birthday. Games were play- a heated argument between counsel Roosevelt. Mr. Goodheart then gave ed, music enjoyed and refreshments dated back some time. Mrs. Gale's close of business refreshments were and of a choice fountain pen, the gift served by Mrs. Goodheart. The next of the guests of the evening. Howard while the counsel for Mr. Proctor rewas also the recipient of other remin-Walter Knowles. Tuesday evening ders of his birthday anniversary and a trouble maker and had been for february 11. pleasant memories for Howard and mending garments for the soldiers at his guests. Those present were Doro-Camp Devens, with those from Fitch-thy Milliken, Oma Wolff, Leah Wheelr, Ruth Coddington, Alice Cole, Marion Jubb, Genevieve Coddington, Katheen Miner, Myrtle Cole, Ruth Hooper Dorls and Ethel Knowles, Charles Peneseau, Harry Brockelman, Herbert Burchstead, Albert Dearden, Everett Parnard, Earl Pomfret, Earl Weare, Clarence and George Hooper, Miss Ethel Peabody was present and assist-

The next meeting of the Grange ocas on Tuesday evening, February 4, 1 will be "Birthday night." The will consist of "Incidents from members, and pages of noted men in town and The birthday of Shirley Grange fields on Frommery 1 .

second Farnsworth who recently erned to Woodsy To, from Maine, has been working in a logring comp, has been very ill with innd pneuminua but is reported to be gaining slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow plan to leave next week on a trip to Florida. Charlie Longley, of Millbury, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs.

Charles Longley. Miss Mildred Evans, of Dedham. spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

The programs for the Grange for 1919 have been prepared by the lecturer, Mrs. Mabel Graves, and distributed. They promise a very interestng and instructive series of meetings for the year. The following Grange committees are announced: A. A. Adams, Mrs. H. L. Freeman, Elmer Wood, George F. Buxton, Mrs. Eva L. Marsh, Mrs. Henry Farrar, relief; Miss Carrie Bradford, Percy Farnsworth, Mrs. Mabel Graves, Mrs. Sybyl Holden, Everett Buxton, Mrs. Ida Evans, reception: Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth, Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Alice Cum mings, Mrs. Inez Lynch, J. E. Adams, Miss Helen G. Wood, music; Miss Vangeline Freeman, Miss Madolon

The Sunday school of the Congrega- gree staff, A. A. Adams; master of of second degree; Mrs. Mabel Graves,

John Farrar, at the North, who has een in training at Camp Devens, rereived his discharge from service on Monday.

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow Cards have been received in town from Hamilton L. Wood, a former resident, who is now a lieutement, A

E. F., with the army of occupation. Rev. Roscoe Thomas, of Groton chool, conducted the service at School, Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon Regular service at 3.15 every Sunday afternoon, followed by Sunday school

George Farmer, at the North, is onfined to his home with illness,

A civil service examination will be held in Ayer on March 8 to fill the vacancy of fourth-class postmaster at the Center. The compensation of the postmaster was \$316 for the last fiscal year, Applicants must be twenty-one years of age and reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced. Applications and full information concerning the requirements of the examtook Carrelia in custody and returned ination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the United States Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items

Mrs. Thomas Bennett of Ayer Mass., has been a visitor at the home

Harry D. Corey returned to his ing received his discharge from th

Lucy Wheeler, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wheeler, has been taken to Eliot hospital, Manchester Mr. Bugbee, who has been to this own for many years as a salesman has given up the route and is em ployed at Holbrook, Marshall & Co.

Mrs. George Cady was a visitor i Nashua Friday.

Mrs. Adella Whitcomb and Mrs. D V. Jenness spent a few days last wee it the home of Mrs. Harry Hall in Fitchburg, Mass.

Mrs. Mary J. Hobart was a visitor n Pepperell Thursday.

Mrs. E. L. Hadley of Cambridge lass, spent the day in town Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley and Miss Matilla Betterley of Worcester, Mass., were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Better

Church services will be held at the Methodist church during the months of February and March.

The Ladies' Aid will hold an all-day session at the home of Mrs. Hattie F Pierce on Tuesday to make garment for the Belgian refugees.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jefts and family walked to Brookline from Townsence Sunday afternoon and were visitor at the home of Arthur Brown.

Brookline Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, January was in charge of the lecturer Mrs. Charles Dunbar. Roll call; Our new year resolutions; reading, Mrs Charles Dunbar; song, Velma Taylor It was voted to celebrate the 25th an niversary of Brookline Grange March 12. The next meeting will be Washington and Lincoln night in charge of the lecturer.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

At police court Monday forenoon in Nashua Mrs. Addie P. Gale was held in \$200 bonds on the charge of aggravated assault on William S. Proc. or of Hollis October 9 and in \$100 onds for tearing down a fence of Mr Proctor's. She was represented by J. Leonard as counsel, Judge Frank Kittredge appearing as counsel for March 7, as Mr. Proctor is in St. Jos-Howard M. Knowles was tendered cph's hospital with a broken hip, a surprise party at his home on Front caused by the assault. Mrs. Gale is also served. The special feature of the counsel claimed emphatically that the evening was the presentation to Howard of a choice fountain pen, the gift backing up a false claim for \$10.000. Hindus, 210.540,000; Animists, 158. tiliated by stating that Mrs. Gale was to keep the peace.

At the regular meeting of the W. B C. Tuesday afternoon the president. Mrs. Flora C. Hardy, appointed the following committees: Miss Hattie Hayden, Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy, Mrs. Florence Ladd, relief: Mrs. Wilhel-mina Barnard, Mrs. Clara M. Smith. Mrs. Alice Messer, executive: Mrs. El-sle Hayden, Miss Mabel Hinkley, conference; Mrs. Elsie Wilson, Miss Kate Hurd, Mrs. Mary Flagg, auditing. Miss Hattie Hayden installed Mrs. Addie Hale, treas, and Miss Hinckley, color bearer, as they were unable to be at the installation.

Miss Minnie E. Colburn who i spending the waster in New York with her sister Berthe has been having quite a siege with the grippe. Mrs. Durant in ther of Mrs. Henry

Stimpson, is the with little half receivery. Private Fig. 5 M. Cave was honfrom service at lov. Special notice amp Devers M was given to be a conduct while

he was there Mrs. Herry Bleef who has been very ill with the a fluenza, is reported

Mrs. William Gates, who has been poorly for several weeks, is now con fined to her bed. Mrs. Lester Hayden is caring for her.

Fred C. Hardy of Fitchburg, was week-end visiter in town. Waldo Flags and George W. Hardy attended an abotion sale of horses in Ayer on Tuesday.

At the Study club, who met at the Mrs. Ralph Herrick's last Saturday afternoon, Mrs Annie V. Colburn read the first chapter, written by herself, of a novel to be written by the club members, and Rev. Robert M. French read an article on "Habits of our win-ter birds." Lanch was served by the

The Womas's club will meet with Mrs. Flora Hardy on Monday after-noon at 2.30

The Ladies Heading and Charitable society will not meet until the second Kemp, Earl A. Graves, literary; de- week in February.

hostess.

Mrs. Flora Hardy will entertain the Anna Keyes Powers chapter, D. A. R., Saturday afternoon, February 8, a 2.39. The program is in charge of Miss Eaten. Dues p yable at this meeting.

Alfred F. Eaton, s. Miss Evelyn Snow, of Quincy Man. Eattern who has been a reporter on don school, spent the week-end with Caff of the Manchester Mirro.

men made city editor. Mrs. Laura Clarke is at home bester Harbor, where see has been eaching sensol. The chools ther dose soon after Christings until the pring term.

William Woodin, of Medford, Mass vho was reported as quite pneumonia last week, is much better, ind his mother has returned home. A letter received this week from Miss Van Dyke, says her shoulde doing as well as could be expected.

A roll of honor has been placed in the library, the gift to the town of the Hon. Daniel C. Hayden and Charles J Bell. It bears thirty-five names, inluding Mary Cleasby, who enlisted as a nurse, and sent to Panama, and four student soldiers. Two men, Victor Nartaff and Elwyn S. Wheeler, were killed in action, and Henry T. Guething died in Dover, N. J., of disease.

Jason Read went to Ayer last week Wednesday to attend a sale of horses. A large amount of refugee work was finished at the Red Cross meeting on last week Wednesday afternoon and sent away.

Compensations.

No one can do really good work without making money along with it, in this day and generation, when good workmen are at a premium. If you are a good workman, working for the love of your work as well as for its money value, you may know that you will find your compensation in it. And it be more than a money compensation, you may be very sure.

History of Freedom of Speech. The issue of free speech is really modern, and emerged clearly as a defensible proposition only with Milton's Areopagitica, to be followed by the widely divergent reasoning of Jeremy Taylor and Joseph Glanvil, and by Locke's classical first "Letter on Toleration" (1689), which says almost the last word on the matter so far as religious differences are concerned. James H. Robinson in Atlantic.

Earl Has Railroad at Home.

Police constable the marquis Downshire, the owner of about 120,000 acres, who has motored 50,000 miles in the course of his duties as a "special," is a practical engine driver. In the grounds of Hillsborough castle, County Down, he has a miniature railway. The small train consists of an engine, one carriage and a guard's van : if need be he can travel at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The marquis has a fairly long string of Christian names -Arthur Wills John Wellington Blundell Trumbull Hill-and part of these he owes to the marriage of his ancestor, the second marguis.

From the Bible.

It will be found that the Bible is esponsible for several of the common comparisons that we use most freely in our daily conversation, as note: Meek as Moses; wise as Solomon; old as Samson; cruel as Herod; virtuous as Joseph; wise as a serpent; sweet as honey; high as Haman; true as Gospel: false as Judas; harmless as a sun; big as Goliath; clear as crystal; as snow; red as scarlet; patient as search throughout the book of Job fails The case is delayed till patient gentleman and the genus Meleagris, fat or lean,-Boston Globe.

Religions of the World.

According to the latest available figures, the religions of the world are divided as follows: Christians 564 510. 270,000; Buddhists, 138,031,000; Shintoists, 25,000,000; Jews, 12,205,000; unclassified, 15,280,000,-People's Home Journal.

The Milky Way.

The arch of the Milky Way stretches across the evening sky from east to west, rising between Orion and Gemini, where Jupiter seems a gorgeous diamond depending from its laces; passing through the golden chain of Cassiopeia in the zenith, and descending to the western horizon between Vega, the dazzling gem in Apollo's

Snakes in the Ocean.

There may or may not be such a thing as a sea-serpent, but there certainly are sackes in the ocean. There are numerous varieties of small snakes that live in all communities then there are a go from the the eels, of course only salt water to the first. In the waters around southern As there lives the banded sea sizes, which has stripes around its body are brind tail, and can swim with great speek

Rich Rhine Country.

Strange to say the fine grapes are grown on the eastern slopes of the Rhine and the choicest varieties, as Johannisburger and Steinberger, are produced bugler in the river, south of the Rhine province. It is, nevertheless, the hand of the vine, especially the Moselle valley. The substantial claim of the province is its mineral wealth.

World's Lightest Wood. The balsa tree, which is now being cultivated in Costa Rica, produces the lightest-known wood in the world. It is in great demand for all purposes where lightness of construction is of importance, it is very porous and a good insulator and is much used in airplane building as it offers the minimum amount of air resistance.

Fifth Monarchy Movement. In the latter half of the seventeenth century, during the time of Oliver

Cromwell, there sprang up in England a Purltun sect which undertook to interpret the prophet Daniel's version of the four beasts, as related in the seventh chapter of Daniel. They made sad work of it and mixed religion, polities and fanaticism in a way that was every confusing. They believed that the four monurchies indicated by the prophet had passed away and that the time had come for the beginning of Christ's millennial reign on earth, that is, for the beginning of a new monarchy with Christ as its head. Hence they were called and willingly accept-ed the designation of Fifth Monarchy men. At one time they conspired to murder Cromwell, but he got the first move and arrested their leaders and put them under guard. Later, in the reign of Charles II, a few of them, led by a cooper named Thomas Venner undertook to establish the Kingdom of Heaven by force, but they were attucked by the king's troops and routed, and on January 19 to 21 Venner and ten others were executed for high treason.

Dog Days.

Dog days is the name applied to the hottest season of the year at the time of the heliacal rising of Sirius the dog star; that is, the time when it rose just before the sun. They usu ally lasted for about 40 days. We still retain the expression of dog days as applied to the hottest season of the year, but owing to the procession of the equinoxes it is no longer the time of the heliacal rising of the dog star. The time of dog days dates from the time when Sirius rises at the same time as the sun. Because of the procession of the equinoxes, this time comes earlier every year by 20 minutes, 20 seconds. The almanac makers of today in this, as in many other cases, cater to the old-time superstitions of the ignorant, and mark the dog days. Some of them reckon the dog days from July 24 to August 24, the time of greatest heat in summe in the United States; others date them from July 3 to August 11.

Intensive Farming Aids England. For a thousand years and more

wheat has been a staple crop in Great Britain; a few hundred years meas ure the period of wheat growing in Canada, and in parts of Canada—the naturally fertile valley of the St. Lawrence, for instance—the growing of wheat has practically been abandoned because the yield is not arge enough to make it pay. Great Britain is an old country; its fields have been cropped for more than ten centuries Canada is a new country, much of its soil having been first tilled by its pres ent occupiers; but in Great Britain the average yield of wheat per acre s almost 32 bushels, whereas in Canada it is only 20 bushels. The climate is in Canada's favor; intensive farming is in Britain's, and the result is 11 bushels an acre more.

Canals in the Sucz.

Before the construction of the Suez canal, completed in 1869, there was no water communication between the Mediterranean and the Red sea. but at various eras such communica as Methuselah; hairy as Esau; strong tion existed by way of the River Nile. From an inscription on the temple at Karnak it would appear that a canal, joining the Nile and the Red sea, existed at the time of Seti I., 1380 B. C dove; swift as an eagle; bright as the This canal diverged from the Nile near Bubastis and was carried along the fair as a lily; wicked as Jezebel; white fertile Wadi Tumilat to a port at the head of the expanse of water known Job; poor as Job's turkey—though we today as the Bitter lake, now forming must acknowledge that careful repart of the Suez canal route. The channel of this canal is still traceable to establish any connection between the in parts of the Wadi Tumilat. Other canals connecting the Nile and the and obtain prices. Red sea were built in ancient times.

The White Sea.

The White sea in northwestern Russia is a branch of the Arctic ocean extending into the provinces of Archangel. The sea is about 100 miles wide between the Kaninskala and Kola peninsulas, but it narrows to less than 50 farther south, widens again and forms three guifs-the Kandalak gulf, that of Archangel, into which the River Dwing falls, and that into which the River Onega falls. The sea-route into the White sea was discovered in 1553 by Richard Chancellor, a daring English sailor, who was brought up in the household of the father of the famous Sir Philip Sidney.

Children's Belief in Fairles. To the children fairles stand for all wonderful and unpredictable possibilities of life, for all the magic of it, its charm of unexpectedness. A child is a bit puzzled by the inevitable; in the fairy world it does not exist. In that world he slips away from the world of grown-ups, with its endless consequences remorselessly hounding the gay, irresponsible little child doings. He loves the grown-ups and it is not from them that he wishes to escape, but from their world, their difficult, unyielding world, - Popular Science Monthly.

Odd Frads.

Sea upol to receive lin Ceylon as we entrouve eithers here. The Mexicans use a virtery of scorpion. after removing the sting, in a special sort of omelet, to which they add a peculiar sort of poppery flavor. A large variety of locusts and grasshoppers are dried then cooked, by people in portions of India, Arabia and Syria,

Artistic Shop Signs.

Between Cuzco and Machu Plechu, in Peru, are quaint signs indicating what is sold in the Indian buts. A small bunch of wheat on the end of a pole indicates chichs- a victive corn beer-for sale within. A green wreath means bread for sale, whose a piece of white cloth indicates agrandiente, a powerful white rum.

Dad Knew.

"Dad, what are the silent watches of the night?" "They are the ones which their owners forget to wind, my

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Saturday, February 1, 1919.

GROTON

News Items.

We are glad to learn that Norman Beers has so far recovered from an accident received at the Ayer machine shop as to be able to return to his

Milo Harrington, having been il. with a severe cold, improved sufficient-ly for him to feel that he was able to resume his work, but is now indoors again with some temperature We are in hopes to soon hear a good report of his condition.

Miss Rebecca Torrey and Mrs. Bennett entertained last week Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of New York city.

Mrs. Samuel McKean, of Chicopee row, left Groton on Monday for Rogersville, Tenn., for an extended visit with her father, who is in ill acceptance. As the onslaught of the willing to sacrifice my own personal health. Mrs. McKean has been feeling poorly for some time and it is hoped that the change will do her good, iShe was accompanied by her daughter, Mae McKean, of Provi-Everett Williams, who is spending

the winter at Fitch's Bay, Canada, was in town a few days this week on business. He was a most welcome visitor at the home of his son, Leonard Williams. On account of the epidemic the

Woman's club meeting scheduled for last week Friday afternoon was cancelled.

George Crocker, of Leominster came to Groton Tuesday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Shattuck, Elm street, who is quite ill.

Charles Shattuck is convalescing from a severe attack of influenza.

Charles Eddy came near having a serious accident last week Friday noon while driving toward the Hollingsworth mills in his democrat wagon. ring attached to the horse's bit broke thus giving the horse a free head. He immediately realized something was wrong and started to run. As they neared the bridge, the driver having lost control of his horse, leaped from the back of the wagon to the ground. He then telephoned for an automobile and in a short time was in pursuit of his team, which he overtook just before entering Pepperell. The horse was travelling leisurely along as if nothing had happened. Fortunately, the driver, horse and vehicle were un-

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy are rejoicing over the birth of a son, born to them on Sunday, January 19. Carl A. P. Lawrence has been elec

ted a director of the First National Bank of Ayer. At the selectmen's meeting on last

week Thursday evening it was voted to hold a public meeting of the townspeople as soon as the ban is off, to consider the best and most appropriately their their considerations and the second to the consideration to the second way to receive the boys on their return home.

Richard A. May. Harvard '18, has been relieved from active service in navy and enrolled this week in the graduate school of business administration at Harvard university.

Frank W. K. Smith has received his discharge as first lieutenant of Engineers, U. S. A., and resumed the prac-

tice of law in Boston. he officers of Aver Grange stalled last week Wednesday evening. when a number from the Groton Grange attended the exercises.

The Community club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George Culver. There was a good attendance including several guests. Delicious re-Since the freshments were served. eason opened in October the members of the club have completed for the Red Cross the following articles: 14 sweaters, 36 pairs of socks, 20 pairs of drawers, 14 comfort bags and 14 pet-

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Sampso have recently been called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sampson's uncle, Henry Parsloe, of Dorchester.

The board of health has consented to lift the ban, Monday, February 3, so the town meeting may be held at the usual time and place.

Mrs. Everett Hudson and daughter Dorothy left Groton Thursday noon for Lawrence, where they will visit at the home of Mr. Thompson, who is a partner of Mr. Hudson in the meat

Leslie Blood is working for the pres ent at the Smith garage

The following is taken from the Boston Herald of January 24: "Dr. Mer-rill E. Champion of the state board of health said in the prevention of disease in Massachusetts the public health nurse is proving the biggest and most economical factor, and every town in the state of 2000 or 3000 ought to sup-She will get closer to the health needs of the people than any other public health officer, and I say this after observing the work of 400 urban and 30 rural nurses in community service. She alleviates a great deal of suffering, gives much needed prenatal instruction and baby care, directs supervision of children in schools and homes, helps to prevent cancer and wear-and-tear diseases, and is a tower of strength generally."

The next meeting of the Woman's club falls on February 14. It will be valentine afternoon with Mrs Ever ett Gerrish as chairman.

The members of Fred Torrey's family are all quite well again.

Malcolm Wood, who has been in the nerchant marine service, is enjoying a

visit with his parents. Ida M. Farwell, formerly of Groton,

is spending the remainder of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Farwell. Mrs. Carter, who has been assisting in the home of Milo Harrington, was obliged to leave Thursday on accoun of another engagement. The members of the Harrington family were more comfortable at this time of writing.

tarian church, which was to take place next week, is postponed until some luture date.

Howard Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, is soon to take up his old position in Dayton, Ohio, for the Dayton Tire Co.

Charles Shattuck, of Maynard, visited friends in town on Wednesday of

The Book and Thimble club met on last week Friday at the home of Mrs. William Souther with seven members A miscellaneous program was enjoyed by the hostess and her friends. The next meeting will take place on riday afternoon February 7. when Mrs. Herbert Rockwood will entertain. Mrs. Jennie Hemenway, who has

peen nursing in Shrewsbury, came last Saturday with a grippe cold. s gaining and able to be down stairs, Dr. George T. Little, of Uxbridge, formerly of Groton, and a graduate of wrence academy, has been appoint-

Mrs. Charles R. Earle, who has been from home the past two weeks on a visit to her son Courtland, a florist, in Quidnic, R. I., is expected to reason the past two weeks on a cational institution and purpose. G.

A. J. Dugas, who received his discharge from the army, has returned to acceptance. As the onslaught of the willing to sacrifice my own personal influenza came upon the men in camp interests and will serve if elected.

Sergt. Mason's services were demand
I am informed by William A. Lawed in the hospital by the surgeon who tions for a commission were in at Washington when the war suddenly closed. Sergt. Mason was discharged at his own request and on returning got anything to show for your road to a civilian's life he has been employed by the Firestone Tire Co. with was working when he enlisted. He made a flying visit to Gro-

ton a short time ago. Westford farmers and fruit-grower will hold a meeting in their town hall, February 7, to see what can be done for cold storage of fruit, private and cooperative. The officials of the Mid-the road built at a cost to the town dlesex County Farm Bureau are look-ing over western New York methods cost, and I will gladly vote that the in order to advise and help out.

William Woods received a telegram Thursday morning informing him that his son James, who has been working in Readville, is very sick with double pneumonia, which followed a severe attack of influenza.

Charles N. Pollard, planist, is teaching now in Groton on Saturdays. He has had long experience as teacher in this country and many years' study abroad, and has the most modern methods of teaching technique, style and expressions.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barteaux are re-joicing over the birth of a little Mother and child are doing nicely.

Warrant Posted.

The warrant for the annual town meeting to be held on Monday is posted and contains eleven articles. The first seven articles concern the election of officers, salaries, etc., that appear every year.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to purchase a registered Holstein bull for the town farm.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a cement sidewalk on the east side of Hollis street, from Champney street to the cenfetery entrance.

Art. 10. To see if the town will ote to extend the street lighting system from the end thereof to the house of Nesbit L. Woods on the Boston oad, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used either on the Boston road or on Farmers' row, provided either the state, county or federal government will contribute to the same.

To the Editor:

Inspired by the flery words of R. M. glowing epistle in which he so modestly declared himself eminently fitted for the responsible position of selectman of the town of Groton, we can hardly refrain from adding our nsignificant voices to the rising murmur of assent which we feel sure must ave arisen to his eloquent appeal to he better nature of the Groton popu-We heartily uphold Mr. Shaw'

chivalric attitude towards his fellow-citizen, Frank A. Torrey, in regard to he dark insinuations of Moseley Hale. In closing we should like to state that it would give us genuine pleasure to discern the clean-shaven countenance of our co-patriot, R. M. Shaw. Esq., arising for his initial address in the spacious town hall amid the plaudits of the assembled multitude. Some Friends of Groton.

The death of Mrs. Lillian Kimball Stevenson occurred on Monday afternoon, January 27, at the home father, Ames L. Ames. On the Wednesday preceding her death she had the misfortune to break off a needle in her foot, which became so imbedded in the flesh that on Thursday she was aken to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua for an X-ray examination. owing day she was stricken with in fluenza which rapidly developed into double pneumonia, which caused her She was born in Groton in September, 1888, and was educated in the public schools of this town, where

Besides her father, with whom she has lived for many years, she is surrived by her husband, Fred Stevenson. and a son Lawrence, and a sister, Alice I. Ames, of Fitchburg.

she has spent the greater part of her

The funeral services were held at her ate home on Wednesday afternoon at nterment was in Groton cemeter-

uary 29, at the age of 68 years. For

Felton Stone is working for J. E. to her bed in a pitiable condition with dams.

The gentlemen's supper of the Uni
During this time she has been most Jerome Shattuck of this town, and a out by a competent road engineer, son, George Crocker of Fitchburg, and a granddhughter. The funeral was held from her late home Friday afternoon, Rev. George M. Howe officiations and material are quantity and spending ternoon, Rev. George M. Howe officiations and material are quantity and spending ternoon, Rev. George M. Howe officiations and material are quantity and spending ternoon.

To the Editor:

In behalf of the Massachusetts Fruit In behalf of the Massachuseus Fluit
Growers' association, we wish to thank
you for the announcement made in
your long established paper of the twodays' meeting, February 11 and 12, to
days' meeting, February 11 and 12, to
believe Horticultural hall. Boston ice of officers.

The farmers, fruit-growers and the

Lowthrope school are cordially invited and welcome to attend and join. The "old" Groton Farmers' and Mechanics club and the trustees of "the" Law

In reply to R. M. Shaw's question in last week's Landmark and for the charge from the army, has returned to information of any citizen of Groton, work as train despatcher in Greenfield. I wish to state positively that I am not Sergt. Arthur H. Mason received his a candidate for the office of selectman honorable discharge from the U.S. A number of voters have asked me to army on January 7, while on service at the a candidate and if they insist on Acceptance park, Buffalo, N. Y. With others he was sent up to Buffalo from get out stickers in my name, it will send the service and Kelley field, Texas, to inspect and be purely on their own initiative and

ence that it was about fourteen years worked at times both night and day since the macadam road was built to relieve their patients. The testimonials of his superior officers are very gratifying and his recommendation. time the town has appropriated and spent over \$90,000 on streets and roads. Now, Mr. Taxpayer, have you

> I have been accused of having a sel fish personal motive in demanding the improvement of the Boston-Littleton road; true I live on it and it would be a great benefit to me, but I maintain, a far greater benefit to the rest of Groon's inhabitants, and for that road feel reasonably sure that we can have town pay 98% of the cost of the Gro ton-Ayer road if Mr. Torrey will get us the other 2% from the state.

> Although there is no question in my mind but that the United States government ought to build the Groton yer road as far as the Groton School, Mr. Shaw's statement that criticism without suggestion of correction is unfair, is quite right; and here and now I suggest, that instead of the town nuving teams and stone crushers or planket appropriations, which are unwise and unfair to the taxpayer; first ve should have an unbiased road commissioner with no teams of his own second, that the town be divided into districts and that taxpayers living in a district should be employed on the oads of their district and thus have an opportunty to work out their own taxes by the labor of their teams at a

fair rate.
The method followed in New Hampuse of the road drag, which is good the early part of May.

road sense.
The selectmen came before the appropriation committee of which I a member, with Mr. McKee as spokes-man, and stated that they did not care whether they had three or twelve thosand dollars for roads and bridges for the year 1919. In my absence on account of sickness the committee recommended \$7000. During that absence I recommended by letter to the appropriation committee that \$5000 be appropriated for graveling the road to West Groton, thus putting it in condition for building a permanent macad-

I think I have stated clearly my attitude on the road question and my only feeling is for the betterment of Moseley Hale. Groton.

To the Editor:

Since the publication of my letter in st week's Landmark I have been sked some questions by citizens of Groton and now I wish to answer I have been asked why I critcized Mr. Hale's attitude on the road mestion? I had two objects, both of which are now accomplished; the first, was to get a definite statement from Mr. Hale as to whether he was a candidate for selectman or not. Mr. Hale has stated to me that he will not be candidate for selectman and I expect he will so announce to the public this issue. The other object was to imuate and spur Mr. Hale to greater fforts in a good cause, the betterment our roads; judging by Mr. Hale's ery liberal comments about town I ink that I have succeeded. nads are in a deplorable condition and Moseley Hale deserves the thanks his fellow townsmen for initiating movement for better roads, and if rong sentiment, thus aroused, rein improved roads I will concede but the end justified the means, even

blaming it all on Mr. Torrey and using R. M. Shaw of giving Moseley the double cross. been asked why I house I would make a better selectin either Mr. Torrey or Mr. is a common trait of human do it himself and I frankly said

I state proposition, the other roads to see it, purely a town matter and if the I understand that the county oftleten to Groton without expense to

the past year she has been confined be taken care of by a liberal appro- for its success.

priation and its division into two rheumatism and two broken wrists. branches, one part for maintenance During this time she has been most of present roads in a passable conditenderly cared for by her devoted tion and the other to build a permadaughter. Miss Lillian Crocker. The nant road improvement each year on deceased also leaves her husband, a definite prearranged plan and carried

know how is quality, the salary paid to a good road builder with the know how is true economy. As regards the expense of this plan

This association has grown from 85 to some 1200 members in the past clearly years by limiting the time servalue of of officers. In the past contains the past contains pair of vehicles, in horse flesh, in loss we entered a little door and descended a flight of circular stone steps. It was all it in loss of officers. all, in loss of community morale.

Now, Mr. Voter and Taxpayer go to

town meeting and demand good roads. them, and in answer to another question, yes, R. M. Shaw will be there and you can "kfd" and quiz him all you want, but demand good roads and put Groton on the road map. R. M. Shaw.

To R. M. Shaw:

In last week's Landmark R. M. Shaw published a letter attacking my activity on the road situation. My first feeling was one of indignation to think that a man whom I had always con-sidered a white man with red blood in his veins should hand me the double cross in such a despicable manner. I promptly challenged Mr. Shaw to meet me and explain his attitude and this he did in manly fashion. While I thought he was thirsty for

blood I now find that nothing but coca cola is needed to quench his thirst. After a thorough discussion of the mat-ter I find that he is sincere and his only desire is a betterment of our roads and thereby the betterment of Groton, and we therefore are in full accord on this point even if we do not quite agree on methods of procedure. R. M. Shaw has been credited with

an abundant flow of rhetoric and the promulgation of many apparent fool ideas, I can also give him credit for the courage of his convictions and if we read between the lines we find it filled with good horse sense. R. M. Shaw has seen the world and is a man of experience and like myself has rubbed elbows with men in all walks of life and we both believe in putting the coachman and millionaire on the same level and insisting on a square deal from each. I feel now that we can both support

each other in an honest effort to better our roads. -Moseley Hale. -Advertisement

West Groton.

The monthly business meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 6, at A. W. Adams. A large attendance is desired. The Girl Scouts will meet on Satur-

day, February 1, at two o'clock in the cabin. The Boy Scouts will meet Saturday February 8, in the cabin. Boys eleven

to twelve years of age from two to three o'clock; under fifteen years, three to four o'clock; fifteen years and ver four to five o'clock. E. S. Hill, captain. The Girl Scouts will give an enter-

tainment in Squamnacook hall in February. The Boy Scouts in March and the Boy and Girl Scouts will join in shire is to give the roads immediate the Boy and Girl Scouts will join in attention after each shower by the giving an entertainment in April or attention after each shower by the giving an entertainment in April or entertainment to be given later. A bluebird was seen by Miss E. S. Hill a short time ago.

Carolina, is home for a few days on account of his mother's illness. Wilie Kane is also home from the navy for a short furlough.

Ruth Mellish spent the week-end in Westford with her friend, Miss Pine, Mrs. Lee Bixby is visiting in New

Mrs. Augusta Harrington has been very ill for several days and her physician thought it best for her to go to they are such wonderful people. his hospital, where an operation was Under date of December 15, Olive his hospital, where an operation was performed on Monday morning. Mrs. farrington has been a great sufferer and it is hoped that she will be much

tome of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Burgess on Sunday. In the afternoon Mr. Saw. yer and friend from Camp Devens called. These young men are from Bar Mills, Me., and were neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess while they were iving in that town.

Frederick Sherwin, who makes his nome with his grandfather in Groton las been ill with influenza. He wa onvalescing at his mothers, but was ralled home as his grandfather ured accidentally and needed him.

Mrs Michael McGowan has been I earing for her cousin, Mrs. McManus R. H. Burgess spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Lowell visiting his daughter, Mrs. David Petrie.

A. W. Lamb has been spending several days in East Walpole.

A fox was seen on Main street e Wednesday afternoon by Edward Hallet and his children. The animal was wounded and nearly spent. Mr. Hallet guided it into Mr. Bixby's barn and one to think he can do the mercifully put it out of its misery allow's job a little better than was learned soon after that the fox it himself and I frankly said belonged to Mr. Hayes of Pepperell. i thought; the citizens of Groton who later claimed it. It was such an The Groton-Littleton road and the came out of the barn carrying the fox on-Ayer road are a town, county a large number of people had gathered

situation is considered on this the members of the Improvement sodefinite program can be laid ciety by Mrs. C. T. Spaulding a short ended. The nights are very cold, as anderstand that the county of time ago. She wished them a happy low as 15 or 20 degrees below zero. have offered to pay two-thirds new year and success during the year. the cost of building the Groton-Ayer She then told something about her new road as far as the Groton town line if home in the mountains of West Virginia, the houses being without cellars and they burn soft coal. They have no ficials get together and settle this water system and have to go quite a two o'clock, Rev. George M. Howe of ficiating. The hearers were Marshall colling on the state, then our representative could go before the state of many and varied types of humanity, from many heautiful floral tributes with a reasonable demand that the heautiful floral tributes the state road from Litterment was in Groton cemeter. without expense to queer little donkeys. The customs This would give us seem queer to her, but she is happy Mrs. Margaret Crocker Shat ak our two main highways to Groton and and has not had a homesick day. Mrs. passed away at her home on him would satisfy Mr. Hale and the unstreet on Wednesday afternoon, have known quantity "B."

The problem of our town roads can eral years and did an amount of work Spaulding was president of the West

Letters from Abroad. The following extracts are taker from letters written by Elsie and Oliv Tarbell, beginning Paris, November 14, 1918:

Olive and I have been through the catacombs. They are not open to the public now, and it is very difficult to obtain an opportunity to go into them but special permission was given to the Red Cross, and Olive and I asked for time off and went; about forty or fifty other people were in the party. That, you know, is where the bones of long departed dead are carefully packed away. I will say right here that the ones who did the work were some nackers. some packers.

In the first place, led by a guide and a long flight, too. After we got to the bottom we walked for about fifteen minutes along a narrow passage way with stone walls on each side. From this main passage way or street there were many narrower streets leading off into darkness. The place is laid out like a city, and the streets are named. I cannot conceive of anyone spending so much time and effort on a burial place. The whole thing is wonderfully made. After walking of long distance we came to a place where the street began to widen, and there, along each side, were human bones carefully packed to form a solid wall. After a while we came to a big white altar, and further on to a high arched room. It was a wonderful trip, .

Under date of December 11 is given a description of their trip to Blois. Saturday noon, or rather at 2.35, Olive and I started for Blois, which is abou one hundred miles south of here, and where our friend is stationed. It is certainly a task traveling in France. First, one must make out an applica tion for a permit to travel, which has to be signed by the head of the department in which one is working. Then the application is taken to the Bureau of Permits and Passes, which in the course of a day or two pro-cures a travel permit from the U.S provost marshal, and from the French

You see we are militarized mem bers of the Red Cross and have to do exactly as soldiers do. Trains are very crowded now and it is necessary to procure tickets several hours in advance. Jack Mangin, one of the boys in the office, offered to go to the sta tion to get Olives and mine. He is one of these happy-go-lucky boys, wh always get everything he wants, and some how or other he got a free pass for us, and the only expense we wer under in going to Blois was twent cents each for reservations in the first class coach.

We get military rates in traveling

any way, which are about one-third of rates charged civilians. Before tak ing the train we have to register with the U. S. military police at one desk in the station and check out at an-other. When we arrive at our destination we have to report to the military police again, so that they may

well, as I have said, we left Paris at 2.35 and arrived in Blots at six. Our friend met us with a machine and took us to a hotel, which the Y. M. A. has taken over for our officers C. A. has taken over for our officers. We had very good food, plenty of sugar and butter and toast for break-Sunday morning a "Y" man too us through the castle of Blois. This castle was the residence of Louis XII Francis I and afterward of Henry III. It was very interesting. We saw the secret cupboards in the walls where Catherine de Medicis kept the poison with which she used to put people ou of the way, a secret stairway, the stone prison with a trap-door in the bottom through which they used to John Doherty of Camp Green, North thrust people whom they wished to get rid of. After going through the trap they fell into a stream of water which flows under the eastle, finally empty-ing into the River Loire. This is only a few of the many interesting things

we saw. We also went into two very old churches, one of them commenced in 1138, and finished in 1210.

In the same letter she says, Olive Miss Laura Taylor is ill with influ-enza. She was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's and I saw the king and queen of Belthe sidewalk and had a splendid view. I was particularly glad to see them for

Tarbell describes their holiday on account of President Wilson's arrival. Yesterday was a holiday on account of President Wilson's arrival, and he was Mrs. G. G. Harrington and her two given a bigger welcome than any of skirts of Paris. I had the pleasure of the kings. We left the house at 9.30 the kings. We left the house at 9.30 seeing Einel Tower faintly through the influenza. place to view proceedings. A big army truck came along with some English aviation officers, and being in uniform they very kindly allowed us to join them. We had a splendid place to see things; could look right over the heads first trip across the Marne river of the people and also up and down the boulevard. The streets were lined as they have been before with French as they have been before with French and Algerian soldiers. First came the office force were left to shift mounted police, as usual. They are a picture in themselves; I wish you could see them. Then came President made it and got quarters of a mile. could see them. Then came President Wilson and President Poincare; next Pere, a town on the heights over the Mrs. Wilson, Margaret, Mme. Poincare and Mme Sussepped with Poincare and Poincare an are and Mme. Jusserand, wife of the French ambassador, followed by Cleminceau, General Pershing and others. After the procession had passed the mounted troops all fell in behind, and as we looked up the street it was just solid mass of men and horses. was a fine sight.

> The following letter has been receivd from Corp. Cadwell F. Bliss, dated omewhere in France, November 23: My Dear Pa-As you well know the 24th day of November has been set aside as father's day, and everyone in this country is supposed to write home to their father. Yesterday I sent to you and Bob a copy apiece of "The Stars and Stripes." This is, as you have heard, our official A. E. F. newspaper. It is really very interesting. We are having super-fine weather of Fritz. Bob, I wager that once lately here, in fact, ever since the war ran 100 yards in seven seconds. Wat But the days are fine, warm as can be.

They say it does not get much colder all winter. I wonder if any of the farmers in U. S. were put on a war basis? I hope not. The French farmers had so much land and had to produce a certain amount of crops, I also understand they had to get a permit to have day off. Over here they haul their stuff on two-wheel carts. They use



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ome racket. ioned, so I am going to tell you my Germans.

history. enza. She was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's and I saw the king and queen of Belhospital on Saturday. Her many glum, and the young prince last Fridge in land city, Brest. This is the friends hope for her speedy recovery.

day. We stood right on the edge of city which Blihuber and I accidentally Although our corps was not in the saw once shortly after arriving at the rest camp, which is located four miles inside of Brest. We staved there about three days, when I had my first ride on French cars. In August we left for Brest for keeps and rode three days on the rails through France. It was on this trip that we saw the out-

mist across the Seine.
At five o'clock the 6th of August w aw for the first time that historical ittle river which will go down in history as the turning point of the war, the Marne. I shall never forget my were carrying two large field desks about all we could carry. Our outfle had gone on ahead, and the Personne Office force were left to shift for them. selves the remaining distance about river. Beautiful once, but pretty well shot up by the Yankee gunners. It was here that we got our trucks, and also here that we will get credit for

being in the Chateau Thierry We stayed here till the 14th, ther had that fine ride across the country in trucks. It was on this trip that the Germans gave us a demonstration on "how to do it" in the sky. They bombed the towns all around us, but did not bother us. as we were out in the middle of a field. But I tell you it was even more exciting than deer hunting. We arrived at A. P. O. 775 on the

24th of August. I left here about three weeks later with just about six francs burning a hole in my pocket Bob guessed we were near Nan good guess—for we were really a Toul. It was here we sometimes go up four times in one hour on account slow in turning out one night when the siren blew and got downstairs to find Fritz already right overhead and kicking out bombs with both feet, I should judge, by the sound. Bilhuber was with me. We had on our tin derbies and gas masks. He grabbed me by the coat tall and, as he afterwards said, "His feet only touched the high spots,"—he certainly must have been straight out. We flew and the faster we went the faster we wanted to go. We liked the exercise.

three horses tandem where we us two. It was Toul cathedral we went with the result that the first horse through. It really is wenderful. Here hardly pulls at all.

Talk about fireworks, it seems as preparation to cuimination and sucthough the boys had just began to cess. After this was over we move realize that the war is over. Some dif-ferent from some of the 2nd Corps, La Voye on September 15; 1918. Saw

Main Street AYER, MASS. We got here the the last of the Verdun drive. Next 10th. They told us that an armstice move was about three miles on to had been signed. Thereupon they let Fleury St. Aire, where we stayed until

loose and celebrated. Imagine their November 8.

surprise when an airship of the Dutchies laid four eggs, not so far arriving late at night the same day, away, the next night. They were and here we are still, hoping that the heavy ones, too, as they broke with was that we heard the last shots of Since I began this letter the order this great war and saw some of the ame out that names could be men-

If you want to know what drives I have been in. I have seen action at front line trenches, it was very neces sary to the success of the movement.

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We wish to thank our neighbors and riends; also, the Odd Fellows, for the any acts of kindness and expressions f sympathy in our recent bereavement. Amos L. Amesa Alice H. Ames, H. Augusta Hartwell.

Groton, Mass., January 29; 1919; I oilet **Articles**

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And not provide for future want?

Saturday, February 1,/1919

AYER

News Items. Howard Beverly was elected treas

urer of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter at their regular convocation held on last week Tuesday evening. Miss Ruth Zoller will assist at the store of Berton Williams, beginning

Mrs. Gladys Briggs Williams returned on Wednesday from a month's visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Williams, at Stanford, Conn. Mrs. Williams returned with

her for a visit in Ayer. Ell W. Carley is at home ill with

Miss Margaret Peach, of Marlboro, formerly at the Ayer telephone ex-change, returned Wednesday after Savage, Washington street.

Mrs. William Sargent is in Winthrop, caring for her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, who is ill with in-

Miss Abbie Robinson, teacher in the

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Monday evening at the Unitarian vestry. Dr. R. H. Wylle has returned to his

laryngitis.

every detail.

A representative of the Massachu income tax department will be at the town hall on February 4 and 11, from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., to help taxpayers make out their income tax returns to the state It is the desire of the department that the taxpayers use the blanks mailed to them, but blanks may also be obtained from the representative. The department informs the publisher of this paper that it has been its experience that returns made up and fied during the rush period in the last week in February usually entail considerable correspondence and our readers should use this opportunity to have their returns full and complete in

Special communications of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday and Friday evenings, February 3 and 7, at seven o'clock. On the first mentioned date the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees wil be worked, and on the latter date, the Master Mason degree, with lunch.

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, February 4. Work—Royal Arch degree. Lunch.

The following names have been added to the list of voters by the registrars this year: Harris L. Badger, William J. Barrett, Frank E. Bolsseau, Harry S. Bray, Ralph H. Brown, Eli Cor-nellier, Calixte H. Girard, Henry W Harrington, Richard D. Hurley, Albert B. Irwin, John A. Lynch, John F. Lynch, Andrew S. MacKean, Thomas Martin, Charles T. Mullin, Michael T. Murphy, John E. Pender, Alfred P. Richardson, John C. Sullivan, Bert K. Tweedle, Irving M. Ward, Charles I. Washburn, Albert W. Wood, Clarence D Young.

Frank Moran, arrested for robbery Boston, has been identified, the po lice claim, as Joseph Sweeney, a South End habitue, with a record at police headquarters. He was sent to Charles headquarters. He was sent to Charles

A rising vote of thanks was extended street pail in default of ball. Sweeney is a deserter from Camp Devens, the police assert, and is wanted for the present sound condition. of the present sound condition of the larged so business. Dr. Peters has served the was extended other nurse, said sum to be expended of the retiring president, Dr. Austin directly by the town through its selectmen or under the direction of the board of health when authorized to do and claimed that he pawned the coat, business. Dr. Peters has served the selectmen.

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Thousands of troops from all parts of the country are being detained at Camp Devens because of the lack of tourist cars to take them to their demobilization centers, it was stated recently at army headquarters. Boston. The cars have been ordered for weeks, but the railroad administration has but the railroad administration has sent all the tourist cars available to Hoboken, N. J., and Massachusetts must wait. At Camp Devens it is said

M. William Industry, gave an address "Swine and some of their diseases," Swine and some of their diseases, "Swine and some of their diseases," which proved to be a popular subject and aroused much interest, as did M. J.

M. Abbott, county agent, with his talk "Footomer agreety of milk production." means uncomfortable congestion in certain sections of the cantonment. Col. J. S. Edwards, deharkation, officer for Boston, is in New York, seeking a remedy for the situa-

The final payment of thirty percent on fourth liberty loan bonds is due at the Federal Reserve bank, Boston, on the Federal Reserve bank, Boston, on Thursday, January 30, together with accrued interest. All subscribers through the First National Bank of Ayer are requested to make payments to that bank on or before January 29 Interest as follows: \$50, 37c.; \$100, 74c.; \$500, \$3.68; \$1000, \$7.36.

The main features for next week at Page's hall are: Monday, William S. Hart in his latest success, "Branding Broadway"; Tuesday, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in "The woman who gave"; Wednesday, Emmy Wehlen in her latest, "His bonded wife"; Thursday, Enid Bennett in her newest Para-mount picture, "Fuss and feathers"; Friday, Alice Brady in her latest select production, "Her great chance"; Saturday, William Fox will present Gladys Brockwell in "Kultur." The

Norman Beers, of Groton, formerly of this town, who met with an accident recently at the Aver Machine shop, is able to return to his work again.

Victor L. Fillebrown is now with the Manufacturers' National Bank of Cambridge, beginning with them last Mon-

Christian Science services will be held on Sunday morning at 10.30 in Turner's block, corner of Main and Washington streets. The subject will be "Love," The reading and writing room, open to soldiers and the general public, is maintained by the Christian Science war relief committee in Carley's new block. Wednesday evening ley's new block. Wednesday evening meetings are held each week at 7.30 in Turner's block. All are invited.

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variety of the menu. The committee cass as a parish minister and preacher. In charge were Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Byron Mirphy, Mrs. Warren This last summer Dr. Birney went on a mission to France for the Y. M. C. Jennie Chaffin and Mrs. Alta Hollis, Misses Eva and Avis Chandler, Marion Felch and Hazel Scruton were assistant in serving.

The committee cass as a parish minister and preacher. In a very long one carding of hymns by the armission to France for the Y. M. C. audience, Mrs. Lena Graydon being accompanist.

The roll was responded to by the with the boys at the front some of members present with an appropriate the great days of the drive against the Sentiment, and by many absent members in serving.

Germans: Since his return Dr. Birney

mobilization of the 12th Division the evening service, which has been large-ly supported by soldiers, will be discontinued for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Dun will continue to have "open house" at the vicarage for soldiers and

The February meeting of the Woman's Alliance will be held in the Unitarian vestry on Thursday, February Bohnson, leader of the women's class, At 6.30 the young people's meeting will be led by Mrs. Chaffee; subject, Books that have helped me." The congregation meets at the Federation House at 7.30 to hear Dean Birney of Boston, a great preacher and leader.

Turner, Mrs. Helen M. Turner, Miss E. Butterfield, It is to be a Red Cross Mid-week meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. spending three weeks with Miss Helen sewing day from ten o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon.

Business meeting at 2.30. At noon there will be a surprise dinner, to which each member is asked to contribute something in a covered dish. The hostesses will furnish coffee.

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Train No. 78 on the Fitchburg division, beginning Monday, will leave Ayer at 5.05 p. m., arriving in Boston at 6.10, with stops being made at Waltham and Cambridge.

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United States Deputy Marshal J. H. meeting of the executive board will be held at the home of the president on Friday evening, January 31, at seven o clock.

The W. R. C. have changed its day of meeting to the first Thursday even-ing of each month. The corps will duties after a week at home with meet at 7.30 February 6. in Hardy's Officers not present at the regular installation will be inducted into

office at this time, The pastor of the Baptist church Rev. J. W. Thomas, went to Boston Thursday to see his daughter and her husband, Mr. Merchant, who is quite ill as the result of influenza. Next Sunday the pastor will speak at 10.45 on "The bread of life." Sunday school at twelve. Service of song at 6.45. Preaching at seven. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday at 7.30. Mid-week meeting on Thursday at 7.30.

.The following is taken from the Newburyport Times: "The city authorities have co-operated with the Girls' Service league in making possible military drill for the girls of New-buryport. Girls of the city have expressed a desire to take up military drill, so every Thursday night training will be given at city hall at 7.30. Lieut. Filicbrown, from Ayer, has been obtained to conduct the drill. He is splendidly trained and equipped for this, and will make the drills attractive. All girls over fourteen years of age are cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission."

Annual Meeting.

The Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange held its annual meeting at Hardy's hall on Wednesday. At the order by Dr. Austin Peters, president, the usual reports were read and accepted and the following officers elec-ted: Directors, 3 years, W. P. Whar-ton of Groton, A. N. Calkins of Harvard, E. M. Davis of Shirley; John H. Storer, Jr., of Groton, treas.; auditing committee S. W. Sabine of Groton, A W. Bryant and H. T. Webber of Har-vard; R. G. Davis, Berlin, clerk. The directors met following the institute and elected W. P. Wharton of Groton pres.; W. J. Fish of Lunenburg, v. p. R. G. Davis of Berlin, clerk.

its inception and worked hard and untiringly in its interests.

Following the business meeting Prof. J. A. Foord, of Massachusetts Agricultural college, gave an interesting address on "Farm management. Dr. F. P. Sturgiss, State Bureau of Animal Industry, gave an address of on "Economic aspects of milk produc tion in New England and its future outlook." Mr. Abbott feels that under the stimulating effect of high prices the farmers have increased their dairies through New England to such an extent that the future production of Woodlawn cemetery owned by the would increase and eventually prices must fall. He recommended that the farmer increase the raising of grain.

John D. Willard, the new assistant county agent leader, from Massachusetts Agricultural college, gave an in-teresting address on the conditions as he has seen them, relative to food and grain production and distribution and sewer system in the town. what might he expected in the future. Lunch was served at noon by mem-

at 3.45.

Federation House Notes. drama of a woman's part in starting torio "Creation." More singers are the world war.

Mrs. Helen M. Turner, of Prospect of Boston university will be the street, spent Thursday as a guest of Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell in Groton.

Mischell There will be solos by Miss Ruth B.

Mrs. Herbert Pollard. Mrs. G. There will be solos by Miss Ruth B.

bers. Between sixty and seventy peo

ple were present and adjournment was

Mitchell, contralto. Tuesday, February 4, at 7.15 p. m.,

game night, free to soldiers. Wednesday, February 5, at 7,30 p. n., moving pictures—Jack Pickford in his especially popular five-reel feature, "Seventeen,", adapted from Booth Tarkington's book of the same name. There will also be a Burton Holmes travel picture. Free to sol-Christian Science services will be Holmes travel picture. Free to solheld on Sunday morning at 10.30 in

A fine supper was served by the la-dies of the Baptist chirch in their When called to the chair in the uni-yestry on Washesday evening. It seem-versity Dr. Birney was pastor of the turned from his war work overseas in ed like old times in the abundance and large Malden Center M. E. church. Chaffee to call the roll, which was in charge were Mrs. J. W. Thomas,

Happy Jack's Thrift club has so Germans. Since his return Dr. Birney bers by letters which were read cured the sale/this week of 74 thrift stamps and 4 war stamps. St. Andrew's church—Sunday morning service at 10.30; holy communion; the vicer will preach on "Religion in the family." On account of the demonstration of the 12th Division at 12th Division and preacher on Sunday morning in the family."

Federated Church.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "Faith." Sunday school at twelve o'clock; Ellis B. Harlow leader of the men's class; Miss Mary evening at 7.30.

teresting occasion.

United States Deputy Marshal J. H. Juilfayee arrested Harry Simpson, of Ayer; Clarence E. Reed, of Cambridge, and Ernest L. Tupper, of Ayer, Monday, on warrants charging that they received government coal, knowing it was closed in earnest words by Mr to be stolen from the camp. Roland Chaffee.

B. Strong, of Gloucester, was arrested The whole affair, was a return to charged with the larceny of three tons f coal on November 25.

They were arraigned Monday night before United States Commissioner John M. Maloney; pleas of guilty were District Court. entered by Simpson, Reed and Tupper and a plea of not guilty by Strong. Edward A. McKenney, a camp coal trucking contractor, furnished bail at \$500 each for their appearance Thursday morning, when they were again held in \$500 bonds for their appeartrict court in Boston on the first Tues day in March.

The warrants were served in camp

when the four men were finishing

their labors for the day as coal truck drivers. It is admitted that the investigation has as yet merely scratched the surface of conditions which it is alleged have existed for a year and a half. Hundreds of coal deliveries are claimed to have been without proper au-Hay, oats, gasoline and oil are other

army supplies which are being traced.
Officers are involved in the alleged irregularities in the procurement of government supplies for private use although no direct charges have been

The failure of Major-General Mc-Cain to order the release of Capt. H. J. Harris from arrest, having had the verdict from the court martial board. business meeting, which was called to in his possession for some days, is reconclusive that a verdict of guilty was returned.

Warrant Posted.

The warrant for the annual meeting on Monday has been posted and contains sixteen articles. The first

for the employment of a district or

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the water commissioners to furnish water to the public convenience station without charge and to authorize the selectmen to furnish heat and light therefor without

Art, 13. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$150.04 to be expended by the board of health in the payment of expenses incurred by the poard of health in caring for perons suffering from influenza during the epidemic which occurred in the town during the months of September and October, 1918.

Art. 14. To see if the town will erect a suitable fence around that part

Art. 15. To raise and appropriate \$100 for care of public dumps. Art. 16. To raise and appropriate sum of money to install a public sewer system in the town, or appoint a committee to investigate the needs of

Annual Roll Call.

One of the very pleasant occasions of the winter took place Thursday evening in the observance of the annual roll call of the Federated church in the vestry of the Congregational The rooms were very artis-Saturday, February 1, at 2.30 and tically decorated by the committee 7.30 p. m., moving pictures—"The old Mrs. E. W. Carley, Mrs. Grace Lentz homestead" and Pathé news, Free to and Mrs. William Reynolds. Notable soldiers; civilians 15c.; children 10c. features were the abundance of flow-Sunday, February 2, at three p. m., ers and improvised fire-place, which

Brooks, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Hol-den Harlow, Mrs. John Wentworth, Mrs. Flora Potter and Mrs. Jonnie

Leahy. These were assisted in serving by the Camp Fire Girls. The tables were filled with the members of the hostess churches and

Chaffee to call the roll, which was

voted to be sent to many members who had suffered losses or misfortune of any kind.

The formal roll call being finishe The formal roll call being missing the toastmaster called upon many present for remarks. The responses were bright, earnest and thoughtful all showing the good that might come and was conting from the war and all and was coning from the war, and all breathing a spirit of unity of together ness. Dr. Hopkins voiced this strong ly and paid an earnest tribute to the work of the Red Cross. All were move ed by his earnest words for he had been in it and spoke with authority A loving tribute was paid to the sol dier boys, thirty-two in number, who had gone out from the church and whose stars are on the service flag.

Among the speakers were Rev. F. Crandall, Herbert Farnsworth and Mrs. S. M. Barker, from the Unitarian church; Berton Williams, from the Episcopal church; Miss Annie Raines, hostess at the Federation House: Mrs Eldredge, from the White Ribbor Home: Mrs. Stroud, wife of Rev. Mr Stroud, of Ipswich. Among the speakers from the home church were Miss S. A. Blood, the librarian; F. C. Johnson, superintendent of the public schools; Ellis Harlow, Mr. Webb, Mrs. F. C. Johnson, S. J. Andrew, John Traquair, J. M. Boutwell and two civil war veterans, Francis Lovejoy and

Hiram Clark. There was music that varied the program pleasantly. It included a solo, "The battle hymn of the repub-lic," by Mrs. Carter, with chorus by the audience, and an instrumental trio by Mrs. Graydon, Miss Esther Stone and Mrs. Grace Lentz. The meeting

the good times before the war, bu with added fervor for christian fellow-

At the civil session last Saturday norning the tort action for conversion of a cow brought by Kuste Kaliner against Albert Furrailoe, of Townsend was continued until February 1. The plaintiff was represented by Atty Lizotte, and the defendant by Atty Casey of Fitchburg.

The remainder of the session was aken up with the action brought by Henry J. Murphy, of Littleton, against John W. Wentzell, of Ayer, for injuries to the plaintin's cattle. It appears that Wentzell, an Ayer jitney driver, met he plaintiff's herd of twenty-two cattle on the road from Littleton to West-ford, while they were being driven by the plaintiff and his hired man from the pasture to the barn. The defend ant drove through the herd, knocking one cow down and hitting two others, injuring one so badly that it had to be killed. The court found for the plaintiff. Murphy was represented by isher, and Wentzell by Atty. Carney of Ayer.

On Thursday four jitney driver were found guilty of violating the local jitney law and a me of ten dollars was imposed in each case. They were Ja cob Pekol, of Lawrence; Joseph Co-mello, of Boston; Peter L. Burbank, of Worcester, and Harold Sawtelle, of Winchendon.

The case of Frank Lowe, of Lynn charged with larceny of a muskrat coat, was continued for two weeks. The coat, which was the property of contains sixteen articles. The first ten articles are those, found in the warrant every, such as election of officers, salaries, etc. The remaining dance which was given there for the dance which was given there for the camp with the depot. The army soldiers are as follows:

| Miss Enzagetti
| from the ladies' room at the Soldiers' system, buses, which will connect all parts of the camp with the depot. The army soldiers are as follows: for the employment of a district or ficiency, finally recovered it on Tuesday corps and no fares will be charged. Lowe, claimed that she took the coat. drivers are dismayed at this encroach The case was continued for two weeks.

> Death. Peter B. Murphy, a life-long resident of Ayer, passed away Tuesday night after a very short illness, death being caused by pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Murphy, and was born on May 12, 1868, on Shirley street, where he has always made his home. He received his education in the local schools and gradu ated from the high school in the class of 1886. He was employed for severa years in the freight house and then book up stenography for a time. Later he took up newspaper work, which he followed up to the time of his death. He reported for many years for the Courier-Citizen, and since Jan uary, 1911, has been connected with the Public Spirit. He also acted as a local correspondent for the Associated Press. He was active in the demo cratic party and took a deep interest is politics, both local and general. was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters, and was member of the board of registrars, for

The deceased is survived by three brothers and a sister, John N. and Bartholomew Murphy, of Lowell; Frank J. Murphy of Peahody, and Marchile to Murphy and Marchile to Murphy and Marchile to Murphy of Peahody, and Marchile to Murphy of Peahody, and Marchile to Murphy and Mur

Camp Notes.

This week about 4000 soldiers, have eccived honorable discharges and 3000 other soldiers have been shipped to other camps in troop trains, This is the greatest exedus of men

from camp since demobilization be- dischargen, and is comparable with the over- at the seas movement of the 76th division. when nearly 20,000 men were sent out tivities of camp in twelve days.

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TUESDAY—EVELYN NESBIT THAW and her son, Russell Thaw, in a William Fox six-reel production, "The Woman Who Gave." Mutt and Jeff cartoon; A Harold Lloyd comedy and Pathé News

WEDNESDAY-EMMY WEHLEN I a Metro latest production, "His Bonded Wife"; a two-reel Vitagraph comedy and Pathé News.

THURSDAY - ENID BENNETT in her newest vehicle, "Fuss and Feathers"; a two-reel L-Ko comedy and latest Pathé News.

FRIDAY-ALICE BRADY in her latest select production, "Her Great Chance"; a two reel Triangle comedy, latest War Review and Pathé News.

SATURDAY—GLADYS BROCKWELL in "Kultur," the rape of Democracy, Who started the world war? See "Kultur," A two-reel William Fox comedy and Pathé News.

OTICE-With a special arrangement with Hearst-Pathe this theatre will show News while they are News, every day—with two changes a week—Monday and Thursday. Yesterday's happenings, you'll see on our screen to-

es headed for Camp Lewis, Wash.; Camp Bowle, Tex.; Camp Funston, Kan, and Camp Dodge, Ia. The western and southern soldiers who arrived ten days ago on the Canada and Melita departed Wednesday,

The first locomotive known to be corps is in operation at the camp. It was formerly engine 305 on the New Haven system and recently was overhauled by the Baldwin works. The working crew of this small "Mogul," which is numbered "Q. M. C., U. S. A. " are E. W. Smith of Nashua, engineer, and V. P. Theroux of Nashua fireman.

Lieut. Kenshalo is investigating the tale of Priv. Paul Nace, absent with-out leave from the 301st artillery since last May, that he was shanghaled by a German agent and kept a prisoner aboard a U-boat. It closely resembles the published story of two officers recently returned home. Plans are ready for the operation

ment on their business and threaten to leave camp.

The 301st trench mortar battalion reached Camp Devens early Thursday

morning from Camp Merritt. Miss Mae Rynee, soprano, of St. Peter's church, Lowell, was a visitor in camp during the week. Miss Rynee visited the Hostess House, headquar-ters of the Y. W. C. A., and the main Knights of Columbus building,

Universal appreciation is the term to apply to the sentiments daily expres ed in this cantonment by the thousands of returning soldiers who are being de-mobilized from here. "Everybody welcome" and "Everything free" over here and "over there" is a slogan not soon to be forgotten by the American fighting men. This slogan of the K. of C. has beer lived up to in Camp Devens, as in al' other theatres of operations. On arrival at Devens from the transports the men are met by Knights of Columbus secretaries, who distribute igarettes bearing the emblem of the Vational Catholic War Council; also, candles and other comforts. The men at once inquire the location of K. of C. huts. There they receive writing

Frank J. Murphy, of Peabody, and Miss Julia A. Murphy, of Leominster.

The funeral was held on Friday morning with high mass at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock and was in charge of the K. of C.

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amplied by the K. of wars for the National uncil, and have been a shington for the usof the war. to Major-General Mc-

was held at K. of recently. This recep-the 73rd Infantry, of time Flat, is chaplain.

Unitarian church.

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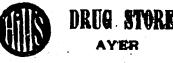
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Knowledge of Cyclones Grows.

Within a few years modern science has done much to increase our knowledge of cyclones, and the sailor of to day knows not only in what region to expect them, but he has also learned the path in which they move and dierection of the wind. By means of "storm cards," which are somewhat difficult to describe, but the use of which is comparatively easy, the mariner knows how to steer his vessel to avoid the violence of a gale, and if he is very skillful may even make the cyclone help him on his way. Cyclones are always accompanied with rain, generally so violent as to be called a "cloudburst." When the air is com-pletely saturated with the moisture and "whirl" is formed, the heated stratum is not carried to a great height. The upward current being strong, a vast mass of partially condensed vapor is accumulated in the upper end of the funnel, so to speak, until it finally breaks of its own weight.

Saroasso Sea.

A large area near the middle of the north Atlantic ocean is known as the Sargasso sen, the name being derived from "Sargassum" baciferum," the Latin name of a floating seaweed or gulf-weed found in great abundance in this part of the ocean—so abandant that it is described as forming enor mous banks. The part of the north Atlantic that is known as the Sargasso sea is roughly bounded on the north by the 20th parallel of north latitude and on the south by the 35th parallel, and on the east and the west by the 40th and the 75th meridians west longitude. In this area there is practically no surface circulation, which accounts for the presence of the eeds, carried out to mid-ocean by such currents as the gulf stream.

Great Dismai Swamp.

The great Dismal swamp is a tract marshy land beginning a little south of Norfolk, Va., and extending into North Carolina. It contains 150,000 acres, is 30 miles from north to south and ten miles in width. At one time the tract was covered with trees with brushwood between them so that it was almost impassable. Some parts have been cleared away, drained and turned over to agriculture. A canal running through part of this area connects Chesapeake bay with Albemarle sound. Ships going through this canal avoid the dangers of Cape Hatteras. In the middle of the swamp is Drummond's lake, seven miles in length. It is the scene of Thomas Moore's Lake

Just Missed Perfection.

Ynen Mrs. Langtry mit of her beauty and fame she met at a dinner an African king who was visiting London. She did her best to please the dusky monarch and evidently succeeded, for he said to her as they parted: "Ah, madam, if heaven had only made you black and fat you would be irresistible."

Dire Day in Russian History. November 30 is the anniversary of the defeat of Peter the Great in 1700 by Charles XII of Sweden. The Russian monarch had 40,000 troops against the 8,000 of his opponent, but the superior generalship of the Swede more than balanced the numerical superiority of the czar.

Eraser Hint.

When the eraser becomes well worn it is apt to smeat the paper when it is used to erase a letter. To avoid this. simply rub a little chalk on the edge of the eraser and no smear will occur; and the erasure of the letter will be done much more quickly as well as more heatly.

Chance for Trade in Japan The rative Japanese door stides on

n reil or track, and is said to enswer all purposes, but despite the fact that the scheme is perfectly satisfactory the importation of door hinges is increasing. The Japanese are very ready to adopt almost any of the methods or implements which come from the western world,

Removing Ink Stains.

To remove black ink stains, the article should be washed immediately in several waters and then in milk, letting it soak in the milk for several hours; the stain will disappear. Washing the article immediately in vinegar and water, then in soap and water, will remove all ordinary ink stains.

Passed Away.

Notice in a country store-"We regret to inform our honored customers that our good and generous friend, Mr. Credit, expired today. He was a noble soul, always willing and helpful, but has been failing for some time. May he rest in peace. Pay cash."-Boston



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The Government has kept faith on the bonds with the people. It was stated that there should be an opportunity to dispose of bonds if it was absolutely necessary for holders to get the money, and an open market on the stock exchanges has been maintained for this purpose.

It was possible that the Government might have followed the example of Canada and directed that the market should be closed, that bonds once bought must be kept until they were

There was no contract to supply a market, but the promise was implied in the offerings and the faith has been

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it harder to finance the war. Each time a bond is sold now it sets up one more obstacle in meeting the obligations growing out of peace.

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work of the Fifth Loan. If any men in the world have earned for their own country the right to return to peace pursuits, well equipped and abundantly provided. they are the American overseas forces Peace has its opportunities no less'

than war. Those who share in the Fifth Liberty Loan get not only an investment, unsurpassed anywhere in the world, but they buy the bonds which clinch the greatest peace. They see to it that the fighters who have the peace for them are denied nothing as they return to their homes.

The soldiers were prepared for anything they had to face in France. The men at home who are at peace because of the soldiers will prepare at once to take liberally of the Fifth Liberty

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Loan Bonds to Keep, and Avoid Regrets.

About the saddest thing in the world is to undergo self-denial for years, to save money and then see the "rainy day fund" wiped out by the failure of some "wild cat" scheme.

This happens every day. Widows the support given by the people to the and hard-working men are credulous. They listen to the oily promises of "get rich quick," promoters and hand over savings to slick salesmen promising impossible profits.

And when the bolt falls out of the clear sky the careful savings of years liberty bond for a slight or negative disappear. "The Bonanza Co. has gone up." Then there is nothing to do but begin all over.

Whatever the temptation may have been in the past to do this thing, there is no excuse for it now. Hundreds of thousands of experienced publicity and investment men have been at work nearly two years, under the authority of the Government, educating millions of people in the art of safe investing. More people are saving money today than ever before in the history of the world. Literally millions have been taught to buy Gov ernment bonds.

The Government will offer another chance to "get in on the ground floor" during the spring when the Fifth Liberty Loan is offered.

The money will be spent to pay the cost of maintaining and restoring to their homes the valiant soldiers who have won for America the world's greatest victory. The bills must be paid and the American people must pay them. The bonds will provide the funds.

To buy them when they are offered everybody should begin saving now. Set aside all the money you can spare and have it in the bank for the initial payment on Fifth Liberty

HOW AMERICANS CTAV ON THE IOD

Prove That We Carry Out a Task. However Great.

The Fifth Liberty Loan will give the army of patriotic buyers the chance which all good Americans welcome. It will let the millions of buyers of onds prove that they are stavers. vill show that they are determined to finish a job to the very end.

even so great a job as a world war. In April or May of this year the time comes for the last chapter. The Government cannot for a moment drop the great task upon which we entered in April, 1917, until a firm and lasting peace is secured throughout the world.

It cannot stop until the Armies of Occupation are brought home. Until then the Treasury Department must borrow from the people to finance the expense of the war establishment. After that our expense will come from taxes

The reserves at home whose dollars have fought with the men in the field must mobilize now for demobilization of the troops. They have stood by the nation in time of stress. The critical period is past, but the work is yet to pleted. Completing it rests on the VICTORIOUS FIFTH Loan.

The responsibilities of the nation. like its hopes, are as great as they were before the armistice brought the end of the war.

Staying to the end means taking up the Fifth Loan just as Pershing's men fought through the Argonne Forest. It is backing the Government to the finish in the war loan that crystallizes

peace and prosperity.

A train, running on a line which had chieved an unenviable notoriety for slowness and unpunctuality, after losing considerable time in a short jour ney, suddenly stopped in the midst of fields. "Guard!" shouted a jovial passenger, "may I get out and pick some flowers?" "Afraid you won't find many Half the excitement of being in local about here," said the conductor, good-is trying to make the other person con-form it will be heaps of time," replied the jovial passenger-"I've brought a packet of seeds."

NO DIMMING YANKEE SPIRIT

Soldier in Midst of Stern Duties of War Found Time to Play Little Jokes on Dad.

The Yankee spirit in the midst of the carnage and travails of war is exemplified in a letter written two weeks before the signing of the armistice to Edwin C. Brandenburg, former president of the Washington board of trade, by his son. Sergt. Milton F. Brandenburg, who has been in France a year. Dark forebod-ings flashed through the mind of the father as he read through the epistle no not for the world. Mother is a until he came to the lust sentence. The letter reads:

"I dislike very much to have to write this letter to you, but the time has come when I must ask your advice on a matter of great importance to me, the complication of which has caused me nights of restlessness and many a day of anxiety.

"You will understand when I tell you that many a happy home has been wrecked, and in fact even human lives upset by similar troubles, and that is why I haven't written you about it before, but now I feel that you should know at once, as it means such a great deal to me.

"Even though I am in France, I dare not communicate the state of my mind to any of my friends here, so go to you. I know I am asking a good deal of you, but your loyalty more than warrants it and I am going to ask you and expect you to tell me from deep down in your big heart if you think that Jeff will ever be as tall as Mutt?"

CHINESE IS MADE BISHOP

Ceremony, Unique in Records of the Anglican Church, Performed at Shanghal.

For the first time in the history of the Church of England in China, a Chinese bishop, in the person of the Venerable Archdeacon T. C. Shen, has been consecrated. The ceremony took place in the Church of Our Savior, Dixwell road. Shanghal, before a number of distinguished guests. The rites followed the ordinal of the churches of the Anglican communion.

The new bishop was presented in due form by Doctor Molony, bishop of Chekiang, and Doctor Norris, bishop of North China, who were assisted by Doctor Graves, the presiding bishop, in the laying of the hands. Bishops Roots and Huntington of the American church, Bishop Iliff of the Church of England and Bishop White of the Canadian church. All these bishops are also bishops of the Chung Hus Shang Kung Hui.—Canton (China)

Where Women Rule. A little village exists on the Cape of Shima, in Japan, the name of which in Japanese means "the Settlement of Nymphs." Woman in this village is the predominant partner. The chief industry is pearl fishing, and it is the women who are the fishers. The men stay at home and do the housework From the age of four girls are taught to dive, and the craft has always been jealously kept in the women's liands. Recently some of the men became discontented and started to practice

diving with the idea of themselves be coming pearl fishers. The women, dreading the intensified competition, ordered the men to discontinue their diving, and as the men refused a boycott was declared against them. The sexes have been at war ever since, and finally the women expelled all the men from their homes and undertook in their clumsy, inexpert fashion to do the housework for themselves. The men have petitioned parliament for their rights.

Dreadful Malady. "Sensickness," said Lieut. Sydnor Harrison, the novelist, "is a dreadful

thing. It will unman even the dough-"A doughboy on a transport bound The "Victorious Fifth" Loan Will for France, was seasick. His corporal, to get him out on deck in the fresh

air, roused him from his seasick stunor one morning and said: "'Come on, Jack! Up with you! We've been torpedoed and the ship'll

sink in ten minutes.' ".'Ten minutes?' groaned the doughboy. Then he added with a great gulp:

"'Can't you harry her on a bit, corp?'

Y. M. C. A. Casualties.

To carry on its work with the A. E. F, the Y. M. C. A. has had more than three thousand secretaries in Europe, supplemented by more than one thousand French civilians. These have been operating about fifteen hundred huts and stations in the sectors held by American and French troops. Up to August 1 there had been more than fifty casualties, eleven of whom were killed while on duty, according to the Atlantic Monthly. Of the ministers engaged in the work four have met death while serving at the front and many others have been permanently

Why We Weigh Gold by Carat.

The weight used by goldsmiths in gauging the quality of gold apart from the alloy, i. e., carat, is derived from that of the seed of an Abyssinian carat flower, which, being exceedingly uniform in size, was employed in weighing gold and precious stones.

Holland's Great Dike. One of the great dikes of Holland is 40 miles long, starting far up in the country, near the Yssel river, and con tinuing across the Hook of Holland to the sen. It was built in sections, and for seven centuries has held back the waters from the low-lying fields.

Finger Prints invaluable.

Of course it is in connection with the detection of criminals that the fingerprint record is most used. It is claimed that China used it 4,000 years ago. It is in use in Scotland Yard and in Paris and in the big cities of this country. But it has proved in-valuable in identifying honest folk as well as criminals.

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By A. C. LEONARD.

<u>ស្នាក្រាជាក្រាយបាយបាយបាយបាន</u> Syndicate.)

Hazel Defrey was seated in a quiet, secluded nook on the border of a tiny lake. She was thinking. "Oh!" she said, half to herself and half aloud, "If I was only like other girls. If I wasn't so old-fashioned. But what's the use of wishing. Mother has brought me up this way and I wouldn't change-

me." Notwithstanding what she had said. there was a very faraway look in Hazel's eyes as she watched the brightcolored canoes glide gracefully across the lake, which could have been translated into this: "No, I'm not satisfied with this life, for I like to have a good time once in a while like the other girls."

Ever since Hazel could remember, she had been carefully protected by a oving mother who had been very strict with her-but any little fairy could have told you that it had not spoiled her in the least.

She was very sweet to look uponeven if her dresses were not made according to the fashion plates in the latest magazines—even if her hair was dressed so very, very plainly. She had heavenly blue eyes and a very delicate profile.

This was the first time that she had really been dissatisfied with her lot. 'Why, just think," she mused, "there is Ethel Thorne.

"She always has plenty of attention from young men-they take her to every entertainment and dance; and, me-why, I was never even asked to go anywhere by a man-no, not onc in all my nineteen years-perhaps they know that mother wouldn't let me, anyway." Then to console herself she said: "Well, I wouldn't want to go with the class of men that she does,

anybow." She had been so busy turning over the question in her mind-looking at it from every point of view-that she had not noticed the passage of time. The sun had set, and the evening shadows were gathering fast. She jumped to her feet bewildered. "Oh!" she said aloud, "what would mother ever say if she knew I had to walk home alone at this time of evening? If I only had a canoe. It's so much nearer to the cottage that way." As if in answer to her wish a cance glided up to the bank, and a very nice looking young man said politely: "Pardon me, miss, but didn't I just overhear you say that you would like to go across the lake in a canoe? I'd be delighted to take you over." Hazel was very confused, but "Oh! If you-u managed to stammer: only would I c-could n-n-ever thank y-you enough." It seemed to the girl seated in the bottom of the cance holstered by numberless pillows, to be the most wonderful trip she had ever taken. She glanced up at her silent companion quite often.

She could not help admiring his wonderful physique and open, manly face. He was so different from the young

men she had known. The ride was over all too soon. he helped her to alight he said: forgot to introduce myself before. Somehow I didn't think it necessary I am Bruce Benton, and I am stopping for the summer at the 'Ownissa tage. I hope you do not consider me bold to take the liberty of seeing you home. May I have permission to call some evening?'

Hazel told him (all the while blushing prettily) that she had enjoyed the ride immensely and would be delighted to have him call.

Her mother, on meeting Mr. Benton next day, was satisfied that he was a fit companion for Hazel-just the kind of young man she should have liked to liave for a son.

The canoe ride that evening was folowed by many, many more, and before the summer was over Huzel wore a beautiful ring on the third finger of her left hand.

"Do you know, dear," said Mr. Benton one day as they flew swiftly along the blue, rippling water, "why I cared for you from the very first? It was because you were so different-because you were just a bit old-fashoned." And Hazel, the happlest girl in the whole world, was glad that her mother had brought her up as she had.

First Recorded Eclipse. The earliest eclipse certainly idenfied by means of contemporary rec ords is believed to be that which occurred at Babylon 1.070 years before the Christian era. The next notable one was recorded at Nineveh on Assyrian tablets 763 years B. C. Modern computations show that the path of the shadow on that occasion ran least 100 miles north of the city Nineveh. Then comes the most debrated of all, the "Eclipse of Thales," so-called because that famous Greek philosopher predicted its currence, and when it did occur, on the 28th of May, 585 B. C., it put an end to a great battle that was being fought by the Medes and the Lydians, and permanently terminated the war letiveen them.

She Is Suspicious. "Isn't that clerk of yours an In-

we'll asked the girl. He is," replied the druggist. "I am reluctant about having him

"Oh, he's not savage." "I know. But it seems to me he cears h lurking grin when I order paint."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Too Cannibalistic, Perhaps. "A Russian announces that donkeys

are 'good to eat,'" remarks the Car-thage Free Press. "When it gets to that point, we know of one person who is going to sign up to observe 'meat-less days.' "-Kansas City Times.

instinct of Brotherhood. The moment we can use our posses sions to any good purpose ourselves the instinct of communicating that use to others rises side by side with our

power .-- Ruskin.

PLAITS AND PANELS MODEL



Accordion plaits and panels are very popular this season. This skirt is of lustrous black satin and the panels are edged with broad slik fringe.

CARE OF SILVER GRAY HAIR

Be Used Ornaments Detract

More Than They Add.

Gray hair, more than hair of any other color, should be beautifully arranged. The hairdress is three-fourths peace terms are signed. of the trick of an admirable colffure. The length, thickness, color and texture of the hair, notes a correspondent. do not matter so much, if it is beautifully undulated and becomingly colffed. What the hairdressers nowadays can do with a skimpy little making saving a happy personal and thatch of thought dome roofing is national habit. thatch of thought dome roofing is something marvelous. And they will teach you, tricks of which you may

well be proud. To gray hair only certain tonics should be applied. Any tonic containing glycerin will discolor the silver

As a rule, hair ornaments detract more than they add. Brilliant ornaments or any elaborate coiffure fresco effects are suitable only for the grand hope-to-die social occasions. Shell pins are out of style. This is the day of the simple effect, of good lines and a deletion of everything that has neither meaning nor place. Hence, beautiful hair is considered sufficient unto itself, without any of the claptrap, fuss stuff for which in times agone we used to exchange our good cash, coin

HATS MUST BE PRACTICAL

Becomingness, Serviceability, Individa uality, Always Figure Prominent. ly in All Headgear.

War has not robbed woman, of her thrift. natural desire to please, but it has taught her that discrimination is a far better part than display. At present no hat stands a ghost of

chance of success unless it is practical as well as smart. .

The woman with a taste and a tal-

sive it may be, is worth to her only its measure of becomingness. So the autumn hat is a combina-

tion

"bunnit" of chic, serviceability and individuality—just such a combination as will delight the feminine It is worth noting that velvet is the vogue for all the hours of the day

and night, but it is developed in so many ways and allied to such a variety of things that it never fails. It does not now matter half so much what hat one wears as how one wears it, and the head must fit way up into the crown and the hat must droot

down well over the eyes if one would

not be hopelessly out of the prevailing

style. SAPPHIRE TO SUPPLANT RUBY

Precious Stone Has Increased in Price on Account of War and Imitations Are Almost Impossible.

According to navices from London jewelers, the sapphire is to supersede the ruby as a fashionable jewel. For a long time the ruby has held first place having succeeded the sapphire in favor, which was deposed by the fashionable world, despite its magnificence of color, as it had become cheaper in It appears now that the while bringing high prices, is never-theless the simplest of all stones and can readily be imitated. In fact, it is difficult to detect imitations.

Consequently the supphire will now creased in price during the war and it being almost impossible to manufacture imitations. Diamonds and pearls will, of course

continue to be worn as usual and are always in fashion. Diamonds are now at the highest price in history, and may continue to increase in price

The Rose's Name. The name "rose" varies only slightly among different nations. The Romans called it rosa—a form adhered to in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian. In Polish it is roza, in Dutch roos, in Swedish ros, and in French, German and Danish rose,

Optimistic Thought. Keep good company and you'll be or

GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR POPULAR SAVINGS

Widespread Willingness to Lend to the Government Awakened

by the War.

The rapid establishment of a nation wide government agency for popular savings is foreshadowed in an announcement made today by Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, through Mrs. F. L. Higginson, Director of Savings for New England.

Secretary Glass, in discussing the plans for the newly organized Savings Division of the United States Treasury, and the special savings function assigned to the Federal Reserve District. said:-

"In the nawly established savings function of the Treasury of the United States, it is believed, we will have a thrift mechanism rivaling in the convenience the oft-quoted methods of Europe. Through it we hope to establish new motives for saving that will capitalize into a permanent national characteristic, the wide-spread willingness to save and to lend to the government awakened by the war. The ultimate aim is to make investin government securities an every-day matter with us as it has beome with the people of France and England.

"Twenty Million Americans, through nterest in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps have begun to gain a similar taste for saving through government interest-yielding securities.
To perpetuate this valuable habit acquired as a war measure, it is planned, especially in connection with the sale Tonic Containing Glycerin Should Not of War Savings Stamps, to aid in meeting war obligations, to emphasize new arguments of every-day patriotism, and of individual self-interest for saving and purchase of stamps, which will be equally compelling after the

"The Savings Division of the Treas ury—a group of economists, educators, bankers, business men and students of household and other thrift, has been charged with leadership in developing and inculcating of ways and means of

"The Governors of the Federal Reserve Districts, each through a special Savings Director, will assist in this educational campaign and also will see to it that War Savings Stamps are made even more accessible in every community.

"These district directors operating through the headquarters savings staff and field workers, will reach every community through state directors and through county and community chairmen of committees representing the government in its savings activities. The 164,000 War Savings Societies will be maintained and strengthened and their number rapidly increased wherever conditions warrant.

'District cooperation will be effected with other government departments interested in thrift matters with all schools, universities, employers, religious and fraternal groups and national organizations of men and women. They will be asked to assist in promoting the sale of War Saving Stamps and also in disseminating ideas of individual and community

"That we continue to attract small savings of millions of people as well as larger capital into government investment channels. I regard as vitally essential to our financial program. Whereas before the war the governent for dress realizes that a hat, no dred thousand investors, twenty milment was financed by some three hunlion people have become its financial partners. Such partnership must engender a more intelligent interest in the actual operations of the government. Such popular support classes of citizens, I regard as the

very essence of democracy.

"As an agency for Americanization, Liberty Bonds and, particularly Thrift and War Savings Stamps, have been among the most effective erasers of the hyphen. Ownership of such securities has operated strongly to lessen the desire of many of our foreignborn citizens to return to their native lands, and with many more, has curbed restlessness and the tendency to shift from town to town without ever really taking root. Many employers assure us that the establishment of War Savings Societies and the ownership of government securities thus promoted in their plants, stores and business offices, have counteracted importantly the tendency of their employees to shift from job to job. With money saved through the stamps, many, hitherto restless, gained the idea of buying homes and settling down in the com-

munity. "For thase several reasons it has seemed highly desirable to the Treasury to establish definite government agencies charged with bringing home financially to every man, woman and child, the idea that wise spending, avoidance of waste, intelligent saving and safe investment are not alone good citizenship but are good business

for the individual and the community. "The thrift machinery being put in motion, I am hopeful, will prove so popular that our present beginning quickly, will, develop, into the greatest people's savings and investment activity in the world."

Appreciated Cats.

When Mulai Hafid, sultan of Moroc-

co, succeeded to the sultanate he found the sacred city of Fez infested by rats. Without any loss of time he at once nationalized all the cats of Morocco and issued a command that many thousands of them should be brought into Fez for service. For some time a law has existed in Hongkong making it compulsory to keep cats in every house, the number varying according to the size of the house.

Closing Out

Our Over Stock at Greatly

Reduced Prices

We are listing a few of the many different items in this sale:

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ing material for the teeth. Some foods contain all of them except when man ignorantly removes them. The sifting, screening; bolting and refining of the patent processed flours to such an exo-chemic elements are removed producing in reality a denatured bread. This artificial bread lacks tooth build-

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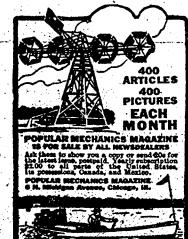


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By MARIAN T. CARTER.

"Say, Jack, that is a crackerjack iden," exclaimed Tom Stevens, as his. chum finished explaining his plan to bring Beth Butterfield, Tom's sweet-heart, to terms. "I'll bet if she saw such an advertisement she'd answer it, just for the mischief of doing some

The next day there appeared in the Siconset Summer News columns the 35¢ following:

"Wanted-A young gentleman with a good reputation would like to correspond with a young lady in the sumner colony, T 88."

'A few days later in Tom's morning nall was a large envelope from the newspaper office enclosing three letters in answer to his advertisement. The first two he opened were very uninteresting and from girls he did not know, but the last one was the one he wanted. Beth had written!

It was a very formal little note, exactly like Beth, but it gave Tom the opening he desired. Tom answered it and a few days later another letter arrived. This was surely immense fun on Tom's part, for since his proposal Beth Butterfield had treated him very coolly and now, although unknown to herself, she was corresponding with

She had said when she refused to be come engaged to Tom that she wanted to have a good time and not be tied to any one man!" Well, she surely seemed to be having a good time from what Tom could make out. Dances tennis, canoeing, swimming, and all the other things that go with a good time at the beach.

After their correspondence had gone on about two months Tom decided it was time to take definite steps, so in his next letter he asked if he could call and meet the young lady who had given him so much pleasure through the summer. One week passed and then an other, and Tom decided to write again. The next morning he found a short note, saying that a meeting would be impossible, for she expected to leave very shortly.

But fortune always favors a true lover. There was to be a dance at the Casino that very evening, and Tom knew that Beth intended to go. Yes, he would go, too, and see if things could not be straightened out that very night.

When evening came Tom dressed for the dance and also slipped into his pocket two of the letters Beth had written, including the last one. The dancers were all busy filling out their dance cards when Tom got there, so he immediately began to fill his own out. As he approached Beth she turned slightly away, but Tom, undaunted, pretended not to notice movement and politely asked for her card. He took several of her dances including the first, those at intermis-sion, and the last. Poor Beth, what could she do? Everyone was watch-ing her, anyway; for they knew that she had refused Tom once before. When he returned her card she bowed slightly but said nothing.

At intermission Tom managed to get Beth out into the conservatory, and then asked her again if she would think you rather ought to, since

you have been corresponding with me nearly all summer," said Tom. "I have not!" exclaimed Beth, and stamped her foot; but because she remembered that she had corresponded with an unknown young man she flushed guiltily.

"Yes, dear, you have; see?" And

meanest, meanest boy!" And she broke down and cried.

This was too much for Tom. He took Beth in his arms and kissed the

little wet cheeks, murmuring: "Dearest, I didn't mean to hurt your feelings, but I was determined to make you love me. I couldn't live without you, dear. Can't you say you love me

now. Beth. sweetheart?" "Yes, Tom," whispered Beth. "Tve had all the good times I want, and I want you now, all the time, Tom

Tom's voice was husky when h next spoke. "My own little girl," and he bent and humbly kissed the upturn

ed lips. After the dance they walked home

through the quiet streets happily planning their future. (Copyright, 1918, by the McClure Newspa per Syndicate.)

Coonskin Brought High Price. A coonskin trapped in southeast Missouri recently sold at \$875 at a Lon-

don fur auction. N. Goldsmith, head of a Cairo (Ill.) fur company, sent a shipment of skins to London and included a particularly pretty coonskin. He requested that it be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds donated to some war charity. He was informed by cable that the pelt brought £180, the money being given to the prisoners-of-war fund,

Nuts and Fruit.

The government is not calling upon us to give up all of our toothsome dishes, but to be economical in the use of those commodities which are scarce. Nuts and fruit have not been tabooed, and these will be found to add much to the dishes, and especially to give to our daily bread a new and very delightful flavor.—People's Home Journal.

Foundation of Brotherhood, "The doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man is a beautiful dream, but it remains forever the baseless fabric of a dream, unless it is founded upon the his work carelessly. "Mr. Jones," said deepest of all realities, the Fatherhood of God. To better our social conditions we need close thoughts, careful was going to ask for an explanation study, a diligent application of the best the young clerk broke in: "Mr. Smith, methods, but at last without faith in I've been working here for three months the eternal foundations there can be no now, and though I have tried my best, final adjustment of social difficulties, that's the first bit of praise I have and all earthly wisdom is but as sounding brass and clanging cymbals."-Dr. you."-New York Sun.

Samuel Smith.

LOSING DELIGHT IN BEAUTY

Writer Bemoans "Degradation of th Arts," Which He Asserts is Going on Today.

All the arts but one, says Layton Crippon in his book, "Clay and Fire," degradation today, in many cases degradation so great that the have virtually ceased to exist. We have not only forgotten how to make beautiful things, but we have even acquired an instinctive dislike of beau-tiful things. They seem to have be offensive to us.

"There was recently one curious little instance to which I am tempted to refer, showing as it did, that in beauty is not only ignored, but has actually become offensive, causing instinctive 'dislike' ten and five-dollar gold pieces were undoubtedly the noblest coins produced in any country in 200 years, Within a couple of months the American public had howled them out of circulation.

"The explanation was afterward made that the coins were disliked be cause the relief was inconveniently high, but the original outcry was ngainst the design and only the design of these exquisite examples of die cutting. But America has no monopoly of this instinctive hatred of beauty. It was exemplified in the vandalism that was common all over Europe, the destruction of ancient and glorious buildings, usually without

ONE OF WAR'S GREAT DEEDS

Crossing of St. Quentin Canal by Brit ish Troops Conceded to Bo Remarkable Exploit.

Probably one of the most remark able exploits of the war was the crossing of the St. Quentin canal by brigade of South Stafford and North Stafford (British) troops in the course of the advance on Cambral. The capal is a landmark in the country for miles around because of its dimen sions, and just where the crossing was effected the waterway runs for some distance between very steep and high banks covered in some parts by dense ow brushwood. That the crossing was made by such a large number of men and so expeditiously is a remarkable tribute to the determination of the men and to the forethought of their. commanders. It is related that their commanding officer had sent down to channel port and had had sent up to the line for the occasion all the lifebelts of one of the well-known crosschannel steamers. It was this measure of precaution which was the means foot-bridges could be constructed and which was the main contributing factor in the success of the operation.

The newly created English high commissioner in Siberia, Sir Charles Eliot. has served in official capacities in Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Morocco and the United States. His task in Siberia is a delicate one, but tact is Sir Charles' strong point.

When vice chancellor of Sheffield university Sir Charles created amuse ment by a remark he made at a university dinner. "Of the changes of the past year," he said, "the one which strikes me most and pleases me most is that every day as I take my walk in the university corridors I see young ladies walking about in gowns." And there he stopped, but the roar of laughter caused him to continue: "In academic gowns, which look most pic-

Memory Course.

J. Leonard Replogle, the govern-

Mr. Replogle in a Y. M. C. A. address.
"I don't take much stock in fads and reading was given by Mrs. Victoria was given by Mrs. Victoria was given by Mrs. Victoria reading was given by Mrs. Victoria was given Mr. Replogle in a Y. M. C. A. address. efficiency courses and so on as success

helps. "A clerk said to me the other day: "'I expect to make a success of my life at last. I'm taking one of these memory courses. It's a magnificent thing.'

"'What's the name of the course?" said I. "'Darned if I can remember the

name,' said the clerk in a vexed voice.' "

Non-Combatant Tanks.

Not all army tanks are destructive of human life. Those of the sanitary corps are dangerous only to germs. The necessity of eradicating these from the drinking water of the soldiers has been met by the organization of purification units or mobile water a complete filtration plant in itself, including a laboratory for testing. They are equipped to both filter and chemically purify the water, which may be pumped up from a river bed or any convenient source. Attached to each train are a number of simple tank trucks used for storage or transportation of the purified water.

Most Aggressive Religion.

Mohammedanism is the aggressive religion of India, says the World Outlook, and has increased its membership 9 per cent in a decade, while the general population has increased only 2 per becoming Mohammedans every year than are turning to Christianity. but proportionately Christianity is leading in growth, having increased 25 per cent in ten years.

Ignorance, Oh, Bliss! A young clerk was called before the manager to explain why he was doing the manager, "of late your work has been very perfunctory." Just as he received since I've been here. Thank

TOWNSEND

A dance was held in Memorial hall on last week Thursday evening under the auspices of Fitchburg parties with

ed by a caterer from Fitchburg. The body of Mrs. L. G. Chandler vas brought to town last week Friday afternoon by auto hearse from Somerille for interment in the Hillside emetery. Committal services were held at the grave in charge of her pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, with prayer by a former pastor, Rev. B. A. Will-mott, of Quincy. Church and home riends gathered about the casket to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved sister who had dwelt in our present state of degradation midst for so many years. The body uty is not only ignored, but has her son, Lieut. C. L. Chandler, M. C., U. S. A., New York; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lang, of Somerville; her brother, William Hurd, Newburyport, and a niece from Wolfboro, N. H. James L. Farrar, F. B. Higgins and Henry J. Miller were

the beafers. .The body of Frank M. Moulton was brought from Lunenburg last week Friday afternoon for burial in the Hillside cemetery, beside his wife, who died ten years ago. Mr. Moulton was Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver. well known in Townsend, having re-Miss Marie Lewis, prima sided here for a number of years on Elm street and at South row, while he was employed by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. The deceased is survived by an only son, J. Edward Moulton, of Fitchburg; three sisters, Mrs. Sidney Peabody and Mrs. Lyle Hancock, of unenburg, and Mrs. Asa Adams, of Shirley; three brothers, Charles E., of this town; Henry, of Lunenburg, and ra C., of California.

Miss Doris Coyle, of Winter Hill Somerville, has been substituting as first assistant in the high school durng the illness of Miss Maude Donnell. The postponed supper and entertain-

ment, under the auspices of the Congregational L. B. S., is to be held or Vednesday evening, February 5. Mrs. Martha Wells, who has been

ng house for Mrs. Elitheo French n Ashby, while she has been substituting as teacher in the school, has reurned to her home here.

reek in Boston, visiting relatives.

The Townsend Hill Improvement so ciety held their monthly meeting last lege" on the hill with a good attendance and a lively discussion by the members on the subject, "Which does the most harm to the farmer, the hawk or the crow?" At the close of the discussion it was decided that the hawk was a greater enemy. Plance solos were rendered by Miss Ruth Morse and readings by Miss Alberta Barber during the evening's program There was a good attendance at the Congregational church last Sunday evening when a "victory sing" and praise service was given by the con-

gregation under the direction of Miss Emma Southwick, with sermon on "Making Americans," by Rev. James L. Kilbourn, treasurer of the Massa chusetts Home Missionary society, Boston, Mr. Kilbourn held the undivided attention of his hearers, radiatng his talk from three points neces sary in the "making of Americans"understanding of the English lan guage, living up to an ideal and following the example of Christ by doing

The Monday club met on Monday Bliss, presiding. After the business meeting a miscellaneous program was enjoyed when the members respond ed with readings of prose and poetry times, "The higher call" and the 'Peace moon" was read at this meet ing, which were written by an honor ary member of the club and former

Methodist pastor's wife, Mrs. Ethelyn Robertson, now of Sunderland. "Oh, how did you get those letters? ment's official steel buyer, was an erwinding in Odd Fellows' hall, a very thresting report of the recent State with a lonely fellow who knew no one here. Tom Stevens, you are the recent how the state of the recent has the recent how the state of the recent has the recent has the recent how the state of the recent has the recent h At the Grange meeting on Monday

bridge, were the Sunday guests of several weeks caring for Mis. Roy only iii, but is now slowly onvaled by slosed. Brown.

Miss Eva Whitcomb, of Salem, with Invents Paper Quilts.

with other branches in the New Eng-land division, that speed in the com-pletion of the garments for the refu-gees is absolutely essential if they are weighs four. In speaking of her direction of Miss Reace, domestic sergees is absolutely essential if they are to be of use this winter. The only thing that stands between these people and suffering or death from the lack of necessities of living is the American Red Cross. The Red Cross for Red Cross the Red Cross that Red Cross the Red heavy motor trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in tend of the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks; each of which is a complete filtration plant in the second trucks. ple of our allies as well as work for our own army or navy. Our army and navy fought for an ideal and it navy our times, who search and navy fought for an ideal and it. now remains for the Red Cross to bed spreaddemonstrate its belief in its ideal by half the orcarrying on the work with the same ing, also magnificent spirit shown in the past and complete this order on time.

At the Congregational church on Sunday, the paster, Rev. A. L. Struthers, will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. I. Dyer, of Sharon. Union evening service in the Congregational church. The Birthday club will meet next and navy fuesday with Mrs George Davis.

"Mrs. Fred Howard, from Stoneham, cent. Many more native Indians are is spending a few days with her grand- learn of mother, Mrs. Susan Morgan.

Carl B. Will and, who has been stopping at the Strannicook Inn during the absence of his mother, who is spending the water with her daughter in Dorchester, has removed to the sister Center for the remainder of the win- ua, N is ter, in order to be nearer his work. Stanley Hardy, of Ashby, who is stopping with his grandmother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway, has sufficiently ing sch recovered from his recent illness to be his, suable to attend the public school here.

Quite a party from here attended office the dance in Memorial hall at the Center last week Friday evening: Five cases of influenza are reported of years from one family—father and mother both in and three children—Mr. and Mrs. Wal-went from Rachel, all sick in bed, and five small- about five coars ago for Greenfield, N. Rey. Otis L. Monson inducting the er children in the family to be care H., where he took up a position on the service, and burial was in Townsend.

for. Mr. Bennett has just returned from a hospital in Boston, where he a serious operation at Christmas time, and every effort is being made to secure the services of nurse to care for the patients and the children.

chestra, and refreshments were serv-Mrs. Alexander Reed assisted at th reading-room on Saturda, evening, but Miss Seaver was in charge during the afternoon.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Brown has been named Richard Mrs. Brown, who has been Anson. quite ill with the influenza since his birth is rapidly recovering.

Miss Bertha Boynton returned on Saturday from a few days' visit to relatives in Lowell.

One of our old residents, Atty. Al vah M. Levy, of Fitchburg, visited the village, stopping at the Squannicool Inn last week. Charles Donley has been on the sich

list for a few days, but has resumed his duties at W. A. Boutwell's store C. L. Webster assisted in the store dur ing his absence. Charlotte and Francis Hodgman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Hodgman, are on the sick list, suffer ing from severe colds. Mrs. S. E. Waite, from Waltham, are

spending a few days at the home of Miss Marie Lewis, primary teacher spent the week-end at her home in West Berlin, and Miss Myllykangas

the grammar teacher, visited her home

in Fitchburg as usual. Mrs. Susan Howard, who has been R. Morgan, has returned to her homin Stoneham.

Mrs. Fred Tenney, of the Center visited friends in town on Sunday. Clarence L. Webster has been spending a few days with friends out

of town, returning to his home here Edward Bell, who has been serious

ill in Maynard, is recuperating at his home in the north part of town. Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway has been or the sick list for a few days with a severe cold, but has now recovered

sufficiently to be about again. The many friends of Homer Flynn. on of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Flynn, pleased to note that Corporal Homer lynn, of the 40th Engineer Camou- fliction. flage Section, arrived in New York on the S.S. Goentoe last week Friday. He was on the front line ten months without relief, camouflaging batteries. at Camp Merritt, N. J., to be mustered out.

Another member of the Bennet children, has been stricken with the Two nurses are in attend-s. McKenzie, night nurse, influenza. and Miss Evelyn Newton, day nurse, both from the Center. Mr. Bennett's mother, from Worcester, has arrived, and is assisting in the home, but the oldest daughter, Ruth, is ill with the measles in Worcester, where she is employed.

.The West Townsend pupils attending the high school, who were mentioned in the honor list, published recently, were Daniel Ormsby, Doris Tenney and Lucie Reynolds, and high cently, nonors, Miss Frances Shepherd.

The body of Mrs. Caroline Sherwin of Nashua, N. H., aged ninety years, widow of Charles Sherwin of this village, was brought here on the morn ing train, Wednesday, for burial besid afternoon in the ladies' parlor of her husband in the family lot. Praythe Congregational church at three or were offered at the grave by Rev. Joseph McKean, and the remains were accompanied by her son, Charles Sherwin of Nashua. The bearers were Alexander Reed, W. C. Winchester. Augustus Bruce and Henry B. Hatha-Mrs. Sherwin, though not resident, was a frequent visitor in this

pleasantly remembered by many, Rev. Joseph McKean will take for his topic Sunday morning, "Storms on Wooldredge, the citizens' town com-

Mrs. William W. Webster has re-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, of South- turned to her home after being for

Miss Ruth Sargent, as guest, spent the week-end with Miss Whitcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb. telle, of Bayberry hill, has been udoing the rest of the property of the state o Mrs. F. B. Higgins recently visited her daughter Gertrude at the Framingham Normal school.

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Dormarkerrygansett farm. vears ago he married Miss Nellie Hopkins of that town and entered the employ of Hopkins & Belcher, where he worked until his death. Only a short Tuesday afternoon of last week and time ago he called upon his friends in was attended by a large concourse of this village and the news of his death was a great shock to all who knew who have a summer home here, are him, and much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing family in their af-

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LUNENBURG

News Items.

The union meeting at the Methodist church on Sunday evening was well attended, the chapel being filled. The meeting was held in the interest of the centenary movement, and two speakers from Fitchburg, sent out and ed the matter in a very able and interesting manner. The fine singing by the pleasing and enthusiastic leader, accompanied by the lady pianist was much enjoyed. Miss Lorraine Hayward also sang a solo, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," accompanied by Miss Blanche Lancey. The officers, elect of the Epworth league were then installed by one of the speakers from Fitchburg-a very interesting cere-

The annual town meeting is only five weeks away, and people are be-ginning to "sit up and take notice," and the question of "Who shall we of almost daily occurrence. There are everal of the town officers whose terms expire this year and it is quite likely that nearly all of them will be Edward B. Saunders school committee, does not wish his name used, as he positively declines re-election, and some other one will have to be chosen to fill his place. One selectman, electric light commis sioner, school committee and traste of the public library terms expire and Bigelow, Sherman Sanderson and John the sea of life." In the evening the mittee, have asked for the use of the C. E. topic will be "Best things in town hall for a caucus on Monday

Loren Brown has been in the sick list for more than a week, being seri-

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Proctor, who was accidentally electrocuted January people, who brought many and beau-tiful floral tributes as a silent expression of the love and respect which all a fragrant token of sympathy for the stricken friends—his young wife and baby daughter, his parents, brothers and sisters, his grandparents and the innumerable host of friends who mourn his untimely death. Rev. L. A. Whiston conducted the service, speakones, emphasizing the fact that "he liveth long who liveth best," that only character endures, and spoke particularly of the fact that Mr. Proctor lost his life while doing an act of kindnes -protecting others from danger. Miss Florence Hersom sang "There is no The bearers were all schoolmates of Mr. Proctor and neighors-Ralph and Howard Whitcomb, Lewis and Carl Harrington, Maurice arr and Frank Riley. The burial was in the South cemetery and an impressive committal service was held there.

Officers Installed.

Those elected to office in the Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., were installed last Saturday evening at the town hall. Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock, of Leominster, was the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Cora Bates. twenty visitors present. installed were Miss Nellie M. Jewett, pres.; Mrs. Lottie Adams, s.v.p.; Mrs. lizzie Hildreth, J.v.p.; Mrs. Ethel Gilchrest, chap.; Mrs. Georgia M. Brown, treas.; Mrs. Cora Lane, Mrs. Etta Archibald, Mrs. Ruth L. Gilchrest, gouncil; Mrs. Flora Farnsworth, pat. inst.: Mrs. Marian Harrington, sec.; ituth L. Gilchrest, guide; Lottie Adruard; Mrs. Ava Kelley, asst. guard; brest and Mabel Percy, color bearers. Short speeches were made by Com. Marsh of Post 53, Pres. Farrell of Tent

As a token of appreciation of her ments were then served and the meet-

, and Past Com. Richardson of Camp

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PEPPERELL

Nors Items. Chester B. Hamilton, "the soldiers friend," has been appointed chairman of the home service work here in Peppercil for disabled soldiers and sailors, through the Lowell division. American Red Cross, from the department of civilian relief of Washington. D. C. Miss Alice Sullivan of the Red D. C. Miss Alice Sullivan of the Red place. The sparks were coming. Cross headquarters in Lowell, who like fireworks when first seen. came to Pepperell the latter part of last week to perfect arrangements, expressed herself as much pleased to specific the services of one who has so much experience in war work for this Miss Mollie Fraser, who has been Certainly Mr. Hamilton's of the boys in the service during the pected back soon on a vacation at her sufficient guarantee of his interest in the boys and bespeak his success in this new phase of the work. The relief work is a department of the Red Cross quite independent of the usual work or demands made upon ha local Red Cross chapter and will be conducted as such.

... Mrs. Samuel J. Blood was taken ill on Monday evening and her symptoms were those of acute appendicitis. On Tuesday morning by advice of her physicinny she was taken to St. Joseph's dimmens nerformed shortly after noon She was reported as out of the ether at eight o'clock that evening the case Heing a serious, but not a critical one. On Wednesday morning she was said to be resting comfortably.

Mrs. George Durgin writes to her friends in town from Pine Mt., Harlan county.; of her work in behalf of the children of the poor whites, in Ken-tucky. Although some of her tasks would not naturally appeal to a woman of her status and intellect, yet she is persevering in her work for the betterment of those among whom she finds kerself. Her experiences when she re turns next summer, as she is expected to, will be well worth listening to.

day afternoon at the meeting of the at Dover, N. H., and at his presen East Vilinge club and a pleasant and place, Newport. He was in his seven-profitable afternoon was passed in tieth year. The officiating clergyman sewing on refugee garments and lis-tening to readings and discussions on of former days, Rev. Dr. Edgar Blake. the subject, "The care of children." Little Esther Martin also sang for the dlub. The next meeting in two weeks, February 12, may be of patriotic nat is to be at the home of Mrs N. W. Appleton.

Ezra L. Goss is reported as gaining. so that he is able to be about the house again, although his long illness has had its effect on his memory and left him enfeebled.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Iola youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright, of Brookline street, to Lesile S. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart, of Oak hill, took place on Saturday, January 25, at the Uniparsonage at Tyngsboro, Rev. A. C. White, a former pastor of this town, officiating. The couple were attended by the sister of the bride and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shattuck. The groom has been em-ployed at the Nashua river paper mill at work lumbering at Pittsat Aver soon and it is probable that and Mrs. Shattuck and possibly Mr. and Mrs. Wright will move there as work is more plentiful and Mr. Wright already has been at work carpentering for C. H. Miller. there for nearly a year. At present Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are residing with street

Although the Lend-a-hand club were disappointed in the arrangements for their entertainment and special orchestra last week a dance was held on Friday evening at Prescott hall, which mar club meeting at 2.45.
will net them about \$13 for their work to be solos by Mrs. C. D. will net them about \$13 for their work to be solos by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinso in the line of charitable doings. A colored orchestra was obtained from the camp in place of the 212th, which are band was very spirited, a singer accompanying them. Dancing was enjoyed, until midnight and ice companies. Nashua, N. H., will address the club on "Current events." This meeting is open to the public, the usual admission being charged and cake were on sale.

Cards have been received announcing the graduation of Miss Ruth Hodgkisa Morgan on February 4, from the fined to his home at his son's, A. A Margaret Fahnstock School of Nursing New York city, when she becomes a registered nurse. She has accepted a position with a surgeon in the city. temporarily, and next fall is to take an institutional position under Miss Murdoch, who is at the head of one matism. of the departments of the training school, from which Miss Morgan graduated. As a Pepperell High school girl and the youngest daughter of one of our citizens, Lawrence Morgan, a very natural interest is felt in

Ray Willoughby, who has been in the aviation service in France, his i written from Hoboken of his safe arrival from overseas, but that he would probably be in camp a few days he-fore being granted a furlough of a while, arrived by express on Monday.

A letter received by the parents of Walter Sullivan states that he has been put on police duty and may be sent into Germany, so that it is imsible to tell when he will be home. It is understood that Sydney Tower wwrites that he also may be given military police duty and detained longer than he expected overseas.

The dancing class of Miss Helen M. Robbins, which was recently started, will meet at Saunders' banquet hall every Monday evening until further

W. E. Corey, a Brookline trader well-known among Pepperell business men, is reported as recovering from an attack of cerebral hemorrhage, which followed the influenza. He has out and a fine supper served. It was been critically ill, with several doctors a pleasant social affair and also the in consultation.

Russell Wright last week received his idischarge from the service at ted a position with the wholesale gro-Camp Devens and is at present in the cers. Boston, Webster, Thomas & Co employ of the government at the Metz was in town as usual with his family factory at Waltham, which was taken over the week-end. They may decide for the manufacture of aeroplanes the spring.

The regular meeting of the executive board of the District Nurse asso-ciation will be held with Mrs. M. M. Pond on Monday evening, February 3, instead of at the home of Mrs Hutchinson, as previously announced The hour is 7.15.

Mrs. Clarence C. Tucker, who ha convalescence, returned home on Mon-Tucker having gone to Natick on Saturday to make the trip easier for her. Mrs. Maxwell. and little daughter Elizabeth, also roturned with them for a visit.

The first intimation that many in own had that there was a fire on Monday morning was when the "all-but" sounded, not far from six o'clock. The darm was given by the regular railroad fire signal, a long and two short whistles, by an early freight train, and was not noted, or understood to mean fire, by many. It was a chimney fire, in the house occupied by Patrick Sliney and family, which stands near the track and just above it, on Hote The sparks were coming out

Miss Mollie Fraser, who has been untiring and persistent work in behalf in Lexington since November, is exon Heald street.

Miss Alice West, who has been employed at Littleton, recently returned here and entered the Pepperell Braid-ing Company's employ.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wright returned last week from a few days' visit with friends at Brighton and Boston.

vent of a son into their home on Riv er street on January 17. Mrs. S. J. Clapp is officiating as nurse and a present Mrs. Theresa Shattuck is assisting in the household and in the care of the older child, little Shirlie The newest arrival is to be called Har-old. Miss Shirlie Morse recently visited her new flephew, and her sister Mrs. Winch, coming from Worcester Mrs. L. D. Cushing has had electric lights installed at the Pierce home-

at one time presiding elder of the M. E. churches in this district, and a wellknown lecturer here, occurred on January 25 at his present home at Newport. N. H. He had held pastorates a Haverhill, at Nashua, N. H., and at Manchester, N. H., where he was dis-A good number gathered at the trict superintendent for six years, home of Mrs. M. C. Lane on Wednes- Since leaving there he has preached now of Chicago, services being held at the church on January 29.

box 37 on Sunday evening, but Engineer Tarbell, who was the first one on the spot, could find no trace either of the ones who pulled in the alarm or of any fire. He immediately rang the all-out to prevent the response of the department for the false alarm.

Henry Verow, a former mill work man, who has been in New Hampshire most of the winter, came here last week to assist in moving his goods and family to Groveton, N. H. His goods were loaded for that place on Monday. The family have been occupying the tenement in Mrs. Jordan's house,

onference of the District Nurses' association at the Twentieth Century club. Boston, last week Thursday, in he interests of the Pepperell District Nurse association, of which she president.

Frank Conant, who recently return ed from working in North Chelms-ford, has taken up his old work of

the high school, has resigned, and re the parents of the bride on Brookline turned to her home in Toronto, Canaher place.

> The Woman's club will meet a Saunders' hall on Tuesday Februar 4. Board meeting at 2.15 and the reg songs by the club. Rev. William Porter Niles, rector of the Episcopa church, Nashua, N. H., will address

y-fourth year, and the oldest man is town, is suffering from the infirmitie incident to advanced age and is con Shattuck, Mr. Chamberlain is assist ing in caring for him.

Deacon and Mrs. Ansel Shattuck o Groton were callers last week upon their relative, Mrs. Sarah Patch, who has been suffering an attack of rheu-

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lynch moved

A letter has been received by the ported severely wounded in France, it which he says he is now all righ but does not give the nature agair. extent of his wounds, which it seems put him in one of the hospitals for P.

week or so at home. He is now expected on any train. His service kit pleased with life in the navy. He repleased with life in the navy. He repleased with life in the navy. He re-Carl Pillsbury of the U. S. S. W. cently enjoyed a fifteen days' fur ents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pillsbury at Middleboro, returning to his ship at New York. He was looking in ex at New York. bars to which his service abroad e: titled him. He expects soon to leav

for Cuban waters. A most successful supper was served at the Methodist vestry on Thursday of last week to about a hundred by the Ladies' Aid society, Mrs. E. F. Handley, chairman. Although th late was changed and the supper placed a week ahead of the time orig inally intended to make way for the concert of this week at the same church, the plans were well carried

James Attridge, who recently accep by the government at one time to remove to some suburb of Beston in

New York, where they went at the be-sinning of the year, and will probably remain there for a few weeks longer, Mr and Mrs. Chester Shattuck are taking care of their residence, "Pinehurst.

The basketball game scheduled be tween the Milford and Pepperell teams Mrs. Paul Maxwell and family, during their illness from influenza and week Friday night, did not materialize, give their name. William Hanna. as they were notified here that the hall was not available for that evening. It is expected that the Stearns school team will play the local high school team here this week Friday evening.

> C. F. Moffitt met with an accident while at work in the wood yard of I. J. Rowell hast Saturday. While en-gaged in sawing wood, with the power Still River. some manner, just enough to catch one of his fingers in the teeth of the The end, up to the first joint, was nearly severed, and he was immediately taken to the office of Dr. Lovejoy, where the wound was dressed and the injured man made as comfortable as possible. It will be some weeks, probably, before he can resume his work again

John Frossard started Monday for Kalamazoo, Mich., and the middle west on a business trip to establish some of his calendar cleaning ma-chines. He expects to be away some weeks.

Mrs. Constant Jagiellovicz, who repaired her house and store on Parker hill after her fire there not long ago, now purchased the adjoining tenement house of F. H. Parker, and is shingling and making other repairs on that also.

Appointed Actuary.

The following clipping, concerning a former Pepperell boy, was taken from one of the Hartford (Conn.) dailles:

"Insurance Commissioner Burton Mansfield has appointed Thomas F; Tarbell to be actuary of the state insurance department in place of H. Pearson Hammond, who resigned to take a position in the actuary department of the Travelers Insurance Co. Mr. Tarbell's salary will be \$3500 a year. Mr. Tarbell is thirty years old and a graduate of Williams college in the class of 1910. He has been consected with the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company since he left college. His predecessor, Mr. Hammond. was graduated from the same college in 1908, and was also connected with the Mutual Life before he took the state department post. Mr. Tarbell will be in the city on Monday, when he will be inducted into his new posi-tion by Mr. Hammond. The latter will retire from the position January

We might add that Mr. Tarbell received his early education here in town and was one of our high school boys. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Tarbell.

Church Notes,

At the M. E. church, Rev. B. W. Rust, the pastor, will preach on Sunday at 10.45 and 7.30. The general subject will be "The stewardship of The morning topic, "Whose". The evening, "The romance dedicated life." Sunday school of a dedicated life." Sunday school at noon and Epworth League at 6.45. The pastor will conduct the prayer meeting at 7.30, Tuesday, and the theme is "Fellow laborers."

The regular Scout meeting of Troop will be held at the parsonage or Thursday at 7.30. Miss MacDonald the district nurse, will be present to give instructions in first aid work. Friday evening the Epworth League

business meeting and social will be held in the large vestry at 7.30. At the Congregational parsonage on Tuesday evening the Pilgrim Training class will meet at 7.30. Rev. Mr. Lewis will conduct the lesson from the chapter on "Story telling."

Services will be held at the Com nunity church at 10.45 and 7.30, Sun-The pulpit will be supplied day. by the Massachusetts Federation of Churches. Sunday school at noon as the Massachusetts Federation of

Grange Notes.

At the regular meeting of Prescott France on Friday evening of last week and Washington while on the journey pleasantly social. were on the schedule for the evening's Camp Devens, where he has been at-program were Miss Ada Whitney, who tached to the 12th division, 26th inprogram were Miss Ada Whitney, who was out of town. Mrs. Simmons, who fantry with rank of first lieutenant. had other engagements, and Mrs. M. The Momsen family have been living M. Richards, who rendered assistance at the home of Mrs. L. J. Edgarton to the lecturer, Miss Katherine Blood. and provided the following program, although at rather short notice: Piano Miss Muriel Robinson; reading Miss Ellen Miller; song, Mrs. Grace Shattuck; talk on bees, Miss Sarah Tucker: reading, a monologue, Mrs Amy Shattuck; the remainder of the evening was taken up by charades, in which many joined.

At the next regular meeting of th Grange, February 14, it will be "Birth-day night," and a part of the program will also be of patriotic nature. The committee in charge are Mrs. E. S. Blood and Miss Sarah Tucker.

About Town.

Yeus Items.

The executive board of the District Nurse association will meet with Mrs Cond on Monday evening, February The Woman's club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday afternoon i Saurders' hall; speaker, Rev. William Niles; subject, "Current events." Patriotic music.

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HARVARD

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson wer to town on Monday. They report Mr. Rhonstock as still very III, but slowly Mrs. Dadmun and the ecovering. hildren are up and around.

Brigham hospital, where she is recovring from an operation.

Frank Abbott, who has been ill, able to be out of doors.

Mrs. Thayer spent last Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ellery Royal, at their new home in Worcester. Mrs. Edith Haskell suffered a bad fall on the ice this week. Her sister, Dolly Howard, of Bolton, came over

for a few days to assist in the house hold duties and care of the children. The Efficiency class in sewing will neet in the lower town hall on Wednesday afternoon of next week at two

The next and last lecture in the

day evening, February 7. B. R. Baum gardt will give an illustrated lecture on the ""Fjords of Norway."

To the Editor: I would like to have you print this

Mr. Hanna—The latest story about A liberty tunch was served in the own is "That you were called by Culdings-room,"

After lunch the guests had a merry town is "That you were called by Culbert the night he got hurt. That you went up there but did not go into Culbert's, you went in to Spooner's and remained there." Is that so?

Mrs. Chester Willard and four chil-iren, Hope, Rowland, Alma and Hazel, are the latest victims of the in

Eleanor Haskell has recovered so as to be at her duties in the postoffice and Walter Haskell is able to be down Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton

s the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Willard. Fred Heeley, Charles Thorning and Milton Walker have received their dis-

charges and are at home from Camp Devens. Mrs. L. H. Morse has been visiting relatives in Worcester this week. Miss Edith Arey, of Salem, was the

cousin, Mrs. Mabel

guest of her cousin Sprague, over Sunday. Alvin Walker is also one of the in fluenza victims, but it is a light case. Mrs. Haynes attended a meeting of on February 13. the W. C. T. U. in Worcester on Thurs day.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant were intertained Thursday at the home of inspection of barns. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant, of Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant will have as their guests this Saturday their daughters, Mrs. I. W. Damon, of Gardner, and Mrs. Leslie Mossman of New Hambshire, the occasion being Mr. Conant's birthday.

Mrs. Frank Park is with her daughter, Mrs. Adriance, of Fitchburg, who is ill.

Mrs. David L. Lindenberg is con fined to her home with a severe cold. Harriman Longley and his son Wade G. Longley, are spending the winter at Fort Meyers, Fla.

The Altrurian club met on Thurs day afternoon at the Service club rooms, the president, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler, presided. The meeting was in the hands of the health and household economics committee. Severa members read papers or gave five minute talks on the current topics Mrs. Alice L. Wright read a paper or food conservation, written by Mrs. Althea W. Lindenberg; Miss Altie F Lilly, conservation of food; Mrs. Amy C. Wheelen laundry; Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, economic clothing. Miss

Minnette Zuver explained to the members the excellence of canned elder-berries, demonstrating by serving the fruit to all present. One new name was proposed for membership. The next meeting, February 13, will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Knowles, .

About Town , Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting on Tues day evening at the home of Mrs ance was good and a pleasant evening Reports of war work are be ing called for by the state and national societies and the local chapter is naking a good showing on individua work. A sum of money was voted toward the fund for the restoration of the French village Tilloloy. An entertainment called history questions was prepared and given by Mrs. E.

The First Parish Branch Alliance will meet at the Shirley club Thursday, February 6, at 2.30 p. m.

daughter Margaret left town Thurs-Burroughs, organist; Miss Ethel Mead, day morning for their home in St. asst.; Arthur W. Nelson, chorister. day morning for their home in St. Paul, Minn. They will visit New York was not large, but Mr. Momsen has received in the service at able discharge from the service at Comp Devens where he has been atfor the past three months or more and have been very popular socially in the military officers' set. A position in his father Mr. Momsen. father's business is awaiting

TOWNSEND

Harbor, Mrs. Strout has returned home from n extended visit with her daughter n Needham. 3 3 C 5 Mrs. Charles Monroe, of Beverly,

guest of her mother, Mrs. Heler Varner. Fred Longley, of Chelmsford, wa

town a few days ago, calling upor ld friends.

As a result of the summer activities Harbor farm, including the use of state tractor a large crop of oats is ming threshed.

As You Like It Club. . .

The afternoon of January 28, wa ne to be remembered by members of the As You Like It club. The meeting was held at Sachem Villa. Mrs Hannuh Foss was the hostess, assist ed by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Noyes. At the business meeting a magazine exchange was planned by which each might benefit by the magazines of other members. Mrs Charles Noyes conducted the program and each one had been requested to

Mrs. George Jones' poem exempli fied the statement that "brevity is the soul of wit." Mrs. Noyes, not being a native of this town, entitled her poem. "That's the way they tell it to me." She described in a humorous veh some of the things that one might hear. Miss Hester Burdett's was a historical sketch written in an able manner. Miss Mary Adams praised the khaki-clad who have done their bit and will soon be returning to the Harbor and vicinity. Mrs. Galen Proctor described the Harbor as different poets might have done (but didn't) first as Mary Sawyer, then Shakespeare, Mother Goose, Longfellow, Kipling, Mrs. Helen Warher

rrote a humorous description of the attractions of the village. Mrs. Ran-som B. Adams' poem was of historical value and was of general interest.

A committee of two, Mrs. Lawrence

Morgan and Mrs. Frank Conant, was letter I am sending you in the Harvard Hillside, and also say that there is not a word of truth in the letter. and Mrs. Ransom Adams for the two best poems. The prizes were center-pieces, the handiwork of the hostess.

time weighing each other. The re-sults showed that the As You Like It is a club of some weight in the community.

Frank Conant will entertain the club at her home. West View, at its next meeting, February 11.

BOXBOROUGH News Items.

The last meeting of the Grange was

open to the public, and in normal times would have been greatly enjoyed, as it was both entertaining and in-structive. Robert T. Trask of the Mid-dlesex County Agricultural School division, gave an illustrated lecture on children's school gardens. The views were mostly of Waltham and Framingham gardens. A. J. Jenks spoke on home economics and extension schools. It is hoped that the extension school here, which had to be postponed on account of the influenza, can be held sometime in March.

The next meeting of the Borough Pomona Grange will be held in Berlin

Andrew Walker is visiting his sister Spencer.

Howard Porter has been at home a few days, this week. He is working near Manchester. C. B. Robbins is making the annual

Private Anthony Arruda, 26th Division, who was wounded in France some time ago and returned to a New

Jersey hospital, has recently visited the Flerra family, where he worked before he enlisted. Nelson Cobleigh is completing the bungalow on his land, the cellar of which was dug some time ago. Mr. Sawyer, of South Acton, is helping him.

David Walker, of Boston, spent Sunday at home. Elsie Graves is spending a week with Mrs. Frank Dodge in North Lex-

ington. Miss Ethel Mead spent the week-end with her sister in North Lexington. Mrs. Marion Morse spent Sunday

with her daughter Hazel, who is teaching in Greenfield. Miss Maria Steele is spending two

No new cases of influenza are re-ported this week, and most of the sick ones are getting along well. The Swanson child, whose recovery was very doubtful for several days, seems to have passed the critical point.

Mrs. Alfred Cobleigh is sick and fined to the bed with rheumatism. Irving Clark has recently returned

has had for seven years.

The annual business meeting of the church was held at the vestry last week Thursday afternoon. Charles H. Waitt, chairman of the trustees, was elected moderator, and in the absence church clerk, Mrs. R. Y. Nel-ead the records. The report, of son read the records. the auditor, Frank W. Dodge, was fol-lowed by several other reports. The officers for this year were elected as follows: Mrs. W. H. Furbush, Sunday school supt.; Simon B, Hager, deacon 2 yrs.; Dea. Lewis W. Richardson, trustee, 3 yrs.; Arthur W. Nelson church clerk; Simon B. Hager, church treas.; Henry F. Lawrence, auditor: Edgar C. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Y. Nelson, examining com.; Edgar C Mead, Charles Waitt, Jr., ushers; Anton Swanson, Charles Waitt, Jr., offertory collectors; Misses Marie E. Steele and Priscilla Hager, assts.

Rev. Mr. Handanian, from Seaconl preached last Sunday and everyone was very favorably impressed with his interesting and practical sermon.

Although the church is waiting find the right minister, the pulpit will be supplied every Sunday. Preaching service at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at 1..15. All are cordially we come.

lews Items.

Albert E. Hopkins on next Friday afernoon at the usual hour. Miss Alice Howard will be the speaker and an ineresting program is promised. "The value of immaturity" will be

The bean carnival will be held in the

place of the Christmas party that was omitted on account of influenza. The Thursday evening meeting of

the Congregational society was at the nome of N. B. Conant this week, The regular meeting of the Grange slated for next Wednesday evening. Miss Fannie Sanderson attended the

with relatives there for the present. Burton S. Flagg and family, of An-over, and the C. K. Houghtons were unday guests at C. F. Flagg's. Mrs. C. K. Houghton and sister, Miss

Allan Fay, who recently underwent serious operation at the hospital, is loing as well as can be expected. Town meeting for the annual elecion of officers and other important

Monday, Mrs. J. H. Kimball visited her parnts in West Rindge this week. George Brown has wired his house

ousiness will be held a week from

Robinson. Julia Downing is sick with the in JAN. 31

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stead, where she resides. The death of Rev. Elwin Hitchcock

The fire alarm was sounded from

Cross street. Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson attended the

Miss Hibberd, teacher of English at

ast week from Nashua street into the Hayward double tenement house, cor ner of Mill and Groton streets,

which he spent with his parrelient health and wearing the gold

sum of \$20 was added to the treasury

Warner course is to be given on Fri-

James L. Whitney is ill with the write a poem on Townsend Harbor: provailing malady and his wife, Mrs. Helen Whitney, is at the Peter Bent in carrying out its president's requests

LITTLETON The Alliance will meet with Mrs.

he theme for Rev. F. W. Lambertson's Sunday morning sermon. vestry of the Congregational church on next week Friday night to take the

ivies conference in Saugus on Tues Mrs. A. W. Knowlton returned to omerville on Wednesday to remain

farion W. Flagg, visited their niece, irs. Ruth Thacher Brown, of Ayer

t the common and hopes to have the onnections for electricity soon. The next meeting of the Merry Go Rounds will be held with Mrs. Ernest

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant contem late taking a trip south next month.

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