

# TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

Fifty-third Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, February 5, 1921

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## BOXBOROUGH

### News Items.

Howard Porter spent the week-end with his sister in New Hampshire.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Braman, in Stow last week. Her little granddaughter, Ada May, was very sick with pneumonia, but is recovering.

Mrs. Carrie Philbrick is quite sick with the grip. Her sister, Mrs. Addie Loring, is with her.

T. Wetherbee and R. E. Whitcomb filled their icehouses last week under ideal weather conditions. The ice was unusually fine. P. Cunningham is filling his this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush decided to postpone their southern trip until after town meeting, as the meeting promises to be quite interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Coe are at Mrs. Coe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ferra's for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee and C. B. Robbins are the latest to suc-

comb to the prevailing cold or grip, which gives nearly every family a call this season. Mrs. C. H. Warr has an attack of tonsillitis, which is also quite prevalent here.

The Red Cross auxiliary met with Mrs. B. C. Steete on Tuesday afternoon. It was a quilt-making party. Two of the ladies, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Lawrence, went for all day work and got the quilt ready for the afternoon party. Refreshments were furnished by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, March 1.

George Richardson, quartet singing, Misses Stella Cobleigh, Josephine Ferra, Priscilla and Ruth Hager, minstrel selections, Prescott Burroughs, Luther Furbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Livermore provided plenty of delicious corn cakes for all as guests. The Burrough-Furbush minstrel act was a great success and kept everyone wondering what next. Before the entertainment W. H. Furbush was installed as treasurer. A feature of the meeting was the auction sale of a box of macaroni candy. This will be continued at every meeting. The proceeds to be turned in to the Grange, as the financial condition is not very gratifying. The box was bought by Luther Furbush for \$12.25.

The next meeting, February 11, will be in charge of Mrs. S. D. Salmon and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence. It will be a valentine box social and the proceeds from the sale of the boxes, which contain lunch for two, will be turned into the Hoover relief fund.

### Town Warrant.

The warrant posted for town meeting next Monday has twenty articles. Aside from those dealing with the regular annual business of electing officers, raising money, etc., those of interest are as follows:

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with an equal amount from the state under chapter 152, for the completion of work on the Liberty Square road, or take any action thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to accept section 1 of chapter 153, acts of 1916. An act relative to fixing a fee by the selectmen for an annual license for slaughtering of a sum not to exceed \$100.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to insure the four schoolhouses in the sum of \$800 each, or take any action thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the school committee to petition the Boston and Maine railroad to heat Boxborough station so that the school children's health will not be endangered.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to fix up a room in the town hall for the use of the school committee and appropriate money for same.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to be used under chapter 748 of general laws for the erection of a fire observatory tower on Oak Hill, Harvard, or take any action thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to buy a new road scraper, dispose of the old one, or take any action thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the price of cemetery lots to \$5 to town citizens, instead of \$1, or take any action thereon.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the cemetery committee to remove the old foot stones in the South cemetery, or take any action thereon.

Polls open at twelve m. and close at four p. m.

### Grange Meeting

The new officers of the Grange were on duty for the first time last Friday evening. They not only presided with dignity, but also provided a program for the evening's entertainment, which it will be hard to surpass. It was entirely furnished by them and was as follows:

George Richardson read the report of the meeting of state Grange at Pittsfield which he and his wife attended; reading, Miss Elsie Graves; violin duet, Misses Ruth Hager and Josephine Ferra; piano solo, Mrs.

Church News.

The Annual Ladies Aid oyster supper will be given at the church vestry, February 4, 7.45 p. m.

The Boys' club will meet at six o'clock, February 4, at Library hall for the election of officers. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. Missirian, former Boxboro pastor, has asked if the church might not like to help some more with the Near East relief. The Sunday school has voted to help with this, in addition to the help they gave at Christmas time. A few other subscriptions have been received. Any others who will help may make subscriptions to Mrs. R. Y. Nelson by February 13.

The church school will observe Lincoln Sunday, February 13, with appropriate exercises.

The sermon subject for February 6 will be "Good politics about Boxboro." This will be followed by "Bad politics about Boxboro," on February 20.

### TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Blake of Calnesville, La., announce the birth of Richard Sanborn, born January 29, weight nine pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight of Somerville spent the week-end at Mrs. Minnie Knight's. Mrs. Harry Knight returned to her home on Thursday.

Charlie Richards on Sunday night was called to Springfield to his brother, Luther, who had undergone an operation for appendicitis and was in a critical condition. Mr. Richards reached the hospital at five in the morning, having made the journey in about four hours. He found his brother very ill, but later reports are encouraging and the doctors are hoping for an entire recovery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of the Harbor farm, a son on last Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Locke of St. Louis, Mo., on last Saturday, a son, John Harold Locke, Jr.

On January 14 born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spear of Wakefield, a son, Carl Franklin.

Mrs. Clarence Josselyn on Tuesday attended the funeral of her cousin, Ernest Cummings.

### Hockey Team.

On Saturday, January 29, the Harbor A. C. journeyed to Billerica and in a cleanly played game defeated the Mitchell Military academy fast hockey team 4-1. The game was interesting throughout, although the local boys' school was never in real danger after the first period. By a slight misplay on Townsend's part, Cobb of Mitchell after five minutes of play caged the first goal of the game, giving the military boys a one to nothing lead.

After this Townsend settled down to business and a few minutes later Keeffe of the Harbor evaded the count on a pass from Josselyn. This ended the scoring for the first period.

When play was resumed the Harbor boys took the offensive. They kept the puck continually in Mitchell's territory and before the whistle blew both Keeffe and Josselyn had caged a goal apiece. When the third period was well underway it was apparent that the local boys had the game "on ice."

In this period Mitchell never got the puck by the Harbor's first line of defense. The only score of this period was a goal by Keeffe bringing the Harbor's total to four. Townsend clearly out-skated and out-played Mitchell and without doubt the better team won.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

Miss Edna Hartwell, librarian in Somerville, spent her vacation at home last week and one day in company with Mrs. P. C. Hartwell she was in Nashua.

Mrs. Griffiths is expected home at this time from the hospital where she has benefited from rest and treatment.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson is out of health and on Monday went to Allston to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Perry, for awhile.

George Bonnell has installed a telephone, number 121.

The large oak tree by the roadside between Mr. Warr's place and Mr. Babcock's in South Littleton was recently cut down by Joseph Crane, who had it taken to his home, where it was to be used as fuel. The tree had three cords of wood and weighed approximately ten tons. It is thought to be the largest oak in town.

An interesting tree on the J. A. Kimball estate was cut and sawed by J. H. Kimball and his son a short time ago. Like the tree which was recently cut down, it was a descendant of the Pilgrims. This tree, in reviewing the history through which the tree has lived, passed to the boys of the village the Indians in their trails likely passing over or standing beneath its small limbs, including his reverie by saying, "If the wolves, bears, hunters, foxes, hares and other wild animals that frequented the place years ago could be collected what a managerie they would make."

## Sweaters at Wholesale Prices

In order to dispose of our stock of Worsted Sweaters, Men's, Women's and Boys', we will sell them at Manufacturers' Prices. If you are in need of a Sweater, it will pay you to look them over.

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\$45.00 Suits, now	\$33.80	\$45.00 Overcoats, now	\$33.80
\$55.00 Suits, now	\$41.25	\$50.00 Overcoats, now	\$37.50

TROUSERS AT REDUCED PRICES		MEN'S WOOL HOSIERY	
\$ 4.50 Trousers, now	\$3.47	75c Fine Cashmere Hose, now	59¢
\$ 5.50 Trousers, now	\$4.47	65c Fine Wool Hose, now	50¢
\$ 7.00 Trousers, now	\$5.50	\$1.00 Heavy Wool Hose, now	79¢
\$10.00 Trousers, now	\$7.50	75c Heavy Wool Hose, now	50¢
		50c Contocook Hose, now	29¢

MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Two-Piece		MEN'S FANCY SHIRTS	
\$1.50 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$1.00	Percales and Madras—Soft Cuffs	
\$1.50 Wool and Cotton, Natural	\$1.00	\$2.00 Shirts, now	\$1.35
High-Rock Fleece, now	\$1.25	\$2.50 and \$3.00 Shirts, now	\$1.95
Contocook A Blue, special price	\$2.25	\$4.50 and \$5.00 Shirts, now	\$3.00

Union Suits		MEN'S WORK SHIRTS	
\$2.50 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$1.75	\$1.50 Khaki	98¢
\$3.00 Derby-Ribbed, now	\$2.25	\$1.50 Blue Chambray	98¢
\$3.50 Wool Unions, now	\$2.85	\$3.50 Wool Flannel in Navy Blue or Gray, now	\$2.50
\$5.00 Wool Unions, now	\$4.00	\$5.00 All-Wool Flannels, now	\$4.00

DOMET FLANNEL PAJAMAS		MEN'S WORK SHOES		MEN'S DRESS SHOES	
\$2.50 values, now	\$1.85	\$5.00 values for	\$4.00	\$12.00 Brown Shoes, now	\$3.00
\$3.00 values, now	\$2.35	\$6.50 values for	\$5.00	\$10.00 Brown Shoes, now	\$8.00
\$3.50 values, now	\$2.75	\$7.50 values for	\$6.50	\$8.50 Brown Shoes, now	\$7.50
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Saturday, February 5, 1921

GROTON

News Items

Frederick C. Cross, candidate for school committee, occupied with his family, the Dr. Green estate on Main street. Mr. Cross is a graduate of Boston Technology, prominent and successful in business, and well-qualified for a place on the board.

E. B. Gerrish, candidate for town treasurer, whose nomination paper bears the names of more than sixty representative citizens, is a successful business man and commands the confidence of the community. He is now serving his 27th year as treasurer of the board of trustees, of the Groton Ministerial fund and for 15 years he has served as treasurer for the proprietors of the Groton cemetery.

On Sunday afternoon James J. Mansfield post, A. L., of Concord, gave the ex-service men at Dr. Ayres' hospital the pleasure of listening to their first minstrel show of seventy-five voices, previously given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 26 and 27, in Concord. A variety of light refreshments were served, brought by the post.

Miss Church of Bristol, N. H., has been visiting Mrs. Watson of Court street during the past week.

Next Sunday morning the pastor of the Congregational church will preach "Emotion in Religion." There will be singing by the choir. In the evening the sermon topic will be "Blue laws and blue Sunday," with anthem by the choir.

Mrs. George S. Knapp is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Scott, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a mid-winter picnic in the church parlors, Thursday evening, February 10. A cafeteria supper will be served during the evening, beginning at 6.30 o'clock. At the booths there will be on sale pies, doughnuts, sandwiches, coffee and cocoa, candy, popcorn and cornballs. The sports will be in charge of the young men.

One name was accidentally omitted last week from the list of those nominated for the committee on appropriations. The names of those nominated are: Fred G. Carpenter, George S. Knapp, Harry P. Tainter, Harrison Hatch and Ralph Simonton of West Groton.

On February 2, the familiar call of the meadow lark was heard, announcing "Spring is here." We have yet to learn what the ground-hog agreed on that point.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 2, at 5.30, the marriage of Ernest MacKenzie and Miss Irene Kennedy was solemnized at the Congregational parsonage by the Rev. Arthur V. Dimock. Mr. MacKenzie is one of the ex-service men who has been at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

Hon. Rufus B. Stone of Bradford, Pa., is in South America after this winter. During his absence Mrs. Stone is visiting relatives and friends in California.

Word has been received by friends of Mrs. Frank F. Woods of Ontario, Cal., that she has recovered from her recent illness from pneumonia.

The Groton School Dramatic Association will present "Seven Keys to Baldpate," the mysterious melodrama, facing by George M. Cohan, from the novel by Earl der Biggers, in the town hall, on Wednesday evening, February 23, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wennberg have another little daughter, born on Tuesday morning, February 1.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary with its old-fashioned levee on Tuesday evening, February 2, when after the old-time New England dinner between six and seven, the many attractions in the way of races, games, fortune-telling, sale of candy, etc., will furnish amusement for all, young and old. In addition to these announcements there will be an entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Fairchild of Ayer, and then old dances from 10 to 12.

Other folks and family moved to Ayer this week.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Branigan on Thursday, February 10, at three o'clock. The hostesses are Mrs. Branigan, Mrs. Ebert, Mrs. Pease.

Mr. William Bradford Goodwin will speak on "The Pilgrims" at an open meeting of the Groton Historical society in the town hall on Wednesday evening, February 3, at eight o'clock. All are cordially invited and especially the young people. Mr. Goodwin edited and published "The Pilgrims' Republic" written by his father and is thoroughly conversant with his subject.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross will be held on Monday, February 7, in the lower town hall at three o'clock.

The department of literature and current events of the Woman's club will meet with Miss Vickery on Wednesday, February 3, at 2.30 p. m.

Mrs. Howard Souther was operated upon in a hospital in Nashua for appendicitis last week. Her husband and children visited her last Sunday and found her making good progress toward recovery.

Miss Catherine Crosbie spent Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23, with Miss Elizabeth Marsh.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett and their daughter Ruth and three of her friends, Misses Dorothy Stevens, Josephine Raddin and Gertrude Moody, went to their camp at Spectacle pond, where they enjoyed some good skating and were much interested in watching the work of filling the icehouses being done by a large force of workmen.

Unclaimed letters in the postoffice: Mrs. A. Dorrham, Miss Ada B. Lamb, Mrs. and Mrs. W. B. Morton, Mr. L. C. Grover, Mrs. Guy Reed Hubbard, R. S.

Tucker, Mrs. Alice Welch, Mrs. Herbert Woodard.
On Sunday the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church was an appeal for patriotic citizens who should follow the example of patriots of other days. Hills filled and deep red cyclamens with bright plants were used in decorating the church. The topic of the men's bible class was "How can we help the need of the world?" to be followed next Sunday by this topic. "How should we treat the different foreign nationalities?" There was special music in the evening by a mixed quartet and a solo by Miss Adelaide Robblee. The topic for the mid-week meeting was the book of numbers.

Would you like to see the town parks and commons restored to their well-kept condition? If so, call on Mrs. Dr. Branigan as park commissioner.

Miss Georgiana Boutwell entertained delightfully the ladies of the Unitarian church Alliance at her home last Thursday. After the business meeting the hostesses, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Brook, presented a short program. Rev. Charles Ames read three selections and a ladies' quartet, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Torrey and Mrs. Robinson, sang "The rustic dance" and "My old Kentucky home." Ice cream and cake were served; then a social hour was spent, while Miss Boutwell exhibited many valuable historical articles that were very interesting to her guests.

To the Editor:
At a meeting of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to consider and analyze in detail the report of the selectmen and other town officers it was unanimously agreed that the correspondence following be given the Landmark for publication this week.

H. K. Richards, Secretary.
Groton, Feb. 2, 1921.

Groton, Mass., January 29, 1921.
Edwin L. Pride & Co., 40 Central St., Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen—Enclosed Groton Landmark contains communication over the signature of G. W. Shattuck, in which he states:

"In relation to the bonds referred to as a matter of record, I wrote a letter to Mr. Nelson, one of the auditors, covering the whole matter. In fairness to the treasurer, this letter should have been included in the report."

We do not find that we have this letter in our files or with our memoranda. If your files contain this letter, will you kindly furnish the Committee with the same, that it may be published, as Mr. Shattuck desires.

Yours truly,
Michael Sheedy, Chairman.

Michael Sheedy, H. K. Richards, James K. Bennett, Committee of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen—Our attention has been called to a letter from Mr. Grant W. Shattuck, Treasurer of the Town of Groton, Mass., to the editor of the "Groton Landmark" published in the issue of January 29, 1921, in which he states that in fairness to him a letter from him to you referring to certain bond transactions should have been included in our report on the finances of the Town of Groton for 1919. A copy of the letter follows hereon:

Dear Mr. Nelson—In regard to the Bonds would say they were given to me by James P. Shattuck of the Employees' Liability Company and he was to deposit them with Whitney & Elwell for registration. Owing to the fact of what I told you I decided not to have them registered at present, and he returned them to me.

As I have a thousand dollar bond of the same issue in deposit with Whitney & Elwell I did not give my brother but fifteen hundred in bonds and asked him to get a draft for twenty-five hundred in bonds in the name of Grant W. Shattuck, Treasurer.

When I decided not to have them registered with me the whole amount of twenty-five hundred and I deposited them at Ayer.

The other one thousand dollar bond I have since disposed of.

I have written my brother to answer any question you might care to ask him in regard to the matter.

Yours truly,
G. W. Shattuck.

We were amazed by your Committee in the spring of 1920 to make an examination of the town report for 1919. We began our examination forthwith, namely, on May 3rd and made a report to you under date of June 25.

We refrained from criticism in our report, making a simple statement of conditions, leaving you to draw your own conclusions therefrom.

The facts regarding the bond transaction referred to in Mr. Shattuck's letter were as follows: We made an examination of the securities on hand on or about May 1, 1920, in the vaults of the First National Bank of Ayer and found them to be on hand and in order excepting that a bond of \$2,500 U. S. Government Fourth Liberty Loan, 4 1/2-1938 was missing. The Treasurer informed us that these bonds were in the hands of Whitney & Elwell for the purpose of registration.

On May 25 we requested the Treasurer by telephone to write to Whitney & Elwell asking them to inform us that they held on May 3 the bonds referred to and be stated that he would do so. We afterwards had occasion to see him and inquired whether or not he had done so. He then informed us that the bonds had not been in the hands of Whitney & Elwell but in the hands of an acquaintance of friend who was to deliver them to Whitney & Elwell but they had been returned to him.

We went to Ayer and found the securities referred to but also found that one of the bonds for \$1,000 was numbered 605712 instead of 1866143. The last named number having been on hand as at January 1, 1920, in accordance with the report of the town auditors. We discovered thereafter that the number 1866143 had been sent to Whitney & Elwell on February 23 with an order from Mr. Shattuck to sell it for his personal account. This was done and the proceeds, namely \$918.41, was credited to Mr. Shattuck on the books of Whitney & Elwell.

On May 3 the day we commenced our examination of the accounts of the town, Mr. Shattuck requested his brokers, Whitney & Elwell, to buy \$1,000 U. S. Government Fourth Liberty Loan 4 1/2-1938 which they did, charging his account \$561.81, showing a profit in the transaction of \$56.60 over to a decline in the price of the bonds between March 1 and May 3. The number of the bond which they purchased was 605712 which we found to be on hand in our final examination of securities.

Regarding the items of \$2,010 and \$443.27, we did not intend to convey the impression that there had been an intentional misappropriation of the town funds but we wish to emphasize our opinion that all town funds should be deposited immediately on their receipt to the credit of the town only. It is obvious that any intention to arise otherwise causing delay and possible losses.

We wish to call your attention to item of \$426.97 on page 20 of your report to the town. We think this amount should have been credited to the town and the beginning of the year and should not have been held out for four months until Mr. Shattuck's attention was called to the matter.

There appears to have been a decided lack of co-ordination in the department of the town between the department of the selectmen and the department of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners, School Committee and Park Commissioner. The report of the Overseers of the Poor was mysterious. The superintendent, as far as the material in question would indicate, appeared to have paid out \$350.58 more than he received. We were unable to discover what items, if any, made up this discrepancy.

The treasurer's accounts were most carefully kept, the lack of proper accounting method being a large opportunity for loss or error.

Yours very truly,
Edwin L. Pride & Co.
By Edwin L. Pride.

G. W. C.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held on Friday afternoon, January 28. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Julia Ward Shaw. Mrs. Susan Earle, one of the legislative committee and work in the gardens at the appointed times. This statement is not fair to the children of West Groton and should not have been inserted in the report, as it gives the impression that the children were at fault, a very unfair statement. Who is to be blamed for the success or failure of a school? If the pupils should fail to appear and work in school I think it would be said that the teacher was somewhat at fault. Would it not be true to say that the gardens were not carried on properly due to the failure of the children to appear and work in the gardens at the appointed times?

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I have directed the school garden work in Groton ever since they were started twenty years ago until the last year. The school gardens have always been in charge of a school teacher more days than required. The very same children who are reported as responsible for the failure of this year's garden.

This may seem a small matter but it is not. Unjust criticism should always be avoided, if possible. If any one reads their town report and does not realize that the West Groton, as well as the Groton gardens have held the highest position of any in the United States.

Elizabeth S. Hill,
Garden director, Howells' Holiday Home, Catskills, N. Y.

To the Editor:
Either through a printer's mistake or one of my own the last part of my communication of last week was rather obscure. It should have read as follows:

In cases where receipts of departmental officers from those of the treasurer I would simply say that I gave my receipts for all amounts received and in no case were my totals found to be at fault.

G. W. Shattuck.

Middlesex County Farm Bureau.

The attention of Groton members of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau is called to the following circular issued by the bureau purchasing committee:

All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or must be countersigned by a bank. Checks should be drawn in favor of the purchasing committee, Middlesex County Farm Bureau. It is positively against the rules of this committee to allow local director to give personal credit or to endorse notes for members. The assembled orders with cash, checks and bank paper covering the full amount must be sent or delivered by the local director to the purchasing committee of the Farm Bureau on or before February 15th.

Acid phosphate 16-20 in the case of seed potatoes. No orders will be accepted from non-members.

Line and acid fertilizer will come to the most convenient shipping point for the district served. There will be a few orders for potatoes, and they will be shipped to a convenient point, and may be trucked or sent by local freight at the buyer's expense.

The committee will supply lime put up in 100 pound paper sacks at 85 per ton, including freight and 167 per ton, minimum car 20 tons.

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Northern crown seed potatoes of high quality and known source, where they are thoroughly inspected, the price at present is approximately \$2.40 per bushel.

Farm Bureau members may send orders as above to William P. Wharton, local director at Groton.

West Groton.

At Squamcook hall this Saturday evening the four will be "The town" with Tom Mix. Next Wednesday evening, "Hitching post," with Frank Mayo.

Mrs. Andrew Taylor informs us that she has not taken the position as housekeeper for Mr. T. McGowan, but has hired Mr. McGowan's house.

Dorothy Bixby was given a surprise party last Thursday evening, the occasion being her 13th birthday. Twenty of her schoolmates were gathered in the living-room before she was aware of their presence. Games were enjoyed as were also the delicious refreshments. A very nice fountain pen was presented to Dorothy by the children, and their teacher, Miss Kline.

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The serving of hot cocoa at the Boutwell school began this week under the direction of Mrs. White and Mrs. Branigan. Miss Helen Forbes is in charge of this work.

To the Editor:
A few days ago when I had the privilege of addressing the women voters of Groton, I carefully refrained from advocating the election of any particular candidate for office.

Now, however, I should like to express my strong feeling that Mr. Wharton would be the best possible choice for selectman. This does not in the least reflect on the character of any other candidate, but as town affairs grow more complicated and town expenses increase, we need for selectman the wisest and best-fitted person we can find. Mr. Wharton, I believe, is one of the best men at the head of affairs that we have ever had in Groton.

Sherard Billings.

To the Voters of Groton:
As you have an opportunity to vote for William P. Wharton to serve you in the capacity as selectman, do not fail to do so. I will only add circumstances are such I am deprived of the pleasure to vote for him, much as I would wish to do so.

J. T. Shepley.

To the Editor:
In the Groton town report under school gardens it is stated that "The gardens of West Groton were not carried on properly due to the failure of the children to appear and work in the gardens at the appointed times."

This statement is not fair to the children of West Groton and should not have been inserted in the report, as it gives the impression that the children were at fault, a very unfair statement. Who is to be blamed for the success or failure of a school? If the pupils should fail to appear and work in school I think it would be said that the teacher was somewhat at fault. Would it not be true to say that the gardens were not carried on properly due to the failure of the children to appear and work in the gardens at the appointed times?

I have directed the school garden work in Groton ever since they were started twenty years ago until the last year. The school gardens have always been in charge of a school teacher more days than required. The very same children who are reported as responsible for the failure of this year's garden.

This may seem a small matter but it is not. Unjust criticism should always be avoided, if possible. If any one reads their town report and does not realize that the West Groton, as well as the Groton gardens have held the highest position of any in the United States.

Elizabeth S. Hill,
Garden director, Howells' Holiday Home, Catskills, N. Y.

To the Editor:
Either through a printer's mistake or one of my own the last part of my communication of last week was rather obscure. It should have read as follows:

In cases where receipts of departmental officers from those of the treasurer I would simply say that I gave my receipts for all amounts received and in no case were my totals found to be at fault.

G. W. Shattuck.

Middlesex County Farm Bureau.

The attention of Groton members of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau is called to the following circular issued by the bureau purchasing committee:

All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or must be countersigned by a bank. Checks should be drawn in favor of the purchasing committee, Middlesex County Farm Bureau. It is positively against the rules of this committee to allow local director to give personal credit or to endorse notes for members. The assembled orders with cash, checks and bank paper covering the full amount must be sent or delivered by the local director to the purchasing committee of the Farm Bureau on or before February 15th.

Acid phosphate 16-20 in the case of seed potatoes. No orders will be accepted from non-members.

Northern crown seed potatoes of high quality and known source, where they are thoroughly inspected, the price at present is approximately \$2.40 per bushel.

Farm Bureau members may send orders as above to William P. Wharton, local director at Groton.

West Groton.

At Squamcook hall this Saturday evening the four will be "The town" with Tom Mix. Next Wednesday evening, "Hitching post," with Frank Mayo.

Mrs. Andrew Taylor informs us that she has not taken the position as housekeeper for Mr. T. McGowan, but has hired Mr. McGowan's house.

Dorothy Bixby was given a surprise party last Thursday evening, the occasion being her 13th birthday. Twenty of her schoolmates were gathered in the living-room before she was aware of their presence. Games were enjoyed as were also the delicious refreshments. A very nice fountain pen was presented to Dorothy by the children, and their teacher, Miss Kline.

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Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton was taken to Dr. Kilbourne's hospital last week. This morning, where an operation for appendicitis was performed on Friday. The operation was successful and it is hoped that the patient will enjoy much better health in the future.

C. L. Thompson visited relatives in Lynn and Mattapan last week.

Mrs. Hawthorne and little son, Billy, of Boston, are visiting at the home of William Bumpus.

Rachel Dodge of Brookline, N. H., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dodge over the week-end.

Miss Nixon and Clifford Barbeau of West Ayer were week-end guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barbeau.

To the Editor:
As I am a property owner I would like to say a few words in regard to the West Groton fire department.

It is made up of middle-aged and young men of good reputation and ability who are not in this department merely for the \$25. It is a well known fact that not one of these members asked for the raise in his salary.

Most of them own their homes and are quite heavy tax-payers. They take a great deal of interest in this department, besides paying a large share of the expense. Nearly all are carpenters and painters and therefore, very well able to climb over buildings, and as there are no houses here over two stories high, stepladders are not needed.

At the fire of week before last there were ten men from the fire department, besides the substitutes. All of the most important members, hose-men, ladder-men, nozzle-men and those in charge of the hose, were present. Their jobs ready for orders within five minutes after the alarm was given; also, one member with his automobile offering to go for extra help or equipment if needed.

Nearly all of the younger members who are in the fire department are in P. F. M.'s advice had been followed much damage would have been done by a torrent of water from the hydrant, but under the management of the level-headed foreman with a couple of fire extinguishers and a few pails of water the fire was quickly put out with no damage to furniture.

The strange remarks which P. F. M. made about the firemen and their working clothes leads me to think that his mind is still in a whirl from the effects of that firemen's ball.

Just a hint to the thoughtless and ignorant firemen, happens that volunteers arrive at a fire before the firemen and they usually come empty handed while the firemen must stop for equipment.

It is supposed when the firemen arrive and take charge of the situation that the volunteers should either step aside or take orders from the firemen. We are very glad of good volunteer help but there seems to be a class of people who rush to a fire out of curiosity and a chance to thieve and plunder. This often occurs in our large cities and sometimes in our own little villages.

I think the engineers and foreman have shown good judgment in selecting these middle-aged men, some from both villages, and a few from our valuable farming district, where many mysterious fires occur and are often caused by careless smokers who do not own any property and show very little regard for those who do.

By having a trained fireman nearby these fires are often controlled without calling out the fire department.

K.

Vose.

Hollingsworth & Vose mill is in full operation again after a two weeks' shutdown. Several of the men who were temporarily out of employment by the closing of the mill have been chopping wood for Harry Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill spent the week-end in Boston, visiting friends.

Mrs. McNeill and son Irving spent the day Tuesday visiting in Pepperell.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington, who has been an invalid for the past two years, caused by heart trouble, is quite comfortable and hopes that when the spring days arrive she may be able to get out a little. Her many friends are hoping so too.

Newton Bryant, who has been confined to the house for the past six weeks, is able to attend to his work at the mill again.

SHIRLEY

The regular services at the Congregational church will be held next Sunday, Monday evening, the bible class led by Mrs. Goodheart, will be held with Mrs. Herbert Lawrence.

Mrs. Althea Lindenberg was in Boston Thursday.

William Brennan, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, is seriously ill with pneumonia. A trained nurse is in attendance. Mrs. Brennan is just recovering from the gripe.

The water commissioners met Wednesday evening at the municipal building and organized for the year. David Lutz was elected chairman, Edward S. Pratt, treasurer, and Charles H. Wear, Jr., sec. It was voted to abolish the office of accountant and make that work a part of the duties of the treasurer.

Robert E. Bottomley of Hartford, Conn., is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, where he expects to remain for a month.

Edwin Winterbottom was admitted to the Massachusetts Green School on Friday, February 4, for treatment and observation.

The dental clinic has been moved to the schoolhouse on Lancaster road. Mr. Cotter, the dentist, is having splendid success with the children.

In the Red Cross room at Shirley Inn on Tuesday evening, February 3, at 7.45, there will be a debate by pupils of the grammar school, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association; subject of debate, "Is the country more beneficial than the city?" Alternative—Virginia Wheeler, Warren Burchstead, Nina Burchstead, Harry Sampson; negative—Walter Ervington, Anna Pissette, Arnold Hoquard, Fyrliss Norgard.

A well filled house greeted Mr. and Mrs. Farland and their fellow actors in I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening, when they presented "Bubbles," under the auspices of the Altruistic club. A good sum was realized for children's day.

Mrs. Patronelle Normandin, widow of Joseph Normandin, passed away Saturday after only a few days of being confined to her bed. Mrs. Normandin was 88 yrs. 10 mos. and 8 days and had lived more than forty years in Shirley. She had lived the past four years with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Tessier, in Leominster but last October, they returned to Shirley. The funeral was held Monday morning from St. Anthony's church, Rev. Charles O. Cordier officiating. Beside her daughter she leaves one granddaughter, Margaret Burgeois.

When men's shirts are frayed at the cuffs, rip off, turn the cuffs and sew back on again. If the shirt has double cuffs it will look as good as new.

Add a pinch of soda when rinsing nipples and nursing bottles; it keeps them sweet and clean.

Water used to parboil beans in should not be poured in the sink, as it makes a bad odor.

Housekeepers should remember that cold rain water and soap will remove machine grease from washable fabrics.

Fish may be scaled much easier if first dipped into boiling water for a minute.



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Saturday, February 5, 1921

AYER

New Items

Baptist. There will be preaching next Sunday morning at 10.45 a. m. from the subject, "The blood covenant." The Sunday school meets at twelve o'clock and the young people's service at 6.15 p. m. The subject at the seven p. m. preaching service will be especially fitted to the young people. The prayer meeting is on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

The marriage of Sergt. Robert R. Lewis of the 12th Infantry, Camp Devens, and Alice M. Young of Grand Ave., Vt., took place Tuesday evening, February 1. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William J. Kelly, minister of the Federated church.

On Thursday morning in the district court Walter W. Blood of Peppercell was before Judge Atwood charged with driving an automobile in Peppercell the preceding day while under the influence of liquor. He entered a plea of guilty. The chief of police of Peppercell testified that he found the defendant driving his machine, which is a 1912 Reo, on Oak hill road on the preceding afternoon, the defendant having some difficulty in keeping the machine in the road. The defendant stated that he had been drinking but from his own private supply, but was not in very bad condition. The latter fact being corroborated by the testimony of the officer. The court imposed a fine of \$50.

The auxiliary of St. Andrew's parish will have a food sale Tuesday afternoon from three to five at the vicarage.

Lieut. Harry Curry, well-known in local fraternal circles, left Tuesday evening for a thirty days' leave to visit his family in West Virginia. Lieut. Curry is a member of Walter Camp's All-American football team when he was at the University of West Virginia. He also played full-back and was captain of the Camp Devens team that won the championship of the First Army Corps area.

The Unitarian Girls' club met at the home of Mrs. A. Paul Fillebrown of Grove street, Wednesday afternoon and evening. Supper was served at 5.30. It was one of the club's "covered dish" suppers in which the different members bring, in a covered dish, a contribution of a course, or a portion of a course, for the table. Mrs. Fillebrown and Miss Isabelle Murphy were the hostesses.

On Wednesday morning Samuel Bagien of Shirley was in court charged with drunkenness on Tuesday, having consumed four bottles of Jamaica ginger out of a supply of six bottles purchased by him in Leonminster on that day. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined ten dollars and placed on probation for six months.

Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks is ill with erysipelas.

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Decorated

Corp. John Messina, late of the American Expeditionary Force in France, was decorated Tuesday at the camp by order of the war department with a distinguished service cross for saving the life of the commander of his company, Capt. Richard Douglas, under heavy shell fire at Chateaufort, France, October 1, 1918.

Capt. Douglas, though still unable to walk on account of his wound, his leg being in a steel brace, came all the way from Brooklyn where he lives, to witness the ceremony, which was also witnessed by the father and mother and the wife and children of Corp. Messina, all of whom live at 53 East 4th street, South Boston, also by M. L. Rossi, the Italian Consul, and two of his aids.

Brig. Gen. M. L. Hersey, commandant at Camp Devens, assigned two automobiles to bring Corp. Messina and his family here and to take them home again. The corporal is at present at a vocational school in Cambridge.

After the ceremony the troops passed in review. The company of Capt. Douglas and Corp. Messina was Co. B, 328th regiment, 82d division. Capt. Douglas was shot in the leg at Chateaufort and it was feared he would bleed to death. Though he weighed 170 pounds, Corp. Messina, whose weight was 40 pounds less, took him up bodily and carried him two miles to a first aid station in the rear.

At one point on the way the two took refuge in a dugout where they were rendered unconscious for a time by the explosion of a shell just outside. As soon as the fire slackened they proceeded to the station.

Corp. Messina lost his arm in action near Sommerance, France, six days after he saved the life of Capt. Douglas. He was cited by his colonel "for bravery and devotion to duty in every operation of his company." Before he joined the army to go abroad he served with the Massachusetts troops on the Mexican border.

Dance

Combination Company No. 1 of the Ayer fire department gave their second annual concert and ball at the town hall Monday evening. The hall has not been more handsomely decorated in a long time than it was on this occasion. American flags and streamers and rosettes in the national colors were used in the decorative scheme. A large attendance from Ayer and the surrounding towns marked the event.

The "Colonial" singing orchestra of eight pieces from Waltham furnished the music. Preceding the dance they gave a most enjoyable concert. The following is the program: March, "Washington Grays"; Graciosa; overture, "The Castle Gate"; Schlegelberg; selection, "Tone"; "Turkey" waltz; "The wedding of the winds"; Hall; selection, "Rhapsody"; American Patrol; "Meacham, Mr. O'Brien; march, "Fidelity"; Blankenbush.

members of the company: Warren L. Preble, captain; George H. Donahue, 1st Lt.; O. Hartwell Kidder, 2nd Lt.; Fred M. Atherton, Stanley J. Chaffin, Eugene F. Plagg, Ralph O. Jenkins, Joseph O. Keegan, Alfred E. O'Leary, Edward O. Proctor, John F. Ryan, John H. Sanderson, Francis B. Sullivan, Clarence L. Thompson, Joseph P. Walsh, William P. Walsh, Alton E. Washburn, Raymond J. Welch, Harvey W. Winslow.

High School News. The annual senior class dance, which was held last Friday evening in the town hall, was attended by a great number of people, many of them being from the surrounding towns. It is said to have been the enjoyable senior dance held in recent years.

The hall was very attractively decorated with the class colors, blue and gold. An especially pretty feature of the decorations was the large figure "21," made up of the class flower, the yellow rose. Excellent music was furnished by the Peerless orchestra of Lowell. The total receipts are as yet unknown, but it is certain that over \$110 will be realized.

The senior American history class has completed its study of that subject and for the remainder of the year will study advanced civics.

The members of the French classes, with Mr. Crandall's aid, have secured through Peabody college, Tennessee, their own age for the purpose of correspondence. The French pupils will send letters written in French, and their pupils will write in English, thus enabling each group to gain more knowledge of a foreign language. These French pupils live in various parts of France, and there is no doubt but what the experiment will be interesting as well as instructive.

Burr F. Jones, agent for the state department of education, addressed the members of the Board of Trade and its invited guests Thursday evening.

To the Voters of Ayer:

I wish to call to your attention the fact that I am a candidate for selectman independent of any other men who are also contesting for election to that position.

I favor definite and immediate measures upon the part of selectmen to stop the increase in taxes. The taxes have risen and will continue to rise unless the selectmen study the matter carefully and see that money due the town from licenses, etc., on the first of May is collected at that time and not slide for six months thereafter as in the case of jitney licenses this year.

The annual church supper and roll call will be held Thursday evening, February 10. The guests of honor will be the Rev. Gen. Hersey, commanding officer, Camp Devens; Charles D. Woods, director of agriculture, Camp Devens; Rev. J. H. Walker, secretary Congregational Home Missionary society; Rev. C. E. Spaulding, supt. Worcester district M. E. church.

This Friday evening a lively basketball game is anticipated between the young men's club and the Brotherhood team in the clubrooms in the Methodist church. The young ladies' team will play between periods.

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Bishop William Lawrence will visit St. Andrew's church to administer the Rite of Confirmation at the evening of Friday, March 4. Confirmation classes are now being held. Any person who desires to be confirmed is requested to speak with the Vicar of the parish.

Basketball

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The manager has arranged to play this game team again at a later date to be announced. The final score was Pitchburg 47, Ayer 27.

After the game dancing was enjoyed by a large gathering until midnight. Music was furnished by Broderick's orchestra.

Next Thursday the Ayer team will play the fast Married Independent quintet.

Double Wedding

A very pretty double wedding took place at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, February 2. Rev. T. Rider, Jr., officiating. Private Lee T. Cunningham of the 13th regt., 3d headquarters battalion, Camp Devens, formerly from Cheyenne, Wyoming, was united in marriage to Thelma Bellis, formerly of Lowell, La., now of Ayer. The bride wore black velvet and carried a bouquet of carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham expect to make their home in Ayer, Col., when the groom's enlistment expires.

Private Samuel Chudy of the 13th regt., Co. I, Camp Devens, formerly of Manville, R. I., was united in marriage to Evelyn Palmer of Ayer. The bride wore white silk and carried a bouquet of carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Chudy expect to go to Manville next week on their wedding trip.

The couples are being entertained by Joseph Savol of Camp Devens and Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer of Ayer.

Unitarian Church

Sunday service: 10.45, regular offices and sermon. Music: "Far from my heavenly home," Vincent; "Humbly with loving hearts," Boes, Mrs. W. C. Sargent, preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject: "The marks of religious character." Church school at twelve.

On Sunday the preacher will base his discourse on the traditional epistle for Quinquagesima Sunday. Appropriately is this classic portion of scripture read in churches all over the world on the Sunday preceding Lent since it furnishes a practical standard by which to measure their Lenten self-examinations may be judged of the quality of their religious character. The preacher will treat with scant tenderness the popular heresy that it is in externals—mere church membership, lip service, outward conformity and man's religious character is revealed. Against such error is he dedicated to ease and conceit, the preacher will oppose the practical standards given by Paul, the apostle, in the epistle for the day.

The Federated Church

Evening at seven o'clock a special service of music will be given under the direction of Mrs. Madeline P. Sargent, assisted by Miss Madeline P. Sargent, Mrs. Ruth Brown and Ellis B. Harlow. The program will include a ladies' trio, "Blessed are the pure in heart," Hodges; soprano and baritone duet, "Love divine, all love excelling," Smart; trio, "God is love," Shelly.

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municipal question has been referred to us and we think of none that require our attention without such reference at this time.

We are proceeding under Section 270 which requires us to report on all money which we have expended during the year. We wish that every voter could be familiar with the laws regulating municipal government and recognize that it is impossible to feel, however, that the town report should be prepared in such form that every voter who is willing to read it carefully by law, he should be able to obtain full information about the expenditures made in the past year and an adequate explanation of the same.

The selectmen, before the annual meeting, shall at the expense of the town print the annual town report, for the use of the inhabitants, containing the report of the selectmen for the financial year preceding and receipts of the report of the school committee, and except otherwise provided by law, the report of the board of health, and other officers and boards as considering it expedient to make a report, the jury list as required by Chapter two hundred and such other matters as the law, or the town, may require, or as the selectmen consider expedient.

1. Appropriations. It is well to understand that the town report is not for every purpose that the voters might think desirable. The purposes for which a town may appropriate money at a meeting are those specified by statute (General Laws, Chapter 270, Section 15). These appropriations are met in three ways: 1. From money in the treasury or receipts other than loans and taxes. 2. From money borrowed by the town and repaid by law (General Laws, Chapter 270, Section 14) as issued by the town except in the form furnished by the director of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation who must certify that the note has been issued in compliance with the laws relating to municipal indebtedness. This system has been in use since 1912 and was the result of an investigation of the condition of affairs in many towns in the commonwealth.

3. Taxes. The local taxes assessed by the assessors are made up of three parts, to wit: 1. The state tax and state assessments. 2. The county and appropriations voted in town meeting.

Neither the voters nor the assessors have any control over the items which, when properly certified to the assessors, must be included in the assessors' warrant to the collector of taxes. The assessors are relative to the last item are set forth in General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23, as follows:

1. Assessors shall annually assess taxes to an amount not less than the aggregate of all amounts appropriated, granted or lawfully expended by the town during the year since the last preceding annual assessment and not provided for therein, of all amounts required by law to be raised by taxation by said towns during said year, of all amounts necessary to satisfy final judgments against said towns and of all abatements granted on account of the tax assessment of that year, and not otherwise provided for, but such assessments shall not include liabilities for the payment of which the town is not liable.

2. The assessors are authorized to contract with any person or persons to collect the amount of all the estimated receipts of their respective towns, except from the payment of taxes, lawfully applicable to the payment of such receipts during the preceding year.

4. Reserve Fund. It has been the custom for several years to appropriate the receipts from houses, court fines, hall rent, etc., as the annual meeting. And the assessors are authorized to collect the amount of the appropriation made under the authority of Section 23 above set forth. The result is that the reserve fund is built up as a result of Mother Hubbard's cupboard. When it is desirable to appropriate money for current expenses, the assessors have committed their warrant to the collector of taxes, such appropriation can be made only from appropriated money in the treasury as the town cannot borrow money for current expenses.

To provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, a town may appropriate a sum not exceeding five percent of the tax levy of the preceding year, to be known as the reserve fund. No money shall be expended from such fund until the selectmen have voted to make such transfers as they may deem proper.

5. Department to exceed appropriations. The appropriations made by the town are binding upon its officers and agents, and it is the duty of the selectmen to see that the appropriations are not exceeded. It is provided by General Laws, Chapter 270, Section 31, as follows:

Except Boston, which may incur a town liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such appropriation, except in cases of extraordinary emergency involving the health, safety or morals of the community, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

We regret that the school committee in its report on a Report, page 140, inserted the following paragraph: "Effect of our appropriation and cost of school books, supplies and fuel, together with the above mentioned cases, we were compelled to exceed our appropriations, a very unusual thing for a committee to do. We did this because of our feeling that it was just what our people would have us do under the circumstances. We exceeded our appropriation by the amount of \$728, which amount will be included in the appropriation to be asked for in the town meeting."

We cannot see how it is possible to believe that our people would wish the school committee to disobey the law. Nor do we think that the committee should treat the violation of the law so lightly as to say that they were deserving of praise rather than blame for having violated it.

The law has carefully guarded all such expenditures by requiring an expenditure of the public money and, excepting of the public money, is only necessary that the voters should use the same care in performing their part to insure the proper working of the theory of municipal finance. It is

the duty of the voter to elect officials of capacity and integrity though, of course, it is his privilege to elect anyone of his own qualifications. And it is the duty of the officials to discharge the obligations which come to a public office with proper regard to the good welfare and in obedience to the law.

6. Unexpended balances. So many of the departments feel that they should have the unexpended balance of their last year's appropriation, we call attention to section 5 of article 11 of the By-Laws which is as follows:

"Any portion of an appropriation other than for a specific purpose, on which the work has not been completed, remaining unexpended at the close of the financial year shall revert to the Town Treasury unless otherwise provided by law, or by vote of the Town."

7. The Articles in the Warrant. Taking up these articles in the warrant which we are covering in their numerical order we recommend as follows:

Article 1. We recommend authority to borrow a sum not exceeding \$50,000. The amount authorized is not important so long as it is large enough to prevent inconvenience. Its only purpose is to enable the town to use its taxes and other revenue, before they are actually collected, by borrowing against them. Last year \$40,000 was authorized and borrowed. It would have been borrowed last year if the limit had been reached and it was thought not desirable to call another town meeting that purpose.

Article 2. A Poor. We recommend an appropriation of \$2500 and reimbursements, and cash in the wardens' hands. This is an increase of \$500 over the appropriation of last year but we fear it will be needed.

Article 3. Relief of Soldiers and Military Aid. We recommend an appropriation of \$2000 to be used as that is asked for.

Article 4. Care of Soldiers' Graves. We recommend an appropriation of \$100. This is the same as last year.

Article 5. Schools (including superintendent). We recommend an appropriation of \$20,000. This is an increase of \$2300 over the amount appropriated last year, most of which is to be used for the salary of a new teacher and increases in pay for the present teachers and the superintendent of schools.

Article 6. School Incidental. We recommend an appropriation of \$4000. This is an increase of \$1000 over last year's appropriation and we recommend it because \$373 of it represents school supplies actually received by the town last year but not paid for.

Article 7. Highways and Bridges. We recommend an appropriation of \$7500, about one-half of which should be devoted to making repairs on the sidewalks between the macadamized parts of Washington Street thereby putting that street in good condition.

Article 8. Sidewalks. We recommend an appropriation of \$1000. This is an increase of \$200 over last year's appropriation which was not all spent. We believe that the sidewalks in town need the expenditure of at least \$1000 upon them and we hope that the appropriation will be fully spent if it is made.

Article 9. Street Sprinkling. We recommend an appropriation of \$2000. This is the same as last year.

Article 10. Board of Health. We recommend an appropriation of \$1400. This is \$100 less than last year's appropriation and we congratulate the Board of Health on its endeavor to reduce expenses.

Article 11. Fire Department. We recommend an appropriation of \$4000. This is the same as last year.

Article 12. Ayer Library. We recommend an appropriation of \$1500. This is the same as last year.

Article 13. Notes and Interest. We recommend an appropriation of \$9450. This is the amount recommended by the assessors for the year.

Article 14. Street Lighting. We recommend an appropriation of \$4000. This is the same as last year.

Article 15. Park. We recommend an appropriation of \$300. This is the same as last year when there was an unexpended balance of \$129.50. We have recommended elsewhere in this report that the park commissioners be instructed to install a shower bath at the park to be paid for out of this appropriation.

Article 16. Hydrant Service. We recommend an appropriation of \$1500. This is the same as last year.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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pration of not exceeding \$2000 to be borrowed for one year. The chief engineer of the division of highways in the department of public works has informed the selectmen that the total cost of the work on this road will be about \$47,800, which includes, however, \$1500, the approximate cost of rebuilding a culvert at the bridge.

Article 11. We recommend that no change be made in the salaries of the town officers. The report of the committee on salaries was adopted last year and has been seen on page 16 of the Town Report.

Article 12. We recommend that no action be taken at this time. It is a matter for the selectmen and superintendent of streets to investigate and take proper action on.

Article 13. We make no recommendation on this article. We hope it will be fully discussed in the town meeting.

Article 14. We recommend that the park commissioners be instructed to install a shower bath at the town park and to pay for it out of their general appropriation. We recommend that the selectmen be instructed to install a shower bath in some suitable place in the town hall to be selected by them and that a suitable appropriation be made for the same.

Article 15. We recommend that no action be taken on this article for several reasons.

1. There is no explanation, or even mention of the matter in the report of the water commissioners and we believe that the voters are entitled to a full explanation in the report of any proposed addition to the equipment of the water department.

2. An appropriation of \$7000 was made for the same purpose at a special meeting on July 23, 1920, which appropriation is still available, no part having been used and authority having been voted to the treasurer to borrow that sum.

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Article 19. We recommend an appropriation of \$1000. This is the same as last year.

Article 20. We recommend an appropriation of \$1000. This is the same as last year.

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 Chapter 550, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908  
 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby  
 given that Books Nos. 13531 and  
 13517 have been lost and application has  
 been made for the issuance of duplicate  
 books.  
**NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK,**  
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 Ayer, Mass., January 28, 1921. 3122

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the  
 subscriber has been duly appointed ad-  
 ministratrix of the estate of JOHN  
 BOHANNON, late of Fitchburg, in the  
 County of Middlesex, deceased. In tes-  
 tify whereof, I have hereunto set my  
 hand and being taken upon oath that  
 I truly give and take upon myself the  
 duties of said office as the law directs.  
 All persons having demands upon the  
 estate of said deceased are required to  
 exhibit the same, and all persons in-  
 debted to said estate are called upon to  
 make payment to  
 EVA L. MARSH, Adm'x.  
 Shirley, Mass., January 20, 1921. 3121

**TOWNSEND**  
 Center.  
 The Sunday School Missionary soci-  
 ety of the Methodist church held a  
 food sale this week Friday afternoon  
 at three o'clock in the social hall of  
 the church, and the Epworth league  
 will hold a business meeting and  
 social after the regular weekly prayer  
 meeting Friday evening.

Friends are sorry to learn of the  
 illness of Luther Richards of Spring-  
 field, formerly of the town. Mr. Rich-  
 ards was taken ill the last of the week  
 with appendicitis and the same day he  
 was taken to the hospital and while  
 on the way the appendix broke, mak-  
 ing his case a very serious one. The  
 operation was performed immediately  
 and although he was placed on the  
 dangerous list, hopes are entertained  
 for his recovery. His brother, Charles  
 Richards, of the Harbor, was motored  
 to Springfield, Saturday, to see  
 home and reports his brother's condi-  
 tion favorable.

Frank Luther, the little son of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Charles Richards, who has  
 been quite ill with the group, is re-  
 ported better.  
 Charles B. Hart of Brookline was in  
 town recently visiting with former  
 friends. William Hotelling of Clima-  
 N. Y. is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mabel  
 Bireh. Mrs. Charles Joscelyn is the  
 guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Josce-  
 lyn at the Harbor.

Mrs. John Stewart of the Fitch-  
 burg road was the first of the week  
 out by Mr. Stewart's sister, Mrs. E. A.  
 Boyd, at Somerville. Tuesday evening  
 she attended the golden wedding an-  
 niversary of former friends, Mr. and  
 Mrs. Rogers, which was held at the  
 Presbyterian church at Cambridge.  
 Her elderly daughter, Miss Sadie Ste-  
 wart, of Roxbury was also among the  
 guests present.

Miss Myrtle Marshall is employed  
 as mother's helper at the home of  
 Mrs. Ruth Perrin.  
 Miss Sarah Cowen, who has been  
 recuperating at the home of her sister,  
 at Ashburnham, has returned to the  
 home of Mrs. Chester Going, where  
 she was formerly employed.

At the Congregational church Rev.  
 A. L. Struthers Sunday morning ser-  
 mon was "Wife's God send in men." Ser-  
 mon to the children—"Finding men in  
 boys."

The Woman's Missionary meeting  
 was held Friday afternoon at the par-  
 sonage. Subject, "China."  
 Will O. Taylor of Plainfield, N. J.,  
 was the guest this week of his sister,  
 Mrs. J. H. Smith.  
 Mrs. Rose Barker of Nelson, N. H.,  
 has been visiting with her sister, Mrs.  
 A. L. Struthers.

Miss Lottie Bohanon is substituting  
 at the high school during the absence  
 of Mrs. Brady of Ayer, the assistant  
 teacher.

Miss Belle Twombly, a former as-  
 sistant in the Townsend high school,  
 came to town recently with the Milford  
 high school girls' basketball team.

At the quarterly conference held at  
 the Methodist church last Sunday  
 evening it was voted to ask that Rev.  
 Leroy Lyon continue to be the pastor  
 of the Townsend church following the  
 Spring M. E. Church conference ap-  
 pointments. Since coming to Town-  
 send Rev. Mr. Lyon has greatly en-  
 deared himself to the people of his  
 parish and it is their desire that he  
 remain with them.

The following committees have been  
 chosen to have charge of the ball to  
 be given on Washington's birthday by  
 Franz Wald at the school in the Me-  
 morial hall: John H. Bachelder, chair-  
 man, G. Fred Tenney, Carl Liddell,  
 Leslie E. Hurley, Carlton L. Farrar,  
 Clarence Wyman, Hugh R. Thatcher,  
 Ralph R. Bush, Orville D. McKenzie,  
 ex. com.; Carlton L. Farrar, chairman,  
 Ralph R. Bush, J. Sanford Johnson,  
 music and adv.; Clarence Wyman,  
 chairman, Carl Liddell, George W. Win-  
 chester, refreshments; Hugh R. Thatch-  
 er, chairman, Leslie E. Hurley, Al-  
 bert B. Wyman, Hudson A. Bray,  
 Ralph T. Kilbourn, Ralph H. Misner,  
 Walter E. Graves, Sillman S. Rand,  
 decorations and flowers; Orville D. Mc-  
 Kenzie, chairman, Edward Valour,  
 Carl Liddell, tickets and dance orders;  
 Ralph R. Bush, chairman, George H.  
 Upham, checking room.

The fire department reports seven  
 fires in town for the month of Janu-  
 ary.

Mrs. Eudelia Barber of Townsend  
 hill is entertaining her sister, Mrs. A.  
 Campbell, from Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. Emma Crockett of Nelson, N. H.,  
 is boarding at Mrs. Martha Hill's  
 home.

Charles B. Hart of Brookline was in  
 town Saturday and visited with  
 friends.

The February meeting of the Birth-  
 day club was held Tuesday afternoon  
 at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Miller.  
 The afternoon program, which was in  
 charge of Mrs. Alice Marshall, includ-  
 ed vocal selections by Mrs. Mabel  
 Brackett entitled "The magic of your  
 eyes" and "I hear your voices in the  
 shadows," reading by Mrs. Stephen  
 Keefe on "Washington" and readings  
 by Mrs. Lila Hayward, "The privet's  
 prize" and "Hiram and his pig."  
 In closing the club members enjoyed  
 a sing together, with Mrs. John Bach-  
 elder presiding at the piano. During  
 the social Mrs. M. E. Frost was the  
 prize winner in the word contest. Re-  
 freshments were served by the hos-  
 tesses, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Stephen  
 Keefe, Mrs. Grace White and Mrs.  
 Jennie Sawyer.

The ladies of the Missionary society  
 of the Congregational church made a  
 conference this last week and went to  
 the American International college  
 for low at Springfield. The college  
 trains foreign youths to become useful  
 citizens.

At the Congregational church Sun-  
 day morning special music was ren-  
 dered by the new quartet choir, Miss  
 Helen Tarbell, soprano; Mrs. Leon  
 Cowdry, alto; John J. Piper, tenor,  
 and Robert A. Copeland, bass.

At the union evening service held at  
 the Methodist church Rev. Dr. Charles  
 E. Spaulding, Methodist district super-  
 intendent, was in charge and read a  
 sermon on the blessings of true giv-  
 ing and the communion which fol-  
 lowed, was administered by Dr.  
 Spaulding, and he also presided at the  
 quarterly conference which was held  
 at the close of the evening service.

High school room. It is to be  
 evening with the school board. A  
 question box: An opportunity is  
 given to the readers to question the  
 child welfare to question the  
 questions to be answered at this time.  
 It is desired that all questions be  
 submitted at an early date that a  
 just answer may be given. An  
 open forum: The school board will  
 post upon various financial matters  
 of the year.

Fire.  
 There was an alarm of fire Saturday  
 afternoon at two o'clock at the home  
 of Mrs. Susie Warren at the corner of  
 School and Water streets. Mrs. War-  
 ren, who is a widow with two children,  
 Fred Tenney's and after her decease  
 year-old daughter, Elma, had been  
 a fire of green wood in the front room.  
 She went out of doors to play with  
 the children. Meantime, the stove, not  
 having a damper in the tunnel, had  
 become overheated and upon the return  
 of the little girl in a few minutes the  
 room was filled with smoke and she  
 could not enter the door. The neigh-  
 bors quickly responded with pails of  
 water and held the fire in check until  
 the arrival of the chemical department  
 of the fire company. Fortunately,  
 Mark Gully, who is foreman of the  
 company and lives opposite, was at  
 home and promptly assisted in check-  
 ing the fire which was burning through  
 the walls and clapped back of the  
 stove into the kitchen side. The steam-  
 er was not called as the fire was put  
 out by the use of extinguishers. The  
 fire was confined to the sitting-  
 room. The house is owned by Timothy  
 Coffey.

Basketball.  
 The Milford high school basketball  
 team defeated the high school at Me-  
 morial hall Friday evening of last  
 week before a crowd of 26 people.  
 Close guarding by both sides pre-  
 vented any of the best showing for  
 when Milford led 11 to 6. In the sec-  
 ond period Milford's team work be-  
 came effective and the visiting team  
 was able to pile up a big lead. At  
 center Barnes out-jumped Branahan  
 in practically every instance, but he  
 failed to tap the ball so that his team-  
 mates could not score. Townsend  
 lost the advantage, which should have  
 been gained in the jump. Hutchinson  
 of Milford led in scoring with seven  
 goals from the floor and one on fouls.  
 To date this season Milford has  
 played 13 games, winning 11.

The girls' game was very close. Miss  
 Pirovano made the best showing for  
 Milford, while all the Townsend girls  
 played well. The score for the first  
 period was a tie, 4 to 4. Excellent  
 shooting on free tries by Hazel Farrar  
 and Harriet Shepherd enabled Town-  
 send to clinch the game in the second  
 period.

Next Friday evening the high school  
 basketball team will meet the Fitch-  
 burg high school 2nd team at Me-  
 morial hall. High school 2nd will play  
 the Fitchburg high school sophomores  
 the same evening.

Milford high school and Laconia  
 high school each won the high school  
 basketball championship of New  
 Hampshire. Mr. Bachelder of the high  
 school has been asked to referee the  
 deciding game which will be played  
 in Milford on February 7.

Fire Department Report.  
 Fred J. Piper, chief of the fire de-  
 partment has filed with the selectmen  
 the annual report of the fire depart-  
 ment for 1920, which reads as follows:  
 The loss by fire in town the past year  
 has been quite heavy, the burning of  
 Robert A. Copeland's buildings on  
 Townsend hill and two fires at Town-  
 send Harbor accounting for the most  
 of the loss. Several other fires have  
 occurred but were of minor impor-  
 tance. One of the most serious  
 difficulties the department has is  
 the delay in sounding an alarm, often  
 times it is ten to twenty minutes be-  
 fore the alarm is given, such a delay  
 means a heavy loss and often times  
 the destruction of the building. Many  
 towns have an automatic fire alarm  
 system, one that can be operated by  
 the pressure of a button at the central  
 telephone office, the chief's house or  
 from any other point desired. I ear-  
 nestly recommend that the town con-  
 sider this matter and it is my firm be-  
 lief that such a system would pay for  
 itself the first year it is installed.

At a recent meeting of the board of  
 engineers, better fire protection for  
 Townsend Harbor was discussed. The  
 Harbor is particularly fortunate in  
 having within reach two powerful fire  
 pumps. One is at the Leatherstock-  
 ing steam house and the other is at  
 the town wharf. We would recommend that  
 100 feet of hose be purchased for use  
 at Townsend Harbor. This amount  
 with that available at the mill, would  
 cover nearly every set of buildings in  
 that village.

We also recommend that the Ford  
 truck owned by the Harbor be put in  
 shape and the future located at the  
 enginehouse of the center. By so do-  
 ing we feel that it will add much to  
 the efficiency of the department lo-  
 cated at the center. The truck would  
 be used many times. Located as it is  
 it seems to be of very little use to the  
 department. The engine and truck at  
 the center would not be deprived the  
 Harbor of the hand chemicals. These  
 would still be there ready for use as  
 usual.

A request has come to the engineers  
 that a small dam be built on the one  
 on Brookline street. It is the  
 bridge over the creek. Mrs. Mar-  
 tin, of the Highland street, road,  
 use by the steamer in case of fire in  
 the night. This is a matter  
 which we would recommend that the  
 board of engineers should consider  
 making the steamer to cover several  
 sets of buildings that are at present  
 without that protection.

The above are the contents practical  
 suggestions which are well worth the  
 consideration of the town, citizens and  
 voters before the coming town meet-  
 ing in March.

West.  
 Rev. Joseph McKean is in charge of  
 preparations for a community Hoover  
 supper for the benefit of the starving  
 children of the famine district in  
 China. A simple repast, probably of  
 rice and cocoa, will be served and each  
 person attending is requested to pay  
 for their supper whatever amount  
 they feel they can contribute to the  
 cause. After the supper an enter-  
 tainment appropriate to Lincoln day  
 will be held in the vestry in charge  
 of Mrs. Litch. The affair takes place  
 next Thursday evening, and it is hoped  
 that there will be a large attendance.  
 The committee in charge of the sup-  
 per will be Rev. Joseph McKean, Mrs.  
 Lila Hayward, Mrs. Agnes Sherwin,  
 Mrs. Ella Farley, Mrs. Herman L.  
 Stoney, Mrs. R. S. Ely, Fred A.  
 Patch, Henry C. Devereaux, Mrs. M.  
 Bernard, Walter Davis, Frank Hamil-  
 ton and Charles Hodgman will have  
 charge of the advertising. The enter-  
 tainment committee is composed of

Mrs. Litch, Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mrs.  
 Charles Hodgman, Mrs. Alden Sher-  
 win, Mrs. Frank Hamilton and Doris  
 Tenney.

There will be a meeting of the Fair-  
 view club on Tuesday afternoon at  
 7:30 o'clock at Seminary hall and all  
 interested in matters pertaining  
 to the public schools are urged to  
 attend as the matter of articles for  
 the town warrant will be discussed.  
 Supt. Bacon will be present to talk  
 over with the parents and friends the  
 problems at present connected with  
 the school situation.

A citizens' caucus will be held in  
 the hall on Tuesday evening at  
 7:30 to consider candidates for town  
 office.

The regular meeting of the Ladies'  
 Baptist Benevolent society was held  
 at the home of Mrs. Frank Lough-  
 Wednesday and twenty partook of a  
 bountiful dinner at the pleasant farm-  
 house. At the business meeting fol-  
 lowing a dinner the regular routine  
 business was transacted and a com-  
 mittee was appointed for the Home  
 supper and plans for the evening dis-  
 cussed. Mrs. Agnes Sherwin and  
 Mrs. Herman L. Stoney were appointed  
 to confer with the prudential com-  
 mittee of the church in regard to re-  
 pairs upon the lower clock. The re-  
 mainder of the afternoon was spent  
 in singing old familiar  
 songs. Those attending from the vil-  
 lage were conveyed to the hill and  
 back by George Winchester in the  
 Squannacook Inn truck.

Richard Rusk is at present attend-  
 ing Rusk & Stratton's Business col-  
 lege in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley from Boston  
 spent the week-end at their cottage on  
 Bridge street, making the trip back  
 by Mrs. Ella Farley, who is with Mr.  
 and Mrs. John Coburn, visited in Bos-  
 ton last week.

Mervin Ware, who was drawn for  
 jury duty, was obliged to get excused  
 on account of inability to get some  
 one to do his duties as teamster.

Miss Isabelle Hayward of Winches-  
 ter spent the week-end with her  
 mother, Mrs. Lila Hayward.

Mr. Loddick from Fitchburg visited  
 his sons at the home of Mrs. Young  
 Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Waters and her sister,  
 Miss Lucie Callier, who have been in  
 the Squannacook Inn for the past six  
 weeks, have returned to their home in  
 Melrose.

A party of fourteen, with others  
 from the village, attended the basket-  
 ball game at Memorial hall at the  
 center Friday evening. Misses Janet  
 Clark and Harriet Shepherd and  
 George Shepherd were among the  
 players.

Arthur Kaykka and Edward Kelley,  
 who recently enlisted and are stationed  
 at Camp Devens, spent the week-end  
 at their homes and Mr. and Mrs. Allen  
 Johnson from Camp Devens were  
 guests of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs.  
 Charles E. Patch.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
 George Winchester, who was taken  
 at Burbank hospital, has been cured  
 of her illness. Mr. Winchester went  
 Friday to Taunton to attend the funeral  
 services of his grandmother, Mrs. Cas-  
 well, and his mother, Mrs. Edith Win-  
 chester, will remain in Taunton for a  
 few days.

Earl Welch and family have moved  
 from the Homer farm on Elm street  
 into the former Upton house one ten-  
 ment of which is occupied by Mrs.  
 Young and family.

Miss Stella Tucker and Miss Faith  
 Tucker from West Groton spent the  
 week-end at their cottage on Bridge  
 street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Homer and  
 family left for New York the first of  
 the week for several weeks' sojourn.

Miss Frances Shepherd, who attends  
 the Fitchburg Normal school, spent the  
 week-end at the home of her parents,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shepherd.

The regular fortnightly meeting of  
 the Ladies' Study club will be held  
 on Monday afternoon at the home of  
 Mrs. E. J. Lyles, and the topic will be  
 "Alpaca" in charge of Mrs. Justin C.  
 Hillman.

Miss Blood died Sunday afternoon  
 at her home of influenza after a  
 brief illness. She was fifty-nine  
 years of age and most of her life had  
 been spent in this town. She was the  
 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette  
 Blood and is survived by two brothers  
 and three sisters, one brother, Byron  
 Blood, and two sisters, Ida and Susie,  
 all living in the home on the hill. Bur-  
 ial will be at the cemetery at two  
 o'clock and interment in the family  
 lot in the Hillside cemetery at the  
 center.

George Way of the U. S. navy has  
 been enjoying a two weeks' vacation at  
 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
 Parnsworth.

N. O. Boutwell from Leominster has  
 been spending a few days at the home  
 of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutwell.

It is probable that the Squannacook  
 Inn will close for several  
 weeks for the inn will continue to  
 daily trips and forth to Fitchburg  
 as long as the winter persists.

News Items.  
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 the happy parents of a 7 1/2 pound son,  
 born at the Concord hospital, Tuesday  
 February 1.

and also in some changes of detail in  
 the general interior. The idea is to  
 restore as far as possible the old  
 colonial style of this church as it was  
 100 years ago when the church was  
 organized.

Town meeting will be held on Mon-  
 day next with a varied list of articles  
 in the warrant. The L. E. society will  
 serve dinner in the lower town hall at  
 twelve o'clock, for all who wish to  
 patronize.

Mrs. R. A. Reed went to New York  
 on Wednesday to meet Miss Annie  
 Reed on her return from the Bermuda  
 Islands, where she has been for the  
 past six weeks.

Misses Marnie and Katherine Waters  
 spent last week-end with their moth-  
 er here in town.

Misses Ruth Walker of Colrain and  
 Misses Lena Haskins of North Adams  
 were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph  
 Emerson over last week-end.

Gordon McClery completing sixteen  
 years as a member in the family of  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. T. West has engaged  
 rooms with George Ryan and will  
 move there in the near future. He  
 will keep his passenger and express  
 equipment at Mr. Hanna's barn.

Constant Gabrielson has engaged  
 rooms at the Brookline cottage and  
 will return to town next week ready  
 to be of service to any and all of his  
 old customers.

The date set for the three-act com-  
 edy drama, "An old-fashioned moth-  
 er" to be given in the town hall, is  
 February 24. A strong cast is rehear-  
 sing diligently and promises one of the  
 best entertainments of the year.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Al-  
 bert P. Ripley for an all-day sewing  
 meeting Thursday, February 10, from  
 ten to 4:30.

There will be a meeting of the Lad-  
 ies' Picnic club on Wednesday, Feb-  
 ruary 9, at three p. m. in the Har-  
 vard Memorial.

Installation.  
 On Sunday evening, January 30, the  
 installation of Rev. George Kent as  
 minister of the Unitarian parish took  
 place. The following was the program  
 of the evening: organ prelude, Charles  
 N. Pollard; hymn, choir and congrega-  
 tion; a service of commemoration,  
 led by Rev. William Channing Brown;  
 solo, "Now the day is over," sung by  
 Herbert A. Thayer; scripture, read by  
 Rev. G. M. Wolfe; hymn, choir and  
 congregation; sermon, Rev. Maxwell  
 Savage; hymn, choir and congrega-  
 tion; the prayer of pastor and people,  
 Rev. William Gussman; the charge to  
 the minister, Rev. Carl G. Horst; wel-  
 come to Harvard, Rev. Arthur W.  
 Dexter; welcome of the Worcester as-  
 sociation, Rev. Joseph N. Pardon; the  
 charge to the people, Rev. James C.  
 Duncan; duet, Miss Scorgie and Mr.  
 Thayer.

The church was filled with town-  
 people of all parishes who sincerely  
 welcomed Mr. Kent to his work here  
 in Harvard.

Minstrel Show.  
 At the Unitarian social held last  
 Friday evening the entertainment took  
 the form of a minstrel performance.  
 Mrs. Blanche Emerson had charge of  
 the affair and took the part of inter-  
 locutor. Mrs. Margaret Farnsworth,  
 Frank Preston and Miss Elsie Hub-  
 chek took charge of the tambore and  
 Miss Rosamond Cleaves and Ar-  
 thur Bryant and Fred Wrangham per-  
 formed with the bones.

A mixed quartet, composed of  
 Messrs. Turner and Cleaves, Miss  
 Scorgie and Mrs. Whitney, with Lloyd  
 and Lawrence Small, Blanche Davis,  
 Blanche Tooker, Henry Dickson, Helen  
 Rowe and Harold Bigelow completed  
 the circle. The jokes were clean and  
 snappy and landed pretty near the  
 mark. Miss Rosamond Cleaves made  
 a hit with her little song and dance.  
 Mr. Wrangham, perhaps the ex-  
 cellent of the evening, was the  
 hardest with his brilliant costume  
 and silk deer, but to Arthur Bryant,  
 with his mixed costume belongs the  
 praise for the only real solo because  
 he sang without even the help of the  
 piano. Henry Dickson drew the only  
 applause from the gallery for his  
 still during the whole performance.

It was a good show and red-  
 dited on Mrs. Emerson and her help-  
 ers. Dancing followed.

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 the happy parents of a 7 1/2 pound son,  
 born at the Concord hospital, Tuesday  
 February 1.

Raymond Stuart has been very sick  
 the past week with pneumonia, but  
 is improving.

The boys and girls of Mrs. C. S.  
 Swears' Sunday school class gave a  
 surprise party at her home Tuesday  
 evening.

Obituary.  
 As the church bell was ringing Sun-  
 day morning, January 30, the spirit of  
 Mrs. Sarah A. Hutchins answered  
 to a higher call and winged its way  
 from the church minister to the  
 church triumphant, a fitting time for  
 the close of a life spent in the service  
 of the Master and who for many years  
 has each Sunday responded faithfully  
 and most devotedly to her beloved  
 church home as the bell called for  
 worship. Here she was always active  
 and participated in the interest or  
 work of the various benevolent so-  
 cieties and presided for  
 its advancement and prosperity. For  
 many years her voice was heard in  
 the choir in the Sunday school, as a  
 teacher or a helper, the Ladies' Benev-  
 olent society, the Missionary Circle all  
 from its infancy and only a few years  
 before she had been in the last years  
 of her long life here age being 85  
 years and four months, or, as it  
 pleased her to say, her many years  
 young" on her birthdays, which was  
 very true as she never grew old at  
 heart.

Mrs. Hutchins was the daughter of  
 Alden Fisher and was born and always  
 lived here but for a short residence  
 away after her marriage to Dr. Lewis  
 Hutchins. She was the last of her  
 father's family of twelve children,  
 six sons and six daughters, all of  
 whom lived to manhood and woman-  
 hood.

Her husband, Dr. Hutchins, was a  
 well known and skillful physician here  
 many years. His death occurred 22  
 years ago. With him in his work as  
 in all their domestic life she was his  
 helpmate. She leaves one son, George  
 J. Hutchins, of Stoneham and five  
 grandchildren, also several nieces and  
 nephews, for whom she has always  
 had a motherly affection and by  
 whom "Aunt Sarah" will be greatly  
 missed. She was a charter member  
 of Woman's Relief corps, and one of  
 its first members.

Funeral services were held at her  
 late home Tuesday afternoon, Rev.



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Saturday, February 5, 1921

**PEPPERELL**

**News Items.**

Mrs. James Howison from Milford, N. H., was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Harriet Tarbell, this week, coming to attend the concert of the Woman's club as she is interested in the woman's club in her own city.

Mrs. Ida Kendrick is in very feeble health, at her home with Mrs. H. A. Phelps, having, at present, a special Mrs. Joseph Heald.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 2, after a recess of several weeks, the Mt. Lebanon Community associates met with the president, Mrs. E. D. Walker. Although the attendance was necessary for work seemed small, no one seemed willing to give up the meetings. At the future meetings, on the first and third Wednesday of each month, each member will take her own work, but will hold herself in readiness for any charities.

Edgar Frost, chief radio operator on one of the United Fruit steamers, running to southern ports, has been stopping at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. V. Rodder, for the week past.

The Homestead had a close call on Wednesday forenoon, from destruction or damage by fire. The cause was undoubtedly an over-heated chimney, and the woodwork had become ignited. When discovered by Mr. Chesbro, one of the ex-soldiers at the Homestead, upon opening the door of the upper closet the flames darted through the flooring. Quick work with the extinguishers at the place, and a telephone call for more from the engine house, was all that saved the fine property. The clothing in the closet was scorched and the floor was comparatively slight. If it had occurred in the night, the possibilities would have been much worse.

James C. Barry, of the Homestead Convalescent Home, was in Boston, attending a luncheon at Copley Plaza, the first of this week, returning on Wednesday.

Letters have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Driscoll, on their honeymoon trip to New York, their marriage being consummated here by Rev. Fr. Cronan, last Sunday evening. Mrs. Driscoll was formerly Miss Mary Allen.

An alarm for a chimney fire, by two blasts, occurred late on Tuesday evening the fire being in the double tenement house of Dr. Lovejoy on Leighton street. The stillness of the air, and the snow on the roofs, made the danger small, and it was soon smothered down, with fire extinguishers, with little damage.

George G. Tarbell went to Chelsea on Thursday noon, and will enter the Soldiers' Home there until May. He recently removed his business office from the Aldine block to his residence on Brookline street, and on his return will continue his business there.

Mrs. Jessie Parker, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Hartwell on Brookline street, returned to her present home in Roxbury on Monday.

Mrs. H. N. Tower, High street, will open her parlors next Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock for all ladies interested in the part of the town, who care to attend. Current Events" by D. L. Whitmarsh.

C. C. Farrow, with his wife and child, have secured rooms in the Conant block, formerly occupied by Mr. Bronson. Mr. Farrow has been here for some time, connected with Electrician Allen at the new power station, from Charlestown, N. H.

The installation of the new pastor over the All Saints church at Lowell on Monday, was attended by Rev. E. W. Drawbridge, who was also a member of the Council, during the afternoon. Also, by Mrs. Drawbridge, Mrs. M. G. Greene, Miss Sara Hubbard, Miss Anna Boynton, Miss Florence Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. J. H. Bennett, Mrs. Mary Mattman, Fred Bennett conveying a part of the party. There were fine addresses, and a wonderful organ recital. This is the church formed from the Unitarian and Congregational societies of that city, and is a Federated church. The visitors from the Community church were especially interested, and entertained by being shown over the newly completed rooms adjoining the main edifice.

Lawrence Smith returned home Tuesday from his course of treatment at the St. Joseph hospital, Nashua, having had six X-ray exposures taken. He was advised to go to a specialist in Boston.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lavallee, on Monday, January 24, at their home on Mill street.

The committee of the D. A. R., Mrs. Guttersen and Miss Josephine Lawrence, who are arranging for the food sale, to be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, on February 22, request all members to contribute, without further solicitation. The proceeds are to be devoted to repairs on the chapter house. All members have the privilege of inviting a guest to attend the regular meeting of the chapter, on that date, at 2:30 and the food sale at 3:30 is, of course, open to the public.

Mrs. Chester Hill came from West Groton this week for a short stay with Mr. Hill, intending to return home on Friday. Mrs. Emma Hill is to close the house on Franklin street for a while and visit with her sister, Mrs. Harry Trenholm, at Fitchburg.

Scoutmaster Allen and the Fox Patrol took a mid-winter hike on Saturday of last week, going as far as the pumping station, where they cooked dinner, camp fashion, passing tests in fire building and cooking. A number of the scouts also passed tests in tracking, pace signaling, and first aid. The Wolf Patrol will take a first aid week Saturday. All members are requested to report at the Scoutmaster's house by 10:30, Saturday morning, prepared for business. This has been a banner month for Troop 1, the scouts having passed 21 tests during January. The next best record being 29 tests passed last June. Scout Maurice Allen received a first aid merit badge, making five to his credit, with more in sight.

At a recent meeting of the Community church workers it was voted to hold the meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The next three months. A regular business meeting will be held on Tuesday at 2:30, February 8, in the church parlors. At 6:30, a supper will be served in the vestry, with the following committee: Mrs. George H. Shaw, Mrs. E. J. Kemp, Mrs. E. W. Drawbridge, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Mattman, and Mrs. Woodward. A short entertainment will be given at eight o'clock. Other Pepperell matter on page 9.

**High Grade Concert and Reading.**

The committee of the Women's club have reason to feel gratified at the success attending their efforts, in providing a first-class entertainment on Tuesday evening, as well as the recognition of that fact, by the public. The admission was purposely placed at a small figure, in order that everyone might be benefited this being the object of the club, rather than a desire for financial gain.

The Schubert quartet have won too many laurels by past performances of similar character, to need any further eulogy, and the reader, Mrs. Irene Attridge, ably sustained the high standard of the evening's program, every number of which was a pleasure to listen to. Both the quartet and reader were most gracious in responding to encores.

The opening selections were in a group of two by the quartet, "March of the Guards," showing great power, and the second, "Magnolia," a pleasing contrast in sweetness and melody. Their selections following were "Fair and Bright," "Mother-in-law," which was followed by a humorous encore, a song in dialect, "De moon an' a-shinin'," "Irish folk song," and a beautiful medley, entitled, "Songs of home," with a piano accompaniment, by Mr. Walker, which enticed several fine solos by tenor and bass voices. "Let the rest of the world go by," was followed by a group, "Any old port in a storm," with bass solo by Mr. McGowan, and "The two grenadiers."

A musical recital, "The Skipper of St. Ives," was succeeded by its direct contrast, "Annie Laurie," very beautifully rendered.

"De Sandman" amused the audience and led to an encore, which was granted, and the final selection, "Sunset slowly falls," was a fitting finale of superior quality, and wonderfully fine in the production. The perfect blending, and power of expression showed the marvelous attainment of these artists, and left a very pleasant lasting impression with their audience.

Mrs. Attridge's readings were interspersed with the above selections. She gave three monologues, the first, entitled, "The Ford family take a ride" was a witty production, and in the second, "When Lucinda goes to town," she was especially liked. The third, "Mrs. Chatterton seeing off her friend" is a rapid action, and very strenuous selection, very true to the real occurrence and perfectly rendered by the reader, who carries her audience along to enthusiasm with her. As encores Mrs. Attridge gave "English Knight and Irish Knight," and the other, a musical reading, "Just baby laughing," which all might take to heart, and memory. Miss Mary Butler was her accompanist in the latter.

The hall was well filled, the appreciation excellent, and the whole event would bear repeating.

**Sudden Death.**

The sad tidings of the death of Charles H. Fuller, Jr., at St. Joseph's hospital, on Monday night, came as a great shock to all his relatives and friends, who had entertained hopes of his recovery up to the last.

He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fuller, Tucker avenue, and has lived here in town for many years, being a native of Groton. He was of Shirley, and moving from there to West Groton in early life. He was in his 28th year, his next birthday being March 14. Besides his parents, he leaves one brother, Chester Fuller, of this town; also three sisters, Mrs. Cora Wood, of this town, Mrs. Maude Hartwell, of West Groton, and Miss Eliza, who lives at home. He also leaves several nieces and nephews, and other more distant relatives.

Mr. Fuller had the respect of all who came in contact with him. He was quiet and unassuming, pleasant of address, and always obliging. He made many friends, and his enemies were few. He was formerly in the employ of the Pepperell Card & Paper Company, and for nearly ten years has worked for Mr. Rowell, both in the wood yard, and later in the grain store. He was well liked by the patrons of the business, and his honesty and strict integrity were recognized. His employer realizes the loss he has sustained in the death of this faithful, conscientious helper, whose place will be hard to fill.

Since his operation about two years ago for appendicitis, which was a most critical one, Mr. Fuller has had a series of acute pain. On Tuesday, January 18, he suffered a sharp attack, and the following day went to the Groton hospital for treatment and observation. The severity of the attack yielding to treatment, he decided to return home after a week there. He was discharged on Friday, but while taking nourishment, Dr. Moran was summoned from Nashua, being one of the surgeons present at his operation for appendicitis. He arrived on the early train Monday morning, and the patient was at once prepared to be taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where an operation for intestinal obstruction was performed by Dr. Moran and assistants that afternoon, but the strength of the patient was not enough to undergo the ordeal, and he passed away quietly, with his brother, Chester, by his side, about ten o'clock, the same evening.

He had endured his sufferings, and faced the operation with quiet courage, his supreme thought being for his parents, if the operation should not be successful. Much sympathy is felt for them, in their affliction, and for all members of the family. The friendship between the two brothers was sadly broken, as was usual in such cases. Mr. Fuller was a member of the old fellows' order, the Manchester Unity often attending the meetings at West Groton, where there was an organized lodge. A delegation from that lodge attended the services held at the late home on Thursday afternoon, and conducted their final service. Rev. R. W. Hest was the clericman, officiating at the service.

Our teeth are the most important part of our bodies. After we pass away, the body begins to decay, even the hair begins to turn gray, but the hair remains untouched by decay. So long as any vegetable life remains in the body, the hair keeps on growing. Hair kept for centuries has not lost its color.

**AYER**

**News Items.**

Charles A. Norman, president of the National Bank of Ayer, and association of Massachusetts, attended a dinner at the city club in Boston last Saturday evening.

Other folks of the town has moved into the lower tenement of the house owned by Charles A. Norman on East Main street recently occupied by Mrs. Carrie E. Norris.

Mrs. Ernest M. Nagin has been ill with diphtheria poisoning.

Frank H. Butterfield was at home over Sunday. He has been attending the General Electric Co. at Keene, N. H., where the company was installing machinery. His headquarters are in Lowell.

Miss Hilda L. Osgood returned Monday afternoon to Dean academy at Franklin. Miss Osgood had gone to Wrentham, Mass. Friday to attend a dance as guest of school friends. When her friend's car, in which the young people were riding from the station, skidded, Miss Osgood was thrown out, suffering cuts and bruises.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Theodore W. Barry represented the First Unitarian Parish church at the installation of Rev. Albert McGiffert, as minister of All Souls church (Congregational-Unitarian) at Lowell Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Crandall took part in the ceremonies of installation, giving the invocation.

There were very few real estate transfers recorded last week from this vicinity. Those recorded were Townsend Benjamin's, of West to M. A. Gilchrist, of Shirley, to G. Y. Upton, Harvard-Howard F. Wilcox to Charles S. Walkup, Jr.; Charles S. Walkup, Jr. to Mabelle E. Beals, Lunenburg; Anna I. Burton to Louis M. Gavin, land on roads from depot to Lancaster and Shirley Villages.

The Strand this Saturday presents Constance Binnet in "The Girl in the Forest," adapted by Reardon from the novel, "Caldron's prisoner." The cast includes also Lucy Fox, Crane Wilbur, etc. This picture is just what the title suggests. For genuine romance and color and picturesque settings and for a heroine who is full of sparkle and life, don't fail to see Constance Binnet. For comedy there is Charlie Chaplin in a new release of "The adventurer." Sunday, double feature bill. Universal production, "The secret gift." Also a Billy Rhodes special. Matinee at 3:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will hold a business meeting Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. George B. Turner, East Main street.

On Tuesday evening the Fairchild players went to Shirley and put on the comedy, "Bubbles," written by Lucius C. Fairchild. The play was given at Oddfellows' hall and was well attended. It was given under the auspices of the Altarian club and for the benefit of their children's day fund. The success of the play reflected great credit not only upon the author but upon Mrs. Fairchild, who, with her husband, has coached the players.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Richardson, formerly of this town, and who have recently been living in Westminister, have moved to Albany, N. Y.

The following names have been added to the voting list by the registrars of voters at their recent meetings: James R. Blanch, John J. Blanch, Henry D. Bodah, Alfred V. Boisseau, Albert L. Chauvin, John A. Coffey, Mary Donahue, John T. Gibbons, Malcolm M. Madden, Lorena Messina, Fay Mowbray, Charles H. Morrison, Rena J. Moss, Arthur W. Nutting, John T. Scully, Timothy C. Wildon, Helen G. Wilson and Julius Greenberg.

A telephone has been recently installed in the residence of Walter C. Sargent of Pleasant street. The number is 29-2.

The date of the next meeting of the Catholic Girls' club will be changed from the February 7 to Monday evening, February 14.

The Boston Ice company finished cutting ice at Sandy pond Thursday night. About one hundred men have been engaged in the work. The company has cut and stored in the houses about 16,000 tons. The ice has averaged ten inches in thickness.

The Ayer chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League will meet next Monday evening at Charles H. Morrison, 125 Main street. His subject will be "The story of the making of leather." Refreshments will be served.

George H. Farmer was away the middle of the week to attend the funeral of a relative in Bristol, Conn.

Word has been received by the Ayer relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bosworth of Holyoke that a baby boy was born to them on Tuesday. They have named the infant Richard Sanderson Bosworth.

A fast hockey game is on for Sunday when the Ayer All Stars take on the Pease Village All Stars at Planagan's pond. The game will be called at 2:15 p. m. sharp. The All Stars have a speedy band of puck pushers in their lineup and are confident of defeating the Pease Village team, which is laying claim to the championship of this section. The management of the All Stars is anxious to arrange a game with Shirley.

given by this orchestra will be held on the Tuesday evening following Easter, March 29.

The Edward Everett Hale club met with Mrs. P. Vern Blinn on Tuesday. After the regular work of the club Mrs. Pillman and Mrs. George O. Filbeck served refreshments, which included ice cream and a birthday cake, this being in observance of the birthday of Donald Filbeck.

Mrs. Annie E. Olson has returned from a fortnight's visit with her sisters, the Misses Thayer in Somersworth, N. H.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp 40, S. of V., will omit their meeting on February 10, and celebrate the birthday anniversaries of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln on the evening of February 17.

William Tinker, who has been in failing health for some time, was removed to Tewksbury Thursday. He has much of his home with his sister, Mrs. Arthur E. Davis.

A petition to repeal the daylight saving act is in the hands of Ayer Grange. This petition may be signed by all citizens. Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has the matter in charge and will be glad to receive signatures.

The fiftieth anniversary of the town of Ayer will be appropriately observed in the town hall next Wednesday evening, as marked by public exercises under the auspices of Ayer Grange. There will be stereopticon views in charge of William E. Wright. Interesting features are promised. Representative citizens have assured the Grange of their presence and help and it is expected that a large community to attend individually and make this half-century mark a memorable occasion. There will be addresses, historical papers and music. Citizens of Ayer, old and new, show your civic spirit and be present.

Ayer Grange will hold its regular business meeting in Hardy's hall on Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. Members please be present on time.

Miss Annie MacDonald is ill at her home on Cambridge street.

The Calumet Bowling team defeated the Lowell Y. M. C. A. team Tuesday evening at Lowell by a total of 115 pins.

At the Christian Science services Sunday morning at 10:30 the subject will be "Spirit."

**A. W. C. Notes.**

A large number of friends of the Woman's club assembled in the Unitarian vestry February 2 to celebrate Guest night. Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, president, and the following officers: Mrs. Belle L. Osgood, Mrs. Sarah B. Barry, Mrs. Caroline M. Williams, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy and Mrs. Ida L. Prebble, were present. Mrs. Nellie E. Fox, chairman, and her efficient corps of assistants.

The president in a few well chosen words welcomed the guests, after which a play, "The three gifts," was presented by the club. The play was written by Miss Marie Ware Laughlin. Miss Sara Horlick pleased the audience with solo dances. Two violin solos rendered by Mr. Parkinson of Harvard, Miss Helen Stone of Still River, accompanist, were very much enjoyed. Miss Edith Longley, pianist, rendered "The Rose Tree" and "The Swan." Light refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Amy N. Wylie, chairman. Guests were presented from Groton, Harvard and Littleton.

Attention of club members is called to the mid-winter meeting at Melrose Highlands February 9. Tickets may be obtained of the president, Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence.

**Knights of Columbus.**

The annual banquet of the Ayer council, K. of C., will be held in the Hotel Devens Monday evening, February 1, at 6:30 o'clock. The following committee: Dr. Desmond, George L. Wilson, John Mullin, Joseph Markham, John Ryan, M. J. Griffin, John Brown, R. J. Stevenson, Sergt. Melville, John Heel and Steve completed all arrangements for what promises to be one of the most successful social gatherings held by the council.

The speaker of the evening will be U. S. asset district attorney Herbert Hogan of Boston, Gen. Mark C. Hersey of Ames, Rev. Dr. Pr. Hickey of Holy Cross cathedral.

Among the invited guests are Rev. G. A. Beardon, Rev. Thomas Brennan, Chaplain Stine, 13th Infantry, Maj. Duane, state commander A. L., and District Deputy Philip Gibbons. Soloists, Mrs. J. H. Heel and Steve completed all arrangements for what promises to be one of the most successful social gatherings held by the council.

**W. R. C. Meeting.**

George S. Boutwell W. R. C. held their regular meeting in Hardy's hall Monday evening at 7:30. The subject was "The story of the making of leather." Refreshments will be served.

The Unitarian girls' club will hold their winter party and dance for the children in the Unitarian vestry, Saturday, February 12, at 2:30 p. m.

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**LOWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

lated at the state office do not indicate that the town of Ayer is measuring up to the average of the group. They indicate, on the contrary, that Ayer falls short by about twenty percent of the average financial effort of the group. The actual figures are as follows: Amount raised per pupil by local taxation, group, \$49.57, Ayer, \$38.37. Amount raised for \$1000 of valuation for schools, group, \$7.33, Ayer, \$5.97.

The lesson for the citizens of the town is plain enough. If it could be assumed that the group itself were to make no advance at all, Ayer would have to raise twenty percent more in order merely to catch up with the procession. It ought to be said, however, that the taxpayers have never refused to give the school committee the amounts they have asked for at the annual town meeting.

**Does It Pay?**

The following was taken from the editorial columns of the Boston Herald of January 26:

One of the greatest financial agencies in America certifies to the truth of the statement that all of the business failures in 1920, 97 percent of concerns that did not advertise their wares.

Bare statements like that require little comment. Advertisement, as the art of publicity, more and more commands itself as the indispensable means of success. England has just held an international advertising exhibition for the promotion of British trade. The exhibitors displayed a skillful advertising, even at large expense, means not increased but decreased cost to the consumer, because it is easier and cheaper to turn out goods in large than in small quantities.

The nation approves these advertising campaigns because larger markets mean greater national prosperity. California understands these things as well or better than England. The vice president of the North American Fruit Exchange emphasized the point in an address before the New York Agricultural society the other day. "Why do California growers successfully invest \$150,000,000 a year in advertising to create an appetite for citrus fruits while New York apple growers invest hardly a cent to create an appetite for some of the finest fruit produced on the face of the earth?"

**Decorated Boxes.**

Decorated boxes can be put to various uses. Take tin boxes of various shapes and enamel inside and out. Cut out colored paper decorations or use cretonne and glue it on the box. If paper is used, the boxes should be varnished.

**Forbidden.**

Referring to the library sign, "Only low conversation permitted here," a correspondent informs us that he noticed in the Chicago public library a sign reading: Please do not sneeze in the books."--Boston Transcript.

**Dollar Day in Lowell.**

On this page of this paper you will notice an advertisement in reference to Dollar Day, which is to be held in Lowell on Saturday, February 12.

**Imagination Needs Tight Rein.**

Without imagination you would be like a stove without a fire. But do not let the fire get the better of you. Imagination is like fire; it is a blessing, if controlled, but a curse, if uncontrolled.

**The Inconsistent Male.**

Men are inconsistent. They complain if their wives don't read the newspapers and keep up with important events, and yet few of them read the fashion notes.--Baltimore Sun.

**Items of Interest**

The greyhound is the fastest dog in matter of running, it is said. His maximum speed is 75 feet in a second; the fastest horse has run 63 feet in a second. The foxhound is the next fastest of the dogs; one recently covering 4 miles in 6 1/2 minutes. The ordinary domestic dog; it is said, runs 40 feet a second.

**Burglars Break Safe.**

Thursday night burglars broke into the Standard Oil Co's office on Park street and rifled the safe in the office, falling in their attempt to break into the other. The burglars gained entrance to the office by breaking a pane in an office window and by unfastening the catch on the sash.

The safe broken open was of medium size. It was literally hammered to pieces by sledge hammers. From the safe the burglars secured only about \$17. The safe was dropped and overlooked about 11 1/2.

The other safe which was large and more stoutly built resisted the blows of the burglars. It was so badly damaged, however, that a new door will be needed.

The work was so bungling that it was evidently done by amateurs. Local talent is suspected.

**Most Boastful of Mortals.**

Some of the proudest men we have ever known were those who took a cold bath every morning. Next to the man who can, in five minutes, shave himself better than a barber can do it, the one who takes a cold bath every morning is the peacock of the human race.--Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**Ancient Song.**

The English-speaking peoples' song of acclamation, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," is sung to a tune that has been popular for a thousand years or more. Composed, it is said, in Babylon, the ancient Egyptians popularized it in Africa and Asia Minor, where the Arabs sing it to this day.

**Community Church Motion Picture Service**

"His Official Finance"

Robert Warwick

Pathe Weekly

Burton Holmes' Travel Pictures

Ford Educational

Pepperell

Friday Evening, February 11, 8 P. M.

Children 5c Adults 25c

**Union Cash Market**

Ayer, Mass.

LEG AND LOINS OF LAMBS 25c lb.

SIRLOIN ROAST 30c lb.

FIRST RIB ROAST 25c lb.

SMOKED SHOULDEES 20c lb.

BOTTOM ROUND 25c lb.

GOOD PORK ROAST 25c lb.

FRESH SHOULDEES 20c lb.

FORES OF LAMB 15c lb.

TOMATOES, large can 15c

FRESH MADE BUTTER 55c lb.

GOOD BACON 25c lb.

BEST CREAM CHEESE 35c lb.

CORNED BEEF, all solid meat, 20c lb.

GOOD ROAST BEEF 20c lb.

CONDENSED MILK 18c can

SNYDER'S LARGE TOMATO SOUP 13c can

EXTRA GOOD COFFEE 25c lb.

Ground to order

**WANTED.**—A good lawyer who will take a malpractice case against a prominent Boston doctor for half that may be collected through suit for damages. JOHN H. ABBOTT, Townsend Harbor, Mass. 1123

**FOR SALE.**—Good two-horse logging sled, Bunks, body for wood, side boards. F. D. LEWIS, Groton, Tel. 12-2.

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