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News Items

Mrs. Charles Marshall, formerly of this town, but now of Fitchburg, who has been in poor health for some time, writes to friends here that she is in the hospital once more for treatment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge entertained a few of the members of the Joy's Right club at her home on Wednesday evening in the usual pleasant fashion, as a revival of the club, whose members have been scattered.

Mrs. John Frazer, who was quite ill last week with a threatened attack of pneumonia, is at present improving under excellent care and treatment.

Mrs. Annie Goltewald, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. D. Withrow, Park street, for the past four weeks, returned on Sunday to her new home, 1 Sheldon street, Rosindale.

Raymond Gaskill of Oak Hill spent a part of this week with relatives at Crown Hill, Nashua, N. H.

The April committee of the Ladies' Social circle, Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church, are planning to hold an Easter supper followed by an entertainment at the church vestries on Thursday evening, April 5.

Deaths

Herbert S. Wilson passed from this life after weeks of pain and suffering on Monday, March 19, at his home on Brookline street. The commencement of this illness was during the fall and early winter and was made light of at first. He had always had the most perfect health. The pain which he suffered in one hip was attributed by him to rheumatism and treated accordingly. Later, when the home treatment did not bring relief, a physician was called. In the beginning of the year, when all methods seemed to fail to relieve him, it was proposed by his physician to bring the case under the X-ray, and Mr. Wilson was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on January 15.

An operation was immediately decided upon by the physicians, and was attempted on the following day. They became convinced, as the nature of the case was revealed, that there was no possible hope for him through surgery and no operation was performed. He was, however, made more comfortable by this surgical treatment. On Wednesday, January 17, he was brought back to his home. From that time he has been cared for entirely by his wife, who was the one he turned to and asked for. She has been constantly at his bedside, although assisted in many ways by her family and friends.

As he rallied from the effects of his journey his cheerfulness returned remarkably, and during all the weeks up to almost the last, as he spoke with those about him and his many callers, he referred again and again to his plans for work when he should get out again. This now is proved to have been a wonderfully heroic show of courage and sturdy endurance. As, but a short time before he died, when everyone about him realized his growing weakness, he quietly spoke of his condition to his wife and said that

from the moment that he was allowed to leave the hospital he had known but too well that his days were numbered, and he realized his family were keeping this knowledge from him, and made a wonderful brave effort which had deceived them.

Herbert Soule Wilson was born on January 18, 1857, in Dover. During early manhood he was employed on his father's place, conducting a milk route from Dover to Boston.

His marriage to Miss Jessie Sawyer, of Madison, Wis., occurred in Boston on April 22, 1882. They resided in Pepperell in 1887, where the family have since resided, having lived for twenty-five years in the same house on Brookline street. His wife survives him with three of their family of five children: Frederic E., of Torrington, Conn., and Henry and Helen Wilson of this town.

Mr. Wilson was for many years an employe at Leighton Bros. shoe factory in the cutting room department, and later entered the employ of the Nashua Paper Company. He left there about ten years ago and has been employed on his small farm, and teaming and farming work for others. He was always regarded as an honest, industrious man by his fellow citizens and was well liked in the community.

He was a member of Elliott lodge, No. 58, I. O. F., of Needham, for thirty-five years, and past noble grand of the same. During the first year of his residence in this town, he was a member of the organization of Acoma Rebekah lodge of this town both he and Mrs. Wilson became members. He was a regular attendant at the meetings of Beacon lodge of this town. He was also interested in and a member of the Pepperell fire department and of the Warren Veteran company.

At the services which were held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon there were many testimonials of the esteem in which he was held. The casket was covered and surrounded by a profusion of the most beautiful floral pieces and sprays which were appreciated by his family. Beacon lodge attended in a body and conducted their services at the home. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends, and those from out of town were his brother, E. Henry Wilson, with daughter, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, and his hand, and daughter, Miss Mary F. Wilson, all of Ayer, and a sister, Mrs. E. H. Bond, her grand, her daughter, Miss Esther Bond, and her son, Herbert Bond, all of Dover, a brother-in-law, Frederic Sawyer, and wife, of Rome, N. Y., a son, John Lyman, of Dover, and a number of schoolmates from Dover, Charles Bean and Hubbard Packard, who were several members of Acoma lodge from this town, also.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. H. Boers and the service was composed of Mr. and Mrs. M. Nash, Louis F. Shattuck and Walter H. Drury, rendered the two services. The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased on Thursday afternoon, March 22, at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased on Thursday afternoon, March 22, at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased on Thursday afternoon, March 22, at 2 o'clock.

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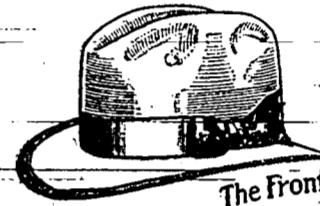
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GROTON

Groton Band History

Captain Palmer has given the last word in regard to the controversy as to where the cannon was situated...

We are directed to state last week that A. L. Call, the present manager, has recently presented to the band a very fine music cabinet...

One of the most recent additions to the names of the players in the Groton band is that of Norman E. Beers, who last season opened an automobile garage on Willow Dale street...

There is one thing in connection with the band, in the nature of a coincidence, which may be mentioned concerning him. He was born in a building, a portion of which had been formerly used as a band room...

The remains little to be said in this history. The events of the present day have no glamour or interest as historical narrative. The band has given the usual concerts in the past two years. The rehearsals have been well attended and the improvement in the band's playing has been steady and substantial...

This fact of relationship is interesting and hopeful. As long as the fathers take enough interest in the band to urge their children to become players, so long will we have a good band. A dream of the future would be to have a band so good that every family in town would feel an interest in it...

down to ten or twelve men, most of whom were past middle age and that there were no younger Grotonians...

At a band concert in the Groton town hall, given by the band on January 1, two selections were rendered by the beginners, but without exception, since the latter part of the summer up to the present time...

A plan of honorary membership in the band has been devised, whereby anyone making a pecuniary gift to the band becomes thereby an honorary member. A committee of members of the band has been organized to receive such subscriptions...

A motion picture show has since been conducted by the band which has a small sum was realized, and another motion picture show has been arranged to take place in the near future...

In closing this history, which has been running now for nearly nine months, we wish to express here our sincere thanks to the editor of this paper for giving us space in those columns freely and unstintingly...

We understand that John H. Turner has the only complete file of his paper, and that it is not in condition to be used. Does it not seem highly desirable that some one of our libraries should make an endeavor to procure this file and put it where it may be of the greatest use...

yet it is still open to future correction. We have mentioned everyone who has ever been directly or indirectly connected with the Groton cornet band...

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, Miss L. S. W. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Houghton, Miss Gladys Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edward, Miss Helen Jones, Mrs. J. P. Thatcher and C. F. Plank, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thatcher...

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News Items. To the good music of Danby's orchestra a large party of Danby's orchestra has been invited to give a concert at the Groton town hall...

J. W. Dodds was in Littleton with his family on Sunday, enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Houghton spent Sunday in Gardner...

AYER An Old Receipt. We have recently received a letter from Charles E. Rice, of Buffalo, N. Y., a former resident of Ayer...

An Author. Rev. P. A. Sharkey, of the church of the Sacred Heart, Brooklyn, N. Y., but formerly a pastor in Ayer, and well-known in Boston...

To the Editor. The prominence you give the article on the Middlesex County Fair, in your last issue, fairly makes my "hair curl" and I, as a farmer, want to protest emphatically at the "misdirected energy"...

Littleton. News Items. To the good music of Danby's orchestra a large party of Danby's orchestra has been invited to give a concert at the Groton town hall...

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TOWNSEND

Roger Sherwin, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, has been on the sick list for a few days. Mrs. Fred G. Smith of New Boston, N. H., is visiting friends in town this week. The Squamcook Inn goes to Boston about the last of this month. Mrs. Agnes Sherwin gave a most enjoyable whist party at her home last week Friday afternoon, entertaining a goodly number from the Center. The affair was a St. Patrick's celebration, the rooming tables and many of the costumes being in green and white, and after playing dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. James Dixon has been confined to his home on Dixon hill for several weeks by illness. Mrs. L. Lee entertained the Ladies' Whist club on Thursday afternoon of last week at her home. Mrs. Ella Amos has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Miss Clara Hosley. Mrs. Joseph McKean is spending a few days with her mother at her home in Winchendon. Mrs. Herman L. Stieckney has been receiving over the news of the arrival of a little grandson at the home of her son, Clarence Rawson of Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Young, who have been living at Townsend Harbor, for some months, have returned to town and are to move into the Reed place, next to the town farm. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise have returned from a few days' visit to out of town friends. Clarence L. Webster has been drawn to serve on the jury at the coming session of court in Lowell. James Dixon, of Dixon hill, has gone to the Memorial hospital in Fitchburg for treatment, having been in ill health for some time as a result of an injury to his back. Howard Terrell is employed in Fitchburg for the present. Mrs. Terrell is undergoing treatment at the Burbank hospital. Mrs. E. A. Prime, from Ayer, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence. The Townsend town farm is to change superintendents the first of April, the new-comers being Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ennsor, from Pepperell. Mrs. Ennsor is a native of Townsend and her cottage on Main street. Thursday made the 100th consecutive day of sleighing for this town, and although it is worn very thin on the state road, on some of the back streets it is still excellent. The Ladies' Literary and Social club, which was to meet with Mrs. Abbott Hodgman on Friday, has been postponed until next Friday, when they will meet with Mrs. C. E. Patch. Mrs. Newell has been entertaining her granddaughters from Greenville of St. Patrick's day. Green and white prevailed in the decorations and in the refreshments. The meeting was a most successful one, and a member was awarded an "Emerald Isle" souvenir. After the serving of the refreshments "Old Erin" wit and humor was enjoyed by each guest responding with Irish stories and songs. The subject of Red Cross work was then introduced by the hostess and a simple line of garments displayed that are solicited by the Boston Metropolitan chapter of the Red Cross society. Mrs. Samuel Adams, Mrs. Mabelle Wilson read an article on Li Hung Chang and the Japanese, and Mrs. Herman L. Lawrence an interesting little story written by Mrs. A. D. Phelan, of Malden, a former resident of Townsend, prominent in church and mission work, after which the meeting closed with a very interesting talk by the pastor on the topic, "Mission and Peace."

Refreshments were served, and came to a close with the playing of extracts from the music given by Mrs. Bertha, which were very clear and comprehensive, were as follows: The Camp-fire circle is an organization which has been organized for the purpose of giving to the young women of the town a training in team work that will enable and incite them to give to the community. Mrs. Gulick became interested in this work for girls because of a little daughter who was at the age of seven years. She was at the time with the desire of helping other girls less fortunate than she in being privileged to enjoy the "Camp-fire" as a symbol of the spirit of love, every one who is a member of the organization is not only warmly protected and more nourishing food, but also the mysterious of the past. Great spirit in terms of comfort, so to say, "Camp-fire" means love, service and beauty, and the center of spiritual life. Mr. and Mrs. Gulick, the founders, saw that the aims and plan of the Camp-fire were to be carried out by the mothers and friends of girls, they realized a great and wonderful opportunity for the women and men. John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage, Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Ella Plagg and many others, were interested to form this organization to meet the needs of young women. Rev. D. H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. A church service, accompanied by the pastor at 7.30 in the evening. A number of young people are planning to join the church the first of April. Miss Blanche Wells of Attleboro spent last Sunday at her home in town. Arthur H. Jubb has given up his position at the President Suspendor Co. shop and is developing his farm and attending to his duties as road commissioner. Adlard Hamel, who was injured a few months ago while attending to his duties as a driver at the Mitchellville crossing by being struck on the head by a falling coal from a passing freight, has returned to the Burbank hospital for further treatment of his leg. The military whist party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen on Tuesday evening, March 20, was a most successful one. D. A. R. was well attended, there being eleven tables. Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, Miss Hazel Wright, Rev. E. L. Halfacre and Harry O. Bangs won the first prize by a score of 91, consisting of many prizes for booby prize, consisting of stationery and cigars, with a score of 76, by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lohms, Miss Beulah Brill and Fred Wambold, and Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, Earl C. Merriman, Mrs. M. L. C. Fairchild of Ayer, who all received souvenirs. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served and a social hour enjoyed by all present. Rev. Douglas H. Corley's subject for Sunday morning will be "The supreme good." Mr. Elmer H. Allen attended the funeral of her cousin in Boston Wednesday. Mrs. Edwin H. Conant was a delegate from the Fitchburg chapter, D. A. R., to the D. A. R. convention at Boston on Friday of this week. Mrs. Conant is also attending to the national convention of D. A. R. at Washington, D. C. next month. Matthew McGowan of Lowell has accepted a position in the weaving department of the President Suspendor Co. factory and is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham. The Ladies' circle of the Congregational held their annual quilting party at the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon. A six o'clock supper was served, the guests being their husbands and friends. A social hour followed and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Cora James has tendered her resignation as a member of the office staff of the President Suspendor Co. to take effect April 1. Miss James is not enjoying the best of health and will take a much needed rest at home. Miss Anna R. Hunter arrived home Monday from her trip to Florida and reports a most delightful time. The residence of Walter E. Mellich on the Ayer road, near Mitchellville, has been broken into and considerable damage done. Mr. and Mrs. Mellich closed their doors on Wednesday night and returned to their home in Cambridge. The break was discovered Wednesday by Chief of Police Bile. The intruders gained entrance by breaking in the rear door. Panels of old doors were smashed in and the bureau drawers and their contents were scattered on the floor. Everything in the house was turned topsy-turvy and a considerable amount of property was damaged, giving the intruders a few days in the neighborhood. A considerable booty, but to what extent will not be learned until the arrival of Mr. Mellich, who has been notified of the break. A speaker from the state forestry department will give a talk on an occasion of their presentation of a clock in the vestry of the Congregational church, under the auspices of the Altruistic club. An admission will be charged for everybody is cordially invited. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sabell have left the employ of the President Suspendor company and are contemplating buying a farm in Billerica, near Lowell. Miss Mary Jane Davis quietly observed her eighty-seventh birthday on last week Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Minor in West Woburn. She is the recipient of a large birthday cake and many postcards. Many friends called during the day to congratulate her. Although nearly ninety she is still able to read many books and attend to any social affairs of the town. Miss Elizabeth Brockelmann, of Lancaster, is visiting at the home of her brother, Henry W. Brockelmann. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boucher are spending this week in Canada, where they were summoned owing to the critical illness of Mrs. Boucher's sister. The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church have elected their officers for the year. Mrs. John Seymour, v. p.; Mrs. Fred Penesse, sec.; Mrs. Ralph S. Wheeler, treas.; Miss Carrie Hartwell, Mrs. Mary A. Merve and Mrs. Charles L. Clark, directors. Mrs. George Greenleaf of Harvard road, left for Fitchburg on Friday for Burbank, N. J. to again take treatment and will be absent from home about two weeks. The Shirley Boy Scouts, in company with Edward M. Davis, scoutmaster, and Leonard Hooper, assistant, spent last Saturday on a hike to Cumber-

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left Wednesday morning for a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Holyoke and Windsor, Conn. The social committee of the Altruistic club are planning to hold a rummage sale in the near future. A number from Shirley are planning to attend the International C. E. convention to be held at Madison Square Gardens, New York city, July 4 to 9, inclusive. Miss Mildred Hart, of Maple street, is confined to her home with the measles. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. Ballou arrived home on Monday evening from Florida, where they have spent the past six weeks. The fire department was called out on Monday afternoon, about 6.30, to extinguish a chimney fire in the house of G. W. Wells, Fredonian street. No damage was done. Mrs. Joseph Penesse is confined to her home with sickness. At the Baptist church on Friday evening, March 23, Rev. Harry Schulman, a converted Jew and a student at the Newton Theological seminary, will give a Jewish synagogue service, using the scroll, the phylacteries and other characteristic garments of the old Jewish ceremony. All are cordially invited to attend at 7.45 o'clock. There will be no admission charge, but a silver free will offering will be taken after the service. This should prove to be of interest to all. Rev. D. H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. A church service, accompanied by the pastor at 7.30 in the evening. A number of young people are planning to join the church the first of April. Miss Blanche Wells of Attleboro spent last Sunday at her home in town. Arthur H. Jubb has given up his position at the President Suspendor Co. shop and is developing his farm and attending to his duties as road commissioner. Adlard Hamel, who was injured a few months ago while attending to his duties as a driver at the Mitchellville crossing by being struck on the head by a falling coal from a passing freight, has returned to the Burbank hospital for further treatment of his leg. The military whist party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen on Tuesday evening, March 20, was a most successful one. D. A. R. was well attended, there being eleven tables. Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, Miss Hazel Wright, Rev. E. L. Halfacre and Harry O. Bangs won the first prize by a score of 91, consisting of many prizes for booby prize, consisting of stationery and cigars, with a score of 76, by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lohms, Miss Beulah Brill and Fred Wambold, and Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, Earl C. Merriman, Mrs. M. L. C. Fairchild of Ayer, who all received souvenirs. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served and a social hour enjoyed by all present. Rev. Douglas H. Corley's subject for Sunday morning will be "The supreme good." Mr. Elmer H. Allen attended the funeral of her cousin in Boston Wednesday. Mrs. Edwin H. Conant was a delegate from the Fitchburg chapter, D. A. R., to the D. A. R. convention at Boston on Friday of this week. Mrs. Conant is also attending to the national convention of D. A. R. at Washington, D. C. next month. Matthew McGowan of Lowell has accepted a position in the weaving department of the President Suspendor Co. factory and is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham. The Ladies' circle of the Congregational held their annual quilting party at the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon. A six o'clock supper was served, the guests being their husbands and friends. A social hour followed and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Cora James has tendered her resignation as a member of the office staff of the President Suspendor Co. to take effect April 1. Miss James is not enjoying the best of health and will take a much needed rest at home. Miss Anna R. Hunter arrived home Monday from her trip to Florida and reports a most delightful time. The residence of Walter E. Mellich on the Ayer road, near Mitchellville, has been broken into and considerable damage done. Mr. and Mrs. Mellich closed their doors on Wednesday night and returned to their home in Cambridge. The break was discovered Wednesday by Chief of Police Bile. The intruders gained entrance by breaking in the rear door. Panels of old doors were smashed in and the bureau drawers and their contents were scattered on the floor. Everything in the house was turned topsy-turvy and a considerable amount of property was damaged, giving the intruders a few days in the neighborhood. A considerable booty, but to what extent will not be learned until the arrival of Mr. Mellich, who has been notified of the break. 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Pepperell. The Ladies' Mission circle held their annual business meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence with a good attendance and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Joseph McKean, pres.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, v. p.; Mrs. Samuel Adams, sec.; Mrs. Mabelle Wilson, treas. At the close of the business meeting letters were read from Japan by Alice Seaver; India, Mrs. Josephine Boynton; China, Mrs. Austin C. Hodgman, and South China, Mrs. Mabelle Wilson. Mrs. Mabelle Wilson read an article on Li Hung Chang and the Japanese, and Mrs. Herman L. Lawrence an interesting little story written by Mrs. A. D. Phelan, of Malden, a former resident of Townsend, prominent in church and mission work, after which the meeting closed with a very interesting talk by the pastor on the topic, "Mission and Peace."



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To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:
 Respectfully I submit and represents MARY L. HEALEY of Concord in said County, that she was lawfully married to FRANCIS E. HEALEY, formerly of Clinton in said County, now of Nashua in the State of New Hampshire, at Marlboro in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of June A. D. 1908, and thereafter Francis E. Healey lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at Clinton, Ayer and Pittsfield; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Francis E. Healey being wholly regardless of the same, at Clinton on or about the 14th day of June A. D. 1909 and on divers other days and times was guilty of cruel and abusive treatment towards your libellant; that he has contracted gross and confirmed habits of intoxication caused by the voluntary and excessive use of intoxicating liquor; and being of sufficient ability, grossly, wantonly, and cruelly refuses and neglects to provide a suitable maintenance for her.
 Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Francis E. Healey and that the care and custody of their minor child, Mildred F. Healey, aged five years, person be given to her, and for such further orders and decrees in premises as to law and justice may appear.
 Dated this twenty-third day of February A. D. 1917. 3129
 MARY L. HEALEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.
 Superior Court, March 13, A. D. 1917.
 Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before us Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of May next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day; and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may appear and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set 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 MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all persons interested in the estate of MARY T. DAVIS late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.
 Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased MARY T. DAVIS of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of April 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
 P. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To all persons interested in the estate of SUSAN E. SMITH, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased.
 Whereas FRANK A. PACHO, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-ninth day of April 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 administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate of said deceased, at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
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HOLLIS, N. H.
 Town Meeting.
 At the annual town meeting held March 13, the following officers were elected:
 Town clerk, Albert P. Hildreth; treasurer, Edward L. Ladd; selectmen, Walter M. Hayden, Edward A. Hills, David J. Wright, trustee of public funds, J. W. H. Stratton; sexton, Edward Hardy; auditors, Walter J. Farley, Charles F. Hayden; caretaker of the Mary S. Farley lot, Edson Hardy; wardens, Albert E. Hildreth, Francis A. Lovejoy, Harold E. Hardy; trustees public library, J. W. H. Stratton, Edward Hardy, George W. Woodin; road commissioners, John W. Woodin, Charles J. Bell, east district, Fred A. Hancock, north district, Frank E. Scott.

Voted to raise to defray the expenses of the town \$16,000 on a thousand of the valuation; appropriated for Memorial day \$450; for town library \$200; to fix road at foot of Patch's hill, leading to Brookline road \$150; to improve road north of Groton; to Hill's place \$200; to lay out on road from Runnel's bridge to Hollis station \$300.
 The article relating to the town purchasing an oil painting of the late Franklin Worcester was laid on the table for one year.
 The article relating to placing two electric lights, one at the head of Merrill's lane and one at the junction of the Pepperell and Brookline roads, was indefinitely postponed.
 Article 16 relative to purchasing Worcester's mill and the water privilege at Rocky pond was passed over without action.
 The article referring to the painting of the outside of the town hall was left to the discretion of the selectmen.
 Voted not to apply for state and highway money.
 Voted to authorize the selectmen to pay in advance, the amount of the bearing one-half of the expense not to exceed \$200.
 Voted that the treasurer be authorized to borrow money, under the direction of the selectmen, to pay bills in anticipation of taxes.
 Voted that the selectmen be authorized to take such action as is necessary to keep the sidewalks free from snow next winter.

Article 17 relative to making the library cellar dry was referred to the selectmen with discretionary powers.
 A resolution was introduced by Representative Edwin H. Stratton pledging the patriotism and loyalty of our town in the present crisis and was adopted.
 A resolution was introduced by Marcellus J. Powers requesting our representative at Concord and State Senator Willis C. Hardy, to work and vote for the repeal of the local option license law of this state. It was adopted.
 The avails of the dinner in charge of Mrs. Albert C. Wetmore were \$20.
 The town voted to install electric lights in the office hall, where the apparatus kept, and also in the hall.
 The following statistics are taken from the assessors' book: polls 253; land, about 20,004, value \$711,665; horses 359, value \$44,681; mules 1, value \$50; oxen 4, value \$250; cows 622, value \$27,701; neat stock 72, value \$3,985; sheep 23, value \$160; hogs 5, value \$981; fowl 6,119, value \$4,042; vehicles and autos 22, value \$6,900; wood and lumber, \$12,100; stock in public funds, \$7,000; stock in banks, \$19,000; money on hand, \$14,873; stock in trade, \$22,560; mills and machinery, \$9,150; total valuation, \$875,315; total town tax, \$14,619; number of dogs found, 116.

School Meeting.
 The annual school meeting was held in the town hall last Saturday. Willis C. Hardy was elected moderator; Marcellus J. Powers, clerk; Harold E. Hardy, treasurer; Ralph C. Herrick and Francis A. Lovejoy, auditors; and Miss Bertha M. Hayden, member of the school board for three years.
 It was voted to raise \$5,000 for schools.
 Voted to continue district supervision for another year.
 The school board was authorized to dispose of the school property at district No. 11, which includes a school-house and shed.
 The building committee for the new schoolhouse in Pine Hill section reported the building complete, being ready for occupancy. The building is to receive a new coat of paint in the spring.
 The total cost was \$2,000, which was the sum authorized by the district at the last annual meeting.
 Supp. and Res. Smith of Milford were present during the session.
 Resolutions on the death of the late Franklin Worcester and also on the death of Miss Sarah A. and Miss Lucy E. Worcester, were read and unanimously adopted.
 Rev. Robert F. French, pastor of the Congregational Church, and George W. Woodin were the committee on resolutions.

News Items.
 The debt of the town, \$11,000 of a year ago, has been paid.
 The electric street cars were turned on last week Friday night in the pleasure of the townspeople.
 The annual high school party was held last week Friday night with a good attendance. The evening was in charge of Miss Hazel George, Miss Clara M. Smith, Ernest W. Woodin, Frank R. Simonds and Gladys F. Pierce.
 Elwyn Wheeler, at home from Kingston for a week's vacation.
 The people of Hollis mostly the women, have been very busy this week in the social line as follows: Monday afternoon, Grange rehearsal; Tuesday afternoon, Woman's club rehearsal; Wednesday evening, Woman's club; Wednesday afternoon, mid-week prayer meeting; and Old Fellows, Thursday afternoon, Grange rehearsal; Friday evening, Rebekah rehearsal; Friday afternoon, Grange rehearsal; Friday evening, Rebekah rehearsal; Saturday, another Grange rehearsal unless there is something else for that afternoon.
 Carol Reed is at home from Groton, Me., for the Easter vacation.
 Mrs. Arthur MacLeod and baby, of Freeport, Me., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jason Reed.
 On Monday evening Mr. Carlyle and Miss Hazard were in town trying to awake the interest of the boys and girls and their parents in agricultural clubs for the boys and girls. Mr. Carlyle gave an illustrated lecture on the subject.

LUNENBURG
News Items.
 Miss Pauline Warren of Fair Haven is a guest at the home of the Misses Jones on Marsh street avenue.
 The sympathy is felt for Rev. W. S. George Ben Roberts of Ashburnham in the severe and critical illness of Mrs. Roberts who was Miss Elizabeth Bryant Her father is Rev. Robert A. Bryant, a pastor of the Congregational church in Lunenburg for several years and Miss Elizabeth was a teacher in the Sunday school here and also organizer and leader of the Camp Fire Girls. For over one year she was pastor's assistant for Rev. Dr. James Chambers at Northboro in the same town as a teacher at Fairbairn High school. She is a very bright, capable, efficient young woman and held these and other positions in a highly creditable manner for many years and in this and other places are anxiously hoping for her recovery and complete recovery.

Ladd; the district school by Rev. R. M. French as teacher. Francis A. Lovejoy, school committee, and the following scholars: Mrs. George W. French, Albert C. Wetmore, Mrs. Ella Farley, Mrs. C. Anderson, Colburn, Mrs. Fred Muzzey, Fred Wheeler, Fred Woods, Francis K. Sweetser, Wilbur L. Marshall, C. Anderson, Colburn, Edward S. Cade, William Winton, George A. Ladd, Albert C. Wetmore, Marcellus J. Powers, Mrs. Fred Wheeler, the mother of one of the scholars; piano duet, Mrs. Harry Verder and Mrs. George A. Ladd.
 At the next meeting of the Grange the men's degree team will work the second degree.

BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
 It is with much regret to the members of the church and the town that Rev. Charles Dockrill has handed in his resignation, to take effect about the first of April.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond and daughter, who moved here from Groton about a year ago, last week moved back to Groton.
 Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Powers are entertaining their nephew, Arthur Cook, of New York.
 Mrs. Silas Wheeler and children spent last week Wednesday in Milford at the home of her father, Willis Burns.
 Farley Wilkins recently had a bad fall down stairs at his home, injuring his back and leg quite severely.
 Some of the young people in town conducted a dance town meeting-night in Tarbell's hall, which proved very successful.
 Mrs. John Klein and son Charles, of Leominster, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Van.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and two daughters spent last week Wednesday in Boston.
 Llewellyn Powers is having electric lights installed in his home.
 Mrs. Myra Standley spent last week Tuesday in Lowell and Nashua.
 Miss Christina Carlson, of Boston, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden.
 Mrs. Alpha Hall entertained Miss Juliet Gilson, of Walpole, Mass., Friday and Saturday of last week.

Early Monday morning several boys from their way home from the border and would pass through the town about noon. About eleven o'clock friends and relatives commenced to gather about the station, and when the boys came through shortly after noon they were greeted with shouts of gladness and waving of flags. It was only a passing glimpse as the train rushed past, but even that was worth something both to the boys and to the on-lookers watching for their return. As soon as they had reported in Milford and could obtain a leave of absence they motored here to spend what was left of the day with friends and relatives.
 On Monday the company in Milford for further orders or until discharged. The boys from here are Wallace Jenness, Starr Barnaby, Frank Bailey and Matthew Burke.
 Mrs. Edward O'Heron, of The Weirs, was in town last week Wednesday and Ayer, Monday.
 Mrs. Lewis Poppel and daughter Mabel were visitors in Nashua last week Wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, Mrs. Herbert Corey and son Harry, Dr. Holcomb and daughter Marian, Edwin Taylor and daughter Ethel, Alice and Harlan Wright, Mrs. Edna Rockwood, Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Ella Rockwood and Freeman Wright all drove over to Townsend on the evening of March 12 and spent the night at the Townsend Grange.
 Grover Parwell was a visitor in Nashua last Monday.
 Mrs. Pingry, of Fitchburg, was the guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duggan. Mrs. Duggan had a birthday in March 15, in honor of which she entertained a few friends at dinner. Her daughter, and also her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Klein came to be present on that occasion.
 Mrs. Lucien Parwell entertained the fellow members of the South Brookline Social club last week Thursday. On Thursday night, when the husbands and fathers were detained at a supper which took place at the home of Mr. Eldon S. Scott.

There was a family reunion on the morning of the 21st inst. at the home of Porrace Hall and sister Patway, and they presented the following program: George Stannard, lecturer; Mrs. Clara Russell, pianist; Miss Edna Taylor, photographer; Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader; and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader. The program was presented at the home of Porrace Hall and sister Patway, and they presented the following program: George Stannard, lecturer; Mrs. Clara Russell, pianist; Miss Edna Taylor, photographer; Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader; and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader. The program was presented at the home of Porrace Hall and sister Patway, and they presented the following program: George Stannard, lecturer; Mrs. Clara Russell, pianist; Miss Edna Taylor, photographer; Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader; and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, reader. 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