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#### PEPPERELL

Mrs. H. A. Pike has been ill the past eek and under the care of a physi-lan at the home of her son, A. G.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware and daughter, Miss Arlene, returned last week from their shopping trip of some weeks in New York.

J. M. Graham visited his duaghter in Derry, N. H., last week Thursday.

The illustrated lecture on "The remaking of China," at the Congregational church last Sunday evening proved a popular one. The people came from a considerable distance to attend, making a larger audience than usual. The rapid advance of this country toward civilized ways and methods was well demonstrated. The one instance of the progress toward better facilities for transportation was notes. In 1876, when the first railroad was built, fourteen miles in length, the project was regarded with

G. Pollard

changes which are gradually coming about, in the habits and social life of the people and their attitude toward other nationalities. The many slides made the address more forceful.

Mrs. George Mahoney, from the akeville State sanitorium at Middle-oro, and Miss Kitty O'Hare, from-Soston, were the gueste of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mahoney, High street, over he week-end until Tuesday.

The Boston milk car was taken off the route at the station on the Worsester, Nashua and Portland division in Monday. The cans are now conjeyed in the regular baggage cars of the 7.30° and 8.20° trains.

The schools were closed on Wash-ngton's birthday, February 22, appro-priate patriotic exercises having been neld on Wednesday, This is now a egal holiday in all the states of the union, in District of Columbia, Alaska, Porto, Rico, and Hawaii. Lincoln's pirthday. February 12, was observed

south as far as Kansas.

The Book and Phimble club met with Mrs. Waldo Spaulding for the regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Although this was originally a "Dickens' club," they have abandoned that author at present, to take up the moro modern Herature. At present H. G. Wells' book, "Mr. Brittling sees it through," is being read.

On last Sunday afternoon at the

and junior vice, and officer-of-the-day, holding every office except that of adjutant. or adjutant.
After removing to this state he joined the G. A. R. post in Fitchburg in 1900. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in November, 1860.

# Save Money On Rubber Footwear When you buy "Ball-Band"

Fredericksburg in the winter of 1862; also, in the Battle of the Wilderness, Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg and Richmond. Hereceived honorable discharge on June 21, 1865, at Richmond, Va.

East Jaffrey, N. H., in the family lot

trustee of Lawrence library, voted to accept as printed in town report. Report of playground, by W. H. Beers, voted accepted. Report of Industrial committee, by A. P. Wright, voted to lay on table. Report of committee on public grounds, by D. R. Child, voted accepted. Voted to lay Article 2 on table.

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Art. 16. Voted a raise and appropriate the sum of £.00 for district and school nursing, the same to be expended in part payment of the salary of the nurse supplied by the Peppetell District Nurse association.

Art. 11. Voted to raise and appropriate, \$50 as falley for scaler of weights and measures.

Art. 12. Concerning the appropriation of \$700 for continuing the gravieling of River street; provided a like amount can be obtained from state Voted to refer to the committee on appropriations

Art. 13. For the appropriating of a sum of money to secure compensation insurance for town employees. Voted refer to committee on approprianons,
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# Winter Wear

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We have just completed our annual taking account of stock. We find that we have many odd Suits and Overcoats and several discontinued lines that we do not wish to carry over to another season and which we desire to clean up.

In spite of the great advance in prices in all kinds of woolen goods we have made a big reduction from our former low price in order to clean up these odd Suits and Overcoats. If we have your size in this lot of Suits and Overcoats you will get a genuine bargain

Our staple lines of Suits and Overcoats are still selling at old prices—these prices in many cases are much less than the wholesale price for the same grade. of goods on the market today.

These goods are sure to be higher next Fall—it will pay you to look ahead and supply your needs now, while the prices are way down. Think it over.

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Sizes run from 34 to 40 \$10.00 Suits marked down to \$12.50 Suits marked down to

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Sizes 33 to 40

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First Parish church served dinner, Meeting resamed at one o'clock.

Art. 3. On appropriations taken up voted laid on table, as committee were not ready to report.

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The meeting closed about four
10,00 o'clock.

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Hatored as second-class matter at the

Saturday, February 24, 1917.

#### WESTFORD

Word has been received by West-ford friends of the serious illness of Albert D. Taylor with typhoid fever Mr. Taylor lives in Cleveland, Ohio but has recently opened a branch of in Florida for his work in land scape gardening. He is sick at the Hagler hospital in Miami. His sance, Miss Brainard, and her parchis, are also staying in Miami.

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Those who took the parts in the living pictures illustrating well-known
songs at the Congregational church
social on last week Wednesday evening were as follows: "Mother," Mrs.
S. L. Taylor, song by Elinor Colburn, piano
solo by Miss Julia Fletcher; "Tipperary," Frances Wright, song by audience; "Sweet and low," Alice Wright,
song by Elinor Colburn; "Annie Laurie," Miss Osborn; song by Mrs. Wright,
and 'Mrs. Colburn; "Ben Bolt," Mrs.
Meyers, song by L. Burland and Mrs.
Colburn; "America," Miss Lottie Dunn,
song by audience; "Rathleen Mavorneen," Mrs. Clarence Hildreth, song
by Mrs. Colburn and Elinor Colburn;
"Juanita," Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. C.
H. Wright and Miss Edith Wright;
"Girl of the sky blue water," Ethel
Burland; reading from "Hawatha" by
Rev. H. A. Lincoln; "Drink to me only
with thine eyes," Miss Helena Denfeld; "Star Spangled Banner," song by
audience. A solo was contributed by
Leonard Burland and readings by L.
W. Wheeler.

Miss Marguerite Young, a former
teacher at Westford academy, was a

Miss Marguerite Young, a former Miss Marguerite Young, a former teacher at Westford academy, was a week-end visitor at Mrs. George H. Walker's, and attended service Sunday morning at the Congregational church. Miss Young teaches at the Burdett Business college in Lynn, and enjoys her work very much, but was glad to renew former. Westford associations during her brief visit.

Schools were closed Thursday for the holiday and the teachers returned to their homes and as Friday was schooled as a school visiting day schools do not reopen until Monday.

The reading circle of the Tadmuck club under the auspices of the Good Literature and Library Extension committee will meet with Mrs. W. C. Roudenbush Friday afternoon of next week. Some contemporary dramas are to be read by the class during the re

The meeting for the community sing two present and much interest and on-thusiasm was shown in-singing-from the collection of songs the gathering is using for the purpose, containing many of the favorite old ballards, patriotic selections, old-fashioned rounds and

lendar. The trio, consisting of W Talyor, Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Mrs hn Feeney, jr., will sing and the hange is for availability of piano. Miss change is for availability of piano. Miss Mary G. Balch will give an art talk on "Color harmony." All who remember Miss Balch's address last year will anticipate with pleasure the meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

woman's council of the home depart-ment of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau held at the home of Mrs. James Storrow, Boston, at 1.30 o'clock.' At one o'clock the council and women directors all over the county were entertained at lunch. Mrs. Storrow the called the meeting to order and the

diesex county and the discussion which closed the meeting showed that all present were interested and enthismstic. Mrs. Frank C. Wright, the woman director from Westford was mable to be present.

Well Presented.

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Those who took the various parts

Those who took the various parts were Miss Dorothy Jordan, Miss Claire Payne, Miss Edith Judd, Miss Beatrice Hosmer, Miss Josephine Chare Payne, Miss Edith Judd, Miss Beatrice Hosmer, Miss Josephine Socha, Miss Elva Judd, Miss Frances Wright, Bertram Sutherland, The play was given under the direction of Principal Roudenbush, Miss Denfeld and Miss Osborn. The stage settings were well arranged and after the play dancing was enjoyed with Missay Pradancing was enjoyed with Misses Pre-clous of Forge Village at the piano. The proceeds of the evening go toward the graduation expenses of the senior class.

The second farmers' institute of the inter series will be held at Grange all, Dracut Center, next Wednesday hall, Dracut Center, next Wednesday at 10.30. The forenoon address will be given by Charles E. Allen of North De Riven by Charles E. Allen of North Abington, secretary of the Massachu-setts Poultry society, subject, "Essen-tials to successful poultry raising." In the afternoon George D. Aiken, of Putney, Vt. will speak on "The small fruit garden." Dinner by the ladies of the church, followed by music and af-ter-dinner attractions. Cars, leave

past the hour and every fifteen min-utes from thence forward.

Successful in presentation, but chilled in attendance by the zero hold-up was the talk on "Poultry" and lantern slides by Rey, L. H. Buckshorn and Harold Hildreth last week Monday

evening.

Among the places visited by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow in their recent trip to New York gity was the Bankers' Trust Company building, situated on the corner of Wali and Broad streets. The building is thirty-nine stories and 540 feet high and stands on land costing \$325 a square foot, the highest price ever paid for land. What made the building appear as a reminder of home was its construction of grante from the quarry of Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Oak hill, Westford. It is worth the while to see both Fletcher's and Westford's trade mark in the building.

the role of winter vacation, visited Boston, the State House, Board of Commerce, Board of Trade and State Board of Agriculture on Wednesday.

from New York last Saturday after seeing—bigness—only second to Wes Chelmsford.

The writer has been favored by the generosity of Congressman John Jacob Rogers with early peas for planting—named "Rocking Chair Charley"—probably because of the easy way they have in getting a first throw on all competitors.

The last meeting of the Grange was of fun, candy and valentines, and everybody got sweetened up and laughed up. The evening was in the charge of Miss Martha L. Grant and Miss Grace Ranney. The next naugueta of Miss Martha L. Grant and Miss Grace Ranney. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 1, in charge or Mrs. Clara Greig: and Mrs. Josephine Prescott, which means you had better come.

next week Priday in Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Forence, The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona Grange will be held charge of Lowell Grange, Mr. Lake, chairman. Afternoon, demonstration

the vestry of the Unitarian church on Monday evening. The children are given a special invitation to be present.

Mrs. Ida Walkden Fletcher held an Mrs. Ida Walkden Fictcher held an ingathering Monday afternoon of neighbors and friends to sew, knit and talk for sufferers across and beyond the U-boat ocean. This is the second meeting others will follow unless someone stops shooting.

Graniteville, \*

Many people from here attended the concert and dance in Forge Village on last Tuesday evening.

The mills of the Abbot Worsted Co. vere closed here on Thursday, Washington's birthday.

A merry party of young women of this village attended a social danchig party in Nashua, N. H., last Tuesday night, going over the road in Joseph Carpentier's automobile.

The annual Peter's pence collection will be taken up at St. Catherine's church-next Sunday. During the holy yearson of Lent devotions will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The services will consist on Tuesdays of the services will consist on Tuesdays of the recital of the rosary, followed by a sermon by an out-of-town priest. One week the sermon will be in English and the next week in French. The services on Friday eyenings will consist of the stations of the cross, followed by the benediction of the blessed sucrament.

The members of the Jolly Twelve Club, an organization of well known young women of this village, conducted a very successful sleighride party to Lowell on last Saturday night. John

Conneil with his fine horses and big siled conveyed the merry crowd. The entire party took in the performance of "Peggy O'Moore" at the Opera house, after which a bountiful supper was enjoyed at the Chinese restaurant. The return trip was thoroughly enjoyed, the sleighing being fine. The whole affair was voted one grand social success and was given under the dispersion. success and was given under the di-rection of Miss Nettie Hanning and others.

Anyone who would like to help the relief work in France by knitting caps, sweaters, scarfs and stockings, or making comfort pillows, can get the material from Mrs W. H. Sherman in this village.

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Led-with, where their little granddaughter, Ursula Donahue, has been ill with carlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longley and lit-tic son, who have been living in Water-bury. Conn., have recently taken up their residence here

ding presided at the fourth quar-

orderlors, after which spierdid singuist were week-end guests of Miss Marion by both choir and audience and preaching by the pistor on "The only foundation," the day's enjoyment of services in the new toom was over. Through the courtesy of friends the Whiteomb's Whiteomb's All Publics of Norten front of the winter at Policy of Norten and State of State of Norten and State of State of Norten and State of St

#### front of the room was beautifully dec-stated with plants and flowers LITTLETON

The Sunday evening meeting at the been sick with very severe colds. Congregational church will be under the leadership of Dea. W. E. Conant; a social function in Lynn Wednesubject, "The law of kindness"

The Philathea class will meet at the Congregational parsonage on Wed-nesday afternoon, February 28, to continue sewing for the sale of April

A food sale will be held by the Philathea class in the Conkregational yestry on Monday afternoon, Febru-ary 26, opening at two o'clock.

In the afternoon George D. Aiken, of Patrney, Vt. will speak on "The small fruit garden." Dinner by the ladies of the church, followed by music and aftered prayer. Rev. H. L. Caulkins interestions. Cars leave troduced the speaker, Henry S. Harweek-end with his daughter, Mrs. L. Merrimack, square, eighteen minutes, kins, of Boston, who delivered a force-1A. Hager.

ful and eloquent address which appealed to his attentive audience as very practical and exceedingly helpful. He urged the settlement of differences tween nations by such methods rbitration as would admit of agre arbitration as would admit of agree-ment salisfactory to all parties inter-ested, and promote the unity and fel-lowship of all nations. The musical feature of the program was a credit to those in charge and consisted of vocal solos by Misses Edith Whitcomb and Gladys Woodbury, and chorus ind Gladys Woodbu

The Littleton ministers attended

A large delegation from the Baptist and the Congregational C. E. societies was expected at the annual C. E. convention in Maynard on Thursday, February 22.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Missionary isociety of the Baptist church accepted the hospitality of Mrs. Mary Dodge. Mrs. Annie D. Hubbard was the leader, and the subject of "Missions in China conducted by the Baptist denomination," echoes from the missionary fields of Jennie Crawford, Annie L. Crowe, Clarissa A. Hewey, Clara C. Leach, Ellen J. Peterson, Ethel M. Smith and Lillian Van Hook, occupying a large place in the

Mrs. Louis Peterson and son Roger, who have visited at Supt. F. H. Hill's recently, returned Saturday to their home in Portland, Me.; accompanied by Miss Jennie Sawyer, ticket office clerk, who has enjoyed a mid-year procession of several dove. acation of several days.

principal, who has lately accepted a similar position in Cranston, R. I. Last week Mr. Hill was elected his Last week Mr. Hill was elected his successor as principal in Southbridge. He has eleven teachers and '258 pu-pils under his authority. Mr. Hill was also elected to the presidency of the Athletic association in Southbridge a veek ago.

Miss Mary Kimball, of Framing-ham Normal, is at home for the spring vacation.

John Manchester, proprietor of the boarding house at the Common, has moved out of town, and Mrs. Showe has succeeded the Manchesters at the boarding house.

Frank McGovran, who works for Hugh McDonald, has bought of W. H. Titcomb the blacksmith shop at the Center and is tearing it down preparatory to removing the lumber to his land on New Estate road, recently purchased of F. C. Hartwell. There he will build a house suitable for himself and family. David Millett is assisting in the work.

Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, who has spent the winter in Winthrop, came home Saturday for two days.

Monday afternoon, February 26, at the Woman's club, there will he a district art conference. Mrs. Ituself Gardner, of Winthrop, will give Federation art suggestions, and Mrs. C. D. Thore, of Everett, will give a lecture on "Art in the home." Mrs. Margaret Parker and Mrs. E. M. Harts in Wakefield, which Mrs. Parker re ported at the regular meeting last

The Alliance will hold an all-day meeting at the vestry of the Unitarian church next week Friday. The en-tertainment, in charge of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, will contain as a leading attraction, a farce, which will be pre-

started Monday for Purbue university at Lafeyette, Ind., where they attended the American Berkshire congress. From there they went for a visit with Albert Knights at Cuiver. They are expected home on Sunday.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwell entertained Mrs

L. W. Bartlet; and Miss Bartlett, of Greenfield, are week-end guests at

Miss Marion Whitcomb is spending few weeks at Hotel Somerset with party of Wheelock classmates, at-

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell entertained the dies' Whist club last Wedneso

rheumatism for the past two weeks

Mrs. Parker is sick in bed with a very heavy cold at the home of her son, Stephen, H., Parker.

Dexter Spinney, of Acton, had the misfortune to lose two cattle as he was taking them on his sled from W.

(1) Prowing home a few days are. The

Mrs. Henry A. Robins of Newton visited her mother, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, the first of this week.

Mrs Frank Smith and children have suffered from severe colds and coughs. Mr and Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg have also

Miss Olive Flagg gave plane soles at a social function in Lynn Wednesday

A good number attended the open meeting of Odd Ladies in Odd Fellows' hall Monday evening. Mrs. McDer-mott of Attleboro, F. G. L., and Mrs. Classon of Loominster, deputy, were food sale will be held by the present and made remarks. A musical lather class in the Congregational program was given and later the mem-

F. H., Hill, E. H. Woodbury and C. Watta attended the convocation of ancroft Royal Arch chapter in Ayer needed any archive.

J. H. D. Whitcomb, L. A. Hager and angdon Prouty went to the quality folstein sale of cattle in Brattlebore, tt. last week, where Mr. Prouty ought two choice cows.

The young people of Newtown went on a sloighride to Ayer and saw the noving picture entertainment last Sat-irday night. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Houghton and Miss Marion Flagg attended a Handel and Hayden concert and heard-Jack

The Neighborhood club met pleasantly Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McDonald. Each mem-ber contributed somethin. per contributed: something of general interest in the field of knowledge. The

next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cook. Miss Maude Mitchelt of Chelsea came home for the twenty-second. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce of Town-send Center spent last Sunday with their home people in Pingryville.

Mrs. Harold Rice and children from Roslindale visited at J. H. Kimball's

School Committee Met.

School Committee Mct.

Friday evening. February 16, the school committee met at the home of. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and organized with Mrs. Hartwell as chairman and Rev. H. L. Caulkins as secretary. As the pay roll of teachers, school barge drivers and lankors as well as the teachers' retirement vouchers, have been for sometime prepared by the superintendent, it was deided to have all bills against the school department sent to him in the future, and all orders on the selectmen for that department made out by him. It is the intention to have bills; before the committee for approval at their regular meeting on the Friday preceding the regular selectmen's meeting of the third, Monday of the month. All bills, then.

Mrs. Hartwell.

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F. M. ESTY, Register.

ALTH OF MASSACHU-esex, ss. Probate Court ican Surety Company of

Whereas JAMES F. WOODS, princi

ward

Whereas JAMIS F. WOODS, principal on said bend has presented to said Court his netition praying that said American Surety Company of New York may be discharged from all further restonshillity as such surety and that he may be ordered to furnish a new bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of March A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any vou have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a convinered to the said American Surety Company surety, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and by publishing the same onco, in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Splitt, a newspaper published in Aver, the last nublication to be one day, at least, before said Court, this sixteenth day of February in the year one thousand none hundred and seventeen.

1125 F. M. ESTY, Register.

empire.

der Many Different Flags.

It would be difficult to find an army

in Europe which did not contain de

scendants of the Scottish soldier of

fortune. In Sweden Gustavus Adol

plus had four lieutenant generals

twenty-two-colonels and many other

inferior officers, all Scotsmen, in his

service. He owned that his conquests

in Germany were due to the valor of

In Muscovy the Bruces, the Gordon

Even in Germany the ubiquitous Scot

was to be found, and a General Ogilvy,

whose grandfather was a Scotsman

was at one time field marshal of the

It was in France, however, that the

Louis had such a respect for these soldiers that he ordained that

Scot was rated most highly, and the old saying ran, "Fidele comme un Es-

his body should be guarded night and

day by twenty-four Scotsmen. This

Scots bodyguard was continued under the reign of nine kings without inter-mission for 150 years.

King Charles VII. raised another com

pany of Scots, called "Gens d'Arms

d'Escosse," -consisting of 100 horses

and 200 archers. This force had pre-

HEADS OF ODD SHAPE.

The Kilon, Lafton and Maqbon as De-

scribed in the Talmud.

priests were required to be physically as well as morally perfect—without a

bodily defect or blemish-in order to be

says a writer in the Medical Record

enumerates several defects which dis

qualify a priest from ministering in his

holy office. Among these are the kilon.

The condition of kilon is ascribed as

projecting forehead and occiput.

Talmud could not be improved on by

Osman Pasha's Daring.

ever surrendered to the enemy was

Osman Pasha, the immortal defender

of Plevna. Surrounded by an immeasurably superior army of Russia, Os-

man kept his flag flying for 142 days,

enemy and losing 30,000 of his own gar-

visions and ammunition failed that he

decided on that desperate attempt to

cut his way through the investing

army. The attempt, one of the mos daring and resolute in history, failed,

and Osman was at last compelled to

were the enemy with his valor that as he was carried wounded through their

ranks they greeted him as a conqueror

Two Days In One.

Chatham island, lying off the coast

of New Zealand, in the south Pacific

ocean, is peculiarly situated, as it is

Painting Overhead.

flow paint. Each time the brush is

dipped into the paint can the shield is

Sure.

Mrs Smiley--Here we've been mar-

ried ten years, and my husband still says I'm an angel. Her Friend-But

8 .- Perhaps not. But don't you think

I'm lucky to have a husband who pre-

tends to mean it?-Pittsburgh Chroni-

Architecture. A distinguished philosopher spoke of architecture as frozen music, and his

assertion caused many to shake their heads. We believe this really beauti-

ful idea could not be better reintroduced than by calling architecture si-

His Choics.

"A bad beginning means a good end-"That may be, but if I can have my choice I'll take the fine start every

iloes he really mean it, my dear?

When it is necessary to paint a window or any object overhead the paint or liquid usually runs off the handle of the brush and then over the worker's hands. If you will take two pieces of tin soldered at the ends, says C. H. Thomas in the Popular Science Monthly and tack them on either side of the brush below the bristles, you will have a little cup which catches this over-

with cheers and presented arms.

noon before he finishes

nutomatically emptied.

cle-Telegraph.

lent music.-Goethe.

time."-Detroit Free Press.

Globe.

It was only when both pro

One of the most gallant generals that

any modern textbook in medicine.

It is a matter familiar to every student of the Bible that the Hebrew

cedence of all the French troops

London Chronicle.

pumpkin.

and the Douglases were famous.

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head, which is pointed at the top and broad at the bottom. The lafton was a Linen Finish, White Wove, Plain man with a head shaped exactly the opposite of the preceding. To use the and Duplex, Document xpression of the Taimud, he had a Coin and Card lead very broad at the top and narrow

at the bottom, like a lefes-i. e., a We also have Pads, Tablets; of. The expression maqbon, derived from the word hammer refers to a hammer Books; Ledgers, Memorandum, shaped head or, as the Talmud de-Grocer and Time Books, in paper scribes it, one with a prominent and and board covers. The terse descriptions of the kilon head and lafton head given by the

## AYER VARIETY STORE

Telephone Connection

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-late of MARY J. PRIEST late of Lit-dleton in said County, deceased. Whereas, HERBERT B. PRIEST the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the final account of his administration upon the inflicting a loss of 40,000 men on the

one of the few habitable points of the globe where the day of the week

porting to be the last will und testament of said-deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by
GEORGE L. BOYNTON who prays that
letters testamentary may be issued to
him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge
in Said County of Middlesex, on the
lifth day of March, A.D. 1917, 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, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all
known persons interested in the estate,
fourteen days at least before said
Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire. Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this ninth
day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
3t24 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of HELEN MARIA BOYDEN-of Townsend in said County. University of Whereas, HENRY B. HILDRETH

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, se. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of HELEN MARIA BOYDEN-of Townsend in said County.
Whereas, HENRY B. HILDRETH conservator of the property of said HELEN MARIA BOYDEN has presented for allowance, his first account as such conservator.
You are horeby-oited to appear at a probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of March A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, 'if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same offer the ach week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a presented in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid acopy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

3124 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, 'as. Probate Court.

Commonweration of the circal in the estate of Townsend in the Arrivol Kin-creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Townsend in said County.

Whereas a petition has been present-ested in the casted to GEORGE A. DOCKHAM of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, 'as. Probate Court.

To the circal-w, next of Kin-creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, 'as. Probate Court.

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To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court Respectfully shows Catherine A

Hooper, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that she was lawfully married to Forest Hooper, formerly of said Shirley, but now residing in Newassin, Alberta, Canada, at Woburn, County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth-aforesaid, on-the-second-day-of January, A. D. 1893; that they have since lived together as husband and Weburn, aforesaid, West aid, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, yet the said Forest Hoop-er being wholly regardless of the same did, on or about the first day of Sepsaid, utterly desert your libellant, which utter desertion has continued from that day to the date hereof, the

Wherefore your libellant prays that Blank, Receipt. Note and Bill a divorce from the bond of matrimony nav be decreed between your lib she may be given the custody of Chester Hooper, aged 18 years, George R. Hooper, aged 15, Ruth M. Hooper, aged 13 and Clarence Hooper, aged 12, minor children of said Catherine A Hooper and Forest Hooper, and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appertain.

same being more than three consecu-

ive years next prior to the filing here-

CATHERINE A. HOOPER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, 88.

Superior Court, February 5, A. D. 1917. UPON THE foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in County, on the first Monday of March County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said liber and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libel-lee as set out in the libel that he may then and there show cause, if any he

forth should not be granted. WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of the libel and of the

order thereon. Attest, WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the es-tate of ANDREW J. WOODWARD, late

ment of sain deceased has been please sented to said Court, for Probate, by sented to said Court, for Probate, by the sented to said Court, for Probate, by the sessent to the first sentent and the sentence of the sentence

Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire.
First Judge of said Court, this eighth
day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
3124 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-ETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and il-other persons-interested in the es-ate of ELIZA L. DRESSER late of treets in said Courty deceased. demarcation between dates. There at 12 noon on Sunday Sunday ceases and instantly Monday meridian begins. Sunday comes into a man's house on the east side and becomes Monday by the time it passes out of the western dinner on Sunday, and it is Monday

## A Farewell to the Mountains

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Jerry Whitcomb, a young American, had a hobby-mountain climbing. On several successive summers he went to some one of the principal mountain regions of the world and scaled a peak. But his favorite location was Switzerfand. Indeed, that is the favorite mounmin country of most persons. Whether pe not it is finer than the others is a question, but there is one thing about it that gives it superior attraction. It is in the heart of Europe and in the line of tourists.

Whitcomb had a favorite guide who lived at Scheidegg, a point from which climbers have been long used to start to ascend the Jungfrau. This was efore a railroad was projected to cartourists to the top of the mountain and Schmitt, the guide referred to, had a chalet not far above Scheidegg.

One day when Whitcomb had passed the crest of middle age he appeared at Scheidegg and found his old guide smoking his pipe in front of his chalet "My old friend," said the American,

"I have come for a last climb. I will. soon be old and not able to make these ascents. I wish you to pilot me once "Ah, herr." replied the guide, "don't

talk that way. I am several years older than you, and yet I must go on dimbing, else I and my family will There was a sadness in this reply

that made Whitcomb sorry for what he had said. "Ah, well, Schmitt, you have been used to climbing all your tife. You will always be at home in the mountains." Schmitt's little daughter was play-

ing near and at the moment she called "Papa, who is that woman over

"What woman, my child?"

'The woman on the glacier.'

Schmitt turned to Whitcomb and asked him if he could see a woman on he glacier, his own eyes being not so good as they had been. Whitcomb peered in the direction of the glacier, but said he could see no woman. Schmitt turned pale.

"Something troubles you," said Whit-

"It is the spirit of the mountains. She appears only to children and never even to a child except she is going to claim a victim."

The fact that the two men were to climb the Jungfrau made this statement a matter of concern to them Whitcomb could not bring himself to believe that the child-saw what she claimed to have seen. Some one of the cracks in the ice or a rock must have appeared like a woman's figure. He said as much to Schmitt, but the latter shook his head.

"Many children," said the guide, "have seen the Jungfrau and never except that one or more persons have been killed on the mountain within a short time after the appearance of the

They set out about 3 o'clock in the morning intending to make the climb during a single day. Whitcomb had forgotten the vision of Schmitt's little daughter and was very cheery. His guide was quite the reverse, seemingly being much cast down. On the way hey picked up another guide, making a party of three, and when they came to the dangerous part of their climb they joined their bodies by a rope, Schmitt in the lead. Whitcomb in the center, the other guide, whom Schmitt addressed as Hans, in the rear.

They climbed till noon before reaching the summit; then, looking out on the expansive field of snow peaks, Whitcomb gave way to rhapsody. "It's

"Goodby, old friends," he said. many a day's companionship we've had, but now we must part. You who have existed for ages in your present form doubtless will exist for ages to come. Your snow covered rocks will endure for millions of years after my puny body has mingled with the dust. My friends, farewell."

"Ach! Herr, do-not talk that way. There is something prophetic in what you say.

"I don't mean," replied Whitcomb, "that I am going to leave this world immediately. I expect to live to be an old man. But I'll do no more climb

"No, herr, you'll do no more climbing." replied Schmitt, with a solemnity that passed through the other like a chill mountain breeze

They spent an hour on the summit, then turned to descend. They had not gone far before one of those sudden snow squalls that come on so frequently out of a fine day enveloped them Schmitt was in the advance and halted, as though he had lost his bearings. Then he moved on, but staggered. Presently the snow gave way beneath him, and he went down, dragging Whitcomb with him. Hans threw himself in the opposite direction. The rope snapped. Schmitt and Whitcomb alid out of sight with the snow. Hans fell into a snowbank not a dozen feet

The storm soon passed, and Hans making his way back to Scheidegg, re ported the accident and the disappear-Ance of his companions. A searching party went out to look for the bodies and found that the two men had gone over a precipice a thousand feet deep. Descending, the searchers saw that they had doubtless fallen into a crevasse. The American sleeps among the mountains he loved and to which he had bidden farewell.

#### GOOD POETRY NOT POPULAR.

We Pretend to Like It, but Really Do

Not, Affirms a Critic. The man in the trolley car, the woman in the rocking chair, the clerk, the doctor, the manufacturer, most lawyers and some ministers would in their hearts were opened give simply a categorical negative. They do not like poetry, or they think they do not like it; in either case with the same re

The rhythm annoys them (little won der since they usually read it as prose) The rime seems needless, the inver sions, the compressions, perplex their minds to no valuable end. Speaking honestly, they do not like poetry. And f their reason is the old one-

I do not like you, Doctor Fell. The reason why I cannot tell.

t is none the less effective. Here in America especially when we like poetry we like it none too good. The "old favorites" are almost all platitudinous in thought and monotonous in rhythm. We prefer sentiment and have a weakness for slush. Pathos seems to us better than tragedy, anec except in metropolitan centers our fa "classical" poet.

The truth is that many of the intelli gent in our population skip poetry in their reading just because it is poetry. They read no poetry or they read bad poetry occasionally or they read good poetry badly.—Henry Seidel Camby in Harper's Magazine.

#### OUR BUFFALO NICKELS.

hey Carry a True Portrait of American Indian.

The Indian head and buffalo nickels were first but in circulation Feb. 22. the memorial to the North American Indian at Fort Wadsworth, when the new coin was produced by Dr. George Kunz.-The first one was given to President Taft, and others were distributed among the Indian chiefs area

The design was prepared for the reasury\_department\_by James\_Earle Frazer, who was one of Augustus St Gaudens' assistants at Cornish, N. H. and who did the St. Gaudens medn for the Pan-American exposition, the statue of Jefferson for the St. Louis world's fair and the Ressevelt bust for the senate chamber at Washington. The Indian head, which is in profile showing the head feathers, coarse, half braided hair and thin, seamed face, is presented as a "true portrait" of the Indian type rather than a romantic ideal-

Gardner Teall, defending the new cein against criticism that greeted its first appearance, called it the presentation of "a real Indian, commemorating in a fitting way the noble red man. The buffalo," he added, "stands in many ways as an equally noble symbol in our history's progress."—New York

#### Conditions Reversed.

One of the finest examples of "paw ky" humor is placed to the credit of an old gardener who was in the serv ice of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Afexander Milne. The admiral was a grand old man, full of goodness and kindness but a strict disciplinarian. The gardener having omitted to do something which he had been told to do, his master said to him:

'When I was on board ship I would have had you put in irons for disobedience."

the sapphire of the gulf stream or a comple perusing advertisments through. out a Beethoven symphony. I will not advance as typical a drummer I once saw read a cheap magazine from cover to cover in the finest stretch of the Canadian Rockies. He was not a man but a sample fed, word emitting machine. These people, emotionally speaking, are senile. They should not try to read poetry.-Henry Seidel Canby in Harper's Magazine.

#### The Total Sum.

The three children came and stood in a row in front of their mother. "Mamma," they said, "what would you like for your birthday?"

The mother looked down benignly upon the group and answered: "My dears, mamma wants nothing

for her birthday, nothing but three good children. She'd like that." "But then, mamma," cried the eldest, "then we'd be six."—New York Post.

"She looked killing." "How can a woman look killing?" demanded the purist.

"I suppose it is when she looks daganswered the resourceful party of the first part.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### Beats Time.

"Time and tide wait for no man." quoted the wise guy. "No, but the musical conductor beets snickered the simple mug.-

he married the woman of mustn't. i Judge.

#### HARVARD

The regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at Mrs. P. O. Dickson's on Thursday afternoon of

At the Unitarian church on Sunda morning the quartet will sing "Like as the hart," and Miss Rosamond Lougee of Ayer will play the 'cello.

The Woman's club observed their

of Ayer will play the 'cello.

The Woman's club observed their first children's day Monday, having as their guests the children of the town between five and fifteen years of arc. Miss Laura Ella Cragin, of Newton Center, pleasingly entertained them with stories. At the close of the last story, "The story of the flag," Miss Cragin unfurled the American flag and the children joined in singing "The Staf Spangied Banner." Miss Mary Curtiss, also of Newton Center, accompanied Miss Cragin on the plano. After the stories the children were taken ter the stories the children were taken to the lower hall, where ice cream and cake was served. There will be a special meeting of the club on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in the town hall.

Mme. Petrova, in a five-act-drama "Playing with fire," will be the fea-ture picture at the motion picture show this Saturday evening. This is a very nice play, and there will also be a comedy, "His first tooth," and a Trav-cloque. This show promises to be one ologue. This show promises to be on of the best ever shown here.

Inquest Report.

Judge Smith of the Clinton district court handed down his finding Febru-try 9 in the Inquest held at Clinton February 2 to learn the facts in conoction with the deaths of the for members of the Ferry family of Cam bridge and of George Howard of Har-vard, who were killed in the terrible accident at Still River crossing January

Judge Smith finds that Richard E Judge Smith finds that Richard E. Portley, the crossing tender, was "gullty of gross negligence" in leaving his post at the crossing at the time the automobile containing the victims was struck by the train.

Judge Smith has prepared a separate statement concerning the

Judge Smith has prepared a separate statement concerning the deaths of each one of the five victims but these are almost the same. His report says in part:

There was a regular flagman stationed at the crossing, Richard E. Portley, who had held the place-nearly ten years. By the rules of the road, under which he was appointed, his hours on Sunday were from 7.30 a.m. to 5.45 p. m., without intermission. Between which hours his instructions were to give warning to all persons Between which hours his instructions were to give warning to all persons and vehicles intending to pass over the tracks of trains approaching the station. He had a small hut for shelter situate on the borders of the highway and close to the railroad tracks, which was heated by a stove. From the track nearest, the hut there is a view of the railroad to the south for more than one mile and to the north for two miles. The railroad station for two miles. The railroad station is on the north side of the highway and about seventy feet distant from the flagman's hut. Four or five extra or special trains pass over the railroad

or special trains pass over the railroad at this point on Sundays and in the summer season many more. No warnings are sent ahead to the stations along the line of approaching special or extra trains.

Before the collison, but how long before did not appear, Portley had left his hut and post and gone into the station, to which he had a key, leaving the crossing entirely unpro-

left his hut and post and gone into the station, to which he had a key, leaving the crossing entirely unprotected. For what purpose he went into the station, or what he was doing there before and at the time of the accident was not in evidence, except that he did tell one of the witnesses that he was reading a newspaper at the time of the collision.

It did appear in evidence that the windows in the station commanded a view of the tracks for a mile distant south and two miles in a northerly direction, and that the whistle of a train at the bridge before spoken of could have been heard by one in the station, and in season to have reached the crossing before the train reached it. As it was he had abandoned his post of duty without permission and without notice, and as a result the fatal accident occurred.

I find that the deceased came to his death by being struck by a train operated by the Boston and Maine railroad, at the Still River station, in

dence."

The old gardener was not much perturbed at the idea, but, leaning on his spade, replied:

"Aye, maybe, Sir Alexander, but when ye were on board ship ye had a hunder men tae dae ae job, an' noo ye has ae man tae dae ae hunder jobs."—
London Tit-Bits.

Emotionally Senile.

I know no more dismal spectacle than a man talking shop on a moonlit in August, a woman gossiping by the rail of a steamer plunging through the sapphire of the gulf stream or a SHIRLEY

ueatin by being struck by a train optony in mining attaits, and especially copper, all over the weil. Dr. Peters becape a tizen of sher, long end of the town observed to she mining attaits, and especially copper, all over the weil. Dr. Peters becape a tizen of sher, long end of the first parish char he weil. Dr. Peters becape a tizen of sher. The schools are spending as week at theal home expectation, in the town of Harvard, while sald decased.

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#### SHIRLEY

News Items. Through cars between the cities of litchburg and Lowell will be run with-a a short time as a result of action in a short time as a result of action taken Monday before the public service commission by the representatives of the Bay State Street Railway Company and the Lowell and Flichburg Company. A hearing was held Monday on the joint petition of the two roads asking permission from the commission to allow the Lowell and Fitchburg company to run over the Bay State tracks into Lowell. This will enable patrons of the street railway lines to make the trip from Fitchburg to Lowell without the change of cars. At-thelmsford, which at present its necessary. s necessary.

Mrs. Harding M. James is confined o her home with sore eves to her home with sore eyes.

George Harris attended the funeral of his son, Walter L. Harris, in Winchendon on Monday. The late Mr. Harris died in Hartford, Conn., last week Friday of pneumonia. He was twenty-three years of age. The remains were taken to Winchendon for burial in the family lot. He was a single man and a native of Ashburnham.

Mrs. Martha I. Conant her breezes

Mrs. Martha J. Conant has presentwhich she is a member, with a beautiful silk flag. Mrs. Fred D. Weeks, who has been

ill for a week past, is improving. The factory of the President Sus-pender Company close down next Friay and Saturday for the annual stock

Mrs. Susan E. Weare, of Boston, has purchased the home owned by the late Mrs. Mary M. Nickless., Mrs. Weare has purchased for a home and will occupy the same in the near future.

They Mostly Do.

She (recalling college days)—What became of our man of might? He—Oh,

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on next Friday evening. Edward H. Harlow, friends in Worcester, wisiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary lerrish, for the past two months, left last week Wednesday for a visit with been sent in high speed wireless tests in England.

d.d.g.m., of Leominster, will be pres-

Mrs. Dowling, of Roxbury, fell on Mrs. Dowling, of Roxbury, fell on the ice at the railroad station has Sunday afternoon which resulted in the breaking of her arm and injuring her sip. She was taken to the hospital at the State-Industrial school for Poys and treated by the school physician. Mrs. Dowling came to Shirley to visit her son at the State-School. She had just alighted from the train when the accident happened.

Miss Viola McLane has left for her

Miss Viola McLane has left for her home in Nova Scotia.

Arthur St. John, forty-eight years of age, who resides in Slab City, so-called, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace in the district court at Ayer on ast Saturday morning. He was placed on probation for a term of three months and ordered to pay cost of court, \$3.90.

Brief patriotic exercises were held last Sunday at the Sunday school session of the Congregational church. The exercises included the saluting of the flag and prayer by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Corley, closing with the singing of "America". The Sunday school voted to hold a patriotic service every Sunday until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. French, with daughter, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. French. Miss Pamelia Parker has had a telphone installed in her residence

Charles A. McCarthy's telephone at his residence is a private line-2 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmartin last Saturday morn-

Rev. Douglas H. Corley was entertained last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaForme, of Marlboro, spent the weekzend with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen.

The Alfrurian club will hold its regular meeting on next Thursday afternoon in the vestry-of the Congregational church at three o'clock. At 3.30 the meeting will be open to the public. Dr. Warren E. Bryant, will be the speaker, his subject being "Oral hygiene." It is especially requested that mothers of children attend.

The Ledies' circle of the Congregations.

The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-tional church will meet with Mrs. Martha J. Conant rext Wednesday af-

ternoon at three o'clock.

E. Alonzo Jenkins passed away as E. Alonzo Jenkins passed away at his home in Townsend on last, week Friday at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a native of this town and went to Townsend a few years ago. Several weeks ago he suffered a shock and since then had been gradually failing. His wife survives him. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, Dr. Charlann officiating.

The next regular meeting of the Matron's Aid society will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 27, with Mrs. Hattie Adams.

Mrs. Hattle P. Holden has beer spending a few days at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Harrie-P. Barnard at the willer.

The Center Primary school closed this week for a short vacation. It will reopen for the spring term on Monday, Robert H. J. Holden attended last Saturday evening the annual banques of the Harvard chapter of Alpha Sigms Phi fraternity at the Copley Plaza hotel

Rev. Grover Harrison of Grotor School will conduct the service at Trin-ity heapel on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Sunday school immediately after the service.

#### Death.

service.

Dr. Edward D. Poters, of Dorchester, passed away last Saturday at the age of sixty-seven. He was born in Dorchester in 1849. His early education he received in New York, and later studied mining engineering at the Royal School of Mining Engineering at Priedburg Gernary. the Royal School of Maring Engineering at Friedburg, Germany. In 1914 he received from there the degree of D. M., and was regarded as an authority on mining affairs, and especially copper, all over the world Dr. Peters.

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#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

Vews Items. Sunday will be observed Sunday and Dockrill cordially and ich and every one in that day. Let ever that day.

The condition of M kins has greatly in proposit few days. The condition of Frank Mayners were ported as being rean it has been for

Dr. Holcombe was a Mrs. Sarah Shattuck 19 and found her suffer chitis. She was much table at last reports. more comfor-Mrs. William Hall vessel friends in Manchester the early part of last week

The Ladies' Aid met it the parson-age last week Tuesday. The meeting was opened with player by Rev. Charles Dockrill, after which the la-dies bused themselves with the ver-Charles Dockrill, after which the ac-dies busled themselves with the sew-ing. During the course of the after-mon there were readings by Mrs. Wil-liam Brown and Mrs. Josephine Stiles Miss Alice Whitcomb also entertained the workers with selections on the cothe workers with selections on the or-

The wild inhabitants of the woods The wild inhabitants of the woods are being driven by hunger to venture quite close to dwellings in search of food. Joseph Wright saw six foxes about his place, and as his pet cat has disappeared he has some suspicion of its fate. He has also seen a wild cat about his place.

John Whitcomb was called to West wanzev last week on account of the leath of his grandmother, who was in er ninety-third year. Mrs. Hattie Bennett, who has been disting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary terrish, for the past two months, left

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While Eldorus Shattuck was unloadng some freight at the freight house one day last week his horse took a notion to start for home, but had only e was stopped by Harry Marshall, no

damage resulting.

Adlord Ouellette was laid up with a had cold and sore throat for a few days last week.

Mrs. Emily Rideout is confined to the house with an injured hip, the re-sult of a fall in her home recently. Mrs. Harry Powers and Mrs. John Whitcomb were visitors in Peppereil last week Thursday:— Several women of the town recently

Several women of the town recently received an advertisement from a firm in Minneapolis to the effect that for a little writing on their part they would receive a silk-petitional for their trouble: The scheme has been discovered to be a fraud and letters to the supposed company are being held up at the local postoffice.

Mrs. Alpha Hall entertained her fellow members of the Sanbonnet club at her home on February 16, on the occasion of her birthday.

Mrs. Jennie Westen, of Somerville, Mass. has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mallie Gilson

On account of this week Thursday being a holiday the rid-week praye meeting at the church was omitted.

Miss Eva Corey, who attends Tilton eminary, is home on a short vacation. Mrs. Charles Glison and her daugher, Mrs. Victor Maxwell, were visitors a Boston last Saturday. Themas Kilroy is quite ill with ronchits and under the doctor's care.

Joseph Wilson and his son pending a week at their home h

Mrs. Peter Deschard wert in N tallast Saturday to be present at wedding of her name on Morlhy. d since car
Mrs. Steven Birmola welcome? In follow members of the S. B. S. in follow members of the S. B. S. in the state of the stat

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Ralph Der - At a mostong of the Griege of Fitted within the Footy 14 Mrs. Eldi Rockwood was in-The as and assistant steward to The sert year Clara Russell, mas actions in stable office. Mrs

s Maymed a comfortable of the analytic as instabling officer. Missing comfortable in the street in t ort legislatur, should abolish the local option law, was well discussed by the impulsive present, and the voting was almost unanimously in favor of prohibition. There were selections on the cornet by Harland Whitcomb and a fater entitled "Magic" by Forrace Hail and Grover Farwell. A valenthic march and light refreshments in charge of Mrs. Fred Hall and Mrs. Oscar Eliot closed the program.

It was especially pleasing to the ath members to have present that exe-ing Richard Hardy, a fellow member, who is not able to be present very often, as his business is away in the often, as his business is away in the orth part of the state Daville Notch. Mr. Hardy a life yeal the Grange, who in turn the ked him for his recent continuation, toward the improvement of the half. It was also later learned that Mr. Hardy took first prize on his buffer at a meeting of the Granite State Dairy Men's meeting, which was held in Manchestering, which was held in Manchestering. ing, which was held in Mancheste recently.

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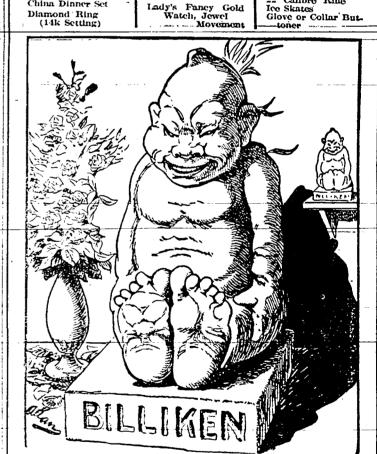
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PROLONGING IT

Two Unglish workmen were discuss by the war "Hill be an awful long job, Sem."

"It will," replied the other,

"You see, these Germans is takin' thousands and theusands of Russian prisoners, and the Russians is takin' thousands attd thousands of German prisoners. If it keeps on, all the Russians will be in Germany and all the Germans in Russia. And then they'll start all over again, fightin' to get back their omes."

The Chinese had compasses long be fore the Europeans, using them, as men do today, in the steering of ships. European sailors began using com-passes in about the year 1300, LINGERING COUGHS are DANGERDADO

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"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals AM we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, February 24, 1917.

#### GROTON

Geraldine Fletcher, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Randlet, was successful in winning the doll at the contest at Mrs. Miner's store.

Tuesday, evening a party of young people gathered at the home of Frank Woods on Common street. A whist party had been planned by the host but it was given up as some were until the company of sickness. anis to attend the account of the evening was devoted to dancing, after which dainty refreshments with fruit and punch was served. All enjoyed a most delightful time.

time.

Mrs. Mary Paine Roberts, widow of the late William Ambrose Roberts, daughter of the late Charles Woolley, of Groton and Waltham, died at the Waltham hospital on Tuesday morning, February 20, following a week's iliness with pneumonia. She jeaves a son, William Harvey Roberts, of Waltham, and two brothers, James Woolley, of Townsend and East Boston, and George Woolley, of Waltham. A private funeral was held on Thursday.

A private funeral was first
day.

Word has recently been received from Mrs. Lizzle Floyd, who, accompanied by her son Harold, went to Michigan last fall for an indefinite stay, that the winter has been severe with extreme cold and heavy snows. She also stated in her letter that her son had been unfortunate in cutting his foot quite badly while chopping wood, but was slowly recovering.

wood, but was slowly recovering.
The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 27.—The third and fourth degrees will be conferred. The feast committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folkins. Mr. and Mrs. Silas W. Northrup and Mr. and Mrs. Kennie P. Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Silas W. Northrup a Mr. and Mrs. Kennie P. Fletcher.

Mrs. Jennie Shattuck, of Leomin-ier, was the guest of her mother, frs. William Souther, last week hursday.

Miss Mae McKean, of Providence, R. I., is expected home next week for a visit of a week or more with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McKean, of Chicopee row.

Mrs. George Woods is visiting her aughter, Mrs. Inabelle Bartz, of

Stanley Sawyer has accepted a po-sition as chauffeur for J. E. Adams. The arts and crafts department met s usual on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Grant Shattuck.

The basketball game between Mil-ford and Lawrence academy on last week Friday evening resulted in a de-feat for Lawrence academy by the score of 38 to 7.

Everett Williams has been housed part of the week with a severe cold. His neighbors kindly assisted him with the chores.

The Trowbridge school closed last week Friday. Miss Caroline Connell passed in her resignation as teacher and has accepted a position as stenographer in Boston. Bert Flavell is transporting the school children to the Center schools.

Mrs. Frances Forbes has returned Mrs. Frances Forbes has returned home after spending nearly eight weeks with her sister and family in Allston. Her daughter, Miss Helen, from Fitzwilliam, is spending a week's vacation with her; also, Miss Gertrude, from Worcester, for over the holiday. Mrs. Joseph Peabody has been confined to the house for the past month

with a cold.

One of the best of the mid-winter gatherings of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church took place on Monday evening in the vestry in charge of the young people. A bountiful supper was enjoyed by 150 guests. An entertainment of plane solos by Miss Alice Kemp, readplane solos by Miss Ander Keing, leading by Ralph Sarrent, songs, illustrated by tableaux and a spelling match furnished much pleasure to all who attended. The two last to stand in the spelling match were Misses. Helen Gay and Frances Moison:

Alls Margaret Legard who make not not not not not seen since Thanksgiving is enjoyed to wicks an alion with her parents. May only Mes E. C. Leonard pair ris. My and the E. C. point ris.

Rev. (1) sign M. Howe underwent are operation. The light might for range roses as the cliffer. The operation was post rised by the labely of Boston. However, the doctor's expression of the doctor's expression of the doctor's expression.

There were union services at the Baptist charch had Sunday on a count of the stadden. Busss of Rey, George M. Howe.

M. Howe.
Winthrop Chase has been unable to attend to his duties in the store because of a lume back.

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton School, preached in St. Andrew's church, Ayer, last Sunday. There was an offering made to the pension fund which is lefing raised by Bishop Lawrence. St. Andrew's Guild had given twenty-five dollars to the fund previous to this meeting.

Miss Laura Comstock, of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, of Amherst, will give a talk in the lower town hall on Wednesday afternoon. February 28, at 2.70 o'clock. She will explain the home-makers' department of the Middlessey County Farm Bureau. This is a free talk and a most cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

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Friends and acquaintines of Rev Malbone H. Birckhead, formerly of Groton School, will be interested to learn of his engagement to Miss Fran-ces Johnston Ward, of Poston, daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Montford Ward. Mrs. Tainter, mother of Harry P. Harry Tainter, has been a sufferer of the holiday.

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS grippe for the past week. Mr. Tain ter's aunt still continues on the sick list. Mrs. Jane Clark is there earing for them:

A sleighing party numbering t rom the paper mill district, consist-ing of old and young, attended the en-tertainment and dance given in Squan-nacook hall on Friday evening of last

Miss Nanule Fletcher, who has. suffering from a severe case of the grippe, is able to sit up a few minutes at a time. Mrs. Jennie Hemminway has been her nusse. Richard Clay, second son of Mr. and

Mrs. Milo Harrington, has been a su ferer with abscesses forming in his head. Dr. Kittredge, of Nashua, was called last week Friday and found it necessary to puncture the drums of both ears. This operation greatly rejoved the little fellow.

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The Graton School Dramatic club ill give their play, "A night off," in will give their play, "A nig the town hall on Monday....

James Dunphy, who has been at a Nashua hospital for treatment for throat trouble, returned home on last

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chibway of the Mayated milroad in that city on February 2, breaking her nose and teeth. No facial disfigure-ment will ensue.

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Rev. George M. Howe, who was taken suddenly ill last Saturday afternoon with acute indigestion, is a patient at Dr. Ayre's hospital. He had another poor turn Monday afternoon, but was reported as comfortable on Tuesday. His son, Woodbury Howe, was in town over Sunday. His presence must have been a great comfort to his father. to his father.

Frank D. Lewis has been confined to the house with pink-eye.

Mrs. Charles B. Ames, wife of Rev. Charles B. Ames, was called to Belfast, Charles B. Ames, was called to Belfast, Me., Sunday, February 10, by the Illness of her mother, Mrs. George Wells, who was very sick with pneumonia. She grew rapidly worse and passed away Tuesday. Mr. Ames left town Thursday night to join his wife in her deep sorrow, who has a large number of sympathyling friends and neighbors. of sympathizing friends and neighbors are expected to return sometime during the week.

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Mrs. A. L. Call and baby have been suffering with ear trouble, and are patients at the Groton hospital.

The members of Troop I, B. S. A. were entertained at a social gathering at Grange half on last Saturday evening through the kindness of Mrs ing through the kindness of Mrs. James Bailey. Among the games enjoyed by the boys were maric music, whose nose, obstacle race, magic handshake, are you there and marching. The boys then formed into patrols and marched to the lower hall where delicious refreshments were served, which was followed by a contest of Jokes and stories at the close of which

Miss Agnes E. Bolivar, head nurat the Groton Private hospital has re-ceived the sum of \$5000 from the es-tate of H. T. Spears for services renhice years ago.

The following basebal, schedule has been arranged for the Groton School

7- Noble & Greenough.
11 - Lowell Textil?
14 - dosion English High.
18 - Worcester South High.
21—Country Day.
25 - Middlesex
28 - Worcester Chastical High.
28 - Milton World Park.

May 2 - Marvan - John - S. - Milron - S. - Milron - S. - Milron - S. - Milron - S. - Millon - S. - Millon - Mil

cy morning. Miss Hazel Henderson and Miss Dorothy McIntire, teachers in our pub-lie schools, spent last week-end at the Ptchburg Normal school, attending the alumni baskethall game on Saturday afternoon. The same was won by the Normal School team by the score of 21 to 5. Many alumni re-turned for the same and to meet old

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Souther has been sick the past week. It is still undecided as to the real trouble.

Harry Bruce was at home over the

The Groton girls came home from Fitchburg Normal school Wednesday noon for the usual Washington's birthday recess of ten days.

After a visit of two weeks with Mrs. David Gibson, Mrs. Charles Thomas David Gibson, Mrs. and Mrs. George Adams returned on Wednesday to their homes in Welles-

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The subjects of the evening were "Imported birds—pheasants and starlings," and "Common hawks." and were discussed by Messrs. Sturgis and Andrews from Groton School. Mr. Whitney, a student at the school, also gave a vivid account of a trip taken into the Canadian wilderness, south of Hudson Bay.

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Rev. L. W. Richardson filled the pulpit of the Unitarian church last Sunday.

A parish sociable will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening, March 1. Supper at 6,30. All persons interested in the Unitarian church are cordially invited to be present. The affairs of the parish will be discussed preparatory to the parish meeting on March 12.

We learn of much sickness in the community. Many people are housed with the grippe and ear trouble, and there are few who are not affected with severe colds.

Mr. Sturgis, in opening, spoke of the danger of importing forms of animal or plant life. We all know what a nuisance the familiar English spar fow has become, although at first it was regarded as a very desirable addition to American birds. The distinct the seems to have become well established, seems to be less trouble, some, yet when they become plentiful does more or less damage to farm crops, and has driven out the particular desirable and nuisance the familiar English spar fow has regarded as a very desirable addition to American birds. The distinct and the seems to have become plentiful does more or less damage to farm crops, and has driven out the particular desirable and the seems to have become plentiful does more or less damage to farm crops, and has driven out the particular desirable and nuisance the familiar English spar fow has regarded as a very desirable addition to American birds. The dament and the danger of importing forms of animal or plant life. We all know what a nuisance the familiar English spar fow has regarded as a very desirable addition to American birds. The dament and the danger of importing forms of animal and properties of the danger of importing forms of animal and properties of the danger of importing forms of animal and properties of the danger of importing forms of animal anger of importing forms of animal and properties of the danger of importi mon. As yet the starling's status is incertain, but the outlook is not en-

couraging.

Mr. Andrews described the habits of the starling in England. There it nests commonly under the eaves of houses and other buildings, as well trees and onest boxes. us in holes in trees and nest boxes. In contests for nesting sites between sparrows and starlings the latter usually win out. They are great fruit eaters, being particularly destructive to cherries, plums and strawberries. They are also partial to sheep, probably because they relish the tick ably because they relish the ticks which often infest these animats. As the starling raises two or three broods a year it increases rapidly. It is intelligent and cheerful, but quarrelsome and persistent, and is equipped with a bill which is well adapted to fighting. It is, therefore, able to drive other birds away from nesting sites which it covers and has frequently which it covets, and has frequently done so in this country as well as abroad. Fortunately, It is too large to enter holes through which bluebirds, chickadees, tree swallows and other small birds can pass. The not uncommon association of starlings with meadow larks in this country is unfortunate, since the latter may be killed accidentally by persons who are destroying the former.

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The common hawks were taken up by Mr. Sturgis. The majority of them, he said, are beneficial, as provthem, he said, are beneficial, as proved by the examination of a large number of stomachs by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For instance, the proportion of mice and other harmful creatures to poultry, game and useful birds found in the stomach of the common red shouldered hawk was 96 percent to 4 percent. This hawk is the one commonly seen soaring in high circles during the warmer portions of the year. The reditailed and marsh hawks score \$3 to 17 percent and 72 to 27 percent re-17 percent and 73 to 27 percent re-spectively. On the other hand, the and sharp-shinned cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks have a balance against them, about 90 percent of their food consisting of poultry, game and useful birds, and only ten percent of mice or other noxious creatures. These are smaller, long-tailed hawks than the three forces are smaller. first mentioned, and show themselves conspicuously,

The hearing which was to be held at the Stitte House on February 23, on senate bill No 195, which provides for an appropriation to construct a state highway on the Boston road in Groton, has been postponed until Thesday, February 27. Every interested petron is requisited a state bighway on the Boston with the construction of the structure of th were seen to sempt the "court of the first be the treath bridge," and had seen no human being for over a year. A particularly indipab benediction.

The one and only one gospell will be the subject of the semon of the Lagest church Sanday morning. Sunday school at twelve. Evening prices servee at seven, semon subject. "How God speaks to one. Regular prayer meeting of the church of Wed-nesday evening of 7.10.

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musical activities of the oatho being confined to the period between the annual Decoration day job at Groton and lattiction and the annual engagement of the Groton fair on Thorsday, September 30, 1909.

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One Decorition day about this time queer thing beginning in connection with the 165 at Littleton. We cannot tell what year, and perhaps it is just as well. Norman Shattuck tells us the incident. When the band got into the cemetery at Littleton the commander of the day came to him and said that in previous years the band had played music that was too slow and dreary while the comrades were decorating the graves. He insisted upon the band giving them some quick music, the quickest they had. Mr. music, the quickest they had. Mr. Shattuck hesitated but the request was Shattuck hesitated but the request was repeated, and so, in accordance with instructions, he took the band over to one corner of the cemetery where, instead of the usual slow dirges and funeral marches appropriate for the occasion, they played galops, marches and quick steps as fast as possible, while the members of the G. A. R. decorated the soldiers' graves, for the space of fifteen minutes or half an hour.

Eight open-air band concerts were Eight open-air oand concerts were raven, between the dates June 15 and vocust 26, the fifth of these concerts being given in West Groton on July The band, for some reason, The band, for some feating to country home, Christiebrook, Sunday, interest of concerts on Saturday nights the record book stating that the concerts daring 1909 were given on Thursday nights. It has been said that Thursday night did not prove to day afternoon at three o'clock at his initiated and pushed by him, and he is

be a satisfactory night for the con-certs and the attendance was apprecia-

On the fifth of July in 1909 the band played in Lancaster, going over and back in Johnson's barge. It was independence day celebration, the fourth coming on Sunday. They received \$125 for the day's work, it being one of the best paid Jobs they ever did. Amos Ames, whose practical common sense and business ability has inured to the benefit of the band so often, got the book for the band.

In the late fall of 1909 (Thursday, November 4) the band gave a mock court trial in the Groton town hath.

A Worcester entertainment company had charge of the affair and Lawyer John M. Maloney of Ayer took the part of the band, both past and present, took parts as witnesses, court officers and jury. Henry M. Adams and "Phil" Souther among others were important witnesses in the case. A number of local hits were "putted off" and many amusing jokes were "sprung." The affair was a great success both as a

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We will take the liberty to disreserting. At this point, a narrative somitted in its proper place. On September 3, 1886, the Groton band played at the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry at their home in East Pepperell. Mr. Berry, of course, remembers the incident well. He says that he and his wife expected a few friends that evening to quietly observe the anniversary, but the extent of the celebration and the advent of the band upon the scene was accomplete surprise to him. The curtains were carefully drawn and then the band stole quietly up close to the house and suddenly struck up a tune. The astonished Mr. Berry after recovering from his complete surprise rushed to the door and invited the band in. Besides the band, there were present members from the Sons of to the door and man.

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covering from his confinete suphise rushed to the door and invited the band in. Besides the band, there were present members from the Sons of Temperance, an order which Mr. and Mrs. Berry belonged to and other friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Berry received many appropriate presents on this occasion.

Mr. Berry's son in law. Goorge Mansur, who at that time lived next to Amos Ames on Champney street in Groton, was responsible for the unexpected pretentiousness of the celebration and it was he who procured the Groton Cornet Band. It is interesting to note that twenty-five years later Mr. and Mrs. Berry observed their golden wedding, but the band was not present on this occasion. They now live in Groton.

(To be continued.)

The minstrel show and dance given under the auspices of the Gun club on Friday evening of last week, drew vded house, many being oblige to stand. There is considerable musical talent scattered among the club members and Mr. Green is a ventriloquist of ability.

quist of ability.

On Tuesday evening an audience of 150 gathered to be entertained by Mr. Jones, noted humorist, impersonator and character sketch artist, the entertainment being one of the Luther. Blood free lecture course. Certainly a better entertainment of the kind was never given here, and the audience enjoyed an aimost continual laugh for an hour and three quarters, stilled occasionally by a touch of tender pathos, enjoyed. joyed an almost continual laugh for an hour and three quarters, stilled oc-casionally by a touch of tender pathos. The program consisted entirely of he program consisted entirely of amorous selections, with the excepion of a patriotic poem and a few carnest ringing words on temperance.

C. L. Roy is substituting for a few reeks as station agent at West Acton. is reported that he has sold his weeks as station agent at West Acton. It is reported that he has sold his house on Main street to Mrs. Doherty. H. C. Porter visited out of town on

C. S. Hazelton spent the week-end with friends in New Hampshire, returning on Monday afternoon.

A. F. Cottrell, Jr., has been ill, requiring the attention of a doctor. Mrs. A L. Harrington and little randson have returned from a visit n Walpole

The Sunday morning service at the chapel will be conducted by Rev. E. P. Kelly.

Washington's birthday exercises were given by all grades of Tarbell school on Wednesday afternoon, and were pronounced very interesting by those who attended. One very pleasing feature was the dancing of the minuet by little ores of the primary krades. George S. Fessenden, at Groton hospital, suffering from a recent accident, writes that he is doing well and hopes

o go home in the near future. of Ayer, visited her Avery Hartwell, Thurs-

Harry Kemp was a victim of the grippe reco tly. The Lodies' Aid society will meet on Thursday atternoon with Mrs. G. H.

#### TOWNSEND -

Harbor. N ng word of the illness of Charles Noyes went to the first of the week to visit this return on Tuesday Mr. orted her as better. ns m Mald*e*r

Sover 1 Saturday Mrs. George Jones Harrisville, R. L. to visit her alter Lewis, and his family, the returned to Seven Pines on went to

Arth. Adams, of Concord Junction. and Albert Spaulding, of Keene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Searle

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Mr and Mrs. Fred Ross, accompanied by Mrs. Daniel Spofford, spent the holiday in Fitchburs.

Among the teachers who came home for the holiday were Miss Blanche Baldwin, principal of the Judson school, Malden; Miss Melora Warner, a teacher in the Girls' Trade school, Worcester, Miss Lillian Warner, teacher of the third grade in the Andover street school, Worcester, and Miss Myrtle Gray, a fifth grade teacher in Brookline.

Mrs. B. C. Cummings returned a

Mrs. B. C. Cummings returned a few days ago from Hudson, N. H., where she has been visiting with rela-

Early in the week Miss Alice Brown, of Lunenburg, and Miss Doris Lund, of Fitchburg, visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herace Searles, at Glenwood.

Will Cooper spent the holiday in Mrs. Thomas Keefe, of Worcester, accompanied by friends, were at their country home, Christiebrook, Sunday.

late home, Rev. Roger S. Forbes, of the First Parish, officiating. icaddin's mother in Lynn, who has been very sick. They spent the day Sunday with Joseph Raddin, of this town.

Mrs. S. W. Sturgis will give readings in the library on Friday evening. March 2, at eight o'clock. They will consist of new poems on the war, and possibly some from lan Hay.

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eral years he returned to his torned profession.

In 1872 Dr. Peters became territorial assayer of Colorado and he lectured on metallurgy at Harvard in 1903 and 1904. Later he became a professor at that universiay and was also attached to the M. I. T. faculty. He was a fellow of the American association for the advancement of science; a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and of the St. Botolph and Harvard clubs. He was the author of several technical movement. smelting and Principles of co

A little more than three years ago the doctor bought the property form-erly known as the Hezekiah Spaulding place. Later he bought the adjoining place. Later he bought the adjoining leahy farm. The combined estate are now recognized as Hickery farms Leahy tarm.

are-now-recognized as Hickery farms. After acquiring the Spaulding-place, skilled workmen were placed in charge of the remodeling, improving and heautifying of the property. Last summer the work was practically completed and a beautiful summer; home complete in all its details made clad the heart of its late owner. Hickery farms is devoted exclusively to poultry and has one of the finest poultry and has one of

In 1881 Dr. Peters married Miss Anna Quincy Cushing of Dorchester, daughter of the late Dr. Benjamin Cushing, Mrs. Peters survives her husband.

West.

Mrs. Mary F. Streeter passed away at her home here about nine o'clock Tuesday evening after a three weeks' illness of grippe and bronchial trouble, aged 87 yrs. 3 mos and 20 days. The funeral services were held at her late home this Friday afternoon. She leaves to mourn her loss seven sons. Clarence E., Ashbel H. and George M. of this place, Julius E., Merrimack, N. H., Ralph E. and Orrin D. of Nashua, N. H., and Harry of Waltham, four grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Hobert Nicholson of Clinton, Mrs. William Holmes of Kingston and Missemma Olmstead of Waltham.

liam Holmes of Kingston a Emma Olmstead of Waltham. The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting. A goodly number were present and a very interesting meeting was held on the subject of "Foreign missions," in charge of Miss Alice Seaver.

Edward E. Seaver of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver Thursday.

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Dorothy Sherwin, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, celebrated the fourth birthday on Tuesday afternoon at her home, where she entertained twelve of her little friends and playmates and some of their parents. Games and music were enjoyed by the little ones and ice cream and cake were served. Little Dorothy was the recipient of many Dorothy was the recipient of many lainty and pretty gifts.

A large party from here attended the high school play at the Center on Thursday evening.

An eleven pound son arrived on Tuesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terrell. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Ball of Con-cord Junction have been spending a cord Junction have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Ball.

S. Leroy Shapleigh and little daugher of Somerville spent Thursday with its grandmother, Mrs. Mary Poster. Miss Anabelle Troupe and Miss Georgis Micheal of Quincy are visit-ing Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin.

Miss Alice Seaver spent the after noon of the 22d with friends in Ayer Mr. and Mrs. William Sheldon en-tertained a party of relatives on Sun-day, part coming from Fitchburg and part from Wilton, N. H., sixteen being resent at dinner.

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The Ladies' Study club will meet at the reading room on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to take up the fourth number in the travelogue "From the isthmus of Suez across the Indian ocean," in charge of Mrs. Emma J. Lees and Mrs. H. L. Stickney.

H. B. Hathaway took the pupils of the senior class and junior class of the T. H. S. together with Principal Ross and his family on a sleightfde to Ash-by Saturday afternoon, where they were entertained by the Ashby senior and junior classes. The party left here about 3.30 p. m. and returned late in the evening

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— Miss-Lena — L. Thompson, who teaches in Norwood, is enjoying a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson

The Ladies' Whist club met reading room for their fortnightly meeting on Thursday afternoon. Miss Mildred Sanders of Ayer ed her grandmother, Mrs. Elb Sanders, this week.

Adron Winship has been quite ill the past week with a relapse of the grippe.

#### HARVARD

News Items.

The sermon subject at the Unitarian chirch on Sunday will be "What we may imagine about the future life." The usual Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at the Congregational church will be omitted on Sunday evening owing to the annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society to be held at the town hall.

the town nail.

The next meeting of the Bird club will be held on Monday evening at Hapgood Memorial room at eight o'clock. Some important matters are to be brought before the club and it is hoped that as many as possible will be

over Sunday.

Quite a few from Still River attended the last of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and list reading of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon league, has been secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the berrange with the secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the berrange with the secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the berrange with the secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the berrange with the secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the berrange with the secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be the last of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the last of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the last of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the last of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the second of the Warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the second of the warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the second of the warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the second of the warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and his reading of "The music massive the second of the warner free lectures in Harvard on Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed. Arthur Kachel and league, has been secured as the speaker of the evening and that fact ought to be enough to fill the hall. The Anti-Saloon league has done more for temperance during the past ten years than all other forces put together, and Mr. Davis is the backbone of the league in Massachusetts. All the aggressive, worth-while legislation in this test during recent years has been

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Rev. and Mrs. Merrill are receiving ongratulations on the arrival of boy, born on February 13. Mr. and Mrs. Irving E. Morse spent Thursday with their son, L. Harlow Morse, and wife, in Methuen, where

Mr. Morse is instructor in the public Miss Dorothy West is home from a week's recess from her school work in Framingham Center,

Mrs. William Hanna and Richard Kinsman are among those sick, Mr Kinsman seriously so, having a case of double pneumonia. Miss Josephine Baker is spending a part of this week with friends in Wol-

Miss Josephine Barnard was a guest Mr. and Mrs. Pillman, Ayer.

The firemen appointed to serve on Chemical No. 1 are I. E. Morse, Walter A. Farnsworth, G. C. Maynard, Henry S. Waters, L. K. Savage and Herbert Cleaves. Harvard Grange observed "Bee night" on Tuesday evening, the value of bees on the farm being under discussion. At the next meeting the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates—March 6.

Still River.

The heliday found many people at the summer camps on the shores of Bare hill pend from Clinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes, of Boston, were at their cottage.

their cottage.

Miss Emma Butterfield, who has been visiting her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone, returned to her home in Ayer on Monday.

William Harrod, of Waverley, called on Still River relatives Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holland entertained his cousin and two children, of Jamaica Plain, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haskell

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haskell attended the pop concert in Clinton on last week Friday evening.

Faint Robinson and Eleanor Has-kell visited cousins of Miss Robinson in Leominster over Sunday. Mrs. Lena Stone, of Hudson, was with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Nourse, over Sunday.

Alexander Milot, of Graniteville, and Amelia Lemney, of this village, were united in marriage at St. John's rec-tory, North Chelmsford, by Rev. Henry

AYER, MASS ance. Latest reports from her bedside show no improvement.

The cottage of the late Henry Catch-pole will be sold at auction on this week Saturday. Mrs. Mary Lowther is ill at her home on Bradford street.

The A. F. B. club's dance held in Cameron hall on Tuesday was a success, both socially and financially. cess, both socially and financiary.

Miss Annie Keefe, of Townsend, was

week-end visitor here Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett and son Leonard spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett. Mrs. C. E. Denham is visiting her son in Chicago and expects to be ab-sent six weeks.

Measles again have paid the village a call, several families being at present quarantined. Latest reports show all are doing well.



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Main Street

Ayer, Mass.

Harry Brooks Swett was in town on Monday and Tuesday in order to take measurements for the chancel furni-ture at the First Unitarian church.

The Ayer W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church, Friday afternoon, March 2, at 2.30 o'clock, Following the business meeting an entertainment will be given under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Hatch, superintendent of Jartites. Visitors are always wercome.

The feature picture for this week Saturday, afternoon and evening, at the motion picture show will be "My lady's slipper," in five powerful acts, written by Cyrus Townsend Brady, one of the most interesting of the many successful novels from his pen. The cast is made up of stars in the employ of the Vitagraph Company, who has cast is made up of stars in the employ of the Vitagraph Company, who has spared no expense in making this a veritable screen masterpiece. The fifth episode in "The great secret" will also be given, as well as the Hearst-Pathé News. Next Wednesday afternoon and evening Ethel Barrymore will be seen as the star in "The awakening of Helena Richle," a great production that is adapted for the screen from Marguerite Deland's famous novel, in three parts. A farce comedy, two cartoon comedies and Heart-Pathé News completes the bill.

An entertalnment under the direc-An entertainment under the direction of the Ladies' Benevolent society will be given in Page half on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The program will be novel and will introduce the following specialties, including a cast of forty local people in costume: The trumpeteers will open the program, followed by five fat Dutch Cleansers, accompanied by the Dutchman; four

"Dad's girl," a four-act drama, was given before an appreciative audience in Page hall on last week Friday evening. The play was given under the auspices of the Woman's club and was directed by Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild. The play was repeated by request on Tuesday evening. Archer Nutting, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fairchild, Earl Merriman, Ruel Scruton, Marion Young, Blanche Whitney and Lillian Baker made up the cast of characters.

The junior class of the high school

The junior class of the high school conducted a private dance in Hardy's hall on last week Friday evening.

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Evelyn Elizabeth Yntes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates, observed her seventh birthday last Saturday by giving a party to her young friends. Games were played and all had a very good time. Cake, ice cream and other dainties were served. Those present were Gertrude Kidder, Leah Lufkin, Alice Rand, Lillian King, Elizabeth Proctor, Laura Downing, Annie Luddington, Velma Young, Doris Farrar, dington, Velma Young, Doris Farrar, Lucy Millson, Isabel Caron, Florence Dykes and Arline Stuart.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., conferred the rank of knight on a class of candi-dates at its regular meeting Monday

A communication from Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole and daughter, Miss Flora I. Cole, who are spending several weeks in Florida, states that they are having a very pleasant time. They are now at Palm Beach, a famous resort in Floriwhere they expect to remain for a

Walter S. Lougee fell on the ice and Walter S. Lougee fell on the ice and sprained an ankle while at his work as night watchman at the Haynes-Piper Company property at three o'clock Monday morning. As he was alone and unable to get help he was obliged to remain in the fire-room at Phelps' mill until the men came to work. Mr. Lougee was taken home in a carriage and Dr. H. B. Priest called. The injury will lay him up for two weeks or more.

The final details in connection with through electric car service from fitchburg to Lowell were completed on Tuesday when a hearing was held in Boston when representatives of the Lowell and Fitchburg and Fitchburg and Leominster roads, both of which are controlled by the latter company, and a representative of the Bay State Company. The difficulty which prevents the prompt beginning of the new schedule is the uncertainty of procuring cars. The manufacturers of car's say that the market for materials used in car construction is so uncer-

Joseph O. Keegan, of Ayer, and Miss Hazel Brill, of Shirley, were married by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn on Tues-day at St. Mary's rectory.

trumpeteers will open the program, followed by five fat Dutch Cleansers, accompanied by the Dutchman; four jumping, jacks who do? keep still; cooks of all nationalities nine stately young ladles as Greet Juses, introduced by Father Ti and a solo Grecian dance by Y Elizabeth Sabine; Filene's Mona, morning sale will be represented by ergular bargain brigade, and the Queen of Night and her maids will be the "stars." Readings will be given by Miss May Bailey and Miss Lucy Smith; also, musical selections by Miss Rosamond Lougee and the Mandolin club. Everybody welcome. This is given under the direction of the Federated church.

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the entire fifth division of the United States National Guard, baused a great stir here this week. The fifth division comprises all the military companies in the New England states, and numbers 25,000 men.

The location of the camp grounds is on the vast piece of land known as "the plains," which run from the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division railroad tracks to Shabokin. The land is level with a small growth of

ing considered to have the cavalry stationed on the western part of this lot, together with infantry units. There is ample room for the aviation corps movements also. Military men say that there is ample room for 25,000 men. Col. J. H. Buck, adjutant of the fifth division, recently made an inspection of the land for the proposed new camp ground and expressed himesiff as well pleased with it.

It is said that Camp Stevens, on the Woods Village road, near White's bridge, will be brought into use for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance from the number of the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the number of the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the number of the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the number of the shed where his lifeless body was shorr distance for the number of the number of the number of the locar and low passenger or beautiful to be done of Winchester.

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of Lowell, grand high priest, and suite,
at a convocation-of Bancroft Royal
Arch chapter on Teesday evening. The
Mark Master degree was worked by
the past high priests of Bancroft chapter. Among the distinguished guests
bers of the ch Miss Phelps; readings, "Lest we forget." Thomas J. Ryan; "A memory of Lincoln," Mrs. Harry S. Allen; "The father of his country." Edward E. Sawyer; piano solo, Miss Doris Dickerman. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

Work on the new tower at the railroad station is going on steadily. It is expected that the structural work will be completed before long and then will come the installation of the signal apparatus.

People living on East Main street were surprised to see a good sized deer running through their back yards wednesday morning.

Military Cump Here.

The report that Ayer will soon have within its borders a military training ground, capable of caring for the entire fifth division of the United States National Guard, caused a great sir here this week. The fifth divis.

low, caterer. Guests were present from Fitchburg, Clinton, Lowell. Concord, and other nearby chapters.

Death From Exposure.

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Lawrence and Mrs. O. P. Robinson.

M. L. Savage left on Thursday for New York city on a business trip and expects to return on Saturday.

Miss Miriam Russell, of Concord, was a guest of Miss. Helen Savage his Friday.

We have received a copy of the New Orleans (Louisiana) Pleayune containing an account of the famous Mardi Gras festival held annually in that city. The paper was sent by Judge Warren-H. Afwood, of Ayer, who with Mrs. Atwood, is visiting in the south. They witnessed the great pageant and other exercises connected with it.

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and Leominster roads, both of which are controlled by the latter company, and a representative of the Bay State Company. The difficulty which provents the prompt beginning of the new schedule is the uncertainty of procuring cars. The menting of the club for February 21 was held on Wednesday evening in the Methodist auditorium. The program was in charge of the resolutions committee and the market for materials used in car construction is so uncertain that it is impossible to guarantee delivery. Even second-hand cars are hard to get at any price.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Craig will observe the fittleth anniversary of their wedding—this Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Yates, on Maple street.

John B. O'Connell, Sr., who has been seriously sick, remains about the same.

Miss Catherine E. Crowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowley, of West Main Street, graduated from the Boston City hospital and Boston Lying. In hospital on Saturday, February 10.

Leseph O. Keegan of Aver and Miss.

the work that they are and may be ragreed in the good. Spirit beaund the carlied upon to do was sincely shown. The speaker was introduced by Judge Sanderson, whose words gave weight to the opening lecture and influence to the whole matter.

There was a large audience present and the society hopes its work may be further known and better appreciated and assisted as a result. It is doing a valuable work which ought to be better known.

The literature department will meet with Mrs. Hill on Wednerday afternoon, February 28, at three oclock. The ciergymen expressed themselves as much pleased with the meeting of launch was served during the noon, the executive board at the home of hour.

subject. The Pan-American union.

There will be a regular meeting of the president, Mrs. Dickerman, on Friday evening, March 2, at 7.30 o'clock.

Masonic Gathering.

About 115 were present at the ofActions D. Princa, helpers of this union meeting for many years.

Baptist Notes.

There will be a choir rehearsal at ten o'clock Sunday morning. All members of the choir are expected to be present. The pastor will preach at 10.45; subject, 'The true hero.' Mrs. Paul M. Neville of San Francisco, Cal., will sing a solo entitled, 'My redeemer.' Dudley Buck. Sunday school at twelve-with classes for all.

Praise meeting at seven p. m. by the young people's chorus and congregation. A selection by male quartet. Subject of evening sermon. "Improvement of present opportunities. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening at 7.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

panion to was from Winchester to Woburn. The per had proceeded

the people of Ayer and surrounding rendered selections at the plane durtowns who are interested in reducing the high cost of living are invited. It is expected that a member of the State Board of Agriculture will speak, and a practical gardener from Brookline will give a definite talk on the planting methods to be used in the home garden. More details will be given next week.

Miss Helen and Liewellyn Savage and Miss Miriam Russell of Concord were guests of Wondell Nutting, of Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Colonial theatter, Boston, Thursday afternoon, to witness the new light opera, "The love included Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Annie B.

The committee from the planting dinner. The committee from the land during displaying that he spent four nights, including the night of the crime in Shirtlers' union was held in the lower town hall on Thesday with a representative gathering of clergymen from the towns in this section of the state. The methods to be used in the home garden. More details will be given and Madolin Whitney.

A. W. C.

A program of unusual interest was given before the Woman's club on atre, Boston, Thursday afternoon, to witness the new light opera, "The love in the club, of which the committee is made agains: hun. His room-mate, who is stopping at the Globe hotel, proctor and Miss Emma Butterfield. The Girl's club committee included the charges of his own life. This means quickening his millence to distinguish between what is real and unified, training his preferences for the real in life, training his preferences for the real in life, training his preferences for the real in life, training his preferences for the with real in life, training his preferences for the hird who had no idea of the charges of his own life. This means quickening his milling the right who had no idea of the charges of his own life. This means quickening his milling the niche tee, chairman, Priest, in the real mad unified. The first him who had have on the life, training his preferences for the wints in life, training his prefer

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Near Panie for Sugar.

A rumor that there was going to be a shortage of sugar, and consequently higher prices for that article, caused a near panie in town last Saturday night. All the stores selling sugar were overrun with excited people who bought in large quantities in case there should be higher prices. One dealer in town sold his large supply out during the evening, and others when they saw the large purchases being made, cut down the quantity sold to each customer. At first any quantity would be sold, then the amounts were gradually diminished as the demand increased. One dealer sold to a customer from a Groton 500 pounds of sugar, which is the largest single sale reported. The largest amount bought by any one person in town was a barrel; 100 and 50 pound purchases were common. The son in town was a barrel; 100 and 50 pound purchases were common. The local grocers did not advance the price as in other places where the demand forced prices upward with a jump.

The dealers were overwhelmed with orders, the great rush coming without the least warning. As a result the local supply of sugar was much depleted. The dealers say that there is no need for alarm in the shortage of sugar. There is a temporary shortage caused by the labor troubles in New York, where the employees of a large refinery went on strike. As a result merchants in that section bought from the New England wholesale dealers to make up the deficiency in the supply. If everybody will keep cool the dealers say everything will be all fight with a plentiful supply for all at or near present prices. Dealers advise housekeepers to buy only in moderate quantities.

Concert and Ball.

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The concert and ball given under the auspices of Page hose company in the town hall last week Enday evening easily surpassed anything of its kind that has ever taken place in town. Over 200 couples enjoyed flancing to the first-class music of Dyer's orchestra, of Worcester, which was assisted by Coyle brothers, cabaret singers. Many others came to attend the evening's entertainment. Over the stage. in letters of ped on a black backgion hung a transparency upon which inscribed the words: "Page Hose No. 1." A concert of high order to high creek the second of high order to hear the second of high creek was a second or the second of high creek the second of high creek was a second or the second of high creek was a second or the second of high creek was a second or the second of high creek was a second or the second o

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inscribed the words: "Page Hose Co. No. 1." A concert of high order was given by the orchestra from eight until nine o'clock. At its conclusion the grand march took place which was led by David H. Walsh, of Ayer, and Miss Theresa Linnane, of Dorchester. Dancing followed until two o'clock.

The committee in charge wishing that everyone should have a share in the evening's pleasure, provided for a varied list of dances from the plain to the latest steps in the art of terpsichore. Every part of the eastern section of the state was represented in the gathering including many firangen. Refreshments were served in the lower gathering including many firemen. Refreshments were served, in the lower hall under the direction of Biodgett & Markham, well-known local caterers, assisted by a corps of competent warders who gave excellent service.

George L. Donahne, the foreman of Tage hose company, was the chairman of the committee of arrangements to whom much credit is due for the success of the event. He was ably as-

Notable Capture.

Chief Beatty made one of the most notable captures in his experience when he arrested Frank Peliecco, of Winchester on last Saturday evening in the bowling alley, where Pellecco and a companion were engaged in bowling.

Pellecco, who is twenty years of ago and a parole boy from the Shirley Industrial school, was charzed with highway rothery and assault with a dangerous weapon in Winchester on the night of Saturday, February 16.

The story, as gathered by the police is that Pellecco or the date mentioned started on a visit to his home in Winchester, going by way of Boston from Ayer earlier in the evening thans, city he became a quainted with a tellow passenger or the train who was bound for Wohley, a few miles north of Winchester. Pellecco's new acquaintance got off the train with him at the latter place, intending to make the remainder of his trip to Wob in by an electric cat.

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on Center road

At the meeting of the Grange Tuesday evening, three new applications for membersh power cored upon. A short program was exten during the lecturer's hour under the direction of the music committee.

Henry S. P. Stone has closed up his home on Parker road and kone to Waitham for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barnes, who have been occupying Rev. Howard A.

Hell and Ivo Russell at the Grange or Wednesdy evening were rope to discovered with much interest and hearts or planse. Mr. Harwood read from the municipation from P. W. Brown of Concord, relative to erecting a memoral of the subject and that of present political and even, contenditions concluded the program. An architecture of the subject and that of present political and even, contenditions concluded the program.

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News Items.

Linwood Richardson's father died very sundenly at his home in West Acton on Tue-day morning. He very recently returned from the hospital, where he went to undergo an operation, and was inought to be meely recovering from it. He was well-known in this vicinity as a proficient nurse, His daughter Katy is at present in the Clinton hospital convalescing from an operation.

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The fishman who has supplied our wants in his line for several years, Mr. McAuslin, of Maynard, will be seen no nore en his route, as he has retired from business.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield, Mr.

and Mrs. Charles Hayward and Pres cot: Burroughs attended the turke

supper in Acton last week Thursday given by the Men's club, and give a glowing account of both supper and the entertainment that followed.

ber Mrs. Mead as a woman of lovel character and charming personality.

The Misses Maio I, Lucy and Im Wetherhee were we k-end guests of coust in South Actor last week, at tending the dance there on Saturda,

Sunday see heg; Morning worsh.p at elever, o'clock, preacher, Rev. G. M. Missman, the minister, subject, "Goodless life, is a nopeless life." Sunday school at 12 15 ° ° 11 meeting and events, service at given o clock.

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Church Notes

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special effort to attend the both morning and electrical

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News, Items

ALEXANDER COCHRANE, V.-Pres. PREDERICK P. PISH; V.-Pres. ORRIN C. HART, Trust Officer ARTHUR P. THOMAS, Asst. Trust Officer R. B. GAGE, Man. Safe Deposit Vaults.

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Bridgman's summer home on Center road, have returned to their home in Meriden, N. H.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee and daughter attended the Pomona Grauge The body of Mrs. Benjamin Mead, a former resident, was brought here from Ayer for burnal on last week Friday. The older residents here remember Mrs. Mead as a woman of lovely Telephone 33

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these duties are; though they be of

truly done, they acquire dignity. Stand up bravely and squarely to meet the

difficulties of life. With courage you

will conquer. You will come through

life with fewer scars than by trying to

dodge duty or difficulty. Trying to

evade begets in a man a cringing spir-

it. He gets a habit of truckling, and

upright, self-respecting manliood is

gone. Don't dodge if you would hold

yourself above meanness.-Milwaukee

Creek Names of lows,

That Iowa is a farming state is re-

flected in the names of many of the streams that flow through it. First

creek is not out of place; then there is

a Chicken creek, a Duck creek, a

Goose creek, a number of Turkey

creeks, as well as Pigeon creek. There

are Fox, Hawk and Rat creeks to de-your the domestic animals, and some

Crow creeks, while there is also a Fly

creek and Mesquite creek. Water

creeks are present, likewise a Hog run

and a Mud creek, so that Bacon creek

is not strange. It is fitting that with a

Bee creek and a Bee branch there should also be a Honey creek. There

are a couple of Cherry creeks, a Crab-

and for the wild animals we have

Bear, Beaver, Buck, Crane, Deer, Doe,

Elk, Otter, Panther, Raccoon, Skunk and Wolf creeks. With a Keg creek

there is a Whisky creek and a Whisky

run. Finally there is a Purgatory

Beauty of Victoria Falls.

The Victoria falls, the native name

for which is Mosi-oa-Tounya, or the

Thunder Sounding Smoke, have right

ly been called the most heautiful gem

in the whole of the earth's scenery

No pen picture or photograph can give

the faintest idea of the marvlous gran-

deur and beauty of the scene. The ma-

jesty and mystery of the gigantic

gorges, the foaming terrents, the won

derful atmospheric effects-all come

upon one with a force and power as

though nothing had ever before been

read or heard in connection with them

The falls by moonlight are a truly fas

cinating spectacle. The roaring clouds

of spray, the somber rain forest, the

stream of the Zambezi shimmering far

above the trembling earth, the luna

rainbow, combine to make an inimita

Five hundred years ago, the span of

a few generations, Portugal was the

greatest maritime power, preceding

Portuguese first explored the two

coasts of Africa. The Cape of Good

Hope was doubled by Bartholomeo

Diaz in 1436. Vasco da Gama reached

India, via Cape of Good Hope, eleven

years later. In 1500 King Emanuel

ascended the throne of Portugal and

assumed the title of "lord of the con-

quest, navigation and commerce of In-

dia, Ethiopia, Arabia and Persia." In that year the Portuguese made settle-

ments in Brazil. History is a cata-

logue of dreams. The dream of em-

pire is nearly the oldest one. Its star

The Poet's Peacock.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti had an irre-

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to me," said Rossetti to a friend.

The friend dragged out the bird.

"No wonder," said he; "It's dead."

Sounded Ominous.

"Gosh, I'm timorous about the new

that she was planning a gown. A lit-

was a perfect blank."-Louisville Cou-

For the Hirsutely Ornamented.

his whiskers? Mrs. Smiffan Jones-I

Size of the Earth.

The diameter of the earth from pole

to pole is 7,899 miles, the equatorial di-

ameter being 7.925 miles. The slight

difference of diameter is owing to the

No Doubt.

"I wonder if surgeons don't feel

"I dare say they do-feel rather cut

To make laws complete they should

reward as well as punish.—Goldsmith.

up about it."-Baltimore American.

somewhat cheap when they have to be

flattening out of the poles.

operated on themselves?"

Mrs. Vermonte Brown-Why on earth

This went on for days.

Great Britain in that eminence.

creek.-Argonaut.

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Why so?

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State Journal.

apple creek and slenty of Plum creeks

Farm creek, so that Farmers

Journal.

the simplest and humblest, well and

#### TOWNSEND

On last week Friday evening the high school suphomores and freshmer enjoyed a sleigh ride to Fitchburg, being conveyed in James 12. Farrar's barge, chaperoned by the teachers. Baturday afternoon and evening the Saturday afternoon and evening the senior and junior classes, accompanied by Supt. Herman L. Knight and Mrs. Knight, and the high school faculty, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Ashby, where they were the guests of the Ashby high. A lunch was served in the partiah hall and the party aftended basketball games in the evening.

A Washington memorial and vesper to service was held at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, and organist, Albert G. Seaver. The organ recital was very impressive, as twas the singing by the quartet, Miss Stella Farrar. Miss Annie Griggs, Mrs. Icea Cowdrey and Miss Helen Dob-Son. The song, "Softly the bells are pealing just at the close of day" impressed the congregation as very beautiful and sacred. The order of worship of this national service consisted of responsive reading by the pastor and people, and alternate singing by the quartet with closing remarks by the pastor on the characteristics of Washington, his humility, bravery, tenderness, his deeply religious nature and his strong love for his country, all people, and alternate singing by the quartet with closing remarks by the pastor on the characteristics of Washington, his humility, bravery, tenderness, his deeply religious nature and his strong love for his country, all 475 to care for the burial dots in the unaking him stand out as one of the greatest in American history, and one which the youth of today may well emulate.

Rev. and 35.

Mrs. Arthur Barber, of Townsend hill, spont the middle of the week with her sister, Mrs. Etta Rockwood, at her home in South Brookline, N. H. Miss Gertrude Rockwood, teacher in Watertown, is enjoying a week's vacation at the home of her father, W. F. Rockwood.

Townsend friends will be interested Townsend friends will be interested to leafn that Miss Belle Twombly, a former teacher in the high school here, has accepted a position as high school teacher in Newton.

Leon Going, of Nashua, formerly of this town, was here this week, calling on relatives and friends.

The funeral of E. Alonzo Jenkins was held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock from his late home, Rev. E. C. Chariton of the Methodist church officiating. The body was taken to Shirley Center and placed in the tomb, and later burial will take place in the Jenkins family lot.

in the Jenkins family lot.

The members of the Birthday club and the Country club were the guests of the Monday club at their meeting held on Monday afternoon in the Congregational vestry. Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, a reader and singer of note, gave a very pleasing afternoon's program. Miss Sanders' voice is fresheand youthful, with—much natural beauty, artistic phrasing and clear enunciation. Her readings, impersonations and pianologues called forth universal praise from her audience. sonations and pianologues called forth universal praise from her audience. Her beautiful rendering of the pianologue, "Home," with the sweet and soul-stirring strains of "Home, sweet home," as accompaniment, touched a responsive chord in the hearts of her listeners. Miss Sanders' vocal selections were accompanied on the piano by Miss Emma Adams, of West Townsend. A social hour was enjoyed with the serving of refreshments by the hostesses, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Ross, Mrs. A. L. Struthers and Miss Alberta D. Barber. Alberta D. Barber.

Orville McKenzie began work Tuesday at the paper mill at Vose.

Mrs. Ralph O. Reed, of Manchester, N. H., is the home guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth.

Miss Ina Wilder has gone to Malen, where she is employed in an emroidery store.

broidery stere.

Monday right will be Townsend night at the Grauge with the foll wing program: Song, "Home, sweet home"; paper, "Important events in Townsend's history." Mrs. Angie Lang; "Should Townsend have a water sistem?" A. N. Fessenden, F. J. Piper; original poem, "Townsend in the fature," H. Warren Seaver: "What is the greatest problem confronting the Townsend farmer"" I. A. Seaver, Jas. A. Dixon; "Townsend's need along the line of village improvement," Mrs. Edna Bray, Mrs. Mentle Knight; harmonica solos, Richard Koefe, vocal solos, Richard Koefe, v

Herbert Cook, of Oak Binffs, has er's for a several weeks'-visit.

Much sympothy is expressed by Townsend friends for George Pessen-Townsend fraction for though Pessenden, who recently mayed from here to West. West Groton and experienced a serie ous accident while working at the lassest leatherboard early. While moving a truck his fout caught to sould way had been accommon capabled many years ago as the large moving of the histograms of the large many years ago as the large many for the histograms. result of infantile parely- s.

#### Warrant for Annual Meeting.

The following articles are contained in the warrant for the annual town meeting which will be held on Mon-

meeting which will be not a on soon-day, March 5.

Articles 1 2, 3 and 4 refer to the usual town business.

Art 5. To choose a committee for the suppression of vice and to prosecute the illegal sale of intexacting liquors.

Art 6. To vote 'yes' or 'no'l on the become direction.

the license question.

Art. 7 To choose an agest or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town, with power

to employ counsel.

To decide whether the

Art. 8. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dox licenses shall be used for the public library or for schools. To raise or borrow and ap-

propriate a sum of money for the pur-pose of completing the permanent re-pairs on the Fitchburg road to the

pairs on the Fitchburk road to the Lunenburg town line. Art. 10. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for permanent road, starting at the meadow and going to-ward G. A. Ballou's on the Meadow

Art, 11. To raise and appropriate \$300 to complete the gravel road on. Townsend hill, from the end of the

Townsend hill, from the end of the road built last year to a point opposite Vernal Barber's shop.

Att. 12. To raise and appropriate \$200 for rains highways.

Art. 13. To raise and appropriate

Art. 13. To raise and appropriate \$200 for cutting brush along the high-

a sum of money to build permanent sidewalk at West Townsend. Art. 16. To raise and appropriate a aum of money to build assument

sum of money to build permanent-sidewalk at the Center Village.
Art. 17. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new flag for Memorial premises.
Art. 18. To decide what municipal telephones the town will pay for, if any, and appropriate money-therefor. Art. 21. To raise and appropriate sum of \$150 to be used in the im-provement of the West Townsend cemetery. Art. 22. To raise and appropriate

cemetery.

Art. 22. To raise and appropriate \$25-for the care of soldiers' graves.

Art. 23. To choose a committee of three residents of West Townsend to have charge of the income of the James N. Tucker fund.

Articles 24, 25, 26, 27. To accept from Mrs. Lilla M. Sartelle of Worcester, the sum of \$200, the income of which to be used for the perpetual care of the jot known as the James Q. Sartelle lot and the Edwin A. Larkin lot in the Center cemetery; to accept lot in the Center cemetery; to accept from John W. Burtt, of Fitchburg, \$75, for perpetual care of the Triend C. Burtt lot; to accept from F. D. Lawson, of New York city, \$100, for perpetual care of the Benjamin F. Clark lot in Center cemetery; to accept from

making num steam states and making making num steam states in American history, and one which the youth of today may well emulate.

Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, of Roxbury, have been spending several days at their bungalow home. "Benaljohn," on Townsend hill.

Arthur G. Eastman, high school teacher in Cohasset, is spending a week's vacation at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. J. Harvey.

Mrs. S. A. Woods has been spending a week in Providence with her mother, Mrs. Brown.

Miss. Edith. Farrar has gone to Fitchburg, where she will train as a nurse in the Burbank hospital.

A thur Barber, of Townsend Memorial hall building for their meetMemorial hall building for their meetMemorial hall building for their meetMemorial hall building for their meet-

Memorial hall building for their meetings and allow them same privileges at the Memorial association has been

propriate a sum of money to purchase a chemical engine for fire protection at Townsend Harbor.

Art. 32. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to have the engine house at the Harbor moved to a more house at the Harbor moved to a more suitable location.

Art. 33. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of supplying additional fiftings in the vault in the selectmen's room.

Art. 34. To vote to take a new general valuation this year and appropriate money therefor.

ate money therefor.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to appoint one or more special police officers for traffic and general police duty, to serve every Saturday and Sunday from May 1 to October 1, and to raise and appoint the service of the ser over saturuay and sunday from May to October 1, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of such officers.

Art. 36. To instruct the selectmen to petition the legislature for an act to authorize the town to provide a water supply for domestic and other nurnoses.

purposes.
Art. 27. To approve of an act of the legislature authorizing incorporation of a private company for the purpose of providing the town with a water

poses.

Art. 38. To hear reports from the tax collectors relating to taxes uncollected for the years prior to 1915.

Art. 40. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate \$125 for the George Washington Memoral building, Washington, D. C.

Art. 41. To accept Chapter 293. Art. 41. To accept Chapter 293, General Acts 1916, entitled "An act to authorize the licensing by cities and authorize the incensing by cines and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire." to take effect in towns upon its acceptance by the voters at any duly called town meetings, and in cities upon its acceptance by the city council.

city council.

Art. 42. To accept Chapter 59. General Acts 1916 (amending Chapter 284. Section 1, General Acts 1915), entitled "An act relative to the holding of an-nual town meetings," to take effect upnual town meetings," to take effect upon acceptance of the act by any town.
Art. 13. To accept Chapter 153,
General acts of 1916, entitled "An act
Felative to the license fee for staughter houses in towns having less than
19,000 inhabitants," to take effect upon
its acceptance by any town to which
it applies at any annual town meeting.
Art. 44. To accept Chapter 240,
Section 1, General Acts of 1916 entitled "An act relative to the hours of
'thor of public employees and persons imployed on public works," to
'take effect in any town upon accepince by the voters at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for
the purposes.

three persons, by electing only a comber one h year for three years

Harris Stroner, C Waltham, and as about Mosc Ethics Objects O, also of Waltham spirit the weekshird with Mrs. Mary Streeter, who is still quite if at her nome in Joselynvile.

Mrs. Mary Robbins visited her sis Mrs. Blood, in the Memoria, hos-ral in Nashra, N. H., this week and and her olate sere isly M

Mr. Joseph MacKear has returned

A very pleasant party was held at the Haptist vestries on Monday even-ng, when a sleagning terry from the Prist Baptist church of Flyching was Cirst Baptist church, of Flichburg was entertained by the Y. F. S. C. E. The early was composed of forty young accide, who arrived it two burge loads mortly before more o'clo K. About forty of the village people were gathered to meet them, and after the more had been served to a bountiful supper the following program was en oved by all. Violin solo, Mr. Cod. Fitchburg; vocal duet, "Lake the lark

F.tchburg; vocal duet, "Lake the lark," with encore, "Kentucky babe," Mrs. Miles Sherwin and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin: vocal solo, "The sunshine of your emile," with encore, "Linda," Miss Mildred Beckett, Fitchburg; reading, "Aunt Melinda's auto ride," Mrs. Fred A. Patch; vocal solo, "Hills of sky," with encore, "Early risin," Mrs. Alden Sherwin; violin solo, Mr. Cody, Fitchburg; reading, "The gift of the wisemen," Miss Elsie Perrin, Fitchburg, ong, "The perfect day," with encore, "Lullaby," Mrs. Goble, Fitchburg.
Those from this village who attend-

Those from this village who attended the meeting of the Monday club at the Congregational vestries, where they entertained the members of the Birthday and Country clubs, were Mrs. Ross, Miss Emma Adams, Mrs. Ethel Welch and Miss Alice Seaver.

Miss Clara Warren is receiving the sympathy of the enure community in the loss of her horse, "Prince," who died early Sunday morning. He was ways.

Art. 14. To raise and appropriate died early Sunday morning. He was very clever and intelligent and a great very clever and intelligent and a great Art. 15. To raise and appropriate many of her friends.

Charles and Clara Hosley, of Bay berry hill, were called to Lancaste on last Sunday to attend the funera culties to be met, they are not made easier by trying to dodge them. In assed away last week. trying to dodge a missile from one di-

A large sleighing party of over sev rection you may come in line with one from a different direction. When we enty from Fitchburg stopped at the Squannicook Inn last Saturday evening and spent about two hours in the dodge-trouble we are more than likely hall, dancing and having a merry and to get into other trouble no less easy jolly time. to endure. Look with courage on what must be met. Faced with cour-

#### LUNENBURG

At the mid-week meeting of the Congregational church the society, led by the pastor, has taken up the study of the Book of Amos, and it is proving yery interesting to the young people as well as those of more mature rears.

years.

The special road committee, consisting of James L. Harrington, Ernest K. Proctor, John B. Freeman, have asked the state for more money with which to complete the road between the Leominster and Shirley town lines. They also recommend that the road drag be used more extensively than less year, also that one wooden bridge last year; also, that one wooden bridge be replaced each year by a concrete bridge. If all-the voters in town will attend the town meeting on March 5, they will hear all about these and oth-er recommendations.

Mrs. Frederick L. Francis positively town ballot as a candidate for school committee, and at the citizens town ommittee meeting on Monday evening Mrs. Loren H. Brown was nominated to fill the vacancy.

There are now thirty-five articles in the town warrant, with a possibility that one or two more may be added before it is posted. Some of the arti-cles will probably cause considerable talk, and no doubt some argument.

At a meeting in the lower town hall on Monday evening Perley B. Hitchcock, deputy income tax assessor, ex-plained the matter to the farmers asplained the matter to the farmers as-sembled that when the permitted ex-emptions and deductions are made there will not be many in Lunenburg that will have to contribute to this form of taxation.

form of taxation.

It is very gratifying to the many friends of Ernest G. Carswell that a paper nominating him for selectmen has been circulated and has received fore signatures than the law requires. Mr. Carswell had nothing to do with the movement, but when told of it on Tuesday morning he consented to allow his name to stand, and if elected will accept the office. will accept the office.

It is hoped that the town will vote to place electric lights in the fire sta-tion, as at present the only means of lighting it is with lanterns, which are not always easy to find and light in the hurry and bustle of getting ready to go to a fire. Mrs. Emma Estabrook, widow of the

ate Adin C. Estabrook, is quite ill at her home and in the care of a train-

#### Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary F. (Hadley) Harley, wife of Henry Augustus Harley, was held at her late home on last week Friday afternoon by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors, completely filling the house. Rev. David Wallace, a former pastor here, now of Fall River, conducted the service. The singers were Mrs. Emma C. Parker, Miss Dorothy Cass, Warren Lewis and Lewis L. Harrington. The bearers were four of her six sons, and it was a sadly beautiful, yet pitiful sight to see those four manly sons tenderly bearing the body of their beloved mother to her last resting place.

tenderly bearing the body of their be-loved mother to her last resting place. There was a great profusion of beau-tiful flowers, every organization of which she had been a member, and many others from individual friends, testifying their love, respect and sym-bathy by the beautiful fragrant tokens. The Congregational church, where she was a member of the choir, her line alto voice always adding very much to the beautiful music; the Grange, of which she was an honored member, and in which she usually had a prom-linent jert in the musical program; the nent fart in the musical program; the school, where five of her sons and a laughter have graduated, and where her two youngest children are now nembers; the Woman's club, and othrecombers: the Woman's ciub, and others all sent beautiful reminders of their love and sympathy for the family. Nearly all these organizations had some social function arranged for the week-but-everything was postponas soon as it was known that she had passed away.

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FRED O. WELCH, Adm. Hudson, Mass, February 5, 1917.

HE LOST HIS FRECKLES. Don't Dodge. Do not dodge. Whatever the diffi-

James Whitcomb Riley's Tale of How the Trick Was Turned. As a youth James Whitcomb Riley was burdened with freckles. Always sensitive regarding anything reflecting apun him personally, he grieved over what he considered an insurmountable misfortune. He told of his effort at emancipation: "One day I saw in a drug store win-

dow what was said to be a sure cure for moth, tan, freckles, etc. I ponder- summer tourists in Europe. ed possession of a bottle, but-50 cents! Of course I could never buy it. Why, I didn't get 50 pennics in a ing at Thun, Switzerland. He made a whole year." But he managed to finance himself

by manipulation of the market money when doing errands for his parents and he bought a bottle of the magic farther than Berne and on arriving at stuff. He ran with it to the haymow and rubbed it all over his face, then proaching a pile of baggage, he saw raced off to school to make up the time he had lost. "When I stepped inside the door all

the school started to laugh at me," he says. "The teacher asked me what I meant by coming to school in such a Bewildered and ignorant condition. out the door. She showed me my face in a mirror, and it was like a yellow Easter egg. The directions had said to rub it off immediately with salt water and white of an egg, all of which I had missed. To get the stain off, my face had to be rubbed until the skin left it. But when it was all over the freckles were actually gone and never came back." ....

#### MILITARY MARCHING.

The Pace Varies With the Quality and

Size of the Command. The "Army Drill Book" tells that trained and hardened infantry can cover from twenty to twenty-five miles a day when in small bodies. As the size of the command increases the distance covered becomes less, as the rate is lowered and time is needed to get all claimed it and directed a porter to the units into and out of camp.

With a regiment or less of average troops-regulars-marching over average roads the rate should be from two and three-quarters to three miles an hour. · Large bodies will travel from two to two and a half miles an hour, while a division cannot be expected to complish more than twelve and onehalf miles a day.... Of course all these figures will vary

with different conditions of roads and weather, Untrained troops could not approach them until hardened. Though they might do better for a day or two, could not keep up the steady pace of the seasoned regulars for a long dis-

Marching with full equipment is hard physical work and, like every other form of labor, requires a proper period of training. The seasoned force will eep up a steady pace with ten minute halts every hour, a fifteen minute stop being made at the end of the first half or three-quarters of an hour. Green troops are apt to straggle badly .- Out-

#### An Ancodote of Handel.

On one occasion Handel was caught in a shower of rain and was obliged to eek shelter in a blacksmith's forge. Either Handel was in a silent mood or else the blacksmith showed no conversational symptoms, for in a little while the latter began hammering away at his anvil, accompanying his work with a song. Handel was listening all the time to the strokes of the hammering on the anvil, which, by producing two harmonic sounds, according in time and tune with the tune the man sang, formed a bass accompaniment. Handel, on reaching home, remembered the air and the hammer accompaniment. He wrote down both, and so we owe to a shower of rain the composition known as "The Harmonious Blacksmith."

sistible tendency to purchase rare and Enoch Eastman, an old time Iowa beautiful birds and beasts that appeal- lawyer, on one occasion appeared beed to his poetic or artistic fancy. El- fore a young judge and to enforce a len Terry tells in "The Story of My point he desired to make brought with white peacock, which very soon after to the court, whereupon the young its arrival at his home disappeared unjudge, after moving uneasily about in his seat for awhile, said, "Mr. East der the sofa. In vain did Rossetti it out. It refused to budge, man, I've read Blackstone." "Oh, hev ye!" responded Enoch.

"The lovely reature won't respond looking at the judge over the top of his spectacles with an air of surprise Case and Comment.

#### Consoling.

"What did you say your age was?" he remarked, between dances. "Well. I didn't say," smartly return ed the girl, "but I've just reached

"Heard my wife say this morning twenty-one." "is that so?" he returned consoling tle later I heard her say that her mind | ly. "What detained you?"-Exchange

#### Black Opals. The gem most sought after is the

Australian black opal, which is found nowhere else in the world. It appears don't you get your husband to cut off in limited quantities in the matrix of ironstone and sandstone in the Lightwouldn't have him do it for the world. ning Ridge district of New South I want him to let them grow and get Wales. them all out of his system .- Ohio

> Blobbs-What a dainty little hand-kerchief she carries. It looks like a cobweb. Slobs-Yes, a thing like that isn't to be sneezed at .- Philadelphia

Dainty.

#### Facial Adornment. First Maid-Does your mistress wear much jewelry? Second Maid-No; she

Record.

Transcript. Lame, but Good. Cumso-Why didn't you come last week as you promised? Fangle—I sprained my ankle. Cumso—A lame

has only rings under her eyes.-Boston

## An Unfortunate Hams Blunder --

By F. A. MITCHEL

When the world war broke out there were the usual quantum of American

Frederick Jackson was one of these Americans near the seat of war, bebolt to get through France to the sea, so that he might embark for home. He was unable to register his trunk any that city began a hunt for it. Ap his trunk-at any rate, it had his initials on it-and was about to claim it when a lady exlaimed: ,

"There it is! Bring it along quickly I shall be left."

She pointed to Jackson's trunk, a per of what it all meant, I followed her ter shouldered it and was about to car ry it away when Jackson interfered. "Beg pardon, madam. Are you sure

that is your trunk?" "Certainly. Don't you see my initials on it-F. E. J.?"

quite sure that is my trunk."

"Those are my initials, and I am

"Go on, porter," said the lady, and off they went, leaving Mr. Jackson gaping-after them. He was about to follow them to regain his trunk when an official pointed to another trunk with the same initials on it and asked if it were not his. Jackson was puz zied. No matter how familiar one k with his trunk he cannot be certain un less there is some familiar mark on it However, it was evident that then were two trunks with the same initial on them, and Jackson argued that this one was either his or hers. So he

The episode occurred on Aug. 2, 1914 A week later Jackson crossed the Eng lish channel, the vessel having darker ed lights to escape German wareraft and landed safely in England. There he waited two weeks for a passage to New York.

When the ship was well out to sea Jackson one morning left his state room somewhat peculiarly attired. He had on a ruffled collar, and his necktie was a broad blue ribbon. In the cabin he met a lady in a pair of masculine spats-much too large for her-a man' choker and a blue speckled cravat of namented with a mosaic pin resem bling one Jackson had bought in Rome The man and the woman stopped and looked at each other with marked in terest. Jackson raised his cap politely "I believe, sir," said the lady, "that you are the man who claimed a trunk

at Berne which I believed to be mine."
"I am." "Well, the trunk turned out not to b mine."

"I captured a trunk with my initials on it and held on to it. "Heavens be praised; it must be

mine." "That scarf you are wearing matche one I own, and the pin is exactly like one I brought from Italy."

"Quite likely. I have been obliged to use some of the articles I found in your trunk. I fancy that ruffled col lar you wear is mine, and the ribbon" (she tried to repress a smile) "is the exact color of one I got in Lucerne. I assure you I am very tired trying to make out with a man's neckwear Look at these enormous spats!"

"I assure you I have found a wo man's robe de nuit altogether toc cramped. Besides, the workmanship in it scratches me." "You are very bold!"

"I will apologize if you will assure me that you have not used my own for a similar purpose."

The lady colored, but made no reply "I will have a porter carry the trunk to your stateroom and get mine. will reserve such articles of clothing as I have been obliged to use to be

The lady looked uncomfortable. "Will that suit you, madam?" he added.

"But what shall I do in the mean ime for-for"-

"Can't we get the pieces laundered immediately?" A stewardess was passing. The lady

called her and put the laundry ques tion. She was told that to get clothes laundered aboard would be next to impossible and if possible would cost a large sum. A few pieces only would cost a guinea. "Rather than pay that," said Jack-

son, with a twinkle in his eye, "I will sleep in embroidery and lace all the voyage." "But I will not sleep-I mean you

shall not sleep in"— She was stalled.
"Then we must change trunks with the articles as they are," said Jackson. "That's very mean of you." "I don't see how you can call me mean. At Berne I was about to have my trunk carried to the train when

you interposed and had it carried off as yours. Since then I have had to depend upon garments to which I have been entirely unused.' This ended the interview. The lady turned and beat a retreat. Jackson

paid an enormous sum to have the articles he had used inundered and sent the trunk with everything in it to the lady's stateroom. He did not receive his own until the end of the journey. A year from that date when these

two were about to start on a wedding tour the groom to be sent some of his clothes to his fiancee to pack in her trunk on the ground that he hadn't room for them. She sent them back in a huff.

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## State Income Tax

Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Save them for future reference.

JOSEPH E. PERRY

(Fourteenth-and last-article)

## MASSACHUSETTS GIVES ULTIMATUM

Hundreds of Thousands in Danger Subject to Income Tax, But Don't Know It?-Their Names Already in Information File-State To Be Combed for Definquents.

HER CITIZENS WARNED

At the close of the most extensive campaign of education ever conduct ed by the Commonwealth to explain one of its statutes to the people a final word is sent. Hundreds of meetings have been held throughout and he figured as a jockey. the state, thousands of columns of explanations have been printed, and millions of pamphlets, cards, letters, posters and reminders have been scattered into every city and hamlet in the hope that none would be ignorant of the provisions of the new state Income Tax Law.

In spite of all this publicity there are a great many people who know of the existence of the law but who think it does not apply to them.

FALLACY TORPEDOED. The chief reason for this is the mistaken notion that the law applies only to those whose income exceeds \$2000. This is utterly wrong! THE TEST.

A person whose total income was only one dollar-or even less!-would be obliged to file a return in

he had ANY taxable. (f) Interest.

Dividends (3) Annuities.

(4) Excess of profits over losses from the purchase and sale of securities or other intangible per

sonal property. The origin of the fallacy may be raced to the provision of the law which applies a further test, quite independent of the foregoing, viz., that a return must be filed by every inhabitant of Massachusetts whose GROSS income for 1916 exceeded and forth before the debtor's abode. It was not long before Jim threw up a all of it was taxable. Many returns window and called out: "Hi, you, there! will be required where no tax will be payable. Many returns will be required on which every financial item will be answered by the word "none."

Slackers Spotted. A corps of thirty or forty clerks has been busy for months compiling a list of persons who come within the scope of the law. Lists of Massachusetts holders of taxable stocks in some ten thousand "foreign" corporations are available. Similarly information is being compiled from every conceivable source. The state systematically combed

throughout the year.

Brighten The Corner. Pass the word along as widely as may be and see to it that none of your friends or neighbors get caught napping.

Employers and Borrowers. Returns will be required from all employers who in 1916 paid wages. salary, or other compensation over \$1800 to any inhabitant of the state. Union Cash Market tion trust, or corporation that taxable interest to inhabitants of this state must report the names and addresses of such persons.

Foreign Corporations. Lists of Massachusetts stockholders must be filed by foreign corpora-

Answer All Questions. Be sure to write the appropriate answer, figures, or "none" after every question, ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.

Emergency Aid. If in doubt consult the nearest state tax official. If not available see your banker, lawyer, broker or

other adviser. File early. TAX OFFICES. Income tax offices are maintained in Salem, Lowell, Cambridge, Boston, Brockton, Fall River, Worcester, Fitchburg, Greenfield, Springfield and

Pittsfield. COME EARLY. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE TAX BLANK.

(P. S. Don't forget to file your return of tangible personal property with your local city or town assesafter April first and before May 15, 1917.)

#### The Word Metis.

The word metis, means mixed. It is from the French metis, a derivative of buttonhole bouquet in his coat with the Latin miscere, to mix. The term not the shadow of a blush on his face. was first used in this country by the On the contrary, he appeared to be early French-speaking population of very proud of himself, the northwest to designate persons of Not long after this he married Miss mixed white and Indian blood, Ameas Ashurst. But before the wedding it the Spanish-speaking population of was stipulated that he should limit his the Southwest the word mestizo, of the expenditures to an allowance. Home same derivation, is used, but it applies influence cured him of his spendthrift more especially to those of half white habits, and he became a prominent and half Indian blood.

## Story of a Spendthrift

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Jimmle Temple was the son of a very rich man and inherited at his father's death a large fortune. This was at the beginning of the nineteenth century, when \$100,000 was considered a gigantic sum. But it was not too big for Jimmie to get away with in a few years. He spent it in every conecivable way. First and foremost, he was devoted to horses; second, he doted on dogs; third, he was fond of eards; fourth, he was always wanting to fight some one. Jimmie veered between these attractions as a weath er cock swings between the four points of the compass. By the by, this reminds me that he was also given to eockfighting.

Well, after Jimmie had run through all his money he continued to spend on tick. This lasted till he heard the ballins were after him, when, in order to escape them, he enlisted in the caralry and was sent to his regiment fight-ing Indians in a territory which is now called the middle west. This gave him one of his favorite amusements, for he was on a horse all the while. Occa-sionally there were races at the post.

There was no reason why Jimmie Temple should not have continued to serve indefinitely in the army, where he was very happy, for he secured a commission, except that he loved a girl in Baltimore. Miss Belle Ashurst was the daughter of a rich man, but his wealth didn't do her any good, so far as uniting her to Lieutenant Tem ple for her father had no idea of per mitting his daughter to marry such a scapegrace. But the lovers pined for each other, and Belle was continually writing Jim to come back, just as if ie could go where he pleased.

So it was that in time Jim resigned and when his resignation was accept ed headed straight-for-Baltimore.

Naturally enough, Jim's creditors were on the lookout for him, and as oon as he appeared in Baltimore some of them got wind of the fact. Jim realized that if he was to enjoy the solimbo, so he went into hiding, He kept dark during the daytime and, like the animals of the forest, did his prowling\_at\_night.\_An\_attorney\_employed by his creditors discovered his fair, but dare not force an entrance, for this would render him liable to action for trespass.

This attorney-Markham was his name-having learned about Jim's idlosyncrasies, especially his fondness for borses, one morning sent a boy in the uniform of a jockey to ride a horse that was anything but a racer back window and called out: "Hi, you, there! Do you expect to win a race with that bundle of bones?" Markham, who was under the window, began to read Jim a summous, but he had not read half a dozen words before down came the sash

This ruse having failed, Markham bethought himself of another. One bright morning he and a deputy brought a couple of cocks to a vacant lot beside Jim's hiding place and set them to fighting. The cocks were furnished with steel spurs, but a spur on one of the cocks was turned so that it was useless to the bird who wore it. Jim watched the fight from behind blinds, and when he saw one of the birds being slaughtered for the lack of a properly fixed spur it was too much for him. Throwing open the blinds, he called out: "What do you want to treat a cock that way for? Don't you

He got no further. Some one on the ground beneath the window thrust a pole under the sash so that Jim could as newly subdivided by Gerry and his Similarly any partnership, associa- not lower it, and a voice began to read men. Gilbert Stuart's ready pencil tion trust, or corporation that paid a legal document. Jim jumped out the whimsically added to the outlines of a window, knocked the paper out of the hands of the reader, sent the man who held the pole sprawling, in a jiffy was back through the window, and the sash came down.

One night when he was leaving Miss Ashurst's home he was accosted on the street by a gentleman, who said to

"My friend, I have been playing the bank at Watson's recently. I have invented a system by which I expect to break it. I am in love with a young lady whose father has informed me that if I ever enter a gambling house again it shall be all up between me and his daughter. Would you kindly consent to play for me tonight?"

The man gave Jim his system, and Jim was seized with a desire to see how it worked. He took \$100 the man gave him and suffered himself to be conducted to Watson's. He had scarce ly entered the well lighted rooms when he was bereft of his disguise and, being recognized, was forced to listen to the reading of a summons

for the door was locked behind him. Jim spent a term in the debtors' prison, which was ended by the death of his girl's father. The day after the funeral Belle paid her lover's debts. He was released from the prison and appeared on the fashionable promenade of Baltimore with a beautiful

citizen-socially-of Baltimore.

#### HIS TWO TENSE MOMENTS.

One a Ninth Inning Crisis, the Other a

heard a prominent Cambridge man of the two most lense moments of bis life. But the tension in each case was different.

"I doubt if I ever shall forget either scension," he said reflectively. "They were big moments.

"The first was when I was in colege. I was captain of the baseball tenns that year. We came to the end of We needed one run to fie the score and another to win the game. Two men were down and two on the sacks when I came to but. And for once in my career I did.it. I lined out track. When I felt it go-well, that

"And the other." He chuckled, but a slow flush crept over his cheeks. "It was thirty years ago, soon after I left college. I went ever to see a girl I thought was pretty nice and to meet her folks for the first time. I went on Sunday. All the men were away. And they had duck for dinner." He "Ever carve a duck?" stopped. asked meaningly, "No, neither had I before. Kor have I-since." His flush deepened. "I never even went to see that girl again," be added plaintively. -Boston Journal.

#### BONEHEAD BASEBALL

One Curious Break That Even the Um-- pires-Did-Not-Notice.

Baseball's champion foolish play was made in a game between Washington and the White Sox in 1907. In that battle Larry Schlafly was captain of the Washingtons and also played second base.

At the end of an early inning Schlafly vent out to telephone or buy a goat or something and was delayed so long that the Senators had three men put out before his return. The Sox came trotting in for their

turn at lat. Washington took the field. with only eight men and nebody on second, and the game went on that way till Fielder Jones hit one straight across second. Then, and not till then. was it discovered that there was nobody on second base

Incredible as it may seem, nincteen -seventeen players and two umpires-had started the half inning in this fashion and not one of them got wise till Jones' hit shot over the empty station.

Schlafly reappeared at this juncture, and the umpires decided that the hit was illegal when made with only eight men in the field. Jones had to go back and bat over .- New York Sun.

#### Calamities of Authors.

Homer was a beggar; Plautus turned a mill; Terence was a slave; Cervantes. the author of "Don Quixote," died of hunger; Bacon lived a life of meaniess and distress; Raleigh died on the scaffold: Spenser, the charming, died in want; the death of Collins was through neglect, first causing mental derange ment; Milton sold his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for £15; Dryden died in poverty and distress: Otway died prematurely and through hunger; Lee died in the gutter; Steele lived a life of perfect warfare with balliffs; Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" was sold for a trifle to save him from the grip of law; Savage died in prison at Bris tol, where he was confined for a debt of £8: Butler lived a life of penury and died poor; Chatterton, the child of genius and misfortune, destroyed him-

Naming the Gerrymander. The gerrymander was christened in 1813, although it must have been in operation long before that. A stanch old Federalist, Governor Elbridge Gerry. controlled through his legislature the redistricting of Massachusetts under the census of 1810. In the office of Benjamin Russell, an ardent Republican editor, hung a map of the state

grotesque district the wings and tail of a dragon. "Ha;" he said when he had finished. "How's that for a sammander?"

The Republican Bussell growted "Better call ft a gerrymander" American politicians have taken his

### Barley Water.

Sometimes the does or orders batley or natmeal water for baby. When such is the case prepare as follows: Add two tablespoorfuls of washed pearl barley or of onimeal, as the case may be, to a quart of cold water. Boil this down to a pint, - oking slowly for about two hours. Toen strain while hot and add a sull lent quantity of cold belied water to make a quart of

# the fluid. Keep cool in a covered far

The bay of Naples abounds in me dusae, or jellyfish, often growing as large as two feet in diameter and weighing fifty and sixty pounds. Some of them shine at night with a greenish light and are known as "noctiluca" (night lanterns) by the natives.

#### The Limit.

"They say old Closefist has still got the first dollar he ever made." "Yes, and I'll bet he has still got the first umbrella he ever borrowed." -- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## About.

"What did your haby cry about last night?" asked the man next door.
"About five hours." replied Mr. Youngpop.—Exchange

Don't ever worry about what you cennot help.

War and Social Changes.

"War," says Emerson, "passes the ower of all chemical solvents, breaking up the old adhesions and allowing the atoms of society to take a new order." That this was pre-eminently. true of our own war is the opinion of Professor Fred Lewis Pattee in his History of American Literature Since "The change wrought by the 1870." war," he says, "was far more than a rise of new activities and a shifting of population. A totally new America grew from the ashes of the great conflict. In 1860 north and south allke were provincial and self conscious New York city was an enormously overgrown village, and Boston, Phila delphia and Charleston were almost as individual and as unlike each othe as they had been in the days of the Revolution. There had been nothing to fuse the sections tegether and to bring them to a common vision. Until 1860 there had been no passion flere enough to stir to the very center of their lives all of the people, to melt them"into a homogeneous mass and to pour them forth into the mold of a new individual soul among the na

The Better Judge. Some years ago the Oldham ama teurs were producing one of Handel's oratorios, under the personal tuition and conductorship of the late Sir Charles Halle. Among the orchestra was the famous and gigantic bassoon player, George Seel of Ashton-under-Lyne. At the first rehearsal Halle went to George and, indicating several bars for the bassoon, told him not to play them on the night of the per formance. George was inwardly bolling with indignation, but said nothing. On the night of the performance George played the banned music.

When the affair was over Halle went up to Seel in a great rage and, pointing to the notes, said, "I told you to leave them out, didu't I?"

"Aye, you did," said George, "but Handel towd me to put them in, an' he were a better judge than you."-London Answers.

Washington's Home.

Mount Vernon, historically the most interesting of all American man-sions, was erected in 1743 for Lawrence Washington, the half brother of George, and so named in honor of Admiral Edward Vernon, R. N., under whose command Lawrence Washington had served during the British ex pedition against Cartagena in 1741. The property passed into the hands of the death of Lawrence in 1752, and the house was later improved and enlarged. When Mrs. Washington died in 1802 Mount Vernon became, in accordance with Washington's will, the property of his nephew, Bushrod Washington, who in turn bequeathed it to his nepbew, John Augustine Washington, from whom it passed-to a son of the same name. and in 1858 it was purchased from him by the Mount Vernon Ladies' associa

Took-Away the Sting. A pleasant retort was that given by Admiral Marsden at a dinner in Malta several years ago. It was given on the Fourth of July by him to the American officers on a man-of-war, and all the English officers in the harbor were guests. They were no better bred than many Englishmen of that day, for when the regular teast, "The day we celebrate," was read, they set down their glasses untasted. The venerable host added gently, "The day, gentlemen, when England celebrates the coming of age of her eldest daughter." Every face cleared, and the toast was drunk with hearty cheers. Wit never finds its way to the mark so swiftly as when aimed with kindness and good

#### Dumas and a Duke.

Dumas on the day before the production of his "Henri III." called on the Due d'Orleans and practically demanded-that the latter attend the performduka amusad impossible, as he had a dinner party invited to his home. But Dumas, armed with abundant brass and determination, suggested that the dinner be set an hour ahead and the play begun an hour later so that the entire party might-attend. Dumas had reserved all the grand circle in anticipation of his success in the encounter, and the duke owned himself reuted and did as he was "ordered."

Legend of the Pearl.

The ancient inhabitants of India had. a very pretty superstition concerning the origin of pearls. They believed that at certain seasons Buddha showered dewdrops upon the world, which the oyster, fleating on the waters to breathe, received and held until they bardened and became pearls.

Business and Pleasure. "We want to keep business out of

politics," said the reformer. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "you've taken all the pleasure out of it. If you take all the business out be left."-Washington Star.

### Social Aspirations.

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You are hereby lefted to appear of a Probate Court to be held at Can bodge in said County of Middlewex, on the twenty-seventh day of February V. D. 1917, at nine of oek in the twenty-seventh day of February V. D. 1917 at nine of oek in the twentoon, show cause, if any not have, why was me should not be granted.

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Better Said Court, this terminal in humble hand sevent in. "She likes publicity, eh?"
"Does she? Why, she thinks the sotiety column ought to make an item of k when she gives a little breakfast to 1 tramp."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### Retort Courteous. She-I never helped you to make

tool of yourself. He-You didn't? Didn't you marry me?-Baltimore

The love of beauty is taste; the creation of beauty is art.-Emerson.

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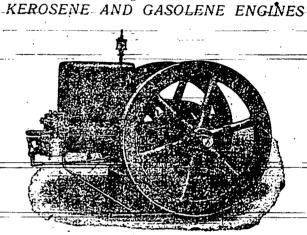
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#### PEPPERELL

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunton and son Harold, of South Portland, Me., came on last Saturday and have been the guests of Mrs. Dunton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin, during the past week.

Miss Ethel Wells, teaching in Everett, has been spending her one-week's vacation at her home in town

the past week.

Mrs. H. Arthur Brown and son Harold, from Brookline, N. H., visited at the home of Mrs. Robert Sherwood last week. Mrs. Brown is convalescing from an illness of several weeks, and has been spending part of this week with her sister, Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson, in Fitchburg. Mrs. Maud Lackey, another sister, from Groton, accompanied her over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck, from Boston, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, in town.

Mrs. Erbert Williams went to Fitch-burg on Monday for a short visit with her daughter, Miss Gladys. Miss Ruth Wilson entertained Miss Beatrice Wood and friends, Mr. Gar-land, from Charlestown, over the

week-end. Mrs. Joseph Cress, who has been visiting in town from Nova Scotia, went to Leominster and Gardner to visit relatives on last Saturday. She was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. R. H. Lawson.

H. Lawson.

Miss Olive Lesley, of Cambridge, the
Massachusetis state secretary of the
Girl. Scouts of America, will give a
talk on the work of this organization
at Central hall on Monday evening at
7.30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially
invited to attend, both for the pleasure of meeting Miss Lesley, who is
an exceptionally bright speaker, and for the benefit of the instruction which

she will be able to give. Miss Leeley-will be the guest of the Girl Scouts here in town, and a luncheon will be prepared and served by them for this guest of honor. Miss Dorothy Joslyn entertained her sister, Mrs. Lewis, from Worcester, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John O. Bennett went to Fitch-Mrs. John O. Bennett went to Fitch-burg Wednesday as the guest of Mrs. Sumner Lawrence. She attended a meeting of the Woman's club while there to hear Prof. Hubbard in his dramatic rendering of "Merry wives of Windsor." Mr. Hubbard was one of the speakers before our Woman's club in town more than a year ago. the speakers before our Woman's club in town more than a year ago. and was exceedingly entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook spent Sunday in Lancaster. Mr. Cook returned on Monday, Mrs. Cook remaining through the week with relatives.

A fine new flag was displayed from a new flag pole at the Nashua River Paper Company this week. Mrs. Lillie J. Dow returned home

last Saturday from Winchendon, where she was called about three weeks ago by the illness of her uncle, J. H. Whit-ney, who has since passed away. Miss Effle Winship has now gone to

Middleboro to stay with Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury for awhile.

Pillsbury for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deware came from Point du Butte, N. B., last Saturday and are the guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs William Deware. Mr. Deware was taken ill with an incipient attack of appendicitis in New Itrunswick and expects to go into St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua next week for an operation.

Burnoe Keith has here a stefferer Burpee Keith has been a sufferer om the grippe and an attack of asth-ia the past week.

Mrs William Robse is expected home from the Brooks hospital the last of this week, where she has been under treatment of the specialist, Dr McAusland.

Mrs. J. J. Willoughby has gone bard

rett Jacobs being under direction of

The condition of Harvey Tilestor The condition of Harvey, Tileston, who has never recovered from his accident last. September, is not improving, as he is not taking as much nourishment. His sister, Miss Louisa, who is very much worn out with the care, is also very poorly. Mrs. Laura Parker, the nurse, is with her daily.

The deputy of the state income tax commission, who was to come here rom Boston on Wednesday afternoon elephoned at noon he would be unthe to do so on account of a press of ousiness at the Boston office. Many vere planning to consult him.

Several of the teachers enjoyed the heliday on Thursday by a sleighing party to Lowell. They were entertain-ed by Miss Merchant, drawing teacher in our public schools, at her home n that city,

Mrs. Anna Nutting returned home on last Saturday from Shirley and is stopping at the home of her son, Leroy

On Sunday morning, at the Methoof Sunday morning, at the Methodist church, the pastor will-preach-on the subject. "The death of the soul." The Epworth league service at 6.45 will be conducted by Miss Carrie Sylvester. Subject, "Christ's power to keep" up." The evening preaching service will be held at 7.30 by the pastor.

Mrs. E. E. Handley has been on the sick list the past week or more with the prevailing grippe cold.

the provailing grippic cold.

At the Men's club of the First Parish on Tuesday evening Elmer S. Forges, social service secretary of the Unitarian association, gave an excellent address on "The yellow peril," or in other words, "The restriction of emigration." He spoke of our treaty with China and Japan, and while allowing that they should be treated with consideration, urged that we should not allow them to cheapen the work of our American workingmen. should not allow them to cheapen the work of our American workingmen. He also spoke at length of the almost certain enactment of the new law which would allow only a certain percent of emigration. He proposed to send to the officers of the club certain literature in explanation of the new law, and a petition to be circulated for signatures which should be returned to him and forwarded with others to Washington. About forty members of Washington. About forty members he club were present and a committee the ladies served a hot collation at

Frank S. Whitney, who was taken to the town farm a short time ago, as his housekeeper was not able to take He has now been adcare of him. He has now been ad-judged insane and was committed to Worcester asylum on Wednesday An oyster supper will be held at Central hall on Thursday, March 1, at 30, under the auspices tee of the Men's club of the First Par-ish church.

Town school swill close next week Friday, March 2, for one week's vacation.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the topic "The decisive test in religion—character rather than belief."

At the funeral services held for the late Miss Sarah J. Parker, her casket was covered with the many beautiful floral tributes. The quantity of trailing asparagus fern, which was draped at the sides, was sent by Mrs. Eleanor Colson. There were sprays of carnations from Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker at Chillenn the Misses Parker at Chil tions from Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker at Chi-cago; a spray of daffodils from the Congregational church; a rarely beau-tiful spray of volets, Scotch heather and smilax from the Misses Blood; spray of daffodils from Mrs. Sumner Lawrence, Etchburg, and carractions Lawrence, Fitchburg, and carrations from Mrs. Hutchinson.

One of the finest programs recently carried out at a meeting of the East Village Social club was presented at the home of Mrs. Maud Chick on Wednesday afternoon. The opening num ber was "The star spangled banner," by the club, Mrs. Gertrude Geiger pre siding at the plano. The sul "Anecdotes of Washington The subject being "Aneedotes of Washington and Lin-coln," Mrs. Alice Raymond, Mrs. Anna Nutting and Mrs. Geiger gave short sketches of Washington and Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Chapman of Lincoln. Mrs. Maude Parker gave a humorous reading "Truthful George," and Mrs. Geiger sang "My dream of the U. S. A." There was a short sketch also by A." There was a short sketch also b Mrs John Martin Several solos wer pleasing rendered by Walter Bosworth

pleasing rendered by Walter Hosworth son of the hostess, who accompanies him on the planot. Selections from the graphonolal were interspersed during the other numbers of the program, and the closing song was "America" by all The hostess served a dainty collation during the social hear, the whole afternoon being much enjoyed by the ternoon being much enjoyed by th guests.

decorations, lunch table and the re-freshments were either red and white or pink and white. Ice cream, with assorted cake, sandwiches and homemade candy were served, and at the conclusion a huge "fortune cake," made by the hostess, Mrs. Beers, and ornamented with a heart and arrow, was cut and distributed. There were seven symbols contained in the cake which were discovered by the different guests with more or less pleasure or confusion as the case might be.
Music was plentiful during the evening and everyone claimed a pleasant
evening passed.

It has been rumored that the Townsend street school would be dis-continued as the number of pupils atending at this building were so few his year. We note in the annual re-port of Supt. Pauli that definite action buildings on Main and Groton streets The movement toward the discontinuance of the rural schools was commenced five years ago, when the South road schoolhouse was closed, although previous to that the schools on the Nashua road and at North Popperell had been given up. The Pine Orchard school was closed three years ago, and the Oak hill school the past year although a vigorous prooast year, although a vigorous pro-est was made in both these last cases

At the Congregational church on funday morning the pastor will preach upon "Local civic betterment." Sunupon "Local civic betterment. Suit day school session at noon, and Junior meeting at 3.30 o'clock. Evening preaching service at seven o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold a meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon, February 28 at three o'clock. The topic, "World's mission and world's peace."

Mrs. William Gaffney returned this week from Melrose, where she was called by the death of a relative. called by the death of a relative.

-Louis Folsom, of Nashua, N.-H. is closing out his stock of merchandise and is to remove to this town, where he will open up a new business about March 1, probably in the Provencher block, now owned by A. A. Tarbell Mr. Folsom's family will remain in Nashua for the present.

About fifty were present at the Oal hill hall on Monday evening to partak of the fine supper of fish chowder and other good things, and to enjoy a good hearty laugh, when "Jumbo Jum" was a starty laugh, when "Jumbo Jum" was a starty laugh, how followed, with given. 'A social hour followed with music and dancing, and everyone pleased with the evening pleasures

The Ladies' Aid society are to be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. A. Shepardson's on Wednesday afternoon. February 28.

A message was received in town last week by I. J. Rowell, announcing the death of his cousin, Will S. Rowell, in Goffstown, N. H., on Friday, Mr. Rowell is well-known among the station agents and railroad men in station agents and railroad men in this section, having been station agent in Goffstown for the past twenty-five years, with the exception of a few winters spent in California and the south for his health. He was formerly a frequent visitor at the home of his relative in town his relative in town.

A party of young people took a straw-ride to Brookline, N. H., last Saturday evening to attend the social dance held in the town hall. Roger Shattuck acted as driver for the merry-makers.

Miss Margaret Anderson came-from Northboro on Wednesday to spend the holiday and the remainder of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oak hill, which has recently been christened "Elmcrest," very appropri-

nome department of the Middlesex county Farm Bureau, met with Mrs. John L. Boynton on Wednesday after-John L. Boynton on Wednesday after-moon to discuss the advisability of forming a club which should take up this work. The Middlesex County Farm Eureau is the continuation of the Extension School work started in this county. Miss Laura M. Comstock is to be in lown to explain the work of the bureau and answer all questions of the bureau and answer all questions in regard to it on next Tuesday after-noon at 2.30 o'clock-in the vestry of the Congregational church, and at four o'clock at the Main street school build-ing. All persons interested in the work are cordially invited to be pres-

Russell Shattuck, from Worcester, spent Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shattuck. Erbert Williams is just getting out and about town again after a long siege of several weeks with the grippe Miss Ruth Wilson went into Boston n Wednesday for a visit over the holi-ay and remainder of the week.

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"Growing girls and their care from a medical standpoint." Mrs. Child is particularly interested in this organization and submits the following explanation of its purpose: It may be of interest to the people of Pepperell to know just the purpose of the organization of Girl Scouts. Many negule confuse the

Scouts. Scouts. Many people confuse the scouts with the Camp-fire Girls. The scouts with the Camp-fire Girls. The Camp-fire Girls, while it is a most excellent and helpful organization, is more or less confined to the home and within the sphere of domesticity. The home taining of the girls is of primary and vital importance and upon this both organizations concentrate their enforts, but even while recognizing this inestimable value, let us not fail to remember that there is something beyond.

something beyond.

The present European war has The present European war has demonstrated as never before the potential scope of woman as a national factor. Woman has exhibited to tential scope of woman as a national factor. Woman has exhibited to the world deeds of hitherto undeveloped ability and patriotism which have deservedly called forth universal admiration. One result of this great conflict has been the training of the stopping all lines. Without waiting for war to bring home to us the necessity for such training let us give the girls of Amer ica a sane ducation towards our na

tional preparedness.

The motto of the Girl Scout is "Be The motio of the Girl Scout is "Be prepared." For peace as well as for war. Be prepared to live a wholesome, helpful, happy, complete life. The greatest art is the art of living. Efficient living, like every other sort of success, must be based upon a plan. Scouting puts a plan in the life of each girl.

This plan carries the girl into the

This plan carries the girl into the open and to the love of nature, but it does not take her away from home. On the contrary, home-like and home-making are taught as the supreme function of women through which they control the destiny of mankind

High School Notes.

In the senior class of the high school the pupils selected, according to rank, for graduation exercises are Jeannette Newhall, Philomena Chapman, Drumm, Cherry, Doris Butler and Helen Hart-

The assignments for the class day exercises are: Class history: George Attridge; class prophecy, Kenneth Durant; oration, Lambert Sullivan; class poem, Harriette Wright; class statistics, Winifred Fitzgerald; class will, Doris Baker; presentation of cifts, Gerald Willett.

The high school became a member of the Massachusetts High School Athletic association last year. Over The rules of the association require the participants in the school athletic contests to have a satisfactory scholarship, record. In the interscholastic sports good school work must combine with the work of the student in foothall, baseball or basketball.

The high school basketball team organized last fall have been putting in some good practice. They made a in some good practice. They made good showing on Friday evening ast week in Amherst, N. H., defeating the Amherst team by a score of 15 to 12. It is expected that the Amherst 12. It is expected that the Amherst team will come to Pepperell to play the return game on Friday evening of next week.

About Town.....

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Rodier, of this town, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Farr, of Proctorsville, Vt., attended the reunion and banquet of the Mc-Lean Associates at the Crawford House, Boston, February 14. They were the guests of H. E. Frost, who is president of the association. The Woman's club met at the Con

The Woman's club met at the congregational vestry on February 20. The afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Albert Parker and Mrs. James Attridge, who had spared no painsagetting up a pleasing entertainment. Dainty favors had been made and were presented to each one present. The chief number of the afternoon was a sketch given by Mrs. Parker in their inimitable The chief number of the afternoon was a sketch given by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Attridge in their inimitable way and much enjoyed by all. The music was finely rendered and a pleasure to everyone. After the program the club was invited by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Attridge to partake of refreshments, Much credit is due the ladies for their efforts to afford pleasure to the club. The following is the program rendered: Piano solo, Mrs. J. O. Bennett; sketch, "The other woman," Mrs. Irene Attridge and Mrs. Maude C. C. Parker; selection, club quartet; violin solo, Anna Peabody; musical selection, Miss Tarbell and musical selection, Miss Tarbell and Miss Durant.

Miss Con.stock, from Massachusetts

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Somerville, a friend of Miss Grace A large delegation from Littleton Grange planned to visit Boxborough Grange this week Friday evening, go-

ing in sled loads....

It is estimated that nearly 70,000,000 wild animals are killed yearly for the sake of their fur.

The Library of the Bible The Bible is not a book, but a library-perhaps I should rather say a literature. It is composed of sixty-six different books, written by between forty and fifty different authors-written conturies apart, in different languages, to different peoples, for differtory, poetry, fiction, biography and row we die," is of curious origin. The erature, judged as a literature. One collection of literature and yet believe in the literature. It is not like a painting which either is or is not the work of one master. It is a gallery of paintings, in which some works may be originals and others copies.-Lyman Abbott.

Her Appeal. "Who is that?" he asked nervously as he heard a footstep in the hall. "Only papa," she whispered.

He moved about uneasily. "Don't be afraid," she murmured 'You can surely trust papa."

"I don't know," he said doubtfully.
"Oh, Arthur," she cried, throwing her arms about his neck appealingly, you certainly ought to! Nobody else in town will."

-Word From Brer Williams. Did you ever stop ter think dat if all de time lost in growlin' at de world God made wuz spent in hittin' hard licks ter make things better how much like yo' dream o' heaven de same old world would be?-Atlanta Constitution.

Not Much Brains. "Too bad about Jim Jaggs. Fancy a man, as Shakespeare says, putting an enemy into his mouth to steal away his brains.'

"Oh, well, it's only petty larceny in Jaggs' case, anyway."-Boston Tran-

House Plants.

The man who says house plants are of no account is a grouch. There is no place in which to hide burned or on the roadside or the weeds of matches so convenient as a geranium pot.-Kansas City Star.

Reversible Figures.

Lady-At what number Blank stree do you live, dear? Bobbie-Well, when you come down the street it's No. 811 an' when you come up the street it's 118 .- Boston Transcript.

Only Wanted a Chance. Mother - Perhaps the young man needs a little encouragement. Daugh ter-Yes, mamma. I wish you would keep out of sight more while he is here.

Every good deed performed is not only a present pleasure, but a support for the future.

#### New Advertisement.

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Blunders in Quotation.

Errors of quotation are common in speech and writing. Byron quoted Shakespeare, "An eagle towering in his pride of place." But what Shakespeare wrote was, "A falcon towering in his pride of place." Milton wrote not "as thick as leaves in Valiombrosa," thick as autumnal-leaves that strow the brooks in Vallombrosa;" not "fresh fields and pastures new," but "fresh woods." Nathaniel Lee did not write. "When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war," but "When Greek joins Greeks, then was the tug of war," a very different thing. Doubtless, however, the modification of phrases by ent purposes, in different literary popular usage is not wholly evil; it cer-forms. It is the selected literature of tainly is inevitable. The saying, "Let fifteen centuries. It includes law, his us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorphilosophy. It is to be read as a lit- preacher in Ecclesiastes says, "A man may therefore reject a book from this than to eat and to drink and be merry;" Isaiah, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die;" Luke, "Take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."-Indianapolis News.

Nature's Moth Ball.

If some botanical wizard could effect a "cross" between this wild flower of the fields and some of the agricultural crops the farmer wouldn' need to worry about summer droughts. If the corn crop, for example, had some of this flower's power of resisting dry weather the farmer could fill his silos and corncribs with little trouble. The

flower is the moth mullein. Like its big sister, the great mullein it prefers dry, open fields and meadows. Call it a weed if you will call it an agricultural pest, and it will answer your epithets with stalks of pretty white blossoms. If they grew in a garden you would call them beautiful.

The thick leaves of the plant have long been used by housewives in the country to pack away with winter clothes to keep out moths. So by nature this drought loving flower is a camel: by adaptation it's a moth ball .-Philadelphia North American.

Blossoms That Bees Love

A person who has had no experience with bees commonly makes the mistake of supposing that the roses. peonies, sweet peas, dahlias or other gaudy blossoms of his garden will furnish a quantity of honey. Their value is almost negligible, except that some of them yield a little pollen. It is to the modest white clover in the orchard pasture or wood lot or the blossoms of

trees like the basswood that the bees go for the bulk of their honey. It does not pay to cultivate any plant for its value as a honey producer. The orchard is a splendid place for the apiary, where the bees can build up on the first nectar in the spring, and the blossoms have the benefit of the bees visits. - John W. Love in Countryside

## Origin of the Grocer. The modern grocery store is very

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well known. The origin of its name is not so well known. Several centuries ago arose in England and France a class of thrifty and foresighted trades men who went about buying up bargain lots of every conceivable kind of merchandise, just as the modern American buys fire damaged goods and bankrupt stocks. The Frenchman bought "en gros" and the Englishman came to be called an "engrosser." He might handle hardware, thread, dried vegetables or anything else that could be obtained in large lots, and he began to call himself a "grocer" at a time when our sort of grocer was termed a "spicer." From that beginning comes the name grocer as we know it today.

Vinegar Kills Germs.

Wash and then soak all uncooked vegetables in vinegar if you would escape having typhoid fever. If lettuce, watercress and other greens to be eaten raw be placed in vinegar water (three teaspoonfuls of vinegar to a quart of water is the proportion) to soak (immersed) for one hour and a quarter all danger of typhoid fever will be removed. The acidulated water does not mar the flavor of the vegetable.

#### Richest Language. Of the 3,424 known languages on

earth the completest and the richest in the ways and means of expression is the English. The late distinguished German linguist, Grimm, declared that no other language is comparable to the English.

The main defect in music is the necessity of reproducing compositions by performing them. If it were as easy to read music as it is to read books Beethoven's sonatas would be as popular as Schiller's poems.-Ferdinand Hiller.

Derivation: "Dyspepsia," remarked the student

of etymology, "comes from the Greek."
"Not always," replied the man who had it. "I got mine in a French res-taurant."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Already Disciplined.

"I envy Margaret for having married a steel man.' "Why so?" "Because a steel man must be well tempered."—Baltimore American.

A Little Way Off.

Tommy-What does the paper mean by calling Mr. Bugghaus an eight by ten business man? T.'s Futher-I presume it means he is not exactly square

How bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes!-Shakespeare.

Results of Life in Darkness.

A scientist kept goldfishes in a roomy tank and with plenty of food, but in absolute darkness. He kept it up for over three years and then observed the modifications that had occurred in the fish. The color first became black, but after the second year it became golden again, and the reason for this is interesting. In the first instance the dark pigment cells spread out and covered up the subjacent layer of crystals which gives the goldfish its golden sheen. In the second instance the phagocytes devoured the dark pigment cells and thus re-exposed the golden layer. The changes in the eye were even more interesting. The structure of the eye was completely altered. The fish became totally blind. The experiment suggests that an individual fish imprisoned in a perfectly dark cave would become blind. But it does not throw any direct light on the origin of a blind race of fishes in caves.

Snails in the Aquarium Every one who keeps an aquarium knows that it is advisable to place a few snails in the tank, not only because snails are interesting in themselves, but because they are good cleaners, says the Popular Science Monthly. If the keeper of the aquarium knows that too much sunlight will produce too much plant growth and has placed the vessel in a partly shaded place where the proportion of light and shade is about right the snails, if they are numerous enough, can control the growth.

Nature has provided them with a peculiar anatomical structure resembling a narrow ribbon, which in detail is like the band of teeth on a carpenter's rasp. Under the microscope these so called "lingual ribbons," or tongues, are seen to be thickly set with rows of sharp edged teeth which are themselves toothed and which rasp off miroscopic plants and carry them into the mouth.

How Minos Are Laid. On one deck of a vessel are several

tracks supporting the mines each of which is mounted on wheels. Each mine is in turn rolled to the stern and by means of special launching tracks is dropped into the sea without tilting. A mine of this character is made up of three parts—a spherical floating chamber containing the explosives, etc.; an anchor chamber, which is connected with the former by a ca-

ble, and a weighted sounding depth at which the mine is to float. When the end of the sounding line strikes bottom the lessening of its pull throws a pawl, which prevents the drum in the anchor chamber from paying out more cable to the sphere. Consequently the latter is drawn under water to a depth equal to the length of the sounding line as the anchor chamber settles to the bottom.-Popular Me-

Third Degree In Turkish Army. At last we arrived at the prison and were locked into separate cells. That same night we were tortured with the falagy, or bastinado, writes Alexander Aaronsohn in the Atlantic Monthly. The victim of this horrible punishment is trussed up, arms and legs, and thrown on his knees; then on his bare soles a pliant green rod-is brought down with all the force of a soldier's The pain is exquisite; blood leaps out at the first cut, and strong men usually faint after thirty or forty strokes. Strange to say, the worst part of it is not the blow itself, but the whistling of the rod through the air as it rushes to its mark. The groans of my older comrades, whose gasps and prayers I could hear through the walls of the cell, helped me bear the agony

Looking and Seeing.

to the rescue.

until unconsciousness mercifully came

There is much in knowing how to see sights. The discreet and skillful person when confronted with a variety of attractions will carefully select those that are for him the best and then will devise means to see them with the least wear and tear. But there are excitable people who set out to see everything, tire themselves out, see only half of anything and are dissatisfied in the end.

Homing Pigeons.

Homing pigeons are not only enlowed with marvelous speed, but with great endurance. Some years ago a bird belonging to the late King Edward, who was a great pigeon enthusiast, made a record for 510 miles at a relocity of 1,307 yards a minute.

Nth Degree. "Talk about torture!"

"Yes." "Nothing is worse than sitting in a barber's chair with your mouth full of lather watching the boy trying to give another customer your new hat."

A Valid Excuse.

"Madam, why do you want to get out of doing jury duty?" "Judge, I haven't a thing fit to wear." "Taleswoman excused." - Louisvilla

Courier-Journal. Quite Likely. "I wonder when the first surgical

operation was performed." , "I suppose it was in Adam's time. When he had his fail he must have broken something."

Settled.

Father-I don't think much of that young Sinkins who calls to see you. Daughter-Never mind, father. I think enough of him for both of us!

The wise man flatters the fool, but the fool flatters himself.-Loth