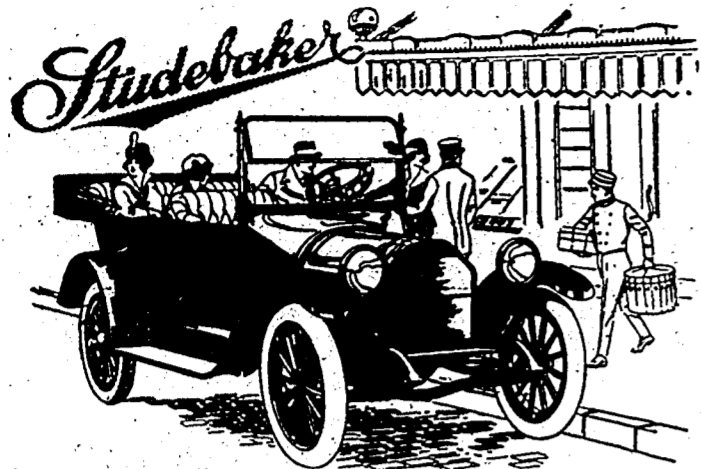


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. Harry J. Smith has been in Nashua hospital for a slight operation on her nose.

Neuralgia and gripe colds, attended by sore throat and trouble with the ears, are very prevalent at the present time. Charles A. Hartwell's children and Supt. Hill's daughter Elizabeth are among the most recent victims.

Rev. J. C. Alvord has sprained his ankle and is unable to make parish calls at present.

Mrs. D. G. Houghton went last Saturday to Gloucester City, N. J., to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Dodge, and family.

Miss Alice Howard, president of the Woman's club, gave a very interesting talk before the Tadnuck club of Westford on Tuesday afternoon. Her paper on "American folk lore" showed much study and care in preparation.

The committee to arrange for the Back Log drama postponed the entertainment on account of Good Friday services and have now selected the dates of April 15 and 16, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Mrs. William G. Brown is slowly recovering from a severe attack of the gripe.

Mrs. Carrie Gordon Leland's Sunday school class of boys recently chose for officers, Gordon Love, pres.; Willard Blodgett, sec.; Jesse Dodge, treasurer. A name for the class has not yet been selected. They have for their classroom the music-room near the pulpit in the Congregational church, which is being very costily and attractively arranged.

A Benjamin Conant, district president of the C. E. Union, addressed a meeting in West Groton on Sunday evening, attended a general meeting of Endeavorers in Malden last week Friday night, a district committee meeting in Shirley on Monday night and was present at the State C. E. executive committee meeting in Somerville last week Monday.

The friends of Miss Ella Peabody are glad to see her out again after many weeks of illness.

The high school closed on Friday for the spring vacation of one week.

Mrs. Eva Ripley, of Wakefield, chairman of the committee on education in the State Federation, is to be the speaker at the Woman's club on Monday afternoon.

Grange.

The Grange welcomed visitors from Roxborough, Acton, Harvard, Westford and Groton on Wednesday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon the large class that took the first and second degrees two weeks ago. The ladies' degree staff, dressed in white, and wearing carnations and green sprays, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, looked very pretty and worked the third degree to their great credit. The regular officers worked the fourth degree, winning many compliments. The tableaux, a beautiful feature of the program were under the very able direction of Mrs. George H. Cash, one of the most artistic and efficient workers in the Grange. Those who posed in the tableaux were Mrs. G. A. Cook, Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Mrs. Thomas Stephens, Miss Annie Coughlin, Misses Nellie and Mary Callahan, Mrs. Clarence Crosby, Miss Lillian Robinson and Miss Catherine Connell.

Special Deputy Wright of Billerica was present. Deputy Gregory of Princeton inspected the Grange and made a very fine speech. He enjoyed the hospitality of F. H. Hill, master.

One hundred and seventy-five enjoyed one of the best suppers, consisting of mashed potatoes, cold ham, chicken and egg salad, rolls, coffee, all kinds of fancy and plain pies and apples. The able committee, of which Mrs. Charles A. Kimball was chairman, deserve much credit for their efforts.

A large party of Littleton Grangers attended the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Westford Grange on Thursday evening.

Death.

The dark clouds of Mrs. Sherman H. Jewett's horizon parted and revealed the bright sunshine of a beautiful dawn on Thursday morning when her frail body yielded peacefully to the longing of the spirit, and the angel of death brought welcome release.

Funeral services will be held at her late home at 10 o'clock this week Saturday afternoon, and interment will be in the family lot in Westlaw cemetery.

Miss Harriet Sawyer was born in Boston seventy-three years ago the eighth of last May. When only five years of age she lost her mother, and early in life took the responsibility of caring for herself. In July of 1861 she was married to Sherman H. Jewett, of this town, and they began wedded life in Roxborough. Later they moved to Concord, and within a few years came to Littleton, where they have made their home the greater part of their lives. Three sons were born to them; the oldest died in infancy; the second, Edgar H., died eighteen years ago. Mrs. Jewett is survived by her husband; one son, LeRoy Sherman, and three granddaughters, Gladys and Ruth of Littleton, and Lily of Rosindale.

The sickness of the deceased dates back several years, although she was not confined to her bed until last October. She has been a long, patient sufferer; still she has clung to life and the dear ones who have so faithfully ministered to her needs, until worn out with pain and feebleness, she faced the transition calmly and with blessed hope of peace.

Mrs. Jewett's chief interests centered in her home and family, and in the years of her prime she worked loyally and continually for their wel-

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. Chandler Libbie is convalescing from an attack of whooping cough.

The cottage located on the state road, just over the line in West Acton, is to be moved into Boxborough, and the owner, Ralph Berry, is to work for Mr. Cobleigh.

It is stated that Mrs. Shattuck has sold a house to a lady from Worcester, who will build a bungalow on it as a summer home.

Frank McNamara was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital last week Friday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins has been appointed census enumerator for this town. The work begins April 1.

George Hager, from Clinton, came down to his farm for a short visit this week.

Mary Hager is in town. Her nephew's family, the Milton Hagers, with whom she has been staying in Fitchburg, are moving to Quincy.

Miss Edith Withington, of Fitchburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Cobleigh.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Charles Knight continues to improve and is now able to be up and dressed.

Mrs. Bertha Shattuck entertained the West Acton Whist club last week Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Stickney was the winner of the first prize.

Samuel Wetherbee has finished his work at the Whitcomb farm and taken a position in Waltham.

Miss Sprague, teacher at No. 4, is now boarding at Mrs. Shattuck's.

Grange.

The Grange enjoyed a musical evening at its last meeting, given under the following committee: Mrs. Ralph E. Whitcomb, Miss Marion Viets, George Burroughs, C. T. Wetherbee, Mrs. Albert Littlefield gave a synopsis of the opera "Il Trovatore," and Miss Ruby Viets of "Bohemian girl." Selections from both operas were sung by a chorus, these including some of the best known airs, "Heart bowed down," "Then you'll remember me," etc. Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb gave selections as a violin solo, accompanied by Maria Steele. Selections from "Il Trovatore" were also played by the orchestra, comprising Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb, George Burroughs, Ed. Branan, violins; C. T. Wetherbee, cornet; Marion Viets, mandolin; Mrs. C. B. Robbins, piano. After the entertainment the orchestra played an hour for dancing and all enjoyed the surprise number of doughnuts and coffee furnished by Paul and Ruby Viets.

The next night is given on the program as dramatic evening has been put over until April on account of the absence of some of the actors.

HARVARD.

News Items.

An informal meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry F. Whitney on Thursday afternoon was addressed by Miss Dorothy Godfrey, state organizer of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women. All present contributed their signatures as charter members of a Harvard Branch association, the 113th branch organized in the state. Its object is to increase the state membership to show the strength of the sentiment against suffrage and any interested in this movement are requested to send their names to the chairman, Miss Helen A. Dickson, or to the secretary, Miss Ruth Whitney.

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The Ladies' Aid of this village met Thursday at the home of its president, Mrs. Buckley. Mrs. Morris was the hostess for the afternoon. Mrs. Buckley read the "Inspiration of Beethoven," which brought forth his wonderful Moonlight sonata. Mrs. Buckley also played the sonata. Among the articles in making is a plink hour-glass quilt. A week ago the aid held an all-day session, so that the quilt already bears ample evidence that the gentle art of needlecraft is not yet relegated to the days of our grandmothers.

On Saturday night of this week the T. H. Social club will commemorate St. Patrick's day by a costume party at the parish house. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Ladies are requested to bring an Irish lunch for two. Luncheon to be auctioned off.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Josselyn spent Wednesday in Boston. Mrs. Josselyn with her aunt, Mrs. Jonas Spaulding, at Hotel Brunswick, and Mr. Josselyn at the automobile show.

Miss Dorothy Smith returned Monday to resume her studies at Cushing academy.

Will Cooper and George Jones took in the automobile show last week on Thursday.

Mrs. W. F. Lewis started Saturday for a few weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pitts, at Kennebunkport, Me.

Mrs. Paul Butler and son Paul, Jr., are at Walnut Grove farm.

Members of the Monday club gave Mrs. Jones a pleasant surprise Friday evening in honor of her birthday. The president presented Mrs. Jones with a very useful as well as ornamental gift, after which whisky and a dainty lunch was enjoyed.

Miss Jennie Perkins, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Lewis, returned to Waltham Wednesday.

We are pleased to learn that telephones have been installed at the homes of Mr. Bagley and Mr. Bennett.

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WESTFORD.

Center. The teachers and pupils at the Wm. E. Frost school are having this last week and next for the spring vacation. At the academy the teachers and pupils have this next week.

L. W. Wheeler has been getting about this past week on crutches, having his left foot in splints on account of having broken one of the smaller bones. Postmaster J. H. Fletcher has had to have his head bandaged on account of inflammation in one eye.

Rev. David Wallace has been among the shut-ins this week with a severe cold.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford has recently spent several days at the home of her brother, Frank P. Hawkes, in Melrose, called there on account of the death of a relative in the family.

Mrs. Isles pleasant voice at the telephone exchange has been missed this last week, she having been sick and under the care of doctor and nurse with laryngitis, but is now reported as improving.

Rev. Frank M. Baker, who has been spending several days in town, was the speaker at the evening service at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. On Tuesday he returned to his home in Andover, N. Y., where his present parish is and taking with him his little three-year-old daughter, Josephine, who has been with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bright, in this village since the death of her mother. Mr. Baker has married again and while deeply appreciating the devoted care given to his children by their Westford relatives, feels now that he wants his family all together.

J. W. Bright, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with a serious fracture of his right leg, passed his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary this last week. He was the pleased recipient of an interesting group of postal cards numbering just one hundred and twenty-five and coming largely from his former home in South Royalton, Vt., and portraying familiar scenes and people. Mr. Bright is reported as resting comfortably.

In connection with her paper on "Folk lore" recently read before the Tadmuck club Miss Alice Howard wrote to the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution at Washington, as to the meaning of four local names of Indian origin. These names are more or less corrupted from the original Algonquin forms. Tadmuck probably means "at the narrow fishing place." Another clerk says Tadmuck or Tadmuck means "at the hill." As the principal hill and the largest swamp in town bore the same name both interpretations seem plausible. Nubarusuck, now corrupted to Nabassitt, is translated as "outlet of water." Nashoba as "two ponds," and Kisanacook as "on a high crag."

Westford men seem to be having one kind of luck as to jury duty lately. One juror was drawn for the criminal term of the superior court sitting in Lowell March 8. The court immediately excused him when he intimated that it was not good business policy to tie a town's tax collector there. Three other men were drawn on account of a murder trial before the same court March 15. Of these Edwin H. Gould and Andrew Johnson were challenged by the government and Charles D. Coombs by the defense, so no Westford man is at this time of court, unless more are drawn on account of another murder case, a Groton case, which is expected to be tried before the same court.

Social. The regular monthly social for March at the Congregational church was most successful, taking place last week Friday, beginning at half-past two in the afternoon and lasting until late in the evening. The ladies were invited to come in the afternoon to an old-fashioned quilting party and to dress in old-fashioned costumes. This they did and it was a quaint and merry group that gathered around the quilting frame.

During the afternoon appropriate solos were sung by Mrs. Blaney and readings by Mrs. Perley E. Wright and later many old favorites were sung by all present. At 6:30 an appetizing salad supper was served and the long tables were well filled. The entertainment for the evening was "The district school at Blueberry corners" and proved a good time for everybody, those who took part and those who looked on. The varied costumes needed to be seen to be appreciated and the three parts of the entertainment were full of funny situations. The first act was the selection of a teacher by the school committee, said committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight and S. L. Taylor. Among the various applicants Fred Blodgett was selected and he carried out the part both in make-up and manner most successfully.

The second part was the first day of school and the third one the closing day of school and some remarkable stunts were given. "Twinkle, twinkle, little star," written by Walter L. Cutter, was one of the school dunces. John P. Wright as the school duncer, David L. Gray as the boy who stuttered and Miss Grant as the sentimental

young lady with an eye for the young schoolmaster, were particularly good. The remainder of the cast with their remarkable names were Miss Crocker, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. David L. Greig, Mrs. Frank Bannister, Mrs. Willard Fletcher, Mrs. Fred Amesbury, Mrs. Bert Walker, Mrs. S. B. Wright, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Alice and Frances Wright, A. H. Sutherland, J. W. Fletcher, Charles Blodgett, L. W. Wheeler, D. L. Greig and F. E. Miller.

The quilting party, supper and entertainment were in charge of Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. John P. Wright, Mrs. D. L. Greig and Mrs. E. F. Amesbury. Twenty-five dollars was cleared for the church treasury.

Tadmuck Club. At the regular meeting of the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon, Miss Alice Howard gave a most attractive program on "American folk lore." After defining folk lore as that science which embraces all that relates to the superstitions, beliefs and practices, old-time customs, traditional narratives and the folk sayings of a people and speaking generally of folk lore, Miss Howard confined her paper to a study of the myths and legends of our American Indians and Negroes, varying her program with supplementary readings by Mrs. Roudenbush and Miss Young. Mrs. Helen K. Frost also contributed two narratives written by her and published in the Journal of American Folk Lore.

The musical part of the program was most enjoyable and consisted of quartet, duet and solo selections by Mrs. Blaney, Misses Edith Wright, Adrith Carter and Marion Moreland, as well as some typical Indian music on the Victrola. The next meeting of the club, March 30, will be at the Congregational church and Mrs. Marie Rockwell will speak on "The work of the Y. P. C. Hostess for the afternoon, Mrs. Elliot F. Humiston.

About Town. Fire started Saturday night on the grassland of George C. Moore and S. L. Taylor, located between the Stony Brook railway and the Stony Brook waterway, one-half mile west of Brookside. It burned swiftly and hard until it reached the Stony Brook at this point for lack of combustibility it went out of business.

The farmers in the Stony Brook valley and the well-known dairy at the Greig farm on Main street and William Pollock on the Cold Spring road have sold the season's milk to Wm. J. Burbeck of Lowell, well and favorably known to the citizens of Westford and a native of the town. The Y. P. S. C. U. which includes Westford corner and West Chelmsford, held a meeting in the vestry of the village church Saturday evening, when the following was on the reel and was unbound: Piano solo by Esther Smith and a sketch, entitled, "Bingville district school," when the following scholars played study: Ellen Nelson, Leonard Burne, Esther Reid, Bernice Brown, Ebba Haberman, Albert Burne, Ralph Quessy, Harold Miller, Ralph Haberman, Walter Ryan and Ethel Anderson. David Ohlsen was teacher. Besides the regular A. B. C. lessons there was singing and other harmony blendings. The committee in charge was Hilda Quessy, Mary Anderson, Harold Miller and Ralph Haberman.

West Chelmsford Grange held a well-attended meeting Thursday evening of last week when the following question was discussed: "Is the United States ready for nation wide prohibition?" Charles Edwards and W. R. Cole spoke for the affirmative and Samuel Naylor and James Peck were negative in opinion. The audience voted "Unprepared for so much sudden purification." The following were appointed relief committees: W. R. Cole, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Charles Bond, James Peck and Mrs. Etta Donnell; Harry A. Bonnell, was piano soloist of the evening. Several proposals for membership were received. The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening.

The William J. Parfit family have moved from the John H. Deatur house on the Lowell road to the Road farm house on Main street, where he is engaged for the season. Tuesday forenoon a grass fire started on land of Anos Pulley, a passing freight train sounding the alarm whistle, which brought railroad track men and some farmers from whom it received a serious beating and being fanned south by Stony Brook, it got an outing. Force Village. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved wife and family of the late George A. Parfit of Graniteville, who died Sunday at his home.

Arthur Parrott is building a large barn for Joseph Leary in the rear of his provision store in Central street. Rev. Thos. L. Fisher, pastor of St. Mark's church, Leonister, and formerly vicar of St. Andrew's parish, officiated at the Lenten services held at the mission on last week Friday evening. The chapel was packed to its utmost capacity, many of Mr. Fisher's former parishioners coming from Lowell, North Chelmsford, Ayer and Graniteville. Mr. Fisher preached a very effective sermon.

"Pepper," the valuable young colt belonging to John H. Connell, died last week from an abscess on the lung. The animal took first prize at the Middlesex North fair. The sympathy of the village is extended to the bereaved family of Miss Mabel York of Graniteville, who died on Monday.

Miss Caroline E. Precious of this village and the Misses Mabel Prescott and Helen McCoy of Westford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball at the performance of "Bachelors" given by the pupils of the Littleton high school in the town hall there on Friday night of last week. Miss Helen McCoy was the guest of Miss Ruth Cogger of Chelmsford on Saturday and Sunday. Rev. W. M. Ford conducted the services at St. Andrew's mission on

Sunday. He announced that Bishop Samuel Babcock will administer confirmation at St. Andrew's church, Ayer, on Friday evening of this week. No Lenten services will be held at this mission this week.

Cameron school closed Friday afternoon for the annual spring vacation of two weeks.

A large number from here attended the concert held in North Chelmsford on St. Patrick's night, under the auspices of St. John's church.

Graniteville. Charles T. Brooks, who has been working in the south for the past few weeks, has been spending the past few days with his family here. Michael Driscoll, of Lynn, has been a recent visitor here.

A small chimney fire caused considerable excitement at the Mrs. Rachel Reed block in West Graniteville last Saturday night, but a couple of the local firemen with chemicals soon put the fire out with very little damage.

Deaths. George J. McCarthy, a well-known and highly respected young man of this village, died at 12:30 o'clock last Sunday after an illness of less than two weeks' duration of erysipelas, which later developed into pneumonia, aged thirty-four years. He was a big, good-natured fellow, who had a host of friends, and cut off as he was in the prime of life, his death comes as a severe shock to his many relatives and a wide circle of friends. He was a wool sorter by trade, having been employed by George C. Moore in North Chelmsford for the past few years. He was affiliated with the Wool Sorters' union and was a member of Court Graniteville, F. of A. of this village.

The deceased leaves his mother, Mrs. Marion McCarthy; his wife, Bertha McLenna McCarthy; four sisters, Mrs. Ellen Tripp of Concord, Mrs. Annie Defoe, Mrs. Elizabeth Gower and Catherine McCarthy of Graniteville; also, three brothers, Robert J. and Thomas of Graniteville, and John E. McCarthy of North Chelmsford, as well as numerous relatives here and in Lowell, Boston and Somerville. The funeral service will be held at St. Catherine's church, where a body to St. Catherine's church, where a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell. The choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sang the Gregorian chant. At the offertory the "Pie Jesu" was sung and as the casket was being borne from the church the "De profundis" was sung by the choir. The funeral was largely attended.

There was a profusion of floral tributes which testified in a marked degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The bearers were Charles McLenna, Lester McLenna, John R. Healy, Frank Carroll, John J. McCusker, Samuel Smith. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery. This village, where the Foresters performed the last sad rites for their departed brother. The Forester service, both at the house and grave, was conducted by F. G. Sullivan, past chief ranger of Court Graniteville, F. of A.

Miss Mabel C. York, of this village, died at her home here on Monday, March 15, after a long illness, aged 39 yrs., 11 mos., 15 days. She had been an invalid for several years, but suffered a severe sorrow in the loss of a dear friend something over a year ago, and since that time she appeared to have very little interest in life. She bore her sorrow and affliction with great patience and Christian fortitude, and passed to the great beyond peacefully and quickly, like a child falling asleep. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. Willard H. Beebe; two sisters, Lottie and Blanche; a brother, J. Ellsworth York, and a stepfather, Willard H. Beebe. The funeral was held on Thursday.

Mrs. Adeline Nutting, widow of the late Henry Nutting, and a former resident of Graniteville, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes, in Melrose, on Saturday, March 12, aged eighty-four years. The body was taken to Westford on the noon train last Tuesday. The burial took place at the Hillside cemetery, North Westford, where a brief service was conducted by Rev. Alfred Woods, a former pastor of the Graniteville M. E. church.

News Items. Herman Stapleford has sold his farm property in West Barr hill and moved with his family to Marlboro, where he is working at his trade of carpentering. The new family is a Mr. Allen.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney, who has conducted a lunch and candy room at the old tea shop stand here this winter, has moved to Still River and will occupy the Wm. Parker house now owned by Mr. Viles. Miss Madeline Whitney of Ayer has engaged the tea shop stand for this season and will conduct, as she did last year, a thoroughly up-to-date tea shop.

Edgar W. Cottle is making extensive improvements in remodeling his residence at the "Crossways" on Oak hill. Bromfield school closes this Friday for a week's vacation. The grammar school also closes this week for the regular March vacation.

Miss Edith Davis is home from her school work in New Hampshire for the March vacation. Last week Friday evening Misses Carrie Houghton, Doris Houghton and Dorothy West of Still River, spending the evening and Saturday as guests of Miss Vera Willard. Miss Edith Dudley returned home on Saturday last after spending a few days at Manchester, N. H., with her

cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson. Mildred Morse is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Etta Hazelton, and family at Ailestad, N. H.

Mrs. Edith M. Haskell is having her house wired for electric lights and expects the same to be completed this week.

The last of the socials given by the Unitarian society is to be held at the town hall this week Friday evening, March 19. The entertainment is in charge of Miss Josephine Baker and will consist of a farce, entitled, "Too much married," a clever piece with a good local cast. Mrs. Arthur W. Bryant has charge of the supper arrangements and will serve two suppers, one at six and one at seven. The Nashaway Camp-fire Girls have arranged for a candy booth at this social and will sell home-made candy during the evening.

The Unitarian Ladies' Sewing circle will hold their annual business meeting on March 25 at the church vestry at three o'clock p. m.

The V. I. S. will hold a special business meeting on Thursday evening, March 25, at the Hapgood Memorial Hall at 9 o'clock, when business of importance is to be transacted.

On Saturday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. H. Turner was held at reading room of the library prepared to furnish tickets for all members who wish to purchase for guests' night at the Woman's club to be observed Monday evening, April 5. The overseers of the poor have engaged Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ripley of Bolton, formerly residents of this town, to take charge of the town farm, beginning their duties April 1. Mr. and Mrs. George Egan, who have given first-class satisfaction for the past year, resign their position there as Mr. Ryan feels that he must personally attend to his ice business.

Lawrence Heath is laid up with a badly crushed foot, the result of slipping under a cart while hauling gravel a few days ago, the wheel passing over his foot. No bones were broken.

The grammar school teachers and pupils enjoyed a visit from Miss Emily Hildreth on Friday afternoon of last week. Miss Hildreth was accompanied by Mrs. Elwell and Miss Carlson. The schools received an Audubon bird chart from Miss Hildreth and each month a copy of Bird Lore is presented by the same generous benefactor.

Entertainment. The Makamach-camucks Campfire have perfected arrangements for an entertainment to be held at the town hall on Friday evening, March 26, at eight o'clock. It will consist of an exhibition of lantern slide views made from negatives of local scenery, characters and events. Many of these views have been specially taken for the occasion by members of the Campfire, others have been gathered by them and their friends from various sources. The series will conclude with pictures illustrating the Campfire work, songs, symbols and girls themselves in ceremonial dress. Only two hundred views will be given, only a very small part of which have ever been shown in this form before.

Still River will be fully represented by a number of pictures made in part from choice negatives loaned for the purpose by Mrs. Merrifield.

Church Notes. The service of worship will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10:45. The pastor's subject will be "The custom of observing Lent." One of the musical numbers will be a duet for tenor and soprano by Mr. Thayer and Miss Baker. "Love divine, all love exceeding," written by Stainer.

Sunday school will meet at twelve o'clock. Twenty-five dollars' worth of new books have been added to the Sunday school library for the use of the children and these books with a good number of old ones have been selected and kept, are now ready for distribution. Classes for all and a cordial welcome.

The last Unitarian social in the regular series for the season, given by the ladies, will be held in the town hall on Friday evening of this week. Suppers at six and seven o'clock. At 7:30 a one-act farce, entitled, "Too much married," will be given. The Glee orchestra will play for the dancing.

The speaker at the next meeting of the Unitarian men's club will be Dr. F. E. Williams, of Boston, on the subject of "Disability—its cause and prevention." Dr. Williams is secretary of the Massachusetts Society for Mental Hygiene.

A service of public worship with preaching will be held at the Congregational church as usual on Sunday morning. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "The common lot." Music by the chorus choir.

The Bible school with classes for all ages will be held at twelve o'clock. Text books for the quarter beginning Monday will be distributed to those in attendance. Last Sunday Winslow West earned recognition for attendance by completing a full quarter without absence.

The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at seven o'clock will be in charge of Miss Annie M. Reed. The subject for discussion is to be "Favorite books of the Bible and why." There will be special music. The attendance has been unusually large at these meetings all winter. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

There will be a special business meeting of the Congregational church at the church parlor on Monday, March 22, at half-past two o'clock. All members qualified to vote are urged to be present as the business is of importance.

At the last meeting of the Monday class the subject of current events was interestingly presented by Miss Annie M. Reed. Papers on topics pertaining to American history and biography were read by N. A. Dill, Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Savage and Misses Kilbourn, Pollard and Jones. The next meeting will bring the study down to the beginning of the Civil war.

H. W. C. The last meeting of the Woman's club, which was observed as arts and crafts afternoon, proved a very successful one as was shown by the large number who came to hear Miss Laura Brown, president of the West Acton Woman's club, who gave a delightful talk on basketry with a most beautiful display of her handwork in that line, and Mrs. Shattuck of Roxbury, who gave a most interesting talk on hand-loom weaving, exhibiting many handsome specimens in her line.

During the business session of the meeting Mrs. Austin Peters, club president, appointed Mrs. H. A. Thayer, Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth and Miss Helen Stone, as a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. A written proposal was also brought in signed by three club members suggesting an amendment to section one, article four of the constitution, the amendment to read: The president shall be eligible for election for two consecutive years. This proposed amendment will be voted upon at the next meeting in accordance with article seven of the constitution.

An important meeting of the directors is called on Monday afternoon, March 22, at 2:30, at Hapgood Memorial rooms.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, by RICHARD McLELLIGOTT with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will and testament of said deceased, and of the probate thereof in said Province of Nova Scotia duly authenticated, representing that at the time of his death, said deceased had estate in said County of Middlesex, on which said will may be proved, and praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of said County of Middlesex, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to him the executor named therein to act in the United States.

It is hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of April A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in said County of Middlesex, to be thirty days, at least, before said Court.

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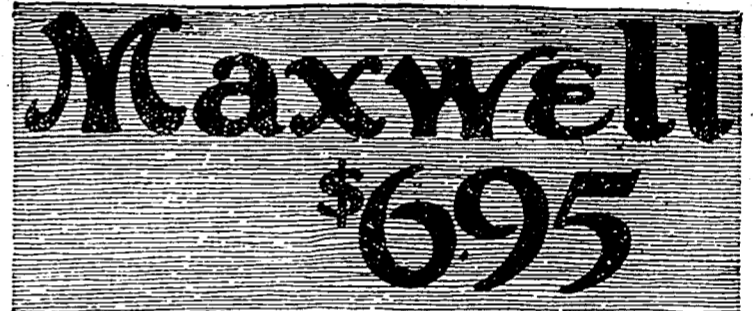
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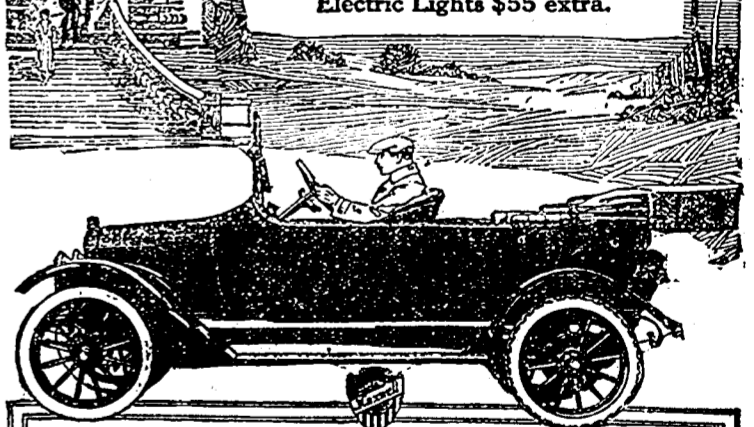
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Greenleaf is at the City hospital, Rutland, Vt., and is expected home in about ten days.

At the high school assembly held last week Friday afternoon the following program was given: Vocal solo, Agnes Lynch; piano solo, Ruth Knowles; advertisement and geography, school.

At the regular meeting of Mary A. Livermore lodge next week Friday evening an entertainment will be given, consisting of a "Bonnet bee." Refreshments will also be served. A good attendance is requested.

Mrs. E. M. Bowers, of South Merrimac, N. H., was a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Annie I. Banks.

The high school will stage a play, "Engaged by Wednesday," in Odd Fellows' hall on April 9.

The baseball team will stage "The district attorney" in Odd Fellows' hall on April 16.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson, of Millers Falls, was a visitor this week at the home of Mrs. S. Louise Butler.

Mrs. Dana B. Somes, of Boston, was a visitor on Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Harvard road.

Miss Anna Nutting after a pleasant visit with her niece, Mrs. Luther Holden, has returned to her home in Pepperell.

The invitation dance held under the auspices of the W. W. S. club was much enjoyed by all who attended. The hearty gaily furnished by Jesse Grosvenor of Worcester.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting next Friday evening, March 26. An entertainment will be given and refreshments served.

F. W. Hamilton, D. D., of Boston, will occupy the pulpit at the Universalist church Sunday morning, March 21, at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at twelve.

The Matrons' Aid society will meet with Mrs. David B. Marsh next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock and Mrs. Ora Holden Adams will entertain.

Nonnaicous Camp-fire Girls of the village gave a very successful party to their friends Saturday evening, March 13, in the Altrurian club rooms, about thirty guests being present. Games and singing were followed by a bountiful collation. The room was tastefully decorated with pine boughs and pennants. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lindenburgh, Mrs. Edward M. Davis, Miss Stella Bly, Miss Ruth Carter, Miss Mabel Osborne, Hazel Ballou, Ruth and Vera Day, Gladys Anson, Gladys Phelps, Helen Desmond, Esther Harris, Cora James, Agnes Lynch, Anna Lougee, May Stebbins, Ruth Woodman, Walter and Carl Badstuber, Ralph Heron, Harry Annie, John Logue, Raymond Harris, Fred Thomas, Edward Wilkins, Lester James, Chester Hooper and Roderick Woolley.

Miss Amanda Beaudette, of Springfield, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Eva Beaudette.

Joseph Hume, of Leominster, who was operated upon at his home last week Thursday for hernia, is not gaining as rapidly as was expected by the attending physicians and is fearing complications.

Miss Lena Gately, of Somerville, was a visitor in town with relatives the first of the week.

The term of the postmistress in Shirley will expire ere long, but according to the postoffice department the incumbent probably will be retained at least until congress meets again.

Mrs. Sarah Holt, widow of Stephen Holt, passed away at 10:30 Sunday night in Henniker, N. H., at the home of her friend, Mrs. Keyes. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at West Boylston with services at the chapel in that town, Rev. A. A. Bronson, of Millers Falls, officiating. The burial was in the family lot at West Boylston cemetery. Mrs. Holt was about eighty-eight years of age, and a former well-known and respected resident of Shirley.

There was a meeting of the executive committee of the Middlesex C. E. Local Union in the vestry of the Congregational church on Monday evening, March 15. The officers of the union, with the presidents and delegates from the different societies, numbering about thirty, were entertained at supper by the local society. This was followed by the business meeting, the new president, A. Benjamin Conant, presiding, and an informal social hour. All enjoyed a profitable and pleasant evening.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening. A good attendance is requested as the flying squadron of deputies of Central Massachusetts will be present. An entertainment will be given by the trio of Talanta lodge, Messrs. Barry, Stacey and Dohla. Refreshments will also be served and the evening promises to be one of real pleasure.

Rev. Edgar L. Halfacre, of Bethel, Vt., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Universalist church and will enter upon his new duties in the course of a month or so. Mr. Halfacre comes well recommended, is unmarried and is a member of the Mason and Odd Fellow organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret, of Waverley, are enjoying the company of a daughter born on March 12. Mr. and Mrs. Pomfret are well-known former residents of this town.

Harry Collier and Henry Badstuber have been drawn to serve on the jury and will report for duty on Monday morning at the criminal session of the superior court at Lowell.

Miss Grace Tewksbury, of Cushing academy, spent the week-end and over Sunday at her home on Center road. She was accompanied by a guest, Miss Iwanna Riley, of New York, who is a student at Cushing academy.

Rev. G. E. Woodman attended the Congregational Ministers' association

in the Ayer Congregational church on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton I. Damon, of Gardner, are spending a vacation in Bermuda. Mrs. Damon was formerly Miss Marion Conant.

Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton, Mrs. Rena Eisner and Mrs. Charles Stebbins attended the military whist game given by the D. of V. in G. A. R. hall, Leominster, Wednesday afternoon and report a fine time. The D. A. R. of Shirley are planning a military whist game to be held in April.

Deaths.

Mrs. Sarah C. Hazen, age 82 yrs. 9 mos. and 11 days, passed away Wednesday morning at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida S. Hazen, Harvard road, of heart trouble. Mrs. Hazen has been in failing health for some time past, consequently her death was not wholly unexpected. She was born in Wilton, N. H., and spent her younger days in Bangor, Me., and later attended private schools in Lenox and Cambridge, which gave her the advantages of a full rounded education.

Mrs. Hazen was the daughter of Judge Samuel and Mary Putnam Farrar of Bangor, Me., her husband dying in Dorchester nearly half a century ago. She has resided at the home of her son, the late John E. L. Hazen, for nearly eleven years and was known as a lady of exceptional tastes and habits, coupled with a superior intellect which always made its impression upon all whose privilege it was to meet her.

Mrs. Hazen was the mother of three sons and two daughters. Of that number only two sons survive, Samuel F. and Joseph Hazen, of Boston. The funeral was held at her late home on Harvard road, Friday afternoon, March 19, at two o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Bliss, seventy-three years of age, passed away at the Clinton hospital on Monday night at ten o'clock from the effects of cancer of the liver. Mrs. Bliss's sickness commenced last fall and her health has been gradually growing worse, and upon the advice of the attending physicians she was taken to the Clinton hospital last Saturday, and upon consultation of surgeons at that place her condition was considered hopeless, consequently no operation was performed. Mrs. and Mrs. Bliss resided in the Peasley block, Main street, and the case is particularly sad from the fact that her husband, a Grand Army veteran, is now critically ill at the home of his son William in Lancaster.

The funeral occurred on Thursday, with burial in the family lot at Lancaster cemetery. The survivors, besides her husband, are two sons, Charles and William, of Lancaster, and two grandchildren. The Bliss family have resided in Shirley about three years.

A Pleasant Social.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held a progressive quilting party on Wednesday in the vestry of the church from ten until eight o'clock. At six o'clock the ladies entertained their husbands and gentlemen friends at supper, the total number present being about seventy, who enjoyed every moment of the occasion. A special and pleasing feature of the event was the presentation to Mrs. Alice L. Wright, president of the Ladies' Circle, with a beautiful hand-made handkerchief, Mexican drawn work, the gift of the members of the circle. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. Louise Butler, a past president of the circle, who spoke very feelingly of the love and esteem with which Mrs. Wright was held by the circle and of the appreciation of the members for her many years of loyalty and devotion to the church work in general.

The evening as a whole was novel and interesting and a charming social success. The gentlemen present were loud in their praise for the hospitality accorded them.

Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade meeting was held in Engine hall on Wednesday evening, about fifty of the citizens being present. The temporary president, Gilbert M. Ballou, presided, and after the reading of the records by the secretary, Charles H. Woods, Jr., Mr. Ballou introduced as the speaker of the evening, George E. Coates, secretary of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce, who gave a good general outline of the value of a board of trade, quoting from old-time poets and literary men of days gone by to substantiate his arguments. Mr. Coates related many interesting facts about Lynn which included a statement that the income of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce was twenty-two thousand dollars per year, but also gave essential ideas for a Board of Trade in a town like Shirley and what was needed as preliminary steps while in a primitive state.

Mr. Coates, who is also secretary of the New England Association of Commercial Executives, was most pronounced in his ideas as to the class of men needed to compose a Board of Trade, placing before the citizens lofty ideals of character, unselfishness and men who are willing to work for the interest of the town first, last and all the time. He was tendered a rousing vote of thanks.

Elmer H. Allen, one of a committee to assist in bringing the proposed new industry into the town reported progress. Ezekiel J. Wilson, member of the committee on by-laws, presented a code of by-laws which were accepted by the citizens. It was then voted that a committee be appointed by the chairman to prepare a list of permanent officers for the consideration of the citizens at the next meeting. The committee appointed are J. Edwin Pomfret, Thomas L. Hazen and Ezekiel J. Wilson.

The next meeting will be held on next week Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Engine hall.

Upping.

The following was taken from the Boston American of Sunday, March 14: There is in the State of Massachusetts

in the town of Shirley a boys' reformatory without walls, without barred windows, with a fair degree of home life, and above all making it unite among such schools in the United States, with a sense of loyalty.

Harsh systems of discipline, cruel punishment, solitary cells, bread and water diet, etc., of olden times, have been transformed at Shirley into a merit system and into heart-to-heart talks with a principal who believes there is much good in every boy who comes to him and a man who has the future welfare of every youth constantly in mind.

When alumni of the Shirley Industrial farm were recently heard shouting loyalty for the school where they were given a training for life that has helped toward honorable positions, the superintendent smiled with satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

George P. Campbell has from the first, when the school was established seven years ago, had an ideal which pictured an educational institutional that should in time have much in common with college preparatory academies.

While conditions among boys committed by the court cannot be the same as among lads whose parents are paying large sums of money for their sons' education, nevertheless Superintendent Campbell has succeeded in creating a spirit among the Shirley boys that expresses itself in school yells, songs, and special cheers. There are football and baseball teams which not only play interschool games, but also challenge and compete with teams from public and private institutions such as Shirley high school and Groton School.

The whole idea of the Shirley Industrial school is to send boys back into the world better able to take their places in the industrial system and to conduct themselves with credit.

The life of Shirley is divided into three departments: Work (industrial), education (school), and play. Each is considered important, and one as essential as the others. Normal living is the slogan and self-control the goal. Rudiments of seventeen trades are taught and schooling which goes with it is thorough and effective. On the 900-acre farm each boy is taught something of what it means to gain a livelihood from the soil. All know something of farming when they leave.

Upon entering the school a boy is given 9,000 points to be worked off by good behavior and attention to his tasks. Whatever he may be. The minimum term is one year.

Not only does the superintendent take a careful oversight of each boy committed to the farm, but a plan for parole after leaving school makes it possible for probation officers to help in establishing lads in good positions before they are given entire freedom. Although discipline is often strict, especially with boys who have just come to the institution, there comes a time when great freedom is allowed and boys come and go on the farm as though they were actually at home.

Shirley was established for boys thought too young for Concord reformatory and too old for Westboro. At the start when the school was founded many predicted that the abolition of jail methods would be disastrous, but seven years have proved skeptics to be in the wrong, and the banquet held last week at the Boston City club, in which the boys cheered Superintendent Campbell, as well as judges who had committed them to Shirley, was a climax to reform prison methods which are causing old penal "experts" to rub their eyes in astonishment.

Center.

The Matrons' Aid society will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 23, at the home of Mrs. Adams at the home of Mrs. David Marsh, Center road.

The Girls' Sewing Guild spent a pleasant afternoon last Saturday with Miss Ethel M. Holden. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. E. Barnard on Saturday, March 27.

Miss Marion L. Holden spent the latter part of last week with Mrs. Nelson Wood, formerly Miss Bernice Lunt, of Pepperell.

Lewis Bradford spent the week-end in Boston with his brother, Raymond Bradford, and attended the auto show on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden returned home last Saturday after spending the week at the home of her son, Harrie P. Barnard, at the Center.

Miss Marion L. Holden returned this week to Greenwich after spending a short vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Miss Elsie Kirby, who is suffering from an attack of heart trouble, is still very ill, having been confined to her bed nearly three weeks now. Dr. Bulkeley, of Ayer, is attending her.

Harry Stone closed up his home on Parker road last week and has gone to Waltham for a visit with relatives.

Mr. Parson, of Groton School, will conduct the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Sunday school classes immediately after the service.

LITTLETON.

News Items. A good sized audience listened with much interest to the comedy, "Men, maids and matchmakers," and pronounced it a successful culmination of the efforts of high school seniors for their trip fund. The parts were well committed and the acting was a credit to cast and coach alike. Receipts from tickets and home-made candy sold between the acts netted sixty-three dollars. The class of 1915, chaperoned by Miss Marion W. Flagg, started yesterday for their Washington trip and will return at the end of one week. Through the persistent efforts of the class, the assistance of teachers and parents, and the generous patronage of teachers and parents, and the generous patronage of the townspeople this outing has been made possible, and their friends wish them a happy and successful vacation at the national capital.

Harold Whitecomb is spending a few days of his vacation with his uncle, John Adams, in Concord Junction.

An inquest was held in the Ayer district court last Saturday on the death of Engineer William E. Peasley, who was fatally injured at North Littleton on February 5. Mr. Peasley went up on the locomotive tender to see how much water the tank contained when he accidentally hit his head against the North Littleton bridge and injured himself fatally. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for treatment, but died within a few days.

A daughter was born on Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivers, who recently moved into the George Yapp cottage in Newtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Taylor are enjoying a visit from their little granddaughter of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H. Interesting Lecture. A lecture of unusual interest and value was given by William H. Bain, of Boston, in the town hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Camp-fire Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, in a very pleasing manner, outlined the nature and purpose of the society. The speaker was introduced by his friend and host, F. B. Priest. Mr. Bain prefaced his illustrated lecture by a general survey of the subject, "The Islands of the Pacific." When he had completed his address the audience was of but one opinion—a most delightful educational lecture, given by a speaker of charming personality, who wins the admiration of his audience from the first, and commands the closest attention throughout. The wish has been expressed that Mr. Bain be invited to address the Lyceum the coming season.

The lecture is a personal friend of the Priest family and was Mr. Bain's room-mate in the recent European trip made by members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Have You Seen That Poster? It's out and around everywhere. If you don't believe it look around. Go to any of the surrounding towns and you'll see them and our own village has not been neglected. It is the Choral society's minstrel and vaudeville show to be given in the town hall, Monday and Tuesday evening, April 12 and 13. Something for everybody.

On Monday evening there will be a big minstrel of twenty-four numbers given by a mixed chorus of thirty voices with six black endmen full of witty jokes and songs. Solos by members of the chorus with selections by a quartet composed of four endmen. Two hours and a half of solid fun and good music. Nothing to offend and all for fun.

On Tuesday evening a cafe chatant will be given. Something entirely new and on the pop concert style, so popular in the cities. During the progress of the entertainment refreshments will be served, consisting of ice cream and cake, tonics, peanuts and candy. The settees will be removed from the hall and tables and chairs substituted for all. The program has been arranged to give an hour and a half of original entertainment of entirely new features. Following the cafe chatant, dancing will be indulged in from ten o'clock to one. Music to be furnished by Newell's orchestra of Marlboro. This program has been arranged to please everyone, both the younger as well as the older members of the family.

This appears to be upon the face of it from its originality, the crowning success of this winter's amateur performances.

New Advertisements.

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Sec. 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall, except as is provided in section one hundred and thirty, forfeit not more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the dog is kept, but, in the county of Suffolk, said sum shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or town in which said dog is kept.

GUY B. REMICK, 2w28 Town Clerk, Ayer, Mass.

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Saturday, March 20, 1915.

AYER.

George W. Stuart will observe his ninety-second birthday this Saturday.

R. H. Donovan is off duty from the printing office of H. S. Turner on account of a severe attack of the grippe. He is confined to the bed.

Spring Millinery opening at Lucy B. Wyman's, Washington street.

Born in Ayer, March 18, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Auld.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold an Easter sale in the lower town hall, March 24, from 2.30 to five.

The annual party of the sewing school will be held Saturday, March 27, in the town hall. The work of the children will be exhibited. Mothers of the children attending the school are especially invited and all others who are interested.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will be held in the parlor of the church on Wednesday afternoon at half-past two.

Eugene Barry has placed his order for a Studebaker seven-passenger touring car with Robert Murphy's Sons Company.

Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, March 24. There will be an initiation and lunch will be served after the meeting.

The Edward Everett Hale club met Thursday evening with Reginald MacDonnell. These questions were discussed: Military training for boys and resolved that the United States should increase her army and navy. Refreshments were served by the host.

Mrs. Thomas Smith and Mrs. Joseph Graves received the members of the Neighborhood club, their families and a few invited guests Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Smith. There was a large gathering. A fine program was given. It included piano duets by Miss Lillian Tuttle, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. M. J. Griffin.

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Candidates for the high school baseball team for the coming season are practicing regularly for places on the team. There are a large number who are trying to make good and the interest so far shown warrants the conclusion that the school will have a better team this year than ever before.

Charles E. Perrin has resigned his position as forest fire warden. Douglas C. Smith is filling the place until Mr. Perrin's successor is chosen.

Miss Helen Barker, who has been assisting at the postoffice for the past year, concludes her duties this Saturday night.

Mrs. Margaret Kinnane, a former resident of Ayer, died at St. John's hospital, Lowell, Tuesday, aged fifty years. She is a sister of Mrs. Daniel H. Nevelan of this town. The funeral took place this week Friday morning.

Richard E. Barrett returned last Sunday from St. Joseph's hospital, where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Michael Shea, one of our oldest citizens, has been confined to his home by illness for some time past.

The leader in the moving picture shows this Saturday will be "Two Women," in three parts. Another good one-reel story, entitled "His poor claim," will be shown. "Ivan, the Jew," a Kalein comedy, and a two-reel man and Mabel's simple life, will be shown. The Keystone comedies, which are shown every Saturday, are making a big hit and are a great feature. They must be seen to be appreciated. Matinee at three; evening at eight.

Mrs. Howard B. White has been staying for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Norman, to assist in celebrating the seventy birthday of her little nephew, Benjamin in Worcester.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held in Masonic hall on Monday evening, March 22, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Entered Apprentice degree.

Monday afternoon, March 22, in Steinert hall, Boston, a concert by Miss Nina Fletcher, the accomplished and advancing violinist whose progress an interested public has annually followed. She will be heard in pieces by Handel, Beethoven, Bach, Cui, Saint-Saens and other composers.

The Baptist Y. P. U. are to have a social next week Friday evening in the church vestry.

The pupils of Mrs. Lena H. Graydon were entertained at Hardy's hall on the afternoon of March 10, when games and dancing were enjoyed. Prizes were won by Miss Elizabeth Hill and Miss Doris Dickerman. Ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Graydon was assisted by Miss Staples, Miss Cochrane and Miss Jenness.

See opposite page for other Ayer news.

A. W. C. The Woman's club held an equal suffrage afternoon at Hardy's hall on March 17. The meeting was open to the public and a large audience was present. Miss Longstreet of Boston opened the meeting with a group of songs, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Barry and Theodore Barry. Dr. Richmond Plisk gave a short address. Mrs. Briggs of Newwood, speaking on "The woman movement," told of the conditions which have brought women today to take an interest in public matters and was listened to with close attention. Mrs. Grace Johnson of Cambridge talked on "Suffrage for Massachusetts this year," a subject especially timely when as the question is to be presented at the November elections. Her sweet reasonableness appealed to all and she received enthusiastic applause.

Notice was given of the meeting of the literature section with Mrs. Ida C. Perkins on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, at three o'clock. Readings

social afternoon with Mrs. E. A. Whitely on Friday afternoon, March 26, at 2.30 o'clock.

Congregational church services for Sunday—Morning service at 10.45, sermon subject, "Inspiration from a modern viewpoint"; Sunday school at twelve o'clock; C. E. meeting at 5.45 in the evening, topic, "Favorite books of the bible"; evening service at 6.30, address, "The palace of art."

Sunday school at the Methodist church will be held at ten o'clock in the morning; evening service at seven o'clock. "Leveling power of Christianity." The Mandolin club will be present and furnish music, and will also lead in the singing. This week Friday evening Mr. Crane will read "In the vanguard." This is free, but admission is by ticket only.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., attended the funeral of the late comrade, Charles P. Atherton, in Harvard last Sunday. They were accompanied by several members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V.

Dr. H. E. Brown, formerly of Ayer, now of Springfield, who underwent a surgical operation in that city a short time ago, is reported to be doing well.

Miss Amy Lougee has been visiting relatives in Upton the past week. She has been obliged to give up her work at the bank on account of ill health.

The tall shop of Hyman Fish, on West Main street, entered some time after midnight Tuesday morning and a quantity of second-hand clothing taken. The property taken consisted of a fur coat, a grey overcoat, three suits, a pair of pants and a black sack suit. Some of the goods taken were discovered near the water tanks of the Boston and Maine railroad near Phelps' mill, and were found by Lyman J. Taylor early Tuesday morning while he was on his way to work. Later the clothing was returned to Mr. Fish. Chief Beatty is working on the case, but thus far no clue has been obtained. Entrance was gained through a rear door which was unlocked.

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from War Brides by Marlon Craig Wentworth.

Tickets for the club children's afternoon were distributed and are now in the hands of Mrs. Lois Porter and Mrs. Frank S. Bennett. This date has been changed from March 27 to April 10.

Fires. Monday was a busy day for a force of men who put in strenuous work in trying to subdue a raging grass fire in the eastern part of the town which started near Gilson's Corner. The fire caught from some unknown cause on the land of Fred W. Livingston and swept rapidly in an easterly direction toward what is known as the Rural home property, near the railroad. For some time it was thought that this old landmark would be consumed by the flames, but fortunately it escaped unharmed. The grass all around the buildings was burned up close to the house and outbuildings. A detachment of the fire fighters was rushed by automobile toward the Harvard line this side of the South family of Shakers in an effort to head off the flames, but although they made heroic efforts the fire continued its mad rush toward the woodland land near the Shaker settlement. The Harvard firemen assisted in fighting the fire.

Tuesday morning another fire started on the Gilson tract, LITTLETON road, now occupied by Earl Farnsworth. The fire spread so fast that it soon got beyond control, rushing eastward on the north side of the road and crossing into woodland owned by L. W. Phelps. Some cordwood belonging to Mr. Phelps was burned and the standing wood more or less damaged before the fire could be put out. Several smaller fires during the week were put out without sounding alarms.

Pleasantly Entertained. "Old home night" was observed by George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., in the post rooms, Dickinson's block, Thursday evening. A fine program of patriotic songs, orchestral selections, readings and short addresses was prepared for the occasion, all of which contributed to an evening of rare pleasure which was enjoyed by all. The musical selections, vocal and instrumental, were encored several times. The W. R. C. S. of V., and its associate members, Dickinson's block, were among the invited guests. After the program was finished a soldier's lunch was served.

Stephen N. Lougee, commander of George S. Boutwell post, presided in his usual pleasing way, and in the course of his duties made several humorous allusions to some of the ladies and gentlemen which caused a good deal of fun.

The program given was as follows: Address of welcome, commander; song, "Star Spangled Banner," by all; selections by orchestra, composed of the Briggs sisters; vocal solos by the male quartet, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Frank Harlow, Ellis B. Harlow and Holden C. Harlow; and by the ladies, Daisy G. Beckford, Miss Mary Johnson and Mrs. Emma C. Wood; readings, Misses Sadie Ross and Phyllis Poor; address, Rev. Mr. Sanford, of the Unitarian church; Mrs. Ellen G. Sawyer, president of the W. R. C., responded for that organization; Com. J. W. Westcott spoke for the S. of V., and Patrick Donlon for the associate members of the post. Mr. Lougee read a poem in which an old soldier was the principal figure. It was much appreciated.

Mrs. Sawyer, president of the W. R. C., announced that the corps will entertain the G. A. R. post and S. of V. on Tuesday evening, April 20.

Looking Over Murder Scene. State officer Fred Flynn of Lawrence, with county civil engineer Frank Kendall and assistant J. H. Duffy made a trip to West Groton Thursday to take measurements for use at the Collura murder trial in the superior court next Monday.

The distance from the building at the West Groton papermill, where the murder was committed, to the alleged crime, to the Ayer station by the railroad as measured by the engineers is 24,791 feet. From the West Groton station to Ayer station was found to be four miles. The distance from the papermill to the scene of the crime was covered in a moderate walk in 57 minutes and the remainder of the journey to Ayer required 37 minutes, making a total of 94 minutes to cover the 4.7 miles, including time for the necessary stops.

Before going to press we learn that through an agreement between Frank Zuttolle of Boston, counsel for the defendant, and the district attorney, that the latter has agreed to accept a plea of guilty of manslaughter. This action will dispose of the formality of a jury trial. The jurors drawn from Ayer for the case were notified this week Friday morning by the clerk of courts, William Dillingham of Cambridge, that their services would not be required.

The jurors drawn were Patrick Donlon, M. J. Griffin and John L. Leahy.

Making Good. Frank P. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffin, who has been spending a few days at home, left Thursday morning to take up his duties as railway mail clerk between Keene, N. H., and South Vernon, Vt. Mr. Griffin is what is known as a spare clerk and is sent to wherever there is a vacancy in the regular force. For the past

ten months he has been working on the above route and came home a week ago when the regular clerk was appointed to the position, who is now temporarily absent.

Mr. Griffin has shown marked ability in the short time he has been in the postal service and has worked up to the second place on the spare list over a number of competitors. This means that when the third vacancy occurs in the system that he will be a permanent possessor of the position.

Double Anniversary. There was a very happy gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller on Pleasant street, Wednesday evening, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage and the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Huntington both being observed together. The exact date of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington's anniversary is March 25, the celebration being held at this time in order that the double event might be all the more enjoyable.

The color scheme in the decorations was white and green with shamrocks a prominent feature. The home-made candles, frosting on the wedding cake and other food served were made of the same colors. Everyone who had lunch was obliged to wear a green paper bonnet with white strings while green and white cards, neatly written with the name of each guest, were placed where they were to sit at the table. Each guest was given a slice of wedding cake and each also received a favor, consisting of shamrocks. Many fine presents of cut glass and silver were received.

The evening's pleasure ended in games and a general social time. Guests were present from Ayer, Lowell and Groton.

St. Andrew's Notes. Miss Rose Peabody, of Groton School, gave a most personal and charming lecture on China at St. Andrew's on last week Friday night. A set of one hundred slides from New York of striking interest and beauty made the background for her amusing account of costumes, customs, such as foot binding, prevailing courtesy and other characteristics of the Chinese. Her description of how to strike a bargain out shopping was truly Oriental. The tea she denounced as horrible, but unavoidable.

The contrast between the old pagan China and the coming christian China was brought out clearly, but there were no missionary statistics. The audience of about fifty were given a delightful hour and a vivid idea of China with much to remember. On Friday evening, March 26, at 7.30, Miss Peabody will give a second lecture talk on the Philippine Islands.

On this week Friday evening at 7.30 confirmation will be administered in St. Andrew's church by Bishop Babington. All church members are urged to be present.

On Sunday there will be a special holy communion service at 10.45 in the morning for those confirmed during the last five years.

Parents and friends are invited to come with the children Sunday at twelve o'clock to see bible pictures shown by the new lantern.

Ministers' Meeting. One of the most fully attended meetings of the Middlesex Union Association of Ministers was held in the Congregational parlors on Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Cross, of Fitchburg, was president of the day. The morning session was largely occupied with inquiry for the wisest methods of meeting such popular movements as may seem to us sectional, or even in some phases of them immoral. The sentiment of this meeting was, of course, against plural marriage, free love and all similar evils. While we are always to have courage to stand up and be counted against any evil, we may sometimes advertise and spread it by overlooking the good which may be seen on the other side and especially by any semblance of persecution.

Rev. Dr. E. C. Moore, president of the American Board of Foreign Missions, was the guest of honor in the afternoon and gave a most illuminating address upon "The present world situation and foreign missions." This was followed by questions from the floor answered by the speaker. Mr. Moore evidently has a most enthusiastic confidence that the opportunity for influence by means of missionary effort was never larger than now.

Among those present were Revs. G. M. Howe of Groton, Lewis, Paul and Mills of Pepperell, Struthers of Townsend, Anderson of Fitchburg, McLane of North Westminster, Bryant of Lunenburg, Newton of Duxbury, Vets of Boxborough, Dunlap of Ashby, Tingley of Acton, Tewksbury, Adams and Huzey of Concord, Alvord of Littleton, Woodman of Shirley, Trowbridge of West Groton, Gordon of Lancaster and others.

A special minute was adopted and put on record in memory of Rev. Franklin Parker Wood, who died in Acton in December, one of the three longest time members of the body. B.

District Court. The inquest on the death of William E. Peaslee, who was fatally injured at North Littleton on February 5, was held last Saturday morning before Judge Warren H. Atwood. Peaslee was a spare engineer of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and received fatal injuries at the above time and place by his head coming in contact with an overhead highway bridge close to the North Littleton station.

Engineer E. R. Grover, of Lawrence, who had charge of the locomotive on the day of the accident, was the first witness. He said that on February 5, the train numbered extra 2668, left Lawrence for East Deerfield with himself in charge of the engine. Peaslee, the spare engineer was riding on the fireman's seat, the fireman being very

busy keeping up steam as the train was a very heavy one. A short distance east of North Littleton station, while the train was running twenty-five to thirty miles an hour, Peaslee went up on the tender to find out if there was sufficient water in the tank to enable the train to get to Fitchburg without taking water at Ayer. As he reached the top of the pile of coal in the tender his head came in forcible contact with the lower beam of the overhead bridge above, described. He was picked up by the regular engine-men and the head brakeman, who saw at once that he was seriously injured. The train was rushed to Ayer where the injured man received medical attention from Dr. L. D. Sullivan. Later he was removed to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, where he died several days later.

The last that Grover saw of Peaslee before the accident was when he was sitting on the fireman's seat consulting a time table. The next thing that he knew in regard to him was when the fireman called out to him that Peaslee had been injured. The latter was lying on the coal bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth. The injured man was unconscious.

In answer to a question by the court as to the reason for their being two engineers on the locomotive of the train that day Grover said that Peaslee could not run over that part of the run because of Lawrence and Ayer as that was on the Portland division. Peaslee was qualified to run only over the Fitchburg division. Grover was acting as a pilot from Lawrence to Ayer, when Peaslee intended to run the engine to East Deerfield, its destination, over the Fitchburg division as was his usual custom. The reason why Peaslee was riding on the locomotive was to learn the road so that he might be able to run his train through the entire distance between Lawrence and East Deerfield.

The other trainmen told about the same story, differing only in slight details.

Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer of the local district court, testified regarding investigations made of the accident by direction of the court and of certain measurements taken at the scene of the accident.

James H. O'Connell, baggage-master at the Ayer railroad station, testified to assisting in removing the injured engineer from the engine to the baggage room when the train arrived here.

Charles E. Montgomery, of West Medford, an inspector of the State Public Service Commission, was present, as usual on such occasions, in his official capacity.

A. O. H. Concert and Ball. The fortieth annual concert and ball of Division 7, A. O. H., was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening. This year the division very generously gave the proceeds of the evening for the benefit of St. Mary's church. The hall was crowded to the doors by the people of Ayer and out-of-town friends, who annually come in large numbers on these occasions.

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Center. The Townsend Monday club will meet with Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren on Monday, March 22. Rev. Joseph McKeen of West Townsend, will address the club on "The Psychology of Habit."

held in Odd Fellows hall, Center school building. The meeting will be called to order at 10:45 in the morning with the following program: Welcome, master of Townsend Grange, Frank A. Woods, response, assistant steward of Pomona Grange, John T. Leasure, song, "The Model Grange," paper, "The Business Men—How to get her and how to keep her," Ralph B. Piper, music, Herman C. Knight, "Business and the orchard," back into profitable bearing conditions," George L. Whitcomb, paper, Mrs. Esther Seaver, dinner at twelve o'clock, served in the Odd Fellows banquet hall, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon and Mrs. Mary Spring; afternoon session open to the public; piano solo, Albert G. Seaver, "The apple from orchard to market," George S. Knight, address, Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, on "A zigzag journey to the land of the midnight sun," original poem, H. Warren Seaver, vocal solo, Mrs. George Brackett, paper, "Labor-saving devices," Mrs. Minnie L. Knight, reading, Mrs. Emma F. Seaver, "Clover, corn and a bank account," Galen A. Weston, "The thing interesting," Mrs. Verena Barber, vocal solo, Mrs. Minnie N. Greenleaf, piano solo, Albert G. Seaver, closing song, Grange.

contributor to the program, followed by a discussion. Miss Agnes Thompson has returned from a visit to friends in Boston and vicinity. Miss Emma Adams has returned from a few weeks' visit to her sister in Providence, R. I. Rev. Joseph McKeen's topic for Sunday morning will be "A Sunday morning fishing trip," and in the evening "The man who wanted to go but would not pay for his ticket."

Miss Edith Fletcher is visiting friends in Winchester, N. H., where she taught school last year. As S. C. Bates was riding over Great road one day this last week a fellow autoist collided with him and all but demolished Mr. Bates' car, so that it had to be hauled home by horses and in for repairs. The subject of Rev. J. C. Alvord's sermon on Sunday morning is "Is it ever right to tell a lie?" A number of Mr. Alvord's Sunday school class asked for a sermon on the subject chosen.

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About Town.

William T. MacMaster and family are moving to the cottage owned by Stanley Clarke at Patch's Corner.

Miss Hazel Marshall will be glad to receive news items for this paper.

Walter Ashley, of Nashua, has been appointed receiver for the Pierce Brothers estate.

Robert Leslie has taken the agency for Richardson Manufacturing Co. and Ross Bros., dealers in manure spreaders, plows and all kinds of farming implements.

Miss Lillian Tirrell, of Hollis depot, spent several days last week with Mrs. Flora Hardy, and returned to her home last Saturday.

Several of the Odd Fellows went to Concord on Thursday evening of last week.

A good many people in town have been having the grippe.

Lillian Keyes is still at the home of George A. Ladd, where she has been for some time assisting with the work.

Fred Holden is working at Worcester Bros. farm.

Some of the Odd Fellows were conveyed to Nashua last week Thursday evening in Waldo A. Flagg's automobile.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lund, who has been ill with the whooping cough, is much better now.

Mr. Woodbury, principal of the high school, spent the week-end with relatives in Nashua.

Mrs. Ella M. Farley was a guest of Mrs. Georgiana Kimball in Pepperell recently, and attended the Poissona Grange meeting while there.

Harvey Messer, who formerly lived at S. F. Woods', was in town a few days recently.

Some of the Hollis Grangers visited Prescott Grange in Pepperell on last week Friday evening and witnessed the third and fourth degrees worked on a class and partook of the harvest feast.

Mr. Fred Holden, Frank Rule, Albert F. Hildreth and William T. MacMaster attended the annual supper and entertainment given by the Warren Veterans association held in the town hall, Pepperell, on last week Friday evening.

Miss Florence Muzzey, of Worcester, was at home last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Muzzey. She was ill with an attack of laryngitis.

The Boy Scouts took a "bike" on last Saturday with Rev. Robert French.

Miss Bernice Holmes visited her home Grange in Pepperell last week Friday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred and the harvest feast served.

Leonard Lawrence spent Sunday with his wife and son at the home of Mrs. Mabel Guething and returned to his place of business on Monday morning.

The board of health fumigated the home of George Stinson the first of the week. The family had been under quarantine owing to a case of diphtheria, which their son Henry was afflicted with.

It is reported that C. Fred Mead expects to move soon with his family to Nashua.

Flagg & Worcester's Buick auto truck was out of commission and towed to Nashua for repairs on last Saturday.

Harry Campbell, of Brookline, has been in town for several days past with his brother Fred on the Sunday paper route.

Schools closed this week Friday for the annual spring vacation of two weeks.

An item in last week's column stating that Perley A. Lund had bought the Snow place of Dr. Hazard, was entirely wrong as he has no intention of doing the same.

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Miss Eunice Walsh is on the sick list this week.

Saturday afternoon the Sunshine Nest of Bluebirds held their council meeting with Mrs. Robert M. French.

The Nissitisset Camp-fire No. 2 held their council meeting at the home of their guardian, Mrs. William Sanders.

The Nissitisset Camp-fire No. 1 met with their guardian, Mrs. Robert M. French, Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society are planning for their monthly supper and entertainment.

The committee in charge are Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, Mrs. Walter Flinders and Mrs. Albert C. Wetmore.

Grace Hills, the daughter of Edward Hills, was quite ill for a day or two, but is better now.

Miss Bernice Holmes spent the week-end with her parents in Pepperell.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin is spending a few days in Mason.

Mrs. Flora Ord returned on Monday to her work in Waltham, Mass., after spending the week-end with her parents.

Miss Evelyn Hills is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Goodwin in Swampscott, Mass.

The Woman's club will hold its regular meeting at the ladies parlors Wednesday morning, March 24.

The high school held its annual party on Friday, March 19.

The junior class of the high school has decided upon a play which will be given later.

George A. Ladd has been ill and confined to the house for the past two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frost and daughter Viola visited friends in Lowell last week.

The annual church records for 1912-13 and 1913-14 have gone to print.

The selectmen have reappointed Harold E. Hardy as tree warden and they have appointed Charles E. Hardy, Albert Hildreth and Marcellus J. Powers as fire wardens.

Tuesday night the Grange held its regular meeting. The third and fourth degrees were conferred upon seven candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Woods served a very nice supper after which the following program was given: Song, Grange choir and members; essay, "How to manage at house-cleaning time"; Mrs. Albert C. Wetmore; reading, Miss Mabel Kinckley; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; reading, Charles Wilshire; vocal solo, Miss Grace P. Smith.

There was a large attendance, over one hundred members and fourteen visitors being present.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society have decided upon Friday, March 26, as the date to give their social and entertainment.

Miss Twiss returned the middle of the week to her home on Proctor hill.

A. H. Jordan returned home this week after a few days' vacation in Boston.

Mr. Marvel has been confined to the house with the grippe this last week.

Mr. Flagg expects to move into the new store on April 1. The new building which has been erected by C. H. Miller, contractor, in Pepperell, is a great improvement to the town and the citizens of Hollis are grateful that Franklin Worcester had the public spirit to have another nice building erected so soon after the other building was lost by fire.

Investigation Committee Meeting. On last Saturday the committee on investigations concerning the Pine Hill school building, Henry Wilson, John Howe and Lewis Rideout, met Superintendent Bacon, Charles P. Bown and Francis K. Sweetser at the Pine Hill school to see what needed to be done to the building.

The school board will meet in a few days to try to decide the question and report at the special school meeting on March 27. All voters are requested to be present, if possible, to vote on the articles printed below, as there must be two-thirds of all the voters of the town present to make the meeting legal.

The articles are as follows: Article 1. To hear reports and all other agents and officers of the district and act thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the district will vote to purchase a site for a new school building in the Pine Hill section of the district, erect a new school-house on said site, or upon present site, or remodel or repair the present building, appropriate money or hire it for the above purposes, or act anything in relation thereto.

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Pepperell. Mrs. Hattie Stiles gave a reading, after which the subject, "Cats," was strenuously discussed.

Miss Emma Gilson has returned to the home after a week's visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Matthews.

Charles Wilkins and Frank Austin went to Nashua last week Tuesday and visited Mrs. Wilkins and Roland Austin at St. Joseph's hospital. They found the patients doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Inez Wright, who has been visiting her brother, Freeman Wright, has returned to her home in Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Holcombe were visitors in Boston last week Wednesday.

O. D. Fessenden, Herbert Corey and son Harry attended the automobile show in Boston last week Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mrs. G. E. Cady, with Mrs. John Martin, of Pepperell, and Mrs. Perkins, of Nashua, went to Norton, Mass., last week Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. William French. Both Mr. and Mrs. French sent their kindest regards and wished to be remembered to all of their friends.

Miss Lizzie Whitcomb, of Townsend, was the recent guest of Mrs. Della Whitcomb.

Samuel Cooke died on last week Wednesday morning of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cesar Gindick. He had worked as quartermaster at the Millford quarries for a number of years. A delegation of quarry-men came from Millford on Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Charles Fagan, of Townsend, was a visitor in town last week Wednesday.

At the regular meeting of Brookline Grange on last week Wednesday evening the second degree was exemplified for the inspection of Deputy Arthur C. Vaughan, who was present. The program for the evening consisted of a piano solo by Alice Whitcomb; reading, Mattie Kent; vocal duet, Maud Gray and Ethel Taylor; reading, George Cady; vocal diet, Minnie Maxwell and Wallace Jones; song, Grange, "Hurrah for Old New England." A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell which was most interesting to all. Following the program refreshments were served.

At the town meeting held on last week Tuesday the following officers were elected:

Walter Corey, Fred Rockwood, George Nye, selectmen; A. J. Hall, town clerk; Delbert Porter, road agent; and Fred Weston, assessor.

Treasurer, Frank Wilcox, assessor, Ralph Greeley and L. Powers, assessors; Edwin Taylor, sexton; William Brown and Patrick Connell, public weighers; Clarence Russell, auditor; Edward Corey, Charles Taylor and Edward Shattuck, trustees of cemetery fund; George Bridges, John Anderson, Charles Gilson, harbor committee; George Rockwood, Peter Pierce, Edward Lacey and Walter Fessenden, supervisors of road and lumber; Elmer Rideout, sewer of works and measures; Herbert Corey, William Holbart and O. D. Fessenden, finance committee.

The officers of police, constable, dog killer and auditors were left for the selectmen to fill. Mrs. George Bridges was the new member elected on the library committee for three years. The office of tax collector was put out on bid. During the noon hour dinner was served at the Congregational church.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The trustees for the Ritter Memorial library have organized with John Woodledge, chairman; Miss Helen G. Jones, clerk; James A. Litchfield, treasurer; Miss Fannie C. Graves and John Woodledge, auditors; Miss L. Frances Jones, librarian; Miss Helen G. Jones, assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor visited the automobile show in Boston on Tuesday last week.

The school committee met for organization on Tuesday evening of last week and Mrs. Frederick C. Cross was elected chairman; Clifford C. Lane, clerk; George P. Grant, Jr., auditor; Dr. Charles E. Woods, school physician; James L. Harrington, attendance officer; Elmer McIntyre, janitor of the Center school building.

The road commissioners for 1915 also organized last week as follows: William R. Proctor, chairman; Walter R. Burnap, clerk.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ellen S. Parker on Friday afternoon, March 12.

Thomas G. Lesure, a veteran of the civil war, and the oldest man in Lunenburg, died at his home near Whalom on Tuesday afternoon, March 16. He had been in failing health for several months and as he was nearly ninety years of age he could not withstand the infirmities of old age and gradually grew weaker until the end came. He was a member of Post 19, G. A. R., of Fitchburg, and loved and respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Frank W. Lesure, of Fitchburg, and John Lesure of Lunenburg.

There are many changes being made in the ownership of real estate in Lunenburg this spring and several very desirable places, house lots and residences, are still on the market. It is rumored that the place on Massachusetts avenue, owned by the late Wilbur A. Lacey, and now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Henry D. Kelley, and family, has been sold in order to settle up the estate of its late owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Rockwood have vacated the little cottage by the schoolhouse in Lopus and have moved to the Craig farm on Flat Hill.

The annual meeting of the Lunenburg A. A. will be held in the lower town hall this Saturday evening. Officers are to be elected for the ensuing year, after which refreshments will be served. As the season for basketball is practically at an end, plans are to be made for outdoor sports, and the game of baseball already looms up head and shoulders above everything else. It is hoped there will be a large attendance at

this annual meeting and start the outdoor program with hearty interest.

George N. Proctor has sold the buildings and a portion of the land near Whalom, known as the Daley place, to Clarence Proctor, who buys it for a home.

The assessors for 1915 have organized by appointing Ernest K. Proctor as chairman, and Charles L. Allen as clerk.

The men of the Methodist church met on Tuesday of this week to newly organize the chapel. The weather was remarkably mild for this season of the year and the members made lively music until the noon hour when a bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the society.

The Middlesex union conference will meet in the Congregational church on Wednesday, April 21.

The Sunday school teachers of the Congregational church held a meeting on Sunday afternoon at which Miss Fannie C. Graves, Mrs. Ellen S. Parker and Miss Nellie M. Jewett were chosen a committee to prepare for an Easter week-day school meeting is also contemplated to take the place of the usual spring Sunday school convention.

Edward E. Howe has been re-elected superintendent of streets. Albert Rockwood has also been engaged for another year at the town farm.

The benefit entertainment which was gotten up by the class of 1909, Lunenburg high school, for the purpose of assisting one of their members who is now in the sanitarium in Rutland, was held in the town hall on last week Friday evening. It was a very successful affair and netted about \$125, for which the class feel very grateful, to a most enthusiastic audience. During the afternoon and evening a food and candy sale was also carried on, the proceeds of which helped to make up the grand total for the same worthy object. The hall was filled and everyone rejoices over the very satisfactory result.

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A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Groton near the Common at the Junction of Common and Hollis streets, being all and the same premises conveyed to said Frank H. Sherwin by deed of Frederick A. Sherwin, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said premises as said Common Street Northwesterly by said Common Street to land of heirs of Warren Clark; thence Northwesterly by said Clark land to Breakneck road, so called; thence Southeasterly by said last mentioned road to land of Theresa Brennan; thence Southwesterly by said Brennan land to land formerly of Mrs. Carlson; thence Westerly by said Carlson land to a corner; thence Northwesterly by said Carlson land to land of Millard F. Smith; thence Southeasterly by said Smith land to said Hollis Street; thence Southerly by said Hollis Street to said Common; thence Southwesterly by said Common to the place of beginning, saving and excepting always that portion of the above described premises which has been conveyed to H. K. Richards, terms made known at time and place of sale.

MOSES P. PALMER, Assignee of said Mortgage.

Groton, March 4, 1915. 3w26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CLARA WHITNEY, late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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Saturday, March 20, 1915.

PEPPERELL.

About Town.

The Camp-fire Girls, not to be outdone by the Boy Scouts, took a hike to Nantasket hill on Friday afternoon of last week, accompanied by their guardian, Miss Gertrude Carter. The girls climbed as far as up to the top of the hill, but were not able to secure quite as good a view, as the climb up the trees was beyond them.

W. A. Kemp, Frank Bennett, F. P. Winch and Fred Bennett attended the auto show in Boston during last week. Gerry and Earl Nutting went in Saturday, also.

Chester A. Mills returned home last week, having finished the special course at the Amherst Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods, of Fitchburg, were guests over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow. Edith Hatherly and Dora LeBeau spent Thursday in Nashua on a pleasure and shopping trip.

Miss Edna Kittredge has been ill and under the care of a physician a part of the week with a severe cold, and unable to attend her duties as bookkeeper in J. J. Rowell's grain store.

A food and apron sale will be held by the newly Workers' circle of Acoma lodge on Friday afternoon, March 26, at three o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' banquet room. Two fine quilts have just been completed by the nimble fingers of the members and will be disposed of at this sale in some manner. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

Mrs. Dudley R. Child spent Wednesday in Boston on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dwyer will soon remove from their tenement in the Jewett house on Main street, into the cottage house of Mrs. Nellie McGrath.

Miss Ada Whitney, who has been stopping with her cousin in Nashua for some weeks, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parker entertained the Hardscrabble Whist club on Monday evening at their hospitable home on Brookline street, the occasion being one of the most enjoyable of the season. The first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. A. Pike, and Miss Helen Robbins and Mr. Gaskill won the consolation. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the hostess.

Charles F. Jewett returned from his trip to California very unexpectedly on Monday evening.

Harry Hatfield, a former employee at the Champion card shop, is working about the grounds of the Charles Fitch place, where many repairs on fences and grounds are about to be made.

The ladies of the Social Circle of the Unitarian society will serve a dinner on town meeting day, Monday, in Central hall at twelve o'clock. It will consist of cold ham, baked beans, hot puddings and fancy pastries. The committee are Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. A. S. Woodward, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. John Frossard and Mrs. Will Chase.

Quite a party of young people met at the Congregational vestry on Friday evening of last week, who were interested in "The Trip to Palestine" contest in the Sunday school. Capt. Flora Boynton being at the head of those wearing the blue badges, and Gerold Willett of those wearing the red. Every new member enlisting on either side brings them twenty-five miles nearer their destination. The attendance of members at the meetings counts seven miles. The contest is to last about three months. It will consist of which the defeated captain and members are to give a supper to their opponents.

Mrs. John Bennett and Mrs. Charles Gage rendered a piano duet at the meeting held by the Woman's club of Groton on Friday of last week.

George Wiggin returned to his home in North Conway, N. H., on Tuesday. Mrs. Wiggin will remain with her sister, Mrs. Lyman Robbins, and small daughter until she is convalescent. Mrs. Emma Hill, the nurse, is also in attendance at Mrs. Robbins'.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Gilson spent Tuesday in Boston, taking in the preparations for Evacuation day, which were particularly elaborate in South Boston.

The East Village club, who will be entertained by Mrs. Albert Parker on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, will have for their subject "Noble deeds." Every member is expected to bring some short clipping or anecdote bearing upon the subject, which is a wide one.

Mrs. Bessie Allen, who has been spending the winter with relatives in St. Louis, Mo., returned to her home on Elm street on Friday of last week. Mrs. Arthur Elliott, of Gardner, spent Friday and Saturday in town with her sister, Mrs. Bartlett. Little Genevieve Bartlett, who had been with her grandparents in Gardner, returned with her.

A fine box of flowers were received on Monday by Mrs. Linville Shattuck, sent by her son Gerald from Dartmouth. They possess a peculiar value as they had served as a part of the decorations at the banquet given last week by President and Mrs. Nichols of Dartmouth to ex-President Taft, who lectured at that college on March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunton and son, of South Portland, Me., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Dunton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin.

Harris Tarbell has accepted the position of chauffeur for George Keyes of the Nashua River paper mill.

Mrs. Louise Williams Lawrence was the guest of Miss Edith Gerrish at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Harrington, of Worcester, over Sunday.

The reports of the condition of Mrs. Eugene Fletcher at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, are encouraging. The operation for appendicitis was performed the day after her entrance to the hospital. Mr. Fletcher was allowed

to see her on Saturday and feels confident of her recovery, which, however, may be slower as she was in a low state of health from the long care of her aged mother-in-law.

Mrs. Harriet Woodward and daughter, from East Rindge, N. H., came last week to remain at the home of Eugene Fletcher during the sickness of Mrs. Fletcher at the hospital. Mrs. Woodward is Mrs. Fletcher's aunt. Mrs. M. A. Henry, who has been assisting Mrs. Fletcher, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Simmons, last week. On Monday she went to Somerville to assist in the care of Mrs. George Herrig, who is ill.

John Frossard was in Boston last Saturday on business and to take in the auto show also. He visited his daughter, Mrs. Nodding, and family in Somerville on Sunday. His little granddaughter, Virginia accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy and son, of Worcester, were week-end guests with relatives in town. The Champion International card shop shut down on Friday night of last week, a notice being given that the help would be notified when again needed. Some of the hands have entered the employ of the Pepperell card shop this week.

Joseph Drumm is at home from Worcester, where he has been employed, as the manufactory there is shut down.

Leon Lawrence, from Concord, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Joseph Graham was in Boston and Winchester on business Tuesday.

A little seven-pound daughter was born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, Pleasant street, on Tuesday morning, March 16. She is already named Thurlio Idella.

Mrs. Anna Nutting returned to the home of her son, Leroy Nutting, this week, having been in Shirley nearly all winter.

On Thursday afternoon, March 25, at three o'clock, George H. Shattuck will give a demonstration of aluminum ware for which he is agent, in the Congregational vestry. A small admission will be asked, and each lady attending will be presented with a fine aluminum dish. The proceeds of the afternoon are to go to the L. B. S. of that church.

The sad news of the death of George Kimball, of Dunstable, of double pneumonia, on Saturday of last week, was received by relatives and friends in town. His marriage to Agnes Gardner, who was well-known here, occurred only last May. He was the son of Origen Kimball, of Dunstable, and nephew of Willis W. Kimball, of this town. His young widow and infant child will remain with his parents in Dunstable for the present.

Mrs. J. M. Graham returned home from Derry, N. H., last week, where she was called by the illness of her little grandson.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson went to Fitchburg on Friday of last week to bring back her little son Kenneth, who has been visiting his grandmother.

The Warren Engine company held their annual banquet on Friday evening, March 12. An unusually large number were present, the tables being laid for more than one hundred members and guests, and a fine oyster supper was enjoyed. Louis Shattuck presided at the after-dinner exercises and there were many short speeches from the guests, who included some of the prominent men of this town and neighborhood. The entertainment was given by Scott and Bayard, of Wakefield, the two-man minstrel, who with their pianist rendered a fine program.

The Easter sale held by the ladies of the Methodist society on Wednesday afternoon and evening had very good patronage and satisfactory returns, considering the business depression which always affects this church first.

The decorations of the tables were green and white, the fancy table being particularly attractive with its arch and drapings. The supper, in charge of Mrs. E. E. Handley, as we predicted, was a most appetizing one, and finely served. The program consisted of a piano solo by Bessie Farley and a vocal selection by Miss Ruth Harrington. The little character song "Viola Harris, Ethra Winship and Eather Martin" was charmingly carried out. There was also a humorous reading by Mrs. Kimball.

A poverty party was arranged for Wednesday evening at the Congregational vestry by the five classes of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. C. H. Miller, Miss Swinerton and Miss Phyllis Tower, and was carried out in a very happy manner. The evening was full of amusing incidents and many of the costumes created much laughter. Miss Ruth Tucker was finally awarded the first prize for ladies and Guy Rouse first for gents. The refreshments were doughnuts, cheese and coffee.

Several Fires. In these days of extremely high winds, now that the fields are becoming so dry, everyone is fearing fire. Possibly, also, it is more in the minds of several who recall that the nineteenth was the anniversary of our big shoe factory fire twelve years ago. There have been several blazes in the past few days, but nothing so very disastrous.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Olsen had a narrow escape on Thursday night of last week. In making some adjustment of a large gasoline lamp Mrs. Olsen turned the apparatus the wrong way and the two quarts of gasoline contained in the lamp found vent through a valve. In an instant her dress was in flames and a dozen places about the room. Mr. Olsen was called to the room by her cries and by prompt work and the use of the fire extinguisher succeeded in saving Mrs. Olsen and putting out the flames which seemed to be filling the room.

Mr. Olsen received severe burns on the hands and face. The heat became so intense that the walls were charred and blistered and mirrors and glass were broken and cracked. The occupants felt thankful that the result was no worse.

No alarm was given, as the house is in the extreme western part of the town, but they are enthusiastic concerning the fire extinguisher.

Two forest fires also occurred on last week Friday, being near the railroad, and probably set by sparks from a train. The one occurring near Primus hill covered quite a territory of small growth on the east side of the track belonging to Charles Kemp of this town. It also consumed a small building which contained some farming utensils used by him on a small adjoining field. It extended nearly to the river before it was subdued.

The second railroad blaze was only a slight one and was soon under control by the section hands on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division. The worst part of this one was the accident happening to Phillip Rodier, who mistook a jug containing acid for the fire extinguisher they carried for the water jug. He took a swallow or more before discovering his mistake, and was immediately hustled back to town, where an antidote was administered by the first physician to be found, which worked favorably.

A still alarm was sent in about 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning for a chimney fire at the house of John McGrall, in which his son, Dr. McGrall, has his dental office. A large quantity of the chimney with extinguishers was given and it was speedily under control and without much damage.

On Monday afternoon, when the wind was blowing a gale, a furious fire started on Bancroft street. It entirely consumed the house and out-buildings belonging to the Misses Butman, who have been stopping in Wolfboro, N. H., for some time past. Their furniture and some clothing, which was stored in the house, was also burned. An alarm was telephoned to headquarters and a crew of fire fighters arrived only just in time to check the flames before they reached the timber land owned by Timothy Hayes. They claim the fire was running in the dried grass as fast as a man could run when they reached there. They had a good, sharp fight to get it under control.

The fire seemed to have started from a small brush fire near the home of Thomas Wood. Too much cannot be said against such carelessness as starting to burn brush or rubbish near the fields are so dry, and before any vegetation has started.

On Tuesday afternoon an alarm was sounded from box 46, near the Prouty place. It proved to be a fire in the field of Mrs. Boutwell and was under control before it endangered the buildings.

At the same time, in the south part of the town, near the Groton line, a fire was again started near Primus station, burning over quite a territory in the pasture owned by George T. Keyes. The fire here was stopped by the river which bounds it south and west.

Grange Notes. A very largely attended meeting was held by Prescott Grange at the home of Fred W. Keyes last week. It was estimated about 100 were present, there being a delegation of thirty-three from Hollis Grange.

The third degree was worked on a class of candidates by the ladies' degree staff, with Miss Florence Kemp as master, in a very systematic manner. The floor work of the states was as usual, first executed and then all the praise given. The fourth degree was worked by the regular Grange officers.

Inspection was given by Harry J. Greenwood, deputy inspector, of Worcester. The supper committee, with Mrs. William Lunt as chairman, served a fine supper of salads, baked beans and pastries in variety.

The next meeting will be March 26. The program was to have been furnished this evening but was postponed until a later date. Massachusetts night, which was to occur April 9, will be substituted and will be in charge of Mrs. Jennie McDonald, Florence Flynn and Mrs. Josephine Blood.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet in Townsend on April 5.

Town Affairs.

The annual town meeting for the election of town officers and decision on the liquor question was held on Monday. It was one of the largest attended meetings for several years, there being 579 male voters present and ninety-two female. More enthusiasm than in previous years was shown by the women of the town, especially by those who have lately organized as an equal suffrage league. Many of the officers of this league, with literature bearing upon this subject, for distribution, met at the polling places at both precincts. At precinct A they were allowed the freedom of the rear of the hall, but at precinct B the warden informed them, as he interpreted the law, they would not be allowed to carry out their project and they withdrew.

There were several contests in elections which probably increased the interest. It is certain that the results proved a surprise to many in town, other than those directly concerned.

John O. Bennett was elected to serve as warden in precinct A, and W. A. Drumme in precinct B.

The result of the voting at the closing of the polls at four o'clock was as follows: Town clerk, P. J. Kemp 527 votes, not contested; treasurer, E. L. Tarbell 497 votes, uncontested.

The election of selectman for three years was closely contested. Charles H. Miller failed to be re-elected, having but 205 votes. J. Gardner Willey, as second nominee since the caucus, was elected, having 337 votes.

Another contest took place in the vote for assessor for three years. H. C. Thurston failed to secure re-election to this office, having 190 votes. Willis Perry, the caucus nominee, was elected by 351 votes.

A contest on the question of school committee resulted in the election of Harry F. Hobart, the caucus nominee, winning the election, having 351 votes, although Miss M. L. P. Shattuck, having filed nomination papers,

proved a worthy antagonist, having 301 votes.

As the caucus nominee for overseer of the poor, Leon Richardson was elected, receiving 385 votes. Benjamin W. Parker entered the contest on nomination papers, receiving 153 votes.

As cemetery commissioner for three years, Mr. Luther Boynton was elected by known and unknown voters.

As caucus nominee for water commissioner for three years, John H. Holt received 460 votes and was elected; water commissioner for two years, Arthur P. Wright was elected, receiving 453 votes.

In the election of highway surveyor, Warren Blood, caucus nominee, received 347 votes, and S. M. Nokes, who filed nomination papers, 215 votes.

As tax collector, L. G. Robbins was elected, receiving 493 votes. John Tune received the election for tree warden, having 492 votes. Dr. C. G. Heald and A. P. Wright were elected as trustees of the Lawrence library for three years. Marshall Merriman and Arthur Bannon were elected auditors. A. A. Lawrence and G. G. Tarbell were elected as constables for one year. The vote on license or no-license resulted in Yes 327, No 229.

There are many who have no hesitation in pronouncing these last figures as a most lamentable conclusion to the records of the day's voting.

The town meeting for appropriations and consideration of the twenty-one articles in the town warrant is to be held on Monday. The three following articles have been added to the original number as published last week:

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the sale of the town property, known as the Bradley Varnum house and barn, and land connected with the same, or act anything in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to establishing the pay of the town officers, or act anything in relation to the same.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to extend the water system from Hollis street, through Tucker avenue to the house of J. J. Willoughby, or act anything in relation thereto and appropriate money therefor.

There will be a public meeting of the citizens at the town hall on this week Friday evening for the discussion of the articles contained in the town warrant.

Fine Entertainment.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational society gave their fine entertainment before a crowded house on Thursday evening, March 11. The musical part of the program consisted of piano duets by Mrs. Tarbell and Mrs. Gage, and by Misses Doris Durant and Dorothy Dennen. Also two fine violin solos by Howard Shattuck. The farce, "Her weekly allowance," was presented by a large cast of characters, sixteen in all. A nice discrimination was shown by the committee arranging the play, in nearly every case the local characters were well selected for their special part.

The part of Mrs. Tibbits, the young housekeeper, was enacted in a very natural manner by Mrs. Albert Parker. She receives the sum agreed upon for her weekly allowance and begins her household duties and begins to have her waffles, agents and solicitors all at descriptions call upon her. Her patience and courtesy are wonderfully maintained and she gives her patronage to most of them until the tenth one appears. He is summarily dismissed with some anger and in re-echoing up Mrs. Tibbits finds all her allowance gone and herself several hundred dollars in debt.

The dialogue throughout was active and witty and abounded in humor, with some very good local bits introduced.

The shorter farce, "Mrs. Oakley's telephone," was extremely bright and laughable. Miss Waite made a fine mistress, as Mrs. Oakley, and Mrs. Bliss, as her cook, with her more than fifty calls on the telephone was imitable. There was not a dull moment or a sober face during the entire play.

The committee in charge were Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Miss Lydia Waite and Mrs. Shattuck, and they are to be congratulated upon the success of the whole evening.

Election Tributes.

With the election of J. Gardner Willey on the board of selectmen of this town we have perhaps the youngest board, taken as a whole, for many years. Our veteran selectman for many years past, who is nearing his three-score and ten, Charles H. Miller, was however, no older than some of the present members when first elected to the board nearly thirty years ago. Those who would question or raise any point of immature judgment would do well to remember that age is only a relative term.

Our youngest selectman has probably not out-lived his enthusiasms and progression often comes along those lines. He is a native of this town, having been born here about thirty-five years ago, and that he has a host of friends was proved at the recent election. He was educated in our public schools with the exception of a few years, when his parents resided in Quincy. He is a graduate of the Pepperell high school, class of 1899.

He has always taken an intelligent interest in town affairs and movements and made himself thoroughly conversant with them.

Mr. Willey is an active member of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., having occupied all the chairs, serving as noble grand, and at present serving as secretary of the lodge. He is also district deputy grand master, a position he has held for three years. Mr. H. Miller has also been connected with the Masonic order of Ayer, being a member of St. Paul lodge of which he has now been elected master. If he brings a degree of the enthusiasm he has maintained toward these orders to bear upon the town affairs, much may be expected to be gained. His many friends wish him the best of success.

Found Wandering.

An unknown woman was found wandering about on the Nashua road on Wednesday afternoon. Her actions drew the attention of the residents to

her and the case was telephoned to Officer Monteth. She was brought in to town by team and as nothing could be found about her clothing to identify her she was taken to the town farm for the night. She gave a confused and conflicting story of her wanderings, claiming at one time to come from Nashua and later from Boston. After she was recovered and given warmer clothing she seemed more rational. In the morning she managed to evade the watchfulness of the wife of the superintendent and made her escape. Chief Monteth was again notified and traced her toward Groton. The search was abandoned near the Ayer line and the case given to the Groton officials. It was thought her condition might be attributed to intoxicants, but she either would not or could not give her name or any reasonable explanation.

News Items.

Few people in Pepperell have visited Oberammergau in the mountains of Bavaria and have witnessed the famous passion play, and if the war continues it looks as if there would be no more presentations of it. It has been called, however, the most moving religious observance in the world today. But a good idea of the play, the village, the characters and its production may be obtained from pictures. The stereopticon lecture at the Congregational church on Sunday night related to the opportunity, and coming so near passion week it is timely. There are included, also, twenty-five pictures showing the mountains, lakes and castles of Germany in the vicinity of Oberammergau.

The young men of the Unitarian Sunday school will conduct the service in the church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. A welcome is extended to all persons who may wish to attend.

On Palm Sunday, March 23, the societies comprising the Church Federation will join for morning services in the Unitarian church at 10:40. Communion will be administered and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Samuel A. Elliot, D. D., president of the American Unitarian association. All persons are welcome.

The annual March meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in the rooms of the New England Woman's club, 385 Boylston street, Boston, March 25, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Special business, election of state regent, vice regent and to consider the subject of presenting a candidate for the office of vice president general.

Henry Jelley, electrician, has wired the house of Emery J. Darling on Foster street for electric lights.

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of your paper an item is published to certain money secured from a state appropriation for securing work for the unemployed it would seem that a certain injustice was inadvertently done to the board of overseers of the poor, as I understand that they were the instigators and prime movers in the effort to secure some share of the fund. Our representative in the legislature was called by telephone and professed ignorance of the fact that any such bill had been passed appropriating the money, but thought it was still in committee. Afterward he stated that he had not intended to ask for anything for his district as he thought it would get along without such aid, and that we did not need it as much as the large districts.

Mr. Saunders finally did bestir himself and interviewed the proper state officials and secured the promise of an appropriation which they were perfectly willing to grant.

We think that the credit for securing this money, if credit there be, should at least be shared by the board of overseers of the poor, who maintain that we are entitled and insisted that we should try and secure our share. R.

To the Editor:

Members of the First Parish were somewhat amused at the comments of your correspondent on the appearance and location of their new horse sheds. They had been flattering themselves that their fellow citizens would be pleased at both for neat and comfortable look of those necessary, if not beautiful adjuncts of all country meetings-houses. The location is precisely that of the old sheds, arranged legally for the parish by the town, over sixty years ago, and their present crude appearance cannot detract materially from the beauty of the grounds of the nearest neighbor, whose claims of land possession has for more than half a century prevented a speedier shed restoration. E. B. H.

Church Notes.

"The rainbow around the throne" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. At seven in the evening there will be a prayer service and preaching upon the subject, "I shall be satisfied." The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "David, God's method of developing leaders." Leader, Miss Lizzie McNayr. The service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Alfred L. Struthers, of Townsend, will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. J. B. Lewis. In the evening Mr. Lewis will give a stereopticon lecture on "The passion play," illustrated with seventy-five slides. "The holy city" will be sung, illustrated with ten slides. This lecture, "The passion play," will be given in the Oak Hill hall on Monday evening at 7:45.

Considerable interest is being aroused in "The Trip to Palestine," a student contest started last Sunday by members of the Sunday school. At present the blues are ahead, but they will have to work hard to keep ahead.

The Woman's Missionary society met at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon for their study of "In Redman's Land."

Several classes of the Sunday school held a poverty party in the vestry on Wednesday evening.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and other persons interested in the estate of LUTHER G. CHANDLER late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to the Court for Probate, and HENRY CHANDLER who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of April A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, by mailing postpaid, or otherwise, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witnesses, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of March, 1915, the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3123 W. E. ROGERS, Register.