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News Items.
George C. Durkee is reported as somewhat improved in health.
Samuel Reed's little girl is very sick at the hospital with little if any hope of recovery from spinal meningitis.
Little William Stapleford, four years of age, fell on the ice Wednesday and cut his head which required a few stitches.
Mrs. LeRoy Jewett visited her husband at Clinton hospital Thursday. A cousin, Mrs. Lizzie Mead, is staying with Mrs. Jewett and her daughters while Mr. Jewett is under treatment.
At the annual meeting of the board of trade Monday evening the officers and committees of last year were re-elected.
Mrs. Bisbee, housekeeper for Dr. Cross in Newtown, had a severe hemorrhage Wednesday which left her very weak. Conditions are favorable at time of writing.
The meeting scheduled in the Woman's club calendar for Monday, January 22, will be omitted by vote of the club to give the ladies opportunity to attend the W. C. conference in West Acton next Monday afternoon.
Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., visited the H. F. Proctor's this week.
A new building for tools and storage has recently been erected near the barn on the H. J. Harwood estate.

Deaths.
The many friends of Miss Alice Marion Wright were silenced and deeply grieved at the news of her passing on Wednesday afternoon. She had been ill for two weeks or more and pneumonia had developed a week previous to her death. This was the sixth attack of that treacherous disease she had experienced and her body worn

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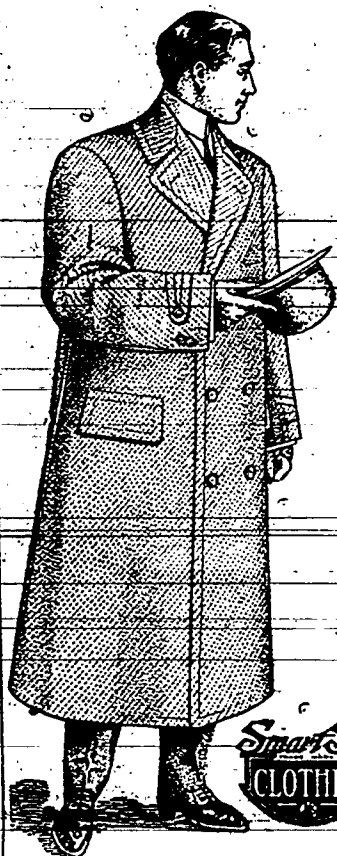
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and tired from the stress of Christmas rush work with the heavy cold that had taxed her strength, had nothing whatever to build upon. She fought for existence. When a new life was approaching. With sentiments of deepest affection for her dear ones and messages of sincere gratitude to everybody who had helped her in any way she commended her obedient spirit to the keeping of the tender shepherd whom she had loved and trusted and faithfully served throughout her beautifully rounded and complete life.
Mrs. Wright had been in Worcester December 10, 1885. She was one of four children born to James M. and Rebecca (Champhney) Wright. Two boys, the oldest and the youngest children in the family, died in early childhood. One sister, Miss Ella Frances Wright of Shirley, alone survives the deceased.
The family moved from Worcester when the sisters were very young and for a few years lived in Harvard. Later they settled in Acton, where an elementary education was obtained in the district school. When a young woman, Miss Alice came to Littleton as a housekeeper for the late Levl Robbins and to his children she has been like a mother. About eighteen years ago she shared her home and gave to it the fruits of her wonderful genius for business and executive ability that meant continued progress and success. She had a wide acquaintance among the business people of Boston and many of the large cities in New England and even more distant parts. She was happy in her calling and inspired her friends with a love for honest pursuits in business.
Most women would have thought it quite enough to have placed a limit here, but Miss Wright had another very vital interest that claimed much from her intelligence and strength. She was the superintendent of the primary department in the Congregational Sunday school for which she has spent the most of her life for some twenty-five years. She loved the children and they clung to her with the fondness of one's own. She was a member of the Littleton church and seldom missed a morning service. To its other organizations she gave with interest and devotion.
Her neighbors, her church associates and her traveling and business friends alike were happy and fortunate in their acquaintance of her, for she possessed a sanguine temperament and always carried a message of cheer and courage. Her ministrations were friendly and came from a pure unselfish heart. Truly she was a noble woman nobly planned.
Funeral services, directed by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Alvord, will take place this Saturday afternoon in the Congregational church at 1:30 o'clock. The interment will be made in the family lot at Waldawn cemetery in Acton.
Mrs. Christine Richardson, sixty years of age, died suddenly of acute indigestion Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Kelley of King street and Hartwell avenue. She had busied herself at her table of dressmaking during the first of the week and was taken ill Tuesday night. It was thought that she was responding to medical treatment and resting until Mrs. Kelley entered her room in the morning and found that the spirit had fled. The deceased is survived by a son who is at the front in France, also by a sister, Mrs. Hilsted of Boston, who with her husband came to care for the body upon notice of her death.
The deceased was born in Linzwick, Canada. Since the death of her husband which occurred many years ago, she had lived in the states most of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Hilsted accompanied the remains to Rygate, Vt., Friday morning and the funeral and burial were to take place in that town. Mrs. Richardson having lived in town but a few months, had a limited acquaintance here, but those who knew her speak only in words of praise and commendation.

Rifle Club.
At the regular meeting of the Rifle club on Wednesday, January 10, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. M. Hartwell, pres.; J. W. Ames, vice pres.; Roger A. Priest, sec.; B. F. Jacobs, treas.; J. H. Remick, ex. officer. Reports of the progress of the club in the past year were read. The secretary's report showed a membership of 82. It is hoped that the present year will show as good a membership, if not better.
Members who have qualified as marksmen under the new N. R. A. rules are: F. C. Hartwell 176, Clyde

Crane 176, R. A. Priest 175, H. F. Hume 172, E. D. Kendall 172, Milton Robbins 155. Members qualified under the regular militia rules are: Expert, J. H. Remick, 218; sharpshooter, J. W. Ames, 206, and F. B. Priest, 199. A five man team is shooting in the indoor tournament of the Massachusetts association of N. R. A. clubs. The total score for the three matches in the first period, which closed January 6, was 2651 points out of a possible 3000. On Saturday, January 13, a five man team shot against a team from Clinton at the state armory in Clinton, the result of the match being as follows: Clinton—Plaskett 153, Palmer 167, Mixer 164, Craig 157, Saunders 157, total 798. Littleton—R. A. Priest 187, Crane 176, Kendall 184, McNiff 168, Remick 176, total 871.
Saturday, January 20, there will be a match between two picked teams from the club consisting of five members each. A small entry fee will be charged and the prize to the winning team will be a box of 22 calibre cartridges for each man.
A bill soon to be introduced into the legislature for the formation of a school of military in this state might be of interest to some of the members of the club. At a recent meeting of the Massachusetts association of N. R. A. clubs a committee was chosen to use their influence with the committee who has this in charge at the state house and also to inform the various clubs through the state as to the progress of the bill. The plan of the school is to instruct its members in military methods, the proper handling and shooting of the rifle, etc., and would be similar to the work done at the Plattsburg training camp in New York. The state is planning to take possession of all rifle ranges that are used by the militia in different towns and cities and give rifle clubs a chance to use them when not in use by the national guard.

Saturday, January 20, 1917.

AYER

News Items

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 23, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Mary L. Brock and Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, East Main street.

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banquet at 6:30 and addresses by Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, Rev. William I. Sullivan of New York and Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers of Cambridge.

Morris Schwartz was found guilty in the superior court in East Cambridge on Tuesday of maintaining a liquor nuisance in Ayer and was ordered to pay \$100. Schwartz was fined in the total court for the above offense and for keeping and exposing for sale intoxicating liquors and for a license violation.

John Mellin, who committed the robbery at the home of Mrs. Martha G. Lyon here several weeks ago, was arraigned in the superior court in Salem Monday on complaints charging with two last named complaints were filed and he was held for the first for the higher court. Chief Beatty appeared for the government at the trial on Tuesday.

I.s.v.g.; J. W. Wentworth, I.g.; Harry Osterman, I.g.; V. H. Hober and wife; Mrs. Mary E. Young, I.g.; Mrs. Blanche F. Waterman, I.g.; Mrs. Abbie S. Washburn, I.g.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, I.g.; Mrs. Mary P. McDonald, I.g.; Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, I.g.; Mrs. Martha J. Lyon, I.g.; Mrs. Leona E. Yate, I.g.; Mrs. Dorah M. Howe, I.g.; Miss Helen M. Kellogg, I.g.; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Osterman, I.g.; Mrs. Mary H. Hovey, I.g.; Miss Dorcas Scruton, I.g.

Annual Guest Night: (Guest night, the final descendant of gentleness, was observed by the Woman's club on Wednesday evening in the town hall. The usual reception with a long receiving line was observed. Refreshments were taken in charge by the officers, presented informally to the president, Mrs. Grace Dickerman, and then shown to seats.

John Powers, of Townsend Harbor, was arraigned on the Ayer break in the superior court in Cambridge on Thursday, where Chief Beatty appeared as a witness for the government. A sentence to the Concord reformatory was imposed which will take effect upon the expiration of the one-year term in the Salem jail, which he received on Monday.

starting points those who had the longer. Mrs. H. H. Priest and H. H. Priest and H. H. Priest in motor car to the north, including upper Washington street and Mrs. H. H. Priest to the west, including Pleasant street and adjoining section; Mrs. Susan M. Barker, middle Washington street and adjoining section; Mrs. A. C. Perkins and Mrs. W. E. Murphy, upper Washington street and adjoining section; Mrs. Louis L. Pointe and Mrs. Charles E. Dunckley, East Main street and adjoining section; Mrs. E. W. Edwards, section south of East Main; W. Edward Murphy in motor car section south of East Main.

Refreshments were served by the parish committee were enjoyed by all who had taken part in the canvass.

Resolutions: At the last quarterly meeting of the board of trustees of the North Middlesex Savings Bank held September 24, 1916, the trustees received and accepted with regret the resignation of the treasurer, Miss Sarah T. Tuten, to take effect on February 1, 1917.

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At a meeting of those interested in the no-license question, which was held at the Board of Trade rooms last Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. Selden Strong, Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Charles F. Hardy were chosen a committee to have charge of the work incident to the campaign. The work will be carried out along the same lines as last year.

Oliver Proctor, of Townsend Harbor, in the no-license question, which was held at the Board of Trade rooms last Saturday morning, he was the father of Edward O. Proctor, of Ayer.

The condition of I. Grant Dwinell, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is reported this week Friday to be very favorable.

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The Boston Ice Company started filling their houses at Sandy pond on Wednesday. Later, the men struck for more pay. The matter was amicably adjusted and all went back to work on Thursday.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended at Ford hall in Boston on Thursday evening a meeting of the life members of the American Unitarian Association. This was the first meeting of the kind ever held, and over 700 people were in attendance. The program included a

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