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PEPPERELL

News Items.

A letter received from Charles F. Parker, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Parker, stated that the writer had been quite ill with influenza and pneumonia, but was improving and was able to write himself. He was in a Red Cross hospital in Coblenz, and the fact that his two nurses were Massachusetts women seemed to be pleasing to him and was a trifle more reassuring to his parents. They expect news of his convalescence in this week's foreign mail.

The regular meeting of the East Village Social club will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 26, at the home of Mrs. Charles Chapman, Brookline street; the topic miscellaneous.

The custom of celebrating the birthday of the late Henry Blake, which fell on March 17, St. Patrick's day, was continued this year in loving memory, by his daughter, Mrs. Appleton, as though he were still among us in the body. A guest was entertained during the day who had known both Mr. and Mrs. Blake in their lifetime.

Mrs. Jane Fletcher, mother of Eugene Fletcher, of Oak Hill, was taken ill last week at the home of Mrs. Catherine Hills, the nurse, and on Saturday she suffered a slight shock, affecting her limbs and speech. She is improving somewhat, although at her age, eighty years, her complete recovery is not looked for.

The Pepperell A. A. basketball team played the Shamrock A. C. team at the "Y" in Nahua, N. H., last Saturday afternoon and were defeated, 30 to 7. The Shamrocks were outwitted by their opponents, but did some very clever team work throughout, and rather a rough one, although good-natured. The lineup of the Pepperell team was Pillsbury lb., Yeaton rb., Horan c., Driscoll ft., Obea rf.; the Shamrock lineup was Sullivan rf., Kelley lf., Spellman c., Phelan rb., Larrievie lb.

Leon Whitcomb has been residing at the Henderson place since Tuesday, when the sickness of Mr. Ebbeson was pronounced pneumonia.

A Lenten dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid society at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday, March 25. The hour is from 12 o'clock to 1:30, with a special table at 11:50 for clerks at the stores, who are obliged to return early.

Fred A. Parker and family are to remove to Westford, the old home of Mrs. Parker, this week, if the weather and traveling permit. Mr. Parker moved from the old Parker place, in the western part of the town, more than a year ago, and has worked in the mill and on the railroad. He is now employed by a farmer in Westford.

Leo Thayer is now at Camp Devens, awaiting his discharge from the service. He is still obliged to use a cane, but is making a fast recovery from his accident of a broken leg, which confined him to a New York hospital for some time.

In a letter received by a friend from Mrs. L. E. Starr, from Green Cove Springs, Fla., she expresses her loneliness and speaks of coming north soon, although she seems uncertain whether she will reside here in her

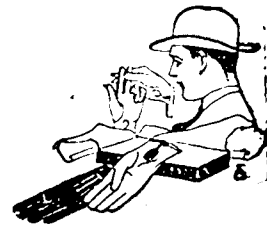


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- Gray Flannel Shirts that were \$5.00, reduced to \$4.00
- Gray Flannel Shirts that were \$2.50, reduced to \$2.00

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- Khaki color Sweaters, not all wool, were \$5.00, reduced to \$3.50
- Khaki color sleeveless Sweaters, all grades at reduced prices \$3.00 to \$5.00
- Odd Sweaters, all colors, mostly small sizes, good quality \$3.50

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Pepperell house, or out of town with relatives. She says work is her only salvation just now, and may take up something in the lower line of business when she returns.

Francis Herbert, a former resident of Pepperell, was heard from last week by his brother, Louis Herbert, of Groton street, as back from service overseas and in the Parker Hill hospital, severely wounded. He had not been heard of for some years preceding the war. Mr. Herbert went to Boston to see him last week Thursday.

Miss Annie Allen went to Lawrence on last Saturday for a week-end stay with friends. Miss Allen still attends to the necessary office work here at the Champion-International plant, during certain hours each day, although the shop is not in operation.

Miss Jessie Flynn is having a fine, rapid recovery from recent operation for appendicitis at the Nahua hospital and is expected home on Sunday, if she has no drawbacks.

David Belyea has returned from his visit with his daughter in South Sudbury, having recovered from his attack of influenza. He is now boarding with Mrs. James Hill on Mill street, waiting for the job that has been promised him as soon as the paper mill starts.

Notice of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in the battle of Argonne Forest, recently made to Sergt. Jeremiah Healey, appeared in one of the Boston papers. His address was given as to be Pepperell, although he never lived here, but at the time of his enlistment his brother, John Healey, was employed by George Keyes, which would account for no one recognizing the name of the soldier so honored.

N. W. Appleton has received a message of the arrival of another nephew from the service in France, John Appleton Knowles, a brother of Henry Knowles, lately deceased. He has just recently arrived from Bordeaux, France, where he has been under treatment for gassing in a base hospital. He is now under treatment in a hospital in Brookline. A nephew-in-law is still in the transport service of unconsolidated France, each one having acquitted himself with honor.

Mrs. H. A. Pike is reported very comfortable at the private hospital, Boston, where she has been under treatment for eye trouble, with Dr. Amidon, the specialist, following a second operation performed on Friday of last week.

Rehearsals are under way for a play to be given by the members of the junior class of the high school, which will probably be given the last of April. The play is entitled "Step by Step" and the cast of characters comprise ten girls and four boys.

Frederic Tappan spent the week-end with friends in Portland, Me., and while there enjoyed the privilege of hearing the municipal organ, played by an expert organist. He returned home on Monday.

There will be a public whist party in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, March 25, from 8:30 to 10:30, under the direction of a committee of three from the Rebekah lodge.

Mrs. Mamie Chick and son Raymond returned home from an extended visit with relatives in Brockton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Michael Drumm had an operation for enlarged tonsils at St. Joseph's hospital, Nahua, Wednesday, and is getting along well.

The committee of the Oak Hill Improvement society will serve a baked bean supper at their hall on Tuesday evening, March 25, at seven o'clock, to which all are invited. A social dance will follow the supper until eleven o'clock, with Miss Helen M. Robbins as pianist.

Death of a Patriot.

We noted last week that Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Appleton were called to Boston on Thursday to attend the funeral services of his brother's wife, Mrs. William Channing Appleton. Many of the friends of Mrs. Appleton, of this town, will recall the many letters from which she has read extracts, relating something of the strenuous experiences of the one now deceased, who has been such an ardent war worker in France. She went overseas in December, 1917, and was at first assigned to duty at the Paris headquarters of the American fund for the French wounded. Later, she volunteered for larger effort and was assigned as an aid in the Red Cross Military hospital in the French capital. She remained there until January 29 of this year. During the year, she more spent in France, she gave both her time and strength without limitation, her special interest centering in the wounded and invalid soldiers. Her son, William Channing Appleton, Jr., was in the aviation service, as second lieutenant, and was a pilot in the 103d Air Squadron, formerly the Lafayette Escadrille.

He went across early in 1917 and drove a cession most of that summer. He returned to this country the early part of this year, preceding his mother by a few weeks. She sailed from Brest, February 22, on the Great Northern, having a very tempestuous voyage. On her arrival at New York she was met by her husband and told him she never felt better. She visit-

ed the Red Cross headquarters, spending that night in New York, came to visit relatives in Brookline, R. I., the next day, and while there had a severe chill. Continuing her journey home, she could not be made comfortable on train, and upon arrival at Boston a physician was at once summoned. Pneumonia was at first feared, but as she passed into a state of unconsciousness the disease was pronounced cerebral meningitis, and she was removed to the Panikner hospital, Jamaica Plain, where she passed quietly away on Monday, March 19.

The funeral services were held on the following Thursday in the old first Baptist church, North Jamaica Plain, where she was an active member during her early married life. Rev. Charles F. Dow officiated, speaking of her valuable life there and elsewhere, and paying tribute to her many acts of patriotism. In one way she gave her life to the country's service, and her husband a soldier in the front ranks. The pastor also read one of Phillips Brooks' texts, which had been carried as her guiding star, and the beautiful hymn, "The abiding son," and "It smelteth low in every heart." Many friends attended the services, and her husband, who was covered with a wreath of bloom, cremated her remains and burial was in Mt. Auburn cemetery at the Appleton lot.

Letter from French Port.

The following letter written by a Pepperell woman would have good powers of argument, and would represent the views as they really are, seems to indicate some of the present-day conditions of the French people. It is dated March 14, from St. Laurent, France, and was but recently received by Mrs. Appleton. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Appleton, extracts from the letter are as follows:

As you know, we are in a very bad way. We came here a week ago, and on the 14th of March we were way of Bordeaux, and we were at St. Andre Bridge, at night. We left the cars and had a cup of coffee and a crack in the station, and hiked to the power St. Germain, where we put up for the night. The billets were in good luck, having the bunks and bed ticks. On Sunday morning, after eating something at the camp kitchen, we came back to St. Laurent, where we have been the past week. This is the first step on our way home. We are now in what is called the "S. O. S. zone," where 12,000 troops are here at all times, waiting their turn to move out. As fast as one, out, another moves in. The conduct and good appearance of the

troops leads to the priority on the outgoing list. Some of the soldiers have raised their arms and these small towns and they are kept here for labor battalions, their names being taken off the outgoing list.

We hear that we move in our turn to the camp called "Jeansack." Every one has to go through this camp, through the debussing machine, to receive new clothes and then on board ship.

The climate here is much warmer, and we have 40° bills and 40° food. We have inspection every morning and a short hike in the afternoon. My billet is in an old chateau, built in 1500, and very interesting to look over. Our room is about 14x20 feet, two large bay windows, a fireplace and marble mantel. The ceiling is a good 14 feet high and there are wide double doors. The grounds are not much, as no work has been done on them for years. The country for miles and miles around is covered with grape vineyards. The people here are a better class, too, than those nearer the front. We are the first American soldiers to come into this town, and the French are coming more than half way. No wine is drunk here, except what white wine, and everyone has a wine cellar.

There is very little farming, excepting tending the vineyards, and hay and feed are at a premium. The houses and buildings are made of stone, cut from hills and quarries. One can walk for miles and miles in the underground caves. We have no place here for books, excepted at St. Andre Bridge, which is a mile and a half away.

I may be able to get a passport, leave, and if I do, I will go to France and other places. We don't know when we will move home, but we are getting impatient. I have been in a French hospital quite a bit and the boys are in the French hospital. I came home the other day on leave, and he could talk good English, and he had been in the hospital. I made me a shirt of my little French, and I had three years of it.

It isn't any use for you to write me again after you receive this, for I hope to be on the water before two months have gone by. Will be home sometime in March, maybe.

Sidney Tower.

Grange Matters. At the meeting of Prescott Grange on last week Friday evening following the business of the evening, the hour's program was a lively debate on Resolved, "That city life is more advantageous than country life." The debaters for the affirmative were George Stewart and Miss Lillian Stewart, and for the negative, Miss Flor-

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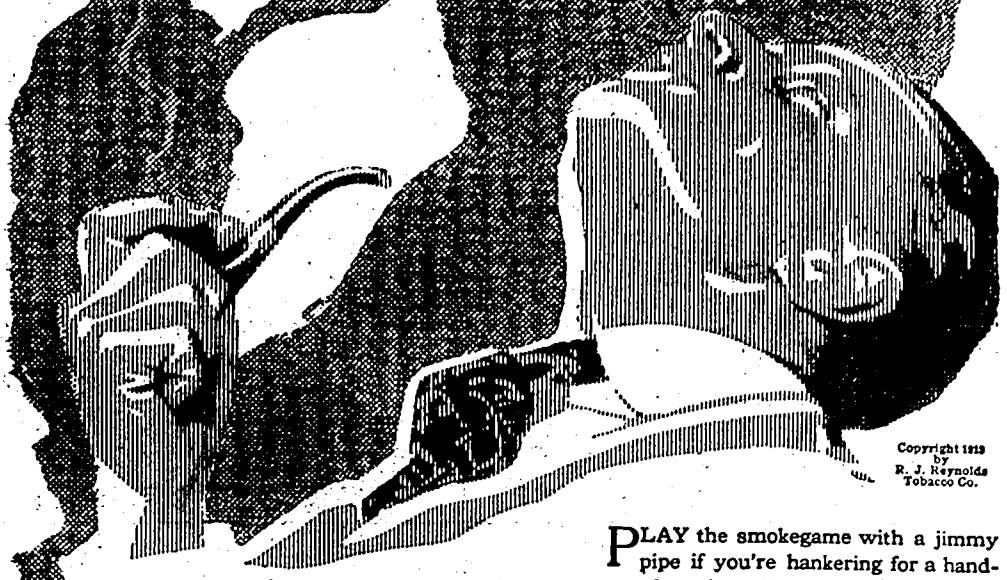
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Center. Mrs. John Westling, who has been in poor health all winter, died at her home on Bayberry hill, Monday morning. The funeral services were held from the home on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church, assisted the Fitchburg Finnish minister in the services. Interment was in the Hillside cemetery at the Center.

A Red Cross drive for clothing for refugees in the work of the Red Cross is being held at the public are asked to help along this line of giving as much as possible. Contributions of clothing to be left at the home of Mrs. Mary Miller at the cottage near the Townsend bank. Although there seems to be the general impression that the work of the Red Cross is decreasing, the regular quotas of knitting and sewing will be replaced by as much volunteer work for refugees as it is possible to give.

The sixth meeting of the Literary and Debating society of the high school was held on last Friday. The business of the day was a debate on Resolved, "That small high schools have as many advantages as large high schools." Affirmative, Ralph Carrington, Doris Tenney; negative, Richard Powell and Ruth Russell; declaimers, Wendal Cook, Gertrude Leeman, Marjorie Heselton; speaker, Emma Arlin; critic, Sadie Moulton; judges, Principal Bachelder, Miss Hazel Tomp and Miss Donnell; tellers, Dudley Buckley and Irene McGuire. The school voted for the affirmative; the judges for the negative.

At the meeting of Townsend's welcoming committee last Saturday evening, T. E. Flarity was chosen chairman and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, secretary. Plans for a gala day for welcoming the soldiers home were discussed and the time suggested, May first. A town holiday, parade, music by the band, banquet and evening's entertainment in Memorial hall were some of the features considered. Further announcement will be made later.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, who is ill, the Congregational church pulpit was occupied last Sunday morning by George Graham of the Y. M. C. A. Congregational House, Camp Devens. Mr. Graham, who has been in home missionary work among the lumber camps of Northern Maine and New Hampshire, presented in his sermon talk lesson truths from the lives of these lumber men in the cold and isolated regions of the northern boundary which he applied to the everyday life of the Christian. During the morning service Mrs. Mildred Morgan Struthers rendered vocal selections in her clear sweet voice, which added impressiveness to the service.

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ers, who is in the Photographic Department, Aviation, gave an informal talk on his work at the training camp and his five months' overseas service. He had charge of thirty men in his section all of whom were of different nationalities. He exhibited a helmet and gas mask, the use and wearing of which was clearly demonstrated by Private Harold Green, who recently returned from overseas and who was present on this occasion.

Lieut. Struthers referred to the fact that while in France he had occasion to visit in many of the village homes where he observed the beautiful lace making of the peasant women, being thus interested in their work helped him to become more familiar with the French language. Some of these lace specimens he had brought home and were for exhibition by Mrs. Struthers. It was a great pleasure to all to meet and greet Lieut. and Mrs. Struthers and hear the experiences of our first "bird man" returned from France.

An informal reception followed, in which all had an opportunity to greet and extend congratulations to the bride and bridegroom, who were assisted in receiving by Mrs. A. L. Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morgan, the deacons of the church and their wives and the three soldier boys, Corp. Leslie Hurle and Privates Harold Green and Wilfred Fairbank, who honored the occasion by their presence. A victory song was heartily enjoyed throughout the evening's program, under the leadership of T. E. Flarity. Pleasing piano duets were also rendered by A. G. Seaver and Miss Hazel Green, who were especially favored by a large number of the audience of hearing Mrs. Struthers' voice in song. Her lovely voice and gracious personality is well-known in town, where she has been a public favorite and where she has sung many times at church and at social gatherings. The expressions of her singing and the sincerity of feeling, which her voice lends itself to her hearers is always appreciated.

During the reception hour refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, in charge of Mrs. E. Clarke, Mrs. P. Woods, Mrs. H. Jeffs and Mrs. L. Estes. The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. R. Cowdry, Mrs. W. Cowdry and Mrs. C. Meade. It was sincerely regretted that on account of illness the pastor and father, Rev. A. L. Struthers, was unable to be present on this occasion.

Lieut. Struthers is not to be discharged from the service and expects to return to the aviation camp at Langley Field, Va., and probably will remain in the service for some months. This camp has accommodations for the largest number of planes of any camp in America. Mrs. Struthers will accompany him south.

LUNENBURG

News Items. Mrs. and Mrs. T. W. Graves, of Nashua, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron W. Watson over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Watson met and became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Graves when they were sojourning in Cuba a few years ago. Mrs. Graves is a supervisor of the eastern division of the Cuba railroad, which position he held for several years.

The local C. E. society will take their annual ski-ride on Friday evening, March 23. This year they will go to Littleton, where they will be entertained by the C. E. society. They now expect to be conveyed there in auto trucks. If there should happen to come snow enough for sleighing, as some are now predicting, they will go in sleighs. However, they do not expect sleighing, and if the weather is fair and comfortable, will have a jolly good time, even in the autos.

A St. Patrick's day program has been arranged for the meeting of the Daughters of Veterans in the town hall on Saturday evening of this week. It is expected that Anna B. Norton, of Boston, department president, will be present at the meeting.

After the usual opening exercises and praise service at the St. E. meeting on Sunday evening the large audience was treated to another fine illustrated lecture, the subject of which was "Africa." Rev. L. A. Whiston gave the explanation and Mr. Gibson, of Leominster, operated the lantern. The lecture was very interesting, the pictures of fine colored ones, especially those of the Victoria Falls on the Zambesi river, and many other landscapes, jungles, etc.

At the meeting of the selectmen on last week Thursday evening John H. Dixon was appointed auditor in place of one elected, who declined the office. Frank O. Wood, of Fitchburg, was granted a barber's license. Several applications for the positions at the town farm, which are soon to be vacated, were received, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. H. of Fitchburg, were chosen. They will enter upon their new duties and in charge of the town farm and inmates the first of April.

"China and Mexico" by Mrs. McKean. The meeting next month will be held at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence.

Mrs. William W. Webster, who is a member of the Fitchburg branch of the American Legion, has returned from being away for his little patient to recovery.

Mrs. William Winchester, who has been very ill for several weeks, has been attacked with influenza, and is now confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leclair, who have been living on the Mason road, have moved back to Josselynville into the Upton house.

Mr. Alden A. Sherwin and William C. Winchester will represent this end of the town on the committee for the reception to the returned soldiers.

Mrs. Lila Hayward and her family spent the week-end with relatives in Ashburnham. Mrs. Hayward had recently returned from a visit to relatives in New Jersey.

Joseph Leclair, who has recently returned to Josselynville, entered the employ of Damon & Richardson on Monday.

The Ladies' Study club held their meeting at the home of Mrs. G. A. Seaver on Monday afternoon with a good attendance in spite of the storm.

George Winchester has received an honorable discharge from the service at Camp Upton and arrived in town last week.

William Thorpe has given up his situation at Damon & Richardson's mill and is out of town at present.

The sad news arrived here last Saturday of the death of William Colburn Neale, the eighteen-year-old son of William F. and Caille Colburn Neale, of Deer, N. H.

William Colburn Neale was a native of this village, where his childhood was passed, and has many friends here who are grieved to learn of the affliction which has fallen into his life.

Colburn was a very popular boy and a member of the class of the Deer, N. H. high school, and last August was obliged to submit to the amputation of his right leg at the knee as a result of an injury to the knee some months before.

After a number of weeks in the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, he was able to move into his home, where he was tenderly cared for by his parents and his devoted sister until further developments of the same trouble necessitated his removal to the Notre Dame hospital, Manchester, N. H., where he passed away on last week.

The injury which caused the amputation of the right leg occurred on Friday. Funeral services were held at his home on Monday afternoon.

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They now expect to be conveyed there in auto trucks.

If there should happen to come snow enough for sleighing, as some are now predicting, they will go in sleighs.

However, they do not expect sleighing, and if the weather is fair and comfortable, will have a jolly good time, even in the autos.

There is soon to be a meat market in town again. Let us hope that it proves true.

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50-lb. packages .1325 per lb.	50-lb. packages .175 per lb.
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200-lb. packages .2465 per lb.	Bbls. 150 lbs. .1025 per lb.
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LIME-SULPHUR, Dry	BLACK LEAF 40
100-lb. packages .1150 per lb.	10-lb. cans \$10.75 each
25-lb. packages .11 per lb.	2-lb. cans 2.50 each
BORDEAUX MIXTURE, Dry	1/2-lb. cans .75 each
100-lb. packages .1575 per lb.	ARLINGTON BRAND SKALEKILLER
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Saturday, March 22, 1919

AYER

News Items. There will be a special attraction at Page's hall theatre on this week Saturday afternoon and evening, when Edward E. Boyle, the famous blind singer, will play and sing some of his latest songs.

The registered bonds of the fourth liberty loan, subscribed for through the First National Bank of Ayer, are now ready for delivery.

Ernest Carr, fourteen years of age, son of Supt. and Mrs. E. P. Carr, of Marlboro, will be the valedictorian at the graduation of the high school pupils at that place. He is believed to be the youngest person ever marked for graduation from the Marlboro high school. Mr. Carr was formerly superintendent of schools in this town.

A good number attended the whist party given by the Eastern Star last week Friday evening. Twenty-nine tables were filled. The winners were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence. The table which failed to make a score consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carey and Miss Natalie Bigelow and a representative from Camp Devens. The hall was prettily decorated and all enjoyed a good time. Late in the evening several couples enjoyed dancing. Ice cream and cake was served.

All the grades of the Ayer schools, as well as the high school, close next Friday for a week's vacation. This is the annual spring recess.

The sewing school, which has been conducted by the Women's club for the children of the third and fourth grades during the past season, closed this week Friday. The school was conducted under the head of the civics committee, Mrs. Carolus Fox, chairman. Mrs. Grace Rymes was the superintendent of the school with the following as teachers: Mrs. Lucius Fairchild, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. Carl Proctor, Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Miss Charlotte Sanderson and Mrs. Hartwell Kidder. The school has met every Friday in a room at the Washington street school house and the work for the year will be on exhibition there this week Saturday.

On last Monday evening the forty-fourth annual concert and ball of Division 7, A. O. H., was held in the town hall. The concert program was as follows: Overture, orchestra; songs, "Minstrel boy," Patrick J. Burns; march, orchestra; finale, "The Stag Spangled Banner," orchestra. The hall was appropriately decorated and the floor director was the president, Thomas McGuane. His assistants were John Breman, Joseph Walsh, Joseph O. Keegan and Richard D. Hurley. At twelve o'clock a supper was served in the lower town hall. A very large number attended both the concert and the ball. Dancing continued until two o'clock.

Mrs. Helen M. Turner and her daughter, Mrs. Harriet P. Savage, of Washington street, attended a birthday party given to Charles W. Wolf of Shirley on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Beesie Jacobs was hostess.

The men of the Federated church will serve a chicken pie supper in the vestry Tuesday evening from 6.30 to eight o'clock. Gorham K. Brooks is chairman of the general committee. S. Bassett Dickerman will have charge of the entertainment features. It is expected that Dr. Bertrand H. Hopkins will speak.

At the Federated church next Sunday the pastor, the subject will be "Lift service." At twelve the Sunday school meets. Samuel J. Andrew leads the Men's class; Women's class at the same hour. At 6.30 Young People's meeting; leader, Mrs. Amy Smith. Thursday evening mid-week service. Mr. Edmond W. Red Cross, Camp Devens, will speak.

Applications for membership in the Grange should be in the hands of the secretary before the meeting of next week Wednesday in order to be initiated in the next class of candidates, April 8. The deputy will be present for inspection of the work on that evening. Mr. and Mrs. James Boutwell will have charge of the entertainment on next week Wednesday evening, which will include a farce, "Hiram Jones' bet." A good attendance of members is requested.

In the report of the year's work by the State Special Aid society, the statement is made that in the maintenance of the Marlboro and house at Camp Devens, 1500 women were accommodated over night, and with a dining-room accommodating 300, 1440 have breakfasted there, 4114 luncheons served and 5906 dinners.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brown, a former resident in Ayer, continues in good health and celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday at the home of her grandson, L. K. Vermille, in Los Angeles, Cal., February 24. A large birthday cake with candles was presented to her. The day following was the fourteenth anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Ocean Park Methodist church. About seventy were present. Mrs. Brown, being the oldest member, was given the first blow of the candles on the cake. The anniversary was presided over by its president, Mrs. F. B. Vermille. Mrs. Brown was much pleased to be remembered by many friends from Ayer. She reads with much interest all the news of her public spirit which she receives regularly every week, and wishes to be remembered to all her friends.

The Unitarian Girls' club will serve supper in the vestry of their church on Thursday evening, March 27, at 6.30 o'clock. Following the supper will be a talk on the organization of women's clubs in the Panama Canal zone. Miss Beattie was head of the woman's movement in the canal zone and president of the canal zone Federation. She is also a writer on subjects of interest to women.

The Unitarian church school at its meeting Sunday, the subject was "The Near East Relief fund." Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended a meeting of the Guild for Parish workers on Monday afternoon at the Tuckerman school in Boston and in the evening of the same day went to the Boston Sunday school union at the Barnard Memorial.

The Wild Rose troop of Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon with their captain, First aid, gymnastics and troop business were the subjects of work. The following are the features at Page hall theatre the coming week: Sunday show continuous from eight to ten p. m. Monday, Elsie Ferguson in her latest Paramount picture, "His Parisian wife," Mack Bennett two-reel comedy and one-reel Vitagraph comedy. Tuesday, Pauline Frederick in

her latest Aftercraft production, "Out of the shadow," latest Lloyd comedy and latest Mutt and Jeff cartoon. Wednesday, Viola Dana in her latest Metro picture, "The gold cure," a two-reel Triangle comedy and latest Pathé News. Thursday, Halo Hamilton in "The gold cure," a two-reel L-Ko comedy and latest Pathé color. Friday, Norma Talmadge in her latest, "The probation wife," latest official war review and a two-reel Billy Parsons comedy. Saturday, Virginia Pearson in her latest Wm. Fox production, "The lieutenant's wife," latest Pathé News and two-reel Tom Mix comedy.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will not hold the two special convocations called for on March 26 and April 1.

Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Wedding. Lieut. John M. Nairn of Carroll, Neb., formerly stationed at Camp Devens, and Miss Helen Kinney were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at 3.45. The hour had been originally set for six o'clock in the evening. Friends of the bride had worked out elaborate plans for a speeding of the departing couple that was calculated to strike terror to their hearts. The latter, however, proved that they, too, could lay a plot. Theirs completely foiled all the deeply-laid schemes of the others.

At 3.30 Rev. Frank B. Crandall was called back to Ayer. Shortly after his arrival the bridegroom and bride, accompanied by the wedding party, presented themselves to be married. The wedding service was read, two rings being used, and the young couple slipped away amid the good wishes of the company. By four o'clock they were speeding toward Boston by motor car.

The bride was attired in a serge travelling suit. She carried white bridal roses. The couple were attended by Charles Kinney and Miss Helen Kinney, brother and sister of the bride. At six o'clock, the hour appointed for the ceremony and reception, the bride's young friends assembled at her home on Williams street. It was not without misgivings, for someone had seen the fleeing couple, and had started the rumor that they were already married and had eluded all their would-be pursuers. During a brief period of waiting for all the guests to arrive suspense and perplexity were rampant. A merry discussion ensued on the subject of what to believe about the whereabouts of the bridal couple. Finally the story of the marriage and elopement was told and refreshments were served.

In the meantime a company of eager youngsters from the neighborhood and beyond collected before the house to witness the departure of the bridal couple. They were plentifully supplied with pie and confetti and were armed with every classic device for expressing a hearty farewell to a fleeing couple. In order that the pangs of disappointment to these young Americans might be somewhat allayed two of the guests planned to make their departure on feet and when Herbert Shaw and Miss Gerude Briggs dashed out the door the cry "Here she comes" burst forth as a chorus from the youthful throng. As the two ran down Williams street a shrieking pack was at their heels. A barrage of rice and confetti fell about them at every leap. Tin cans and tin pans did their parts. It was only at the end of the street that the identity of the fleet runners was discovered and the chase ended. The impression was general that the bridal couple could not have done better than they.

Miss Kinney, daughter of Clarence H. Kinney, Boston and Maine freight agent, and Mrs. Kinney, of Williams street, is one of the most versatile and popular girls of Ayer. Her talents comprise athletic, musical and artistic ability of the highest order. She has been associated with her father as his assistant in the Boston and Maine freight office. Mr. and Mrs. Nairn are on a long wedding journey to their home in the west. The best wishes of a host of friends accompany them.

Girls' Club Cabaret. The most successful and enjoyable social event of the recent years was the cabaret given by the Unitarian Girls' club in the town hall Wednesday evening. Every table was reserved before the day of the event. On account of the great demand for seats it was necessary to place chairs at many tables to accommodate additional members of the various parties. About two hundred and seventy-five people were present.

The place itself presented an attractive scene. Extending around the hall was a scenery fence placed close to the walls. The tables were placed in the form of a hollow square. The center of the room was reserved for dancing and for the entertainers. Linen covers were on the tables and potted plants were the decorations. Programs and menu cards had gone in the spirit of the event were provided. The stage was decorated with flowers and potted plants. Beautiful gowns of the ladies completed the beauty of the picture.

The evening was devoted to dancing and entertainment interspersed with the service of delicious refreshments. Each of these elements of the evening's festivity was of superior excellence.

Musical for the dancing was furnished by the famous Camp Devens colored Jazz orchestra. The effect of their playing was an irresistible impulse to dance. The radiant good nature and jollity of these musicians inspired in every degree of the same in those present.

There was a wealth of talent in the singers. Harry Slamon and Mrs. Rachel Slamon of Boston delighted their hearers. It might be truthfully added that their work was too good for an occasion where silence cannot be ordered and a better opportunity for appreciation given the artist. Miss Juliet Stacey of Arlington sang a number of songs in costume. Her personality, selections and costumes pleased her audience. Songs and stunts were also given by colored amateur artists. Corporal Winn of the 143d Labor Battalion received a full measure of applause for his dancing and military stunts. Private Ralph Cook and Sergt. Tatton likewise were duly applauded.

Miss Alberta Tuttle, formerly of the "Going up" company, lived up to her reputation as a cabaret dancer, first class. Her castanet dance and balloon dance were charmingly done and much appreciated. In the latter dance toy balloons were attached to her costume. She detached these balloons and presented them to people at the tables. It was not long before these balloons were being buffeted about from table to table.

The refreshments included sandwiches, frozen pudding, cake, ginger ale, grape juice and coffee. Candy was distributed. Miss Natalie Bigelow of the Soldiers' Coffee House, was in charge, assisted by Miss Mary Murphy, Mrs. A. Paul Filibrown and Miss Maud Whitcomb, cashier. The following young girls, in attractive costumes, served the tables: Marion Dwell, Marjory Fletcher, Christine Maloney, Irene McColister, Blanche Morse, Clara Nixon, Alice Rand, Marguerite Rand, Marion Rowe, Helen Skoote, Ruth Stone and Esther Washburn. The management of the manifold details of the event was in charge of a committee of the Girls' club consisting of Mrs. F. Vern Pillsman and Mrs. George O. Filibrown. An immense amount of work was the price that this committee paid for the brilliant success of the function.

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SHIRLEY

New Items. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDevitt, Main street, was the scene of a very enjoyable party on Tuesday evening when their daughter Alice was honored by a surprise party. About thirty of her young friends gathered at the home which was decorated in a most surprising and beautiful manner with red and white. Miss Edna Loomer made the presentation, stating the esteem in which she was held by her many friends. The festivities of the evening then commenced with enthusiasm. Games were played and music enjoyed, a merry party disbanding at about ten o'clock, leaving in their wake pleasant memories of the occasion. Mrs. Charles Stobbins and Miss Mary Stobbins assisted in serving refreshments. The following were present: Richard Lilly, Thomas Day, John Karvo, Frank Gay, William L. Leonard, John Warren, Richard Howard Allen, Virginia Wheeler, Ruth Whitaker, Nina Burchstead, Sara Cutler, Annie and Mary Max, Louis Thomas, Genevieve Collington, Edna Huxton, Alice Cole, Anna Parsons, Edna and Vera Loomer, Helen Antine, Milly Parker, Mabel Parmenter.

HARVARD

Several from here attended the Pomona Grange meeting at Townsend on Thursday. Harold Kemp and two children are staying at the home of his father, Frank Kemp, in Woodville.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

JERSEY HEIFER FOR SALE—Registered, due first calf March 25. Her sister gave two calves on first calf. Have no use for the milk. Price \$125. HARVARD FRUIT FARM, Harvard, Mass., Telephone 84. 1129

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AYER, MASS., March 10, 1919. ORDERED, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the seventh day of April, 1919, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting along that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, GEORGE L. WILSON, Selectmen of Ayer. A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: 2129 GEORGE L. WILSON, Clerk.

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Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, and poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked Sketch No. 56 and No. 57. Said locations to be granted for a period of two years.

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FARM PROFITS WILL AID LOAN

Rural Business Men Are Well Able to Take Up Their Share in the "Victorious Fifth." More than ever before the American farmer finds himself in the position of comfort and prosperity which is his just due. Lean years are for him no longer. Last year the average of farm earnings broke all records. Six million farms in 1918 produced crops worth \$12,280,000,000. This year it is estimated that a greater wheat acreage than ever will be shown. Naturally, the farmer is making the most of his opportunities, and with guaranteed wheat prices and higher prices for everything he grows, the outlook for him is most encouraging.

And Europe will furnish a market doubtless for all he can grow, including his fat hogs at \$50 and his steers at \$150 per. It would be interesting, if possible, to assemble comparative statements of the farmers' bank accounts now and five years ago, and the list of mortgages that have been cancelled. And it would be more interesting perhaps to have a statement of the Liberty Bonds now in the hands of these tillers of the soil.

And very soon the farmer will have an opportunity to prove that he is not without loyalty as well developed as any man's. For another loan is almost in sight, a loan that will draw upon us all. Because of his price guarantee of \$2.26 a bushel, Uncle Sam stands to lose from 50 to 75 cents upon every bushel of wheat harvested next season. Having made this guarantee to the farmer, he will make it good. That is Uncle Sam's way.

But what is Mr. Farmer going to do for Uncle Sam in the next Liberty Loan? In every Liberty Loan to date the farmer, as a class, has bought less bonds than men in other prosperous classes. He has been able meantime to get more sugar, and coal, and everything else upon which the government put a restriction, than others have.

The big question now, when he stands to cash in at a 25 per cent premium upon his wheat crop, is what is he going to do next Liberty Loan drive? Some Liberty Loan officials are suggesting that the farmer should buy a \$100 bond for each 100 bushels of wheat that he sells to the government. He has made the profit and should have no hesitancy in taking a high grade security in payment for the difference between what the government gets and what he gets for his wheat.

OUR SOLDIERS DID NOT LET UP

And the Nation Will Show It Stays With Them in The "Victorious Fifth" Liberty Loan. Two million of Uncle Sam's boys are over there looking after the common good of the world at large. Incidentally after the interests of the United States of America. And they will have to stay upon the job until it is done. Until things are righted again. Until order is brought out of chaos.

This may be only two or three months longer. It may be as many years. But while they are there they must be taken care of adequately. They must be clothed and fed and lodged comfortably. We don't want a death list in camp greater than was suffered in action.

We want those boys to come back; every possible one of them. Uncle Sam estimates that it costs \$42.27 a year to equip and maintain a soldier in Europe. So if they remain a year it means approximately \$1,000,000,000. And every added month will mean proportionately more. Part of the proceeds from the coming "Victorious Fifth" Liberty Loan will be devoted to this end. Part of it will go into the rehabilitation fund for putting the injured soldiers back upon their feet. Part of it will go for insurance claims. The rest will go to meet the hundred and one other demands of this greatest of world emergencies since the dawn of civilization.

Every mother's son of them did his part, helped insure liberty and justice for the world at large and restore Uncle Sam to his rightful position in the estimation of the nations of earth. They did their duty fully, these boys who won. They stood to the very end, through fire and flood. They never talked about letting up. This is no time for Americans to think of letting up. We must stand by our guns; by our records; by Uncle Sam. We must make the next loan another big success.

Join the League of Nations



USEFULNESS OF HIGH PRICES. Many Hitherto Neglected Natural Resources Receive Attention. Even high cost of living has a useful element as illustrated recently by the statement in a Boston daily that many housewives of the greater city are intending to raise rabbits to furnish a portion of the meat for their tables. Now, rabbit meat, when properly cooked, is delicious, and the animal is so prolific, that with little care and expense it is possible to provide a substantial addition to the family larder.

Bunny is a strict vegetarian, and will thrive upon the outer leaves of cabbages, parings of vegetables and fruits, celery tops, and other things called waste. A far greater waste has been rabbit himself. Two hundred millions are killed in the United States every year, according to figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. This represents 300,000 tons of meat. Yet large numbers were shot only for their skins, and thousands more were poisoned, because so plentiful that they were a pest to farmers.

Under the spur of necessity, many neglected things besides rabbits are receiving attention, and thrift, upon which this nation was built, is again becoming ingrained in the American character. The Thrift Stamp has taught wonderful lessons. Inspired by patriotic fervor, we bought a few, then some more, as we realized what they would grow into, and when we possessed a real interest-bearing War Savings Stamp, with Uncle Sam's guarantee, we had also acquired the saving habit.

Patriotism is as necessary in peace as in war, especially when the preservation remains to be paid, and the conservation of rabbits—and other things—will not only give variety to the menu, but make possible the buying of more Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO.

They Work as Seriously as Grown Folk to Help Discharge Uncle Sam's War Liabilities. "Stamp, stamp, stamp. Who'll buy a stamp?" There is never a doubt of it; the school children will! They'll save their pennies from candy and gum and the movies, and what they cannot save they will earn. Do you know that in a certain New England school of 1300 children coming from families of only moderate and very modestly moderate means, the children own several thousands of dollars worth of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps bought mostly from their own earnings? This is in addition to Liberty Bonds, which are owned quite extensively and many of which were paid for in whole or in part by the children. It is in addition also to Victory pledges, Red Cross memberships, and a dozen other things that have appealed to their patriotism and their sympathies for contributions.

This is what one little girl said: "I worked this summer and earned two dollars a week. I gave it all to my mother. My mother gave me twenty-five cents a week for working. I saved the twenty-five cents and bought some of my stockings and hair ribbons and a few other little things that I needed. I also own some War Savings Stamps. I paid for my own War Savings Stamps. I earned it in the same way as I buy my bond. I do not spend more than five cents a week for candy."

Heroic Louise says simply: "Last summer I earned money for Thrift Stamps like this. On hot days my mother gave me five cents to get ice cream with, but I saved it for Thrift Stamps. That is how I earned money for the bank and Thrift Stamps." When the children do so much, surely it is possible for grown-ups to do a great deal more.

Linoleum Ingredients. The two main ingredients in the manufacture of linoleum are cork and linseed oil, to which are added smaller quantities of kauri gum, rosin and pigments of various kinds. Militant Orbs. From a story: "Her unyielding glance went fiercely over the top and grappled in mortal combat with his domineering sneer."—Boston Transcript.

VICTORY LOAN IS A PEACE LOAN

Its \$5,000,000,000 Will Pay Our War Debts And Will Care For Sick and Wounded Men. Once in a while someone asks: "What's the need of another Liberty Loan now that the war's over?" Officials of the War Loan organization in this district have replied by outlining some of the purposes for which money will be needed by the Government this spring.

The amount raised by the Fourth Liberty Loan lasted only until December 1st. Expenditures are going on now at the rate of nearly \$2,000,000,000 a month. There will be a gradual reduction of treasury disbursements as the war debts are wiped out. The revenue from taxes will not be sufficient to pay all the bills, so the people will be called upon to provide the money by subscribing to Government bonds. The issue will be for not more than \$6,000,000,000. This enormous outlay of money is going to pay off the army of producers at home—the farmers, merchants, manufacturers and others.

America had just begun to fight when the Hun decided it was time to quit. Allied leaders expected the war to last another year and the United States Government was turning out ships, arms, ammunition and food with a view to overwhelming Germany next fall. Treasury officials have revealed that America would have had a tank at the front for every seventy-five feet of the line in 1919—30,000 tanks! We would have had ten tons of mustard gas ready for shipment for every ton Germany could produce. Thousands of batteries of guns would have been in action for every one America had in 1918.

Everything else was being produced in proportion. This gigantic preparation brought an early end to the war and saved thousands of lives. Victory Bonds will pay for this work which had been contracted for and was being delivered when the armistice was signed. There are other purposes for which money is needed. Part of our army of 2,000,000 men must be kept in Europe until the peace treaty is signed. These soldiers must be fed, clothed and otherwise maintained. Then they must be brought home. The sick and wounded must be cared for in hospitals. The army must be demobilized. There are thousands of maimed soldiers, heroes of the great war, who must be taught self-supporting trades and given an opportunity to earn their living.

This reconstruction work at home must be carried on. The job must be finished. The American people who furnished the money to win the war must supply it also to bring the nation back to a peace basis.

UNCLE SAM IS PAYING THE BILL

It Runs Into Billions of Dollars, But Those Billions Went Instead of Millions of Lives. Uncle Sam has raised for his war chest an aggregate of \$17,852,000,000 through the medium of the four Liberty Loans. Shortly he is to ask for \$5,000,000,000 more. This is needed for the completion of his war obligations. Already some \$20,000,000,000 has been expended. Most of this next loan will have been spent before it is in Uncle Sam's hands. For Uncle Sam's cleaning up his contracts, paying his bills, as rapidly as possible. The war will cost America more than any of the other allied nations. But they bore the brunt of the blood toll. Their greatest cost was in human life.

Where America's loss of life ran into the thousands, theirs went into the millions. And but for Uncle Sam's participation, with his wealth of men and money, the blood toll for all of us would have been inconceivably more staggering. So whatever the financial cost America got off cheaply. Between dollars and lives there is no comparison. Dollars simply don't count. They will come back and the lives never will.

If, six months ago, we had known that by lending the government \$5,000,000,000 we could have saved 30,000 lives, we would have furnished it overnight. But Uncle Sam's obligations stood, though the armistice was signed and the war ended. He stands to pay the bills. He must pay them. We must help. It is our obligation also. Those doughboys fought for us, for YOU and ME, as much as for Uncle Sam. We are all one. And we must pay those bills; bills for provisions, for munitions, for medical supplies and transportation, for soldiers' pay and soldiers' insurance. And when the "Victorious Fifth" Liberty Loan comes along take your share. Meantime save up to that end.

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AMERICANIZATION AND SAVINGS.

An Alien Will Be Interested Only in That of Which He is Part. Much has been spoken and written concerning Americanization of the foreign-born, and many methods, more or less good, have been devised. Of course, the immigrant should first know English. He will be more interested in American institutions when he can understand what is written and spoken about them.

He comes to the United States because he expects to better his condition,—be better housed, have better food, better clothing, better opportunities for his children. Sometimes he acquires all this—and more. Often he is disappointed. He is thrifty; indeed, it is said of him that if forced to work for ten cents a day he would find a way to save at least one; but unless his savings are well invested they are like the talent in the napkin. Why not express solicitude for the immigrant in terms of Government investment. Give him the warm handshake, teach him our language and history and our methods of Government.

Under the spur of necessity, many neglected things besides rabbits are receiving attention, and thrift, upon which this nation was built, is again becoming ingrained in the American character. The Thrift Stamp has taught wonderful lessons. Inspired by patriotic fervor, we bought a few, then some more, as we realized what they would grow into, and when we possessed a real interest-bearing War Savings Stamp, with Uncle Sam's guarantee, we had also acquired the saving habit.

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WHAT THE CHILDREN DO. They Work as Seriously as Grown Folk to Help Discharge Uncle Sam's War Liabilities. "Stamp, stamp, stamp. Who'll buy a stamp?" There is never a doubt of it; the school children will! They'll save their pennies from candy and gum and the movies, and what they cannot save they will earn. Do you know that in a certain New England school of 1300 children coming from families of only moderate and very modestly moderate means, the children own several thousands of dollars worth of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps bought mostly from their own earnings? This is in addition to Liberty Bonds, which are owned quite extensively and many of which were paid for in whole or in part by the children. It is in addition also to Victory pledges, Red Cross memberships, and a dozen other things that have appealed to their patriotism and their sympathies for contributions.

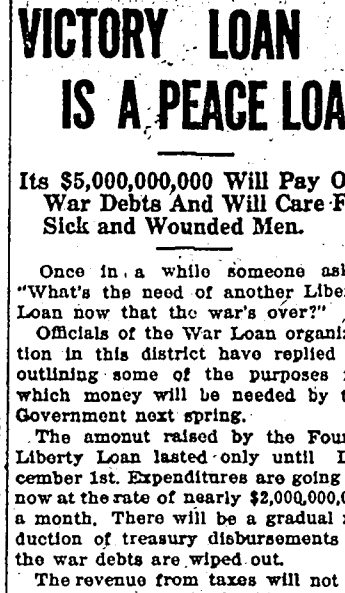
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USEFULNESS OF HIGH PRICES. Many Hitherto Neglected Natural Resources Receive Attention. Even high cost of living has a useful element as illustrated recently by the statement in a Boston daily that many housewives of the greater city are intending to raise rabbits to furnish a portion of the meat for their tables. Now, rabbit meat, when properly cooked, is delicious, and the animal is so prolific, that with little care and expense it is possible to provide a substantial addition to the family larder.

Bunny is a strict vegetarian, and will thrive upon the outer leaves of cabbages, parings of vegetables and fruits, celery tops, and other things called waste. A far greater waste has been rabbit himself. Two hundred millions are killed in the United States every year, according to figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. This represents 300,000 tons of meat. Yet large numbers were shot only for their skins, and thousands more were poisoned, because so plentiful that they were a pest to farmers.

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DOGS MUST BE LICENSED

On or Before March 31 Or the Owners or Keepers Thereof are LIABLE TO A FINE



Extracts from Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts...

Section 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over, shall annually on or before the thirty-first day of March...

Section 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provision of this chapter shall, except as provided in section one hundred and thirty-nine...

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES F. BIRD late of Pepperell in said County...

Whereas MARIA W. BIRD administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale...

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court...

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

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PLANT HOME GARDENS.

When Made a Family Affair They Yield Good Returns and Provide Money for Investment.

Home gardens are needed as much this year as last for their contribution to the world's food supply, says Rufus W. Stimson, agent in charge of agricultural education for the State Board of Education of Massachusetts.

Mr. Stimson thoroughly believes in the home garden. He would make it a family affair, parents and children working in partnership in the gardening enterprise.

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS.

Germany said: "Americans are extravagant; they can't save." Americans have not only proved that they can save, but the saving habit has become fixed.

"Straight lines have come to stay." Straight lines are in vogue in other things than dress. The straight line to independence is investment in War Savings stamps.

"Hard work is the only remedy for present ills." True, but what avails it hard work if the money received therefor is squandered?

"Remain patriotic and put an end to old-time conditions." To show your patriotism and up-to-dateness buy War Savings stamps.

The man who really "knows it all" usually has a goodly collection of Thrift and War Savings stamps.

Having won for ourselves and others the right to "pursue life, liberty and happiness," we must pay for its maintenance. Do your share by buying War Savings stamps.

SAVING TIME

A Play by Catherine Power, 12 Years, Everett School, Boston.

Part 1—Time—At supper. Place—Home.

Mary—Papa, after supper may I go out and play? Father—Now, Mary, you know that New Year's resolution you gave mother about saving time...

Mother—Now, Mary, what's the use of sulking over what you will never be sorry for—doing what's right? Mary—Oh, well, all right (She walks slowly out of the room).

Part 2—Next morning in the school yard. Helen—Mary, do you know your lesson today? Mary—Oh, yes, Helen, papa kept me in last night—but, oh, don't I detest staying in evenings!

Helen—Oh, you'll get used to it, Mary. (Bell rings. They file up in line.) Part 3—(The Classroom.) Teacher—Mary, say your lesson! Mary does so, and has it right.

Teacher (amazed)—This is the first time you have recited with intelligence, Mary. How did you manage it? Mary—Last night papa kept me in and told me to study my lessons.

Teacher—(turning to the class)—Let this be an example to all of the class. You all notice the change in Mary, hm, sure. When you are studying you are saving time. Those who save time will get in the habit of saving money for Thrift Stamps, I'm sure.

Be a Good Loser. Don't be afraid of being on the losing side. Defeat in a good cause is infinitely better than helping to win a victory for a cause in which you do not believe.

Correcting an Error. No, Gladious, strictly speaking, opera glasses are not the kind the ticket buyer goes out for between acts.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

A ten-cent supper was held at six o'clock in the Daniels academy building last week Friday evening...

At the regular meeting of Brookline Grange on last week Wednesday evening the following program was given: Song, Verna Taylor; essay, Blanche Hall; three essays, Mrs. Clara Russell.

The Royal Workers met at the home of Mrs. Charles Dunbar on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Martin, of Pepperell, was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lester Holden, of Shirley, Mass., has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. C. Shattuck, and Miss Hazel Storor, of Nashua, also spent the weekend at the home of her aunt.

Mrs. Charles Stickney, of Townsend hill, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Clara Russell is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Patch, in Malden, Mass.

Glenn Maurice is the name given the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey.

The net proceeds of the town meeting dinner, which was in charge of the Ladies' Aid society, was \$14.62.

Mrs. P. J. O'Connell was a visitor in Pepperell last Saturday.

Mrs. John Kline and little son, of Leominster, Mass., and Mrs. Charles Piny, of Pittsburg, Mass., have been guests at the home of Charles Dunbar.

There have been seven of the summer residences in town broken into during the last few weeks and quite a number of things have been taken from some of the places.

Mr. Warden and family have moved into the lighting splitter on Mason street and Mrs. Nellie LaBoute has moved into her cottage, vacated by Mr. Warden.

Forace Hall was at his home last week-end, from Cambridge.

Town meeting was held in the Daniels academy building on Tuesday, March 11. The following town officers were elected: Alpha A. Hall, town clerk; Herbert Corey, treasurer; Harry Marshall, David Gilmore and George Nye, selectmen.

John Andrews and Charles Dunn, read agent and tree warden; Walter Fessenden and William Hall, auditors; George Rockwood, chief engineer; Ralph Greeley, assistant; Harry Marshall, Herbert Corey, George Cady, P. J. O'Connell and Walter Fessenden, public weighers.

John Andrews and Charles Gilson, memorial committee; Miss Blanche Hall, trustee library 3 years; Edwin Taylor, sexton. It was left with the selectmen to appoint a chief of police.

Under Article 10 it was voted to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the town.

Brookline Grange observed its twenty-fifth anniversary on March 14 in Tarbell's hall. A program was given in the morning as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. D. W. Jenness; recitation, Frances Farnsworth; remarks, William Taylor; song, Mrs. Edna Hall; Louise Parker and Henry Bailey; remarks, John Smith, of Mason; reading, Mrs. Mary Heath, of Penomah.

A beautiful dinner was served in the banquet hall at the Daniels academy building, under the management of Mrs. Maud Greeley and Mrs. Myra Stanley.

The afternoon's exercises were opened by pledging allegiance to the flag and singing one verse of "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Clara Russell gave the history of the organization of Brookline Grange, music, Arthur Goss and Miss Anna Hall; E. Hutchinson, of Milford, who organized Brookline Grange, was present and gave an address; farce, "Frank Glynn's wife," Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, Mrs. Clara Russell, Miss Blanche Hall, James W. Bailey and Mrs. Edna Hall; Mrs. Henry Bailey and Henry Bailey; roll call of the boys in the service, followed by a tableau and chorus of "Keep the home fires burning." Remarks were made by T. E. Flarity, of Townsend, and Clarence Trow, of Milford.

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A good number were present from the neighboring towns of Milford, Townsend, Hollis, Pepperell and Mason, and Brookline Grange owes a debt of thanks to the visiting patrons who helped to make the day a success.

RECEPTION.

The reception given to Mr. and Mrs. William O. Woodson by the local Grange last week was a delightful affair. The hostesses were Mrs. W. Woodson and Mrs. W. Woodson. The table was very pretty with decorations of red and green. The menu consisted of crackers and cream cheese, fancy cakes, coffee and confections.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Woodson as a token of her appreciation. Mrs. Woodson responded in a few words, saying she had simply done her duty as she had seen it and thanked all those present. Orchestral music was furnished throughout the evening.

Early in April Mr. and Mrs. Woodson start for Florida, making the trip across the continent by automobile.

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Ancient Timepieces.

In the days of King Arthur the time-keeping candle, marked off in sections to indicate the hours as it burned, was in common use in England. This sort of candle is doubtless of very ancient origin. Less old, though of considerable antiquity, was the lamp, placed on a standard with glass reservoir of oil above, which indicated the elapsing hours by the falling level of the oil—a numbered scale showing the time. No two candles can be made exactly alike, or will burn at precisely the same rate. The time-lamp was more accurate, yet liable to appreciable error. Even the hourglass—surely one of the cleverest inventions of antiquity, and still in use at the present day—was nearly always a bit "off." Perhaps, however, the ancients did not feel obliged to reckon minutes quite so closely as we moderns do.

Secret of Concentration.

One reason for the remarkable powers of concentration possessed by some is the intense love of their work, into which they throw themselves with such ardor as to forget everything else about them. And this, after all, is the secret of all success—to forget oneself in one's work and to become a part of that work itself and so achieve "forgetting and forgoing" of all about except the one task to which force, physical and mental, has been brought.

Remember the Golden Rule.

Perhaps the person isn't living who hasn't certain little peculiarities, but that is no reason why some narrow-minded individual should take it upon herself to weave into whole cloth those tiny, discordant ravellings and then pass on her "discovery" to anyone who will listen. If the listener is a believer in the Golden Rule she will not only turn a deaf ear to such a recital, but dismiss her uncharitable informant as quickly as possible.—Exchange.

What Canals Can Do.

There are 400 miles of navigable waterways in Britain, yet the actual percentage of craft on them at the moment is less than one per mile. On the other hand, Germany owes much to her highly efficient and economical canal system. Her water roads link up 700 industrial centers, and goods sent by canal route cost much less than by rail.

New Advertisements

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell, N. H., East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on March 4, 1919.

Resources Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, \$118,189.68

U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation, \$50,000.00

U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged, \$10,000.00

Liberty Loan Bonds, \$2,400.00

U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits, \$7,000.00

Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged, \$101,158.00

Collateral for other notes and other assets of corporations issued for not more than ONE YEAR nor more than THREE

Stock of Federal Reserve Bank 100 per cent of subscription, \$1,800.00

Value of banking house, owned and unpledged, \$1,100.00

Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, \$17,000.00

Cash in bank and net amounts due from national banks, \$25,514.41

Other banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items, \$1,125.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, \$2,000.00

Interest earned but not accrued, \$1,000.00

Notes and bills receivable not past due, \$1,000.00

Total Resources, \$318,700.00

Liabilities Capital stock paid up, \$100,000.00



TO THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES OF THE Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully I libel and represents BLANCHE G. WHITNEY of Ayer in said County that she was lawfully married to HERBERT G. WHITNEY, now of Los Angeles, California, at Ayer, Massachusetts, on the twenty-sixth day of September, A. D. 1909, and thereafter your libellant and the said Herbert G. Whitney lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Ayer, Mass., and also in California, and your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Herbert G. Whitney being wholly and cruelly remiss and neglectful to provide suitable maintenance and support for your libellant.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Herbert G. Whitney, and that your libellant be restored to her maiden name, to wit, BLANCHE G. WHITNEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, March 15, A. D. 1919.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before the Justice of said Court at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of May next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be published on or before the said first Monday mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered mail to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

A TRUE COPY OF THE LIBEL AND OF THE ORDER THEREON. Attest, WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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STONE CROCKS FOR PUTTING DOWN EGGS

These crocks are glazed inside and out and have dark tops.

1-gallon Crock with Cover 55c. 2-gallon Crock with Cover 80c. 3-gallon Crock with Cover \$1.20. 4-gallon Crock with Cover \$1.45. 5-gallon Crock with Cover \$1.85. 6-gallon Crock with Cover \$2.10.

PERFECTION \$6.00 OIL HEATER \$5.25

Ayer Variety Store

Opposite Railroad Station

E. D. STONE

Fire Insurance Agent

Automobile and Cordwood Insurance

Esther A. Stone, Typewriting

Page's Block AYER, MASS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of MARY S. PEAK late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, and has taken and filed with the Probate Court in said County, a true and correct inventory of the same, as required by law.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, at his office, in Ayer, Mass., on or before the first day of April next, at which time the same will be paid, if the same are proved to the satisfaction of the Probate Court.

Witness my hand and seal, this first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Spring Opening COATS SKIRTS J. W. Murry Tailor TURNER'S BLOCK Telephone 58-2 AYER, MASS.

TAX SALE Collector's Notice Sale of Real Estate

Townsend, Mass., March 14, 1919. The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Townsend by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, of said taxes, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Townsend by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, of said taxes, according to the list committed to me as

Saturday, March 22, 1919

PEPPERELL

New Items

On the eve of his expected departure from town, Rev. J. B. Lewis was made the recipient of a check of \$100 from the committee appointed by the Congregational society as a slight token of appreciation for faithful service as pastor.

Even though you could not attend the Lodge-Lowell debate on the League of Nations at Symphony hall, Boston, Wednesday evening, you need not be disappointed, as the P. M. C. have arranged to have a discussion on this subject at their regular meeting, Monday evening, March 24, in Saunders' hall.

Mrs. Elsie Greiner was called to Nashua on Wednesday to care for her sister, Mrs. Maurice Sawyer, who had suffered a shock.

Sergt. Phillip Whitney, of the 301st Infantry, who has recently returned from France and has been at Camp Devens awaiting his discharge, visited at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Colson from Monday to Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Charles E. Bell and child are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartwell, Brookline street, from their home in Chelsea.

Little Miss Thurlio I. Robbins, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, Pleasant street, entertained a party of her small friends, by invitation, on last Saturday afternoon.

Rev. D. R. Child was in town from Hudson on Wednesday to attend to some matters pertaining to the renting of this house here in town.

The committee of the Ladies' Aid society in charge of the "Jumble Sale" last week, now report over \$56 as the net proceeds of the same.

Mrs. Henry Wilson, of Allston, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Brookline street, last week.

A. E. Bannon is representing the Kelley-Springfield Tire Company at the Boston auto show this week.

George H. DuPaw is on a trout-fishing expedition at The Weirs, N. H., this week, with a party of friends.

Mrs. M. D. Seaverns, of Boston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Holt, Mt. Lebanon street, this week.

A modern health crusade is about to be inaugurated in the Main street and Groton street schools, beginning following the directions of certain guides and directions for the pupils of the grade schools.

The evening dancing class conducted by Miss Helen M. Robbins usually held at Saunders' hall, will be postponed from March 22 to the 23d.

Mrs. Hansford Dewar has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lillian French, and family at Watertown, this week.

Mrs. George Willott of Lynn was the guest of relatives in town, a part of this week.

A basketball game will be played on Saturday evening, March 22, at the Opera house, between the Tiger A. C. of this town and the Lowell Y. M. C. A.

A notice of a marriage of one of the Prescott family, in which the town is always interested, was overlooked in the amount of news news last fall.

Mrs. Mary Wood will pass her week of school vacation with her sister, Mrs. Towne, in Springfield.

Charles M. Fuller went to visit his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuller, at their new home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday.

The fuel administrators will conclude their labor on April first, and the last reports of the local fuel administrators will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Crockett came here as a surprise to Mrs. Crockett's sister, Mrs. Prescott, Saturday evening.

Blanchard & Gould are again running their saw mill on the Goodenough lot on small lots of lumber from outside lots.

Miss Margaret Anderson spent the week-end at Elmcrest, the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson.

Mrs. A. Newman Prescott entertained her mother, Mrs. Charles Stokes, and Mrs. Stokes, of Maynard, over Sunday.

Mrs. John O. Bennett had an attack of influenza last week, placing her under the care of a physician for a few days.

John Frossard is reported as improving in Kalamazoo, but it is understood that he intends to remain there to superintend the final work on the installation of his calendar machines.

Leon Herbert, U. S. N., who lately arrived here from overseas on the Transport Emerald, was at his home on Groton street last week on a furlough.

John Willis, formerly employed at the Nashua River paper mills, has accepted a position with George E. Shattuck at the Nashua road, and will move there from his present tenement on Crescent street, which he has occupied since the burning of the Pillsbury house last winter.

It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. James Christian, superintendent and matron at the town farm for some years, are to conclude their labors there this month.

The meeting of the Special Aid society on Monday afternoon called out so few, owing to the stormy weather, that no business was transacted.

The meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Community associates was held on Wednesday afternoon, owing to sickness among the members and rainy weather.

The committee recently appointed as home service agent for the Red Cross here in town, C. B. Hamilton has received instructions in regard to the \$50 bonus for men discharged from service, which he will explain to anyone interested.

Hilding Ebbeson, foreman at the J. R. Henderson farm, died Wednesday night after an illness of only a few days from influenza and pneumonia.

Mr. Ebbeson was a constant attendant at the church services at the Congregational church, and at the religious services held at his late home on Friday afternoon.

The Robinsons were taken to his home near Boston, for interment in Oak cemetery. There were many floral pieces sent by friends by the Peppercell Men's club, of which Mr. Ebbeson was a member, and by the Mt. Lebanon Community club.

Little Hazel Elizabeth McDonald, the eleven months' old daughter of Oscar H. McDonald, and his wife the late Mrs. Marjorie (Blood) McDonald, after only a few days of extreme illness, went to join her mother on Saturday last week, from her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Blood.

Little Hazel would have reached her first birthday on April 18, and was the pet of her many relatives, the sad early death of her mother making her very dear to them.

Brief services were held at the home on Monday afternoon, at two o'clock, conducted by E. P. Harmon.

The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, with burial in the Woodlawn cemetery.

A special meeting of the Special Aid society was held at the rooms on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. It was voted that since so much of the money for the fund for the most severe injuries of the fifty or so who were overseas, to apply a part of the money from the fund for the wounded to the needs of the wounded soldiers now in the base hospital at Camp Devens.

The society also voted to entertain the wounded boys one day in each week. Mr. Hamilton has offered the use of the home for one day each week, commencing next Thursday.

It is the purpose of the society to give the boys at the hospital who have no relatives or friends in this vicinity, a day's outing and any auto owners who are willing to help in the matter of transportation will be given a good camp are requested to notify Mr. Hamilton. It is planned to give the soldier boys a little recreation, a dinner and return them before sundown, arrangements having been made with the adjutant general at the camp.

The regular meeting will be held on Monday afternoon at the rooms. Members are requested to bring pieces of attractive cretonne or other material, suitable to make into individual hospital bags to be used in taking the articles and any donations to the wounded men at the hospital, Camp Devens.

Shortly before four o'clock Friday morning fire was discovered in the tenement house occupied by Fred Moffat, owned by L. J. Rowell, on the Tucker farm. The owner was notified, although his telephone would have been the quickest method of calling an alarm, but the occupant went not to stop to direct the firemen. As a consequence, though the fire was counted out at 3:45, it was not extinguished until 4:30.

Although entirely uneventful, the sea trip just taken by Henry F. Tarbell and D. Elmer Weston of this town proved a pleasurable one, far exceeding their expectations.

The fire originated at the back side of the house, very similar to the Pillsbury fire, on the same farm, and could not be seen easily from the street until it broke out through the chimney.

In justice to the driver of the engine which responded very quickly after the alarm and was on his way up Main street within a few minutes of its sounding.

Neither the weather nor walking were auspicious for an average attendance at the meeting of the Women's club held at the Congregational church vestry on Tuesday afternoon.

The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. E. W. Rust; his subject, "Distinctive traits of Pilgrims and Puritans, and their effect on American literature."

The theme was a large one, but Mr. Rust presented it with his usual clearness and with a most entertaining but instructive, in his talk he revealed great power of concentration, and a wonderful memory, speaking entirely without notes.

The first part dealt with the history of the Pilgrims and Puritans, and their settlement at Plymouth and the differences that differed from the Puritans in that they severed all relation with the established church, while the Puritans remained loyal members, but endeavored to purify it of certain evils which had crept in.

While the ship was unloading at the harbor the Peppercell travelers improved their opportunity to take an auto ride of ninety miles along the coast, and up the mountain, nearly 3500 feet, to the military road, but on the way by the Spanish side in fine condition today.

Children's club will be observed at the Women's club next Monday when Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Shedd will have charge of the entertainment in the Unitarian church vestry, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The Catholic mission cleared about five o'clock at the dance Monday night.

trip is a good test of nervousness, as a pebble could be dropped from the side of their car in many places, over into the abyss below, hundreds of feet.

Another excellent test of one's nerves was to look up on a plane while making the ascent and see the overhanging cliffs directly over one's head, and realize that the formation of the island is neither stone nor granite, but a crumbling kind of strata.

Even the side of the mountains like this is populated, the autoist posting in the steepest places small huts, about \$10, where a small clearing was available, and a few goats were kept and always a pig, sometimes a small rough pony, but very few horses were seen on the island.

The school privileges are very good, a schoolhouse being found in all the principal towns, and the children are taught English. Thus, when our native language, the autoist usually could get good satisfaction usually by consulting some bright looking child of a dozen years or so, who was pleased to show off the small amount of "United States" they were capable of to one of the inhabitants of that country.

The second port to be made by the vessel was at Ponce, half way around the island, on the southern shore. After a shorter stop they next proceeded to Mayaguez, on the west shore. Here the travelers took a trip along the sugar fields, the chief industry in this section. They also decided, for variety, and to see more of the geography and conditions in the interior of the island, to travel back to San Juan, by slow train, and meet the steamer there, and were well repaid by the many strange and interesting sights.

The cities visited by the Peppercell men were universally clean, sewerage and other health measures having been introduced by General Wood in the time of the Spanish war, and still in force. The streets of all the cities are very clean, the sidewalks having two auto abreast, and the sidewalks hardly wide enough for two people. This is no window glass used in the construction of most of the dwelling houses and passersby have a good chance to view the interior of the houses, the windows being of a kind of inside shutter only, which is rarely closed even at night.

The ship left San Juan on her return trip on Friday, March 7, and arrived in the outer harbor in New York the following Tuesday, and was obliged to anchor and wait for flood tide, as no tug was available, and the ship could only dock at certain wharves. Our travelers were able to reach Hartford, Conn., that night and thus could have a short visit with the son of Mr. Tarbell, who is now in the employ of the state department of insurance.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 10:45 the pastor will speak on the subject, "The sin of Achan." Sunday school at noon and the pastor will take the topic, "Islands of the Pacific," with the Epworth League class. In the evening his topic will be "Fruit bearing Christians."

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 the third of the Lenten talks will be given, the theme, "The way of salvation."

On Wednesday the Ladies' society serve a Lenten dinner in the vestry.

Thursday evening the Boy Scouts meet at the parsonage.

Friday evening at eight o'clock the Patriotic Helpers will meet with Mrs. A. N. Prescott, Franklin street.

At the Community church last Sunday morning, Rev. E. E. Shumaker again preached, as a supply from the State Federation of Churches. Services will be held next Sunday morning, as usual, and Sunday school at noon.

On Sunday afternoon at five o'clock a conference of the officers and teachers of the Community Church Sunday school was held in the church vestry, after which Mr. Whitmarsh gave an instructive talk on the training and development of children.

These lesson talks are invaluable to teachers and to parents especially. In fact, everyone can derive much benefit from them. These meetings are to be continued, once in two weeks, on Sunday evenings, at seven o'clock in the vestry. It is earnestly desired that all who can possibly make the effort to come, will avail themselves of the opportunity to be present at the next meeting on the evening of March 30.

Rev. John G. Taylor, of Arlington, will preach at the Community church on Sunday morning at 10:45.

The regular meeting of the Community Church Workers will be held in the vestry on Thursday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30.

The Women's Missionary meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in spite of the rain at the home of Mrs. Annie D. Hubbard. The program for the Day of Prayer was carried out in part under the direction of the president, Mrs. Mary Dodge. Miss Tenney then took the program in charge, which consisted of readings from the medical and evangelistic work on the foreign fields.

The victory campaign, which is in progress in nearby towns, is hoped that every one interested will contribute generously the next two weeks.

At the board meeting of the local branch of the Red Cross, held at their headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, it was voted to make 100 garments a month for two months, in response to an appeal from headquarters. These garments are for women and children, the clothing being cut and forwarded from Lowell. The Red Cross rooms are to be open every Wednesday afternoon for work, and anyone wishing to take some of the garments to their homes can procure them there, or the work will be sent them, if applied for.

Special attention of the Red Cross branch has been called to the drive for post-off clothing for the refugees from the war, which is for March 24 to 31. Garments of every kind can be used, and they need not be in perfect condition; also, shoes for men, women and children are requested, and any short lengths of piece goods. The articles may be left at the office of the electric company, corner of Main and Mill streets, at the Red Cross rooms, or the home of the chairman, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Park street. The help of the Junior Red Cross society is asked to extend the notice and help in collecting. All may regard this as a war effort, as well as a humanitarian necessity.

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There were thirteen members of the Grange who took the third and fourth degrees Wednesday night, the ladies' degree staff conferring the third degree with Mrs. Crosby as master, and the regular officers conferring the fourth degree. The march was played by Mrs. John H. Kimball. An excellent supper was served, consisting of baked beans, salads, pickles, rolls, fancy pies, apples and coffee.

Some of the Littleton men attended the road hearing in Groton Thursday forenoon.

The regular meeting of the Community Church Workers will be held in the vestry on Thursday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30.

The Women's Missionary meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in spite of the rain at the home of Mrs. Annie D. Hubbard.

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