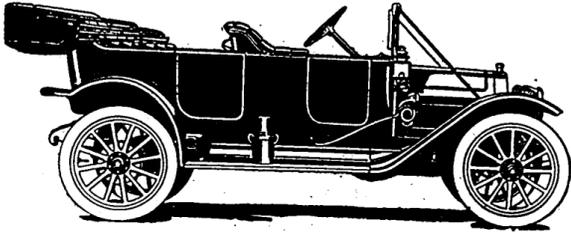


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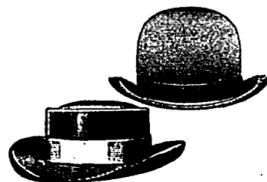
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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Sarah Louise Homer, a native of Harvard and for many years a resident here, died at her home in Somerville on Wednesday, March 27, aged seventy-four years of age. Funeral services were held at the home and the body will be brought here Saturday at 2.30 p. m. for interment. Prayers will be held at the grave and burial will be in the family lot at the Center cemetery. Mrs. Homer was a sister of Fred Wetherbee of this town. She was born in the old hotel which was destroyed by fire several years ago and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zopher Wetherbee.

The annual business meeting of the parish of the Unitarian society will be held at the lower town hall on Friday evening, April 2. Supper will be served promptly at 7.15 o'clock.

Miss Annie O'Day of Fitchburg visited a few days this week with Mrs. J. Mongovin.

Visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leonard are Miss Louise Freeman, of Needham, and Miss Jessie Zingebel, of Boston.

Miss N. T. Hartshorn will open an evening class in dancing for adults on Thursday evening, April 4. Dancing from eight until ten o'clock.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular meeting at the Congregational church parlor on Thursday afternoon, April 4, at 2.30 o'clock.

Wallace J. Williams has severed his connection with the McLaughlin Co. and goes to work as teamster for T. W. Silliker at the W. H. Roberts farm.

Mrs. Ida Burnham, of Bolton, is visiting for a few days with her brother, Orrin Fairbank and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Atherton, of Boston, with their son, are guests for over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atherton.

Mrs. E. G. Morse, of Southboro, is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King.

Walter Bagster has taken a position as coachman to a doctor in Sharon, and has gone there to commence work.

The last of the winter series of the Evening Whist club was given at I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening. The supper was in charge of the gentlemen who secured the services of the Misses Kerley. The supper was excellent, no detail in preparation being overlooked, and the best of everything that could be procured was there. The

evening was spent in playing whist and prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies—Miss Helen Dickson first, Ethel Reid second, Fannie Amsden booby; gentlemen—W. F. Shores first, Herbert Thayer second, Dr. Austin Peters booby.

On Tuesday evening of next week, the grange will hold their regular meeting and the evening will be devoted to debate on the question: Resolved, "That success in any occupation is due more to energy than education." The affirmative are W. J. Kerley and Henry Knight; negative, A. T. West and Cedric Webster. Music will be in charge of Annie Reed.

Kent Royal arrived home from Colby college on Thursday for the regular March and April recess.

Born on Thursday afternoon at the Clinton hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, of this town.

Willie Savage, of Fitchburg, visited on Thursday with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Savage.

The senior class of the Bromfield school, with Miss Alice M. Chadwick, Miss Bernice E. Sears, teachers, and Miss Annie Kerley as chaperon, started on Friday for their trip to Washington. They are anticipating a very enjoyable time. The are Harriet Thayer, Sadie L. Jones, Oressa Webster, Catherine Hazard, Ellery Royal, Elsie Knight, Helen Whitney and Olive Houghton.

Bromfield school is having a ten-days' vacation, opening again on Monday, April 8.

Alexander Boyer, of Moylan, Pa., one of the masons who has been at work on the new office building of F. Warren, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Monday of this week. He was operated on Wednesday and was found to have a bad case of appendicitis. Mr. Boyer is a very estimable young married man with a family at Moylan. Since his going to the hospital, Mrs. J. C. L. Clarke, of Lancaster, formerly a Harvard girl, has interested herself in his welfare and visits him daily, and will keep his family informed of his progress. He is reported as getting along as well as can be expected.

#### Birthday Anniversary.

On Monday evening Miss Myra Cutter gave a German to the friends of Philip B. Watson. This day was the birthday anniversary of both Mrs. Cutter and Mr. Watson and this way was taken for the celebration of the same. If one may judge from the party and the general good time throughout the

evening it would be safe to say that this was a very successful one. The Clintonian orchestra rendered very acceptable dance music and the various German dances with the unique and pretty favors for each one tendered toward the diffusion of the general good feeling that marked the entire evening. Refreshments were served during the evening.

#### Death.

Peter C. Petersen, aged 67 yrs. 3 mos. 20 days, died at his home on Friday morning of last week. He has been for more than a year in ill health, suffering from a bladder trouble. He leaves a widow. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. H. B. Mason officiating. Burial was at Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were natives of Germany, and came here from Sterling several years ago, and have since lived on the George Fales place near the Willows. They are an honest, hard working couple, who gained the respect of friendship of all with whom they had any intercourse. Mrs. Petersen has the sympathy of her friends and neighbors, who assisted her in every way they could during her day of trial.

#### To the Editor.

In looking over some old family letters recently I came upon the following item regarding the portrait of Col. Henry Bromfield now at the Bromfield School, which will undoubtedly interest many of the Harvard townpeople, as we see by the letter from Mrs. Sarah Pearson, his daughter, how the portrait was regarded as a likeness by those who knew the old gentleman:

Boston, 27th August, 1828.  
My dear brother—One more subject of interest presents my father's picture before me.

I thank you for the present. It is an acceptable one—not only a source of comfort to myself and family, but to all who were conversant with our venerated parent. The people in Harvard are very much gratified with seeing it, say it looks as he did at meetings where they were accustomed to see him every sabbath. He continued that good practise till his last sickness confined him to his chamber. I am not surprised you should not think it a likeness. He gained flesh the last years he lived which with a freshness of complexion gave him a different aspect. Your affectionate sister,  
SARAH PEARSON.

To Henry Bromfield, Esq.,  
Cheltenham, England.

This interesting work by S. B. Finlay Morse (of telegraph fame) was painted from life at the old Bromfield mansion in 1818. The son-in-law of Col. Bromfield, Daniel Denison Rogers of Boston brought up young Morse in a carriage from Boston for that particular purpose.

The portrait was ordered and paid for by Col. Bromfield's son, Henry Bromfield, Jr., of London, a successful merchant, who had left America many years before and who was desirous of having a likeness of his father—particularly as the old gentleman had passed the ninetieth milestone.

The portrait, when completed, was sent out to England. In course of time the picture was returned by Mr. Bromfield to the mansion at Harvard, in order that its occupants might enjoy the sight of the pleasing countenance of the colonel, who had died in 1820 in the ninety-fourth year of his age.

Mrs. Sarah (Bromfield) Pearson was the daughter of Col. Bromfield, the wife of Dr. Eliphalet Pearson and mother of Mrs. Margaret Bromfield Blanchard, the founder of the Bromfield school.

The Bromfield mansion was destroyed by fire, August, 1855, while it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bromfield Pearson. Denison R. Slade.

#### Still River.

Mrs. Learned of Milton, Vt., is the guest of her brother, Arthur L. Hunter.

On Thursday, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse and Mrs. Jennie Willard attended the Ayer District Sunday school convention at Ayer.

Martin Dolphin has a new pair of black horses, which arrived from New York state Saturday.

Chester Willard is much better than last week. He is able to be about the house and get out of doors a little.

Miss Edna Robinson returned from a visit in Andover Thursday.

Miss Grace Farnsworth returned to her school duties in Malden Tuesday, after being at home for several weeks caring for her mother, who has now so far recovered that she has again taken up her household duties.

S. R. Thornton, who has been at work for Mr. Hutcherson for several months, finished his duties there on Thursday and has gone to his daughter's home in Lynn.

Tuesday morning the temperature at the railroad station was just zero, not very springlike.

About five and a half inches of snow fell here early Sunday morning.

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**WESTFORD.**

**Grange.**

At the meeting of the grange last week Thursday evening weather and traveling were such as to necessarily affect the attendance, but those present enjoyed a good time. The real feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Edson G. Boynton of a beautiful Seth Thomas parlor clock of the "Regulator" make. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton are charter members of Westford grange and have been most helpful members of the order in many ways. Mr. Boynton has held the offices of master, lecturer, steward, assistant steward and has served on the executive committee. Mrs. Boynton has been the leading pianist in the grange since its organization and has given freely of this gift, many times with some sacrifice on her part to be in her place. She was the skillful accompanist for the ladies' degree staff for a number of seasons.

The presentation speech Thursday evening was made by John P. Wright in his own felicitous, happy manner in which he expressed the wish echoed by all present that as this time-piece marked off time's rapid flight in future days it might ever remind them pleasantly of Westford grange and its members. Mr. Boynton responded feelingly and thanked all present for the gift and the goodwill represented. Mrs. Boynton, who is not a speechmaker, expressed her appreciation very nicely by assuring all that the choice of the gift was exactly what they wanted.

Adjournment was made to the lower hall where a collation of cake and ice cream was enjoyed. Other program for the evening were selections by the grange orchestra and a solo by Mr. Boynton and in response to hearty cheers responded with some old favorites sung in his best voice.

The names of five candidates for initiation at the spring class were balloted for.

The ladies' degree staff for the third degree work has organized with Mrs. Perley E. Wright as master.

**Center.**

Miss Gertrude Hazen has been a recent visitor at the Congregational parsonage. Miss Hazen has been spending the winter at Bradenton, on the Gulf coast of Florida, and was on her way home in Hartford, Vt.

Misses Blanche Waller and Edith Bicknell are among our young ladies teaching in other places who have been enjoying the spring vacation at their homes.

Miss Hazel Hartford has been spending part of her school vacation with Melrose relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher's little daughter, Esther, has been under the doctor's care with bronchitis this last week, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Seavey's second son, Morton, is at the Lowell General hospital for operative treatment for strangulated hernia. Master Gordon Seavey, who has caused his parents so much anxiety with threatened tuberculosis, is better, recent sputum tests having been declared negative.

The snow storm on Sunday morning made the attendance pretty small at the churches. At the Congregational church, owing to the very bad walking, the evening service was omitted something that has not occurred for a long time. The severe winter let its grip slowly, two snow storms with in the week and zero temperature reported in some parts of the town on Tuesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Blancy have the sincere sympathy of the community in the affliction of threatened blindness for the little daughter recently born to them. The baby has had the care of specialists and everything possible done to alleviate such a condition, and a favorable outcome is earnestly hoped for.

It has been rumored for some time that a change in our telephone system for the town may come to pass a change from the present automatic system where the subscribers operate their own calls, to a system managed by an operator at a central exchange. It is understood the plant installed at Westford depot will have to be vacated by June first, and the company expect to have a central exchange with resident operator. Many feel that the present system has proved pretty satisfactory and they may not like a change as well.

**Tadmuck Club.**

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon in Library hall. Owing to a cold, it was one of Miss Loker's rare absences as the club president, and Miss Ella F. Hildreth, the vice president, presided in her place. The program for the afternoon was the seventh and last in the season's special topic for study of South America, the subject being "The valley of the Amazon," in charge of Miss Grace Lawrence, of Forge Village. Miss Lawrence had prepared a most comprehensive paper concerning this great river of the world, and the country through which it flows. Although she had not been able to hear some of the previous papers of the season there was very little repetition as her subject touched others. Clear and well defined in ideas and the delivery of the same and with careful preparation, Miss Lawrence gave an interesting account of the climate, vegetation, flowers, commercial wealth, animals, birds, people, cities and some probable developments and possibilities.

That this special series of topics for study have proved most interesting and profitable has been the opinion of many.

The next meeting, April 9, Frank H. Hill, superintendent of schools, will address the club on "Work and play. Plans for the summer vacation."

**About Town.**

A petition was filed with the town clerk asking for a recount of the votes cast for school committee for the two-year term. In accordance with this petition the board of registrars met in the town hall on last Saturday evening. As a result of the recount, Albert R. Wall gained three votes, which makes the corrected returns stand Albert R. Wall 128, Thomas E. Danio 128. The original returns to the town clerk, as canvassed by the election officers at the town meeting were Thomas E. Danio 130, Albert R. Wall 127. The recount being a tie, it will be necessary to call a special town meeting to untie the vote.

John A. Taylor writes from Grand Forks, North Dakota, that he has become a citizen of that state and attended the primary election for president, and voted for LaFollette. It being the greatest grain growing section of the world, it is clear to all why the state is so nearly unanimous against reciprocity or any presidential candidate who favors it.

The family of James Harrington, who have been living with the Perkins family on Cold Spring road, have moved and are living with the Perkins family in the John H. Decatur house on the Lowell road.

Henry Smith, superintendent for the Abbot Worsted Company at Graniteville, is the first to try and thaw winter out by planting peas last week. Last year he planted his peas not earlier than this year by weather conditions.

The West Chelmsford Debating society who were so successful in "Oak farms," are contemplating giving another play as soon as conditions will favor it. Two plays are under consideration at the present time, "Uncle Rube," that made such a laughable hit at the town hall, Westford, by local talent a few years ago, and "Up Vermont way," which was so successfully played at Ayer by the dramatic talent of Ayer a few years ago. The writer saw it and pronounces it well worth the while, and the actors were more than ordinary in action. "Uncle Rube" is easier and shorter, and equally awake with laughter.

The steam shovel on Oak hill is back from repairs again and busy clearing and uncovering the quarry. Edward Allard is engineer, Harold Fletcher crane man and Elmer Whidden freeman. The shifting engine, the "H. E. Fletcher," is also back from the repair shop much improved for its winter vacation. Engineer John A. Agnew had charge of repairs at the repair shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Leland, who have been living at the Read farm since last fall, will move the first of April to Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dimon, of West Concord, N. H., have been engaged to take their place. Mr. Dimon has recently been elected master of the grange at West Concord, which office he resigned to accept this new position at the Read farm.

Hugo Page has started up his sawmill at Westford station. Logs have been accumulating for several months and there is a large yard of logs ahead to make a busy season for some time.

At a meeting of the selectmen on last Saturday night, Andrew Johnson was appointed chairman, Albert A. Hildreth, agent, and Dr. W. H. Sherman, physician of the board of health; George T. Day, inspector of animals; Emory J. Whitney, inspector of meat; John Peeney, Harry L. Nesmith, L. W. Wheeler, William Gordon and Alonzo H. Sutherland, policemen; John A. Healey, forest warden; George T. Day, agent for burial of sailors and soldiers; Harry L. Nesmith, agent for suppression of brown-tail moths; John Peeney, janitor of town hall.

Mrs. Arthur T. Plodgett is home from the Lowell hospital where she has been under the surgical care of Dr. G. Forest Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purbeck celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday. It was a merry good time like unto the olden days—a generous, joyous reunion of spontaneous hospitality.

Laura A. Dutton, of Saxtons River, Vt., is visiting her uncle, William Kelley, at the residence of S. L. Taylor. She reports good sleighing in Vermont and seven below zero on Tuesday morning. West Chelmsford reports four below, but others along the Stony Brook are satisfied at zero.

The Charles L. Adams farm in Parkville, on the Texas road, has been sold to D. A. Yarnold, of Lowell.

Goldsmith Conant, on the Concord road, Parkville, is a wake to the situation. It relates to the symmetry of things, and is making extensive improvements on his farm buildings, known in recent years as the Shorey place.

**Death.**

Mrs. Clarissa Gould, widow of Joseph Gould, died at the residence of her son, Warren A. Gould, in Chelmsford, aged eighty-eight years. She was a native of Westford, the daughter of Asa and Mary (Young) Nutting. Her early life was spent on the old familiar Nutting farm near Hillside cemetery. She attended school in the old No. 8 school in the palmy days of the old school district system. The old building is still standing on Gould road near the residence of Dennis Burke. After marrying, Mr. Gould they lived many years on the farm now owned by Fred L. Snow. Later they bought a residence at Westford depot, where Mr. Gould died and the house has since been burned. Mrs. Gould leaves two sons, Warren A. and Able J. Gould, of Chelmsford, and one brother, Samuel Nutting, of California.

The funeral took place from the residence of her son, Warren A. Gould,

Rev. A. L. Roadman, of Chelmsford, officiating. The bearers were George E. Gould, W. H. H. Burbeck, J. Willard Fletcher, W. H. Saunders. Burial was in Westford at Hillside cemetery, familiarly known as the Nutting burial ground, and near the familiar scenes of her childhood days.

**Progressive Farmers.**

Blodgett Bros., the large, progressive farmers on Milestone hill, who have just completed remodeling their house, have drawn plans for a new and modern barn to be built in the spring, which will accommodate forty cows. This new barn, like the old one, will probably be an asset in the town of Groton, the town line between Westford and Groton running between the house and barn. This farm, located at the extreme north-west part of the town, is one of the best in the town as regards productivity, as well as management. Here you will find installed right from the Lunt-Morse Company, gasoline engines, silo and ensilage cutters, as well as the latest improvements in machinery for water supply. If you want to know how a New England farm pays, just call and get a view of the new, modern buildings and machinery.

**New Orchard Planned.**

The large pasture on Francis hill, which was ploughed last fall, will be set out to apple trees in the spring. This pasture was part of the Read farm until sold to George A. Drew with the rest of the farm. It is probably forty years since it was ploughed. Mr. Drew intends to set out about two thousand fruit trees, including a few hundred pear trees. The old pasture referred to is familiar to many of the older scholars of the Stony Brook school. The old discontinued road leading from the school to Lowell over Francis hill being the northern boundary of said pasture. It was up this old road that the scholars of the olden days used to climb at recess and noon hour in summer and fall for early apples.

**Graniteville.**

As a result of the recount for member of the school committee held in town hall, Westford, on last Saturday evening, the result was somewhat different as originally given by the precinct officers at the town meeting on March 18. At that time the vote stood Thomas E. Danio 130, Albert R. Wall 127. In the recount given by the board of registrars on Saturday evening it was found that Danio had lost some votes, and Wall had gained one, with the result that the final vote showed a tie, with Wall 128, Danio 128, blanks 26. Aside from this Mr. Wall protested two votes which the board of registrars took under advisement, and in executive session unanimously voted to call each vote a blank with the result as stated above.

The members of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a very interesting meeting in their rooms on last week Thursday evening, with F. G. Sullivan, chief ranger, in the chair. Considerable business of importance was transacted and under the head of new business, F. G. Sullivan and R. J. Hemen were elected delegates to the annual Foresters' convention to be held in May. Edward Defoe and John Spinner were elected as alternates.

The members of Cameron Circle, F. of A., held a very interesting and largely attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Maria J. Wall, chief companion, presiding. Considerable business of importance was transacted and under the head of new business, the following members were elected as delegates to the annual convention to be held in Worcester in June: Mrs. Margaret McCarthy, delegate, Mrs. Lena Ledwith, alternate.

Mrs. John Nelson, with her little daughter Sairley, of Bridgewater, has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Hannah Turner, in the village for the past few days.

**Baseball.**

The members of the Graniteville baseball club met at the home of Carl Hanson last week Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year. John Spinner, of Forge Village, was chairman of the meeting, during which the following officers were elected: William Gordon, manager; Carl Hanson, captain; William Gilson, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to play independent this coming summer as the Stony Brook league is a thing of the past. The club will also purchase new uniforms. Another meeting will be held shortly for the purpose of formulating some plans in order to raise the necessary funds to purchase new uniforms.

A juvenile baseball club, whose average age of its members is sixteen years, has been recently formed in his village, with Edward Buckingham as manager, and William McCarthy, captain. This club, that will be known as the Graniteville White Sox, held a meeting in the rooms of St. Catherine's Temperance society on last Monday evening for the purpose of transacting business, during which, aside from the above-named officers, Alfred Gagnon was elected as secretary, Phillip Pracknack, treasurer, and George Boyd, assistant treasurer. This club will play in the City league during the coming season, which includes teams in Lowell, Westford, North Chelmsford and other suburban towns. The White Sox will appear in their new uniforms of dark blue with white trimmings, and will wear white stockings in their first league game that will be played on April 20. They would like to hear from some young man in Ayer for a game to be played here on April 19. Address Edward Buckingham, Graniteville.

**Forge Village.**

Services will be held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock, instead of the usual hour. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, will preach. On Good Friday, services will be held at 7.30 in the evening. Rev. Fndicott Peabody, of Groton, will officiate.

Howard Northrup has severed his connection with the Abbot Worsted Company, and intends to leave for New Brunswick in the near future.

Miss Katherine McNiff sailed for Kelghley, England, last Tuesday, her former home.

The Misses Rachael and Annie Cherry have been recent guests of their aunt, Miss Catherine Lowther, of Andover, Mass.

Cameron school re-opens on Monday, April 1, after the annual spring vacation.

Mrs. Jane Mountain, who has been confined to her home with a severe attack of pneumonia, is reported some better.

Mrs. John H. Jones, of Worcester, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, of Worcester, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lowther, but left unexpectedly owing to the sudden death of Mr. Baker's mother, which occurred at the home of her son, Harry Baker, in Connecticut.

While cleaning a machine in the mill of the Abbot Worsted Company, a Pole met with a serious accident, the end of one of his fingers becoming caught in the machinery and severed from his hand.

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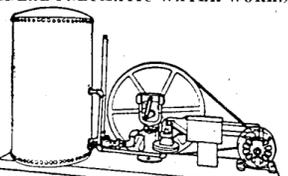
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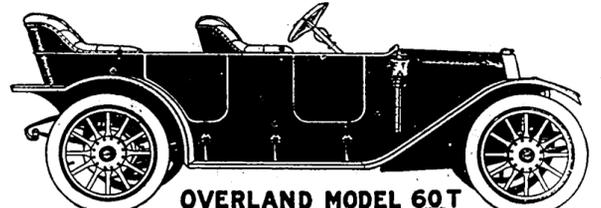
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### LITTLETON.

**News Items.**  
All roads lead to the Baptist vestry this afternoon where the King's Daughters, from two to five o'clock, will be pleased to sell articles for home use and ornamentation, aprons, home-made candles, ice cream and everything else to be found in a first-class, up-to-date bazaar.  
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kimball and children on Thursday by giving a dinner party in honor of Mrs. Fred Kimball's birthday.  
Tuesday, April 2, is the date of the King's Daughters' regular monthly meeting at Mrs. William H. Davis'.  
The Woman's Alliance meets on Friday, April 2, with Mrs. William Channing Brown. Mrs. B. W. Brown, of Concord, will address the ladies, taking for her subject "The international conference at Berlin."  
The musicale scheduled in the Woman's club calendar for March 25, will be given on Monday afternoon, April 1. An excellent Nevin program and tea, in charge of the music committee are promised.  
The Mission study class of the United Workers will meet with Miss Elizabeth Thacher on Wednesday afternoon, April 3. Subject, "Immigration and the national character."  
Miss Helen Mitchell, daughter of Prof. Wilnot Mitchell, of Brunswick, Me., has been visiting her aunts, Mrs. George and Mrs. Fred Kimball during her school vacation.  
Fred C. Hartwell has a new Ford touring car and J. H. Whitcomb and James Nixon have new Overland cars.  
Rev. Wm. Channing Brown preached in the Unitarian church in Groton last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant of Concord were Sunday guests of his father, Nelson B. Conant.  
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant have postponed their trip west and south on account of Mr. Conant's continued illness.  
Mrs. Morton Cummings of Malden is this week the guest of Mrs. E. A. Cox.  
The present plans of the choral class are to give their concert about the middle of April.  
Frank B. Priest arrived home from his California business trip Tuesday.  
John Hager and son were in town Monday and attended town meeting.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Hupprich, aged fifty-eight years, died of heart disease at her home in Nashobah district last Sunday. She is survived by three sons, six daughters and a little granddaughter. The latter lived with Mrs. Hupprich and attended the village school. The remains were taken to Forest Hills for burial.  
Frank Davis has sold his personal property to Peter DeSilvio and gone back to the Common, where he is located conveniently near his work.  
Thermometers registered zero on Tuesday morning in Littleton.

**Town Meeting.**  
The town meeting, March 27, was indeed a quiet affair. Less discussion than usual characterized the entire session, so quickly were the forty-three articles disposed of and so perfectly united were the voters in general, that one woman remarked that "Saving for the excellent dinner served by the Baptist people it wasn't worth attending."  
Hon. Frank A. Patch was chosen moderator and Wallace Robinson, Peter McNiff, James Neagle, E. A. Cox, A. Eugene Robbins and A. H. McDonald, ballot clerks.  
At 10:30 o'clock a. m. the town clerk, C. A. Kimball, read the warrant and called upon Rev. H. L. Packard to offer prayer. C. A. Kimball presented a resolution that thanks be given by the town to the Ayer fire department for services rendered at the W. L. Kimball fire and to the Boston and Maine railroad company for free transportation of fire apparatus on that occasion and a hearty and unanimous vote was expressed.  
It was voted that the polls remain open until three o'clock p. m. The reports of the various town officers were accepted.  
The school board reported unfavorably on the introduction into our high school of an agricultural course in view of the small amount of interest shown in the subject by the citizens.  
Minor town officers were then elected:

Field drivers—Wallace A. Robinson, George A. Kimball.  
Poll clerk—Herbert Bradley.  
Finance viewers—Franklin S. Finney, George W. Whitcomb.  
Surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood, bark, etc.—Harwell Josiah P. Thacher, George L. Priest, Elmer W. Fletcher, George Bonnell, Francis Brown, Frank H. Hall, Jas. W. Ireland, Everett Kimball, John W. Thacher, Charles K. Houghton, Albert F. Conant, Charles L. Smith, Wallace Robinson, Charles W. Hunt, Joseph P. Thacher, George Howard, Chas. V. Flagg, Harry W. Ireland.  
Officers chosen by ballot were as follows:  
—Selection and overseers of the poor—Walter H. Titcomb, George H. Barker, Nahum H. Whitcomb.  
—Town clerk—Charles A. Kimball.  
—Trustee of Reuben Hoar library, 3 yrs.—Hon. Frank A. Patch.  
—Cemetery commissioner, 3 yrs.—Joseph P. Thacher.  
—Tree warden—A. E. Hopkins.  
The vote on the license question was: Yes 19, No 90.  
Art. 4. Voted to continue the method of last year for collecting taxes, etc.  
Art. 5. Voted to authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, etc.  
Art. 6. Voted to authorize the treasurer to borrow money to pay notes or any obligations becoming payable this year.

Art. 24. Voted to fix the salary of the collector of taxes at 1% of the amount collected, payable at close of municipal year.  
Art. 25. Voted to authorize selectmen to discontinue present dumping ground and select new location for the same.  
Art. 30. Voted to accept \$100 for perpetual care of Theodore Hanson's cemetery lot.  
Art. 31 and 32. Voted to authorize the town treasurer to deposit sums of money in the Old Colony Trust Co. necessary to pay interest on water bonds and electric light bonds.  
Art. 34. Voted to renew \$1000 note held by trustees of library for three years from March 1, 1912, at 4 1/2%.  
Art. 36. Voted to authorize selectmen to organize fire department and pay same for services rendered.  
Art. 38. Voted to appropriate \$1000 for hydrant service.  
Art. 40. Voted to authorize the electric light commissioners to execute a contract with a corporation for purpose of furnishing electricity for the town and its inhabitants.  
Appropriations amounted to little more than \$18,000 and were as follows:

Common schools, \$2800; \$1500, dock tax money and interest on Lydia Johnson fund for high school; school supplies, \$550; school superintendent, \$250; transportation of scholars, \$1400; repairs on highways, \$1800; raising new pair of highways, \$150; salaries of town officers, \$900; miscellaneous expenses, \$3000; maintenance of library and library building, \$650; securities for town collector and treasurer, and library treasurer, \$60; exterminating insects, \$150; school buildings, repairs and new furniture, \$250; maintenance and care of sidewalks, \$150; spraying and other protection of trees, \$250; to be expended under direction of tree warden, \$75; to be expended in Harwood avenue, \$100; for electric lighting, \$800; for furniture for children's department in library, \$75; hose and carriages, \$1500; water in town hall, \$100.

Fifteen women cast ballots for school committee. It was generally observed that fewer men and women than usual were present, not, however, from lack of interest but rather from sickness caused by the prevalence of grippe and sever colds.

**Some Strike Lessons.**  
The Lawrence strike is now practically ended by which that town has received a world-wide advertising of a not too desirable character should teach some valuable lessons.  
It will long be noteworthy in the history of labor struggles that so many nationalities and many of them unable to speak English should under such adverse circumstances, and starting without organization, stand together so solidly for so long a time. Evidently they have, at least in the measure learned the lesson of solidarity and something of the power of united action.  
If the manufacturers have learned to recognize the fact that the workman is a human being with the right to be at least heard on the question of the value of his labor power, the only commodity he has to sell, and on which he must depend for his support, the strike will not have been in vain.  
It seems hard for the average employer to admit the man who works is a man for "all of that," and very easy to take the "nothing to arbitrate, take it or leave it" attitude.  
At the beginning of the Lawrence strike according to press reports the manufacturers admitted wages in many cases were too low, or they could not afford to pay more, which from their point of view settled the whole matter.  
Four of the brightest moves in the contest from the employers' point of view each in turn served to make the strikers more determined and increase class solidarity. These moves were:

First. The calling out of the militia which intensified the bitter feeling, as it always does.  
Second. The arrest and holding without bail of strike leader Etor.  
Third. The preventing of the children from leaving the strike ridden city.  
Fourth. The injunction proceeding to prevent the strikers from getting the benefit of the funds sent in by friends and sympathizers.  
Each and all of these moves were plainly for the purpose of breaking the strike and forcing the strikers back to the machines. Each had exactly the opposite effect and strengthened the strikers and helped to arouse a nation wide sympathy for them.  
If employers could come to understand that no man, however poor, likes to be driven they would avoid a tremendous lot of trouble for all concerned.  
Much fault has been found that the socialists throughout the whole country have made political capital out of the strike. Why not? Nobody finds fault with the republican party for taking advantage of the mistakes of the democrats and vice versa.  
If the capitalists persist in doing propaganda work for the socialists why should they not take advantage of it?  
In fact the socialists have come to depend almost entirely on the capitalists for propaganda material and they are furnishing it in unlimited quantity the world over and the socialist now has only the easy task of calling attention to the facts.  
It is mighty seldom that we see a strike that seems to pay, but when we consider the general raise in pay in the textile industry all over New England as the direct result of the Lawrence strike it really seems as though that did do it.

**HOLLIS N. H.**  
**News Items.**  
Arthur H. Boulton unfortunately cut his wrist recently while chopping in the woods. The axe caught and the blow hit his wrist cutting a gash two inches long and one inch deep, cutting into the bone, severing an artery. Dr. Hazard dressed the wound and it is doing nicely.  
James Jewett of South Framingham, Mass., came to Hollis last week Thursday afternoon. He spent several days in town, dividing his time between

the homes of his two brothers who live here.  
Mrs. Jennie Parker and daughters, who spend the winter in Nashua, have returned to Hollis to remain until May 1. They are to vacate their former home then, as it is said to Mr. Henry, who takes possession then.  
The class of '12 of H. H. S., who recently took a trip to New York and Washington, D. C., returned home last week Wednesday evening. Daniel Goodwin stopped with relatives in Worcester, Mass., for two days, arriving in Hollis Friday evening.  
The pulpit was occupied last Sunday by Rev. Edwin R. Smith, of Concord, secretary of the New Hampshire Home Missionary society, who presented the progress of that work in the state, notwithstanding the inclement weather a good-sized audience was in attendance.  
All the schools in town begin Monday after a vacation of two weeks.  
Monday evening Mr. Judkins of the State college at Durham gave an illustrated lecture in the town hall on brown-tail and gypsy moths. He is the associate of Prof. T. C. Kane of the college. It was an instructive lecture.  
It is expected that Rev. C. F. H. Crathern of Worcester, Mass., will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

**Death.**  
Thursday, March 21, Perry M. Farley, who has been ill several weeks, passed away. Mr. Farley's health has been failing several years, but the past year he has been very feeble. He was one of our oldest residents, always lived in the house where he was born. In his active years he was very prominent in town and church affairs, being deacon of the church thirty-five years. A man of upright integrity, which won the respect and esteem of everyone.  
The funeral service was held at his late home last Saturday afternoon. Rev. T. C. H. Hudson was the officiating clergyman. The four deacons of the church were the bearers. He was buried in the family lot at Pine Hill cemetery. He is survived by one son and three grandchildren.

**Grange Meeting.**  
Hollis grange entertained Hillsboro county Pomona grange Friday, March 22. The attendance was as good as could be expected considering the terrible traveling. Quite a large number received the fifth degree. A literary program consisted of paper, Miss Addie Eastman, recitation, Mrs. Bessie McInnes; recitation, Mrs. Ella Farley; vocal selection, Miss Bertha Hayden. The Eastman sisters furnished music. The discussion of the day was, "Resolved, the national prosperity depends as much on the prosperity of the farmer as upon that of the manufacturer." This was opened by Clarence R. Russell of Brookline and C. L. Trow of Milford.

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Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.  
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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of April A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
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### Of Historical Interest.

Peacham, Vt., was chartered December 31, 1763, by Gov. Benning Wentworth, then colonial governor of one of the New Hampshire grants, (Vermont did not become a state until 1778). The town was named for a family who were the nearest neighbors of the Wentworth family in the north of England by the name of Peacham. Jonathan Elkins was the first settler, in 1775, his home being the first framed house in town and is still standing, two-story, and in good condition now. The first town meeting of the proprietors was held in Hadley, Mass., in 1764, as most of them lived in Hadley and vicinity.

Col. Thomas Johnson, of Newbury, Vt., who had engaged to erect mills in Peacham, one a grist mill, arrived at Jonathan Elkins with the mill stones on the evening of March 7, 1781. About one o'clock the next morning a party of British soldiers came upon them from Canada. They were all distributed through the forest and obliged to do duty. When the fleet arrived at Plymouth, England, the prisoners were confined in Mill prison and remained until they were exchanged for Cornwall's troops in 1783, at the close of the revolutionary war. Then young Elkins returned home.

While a prisoner, Benjamin Franklin, first grand master of the Masons of Pennsylvania, and Ira Allen, first state treasurer of Vermont, brother of Ethan Allen and also an early Vermont Mason, were in England on some business pertaining to some matters relating to the states and they called on the American prisoners. Young Elkins made the acquaintance of Franklin and Allen, who took a special interest in him. Franklin advised him to get an education while in prison and Franklin paid the whole expense of a teacher for him.

When he came home he had a fine education. He settled on his father's farm and became a prosperous farmer until 1836, when he died. He raised a family that did well too, ever after. At his family table he had an extra plate put on for anyone who might come hungry. This he did in memory of his sufferings while in the English prison.

About ten years ago, his son, Henry S. Elkins, died at the age of one hundred years, a wealthy lumber dealer in Chicago.

The grist mill was built that the stones were for on a brook nearby. It stood for about forty years, the miller being a Scotman by the name of James Craig. After the mill got old it was abandoned and another one was built in another place nearby on the same brook. In 1854, the writer's father, Harris Lynds, bought the old mill site to build a shop on. He was the village blacksmith and he drew the old historic mill stones to his blacksmith shop to set wagon tires on. The writer had the honor of helping on those jobs when a boy. They are at the blacksmith shop in the village now.

Young Elkins thought so much of his Masonic friends, Franklin and Allen, who had aided him in England that he became a Mason and was a colonel in the early Vermont militia.

Col. Thomas Johnson and Gen. Jacob Bailey, of Newbury, and Col. Alexander Harvey, of Barret, and Judge Cornelius Lynde, of Williams town, were the first Masons of Orange county, that they included Orleans, Essex, Caledonia, and the present Orange county, all of Northeastern Vermont, and all became prominent politically, and thirty men, and were founders of the first Masonic lodges of that part of Vermont.

William H. Lynds, Lowell.

### GROTON.

#### News Items.

Plans have been perfected for the services to be held at the Union Congregational church during holy week. There will be four services in all. Rev. H. A. Cornell will speak on Tuesday evening, the pastor on Wednesday evening, Rev. M. O. Patton, of North Attleboro, will preach on Thursday evening, and Rev. Andrew Gibson on Good Friday evening. It was expected that Rev. P. H. Cressley would be one of the speakers, but he will not be able to be present owing to illness in the family. The meetings will be conducted as in former years, and the public is cordially invited.

Miss Gladys Mason and Miss Marion Blood, teachers, are having a week's vacation, returning to their schools in Peppercell on Monday, April 1.

Mrs. M. F. Warner leaves Groton Inn next Tuesday and will room at her own house on Main street, taking her meals at Miss Vickery's, on Pleasant street.

Miss Mildred Brown, coming on last week Thursday, is home on the vacation at Simmons college, but is ill with tonsillitis and under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Keirstead are going to move into Mrs. Patrick Sullivan's house when it is vacated by David Toomey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow returned this week Friday afternoon from Eustis, Fla., where they have been spending the winter.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence goes on next Monday to Miss Vickery's on Pleasant street, for room and board.

Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald, who has been kept from illness for the past two weeks, was able to get out of doors again on Tuesday.

All rooms at Groton Inn have been taken during the week or more just past, and an overflow has occupied Dodge cottage, which was opened earlier in the season than usual.

Charles B. Ogilvie moved his family from Gardner on Monday to occupy their place recently bought of Dr. D. R. Steere.

Rev. L. B. Cochrane, of Bolton, will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning.

An item of news which we believe is not generally known and which has not been in the paper, is that Arthur G. Fuller is the owner of the house on Main street which belonged to the late G. E. H. Abbot's estate. Mr. Fuller purchased it for \$2500 last fall before he went abroad.

Miss Margaret T. Cleary, teacher at Gilbertville, is home on a vacation.

Beatrice Palmer, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Palmer, of Hollis street, came down with scarlet fever last week Thursday. It is a very mild case, and as the little girl has not been to school or Sunday school for the past six or eight weeks, it is a problem how she took the fever.

The public schools closed this week Friday for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Frank Palmer with daughter Elizabeth returned Monday from a visit to her sister, Miss Ella Blakney, at Somerville.

Louise Warren and two other children of lawyer and Mrs. Geo. H. Warren of Manchester, N. H., came Thursday noon for a visit at the home of their grandfather, Major M. P. Palmer.

Mrs. Sherwin, mother of F. A. Sherwin, suffered an ill turn last week to which she is subject and for two days was seriously ill, but at this time she is better, though not able yet to come down stairs.

Mrs. Ellis of the Brown Loaf farm was up for Thursday and Friday of last week, returning to her Cambridge home last Saturday.

The spring term of the superior court sitting at Lowell opens on Monday, April 1, instead of Tuesday, April 2, as given last week. Elmer E. Sawyer and A. F. Bates are drawn as jurors from here.

Miss Gertrude E. Forbes goes Monday to spend her vacation week at Allston with her aunt, Mrs. Helen P. Whitcomb and family.

Preparations are being made for a vesper service at the Unitarian church Easter Sunday. The program will be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle leave San Mateo, Florida, where they have been spending the winter next Monday night and arrive home next Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Roache of Winchester held special Lenten service at the Sacred Heart church Wednesday night. There was a large attendance.

Samuel H. Williams of New Haven, Conn., was a recent guest of his brother, E. C. Williams.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital Wednesday morning and is at this time resting comfortably.

H. M. Wheelock was obliged to have one of his fine new span of horses shot the first of the week as it had broken a leg.

Wednesday morning a valuable team horse of Jennie T. Fletcher's died. This is the second horse Mr. Fletcher has lost recently.

The town warrant is posted and contains twenty-nine articles. All the town officers chosen by ballot, whose terms of office expire, are candidates for re-election and there is no opposition. The only changes are in the electric light commission, where G. H. Bixby retires, his place to be taken by A. W. Lamb and Edward Bjoach, part commissioner, taken by C. G. B. Shattuck. Town meeting is on Monday, April 1, opening at 7:30 in the forenoon. The polls may be closed at one o'clock p. m.

### Gentlemen's Night.

The first day of spring, Thursday, March 21, was ushered in with a smart snow storm which continued all day. Notwithstanding, a good-sized crowd was out to the gentlemen's night at the Congregational church. It is estimated that at least one hundred and fifty were present. Every seat at the two long tables spread in the ladies' parlor was taken and it was necessary to get a second time. The supper was excellent and the gentlemen were very efficient waiters.

The entertainment, which consisted wholly of the play, "Miss Fearless & Co.," was received with much favor and praised quite enthusiastically. The characters were taken admirably and in a very natural manner. Although the play was long the audience gave close attention following with interest from beginning to end.

About thirty-two dollars was cleared for the treasury.

### Death.

Harvey B. Kierstead, for the past eighteen years a resident of this town, passed away at his home here on Thursday afternoon at the age of 79 years 1 month. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Kierstead, and was born in Collins, Kings county, N. B. Mr. Kierstead had been an invalid for a number of years, but at the last suffered a seizure of cerebral hemorrhage.

The funeral was on Friday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The interment was in Groton cemetery by the side of his wife, who died seven years ago. He is survived by three sisters and three brothers, five sons, sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The names of his sons are William, Eber and Wellington, of Groton, Levi, of Lowell, and Foster, of Worcester.

### Improvements Badly Needed.

Some who have noticed the unexpended balance in the town's appropriation for the poor, are questioning and wondering why this sum should

be returned unexpended when there is a real need of applying the whole or part of it at the town farm house. It seems a good time now to jog the memories and call the attention of the overseers to an apparent oversight as to the condition of the windmill arrangement, pump or plumbing which affects especially the water supply at the one bathroom convenience for women.

There is and has been a good supply of water in the well. Why not use some of this unexpended balance on repairs, so that water need not be drawn up by a pump from the well for use in the bathroom arrangements, but by the windmill which should supply water if the pump and plumbing is in order? The town has felt a pride and in many respects justly so at the town farm house arrangements, but one can hardly see in this condition for congratulation.

Then one thing more in connection with the town farm house. There are many towns where a woman visitor is appointed by the overseers to look into conditions and in a way be a friendly supervisor and comforter to the women there in their shut-in lives. Other towns have such a visitor, why not Groton?

There is still one thing more, while we are talking, to which we wish to call the attention of the board of health or other proper authority. There is a cesspool which is unprotected and into which a child might fall. This has not been cleaned out for the past three years. It is not far from Main street. This statement can be easily verified. Shall not this oversight be looked into?

### Fire.

On Sunday, March 24, a little before midnight, fire was discovered at W. A. Crowe's on the Boston road. The family had retired, but Mrs. Crowe was disturbed by a choking smell of smoke and aroused the others. When first seen by Mr. Crowe and two neighbors, Felton Stone and S. Whitney, who had hastened there, the fire was working in a shed and spreading fast. All the buildings—house, ell, sheds, barn and icehouse—were joined together so that, one on fire, all was in close danger. The alarm had been given and members of the fire company and neighbors were on hand, but by twelve o'clock, even while the bells were ringing, the fire was fiercely raging. The sky was illumined for miles around and the ground seemed covered with red snow.

The fire company was hindered from accomplishing anything by want of water. In two hours all was practically consumed, everything reduced to ashes. The two horses and three cows had been gotten out, but three pigs were burned up. A very few tools and a few pieces of clothing and a big pile of ice was all that remained. The saw dust around the ice was smoldering for days. It was from this store of ice, now rendered unfit for use, that the Groton School has been supplied. Included in the contents of the house were thousands of dollars' worth of wedding presents, a diamond ring, beautiful dresses, a new first-class Victor graphophone, a new piano, only put in a week or two before, valuable keepsakes, among which was a costly vase, the gift of Mayor Fitzgerald, when he and Mrs. Fitzgerald were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Crowe last Thanksgiving.

The harnesses and wagons were of the best. These buildings were some of the best farm buildings in town and the scene now is one of desolation.

Mrs. Crowe and her sister, Miss Snyder, who was visiting her, escaped with cloaks over their night clothes, to Nesbit Woods, where they spent the night. With the help of neighbors they were fitted out with sufficient clothing to leave the next morning for Cambridge, which they did with Mr. Crowe, on the five o'clock train, being driven to the station by Mr. Woods.

This place was the property of Rev. John A. Crowe, of Cambridge, who bought it of W. H. Whitehill a year ago for his brother, W. A. Crowe's, occupancy at his marriage, which took place last April. The buildings, and it is understood, the contents, or at least a part of the contents, were insured. The piano and some other valuable articles belonging to Rev. Crowe were not insured.

W. H. Whitehill, who sold this place last year, had lived there with his family for twenty-one years. He bought of Mr. Marshall. The owner previous to Mr. Marshall was Winslow Nudd, by which name some of the older residents still recognize the place.

It is not yet decided whether the place will be rebuilt. This is the third destructive fire to visit our town within the past six weeks, and as the barn and contents were also burned with the other buildings, it is probably the worst of the three. As in the fires at Mr. Wheelock's and Mr. Tainter's, the fire broke out in the middle of the night and the cause is not known. The neighbors and townspeople regret this misfortune which brings a loss to the neighborhood and town as well as to those burned out. They have widespread sympathy.

### Clipping.

The following was taken from a recent issue of the Penacook, N. H. News-Letter:

"Miss Lena L. Tuttle, of Groton, who has taught the grammar school for several years at Boston, closed the winter term on Friday, March 18, and the writer never witnessed a better conducted examination. In an easy, quiet manner, the teacher held the attention of her pupils who were prompt and thorough. A review in one study by each of her three grades was given, covering a great deal of ground; also, original essays on the lives of eight or ten of the greatest men born in February, including Lincoln, Washington, Moody, Edison, Dickens, Wilson, etc., were read by the eighth grade. The singing was especially fine. The teacher striking the key only and turning to her school with 'sing,' brought forth in many selections exact time and harmony."

### Grange.

Groton grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday night. The program consisted of readings and mu-

sic appropriate to Evacuation and St. Patrick's day. There were readings by Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, Miss Elsie Bailey, Mrs. Blanche Brown, Miss Marion Hart, Mrs. J. E. Adams and Henry Adams. W. A. Woods read a paper on "Fruit." Howard Southern gave conundrums on flowers. Music by Miss Helen Barrows and Henry Adams. At the next meeting, Sylvester P. Robinson, of Townsend, will give a talk on "Farm law." This should be of interest to all and a large attendance is requested.

### West Groton.

Rev. and Mrs. Troabridge, Mrs. Florence Briggs and Miss Bertha Bixby attended the Sabbath school convention in Ayer on Thursday.

It is reported that Mrs. Andrew Taylor, of Vose, is to return from Groton hospital soon. Mrs. Taylor underwent an operation for appendicitis. It is understood, two weeks ago.

William Kane is employed at Joshua Bixby's, Lee Bixby having returned to his duties at Lawrence academy.

It is learned that Miss Addie Rudolph returned from Groton hospital a week ago. She is confined to her bed and suffers greatly.

Services will be held at the Christian Union church during the evenings of holy week as follows: Tuesday evening, "Jesus our sun and shield"; Wednesday evening, a bible reading; Thursday evening, the holy communion; Friday evening, "Voices of penitence and hope"; Sunday morning and evening, Easter services. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, extends a cordial invitation to all to attend these services.

Miss Olive Tarbell, of Brookline, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. F. L. Trefethen, of Walpole, with her son Albert, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Harrington.

Miss Eva Chandler, of Ayer, is enjoying a vacation at the home of her uncle, G. S. Webber.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blood, with their two children, were week-end guests of an aunt in Gardner.

The grammar school closed on Friday for a vacation of one week. Mrs. Isabel Wiggin will spend the time at her home in Merrimac.

It is understood that L. J. Strand, Jr., has passed a thorough examination in Boston, and has obtained a chauffeur's license; also, that he is engaged in that capacity for the summer at Groton Inn.

Joshua Bixby, although still in care of a nurse, is slowly convalescing.

The Keystone club, of West Groton, will give a supper in Squannacook hall on Wednesday evening, April 17, followed by a college comedy, entitled "Thief in the house." Dancing after the entertainment from nine until twelve.

The Squannacook fire company will give an entertainment, supper and dance in Squannacook hall, West Groton, on Friday evening, April 12. The entertainment will consist of George Bartlett, Cutler, of Boston, singing humorist, and Albert H. Meader, of Boston, character delineator.

### Interesting Meeting.

The very bad walking last Sunday evening doubtless prevented many from attending the church service, but those who made the effort were amply rewarded. "Fanny Crosby in song and story," proved to be a very interesting subject, as handled by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge and his corps of able assistants. Interesting facts and incidents in the life of the blind author from early childhood to her present advanced age were given by the pastor, assisted by readings by Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, Mrs. Isabel Wiggin and the Misses Ruth Bixby and Ruth Mellish.

The singing consisted entirely of hymns written by Fanny Crosby. Seven were rendered by the members of the "Old Folks" chorus, nearly all of whom were present. In addition "Through your sins be as scarlet," was sung by a quartet, consisting of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Miss Susie Hill, H. Spaulding and F. L. Blood. Songs by Mrs. Lamb and Miss Hill were rendered in their usual pleasing manner and altogether, the evening was decidedly enjoyable and instructive.

### Rhythmic Story.

O last Friday eve was bright and fair, and little pinks were everywhere. All dressed in pink from top to toe they in themselves were quite a "show." Warblings sweet one may discern as Ruth B. plays "The robin's return"; and Rutlie M. is quite the "winner" with her "Little Quaker sinner." Five sweet pinks, a merry troupe—hard to find a fairer group—"The best plan" do now unfold; subject new as earth is old. Two busy B's, Mildred and Ruth, a piano duet play well for sooth.

"The baby reception" next comes on, little pinks moving hither and yon, and weaving in, and over and under, readings and songs, with never a blunder. A song, "Evening is falling asleep," while through the hall's silence deep, Mildred follows with "The tea party" talk—be sure in the telling she does not fall. Of "The lost doll" Evadne deced tell, and who shall say it is not told well?

"Sleep, baby, sleep," song, tender and sweet, then comes Irene, our faces to greet, and up our spirits go like a rocket at her cute little story of "Dolly's pocket." Of "Grace and Dolly," now we shall hear from little Bertha, so sweet and clear. Following Isabel's fond "Good night," comes "Bye-lo land," then out of sight the pinks with their dollies troop away; reception is over and none may stay. And now the curtain rises slow and Dorothy tells of "Long ago"; she doeth well, but I confess that how she knows I cannot guess. Next is a cradle, within, a doll; rocking and singing—no trouble at all—just easily, naturally, sweet and clear. Vera's tones fall on the ear. Then came tableaux; Bertha poses; "The homely doll" the stage discloses, while Ethel reads the tale to tell. Now following closely, Isabel, "Curing dolly of a fever"; what means she used thus to relieve her, Ruth Mellish tells in accents clear. Now "Mending day" brings up the rear. Dorothy reads how the story goes, while little Myra sits and sews;—dear little

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maiden in sweetest pose, to many nice things a fitting close. Now each little pink at her little pink table sells all of her goods as fast as she's able; and pray let me tell, before I forget, with what success these little pinks met. You'll hardly believe it, still it is true, out of our pockets these little folks drew, above their expenses a sum immense, sixty dollars and twenty-eight cents! The pink of pink shows, I'm sure you'll agree, and wish them long life and prosperity.

### L. A. S.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Charles Bixby on Thursday afternoon with nine active and two honorary members present. The half-hour entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Trowbridge and consisted of a very entertaining sketch of a recent journey to Washington, D. C., by Mrs. A. W. Lamb; piano solos, Miss Ruth Bixby; a humorous poem, Mrs. Trowbridge; and songs by three little sisters, Gertrude, Madeline and Evelyn Parker. Dainty refreshments were served by Miss Ruth, the youngest daughter of the house. All were glad to know that Mr. Bixby was able to enjoy the program and enter into the conversation with his old-time zest. The meeting closed as usual with prayer by the pastor.

### LUNENBURG.

#### News Items.

Rev. A. T. Kempton will occupy the pulpit in the Congregational church on Sunday, March 31, the place which he has held for the past eight years and from which he will deliver his farewell sermon tomorrow. He will also take the lead of the Young People's meeting in the evening. He will probably remove to his new home and charge in Cambridge during next week if the roads and traveling are not too bad. But his many friends in Lunenburg do not intend to lose sight of him by any means and hope to see him here at least during Old Home week and other special occasions.

Mrs. Ina (Bradlee) Dobbs visited her mother, Mrs. Ella Bradlee, and grandmother, Mrs. Ann Jenkinson, during the serious illness of the latter last week. She returned to her home in Chester, Conn., on Saturday.

Mrs. Olive (Hodgdon) Hartwell and baby daughter Virginia of Gardner visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Snow, spending Saturday and Sunday with them.

Rev. I. Perley Smith of Lawrence occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday and delivered a fine sermon.

T. B. Snow has the painters and paperhangers at work fitting up his tenement, which is soon to be occupied by E. H. Hastings and family.

The minstrel show in the town hall on Monday evening was well patronized and much enjoyed by all attending. About sixty persons took part, singing several old ballads and many new ones. Clarence D. Amlett gave a fine performance on the slack wire and Henry J. Gardner released him-

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self from a very intricate and seemingly hopeless and varied mass of chains and handcuffs. There were many local hits which made a lot of fun and created general good humor. At the close of the program the floor was cleared for dancing. E. Percival Coleman had charge of the music throughout the evening. Ice cream was on sale by members of the high school.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church held a social on Friday evening of last week. Supper of cold meats and salads was served, after which a short literary and musical program was given and an old-fashioned spelling school. Miss Alice Peabody pronounced the words and Miss Helen Moody bore away the honors by spelling down the whole school for the second time within a month. Following this Mrs. Arthur O. Scott gave an informal talk upon "In Shakespeare's land," which was listened to with a great deal of interest.

The house warming at the new home of Prof. and Mrs. Edwin R. Bemis last Saturday evening was attended by about seventy people. There would have been many more had the traveling been better. Fruit punch, candy and fancy crackers were served by Misses Evelyn Lane, Florence and Emma Burrage. Several useful and valuable presents were given Mr. and Mrs. Bemis, and visitors were shown through the cosy new bungalow.

A four-act drama is being prepared by the high school improvement league, "How Jim made good." It will be presented in the town hall, April 5. There are ten characters, all members of the league. The proceeds to be used toward paying for a set of books for the high school students, "vacations."

The Village Improvement society held its first meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, but owing to the very traveling the attendance was small. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held on the evening of the third Tuesday in April, when it is hoped there will be good traveling without snow and consequently a large attendance. Important business is to come before this meeting.

Augustus Taylor is soon to build a ten-room house on Massachusetts avenue, near the residence of Warren Lewis.

The fourth debate between Lunenburg and Townsend high schools will be held in Townsend, May 3. The question is, "Resolved, that the present immigration laws are detrimental to the welfare of the United States." The negative side will be upheld by Lunenburg and its supporters are Harold Woodward, Lucy Proctor and Arnold Woods.

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AYER.

News Items.

Present indications point to a quiet town meeting on Monday. There is but one contest for an elective office and nothing appears in the warrant to indicate any unusual interest in the disposition of the articles. The polls will open as usual, at 5:45 a. m., and may be closed at four in the afternoon. The only contested office is that of tree warden, the candidates for the position being D. W. Mason and Calvin Blood, the present incumbent. There are no nominations for two fence viewers, one field driver, four surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark, and a member of the school committee for three years.

Alfred Taylor, of Gleasondale, is to take up Frank Hibbard's duties as grocery clerk at Duwelle's store on Monday morning. Mr. Hibbard intends to enter the vacuum cleaning business for himself in Ayer and the surrounding towns.

Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, Jr., George street, on St. Patrick's day. The name of the little newcomer is Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Huntington, of Washington street, start the first of next week for a trip to New York and New Jersey of a week or ten days on a visit with relatives.

The members of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter have been invited to attend a convocation of Thomas chapter of Fitchburg on Wednesday evening, April 17. It is thought that a special late car to return on may be chartered if enough go to warrant it.

Miss Edith L. Perry, for the past six years employed in the First National bank, has returned to her home in Hudson, N. H. Miss Amy Lougee will take up Miss Perry's work.

Mrs. Margaret Weldon was given a surprise party on last week Friday night by twenty of her friends in honor of her birthday. The usual social enjoyments took place, and appetizing refreshments were served.

Miss Mary Peterson is spending a week with friends in Somerville.

Charles Kennison is sick and is being cared for by Charles Crocker.

Miss K. E. Lynch is visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Murphy, of Haverhill, formerly of the Ayer hotel.

The Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday afternoon, April 4, at three o'clock, with Mrs. O. P. Robinson.

The weather of the present week would hardly suggest thoughts of baseball in this latitude. The high school team, however, is preparing for the season. Two games have been arranged with the Shirley industrial school and Groton school second team. The Shirley boys will play here on the town park grounds on April 19, and the local high team will go up against the Groton school second team on April 20, at Groton.

Services at the Baptist church on Sunday will consist of preaching by the pastor at 10:45. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Praise service and short address by the pastor at seven in the evening.

The following names were added to the voting list at the final session of the board of registrars last Saturday: Clifton J. Bartlett, Ernest M. Gleason, George W. Luddington, Charles W. Briggs, Charles H. Crocker, David H. Young, George F. Hibbard, Charles C. Stevens, Daniel P. Pender, John F. Ryan, Charles A. Hodgman, William W. T. Pearson, Alfred E. Mason, George A. McGuane, John A. Hart. The voting list contains 584 names which is five less than at the spring election last year when the number was 589.

Frank S. Pierce has moved one of his small buildings from Sandy pond to a location near Wheeler's blacksmith shop on Central avenue. The building will be used for storing ice that Mr. Pierce will have taken from his ice house at Sandy pond during the coming summer. The work of transportation will be done by the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co. The house will also be used for the keeping of necessary tools of the ice business.

Jewish residents of Ayer will celebrate the feast of the passover beginning next Tuesday and lasting for eight days.

Mrs. Margaret Weldon was pleasantly surprised when a party of friends, neighbors and members of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., called at her home last week Friday night, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Weldon was presented with a five-dollar gold piece as a token of esteem from her friends. Supper was served, followed by games and a general social time.

Eugene S. Barry left on Wednesday for New York, and sailed on Thursday for Havana, Cuba, where he will meet his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry, who have been in Cuba for the past two weeks. He will return in about a week or ten days, and Mr. and Mrs. Barry will start later, returning by way of Florida, and will be away a month or more. Mr. Barry sailed on March 14, for Jamaica, where they visited for a week and then went to Santiago, Cuba, going from there to Havana.

Penjamin Seabon, of West Townsend, expects to move to this town next week and his wife and Mrs. Flagg, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oikie,

are to take the Hillside and run it as a boarding house that has been conducted for a long while by Mrs. Hattie B. Thayer. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer are to leave town and he will carry on a farm in Townsend, that he purchased last fall.

About forty of the friends of Mrs. L. E. Canning gave her a surprise at her home at the Park hotel on Friday evening of last week, the occasion being the anniversary of her birth. Lunch was served to the party, followed by an informal social time. Mrs. Canning was presented with a cut glass lunch set.

Mrs. Chester P. Perrin, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Nutting have returned from the west, after a year's absence. They went from here to Colorado in the interest of Mrs. Nutting's health.

James Ryan had a foot injured while at work at the transfer shed on Wednesday. He was taken to his home where Dr. Sullivan attended him.

James I. Mills, deputy fish and game warden found a dead deer near Davis' crossing just over the Ayer line on Tuesday evening. The animal was evidently killed by the cars after having been wounded by some hunter, as there were several shots found in the body. Mr. Mills disposed of the body.

A union temperance meeting will be held at St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The address will be given by the vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus.

In Thursday morning's Boston Post there is an excellent photograph of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Dorchester and its pastor, Rev. Webster H. Powell. Mr. Powell was a former pastor of the local Methodist church and he has recently been unanimously called for the eighth consecutive year in his present pastorate.

After the regular meeting of Capt. George V. Barrett Camp, S. of V., on Thursday evening, there was a collation and smoke talk.

Frank Littlefield, of Pepperell, was found not guilty of assault and battery and in court last Saturday he was discharged.

All the schools will re-open on Monday after the spring vacation.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., received an official visit from the district deputy grand master, George F. Buxton, of Shirley, on Tuesday evening. In the same evening, the initiatory degree was conferred on two candidates.

Five cars and the caboose of an east-bound freight train in charge of Conductor Frank E. Sanders, of this town, jumped the track just this side of Harris' crossing at Mitchellville at 8:30 o'clock on Thursday night. Three of the cars were loaded with coal and the other two were loaded with box cars. The caboose was the worst damaged. Mr. Sanders was severely shaken up as a result of the derailment. One of the brakemen was also slightly injured. The cause of the accident was a broken oil box which helps to keep the car truck in position. The east-bound track was blocked for several hours.

Mrs. Brown, wife of J. William Brown, and two sons, are here from Plattsburg, N. Y., coming last week, and have moved into the T. F. Ward house on East Main street, opposite the Livingston house. Mr. Brown is the son of Jenness W. Brown, proprietor of the lunch cart on Pleasant street, and has been assisting his father the past winter.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold an Easter sale, supper and entertainment in the lower town hall on Thursday, April 4. Sale opens at three o'clock.

George H. Brown, who went to Bermuda a few weeks ago, is expected home so as to be in time for town meeting on Monday.

Frank B. Sullivan, of Ayer, candidate for delegate to the national A. O. H. convention to be held in Chicago on July 16, has been endorsed by several divisions in Middlesex county. Election is to be held in Cambridge on Sunday.

At the meeting of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., held last Monday evening in G. A. R. hall, they worked the Rank of Page on one and Rank of Esquire on four. This organization is in a very prosperous condition and their numbers are constantly increasing.

The Pouliou Brothers will have a number of films this Saturday evening that will equal any before given at their moving picture show in Page hall. The titles of the pictures to be given were not received in time to be printed before going to press on Friday afternoon.

Services as usual at the Unitarian church with sermon by Dr. Fisk on "An abounding home." Sunday school at twelve, preparatory for Easter Sunday, Y. P. R. U. at seven in the evening.

Candidates.

The following is the list of candidates as filed prior to the last hour for filing nominations papers at five o'clock Monday afternoon:

Town clerk, Guy B. Romick; selectmen, E. D. Stone, E. S. Pierce, J. M. Maloney; overseers of poor, E. D. Stone, E. D. Stone; John Maloney, treasurer; E. D. Stone, assessor; W. L. Prebble, water commissioner; J. W. Carley; board of health, J. W. Carley, Dr. B. H. Evans, G. O. Fillebrown; constables, J. C. Smith, T. F. Meehan; park commissioner, J. A. Carman; fish commissioner, J. W. Carley; B. H. Baker; H. Allen; H. H. Ten bound keeper; J. W. Carley; D. W. Fletcher; tree warden, Calvin Blood; D. W. Mason; trustee Ayer library, J. L. K. Clark.

Episcopal Notes.

During holy week at St. Andrew's church, the services will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at four o'clock; Thursday at 7:30 and on Good Friday at ten a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

At seven a. m., holy communion and sermon at 10:45 a. m., Sunday school and baptism at twelve.

On Sunday evening at seven o'clock a union temperance service will be held at St. Andrew's church. Address by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.

Deaths.

Fred G. Philbrick, who has been confined to his room at the residence of Mrs. Hume on Columbia street, since last week Wednesday, not having gone out for his meals since that time, died on Friday morning, March 29, at twenty minutes after eleven.

For the past three or four weeks he has not been as well as usual, and never fully recovered from a surgical operation last September.

Mr. Philbrick was in his fifty-seventh year, and has been a resident of this town for the past twenty-seven years, coming here from Lowell at the request of Mr. Kinney, and during that period has been employed in the freight office at the railroad station, where he has been a very efficient bookkeeper.

Communication was held by telephone with his relatives in Lowell, and they were to come here the afternoon of his death to make all arrangements for his funeral. He has a brother in Lowell and a nephew in New York city, who happened to be in Lowell on business. Burial, in all probability, will be in Lowell. His death, which was sudden, was mainly from heart trouble, from which he has been a sufferer for some time.

Mr. Philbrick was a churchman of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, and has held prominent positions in the church, being an active member since its organization, and will be greatly missed in the church and in the town.

Mrs. Daisy Edna (Goss), wife of William D. Preston of Fitchburg and formerly of Ayer, died Sunday at the MacDonald hospital, Brookline. Death came at the close of an extended illness of over four months' duration, during which time she has been a patient sufferer, the sunny temperament and amiable disposition that had been characteristic of her entire life bearing her in good stead in her lingering and fatal illness.

Mrs. Preston was born at Presque Isle, Me., the daughter of Bliss J. and Mary E. Goss. She removed to this town with her parents during her girlhood and had been a resident of this vicinity since that time. Her father is employed by the Harvard Shakers and has been with them for a number of years. She was an employe of the New England Telephone company for many years, filling many positions of trust and importance, having been manager of the exchange at Marlboro for some time and bookkeeper at the Fitchburg district office for an extended period. She went to that city from here about thirteen years ago to accept the latter position and had resided there since that time, severing her term of employment with the telephone company previous to her marriage to Mr. Preston three years ago.

Mrs. Preston worked for the telephone company here for about two years when they were located in Turner's block before going to Fitchburg.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her parents. Her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Goss, is a well-known nurse in Fitchburg.

The funeral was held at the parlors of the First Universalist church at Fitchburg on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery in Ayer.

Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah E. Simonds was held from the Congregational church on last Saturday afternoon. Services were performed by Rev. John Whitley, the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, at two o'clock.

After the ceremony at the church, the remains were taken to the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery. The bearers were Henry Burrage, Harry Lynch and Roland Hocquard, of Shirley, and H. C. Harlow, George Andrews and L. C. Smith, of Ayer.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers contributed by friends.

Sunday School Convention.

The Ayer district of the Massachusetts Sunday School association, held its annual meeting in the Congregational church on Thursday. The meeting was a most interesting one and attended by members from all the towns comprising the district.

There was an informal reception at nine o'clock in the morning by the reception committee, consisting of Mrs. Edward James, Miss S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Carrie Lowell and Miss Ethel Andrew. The regular day's program followed.

An interesting feature, which deserves special mention was an address on the "Four square Sunday school," by Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston, general state secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School association. Mr. Hamilton illustrated his address by means of a chart, in which he was assisted by Miss Edna Haynes, of Townsend, which resulted in a clear understanding of the subject than would be otherwise possible. The chart was divided into four sections, showing the development of the child from the cradle up to and embracing maturity and the different ages and times of intellectual development.

After the regular program was finished the members separated for the conferences. These officers and committees were chosen for the coming year:

H. J. Webb, Ayer, pres.; Rev. J. H. Morse, Still River, v. p.; Mrs. Jennie McLane, Ayer, sec. and treas.; A. S. Howe, Townsend; Rev. A. L. Bumpus, Ayer; W. L. Prebble, Ayer, ex. com.; department secretaries, L. C. Blood, Pepperell; Rev. W. B. Mason, Harvard; home-department, L. C. Blood, Pepperell.

The committees aside from those already mentioned, who had a part in making plans for the meeting, were composed of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, Rev. J. W. Thomas, C. S. Griswold, W. L. Prebble, C. H. Hardy, S. J. Andrews, Augustus Lovejoy and H. J. Webb, and the music committee, consisting of Miss Rachael Osgood, Miss Louise Green and Howard Stone.

The Ayer district embraces Ayer, Shirley, Groton, Pepperell, Townsend, Littleton, Harvard, Still River. Dinner was served at twelve o'clock by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the



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Morning session—Informal reception by the reception committee; the first essentials, worship, Rev. J. W. Thomas; records of last meeting, Mrs. Ica L. Conant; secretary's report, Mrs. Ica L. Conant; chairman's report, Rev. J. W. Thomas; general secretary's report, Rev. J. W. Thomas; general secretary's report, Rev. J. W. Thomas; general secretary's report, Rev. J. W. Thomas.

Afternoon session—Organ voluntary; essential, praise service; Rev. J. W. Thomas; report of nominating committee; election of officers and committees; report of treasurer, Mrs. Ica L. Conant; offering for Ayer district; violin solo; "A living growing home," Miss Katherine C. Bourne; Pastor's address, Rev. J. W. Thomas; introduction, Rev. S. D. Hinkson, H. D. secretary for Ayer district; report of committees on resolutions; announcements; benediction and separation to department conferences.

Conferees—Children's service, Mrs. L. F. Ware, Worcester; state secretary of elementary division; home department, Miss Katherine C. Bourne, assisted by Rev. S. D. Hinkson, general secretary, pastor, superintendents, officers and all interested in Sunday school work. H. S. Conant, assisted by president.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock, there was a mass meeting for men to consider the Men and Religion Movement. The principal speaker was F. W. Gause, of Boston. Others who addressed the gathering were Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston, general secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday School association, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, and A. S. Howard, of Townsend.

A committee was appointed, consisting of S. J. Andrew, F. C. Johnson, Burton Williams, John Washburn and Rev. A. L. Bumpus to work along the lines mentioned by the speaker of the evening. Lunch was served by the young men of the Congregational church.

Stricken.

S. Wilson Smith, one of our best known citizens, was stricken on Wednesday of last week with a paralytic shock of the right side, and he has been confined to his bed since. For several days he did not regain consciousness, and when he did it was only partially. The latest in regards to his condition is that he is no better, with very little hope of his recovery. On February 22, when the sidewalk in front of his house on East Main street was slippery, he started from his house early that morning to spread ashes on the icy parts of the sidewalk and had quite a severe fall. It was thought that the fall might have been the cause of the shock. At times Mr. Smith is delirious.

To the Editor:

I desire to be distinctly understood. The statements relating to Mrs. Priest were published to condemn the actions of no person. They were written to speak for one who can never, as long as she lives, lift a finger in her own behalf. Mrs. Priest is in Bloomingdale, a place to her far worse than Hades itself.

Think of it! Our oldest citizen, A respectable citizen. Our worthiest. Can anyone deny this?

If Mrs. Priest could defend herself, could she not, by right of citizenship, claim a place at our town fair and care and protection from me and from every citizen of this town?

If so, should we not assume our own burden and responsibility as honorable citizens?

Before the town took full charge of Mrs. Priest, friends contributed weekly money for her benefit; and they have never refused to continue those contributions and would have done more if asked.

In justice to the many citizens of this town I beg to state:

Mrs. Priest was in the state insane asylum days before even a rumor of the truth was known to us.

Now, Mr. Editor, in behalf of these many citizens of Ayer, I thank you for allowing us, through the columns of your paper, to make known our position in this matter. A Citizen.

LITTLETON.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant were obliged to postpone their trip east and south on account of Mr. Conant's continued illness. We are glad to report that he is out again and also that A. F. Conant, who has been housed for a week, is once more at his usual place of business.

Peter S. Whitcomb was seen out driving this week, the first time since last fall when he was taken sick.

Mrs. Charles L. Smith visited her parents in Lynn this week.

Mrs. Herbert F. Proctor and her cousin, Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., attended on Wednesday the funeral of their cousin in Fitchburg, who was formerly Daisy Goss of Ayer.

Miss Margaret Thacher leaves April 5 for Reading, Penn., for visit with a former seminary friend. Together they will journey to Washington, D. C., where they will be entertained by another schoolmate. During her absence Miss Florence Bartlett will take charge of the sewing at the Center

Water passed through the pipes of the public system Thursday for the first time.

Roland Houghton of Cushing academy arrived home Wednesday for his spring vacation. He will return to his studies April 8.

Oliver Tenney of Harford, Conn., has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenney, this week, the first time that he has returned to Littleton since the family moved away some ten years ago.

Holy week will be observed at the Congregational church by appropriate services. Special attention will be given to Palm Sunday tomorrow. Services at 10:30 a. m. and at seven p. m. Tuesday evening there will be a meeting at the home of George A. Cook with an address by Rev. William J. Batt of Concord Junction. Thursday evening a meeting will be held at the home of John McKinlay, when an address will be given by Rev. H. L. Packard. Good Friday evening there will be services at the church. On Easter morning at the usual church hour there will be a musical and responsive service followed by the children's concert.

Hugh McDonald & Son sold three Overland cars, model 59, last week. One to Whitcomb & Nixon of Littleton and the other two to out-of-town parties.

Monday evening, April 1, the telephone association will meet in the selectmen's room. A large attendance is requested as this will be a very important meeting.

F. S. Kimball and C. H. Yapp want to Boston Tuesday in the interest of the milk producers on Mr. Yapp's route and made arrangements to ship milk to C. Brigham from North Acton, an arrangement that will go into effect immediately.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett, Wellesley 1912, is at home for her Easter vacation of one week.

Mrs. Horace Amnden has been visiting friends in Lexington and Weston this last week.

The ladies of the Baptist society netted about twenty-seven dollars at the town meeting dinner.

George Couper, milk inspector of Boston, was in town this week, stopping at his brother's, Henry J. Couper's.

Bertha McCoy of Hyannis normal school came home yesterday for spring vacation and Mildred Flagg of Pembroke college comes home Tuesday for Easter vacation.

Edith Robinson of Stow, formerly of Littleton, who has been very sick with diphtheria, is better. Her mother, Mrs. George Davidson, has been sick with the same disease. The baby, a child two weeks old, has also had diphtheria and died.

Death.

Oliver W. Mead of West Acton, whose death from apoplexy occurred at the age of eighty-seven in Tampa, Fla., March 20, and funeral and burial took place in West Acton Monday, was a former teacher in Littleton. He was born in Boxboro and educated at Lunenburg academy. Early in life he engaged in the marketing business, driving to Boston weekly, and later sending produce over the Fitchburg railroad to Boston, where he and his brothers, Adelbert and Varnum, sold it at their store on North Market street. The firm also had interests in lumbering in New Hampshire and Maine, also in cattle and lands in the west.

Mr. Mead was director in the American powder mills, in the Florida Midland railroad, in the board of commerce at Boston and the First National bank of Ayer, also a trustee of the North Middlesex Savings bank. He is survived by a widow, one daughter and three sons.

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**SHIRLEY.**

**News Items.**

The choir of the Congregational church held its monthly supper and social in the vestry of the church last Saturday evening. Supper was served at 5.30, the menu consisting of Welch rarebit, shrimp wiggle, sandwiches, coffee, etc. The evening was most enjoyably spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCloy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer, Arthur J. Jubb, Leonard Hooper, Miss Mary A. Park, Miss Annie P. Hollbrook, Miss Nina Holbrook, Frank Park, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. J. Albert Deardon and J. Albert Deardon, Jr.

Jury and will report for duty at the superior court, Cambridge, on Monday morning.

Ex-Mayor Frederick Fosdick of Fitchburg, addressed the Christian Endeavor society in the vestry of the Congregational church on last Sunday evening, his subject being "The evil influences of the saloon," which was forcibly and convincingly presented. Mr. Fosdick closed his address with emphasizing the fact that the saloon must go.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg, of Boston, spent over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Misses Maggie Love and Lillian Kelly spent over Sunday with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

"The colone's maid," the comedy now in active preparation by the Altruistic club, under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, will be presented in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, April 10.

Joseph L'Ecuyer visited friends in Nashua, N. H., last Saturday.

William Gionet left town on Monday for a three-weeks' visit in Rogersville, and Carquet, N. B.

There was no supper at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, as advertised, it being postponed until Wednesday evening, April 3.

Roy Manser, of Ipswich, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas E. Whittaker.

William E. Barnard and Arthur H. Jubb have been drawn to serve on the jury.

Mrs. John Leopold will have her spring exhibit of millinery on display on Tuesday, April 2.

The school committee have organized with Dr. Thomas E. Lilly as chairman, and William H. Wilbur as secretary.

Mrs. H. W. Brockelman is visiting at the home of her sister in Boston. Mrs. George Wheldon, being summoned there the first of the week owing to the critical illness of Mr. Wheldon, who is suffering from the effects of tuberculosis, and who is not expected to recover.

A boys' club was organized at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening. The organization was effected with the following officers who were chosen for one year: Russell Miner, pres.; Leonard Hooper, v. p.; Kenneth Horton, sec.; Clayton Wells, treas. It was voted to name the organization the Conrad club. About fifteen boys attended the meeting and enrolled as members of the club.

**Sunday School Social.**

The Sunday school of the Congregational church held a social last week Thursday evening in the church vestry under the direction of Walter Knowles' class, which consists of the senior young men of the school. The mothers of the young men, consisting of Mrs. J. Walker Ward, Mrs. Forest Hooper, Mrs. Sidney S. Horton, Mrs. C. H. Miner, Mrs. H. M. James, Mrs. G. S. Wells, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, Mrs. H. Marshall and Mrs. Cole, assisted by Mrs. Walter Knowles, served refreshments.

The young men of this class had charge of the evening's program, which consisted chiefly of games suitable for all grades of the school. Songs were also sung in concert together, and the evening proved a most delightful one for everyone who attended, so much so, that the class as a whole were the recipients of many compliments. This is the first of a series of socials planned by Elmer H. Allen, the superintendent. The remaining classes of the school will maintain classes of the school which will take place monthly. About seventy-five were present notwithstanding the severe snow storm which prevailed during the evening.

Elmer H. Allen, the superintendent of the Sunday school, was detained at home by sickness, but was not forgotten by the school who voted unanimously to send him flowers as a token of respect and sympathy from all connected with the Sunday school.

**Kindly Remembered.**

Miss Augustine Pelissier, organist at St. Anthony's church, left town on Tuesday for Yamaska, P. Q., her old home, and intends to remain there for about a year, owing to ill health. Miss Pelissier has also been choir director of St. Anthony's church since its organization, March 24, 1906, and in view of this fact was tendered a farewell reception at the parochial house on Monday evening by a large number of the members of the church. The evening was very pleasantly spent, the entertaining features being vocal and instrumental music, and the serving of refreshments.

The pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation to Miss Pelissier of a purse of money, the gift of the parishioners of the church. The presentation was made by Mrs. Adeline Hachi, who read a brief address which very aptly voiced the sentiments of the donors. Sister St. George will be in charge of the choir for the present.

**Town Meeting.**

Shirley held its annual town meeting on Monday. Herman S. Hazen, town clerk, called the meeting to order at eleven a. m., and read the town warrant, when it was voted to lay on the table the part relating to town business until two o'clock in the afternoon. The polls opened at 11.30 and closed at 3.35 in the afternoon. There were 255 votes cast out of a registered total of 322. The election officers were: William F. McCormack,

William E. Barnard, ballot clerks; Harry Collyer check list; Frank P. Rugg, Michael Gionet, gate tenders; Thomas J. Gately, ballot box; Jeremiah H. Flynn, Edmund F. O'Neill, Howard Fuller, Arthur G. Dunn, counters.

The town voted by a large majority not to appropriate any more money for the office of chief of police, which means that the services of Irving F. Goodwin will cease May 1. The town went no license by a majority of eighteen votes. John H. Logue defeated Charles H. Wear, Jr., for the office of selectmen for the three-year term, and Charles J. Brusco was elected highway surveyor, defeating his opponents, George Holden and Clinton A. Harris. Fred S. Brown won out for assessor on the unexpired term of two years, defeating Henry W. Eisner and Walter E. Mellish. A large representation of children and ladies were present as spectators.

The article bringing out the greatest discussion and arguments was that relating to the appropriation of \$900 for another year's salary of Irving F. Goodwin, chief of police. A marked feature of this was that fully one-third of the citizens remained neutral, refusing to declare themselves for or against the continued service of a regular police officer. However, the motion to appropriate money again for this purpose was lost by a good majority. Another noticeable feature of the meeting was that nearly all the citizens remained to vote on the many articles in the warrant, which was certainly out of the ordinary, as in former years a majority part of the voters would cast their vote and return to their homes without any further apparent interest.

Town business was taken up promptly at two o'clock, D. Chester Parsons being chosen moderator. The following business was transacted and the following appropriations made:

Schools, \$3200; superintendent of school, \$250; transportation, \$1500; fuel, \$400; supplies, \$450; incidentals and repairs, \$350; poor, \$1500; highways, \$1500; \$400 of this amount to be expended on Main street; bridges and railings, \$300; extermination of moths, \$350; Memorial day, \$50; street lights, \$1200; town incidentals, \$300; salaries, \$800; enforcement of law, \$150; tree warden, \$100; board of health, \$200; removing snow, \$300; transportation of boats, \$25; transportation of voters, \$100; payment of notes, \$2000; fire department, \$500; insurance, \$75; fire alarm system, \$50; library, \$100; and the dog tax, forest fires, \$400; Village cemetery, \$75; Center cemetery, \$75.

Article 2. It was voted that the selectmen choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Article 3. It was voted to accept the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, town treasurer and school committee.

Article 5. Voted that all taxes shall become due and payable on the first day of November of the current year and that on all taxes remaining unpaid at that date six percent interest shall be charged.

Article 6. Voted that the salary of tax collector be fixed at one and one-half percent of taxes collected.

Article 7. Voted that the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year to an amount not exceeding \$3000.

Article 8. Voted that the town raise and appropriate \$1220 for hydrant service for 1911-12.

Article 9. Voted that the town raise and appropriate fifty dollars for school physician.

Article 10. Voted that the town appropriate \$150 to pay the salary of Chief of Police Goodwin for March and April 1912.

Article 11. Voted that the town appropriate fifty dollars to construct a culvert across Center road near the residence of Albe Annis.

Article 12. Voted that the town appropriate \$1000 to be used with a like sum allotted by the commonwealth for the improving or rebuilding of Main street and Leominster road from a point at or near the railroad station to the Lunenburg line.

Article 13. Voted that the selectmen prepare a division of the town into convenient voting precincts.

Article 14. Voted that if the town vote at the annual meeting to be held on March 25, 1912, for the sale of intoxicating liquors that \$900 be appropriated for providing police protection.

Article 15. To appropriate \$600 for salary of Chief of Police Goodwin for the municipal year of 1912-13, was put to a vote and lost.

Article 16. Voted that the town appropriate \$150 to enforce the liquor law.

Article 17. Voted that the town accept \$100 from Mrs. Nellie E. Hamblett for care of the Frederick W. Pope lot in Village cemetery.

Article 18. Voted that the town accept the legacy of \$250 left by the late Samuel Longley to be placed on interest only to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Shirley public library.

Article 19. This article to appropriate money for watering or oiling the streets the coming summer was left in the hands of the selectmen to consider its feasibility and report at the next special town meeting in April.

Article 20. Voted that the town appropriate \$500 to build a cement or granolithic sidewalk along the northerly side of Fredonian street from its intersection with Mill street and that the selectmen and a committee of two appointed by the chair be a committee to expend it. The chair appointed George O. Evans and Charles R. White to serve with the selectmen.

Article 21. To appropriate a sum of money to erect a building for storing the forest fire wagon and the spraying apparatus was laid on the table.

Article 22. To appropriate money to purchase forest fire equipment was passed over.

Article 23. Voted that \$600 be appropriated together with the \$650 allotted by the state to be used to purchase a power sprayer and equipment.

Article 24. Voted that the town accept from the estate of Mary E. Holden \$100 for the care of the Luther Holden lot in the Center cemetery.

Article 25. Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to look into the matter of buying an almshouse and report at the special town

meeting in April. The chair appointed on this committee John E. L. Hazen, Herman S. Hazen and Edward J. Stevens.

Article 26. To see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate money to repair or rebuild a culvert running through Benjamin road near the house of J. H. Blayhin, was passed over.

Article 27. To appropriate \$2000 for the purchase of Odd Fellows' hall was passed over.

Article 28. To see what action the town will take relative to the claim of Constable Forest Hooper for services. It was voted that the selectmen be authorized to pay him \$100 and if this amount is rejected to engage counsel to contest the claim.

Article 29. To see if the town will appropriate money to build a receiving tomb in Village cemetery was passed over.

Article 30. Voted that the town appropriate \$100 to provide band concerts.

Article 31. Voted that the town appropriate \$100 for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Voted that the town elect a board of health to consist of three persons in accordance with the provisions of section 366 of Chapter 560, Acts of 1907.

The following is the list of officers chosen and the vote is given where the offices were contested for:

Town clerk—Herman S. Hazen.  
Selectman, 3 yrs.—John H. Logue 131, Charles H. Wear, Jr. 108.  
Town treasurer—Herman S. Hazen.  
Assessors—LaForest J. Carpenter 3 yrs., unexpired term of 2 yrs., Fred S. Brown 108, Henry W. Eisner 39, Walter E. Mellish 87.  
Overseer of the poor, 3 yrs.—Ezekiel J. Wilson.  
Tax collector—William H. Cram.  
School committee, 3 yrs.—Thomas E. Lilly.  
Highway surveyor—Charles J. Brusco 139, Clinton A. Harris 18, George Holden 72.  
Auditors—Frank E. Harlow 153, Frederick W. Holden 152.  
Tree warden—John E. L. Hazen.  
Library trustees, 3 yrs.—George O. Evans 165, Mabel G. Hazen 154.  
Engineers of fire department—Denison Hooper, John H. Logue.  
License—No 132, Yes 114.

**Appointments Made.**

The board of selectmen have organized with Edward J. Stevens as chairman and John H. Logue as clerk. The meeting was held at the town house on Tuesday afternoon, and the following appointments were made:

Registrar of voters, 3 yrs.—Michael F. Day.  
Weighers of hay, straw and coal—Edwin H. Conant and H. O. Peasley.  
Engineers of fire department—Denison O'Neill chief, Willard G. White and Thomas J. Gately.  
Inspector of animals, meat and milk—George E. Harlow.  
Janitor of town hall—William E. Barnard.

Keeper of lockup—James H. Gately.  
Burial agent—William H. Cram.  
Special police officer—Fred L. Whitcomb.

Fence viewers—G. M. Ballou, Howard A. Hatch and C. R. White.  
Field drivers—M. W. Carey and Fred C. Saboil.

Referee and town counsel—D. Chester Parsons.  
Superintendent of moths—Ardie A. Adams.  
Caretaker—J. Fred Brown.

Surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark—Louis J. Farnsworth, William P. Hewes, Granville Fairbanks, G. M. Ballou.  
Sealer of weights and measures—George E. Harlow.

**Bowling.**

The Shirley bowlers defeated the Ayer team in a match game at the local alleys on Tuesday evening. However, the game was a close one, the Shirley team winning the contest by the small margin of ten pins. Thomas C. Burrill, of the Shirley team, was the highest bowler of the evening, scoring on the final string 111 and finishing with an even 300. Reynolds, of the Ayer team, was a close second, registering a total of 293. The summary:

SHIRLEY			
Day	66	77	75
Burrill	91	88	111
Bodah	71	82	82
Gately	81	69	81
Mathias	73	79	105
Totals	413	394	458

AYER			
Byrne	74	80	87
Robins	92	72	226
Kinney	77	74	83
Reynolds	89	100	104
Fitzgerald	80	67	80
Totals	498	413	484

**Center.**

The Matrons' Aid held an all-day meeting on Tuesday with Mrs. Homer P. Holden for the purpose of sewing patchwork. A baked bean dinner was served by Mrs. Holden.

Fred Holden and little son Roger, of Shrewsbury, were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, last week.

Walter Woods, of Ayer, has been occupying the house belonging to Mrs. Grace E. Winslow for the past week.

Mrs. Winslow, Miss Elsie Kirby, Miss Chilton Winslow and Miss Woodhead arrived this week to open the house for the season. Mrs. Winslow, however, expects to leave again soon, as she is to sail for England early in April.

John Neat, at the North, is very ill at his home with a severe attack of pneumonia, and under the care of a trained nurse.

Mrs. Reuben Colburn is reported to be ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hodgman, at the East.

George Farnsworth, at the East, is confined to his home with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Edith and Conrad Wildman are the latest sufferers from the measles. Redna Wildman is recovering from them.

Mrs. George Byram, who fell and injured her shoulder recently, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Morse is reported to be getting along nicely after her recent operation at the Kilbourn hospital.

Mrs. Gideon C. West is rapidly recovering from her recent attack of tonsillitis and bronchitis.

Miss Merle Crockett, of Lunenburg, has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, for the past week.

It is reported that Harrison M. Hatch, who is now attending the University of Maine, will occupy the farm recently bought of Howard D. Bowles, of Groton.

Edward A. Farnsworth has recovered sufficiently from his recent attack of the measles to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson visited relatives in Maine this week, before preparing for their return to California.

Marion Mellish, of West Groton, was a visitor recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth, at the North.

The Center primary and grammar schools are enjoying a spring vacation of one week.

Allison B. Winslow, of Cambridge, spent several days recently with her aunt, Miss Harriet Winslow.

Miss Hazel Mackaye, sister of Percy Mackaye, the dramatist, has a fine position as head instructor at the "World in Boston," in which Miss Mackaye had a position during its presentation in Boston last year.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will hold its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 30, at the home of Mrs. William E. Barnard.

Mrs. Edward Mellish, of West Groton, returned last week after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth, at the North.

Gilbert Evans has taken charge of the Saturday Evening Post route which was in the charge of Clayton Hubbard until his departure for Vermont.

Miss Alice Gould, of Lunenburg, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Farrar, at the North, last week.

A letter has been received stating that the miner who shot J. Otis Evans last Fourth of July at Irwin, Pa., has been sentenced to a term of ten to twelve years in the state prison.

William A. L. Crockett, at the North, has a position in the leather department of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., at the village.

Miss Bessie V. Farnsworth, at the North, spent the week with friends in Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman are having a cottage built in the woods at the back of their home. It is being built by D. Fred Carkins, and is to be used as a music room.

Rev. A. Herbert Gray, M. A., of Glasgow, Scotland, together with his wife, spent Wednesday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman. Mr. Gray conducted the morning service this week at Appleton chapel, Harvard university.

Charles Haskins is remodeling the old blacksmith shop at the North into a building to be used as a stable.

**Surprise Party.**

Amos Farrar was tendered a surprise party on Wednesday evening at his home at the North by a large party of friends from this town and Lunenburg. The occasion was Mr. Farrar's twenty-first birthday and in honor of the event Mr. Farrar was presented with a grange stickpin and a locket watch chain. The presentation was made by Ardie A. Adams, in behalf of the party. The evening was spent very pleasantly in dancing and playing games. A large birthday cake was made by Mrs. E. J. Stevens especially for the occasion. Refreshments of coffee, cake and candy were served also.

Those who attended were: Ruby T. Crockett, Alfred Gould, Alice Gould, of Lunenburg; Mrs. Dow, of Townsend; Margaret Evans, Ralph I. Evans, Mrs. John W. Evans, Elsie M. Holden, Ora E. Holden, Ernest Bohanon, Mildred Evans, Thomas H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Horace Harris, Hazel Harris, Etta M. Holden, Ruth M. Graves, Ralph Graves, Walter Woods, William Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, William Thompson, George Farmer, Merle Crockett, Rae Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock and son Ned, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Bonny, Mr. and Mrs. Farrar, John H. Farrar.

**To Leave Town.**

Mrs. Myrna Evans leaves this week to join her husband, who is employed at the Pennsylvania Gas Coal Co., in North Irwin, Pa. Mrs. Evans' father, Sidney Carter, will leave for a short visit in Boston and then will go to Maine to visit relatives there. He will later join his daughter at her home in North Irwin, Pa. Mrs. Evans was one of the most popular members of the Guild, and all will be sorry to see her leave town. Sidney Carter has had charge of the Mary Anne home for about seven years, and during that time has carried out his duties in an irreproachable manner. His many friends regret his departure deeply. Mr. and Mrs. Sweetser and daughters, Pauline, Priscilla and Betty, of Winchester, will take charge of the Mary Anne home. Mrs. Sweetser was in charge of it for one season before Mr. Carter took the position. Mr. Sweetser and family will move in this week.

**Grange Notes.**

Merrick W. Carey, of Shirley grange, will give an address at the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Pepperell on Thursday, April 4. Charles M. Gardner, of Westfield, state master, will also give an address.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a class of four candidates. The third degree will be worked by the ladies' degree team, with Miss Margaret Evans master. A supper will be served in the lower hall, under the management of a committee consisting of Harry Brown, Amos Farrar and Mabel Thompson. The inspection will be made by L. H. Cudworth, of Oxford.

Harry N. Brown has been appointed steward to take the place of the late N. Otis Colburn. The stewards' staffs have been draped with black ribbon in memory of Mr. Colburn.

**AUCTIONS.**

On Friday, April 5, at 9.45 o'clock, a. m., a large and desirable lot of personal property will be sold by public auction in Lincoln, belonging to the estate of Herbert E. Barnes, late of Lincoln, deceased. At the same time, four building lots belonging to Roger Sherman, will be sold. Otis H. Forbush will cry the sale.

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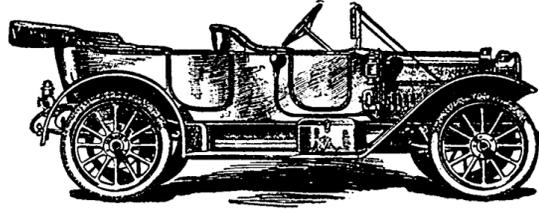
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## TOWNSEND.

**Center.**  
The following is the monthly bal-  
ance of the town of Townsend, Feb-  
ruary 29:

Current Assets	
Cash in Townsend bank	\$72 21
Uncollected taxes:	
1908	\$54 10
1909	1,410 47
1910	1,658 05
1911	4,108 19
Uncollected moth accounts	7,300 51
Accounts receivable	54 08
Revenue account, 1912	21,221 84
	\$29,465 51
Current Liabilities	
Temporary loans, tax notes	\$5,000 00
Appropriations account, 1912	20,782 79
Revenue surplus, previous years	3,672 72
	\$29,455 51

Mrs. Abbie Shirley, of Lynn, and  
Miss Lillian Hildreth, of the Wal-  
tham postoffice, were at H. B. Hil-  
dred's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Harvey, of Nash-  
ua, N. H., were at George G. Clarke's  
the first of this week.

Mrs. A. D. Fessenden returned to  
Quincy with her daughter, Mrs. Marlon  
Miller, last week, and is making a  
short visit there.

Mrs. Ella L. Sheldon, of Ashby, is  
visiting relatives and friends in town.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the  
Laurel grange at West Newbury last  
week Friday evening.

Agreeably to the vote passed at the  
last annual town meeting, the follow-  
ing names to be members of the com-  
mittee to revise the town by-laws,  
have been submitted: Charles F. Wor-  
cester, chairman, Rev. Sylvester P.  
Robinson, George A. Wilder, George  
L. Whitcomb and T. E. Flarity, who  
was made a member of the committee  
by vote of the town. The chairman  
will call the first meeting of the com-  
mittee.

Leslie R. Smith of Hadley, steward  
of the state grange, was the guest of  
T. E. Flarity over Tuesday night.

The minstrel show, which was given  
at West Townsend a few weeks ago,  
was repeated at Memorial hall last  
week Friday evening. Many local  
jokes were cracked and the latest  
songs sung. After the entertainment  
was over, dancing was enjoyed to the  
music of Thayer's orchestra, of Pepp-  
erell.

A. N. Fessenden gave an interesting  
talk upon European agriculture on  
Monday evening at the grange and  
spoke especially of the life of the  
French peasants. The music was in  
charge of E. L. Haynes and T. E.  
Flarity took his phonograph over to  
the hall and gave several fine selec-  
tions from it.

Wm. W. Copeland and Harry C.  
Felch were drawn as traverse jurors  
to serve at the coming spring term at  
the superior court at Lowell.

Mrs. John Augur of New York city  
is at her sister's, Mrs. Sarah Ball's.  
Mrs. Ball, who recently sustained a  
paralytic shock, is slowly improving.

Dr. L. G. Chandler, who is at the  
Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, with a  
broken leg, is as comfortable as can  
be expected, according to the latest  
reports.

The grade schools will begin their  
work again this next Monday, having  
had a three weeks' vacation.

**West.**  
There will be a general move about  
the first of April. Mr. and Mrs. Don-  
ley will move from their cottage be-  
side the railroad track, into the E. W.  
Seaver cottage on Elm street, and  
George Beckwith and family, from  
Ashby, former residents of that town,  
will move into their vacated cottage. Mr.  
and Mrs. William Robbins, of Jos-  
selynville, will move into the tenement  
in the Upton house vacated by the  
Seabon family. Mrs. Mary Tucker  
and daughter will move into the Rob-  
bins tenement and Mrs. Mary Foster  
will move from the Manning house on  
lower Main street into the tenement  
vacated by Mrs. Tucker.

The Ladies' Literary and Social  
circle met at the Reading-room on last  
week Friday afternoon and held a  
very interesting meeting. Seven were  
present and after the usual quotations  
and current events a pleasing miscel-  
laneous program was given. After  
the program a social chat and after-  
noon tea was enjoyed. It was voted to  
hold another meeting in the Reading-  
room on Friday afternoon, April 5,  
and read "Samantha and the bethel-  
er."

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seabon, of  
Josselynville, are to leave town the  
first of next month to make their  
home in Ayer, where Mrs. Seabon will  
assist her sister, Mrs. Aldrich, in  
keeping a large boarding house, and  
Mr. Seabon has a position as team-  
ster.

Miss Marion Boutelle, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle, of Bay-  
berry hill, is spending the week with  
friends in Leominster.

The twelve-pound son, who arrived  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter  
Bennett last Monday, has received the  
name of Frank Bennett.

The public schools will commence  
the spring term on Monday morn-  
ing, after a three-weeks' vacation, with  
the exception of the high school, which  
has had the past week as a vacation.

Edward Walker and his little daugh-  
ter Una have returned from a recent  
visit to relatives in Waltham.

Mrs. Warren Hadley, of Charles-  
ton, is a guest at the home of Mrs.  
Josephine Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, from  
Wakefield, are visiting Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles R. Morgan.

Miss Nancy Reed of Cushing acade-  
my, Ashburnham, is enjoying a vaca-  
tion with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Alexander Reed, and is entertaining a  
friend from Vermont.

Miss Ruth Wilson, who is employed  
at the Waltham watch factory, is at  
home for a vacation.

The Misses Ruth and Helen Ben-  
nett, children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter  
Bennett, are visiting relatives in Wor-  
cester.

Miss Grace Thompson is spending  
her spring vacation from her studies  
at Simmons college with her mother,  
Mrs. Charles Patch.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son  
Roger, accompanied Mrs. Ringrose's  
sister, Miss Inez Munroe, who has  
been visiting her, to her home in Mar-  
lboro, for a few days' visit.

James Dods is soon to take a po-  
sition as draughtsman for the marble  
works in Proctor, Vt.

Miss Lena Thompson has completed  
her teaching in Fitchburg and resumed  
studies at the Fitchburg Normal  
school, going back and forth on the  
train each day.

F. H. Ormsby, from Boston, has  
purchased the house owned by Miss  
Green and occupied by Mrs. Simon  
Francis in Josselynville, for a summer  
residence.

Walter E. Wilder has been on the  
sick list at his home in Josselynville,  
suffering from a gripe cold.

**Baptist Notes.**  
Mission Sunday was observed at the  
Baptist church last Sunday and Rev.  
F. J. Bradshaw, from China, a mis-  
sionary who is home on a furlough,  
occupied the pulpit both morning and  
evening. His talk in the morning was  
on the difficulties of reaching his field  
in West China and the improvements  
of conditions under the prospective re-  
publican government. In the evening  
he gave his evangelistic experiences  
and work among the famine sufferers.  
He also addressed the Sunday school  
and the Brotherhood.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting was held  
at six o'clock, and was conducted by  
Benjamin Hodgman on the topic "The  
saloon and its allies." Instead of the  
regular service on tomorrow evening,  
the regular semi-annual business  
meeting will follow a brief prayer  
service. A nominating committee,  
consisting of Mrs. Charles Hodgman  
and the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose,  
was appointed to bring in the list of  
officers for the ensuing six months.

The Brotherhood met in the vestry  
at noon with the vice president, G.  
A. Seaver, in the chair, and twelve  
were present.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**Current Events.**  
Miss Jessie Corey has been suffer-  
ing with her eyes, being confined to  
a shaded room for two weeks.

Peter W. Gould, of Boston, was in  
town last week and expects to move  
his family here this week to the Jen-  
ness house that he purchased last  
fall.

Miss Marion Stiles is at home from  
Nashua to spend her two weeks' vaca-  
tion.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood enjoyed a  
birthday on March 24. Cards and  
gifts made the day a pleasant one,  
although it was snowing hard all  
day.

Miss Blanche Hall has been con-  
fined at home for a week or two from  
trouble with her teeth.

Orville D. Fessenden has returned  
from an extended business trip to  
Michigan.

Charles Russell is still quite feeble;  
also, Mary Shattuck has not been as  
well for several weeks.

Mrs. May Pingree and Morton  
Kline, of Fitchburg, have been recent  
guests of their cousin, Mrs. Cora  
Seaver, and their aunt, Mrs. Minnie  
Corey.

Willie O'Connell is at Cambridge  
on a visit with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy O'Connell and  
little daughter Mary were recent  
guests at Cambridge.

The Misses Martha Wright and El-  
len Sawtelle were home this week  
for their spring vacation and while  
here expect to improve their home  
with a furnace and bathroom.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb is improving  
her home with new paint and paper.

Mrs. Eleanor Lamprey is at home  
from St. Joseph's hospital and is  
improving slowly.

There was a meeting of the Nissit-  
sit Boys' club at the home of Harlan  
Whitcomb on Friday evening of last  
week. Arrangements were made to  
hold an entertainment and supper at  
the Congregational church last even-  
ing.

The many Brookline friends of Mrs.  
Edward T. Hall, of Milford, extend  
their sympathy to her in the loss of  
her father who passed away last week  
at his winter home in Florida.

Oscar Elliott is slowly improving  
from his head trouble and Mr. Elliott  
from rheumatism, caused by strained  
muscles from overwork.

Rev. and Mrs. James N. Seaver have  
been recent guests at Fitchburg.

The Easter concert of the Methodist  
Episcopal church will be held on Sun-  
day evening, March 31, at six o'clock.  
All are cordially invited.

**Grange.**  
Six members of Brookline grange  
attended the Pomona grange at Hol-  
lis on March 22. The fifth degree was  
conferred on eleven members. At  
noon a fine dinner was served for  
which Hollis ladies are so famous.  
Among those who served at the tables  
we noticed Mr. and Mrs. George Hall,  
Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs.  
M. J. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew  
Spaulding and Mrs. Mary Hildreth.  
In the afternoon the topic for dis-  
cussion was: Resolved, "That nation-  
al prosperity depends as much upon  
the prosperity of the farmer as upon  
that of the manufacturer," which  
brought out a lively discussion by  
C. L. Trow, Mr. Sweetzer, Will Wor-  
cester, Mrs. Nellie Hardy, E. C. Hutch-  
inson and Mrs. L. E. Starr, of Pepp-  
erell. The Eastman sisters gave a  
fine piano duet and Miss Eastman  
read an interesting grange paper. The  
grange choir, with George Ladd, as  
accompanist, gave some fine selec-  
tions.

**New Items.**  
Dr. Charles Holcombe attended the  
New Hampshire Surgical club at the  
St. Joseph's hospital last week.

Miss Jessie Corey is detained at  
home by sickness.

The schools opened on Monday with  
the following teachers: Miss Smith,  
from Mt. Vernon, at the West pri-  
mary; Miss Webber, from Cambridge,  
from the North primary; Miss Chinn,  
from Pepperell, at the South primary;

Miss Barrows, from Boston, at the  
grammar.

Miss Esther Martin is among those  
on the sick list this week. Mrs.  
George Nye and Miss Mary Dodge are  
reported as slowly recovering.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes and Dr. Hol-  
combe were at Nashua last week, see-  
ing the president and hearing him  
speak.

Miss Mada Nye visited in Milford  
this week.

Mrs. P. J. O'Connell and daughter  
Mary are at Cambridge for a week's  
visit.

There will be an Easter concert at  
the M. E. church on Sunday, March 31.

There was a regular meeting of the  
grange held on Wednesday evening,  
and the first and second degrees were  
conferred.

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OF NORTHERN MIDDLESEX  
HOLDEN AT AYER, WITHIN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLE-  
SEX:**

Respectfully represents your peti-  
tioner, Lena Slavsky, of said Ayer,  
that she made a contract with Eli  
Goodman at the time of said Ayer,  
Goodman, the owner of said horse,  
acting for one Elie Carter, otherwise  
known as Elie Marston, otherwise  
known as Elie Jones, on September 22,  
1911, that she, the said petitioner,  
should board, use care and diligence  
of and have custody of one saddle  
horse, brown in color and a saddle and  
bridle therewith, the property of said  
Elie Carter.

And your petitioner further says  
that at the special instance and re-  
quest of said Goodman, acting for said  
Elie Carter she did board, use care  
and diligence of and have custody of  
said horse, bridle and saddle.

And your petitioner says that there  
is due and owing to her for the board,  
care and diligence of and custody of  
custody of said horse, bridle and saddle,  
the sum of seventy-three dollars and  
fifteen cents according to the  
account hereto annexed marked "A".

And your petitioner further says  
that said horse, bridle and saddle were  
given into her care for board and dil-  
ligence and custody as aforesaid, and  
still are, within the district of said  
Court, and were the property of said  
Elie Carter, formerly of said Ayer,  
and are now the property of said Elie  
Carter, whose usual place of abode is  
unknown to your petitioner.

And your petitioner further says that  
she has never given up the care and  
diligence of board and custody of said  
horse, bridle and saddle, since the time  
they were placed with her by the  
above mentioned Elie Goodman, acting  
for the said Elie Carter, and that she  
has never waived or given up her lien  
on said horse, bridle and saddle, and  
that no notice or demand has been giv-  
en sixty days before bringing this pe-  
tition, being the usual place of abode  
of both the said Elie Carter and the  
said Elie Goodman are unknown to your  
petitioner.

And your petitioner further says  
that the money mentioned in the ac-  
count annexed marked "A" was and  
became due sixty days ago.

And your petitioner prays, since the  
usual place of abode of the above  
mentioned Elie Carter, the owner of the  
above described property, and of Elie  
Goodman, both of whose usual place  
of abode is unknown, to appear at a  
time and place to be designated by  
this Honorable Court to answer to this  
petition, and she further prays that  
said notice may be given by publica-  
tion, as provided under Revised Laws,  
Chapter 128, section 25.

And your petitioner further prays  
that your horse, bridle and saddle, be-  
fore mentioned may be sold, and the  
proceeds of said sale be applied to the  
satisfaction of the debt as set forth  
in the account hereto annexed marked  
"A" and to the costs of enforcing this  
judgment.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1912.

By her attorney,  
**JOHN D. CARNEY.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Middlesex, ss.**  
First District Court of Northern Mid-  
dlesex

In re Lena Slavsky petitioner:  
Upon the foregoing petition it is  
ordered by the Court that said peti-  
tioner notify Elie Goodman, Elie  
Carter otherwise known as Elie Mar-  
ston, otherwise known as Elie Jones,  
and any and all parties interested in  
the subject matter of said petition to  
appear before our Justices of the First  
District Court of Northern Middlesex  
to be held at Ayer within and for  
the County of Middlesex within the  
judicial district thereof at the session  
held for civil business on Saturday,  
the 13th day of April next at nine o'clock  
in the forenoon then and there to show  
cause if any they have why the prayer  
contained in said petition should not  
be granted.

And said petitioners are ordered to  
notify Elie Goodman, Elie Carter, other-  
wise known as Elie Marston, other-  
wise known as Elie Jones, and all  
other parties interested in the subject  
matter of said petition to appear and  
show cause as aforesaid, by serving  
upon each a true and attested copy  
of the petition and order of the Court  
thereon at least seven days before  
said 13th day of April, or by publish-  
ing the same once a week for three  
successive weeks in the newspaper  
called Turner's Public Spirit, a news-  
paper published in Ayer in said Coun-  
ty, the last publication to be at least  
seven days before said 13th day of  
April.

Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire,  
at Ayer, this 21st day of March, in the  
year of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
twelve.

**D. C. PARSONS,**  
Ass't Clerk of First District Court of  
Northern Middlesex.

A true copy of petition and order of  
Court thereon. Attest:

**D. C. PARSONS,**  
Ass't Clerk of First District Court of  
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### PEPPERELL.

#### To the Voters of Pepperell:

Our attention has been called to an article printed in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser signed "S"; also, to an alleged statement of the chairman of the school board, Dr. Qua, in the Pepperell News.

The article signed "S" in the Clarion-Advertiser, according to the recollection of the undersigned is correct and not misleading.

If all the statements made at that meeting were repeated they would make a much stronger case for the petitioners.

Otis A. Merrill,  
Anna B. Merrill,  
Lyman C. Blood,  
Adelaide L. Maxwell,  
Lucy E. Blood,  
Louella V. Shattuck,  
Edward P. McCord,  
H. F. Hobart,  
Mrs. H. F. Hobart.

#### Annual Town Meeting.

Town meeting on Monday, March 25, had the largest attendance of any town meeting for years, and the fine weather was not the only magnet. The people are waking up to what town meeting is and what it means. Promptly at nine o'clock, Parker J. Kemp, town clerk, called the meeting to order, and the following action was taken on the different articles after E. F. Harmon was chosen as moderator:

Article 2. Voted to accept the reports of the different town officers.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$45,510 to defray the town charges, as recommended by the heads of the different departments.

Art. 4. Voted to accept the report of the highway surveyor on guide boards.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for the celebration of Memorial day.

Art. 6. Voted to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year in anticipation of taxes, such sums of money as may be needed for the expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for the year.

Art. 7. Voted to appropriate forty dollars to defray the expenses of the high school graduation exercises.

Art. 8. Voted one percent to collector, and an additional one-half percent if all the taxes were collected on or before February 15, 1913. That no discount be allowed.

Art. 9. It was voted that all officers not required by law to be balloted for be chosen by the selectmen.

Art. 10. Voted that the town adopt those particular parts of the law needed to vote by the Australian ballot in future town elections, and not to abolish the caucus.

Art. 11. Voted that the town appropriate \$200 for the purpose of preparing the record of births, marriages and deaths, previous to the year 1850, to be printed and verified as provided in Chapter 470, Section 1, of the Acts of 1892.

Art. 12. Voted \$250 for the extension of electric lights through Elm street to Shirley street.

Art. 13. Voted to accept the sum of \$100 from Mrs. Lucy B. Page, the income to be used for the perpetual care of her lot in Walton cemetery.

Art. 14. Voted to accept the sum of \$100 from Alice M. Boynton, the income to be used for the perpetual care of her lot in Walton cemetery.

Art. 15. Voted to accept the sum of \$100 from Nelson Shattuck, the income of which to be used for the perpetual care of the Timothy Shattuck lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

Art. 16. This article was left to the discretion of the selectmen in regards to the action to be taken in selling the East schoolhouse on Nashua street.

Art. 17. Voted to accept the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 104 of the Revised Laws relating to by-laws for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life.

Art. 18. This article in relation to adopting the by-law under Section 1 of Chapter 104 of the Revised Laws, was laid over indefinitely.

Art. 19. Voted to have the town light the streets until twelve o'clock at night.

Art. 20. This article was laid over in regards to the town paying the tax collector's office rent.

Art. 21. Voted to appropriate \$100 for the town to purchase an adding machine.

Art. 22. It was voted that this article be laid over in regards to the selling of the Varnum place located on Hollis street.

Art. 23. This article is to be reported on at a future meeting in regards to the repairing of the bridge on Mill street near H. A. Parker's papermill, or the building of a new one.

Art. 24. It was voted to appropriate \$450 to rebuild the sidewalk on Groton street from the covered bridge to Mill street.

Art. 25. It was voted to appropriate \$1000 to make repairs at the almshouse.

Art. 26. Voted to appropriate \$500 to repair and reconstruct the heating apparatus at the Lawrence library.

Art. 27. In relation to the town purchasing the Leighton shoe shop lot, so-called, located on Main street, near the Foster street enginehouse, the same to be fitted up and used as a public park, was laid over.

Art. 28. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 367, Acts of 1911, entitled "An act relative to the use of school halls for other than school purposes."

Art. 29. Voted that the town appropriate \$100 to install public drinking fountains.

Many of the articles in the warrant were considered and discussed in a spirited way by interested citizens, and many fully as important received scant attention, the most glaring of these was the general appropriation calling for about \$48,000, passed by about seven voters and not a vote. The school question received some attention. H. F. Hobart started the ball

rolling by asking the committee for explanations of a part of their report. His answer was in the opinion of many as evasive, as was all the information received regarding the schools, and as there was a determination by many to have a comprehensive statement of the matter, the suggestion of Rev. Drawbridge that Superintendent Paul be allowed to make a statement on the schools was put in the form of a motion by him and carried.

Mr. Paul addressed the meeting for an hour and when he had completed the interested ones knew as much about the troubles, efficiency and inefficiency of the schools as they had before—no more, no less.

Mr. McCord then made a few of his pointed remarks expressing appreciation of the learned address that had just been delivered, and asked the question if it was the opinion of the committee that the school on Oak hill was in the higher state of efficiency emphasized in the address just delivered. The committee would not answer. By suggestion of the chair, Mr. Paul answered that it was. Mr. McCord then openly accused the committee of inefficiency by their methods which allowed the school to be without the necessary books and supplies for periods of ten weeks, which he said was true, both with the new teacher and the old, and further that their negligence had caused a complaint to be made by him to the board of health over a year ago, but the conditions had not been remedied only in part, as in every other clearly interesting part.

The committee would not answer, but were apparently quite content to shield themselves behind the superintendent, and the school matter is as much unsettled as it was before town meeting.

One thousand dollars was voted for the improvements needed at the almshouse, including installation of town water. The report by the overseers showed a very serious condition as regards the water supply and the damage done the buildings by the old method.

The tax collector is to receive one percent for his work, and an additional half-percent if he completes his work before February 15, 1913.

#### News Items.

Miss Edith Mason returned from Boston on Tuesday, where she has been visiting her uncle, William Mason.

Vernon C. Grant spent this week with his parents in Boston.

A social dance will be given by the young men of the A. O. H. in Lawrence hall on Easter Monday evening, April 8.

A concert and dance will be given by the Riverside A. C. in Tarbell's opera house on May 1. Music by Collins' orchestra, of Marlboro.

Harry S. Shellington has assumed the general superintendency of the mills of O. H. Dexter & Sons at Windser Locks and Suffolk, Conn. Mr. Shellington learned the paper trade at the Nashua River paper mills in Pepperell under H. Clark Thurston, one of the pioneers of the paper industry. In 1904, he resigned to become assistant superintendent at O. H. Dexter & Sons, and on February first, of this year, became general superintendent. Mr. Shellington will be remembered as a resident of Pepperell from 1898 until 1904.

Mrs. Minnie Green and Miss Bertha Farnsworth attended the Hillsboro Pomona at Hollis, N. H., on Friday last week.

Elmer Shattuck, of Concord, was at his old home on Oak hill over Sunday with his sisters, the Misses Louella V. and Ida M. Shattuck, and visited the town meeting on Monday before he went home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harmon, formerly of Stow, have gone to Westminister. They visited at the home of James Starr over Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Starr will give the address of the afternoon at the Hampshire County Pomona grange on April 4, having for her subject, "Community Service." She also speaks at South Hadley on Monday night on the subject, "Our money."

Mrs. Fred Bancroft and her son Lloyd went to Boston and Melrose on March 27.

Verner Wilson, formerly of this town, and who was in the clothing business with Steele and Lane, is to be married on April 16. He is now in the same business for himself at Hermit, Cal.

Mrs. Stewart, of Oak hill, has been quite sick, but is gaining some, although not well enough to be out.

The following program is to be given at the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange which is to be held in Pepperell on Thursday, April 4:

Welcome, master Pepperell grange; piano solo, Mrs. Lulu Bancroft, Pepperell; reading, Mrs. Georgiana Kimball, Pepperell; "History and origin of the grange," Helen Proctor, Townsend; reading, Miss Susie Andrews, Pepperell; address, Charles M. Gardner, Westfield, state master; "Cultivation of melons for home use," Mrs. Vernal Barber, Townsend; music, Miss Maud Maxwell, Pepperell; address, M. W. Carey, Shirley; violin solo, Lloyd Bancroft, Pepperell; essay, Miss Lucy Blood, Pepperell.

Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Arthur P. Wright, Mrs. L. R. Qua and Miss Ethelyn Hinckley are spending the week in Boston, attending the opera and shopping.

The nominating committee for the Woman's club are Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. Dudley R. Child. Any suggestion from any member will be gladly received by this committee.

Gertrude Sullivan has completed her training session in the Fitchburg Normal school and is now attending the school, returning home every night.

The bazaar to be given by the Knights of Columbus next month is attracting much attention. Chances are being canvassed for several different things. A very handsome couch is on exhibition in A. A. Tarbell's window, and the rocker to match is in William Mansfield's window.

A change is to occur in East Village in the near future. The house occu-

pled by Mrs. Mary Tumpney has been sold to Humphrey D. Sullivan, who is to move in within a week. Mrs. Tumpney is moving into the Drummy house which was occupied by Frank Tierney and the latter is to move in where Mr. Sullivan moved out. The house which Mr. Sullivan has purchased was owned by Morris Drummy, who is removing his interests from Pepperell to Tilton, N. H.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 4, at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

The president, secretary and chairman of the music committee of the Pepperell Woman's club, by invitation, will visit the Fitchburg club on Wednesday afternoon. The state federation musical department will have charge of this meeting, which will be a very interesting one.

On Saturday, March 23, Mrs. H. R. Lakin observed her seventy-sixth birthday very quietly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Richards, River street. Her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, spent the day with her. She was well remembered with presents and birthday cards from her many friends who sent kind greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. X. Tower entertained the school committee and superintendent, Austin R. Paul, and wife, and the teachers to the number of about twenty-five on last week Friday evening. A very dainty lunch was served and a very delightful time was enjoyed.

The next meeting of the Pepperell Woman's club will be held in Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 2:45 o'clock. The subject will be "Labrador through a woman's eye," by Miss Ellen Paine Huling. Miss Huling's talk on Labrador will be very interesting and instructive as she is a most entertaining speaker. This meeting is to be open to the public. A board meeting will take place at 2:15.

Miss Fannie Tower is home for two weeks on a vacation from Mt. Holyoke. She will return to school on April 4.

Mrs. L. G. Robbins has been confined to the house the past two weeks with rheumatism, but is reported as gaining a little.

Mrs. Mary Blood, of Gardner is in town to attend the Easter sale of the M. E. church, held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Green, the lecturer of Prescott grange, has a novel entertainment in line for the next meeting as there will be no degree work as planned by the yearly program.

Mrs. Louise Shattuck and son Edward have gone to Geneva, N. Y., for a vacation on a visit to friends of Mrs. Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward came home on Wednesday, March 27, from Deland, Fla.

The Bailey Shoe Company are in receipt of quite a large order for misses' shoes.

Many of the people interested in the town will be pleased to hear that Miss Mollie Wilson will open the Peck boarding house this summer to a few select patrons who have seen the beauties of Pepperell.

Mr. Thibault has gone to Canada and has accepted a position there if the work is satisfactory to him in a paper mill.

Mrs. Ella Tucker, of Oak hill, is taking a vacation visit with her sister, Miss Carrie Shattuck.

Mrs. Samuel Swain of Cambridge, was in town for a short while on Tuesday visiting friends.

Leroy Nutting has had a telephone installed recently.

Mrs. Henry Wright has recovered from her illness and has been out calling.

Dr. E. E. Cole, of Townsend, and Miss Hinds, teacher in the Normal school at Norwich, Conn., were in town on Tuesday.

Miss Bowler, of Oak hill, has the sympathy of many in the loss of her valuable horse Holly, the beautiful animal dying of heart failure after a few hours' illness from indigestion, although her case received immediate and skillful care. The gentle, winning ways of the spirited creature made her a great favorite.

The Drew-Munson Fruit Company have a gang of men spraying orchards in Hollis and boarding with A. S. McNayr, of North Pepperell.

Mrs. David Weston leaves on this Saturday morning for Barre, to attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Horton. The wedding is to be an elaborate affair in the Grand Army hall. Mr. Horton is Mrs. Weston's brother.

Jonas Andrews is in the cutting department at Bailey's new shop.

Letters remaining unclaimed for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending March 25: Edwin J. Blazire, Bert Burroughs, Lloyd Burdick, Ernest Burdick, William C. Aikerson, Dunham, George Giddens, James Gouttett, Francis Galvin, Josef Lewandowski, George F. Matthews, Royal Marshall, Jerome P. Nutting, Pierre H. Roy, Simon A. Stevens, James St. Martin.

#### Grange.

Prescott grange held a very interesting meeting on last week Friday evening, and the program which was under the direction of Miss Ada Whitney was appreciated by all. It consisted of singing by grange; reading, Mrs. Amy Shattuck; vocal solo, Miss Susie Andrews; reading, Miss Ellen Miller; songs, Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Andrews; reading, Mrs. Richards. An interesting talk followed on "Florida as I saw it," by Mrs. L. E. Starr, who exhibited many specimens, making her remarks all the more valuable and educational. There was a table of mysteries, which was arranged as a contest, and Miss S. Luella Parker received first prize, and Miss Ellen Miller second. Candy and popcorn was passed around and a sociable time followed.

The next meeting will be changed from the printed program, as the first and second degrees will not be conferred as stated. The lecturer will have nuts for all to crack, so let everyone come willing to help.

#### Band Association.

That Pepperell is to one again have a musical men's association with a band in view, is promised in the new Pepperell Musicians' association, with fourteen members. John Bartz is president and Leo Thayer director of the orchestra. John Hayes is to be the pianist. The band room is in Tarbell's block and they have hired the opera house for April 26, for a concert and ball. The Ladies' Auxiliary will furnish the supper in Lawrence hall for the ball. The association has some of the best talent in town, and if they give their time to make this association a credit to us, let us do all we can to help them, and if we have money for music, put it in town, where it will do us all good.

#### Entertainment.

The entertainment of the Oak Hill Improvement society, that was postponed from Thursday evening on account of the storm on Thursday evening, last week to Saturday evening, March 23, was well attended considering that the affair was not advertised in the paper or at the postoffice in town. This local meeting place and the entertainment is the sort that thinking parents should see carried out in the different sections of our town, because it gives the opportunity to develop both the individual and the locality.

The entertainment began by a piano solo by Urquhart Chinn. "The mice at play," was enacted by the four children of Edmund Blood in a very creditable way, and represented the home scene of parents gone and children doing as children do. Mrs. Fred Parker, of Oak hill, sang a song unaccompanied by piano, and Miss Bernice Keith followed with a reading, and Raymond Gaskill rendered a solo. The curtain was then raised and a miser was seen sitting in a cellar under ground counting his hoarded gold, telling those duets how much better they were than anything else when the door slams shut and he is enaced to die alone. Lyman Blood enacted this so that it must have imparted a lesson on those younger. A reading by Irma Keith and another play, "The love of a bonnet," with Miss Farrar, Mesdames George Stewart, Fred Parker, Edmund Blood, A. C. Stewart, acting the several parts in approved fashion. L. C. Blood then gave a reading, "The return," selection, trio, Miss E. Farrar, Mrs. George Stewart and Mrs. Edmund Blood; reading, Miss Marion Chinn; "Thirty minutes for refreshments," with S. W. Chinn, Misses Alice and Maude Chinn, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Raymond Chinn and L. C. Blood taking parts. By request of an out-of-town teacher, George Stewart gave a black face sketch in fine style.

This was what was given for fifteen cents by this part of the town in trying to pay for the repairs on the hall stage amounting to five hundred dollars.

#### TOWNSEND.

Center.  
Harley Parker and Miss Helen Tarbell are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Minnie Withers, Miss Tarbell's sister, at Jamaica Plain.  
The body of Miss Eveline P. Jones was brought here from Fitchburg for burial last Saturday. The funeral was held from the house of her cousin, Mrs. Amos Blood. Miss Jones was seventy-seven years of age, and was formerly of Boston, but of last years has resided in Fitchburg.

#### Enthusiastic Meeting.

About four hundred invitations were sent out recently to the men of Townsend to be present at a banquet held on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church vestry. This was for those interested in forming a Brotherhood, such as the one at the West Village. About ninety were present at the banquet and a most enthusiastic meeting was held.

William A. Russell, chairman, opened the meeting and was followed by the speaker of the evening, Edwin W. Pierce, secretary of the Men and Religion Movement. He gave an excellent explanation of the work of the movement of which he is secretary, bringing out especially five objects for which the Brotherhood is to work—biblical study, boys' work, evangelistic work, missions and social service.

Other speakers then followed, among them Dr. H. B. Boynton, pres., Rev. S. D. Ringrose and Alex. Reed, of the West Village Brotherhood; also, Rev. S. P. Robertson, J. J. Morse, George L. Whitcomb, T. E. Flarity, Daniel McKenzie, E. L. Haynes, Rev. G. M. Newhall, J. J. Piper and Rev. A. L. Struthers. Leslie R. Smith of Hadley, steward of the state grange, was also present and added to the enthusiasm of the meeting by his bright speeches and anecdotes.

On motion of George L. Whitcomb, those present voted unanimously to form a brotherhood and the chairman appointed a nominating committee to retire and bring in the names of officers to be. The names brought in and approved by the meeting were: A. N. Fessenden, president; G. A. Wilder, vice-president; F. J. Piper, secretary; R. J. Hargreaves, treasurer.

#### Harbor.

Miss Hazel Cummings, who has been threatened with typhoid fever, is better.

Mrs. Leadbetter and son Herbert returned from visiting out-of-town friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. Burdett and her daughters, Miss Hester and Miss Maud, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have bought the Joel Cooke estate, the one now occupied by Miss Lawrence.

On Wednesday, Harry Knight returned to his school which has been closed for two weeks on account of scarlet fever.

Miss Marion Dana, instructor in the high school at Norwalk, Conn., has been a guest of Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Willey for the past week at Chestnut farm.

On last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones entertained the whist players at the Cape. After the games refreshments including shrimp wiggle and hot chocolate were served.

New methods for an improved leathereboard have been introduced in the mill in this village.

David Gray and his daughter, Miss Nina, are guests at Adney Grays'.

Willis Keefe returned on Thursday from visiting friends in Cambridge.

Mrs. Adney Gray returned on Friday from a visit to her sister, who is sick at the Natick hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of Scituate were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Keefe from Saturday until Tuesday.

Services at the Harbor church will begin at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, instead of two o'clock, as was stated in last week's issue. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

On last Tuesday the As You Like It club met with Mrs. Adney Gray. The guests of the afternoon included David Gray and Miss Nina Gray, Mrs. Roy Shattuck and little son of Pepperell, and Miss Mildred Morgan. The musical program to which Miss Morgan happily contributed, was much enjoyed. At the close of the exercises refreshments were served.

From February 14, to the present date, six hundred chickens have been hatched in the incubators at Walnut Grove farm.

#### BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Lucretia Gale of Gloucester spent the early part of the week at P. W. Cunningham's and when she returned Mrs. Harry Adams accompanied.

Mrs. Ada Durkee is sick with the grippe.

Mrs. Robert Halliday of Whitinsville has been visiting with relatives and friends here the past week.

Chauncy Robbins is quite sick with bronchitis. Dr. Royal, of Harvard, is attending him.

J. Linwood Richardson of West Acton bought the Dodge farm at the auction.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Littlefield attended a meeting of the West Acton Tennis club last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Sabastian. A very pleasant evening was passed with progressive whist and refreshments were served.

Miss Sarah Richardson is at home for a two weeks' vacation and with Miss Carrie Bradford of West Acton expects to visit Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Braman welcomed an eight pound boy into their home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, sr., are expected today to spend the summer with S. D. Salmon, 3d.

Mrs. Henry Kuhn of Westford with her two children visited several days last week with Mrs. Page and the Nelson family.

Oliver Shattuck is recovering from a slight attack of German measles.

The meeting of the West Acton Woman's club was postponed until April 1, because of the funeral of Mr. Mead, who died suddenly in Florida, was held Monday. Mrs. Mead was the founder of the club.

At the last meeting of the grange a very pleasing program was given by the new members. Some of the items on the program were readings by Mrs. Libbie solos, and duets by Mr. Edgerly and Mrs. Bailey and a solo by Earle Katham. A good number of members were present.

#### SHIRLEY.

News Items.

J. Albert Deardon and family have rented the house owned by C. W. Marshall, which has been recently vacated by the Victor O'Brien family.

Victor O'Brien and family moved their household goods on Wednesday to their new farm home in Kennebunkport, Me.

Walter Birchstead and family, of Leominster, will occupy the house on Church street formerly occupied by the James family.

George Kuhn Clark, of Cambridge, gave a very interesting instructive address before the Altruistic club on Thursday afternoon on "The stirring events of European history of the nineteenth century." Miss Margaret McMillan gave a reading from the "Weaver dreams," an amusing chapter on woman's work; also on parliamentary laws. Notice was given of the drama to be held on Wednesday, April 10, at Odd Fellows' hall, in charge of Mrs. Caroline A. Waite, for the benefit of the club.

#### LITTLETON.

About Town.

Mrs. C. A. Hosmer will speak before the guild meeting Sunday evening on the topic, "Temperance Ideals."

In the Back-log series next Thursday evening comes the men's supper in charge of F. B. Priest with a dozen handy aids.

The Women's Alliance comes Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Brown. Mrs. B. W. Brown of Concord will speak on the "International conference at Berlin."

The meeting of the United Workers' mission class will be held Wednesday afternoon with Miss Elizabeth Thacher.

Rev. Mr. Fairfield went on from Columbus, Ohio, to Sullivan, Ind., to see his aged mother. He hurried home on Saturday night on the midnight train.

Wednesday evening Mrs. Somes lighted their oil lamp upstairs. She was called down to the telephone and on her return found it all afire. She took it out outdoors and it was soon smothered. It gave her quite a fright.

Last week Friday Mrs. E. G. Fairfield read a paper before a neighborhood meeting of Alliance and friends in West Somerville.

The King's daughters meet Tuesday afternoon next at the home of Mrs. Edna M. Davis. Remember their Easter sale this Saturday afternoon at Baptist vestry.

Last Wednesday evening the hall lamp at Rev. W. C. Brown's suddenly exploded, doing considerable damage. Mr. Brown happened to be at home so

they feel it would have been much worse if he had been away.

The latter part of last week and over Sunday Miss Cora W. Davis was a visitor in Milton with friends.

Mrs. C. S. Robbins spent the past week with her sister in Melrose.

REPELS ATTACK OF DEATH.  
"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at William Brown's, Ayr.

GREAT REAL ESTATE EDITION.  
Everyone interested in "summer homes" either at the seashore, mountains or country, will want to read the specially written articles which will be published in addition to the popular features in the Boston Evening Transcript of Saturday, April 6.

A number of engaging topics in that issue will doubtless cause much favorable comment. Others will surely have a real value to investors and those concerned in the welfare of the city and suburbs. Real estate men and individuals who have properties to dispose of or rent should take advantage of this unusual opportunity and immediately secure sufficient advertising space to properly place their holdings before so many interested persons as will be reached by the April 6 edition of the Transcript, which will have a larger circulation than any previous issue.

AUCTIONS.  
Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the personal property belonging to S. H. Brown, of the well-known Five Forks farm, School street, Lexington. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at one o'clock p. m., sharp.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, the household goods belonging to Mrs. Catherine Foughton, of Fitchburg, on Wednesday, April 11, at one o'clock p. m.

Public auction of household goods will be held at the home of Mrs. John Curran, Park street, Ayr, on Saturday, April 6, at one o'clock. A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer.

New Advertisements.

PURE BRED EGGS FOR HATCHING—\$1.00 per setting. Farm raised, some prize winning stock in Buff, White, Columbian Plymouth Rocks, White Langsham, R. C. Black Minorca, White Faced Black Spanish, White Polish, White Leghorn, Buff and Silver-laced Wyandottes and Partridge Cochins. L. E. STARR, Pepperell, Mass.

CARD OF THANKS.  
To the neighbors and friends who so kindly tendered to me their help and sympathy during the days of my beloved husband's illness and death, I wish to express my sincere gratitude. MRS. ANNA C. FITZESSEN, Harvard, Mass., March 28, 1912.

INSURE YOUR CROPS  
Spray with Bowker's Insecticides for Fruit and Vegetables. Orders taken for "Pyrox," Arsenate of Lead and Lime-Sulphur.

Orchards sprayed for the San Jose and Oyster-shell Scale, Apple Scab, Codling Moth, Canker Worm, Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths and other Insect and Fungus Pests. Prices reasonable.

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