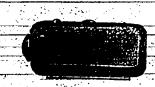
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LITTLETON

George C. Durkee is reported a omewhat improved in health. Samuel Reed's little girl is very sick at the hospital with little if any hope given of recovery from spinal menin-

Tittle William Stapleford, four years of age, fell on the lee Wednesday and cut his head which required a few stitches.

Mrs. LeRoy Jewett visited her hus-band at Clinton hospital Thursday. A cousin, Mrs. Lizzie Mead, is staying with Mrs. Jewett and her daughters while Mr. Jewett is under treatment At the annual meeting of the board of trade Monday evening the officers and committees of last year were reelected.

Mrs. Bisbee, housekeeper for Dr. Cross in Newtown, had a severe hemorrhage Wednesday which left her very weak. Conditions are favorable at time of writing.

The meeting scheduled in the Wo-man's club calendar for Monday, Jan-uary 22, will be omitted by vote of the club to give the ladies opportunity to attend the W. C. conference in West: Acton next Monday afternoon.

A new building for tools and storage has recently been erected near the barn on the H. J. Harwood estate.

The many friends of Miss Alice Mar-ion Wright were slienced and deeply grieved at the news of her passing on Wednesday afternoon. She had been

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the business people of Boston and many of the large cities in New England and even more distant parts. She was happy in her calling and inspired her, friends with a love for honest pursuits in business.

Most women would have thought it quite enough to have placed a limit here, but Miss Wright had another very vital interest that claimed much from her intelligence and strength rom her intelligence and strength rom her intelligence and strength. She was the superintendent of the orimary department in the Congregational Sunday school for which she and spent herself most unselfishly some twenty-five years. She loved the children and they clung to her with the fondness of one's own. She was a transfer of the lattler aburch and

its other organizations she gave with interest and devotion. Her neighbors, her church associates and her traveling and business friends alike were happy and fortunate in their acquaintance of her, for she possessed a sanguine temperament and always carried a message of cheer and courage. Her ministrations were frequent and came from a pureunselfish heart. Tealy she was a noble woman nobly plutned. Funeral obseques, directed by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Alvord, will take place this Saturday afternoon at the Congregational church at 1.30 o'clock. The interment will be made in the family lot at W. dlawn cemetery in Acton.

Mrs. Christine Richardson, sixt Mrs. Christing Richardson, sixty years of age, die, suddenly of acute undigestion Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Koley of King street and Hartwell averse. She had busied herself at her tinde of dressmaking during the first of the week and was taken ill Tuseday ight. It was thought she was twonding to medical

during the first of the week and was taken ill Tuseday ight. It was thought that she was to ponding to medical treatment and resting until Mrs. Kelley entered her from in the morning and found that the spirit had fied. The deceased is survived by a son who is at the front in France, also by a sister. Mrs. Hilsted of F. shoro, who with her husband came to care for the body upon notice of her death.

The deceased was born in Lingwick. Canada. Since the death of her husband which occurred many years ago, she had lived in the states most of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Hilsted accompanied the remains to Hygate, Vt., Friday morning and the funeral and burial were to take place in that town. Mrs. Richardson, having lived in lown but a few months, had a limited acquaintance here, but those who knew her speak only in words of praise and commendation.

commendation.

Riffe Club.

At the regular meeting of the Riffe club on Wednesday, January 10, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. M. Hartwell, pres.; J. W. Ames, vice pres.; Roger A. Priest, sec.; B. F. Jacobs, treas; J. H. Remick, 218; sharpshooter were read. The regular meeting of the club for the past year will show do a membership of 82. It is hoped that the present year will show as good a membership of 82. It is hoped that the present year will show as good a membership if not better.

Members who have qualified as marksmen unde the new N. R. A. The state armory in Clinton, the results are: F. C. Hartwell 176, Clyde

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We publish the following Papers: Turner's Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass.

The January social under the auspices of the Ladies' Ald society of the Congregational church takes place on next Tuesday evening at the vestry. A one-act play entitled, "An interrupted proposal." a male quartet from West Chelmsford, beside other musical numbers, constitute the evening's entertainment, after which there will be refreshments and a social hour.

The storm of Sunday effected the at-

The storm of Sunday affected the attendance at the churches. The audience at the Congregational church was reduced to about thirty-five, but the attendance at the evening service was much as usual. Mr. Lincoln gave good addresses at both services.

Edward Clement had a narrow escape from serious injury on Monday when his automobile overturned on the ice near the soldiers' monument. The machine completely overturned and when Mr. Clement was excitated he found considerable injury to the carbut fortunately was uninjured himself.

The dance under the auspices of Westford Grange-January 26 is in aid of the State Grange Educational fund. Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell will furnish the music for the dancing. The ladies of the Unitarian church

hold a food sale and whist party Fri-day evening of this week. Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. H. E.

Fletcher recently attended a Woman's club\_conference\_in\_Salem.

The second meeting of the Tadmuck club for January took place at the vestry of the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was in charge of the household economics the control of the baryon of the household economics. department, Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding, chairman. Mrs. Schuyler Herron of Winchester was the speaker and gave an address on "The value of the clubto the homemaker." An address full to the homemaker. Mrs. A. E. Loveless of the home club gave a splendid rendition of "The housewife's hymn." by Angela Morgan. Notice was given of the coming mid-winter meeting of the State Federation with the Cosmos club of Wakefield. Mrs. Harry L. Nesmith and Mrs. W. D. Pitkin were accepted into members the two girls at Westford academy who had held the highest rank in their studies for the first three years of their high school course. This was an and determined the home of his daughter. Mrs. Willie Centrale Nessent Hersel. hairman. . Mrs. Schuyler Herron of

rank in their studies for the first three years of their high school course. This honor falls to Miss. Gertrude Hosmer and Miss Josephine Socha, both of Forge Village. Mrs. William R. Taylor presented the plan for community singing, which met with favorable consideration. Miss Julia H. Fletcher was the accompanist at the plano for the afternoon.

The next meeting, January 30, is the The next meeting, January 30, is the grandsons, Leonard Burnett and Maurelub's annual Guest night and will be at the town hall. A drama in charge of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Miss Mary G. Balch is being prepared. The Greek play, "Pygmalion and Galatea," is to be given and there will be music by well-known talent within the club. Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler is the hostess of the evening.

The Benefic Garden Burnett and Maurelub is and the town of Aughters. Mrs. Charles in aid of the football club was held saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Smith. A general meeting was held in Abbot hall Tuesday evening to persect plans for the toming season.

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Death.

Word was received in Westford Sunday evening of the tragic death of Walter J. Merritt by suicide. Mr. Merritt's frozen body was found in Hill's Grove, some woods in South Billerica, by a man who. was teaming lumber in the woods. Mr. Merritt had evidently hung himself to a tree branch by his necktie and also slashed his wrist with a razor. A safety may blade, which was blood stained, was found nearby. He had been missing from his home in Bedford since the pieceding Frida. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Wm. H. Saunderts in Lowell, where it was examined by Dr. Meigs and the identity established. The body was fully clothed. Medical Examiner Meigs expressed the opinion, that the unfortunate mancut his wirst before he hanged himself.

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Mr. Merritt had lived in Westford much of the time for over twenty years. He former's lived on the farm now owned by Wm. E. Green and for the light years had occupied the Sunday for a house these in charge are absent.

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was recently said to William A. Rob-ins m and about the middle of Decem-ber he moved to Hedford. He is survived by his widow. Mrs. Flora M. Merritt, and his ased soint. Mrs. Lauretta Tyler. Mr. Merrit was in his forty-ninth year. The funeral was held from the un-dertaking parlors of Win. H. Saund-ers in Lowell Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Louis H: Buckshorn of Westford was the officiating clerky-man. A delegation of Masons of which on Masons of which deceased was a member, was in attendance. Interment was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery.

Mrs. James H. O'Brien on Pigeon hill, Stony Brook Toad, has been ill with cold complications.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles S. Ed-

The funeral of Mrs. Charles S. Edwards took place from her home at Brookside on last Sunday afternoon. Rev. H. H. Lippincott, of the M. E. church. West Chelmsford, conducted the services. A quartet composed of Mrs. O. C. Johnson, Mrs. Josiah Smith. Mrs. O. C. Johnson, Mrs. Josiah Smith. Anthony Anderson and Clarence. Burns sang "The sweet bye and bye" and "The christian's good-night." The bearers were Alexander Higgins, Arthur Galley, Arthur Roberts and George Reid, Relatives, friends and West Chelmsford Grange, of which she was a member, were liberal with foral suggestions. Burial was in the formity, let in the Edson cemetery. she was a member, were liberal with foral suggestions. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery, Beginning January 23 the books will

Mrs. Edwarsd was the last of five chil-dren of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yar-or later. They will be returned Wed dren of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yar-nold and was a native of Lowell, com-ing to Westford with her parents a ing to Westford with her parents a few years ago to the farm on the few years ago to the farm on the few years ago to the farm on the ford, M. C. O. F., are now making at Brookside, about two years ago, and at Brookside precinct of Westford, with Court Wannalancit on next Sun-For the past year failing health compelled a relinquishment of all of her cherished ideals.

The Westford Wardsman

The Harvard Hillside

The Shirley Oracle

The Brookline (N. H.) Beacon

The Hollis (N. H.) Homestead

Entered as second-class matter at the selectific at Ayar, Mass.

Saturday, January 25, 1917.

WESTFORD

Center.

Grippe and colds are prevalent. Miss Grace Robinson has been among the shut-ins, but was able to retion to her work in Lowell the middle of the week. Postmaster J. Herbert Pletcher has been housed in with another at tack of the grippe.

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sames of cards friends."

Frank O. Decatur, who died in Duxbury, is well known to Westford people, being the last living but one of aine children of Joshua and Mary (Hill) Decatur, and a native of Lowellid About 1856 his parents moved to Westford to the farm designated Capt. Peletiah Fletcher place. The children were educated at the old Stony Brook school and Westford academy. The writer was a schoolmate with them all at the Stony Brook school. Frank will be remembered learning the blacksmith trade of his brother-inlaw, the late Charles Chamberlin, at Chamberlin's corner, and afterwards as blacksmith for himself for many years, at Westford Center, the site recondition for skating and large crowds have been enjoying the sport during the past few days.

A. R. Choate, who has been ill with a severe sore throat for the past few days, has sufficiently recovered to enable him to resume his usual duties once more.

The members of Cameron circle. C. F. of A., at a recent meeting of the forge Village in the early part of February.

The new foundry that is now being built on River street, near the Bostorian Maine tracks, is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected that as blacksmith for himself for many years, at Westford Center, the site recently sold to the town for an engine house. For several years he has resided in Duxbury, owning and carrying on a small farm. The funeral was from that town on Tuesday afternoon. Besides his wife; he leaves a brother Walter in California and several nephews, nieces and cousins in Westford. Springfield and California. He was a companionable schoolmate, citizon and successful business man, and by the successful business-man, and by-the ordained and universal decree of Nature left in the role of "Finals" at the age of sixty-six years.

Miss Harriet E. Sherburne died 'at her home on the Groton road last Sunday, aged sixty-three years. She had been a resident of the town nearly all of her life, retiring and peaceful. She is survived by a sister. Mrs. Mary Walker; a brother, George J. Sherburne; a nephew, Mrs. Solon Dodge of Groton, and several in Lowell. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. F. H. Reeves, of North Chelmsford, conducting the services. Burial was in the Hillside cemetery, Westford. her home on the Groton road last Sun

Don't forget the dance to be given at the town ball on next Friday even-ing by the Grange. Hibbard's orches-

Joseph Richardson is ill at the home of his mother on the Lowell road, threatened with pneumonia.

Evelyn Miner, of Shirley, has been a guest at the F. W. Bannister and attended the firemen's ball last week Frieday.

The sympathy of the village is extended to Mrs. John Burnett in the death of her father, Robert McArdle, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William King at Caribou, Me. January 6, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. McArdle was born and schooled in Lowell and spent his early days there, naying frequent visits to his daughter Lowell and spent his early days there, paying frequent visits to his daughter of this village. He leaves one brother John and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Custy, several nieces, all of Lowell, two grandsons, Leonard Burnett and Maurice King and two daughters, Mrs. John Burnett of Clinton and Mrs. William King of Caribou, Me.

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as a week-end guest Emirson DeRechn of the U.S. navv. who is staticated at Winthrop. John Brown Sc. still continues very

ick at his home The following members were chosen

to make arrangements for the annual freman's ball: Joseph Bennett, Samuel Dugdale, Edward Hanley and Wil-liam Orange.

Miss Annie Cherry has returned from a two weeks' visit in New York city at the home of her brother, Ed-

Alvin Bennett, the grand old man Alvin Bennett, the grand old man of almost ninety years, is confined to his home by illness. His familiar figure and pleasant greetings to old and young as he wends his way to the post office for his morning mail has been missed the past week. His son, Frank Bennett, of Worcester, is with him. Latest reports from his bedside show a slight invicement.

slight improvement. Fred Naylor and Elmer E. Nutting are the latest victims down with the grippe.

recent visitor here.

Granitoville.

February.

The new foundry that is now being built on River street, near the Bostor and Maine tracks, is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected that operations will commence in the new building some time in the early spring Business still continues to be good here in all branches.

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of cipatitily W. HRIWN, has of Aye in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been present of to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to FRED 6 WELSH of Hudson in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety of his official bond, or to some other suit able person.

You are hereby cited to appear at 2 Probate Court to be held at Cambridge.

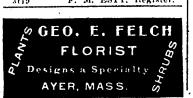
able person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fill the property of the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's rubite Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legates named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

sand nine hundred and seventeen.
3119 F. M. ESTY, Register.



## A Forgotten Edict

Historical Story of the Sixteenth Century

By F. A. MITCHEL

Harry, the great king, the bluff king. he who married six wives and beheaded two of them, was dead, and his son Edward, a mere lad, was on the throne of Great Britain. But the boy being too young to govern, the Duke of Somerset, having assumed the title of lord protector, was sovereign in his stead in all but in name.

John Dudley, Duke of Northumber-land, an ambitious man, and planned that the crown should rest upon the heads of his descendants. Having married his son, Lord Guilford Dud-ley, to Lady Jane Grey, who had royal blood in her veins, before the young Edward died in 1553, the duke persuaded Edward to name his daughterin-law to succeed him.

It was on May day of this year that a number of young persons were dancing around a pole in a field in the county of Essex. Among them was young Robert Woodville, son of Sir Thomas Woodville, a young man much beloved by all who knew him. Many a lass cast covetous eyes upon him, but they were all forced to give way to Mary Edmonson, who was the most comely, and withal, modest and amia-

These two were swinging-round-the circle hand in hand when a man rode speech with him apart from the others. The dancing stopped, for there was a grave look on the stranger's face. and all waited while Woodville and he talked earnestly, but in low tones. The newcomer appeared to be endeavoring to persuade the young man to some thing which he did not approve. Presently Woodville broke away from him, beckoned Mary Edmonson aside and said to her:

"The young King Edward is dead d-has named Lady Jane Grey to be his successor. There will be other claimants-Mary, the late king's daughter by his first wife, Catherine of Arragon, and Elizabeth, his daughter by his second wife. Anne Bolevn. This man is an emissary of the Duke of Northumberland, beating up adherents for his daughter-in-law, the Lady Jane Grey. -He offers me a commission in the army and when Jane is firmly established on the throne a position at court. I am persuaded to accept his offer."

"I beg that you will not," replied the girl. "The rightful sovereign is Mary, the daughter of the only rightful wife of the late King Henry. The Duke of Northumberland will bring sorrow on the poor girl, on whose head he is endeavoring to place a crown. More likely he will set an ax to her neck. She is too young to decide such a matter for herself or she would refuse to be made the dupe of her father-in-

"No one." replied Robert, "can tell where the crown will eventually rest.
If on the head of the Princess Mary, I gain nothing; if on the head of Lady Jane, and I help to place it there, our wedding, instead of taking place among rustics, will be celebrated with in a palace.'

'Say, rather, in a dungeon." "No, no, sweetheart. I have confidence in the duke. Think of the place

hall be able to offer you as the supporters of the successful claim-Ambition proved stronger than the pleadings of the girl, and the end of

the matter was that Woodville went off to London to report in person to Lord Guilford Dudley, who had sent for him, while the messenger went on to enlist further recruits.

Well had it been for the young man had he listened to the advice of his betrothed. The Lady Jane Grey at first refused to accept a crown to which she knew she was not entitled, but was at last persuaded by the entreaties of her father-in-law and her husband to accept it. She was queen but nine days when her adherents were over powered, and the Princess Mary, after ward called Bloody Mary, became sov ereign. The Duke of Northumberland Lord Guilford Dudley and Lady Jane Grey were imprisoned in the Tower of London and later suffered death on Tower bill

News came to Mary Edmonson of the collapse of the scheme her lover had supported and that he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. Mary was a ward in chancery to a man of the law named Roger Bradford. To Bradford she went and implored him to go with her to London and defend her lover when he should be tried for high treason. But when the lawyer learned that Woodville had been one of Lord Guilford Dudley's lieutenants in the conspiracy he told Mary that any defense was useless. The was very bitter against the conspirators and was resolved to punish al who were concerned in the plot.

"But," added Bradford, "I will try and think up a plan by which Robert Woodville may escape death. Come to me on the morrow, and if my knowledge of the law serves me I will tell

When Mary went to him the next said to her husband: day he told her that the only way he could get her lover out of the Tower was to accuse him of having commit-

ted a crime against the church. The government might consider a sacrilege of more importance than high treason If he could bring Woodville to his home to be tried for an offense against religion he would have an advantage. But if he were acquitted the sovereign would claim him to be tried as a traitor.

"What I propose," added the lawyer in conclusion, "is to bring him here if possible, try him for sacrilege and con-vict him."

"Convict him?" exclaimed Mary.
"Yes. He must be convicted."

"And the punishment?" -"He will be hanged."

Mary could see no advantage in be ing hanged over dying at the block, but Bradford, who knew more than most of his craft, told her that there was a royal edict on the records which might help him to save her lover's life. It was a hundred years old belonging to a period when matters of justice were very crude. With mor civilized methods of court procedure it had become obsolete, but had never been repealed.

A church near by where Robert Woodville lived had been robbed and the communion service taken. Roger Bradford had got wind of the thief. and after forming his plan to get possession of the body of Robert Wood ville he sent for the man who had con fessed the sacrilege and asked for a piece of the silver communion service Having received it he gave it to Mary Edmonson and told-her-to-place-it in Woodville's house. This she did, and the next day a search was made of the house and the plate found there.

Bradford went to London and demanded the body of Robert Woodville that he might be placed on trial for the stealing of the church plate. The lieutenant of the Tower refused to give up Woodville, since he was to be tried for high treason. Bradford insisted that his demand be referred to the queen. Mary declined to consider a crime against herself in preference to one against the church. She ordered that Woodville be sent to his native county to be tried for sacrilege, but that he be returned in case not convicted, to be tried for high trea

The flucen's order must be obeyed to the letter, and bringing Woodville from the Tower would be of no avai unless he were convicted. As soon as he arrived he was brought into court and the person who had found the ing sworn to the fact. Woodville was convicted and sentenced to be hanged No defense was made; none would have secured the prisoner's acquittal and-it did not accord with Bradford's plan that the trial should result in an

An officer of the queen's household had been sent with the prisoner from London to bring him back in case he should not be found guilty. This man insisted that Woodville be hanged im mediately, since he had orders not to leave while the prisoner lived. But Roger Bradford succeeded in getting stay while the condemned man's betrothed went to London to petition the queen for a pardon. The officer yielded, though he assured the lawyer

that there was no hope of a pardon. Bradford, accompanied by Mary Edmonson, at once set off for London. and on their arrival the former went to the Tower and demanded to be per mitted to inspect the statutes deposited there. As an attorney he was not to be denied this privilege, and, going to the-rooms where the rolls of parchment bearing edicts of England's soy ereigns were kept, he found one which

he copied. The next morning he asked for an audience of the queen, basing his request on the fact that if his client Robert Woodville were hanged the execution would be illegal. This excited at once an interest in the queen, and she copy sion also for Mary Edmonson to be present.

As soon as the two were in the queen's presence Bradford said: "May it please your majesty, this girl Mary Edmonson, claims for her hus-

band Robert Woodville, sentenced to be hanged for sacrilege." "If it pleases the wench," replied the queen, "to marry a man who is to die

she has our royal permission." "I hold in my hand," rejoined Bradford, "a copy of an edict of his majesty King Edward IV. decreeing that it any man sentenced to death within his royal domain and a woman shall claim him in marriage he shall go free."

"Have you seen the record of this edict?"

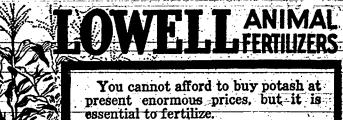
"I have, your majesty." And it has never been repealed

"It has not, your majesty," "Then I will repeal it." "This may be your majesty's right of

it may be only the right of the parliament. In either case it cannot be made ex post facto." "Do you alone possess a knowledge

of this edict?" "So far as I know, your majesty." The queen thought, "Might not oth-

ers who conspired against me avail themselves of this method of escaping punishment?" "I will issue a pardon in this case," she said presently. "But if we bear of this edict of my ancestor and predecessor before we are ready to take



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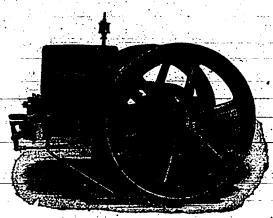
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To three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court. Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. sixteen. 3t18 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD lete of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES the ad-ministrator with the will appared of

Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES the administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court; to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

steps for its repeal you will incur our royal displeasure."

When Mary Edmonson returned to her home she bore a pardon for her lover.

Mary chose to be married on the same greensward from which her best trothed had gone to support the cause of Lady Jane Grey. When they had been pronounced man and wife she said to her husband:

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thence North 78 ½° East by land now or formerly of Hezekiah Spaulding forty-two (42) rods and twenty. (20) links to a black oak tree; thence North 5 ½° West by land formerly of Nathaniel Holden fifteen (15) rods to a stake and stones; thence North 41 1/4° East by said Holden land thirty-six (36) rods and ten (10) links to t stake and stones; thence North 41%° West by land formerly of Richard Pierce fifty-three (53) rods and twenty (20) links to a stake and stones; thence South 31° West by land formerly of Peter Tarbell and Eleazer Jewett seventy-nine (79) rods and fifteen (15) links to the place of beginning; subject to the easement granted to the Connecticut River Transmission Company to place and maintain lines, of poles, and wires

across said premises. Said premises consist largely of woodland with a growth of wood and timber thereon. Terms and conditions will be announced at the time and

place of sale. ALVAH M. LEVY, Administrator of Estate of John Neat. 3w18 Neat.

Fitchburg, Mass., January 2, 1917.

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## State Income Tax

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

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written linder the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Questions will be giadly answered by mail or in this column if addressed to the State Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston, If reply by mail is desired enclose postage. No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mantion nawspaper in which you read this So far as new per in which you read this. So far as pos-sible the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization on request. Save these articles for future feterome.

JOSEPH E. PERRY, State Income Tax Attorney.

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(Ninth Article.)

WHAT BLANKS DO YOU NEED? The following blanks have been prepared. Examine the list carefully to see which forms you need. If still in doubt call at the nearest District Office and dock at the forms them-selves and if need be enquire of your District Assessor or Deputies.

LIST OF FORMS. FOR INDIVIDUALS

Form 1:

For use of all individuals receiving taxable wages or salary, income from taxable investments, annuities, and excess of gains over losses in dealing in intangibles.—This is the form for use in the ordinary case, and as preliminary to all returns on Forms 1A and 1B.

Supplementary Form 1A:
For use of individuals as supplementary to Form 1 when business income is to be returned on the cash basis, from which deductions on account of business expenses are to be claimed. Form 1 must also be used.

Supplementary Form 1B:

For use of individuals as supplementary to Form 1 when business income is to be returned on the inven-tory or accrual basis, from which de-ductions on account of business ex-penses are to be claimed Form 1 must also be used. (See also Form 6.)

FOR FIDUCIARIES.

Form 2:
For use of all executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, receivers and assignees, receiving taxable income; and also as preliminary to all returns on Form 2A liminary to all returns on Form 2A and 2B where the use of these forms

Supplementary Form 2A:
For use of the fiduciaries-above
mentioned as supplementary to Form 2 when business income is to be re-turned on cash basis, from which de-ductions on account of business ex-

penses are to be claimed. Form 2 must also be used.

Supplementary Form 2B:
For use of the fiduciaries above mentioned as supplementary to Form 2, when business income is to be returned on the inventory or correct. turned on the inventory or accrual basis, from which deductions on account of business expenses are to be claimed. Form 2 must also be used.

claimed. Form 20: For use by beneficiaries who wish to claim an exemption of \$300, from the income received from fiduciaries, because of the fact that their total from all sources does not

FOR PARTNERSHIPS.

For use by partnerships in all cases, as preliminary to their returns of business income on Forms 3A or 3B.

Supplementary Form 3A:

For use by partnerships as supplementary to Form 3 for return of business income on the cash basis. Form
3 must also be used. Supplementary Form 3B:

For use by partnerships as supplementary to Form 3 for return of business income on the inventory or accrual basis. Form 3 must also be

For use of bankers, brokers and partnerships in the business of dealing in intangible personal property.

For use of partners claiming family exemptions from business income, i.e., on account of wife or husband, children under 18 years of age, or parents entirely dependent upon them for appropriate the control of the con

For use of partners claiming the \$300 exemption by reason of the fact. that their total income from all sources does not exceel \$600. (See also Form 6.)

PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND TRUSTS (having transferable shares).

For use by partnerships, associa-tions, and trusts wishing to agree with the tax commissioner to pay any tax which may be due thereon, and thereby relieve the shares from taxation in the hands of shareholders (See also Forms 6 and 7.)

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES BL FIDUCIARIES.

Form 5: For use by fiduciaries desiring to close up estates before the tax has become due, settling the tax thereon, and thereby relieving the beneficiaries from returning such income in their individual returns.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES

For use by individuals, corporations, associations, partnerships, etc. for return of employees to whom more than \$1,800 has been paid dur-ing the last calendar year.

INTERESTS AND ANNUITIES.

Form 7: For use by corporations, and part-merships, associations and trusts having transferable shares, for return of interest on bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness.

### Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Wise marketing is the key to successful farming. This sums up the experience of J. J. Budlong, a Chicago man who has grown wealthy in agriculture. Mr. Budlong for many years has farmed several hundred acres of land and produces vegetables almos exclusively. The Budlong truck farm is the greatest of its kind in the mid. west and in some respects the greatest in the world. A pickle factory, owned by this successful farmer handles a large part of the edibles raised on the premises. Table commodities are shipped by Mr. Budlong to every part of America and to several of the big markets in other continents.

Practically all the onions and cucumbers raised on this place are put up as pickles, and by this means they do not have to be marketed in any hurry or at any particular time. There many other commodities which work into the scheme of canning and pickling. For instance, the cabbage crop pays well when turned into sau-erkraut, and beans and peas pay best when canned. It is always best to produce a variety of staple products, so that if one or two of them are low in price the others are quite likely to pull up the average to a profitable-basis. This is a common experience in all kinds of farming. Sometimes wheat



THE CABBAGE CROP PAYS WELL WHEN TURNED INTO SAUERKBAUT.

or corn will pay enormously, but if raised as exclusive money crops there will be years of total failure. Thou-sands of industrious farmers have been ruined by sticking to the single crop idea-on-farms too large for their equipment and capital.

Canning, preserving and pickling enable any farm family to double the price which it would otherwise obtain for such things as sweet corn, peas, cucumbers, onions, peppers, berries, currants, plums, cherries and a dozen similar commodities. This plan enables one to charge full retail prices and so make the farm return high

profits.

Nearly all farmers know how to produce crops, but few of them are skillful at selling. This is the main difference between the Budlong success and the many failures which have been recorded. Mr. Budlong himself says that, as a general thing, he does not get better crops than other people. The land he uses is not as good as the average Cook county soil, but he buys many carloads of manure from the city and keeps the ground in a fine state of fertility. The fertilizer is plowed in every fall. Sometimes he has green crops, like peas, soy beans or clover, to work into the soil in the fall. There is a scientific reason for handling land in this way, especially handling land in this way, especially the plowing in of an abundance of stable and green manures, but without pretense of scientific attainments nearly all farmers know how to keep up land, although they frequently neglect fall plowing.

While it is true that Mr. Budlong ir rigates his farm by pumping water from the drainage-canal, he does not attribute his success to this control of the water supply, for he was successful long before the drainage canal was built. In brief terms, his first step toward success was the upbuilding of soil fertility, and then when the big erops came he made his own market for the bulk of the products, getting all cash that was possible to obtain from the commodities raised. He keeps close records of all crops and knows exactly what any given line of produce costs him. He can tell what proportion of the expense each acre should bear, what the labor is worth and what dividends are paid by each particular unit of land every season. From long experience he knows that diversity of production is better than to risk every thing on a single crop. It is probably true that if the whole enterprise hung 92-one product his success would be much less pronounced than it is.

The Ear Row Test.

It is well to mark off the ground of the ear row test with stakes and to smit a row of corn around the ear row tests between it and the general field The ear row test plot can thus be cultivated just like the general field and at the same time without extra attention in that regard. The chief amount of extra work will be caused by the necessity of harvesting the separate rows of the car row test separately.

#### AYER

Public Health Nurse in Ayer. The board of health will request a

be intelligently considered in town meeting, it is important that everyone should know the necessities that the appropriation is designed to meet, and should appreciate the far-reaching benefits to be derived from the proposed service. It should be understood that the establishment of a public health nurse, acting under this board's direction, will enable your board of health to meet all its responsibilities as they should be met, and that the service will be one of direct individual value to every person in town. If these two points are thoroughly understood, we feel sure that the appropriation will be granted.

The definite activities and benefits of the public health nurse are outlined as follows:

Contagious Diseases.

and malitaining proper isolation within the home.
Contagious Diseases not Quarantined. It will be the duty of the public health nurse to visit chronic and incipient cases of contagious diseases not quarantined by this board, and she will be of great service, not only to the public, but also to the ill person, by giving advice and suggestions concerned general hygiene. The value of this service of a trained person in, for example, incipient tuberculosis, cannot be overemphasized.

No work of this character can be done by your board of health as it is

lone by your board of health as it is now organized.

School Children. At present, the school physician, under the direction of the school com-mittee, is maintaining a very effective oversight of the health of school children, with the principal purpose of preventing contagious diseases in the of the public health nurse for her attention. She will personally reportthe condition of the child to the mother and will act in an advisory capacity where suggestions are necessary or requested. In cases where the family is unable to furnish the medical attention necessary, she will assist in bringing the child in touch with those organizations where treatment may be rganizations where treatment may be btained at minimum charges.

obtained at minimum charges.
It is not necessary to enlarge on the ralue of this service, especially nowalays, when it is becoming more and nore clear that such defective conditions among children, as mentioned above, are the source not only of real liness, but the cause of a general letting down of stamina resulting in a ing down of stamina resulting in a oss of efficiency not only in school

It is needless to state that without such a trained agent to follow up these cases, no work can be attempted in this important field.

Infant Hygiene Service.

According to statistics of that area the United States that is recorded, 5% of all deaths are of children uner five years old. Or these nearly 25% of all deaths are of children under five years old. Or these nearly 18% are of infants not one year old. According to the children's bureau of the U. S. Dept. of Labor, at least one-half of these deaths are preventable. The foregoing shows the value of any steps taken to reduce this infant mortality. These preventable deaths are steps taken to reduce this infant mortality. These preventable deaths are due to lack of understanding in the community of the vital importance to a baby of such things as, for example, proper feeding; the choice of milk and its pasteurization when the baby is artificially fed; matters of ventilation, sleep, and proper clothing; and the danger of nostrums and pacificers. Unfortunately all mothers do not know

tention of the public health nurse by the physician, and it should be stated that she will get in touch with the physician, before visiting the family, for the purpose of acting under his instructions. This service will be of great value, and will be welcomed, we feel sure, by the physician as well as the mother. After the birth of a hapy, the physician is usually only constraint The board of health will request at the coming town meeting an appropriation of \$1000 for the employment of a public health nurse, under the provisions of the acts of 1911, chapter 172, Sec. 1, as follows:

"Towns are hereby authorized to appropriate annually a sum not exceeding \$2000 for the employment of district or other nurses. The said sums may be expended directly by the town through its selectmen, or under the direction of the board of health nurse, if employed, shall act under the direction of the board of health, especially since the greater part of health, especially since the greater part of health work.

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On the physician's report of any contaginus disease, it will be her duty to, go to the household where the discase exists, gather data—to be used-by this-board—in tracing the source of the family itself, supplementing the existing rules and the proper way of observing them. It will be her duty also to suggest the health manner of safe-guarding the rest of the family itself, supplementing the work of the physician who is concerned primarily with the treatment of hill person. During the continuance of quarantine she will be direct to periodically visit the household in an advisory capacity, as well as teech the proper isolation of the physician who is concerned primarily with the treatment of hill person. During the continuance of quarantine she will be direct to periodically visit the household in an advisory capacity, as well as teech the proper isolation of the physician to see that proper isolation of the proper will be turned loose on the public. On the recovery of the case, showll be sent to see that healthful conditions are restored, all matters concerning disinfection being placed in her charge. No case, therefore, will be turned loose on the public will be sent to see that healthful condition of the patient. It is exactly on the intelligence of the family aided by the voluntary suggestions of the all proper isolation of the patient. It is exactly on the intelligence of the family aided by the voluntary suggestions of the all proper isolation with in the home.

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Contagious Diseases

There are many types of nurses employed by communities—contagious disease, tubercular, school, infant hygiene and social welfare. Some\_communities employ none, others utilize the services of all. Our public health nurse, with the activities before outlined, will be a combination of all these types. That is, she will be active in contagious diseases in tubercular these types. That is, she will be active in contagious diseases in tubercular work, among the school children and babies, and throughout the town in social welfare work, which latter means simply an activity designed to bring about more healthful living conditions. We most earnestly hope that our request for this apprepriation to be spent in establishing this health service, will be granted, as we feel it will be, if real consideration is given to the be, if real consideration is given to the need and to the far-reaching value of

uch service Edward E. Sawyer, Chairman, Dr. Bertrand H. Hopkins, Eugene S. Barry, Clerk, Ayer Board of Health.

HARVARD

dance on that evening

Mr. and Mrs. J. G ceived word this week illness of their son. W-at Waltham: He is so: attack of preumonia. Fiske Warren with Kenneth Maclennan day via New York where Mr. Warren putting in an election had to be suspended possibility of getting Kenneth Maclenan Kenneth MacLenna months or more at an electric likht out of Greece at her hon-has had some very periences.

Charles Charles Newtor piano recital on Tue before a very appr under the auspices club in Pepperell.

Bromfield school ifternoon to allow (install a new heating policeing inadequate to severe weather. Sch. severe weather, sumed on Monday

Owing to weather a ditions there was no service in the Usuarian church last Sunday, and only on were present at the Congregation if church. Citizens' caucus thes week Satur day evening at eight o clock in the lower town hall.

lower town hall.

On last Tuesday evening the Grange held a joint meeting with the Bird club, the entertainment being in charge of Frank P. Abbott, lecturer. Mr. Backus, of Ayer, came warden for this district, gave a very interesting talk on the protection of game birds. Eben F. Corey, president of the Bird club, gave a talk on the feeding habits of wild birds. Miss Beryl S. Bigelow told in a very pleasing and instructive manner about the nesting habits of wild birds. Stanley Turner read a paper giving some facts regarding the tion, sleep, and proper clothing; and the danger of nostrums and pacificers. Unfortunately all mothers do not know all these matters; although there is nothing in the world that they would rather know.

All births are reported to the Board of Health, and the public health nurse will visit those cases that are necessary for the purpose of giving information and advice as to the proper care of the baby. Most of such cases needing this service will be brought to the at-

-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell have girl baby born at Clinton hospital a Wednesday last.

Rehearsals, for the Woman's club innual play, "A rose of Plymouth own," are under way with a profesional coach in charge Miss Hazel Smart, of Winchester, is

visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Harold Webber.

The old mill farmers filled their cchouses this week from Putnam's ond. Tahanto farm tilled from Bare till pond on Tuesday.

The monthly meeting of the Wo-man's <u>Missionary</u> society, which was held at the home of its president, Miss S. A. Davis, on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 9, was one of much News Items.

Frank Webster visited over the last week-end and Sunday at Springfield as guest of his daughters. Misses Christine and Oressa Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding, of East Lexington, visited over Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. West, attending the annual Complimentary dance on that evening.

Tuesday, January 9, was one of much interest. After singing and devotional exercises, Miss S. L. Haven, of Still River, took charge, announcing the subject for the afternoon to be "Transformations in Africa," and in accordance with a line of study to be taken up in these meetings, she, with a number of others, told or read very interesting incidents of the life and work in different barts of Africa. work in different parts of Africa, where wonderful transformations are indeed taking place, and the work is broadening constantly, large numbers turning to Christ through the futhful work of devoted missionaries in that dark continent as the gospel light is penetrating it. At the close of the meeting a social time was specific, and notora, faces present warmly greeted, and

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New Advertisements.

TOWN OF HARVARD REGISTRARS NOTICE

The Board of Registrars will be in ssion for the registration of voters on he following dates: Saturday, January 20th, 1917, from

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#### GROTON

News Items Mrs. Ella P. Woolley left town last week. Thursday for a ten-days visit with relatives in Waltham and Wo-

to license cats has been in troduced in the Massachusotts legis-lature on the petition of Mrs. William

Members of the Grange are busy chearsing the play, "The time of his ife," to be given later in the season Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn and her son William are in Toronto, making a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Kilbourn's

It is understood that negotiations have been completed for the building of the state highway between Littleton and Groton by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

We learn of much sickness in town. Heavy colds and grippe are prevalent The music section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Charles B. Ames at the parsonage on Wednesday evening, January 24, at 7.30

George Meyet and John Sheedy have been drawn as jurors. They be gan their duties in Cambridge on Mon-

day, January 8. The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, February 5.

The next regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held on January 26—department of education, Mrs. Julia W. Shaw, chairman. Mrs. W. S. Ripley, Jr., of Wakefield, will be the speaker; subject, "Practical educational work for the Woman's club." Phiness Harrington has arrive after having enjoyed a visit of al- weeks-in-East Boston.

The guest night of the Woman's club will be held at the lower town hall on Friday evening, February 9, at eight o'clock. Miss Erdine Cowliat eight octock. Miss Erdine Cowlishaw will give an attractive program of three one-act plays by popular modern writers. Bernard Ferguson, of Boston, the much talked of bartone, will render vocal solos. Guest tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Burton, the custodian, at the next club meeting, January 25 or at her home the following Monday and Tuesday. January 29 and 30. Members day, January 29 and 30. Member will be admitted on presentation of their own club ticket.

Last week Wednesday afternoon oung Malcolm McGregor had taken his mother and the younger members of the family to the Baptist church, of the family to the Baptist church, it being the day of the annual roll call and dinner and was on his way back home for his father, one of the bolts which fastened the shafts to the sleigh gave way letting them down onto the heels of the five-year-old horse which he was driving. The horse became frightened, ten jumped the hedge enclosing Mrs. Needham's lawn, then ran down across—the railroad track where he became entangled with the reins and finally—fell. He-was caught by John Kennedy, who is employed by John Sheedy, and taken to Mr. Johnson's stable. The sleigh was damaged somewhat and the horse received some cuts about the forelegs. Young Malcolm escaped without intury. became frightened, ran and the hedge enclosing Mrs.

The Groton Alliance will hold a neighborhood meeting in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday afternoon, January 25, at three o'clock. Rev. A. R. Hussey, of Lowell, will be the speaker. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present, and any friends interested are invited to attend the meeting.

Fred H. Torrey has been confined the house with an attack of the

grippe during the past week.

Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Charles
Ames and Mrs. Frank Torrey left Wednesday noon to attend the quarterly
meeting of the New England Associate Alliance, held in Providence, R.
L. Thursday, staying in Boston Wednesday night, and returning Thursday on the evening train.

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H. A. Dugas from Greenfield spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cleary, Jr., B. Donahue, J. Freeman, jr., R. Forcinto, cornets; Harry Davis, Sam. Forcino, altos; Clarence Hemenway, baritone; William Folkins, J. Forcino, cornets; Harry Davis, Sam. Forcino, altos; Clarence Hemenway, baritone; William Folkins, J. Forcino, altos; Cl

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Firemen's Ball.

or vagetables," and limited to grades 5. 6 and 7, and the pupils of four schools were successful in winning prizes as follows: Third prize, Chas. A. Murphy, grade 7. Lloyd F. Itandail, grade 8; fourth prize, Isabel 1. Bixby, Mary Dodge and Myra E. Thompson, all of grade 7, West Groton; honorable mention. Patricia N. Smith, West Groton, grade 5.

On Sunday morning Rev. Charles B. Ames will deliver the second in the series of sermons on "Fundamental methods of Unitarianism."

Mrs. Almon Gauthier, of Concord N. H. spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Blood.

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The officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed Tuesday evening by Susic-W.—Dort, deputy president, and suite, of Pepperell, deputy marshal, assisting in the ceremony. The retr-ing noble grand, Alice M. Woods, was presented with a past grand's collar. Refreshments were served, after which dancing was enjoyed.

Tuesday, Mrs. Frank M. Blood re-ceived the sad news of the death of her brother. Eugene Shattuck, who her brother. Eugene Shattuck, who was recently killed in an automobile accident in Portland, Oregon. He was thirty four years of egg. Besides Mrs. Blood he leaves another sister, Miss Elsie Shattuck, who will be well remembered by her many Groton friends, as she lived with Mrs. Blood four years, attending the Groton High school where she craduated.

chool, where she graduated. The monthly meeting of the social ircle in the Chicopee district was held circle in the Chicopeé district was held as usual at the schoolhouse on Mon-day evening, Januray 15, when thirtytwo assembled for a pleasant enjoya-ble evening, which it proved to be in every respect. In place of the usual supper there were individual contri-butions by the ladles, consisting of boxes each containing all the temptboxes each containing all the tempting viands that her ladyship could prepare. These boxes were each numbered. Slips of paper with corresponding numbers were drawn by the gentlemen who found their particle land has builting for a like ners for lunch by hunting for a like number worn by the ladies. Three guests were present. Following the guests were present. Following the lunch was an entertainment, consist-ing of Victrola selections, several

readings and solos. Later games were played: The members of the committee chosen for the February party are Mrs. Rowell and the Misses Floyd. Martin Kennedy of this town re-ceived the sad news of the death of his brother, who died this week of pneumonia. He leaves a widow. He horse trainer, for Barnum &

Howard Wheelock is spending a few days in town at his home on Chicopee row.

Dr. and Mrs. Eversole left town on Wednesday afternoon en route for Florida, where they plan to remain several weeks. They will leave Boston Friday accompanied by Mrs. Ever

The members of the Cunningham family have been having severe colds; One of the children is sick with the

Mrs. Bertram E. Tucker has been ill the past few days with neuralgia.

Miss Eliza Corwin left town last

without injury.

Miss Eliza Corwin left town last week Friday, staying over the week-end with nown this week to attend the firemen's ball, being entertained by her sister, Mrs. George E. Lawrence.

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Mrs. George L. Boynton, is sick in bed and under the doctor's care.

It is understood that Miss Bagley, who is housekeeper for Lawrence Brooks, plans to go to Florida in February.

The Groton Alliance will hold a neighborhood meeting in Odd Fellen. They removed him to a shed near by, where he soon died.

The Neighborhood club met Wed-

intervening train.

George W. Whitcomb and Harry S. George W. Whitcomb A. Green, Whitch S. George W. Whitcomb A. Green, W. George W. Whitcomb A. Green, M. George W. tileHonorary member, R. Presect Leonard. The troop are planning to observe the week of February 8-15 as had an aliversary week, it being the seventh anniversary week, it being the seventh and did as tests. Clifford Folkins has won had lared as tests. Clifford Folkins has won had have attained this rank and who have attained this rank and who have the privilege of wearing the speaker. Mrs. Marion Baker, of hops who have attained this rank and ball given by the Engline and Hose complaint in the town hall Friday evening, January 12, was a social success. The hall was artistically decorated with festoons of crépe paper in red, white and blue, which were draped.

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Hale of Boston road.

The friends of our Groton girls at Fitchburg Normal school will be increased to know that at the recent election of officers of the class of 1918 Miss Florence Beane, of Buenos Aires, South America, was elected president.

The awards for the September work in drawing have just been announced in the School Arts Magaziné. The stage and elsewhere. The concert subject of this contest was "Fall fruit stage and elsewhere. The concert and Hose that she had no slight claim upon the hearts of the Groton organization. State Federation, which comprises three hundred clubs, she felt that she had no slight claim upon the hearts of the Groton organization. The hall was artistically decorated with festions of crepe paper in red, with festions of crepe paper in red, with the federation, which were hundred clubs, she felt that she had no slight claim upon the hearts of the Groton organization. The hall was artistically decorated with festions of crepe paper in red, with festions of crepe paper in red, whith were draped acquaint her hearers with the work of the Federation, which were thundred clubs, she felt that she thad no slight claim upon the hearts of the returned to the Center and is at presume in the numbers of the Groton organization.

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or platoon columns, squad columns, and a succession of thin lines were simulated. Lieut. Ayres, gave a talk on the first stage of attack. The second platoon took up the mechanism of deployment, preparatory to the attack. Capt. Powers talked on "General principles of attack." The total attendance of the two platoons was about 55.

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At the drill next Wednesday, the corporals will choose permanent squads, which will drill together until spring. A record will be kept of the attendance and proficiency of each squad. In the spring a public prize drill for squads will be held.

Groton Cornet Band. Groton Cornet Band.

The band's New Year's concert and dance was a success from all standpoints. The program was varied enough to satisfy the most critical and the soloists performed with more than usual merit. Mrs. Violet Beer's superb playing of "Inflammatus" from Rossini's Stabat Mater, arranged for cornet and piano, was a particularly pleasing number, with Miss Etta Green at the piano. W. B. Robinson sang three songs, each of which received deserving applause. Leroy Shattuck played a song for trombone in his usual fine style.

The performance of the Beginner's readings and solos. Later games were

The performance of the Beginner's and much credit is due the boys in general and director U. H. Barrows in particular for the progress of this new organization, most of the mem-bers of which have played but a few

The selections by the band itself received complimentary mention whic goes to prove the desirability of regular rehearsals throughout the year far rehearsals throughout the year in improvement in tone and tune are to be accomplished. A firm determination by the band members to continue weekly practise during the winter is well launched and this is due in no small way to the generous support of those friends of the band who have contributed to its Improvement fund. May we point out that this was the first concert by the band since changing to low pitch. While the difference may not have been perceptible to the audience in general, the fact is mentioned here to show that improvements are underway that were promised. Incidentally let us state that it takes some little time for the men to be a come thoroughly accustomed to a change of pitch so that better ensemble of playing should be expected at future mprovement in tone and tune playing should be expected at future

Music for dancing was furnished by

dred dollars. While the men were eating their dinner in Medford they noticed that the gray horse had fallen. They removed him to a shed near by, where he soon died.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Harriet Gray. The secretary's report was read as usual. The afternoon was spent working on comfort elippers for the French wounded, During the last two meetings twenty-five pair of slippers were finished. After the sewing was put aside dainty refreshments were served.

H. A. Dugas from Greenfield spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams.

The interesting and instructive lecture given by Hon. Edward H. Thomp-

Breckinriage, ton, drum,
ton, drum,
Of the above only Bernard Donahue
had had previous experience.
Their snappy playing of the "Yacht
Club" march, although not presented

West Groton. West Groton.

At the old-fashioned sing on Monday evening, led by Miss Susie Hill, the hall was quite well filled and all entered with zest into the enjoyment of song. Solos were given by Miss Hill, Miss Lawrence and F. L. Blood and a duet by Miss Hill and Mrs. Edward Hallett. Mr. Spaulding sang a humorous song, which he first sang in costume in a concert fifty years ago.

At the meeting of Squannacook lodge on Thursday evening Andrew Blood was installed as treasurer in place of E. F. Sleeper resigned. Other officers installed are Fred Reid, g.m.; Matthew Robinson, n.g.; Chester Ful-Matthew Robinson, n.g.; Chester Ful-ler, v.g.; Herbert Folkins, lect. master and chaplain.

Mrs. C. E. E. Blood is reported as

Among those suffering from severe colds are: Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. M. McCarley and Mrs. G. G. Harrington and three children, Grant, Virginia and Lucille. Mrs. A. J. Blood and Mrs. F. Mrs. A. E. Harrington are convalescing from the same trouble.

Miss Kathericen Dunphy is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Strand. William Kane of Boston is spending ome time at home, owing to an injury

Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding attended the funeral on Monday of an uncle, Oliver Proctor, of Townsend.

Mrs. Humphrey is quite ill and in harge of a physician. At the Sunday morning service the pastor Mr. Trowbridge will speak parcularly to the children, taking as his ubject. "The story of the gleaners." Mrs. Florence Briggs, who has served

as postal clerk for several years, has resigned her position. Cards have been received from Miss Grace Bixby and Miss Hazel Thomp-son bearing a Florida postmark. The young ladies are taking a much needed

acation in the Southland. A. H. Thompson visited in Boston and vicinity on Tuesday and Wednes-

Geraldine Wheaton has been out of school during the entire week with a very severe cold. Liewellyn Wheaton is now ill from the same allment.

Mrs. A. F Bates is at present unable to attend to her household duties and her daughter Hazel has returned from Burbank hospital, where she was in training.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bundy, who underwent an operation on the ear about a week ago and has since been in a Nashua hospital, has suffered a second operation of which results have not been learned. Inex, the oldest child, is ill at home and Mrs. Bundy is not well.

C. L. Roy has withdrawn from the firm of Bixby-Webber Co. G. H. Bixby has returned to the store for a time. owing to the illness of Mrs. Lamb the ladies' Aid society met on Thursday afternoon at the church vestry. Fourteen members were present and the two little sons of Mrs. John Licons. another year was begun Dainty refreshments were estived Mrs. G. H. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby.

### TOWNSEND

. The funeral of the late James Gilson who died Saturday morning was held it his Ashby home Monday and the body brought to Townsend and placed

in the receiving, tomb prior to buria Mr. Gilson was a resident of Townsen Mr. Gilson was a resident of Townsend for many years, being employed by. B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., as a cooper even after n oving to Ashby. His wife driving him down in the morning and coming for him at night. He has been in poor health for some time, having suffered a shight shock, but was faithfully cared for by his wife. Besides his wife, two sisters survive him, Mrs. John Dix and Mrs. Rufus T. Brown, of this town of this town

Mrs George Wyeth, who left town week ago Sunday morning for Cali-fornia, was taken ill with the grippe on the tron to Boston and is at present of Warren Wyeth, Somet where she will remain until able her journey.

business rushing. Ever ne is making the most of the weather nd the good ice. J. L. Farrar is put in from the Harbor pond Citience King is filling both icehouse at Walker pond and many private parties are fiding their icehouses.

Methodist church Sunday Chartlon's sermon subject s "An interpretation." Evening, "An other interpretation."

As Rev A. L. Struthers is ill it is not cought he will be able to preach at the Congregational church Sunday

g joyed by all. The trombone and-corner to the soloists were warmly applicated by the appreciative audience.

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for rest.
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The many beautiful flowers which covered and surrounded the casket were fragrant tokens of affection of friendship and esteem.

The Odd Fellows were represented among the bearers by T. E. Flarity, G. A. Wilder and the youngest son, G. A. Proctor, the others being the two elder sons and R. B. Adams.

Oliver Proctor, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Middlesex county, was the seventh in line from Robert Proctor, the earliest American ancestor, who took the citizen's oath at Concord in 1643. The Proctor homestead farm in Townsend was settled in

at Concord in 1643. The Proctor home-stead farm in Townsend was settled in 1773, and it is on this farm that Oliver Proctor was born on July 2, 1823, third child of Abner and Betsey (Davis) Proctor. Here he spent his boyhood. Naturally fond of study, after ob-taining a common school education, he attended the Worcester academy, and later, in order to fit himself as a teacher, took the course at the West-field Normal school, and was gradu-ated in the class of 1850. He taught school more or less for about forty vears. While an instructor in an acad-emy in Jefferson county, New York, at

rears. While an instructor in an academy in Jefferson county. New York, at the earnest solicitations of his parents, at the end of the third year he resigned his position to assume proprietor-ship of the home farm.

All his life a close student; a reader, and a thinker, he was well informed upon a variety of subjects, including philosophy, theology and theosophy; and was familiar with the works of Emerson and other essayists as well of the subjects. s with lighter literature.

who have tasted of the fruits of knowledge he had the increasing desire to know more and to solve the new problems that come up for solution.

Mr. Proctor considered the greatest event of the religious world in the nineteenth century the religious congress that was held at Chicago in connection with the Columbian exposition of 1893.

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Some thirty years ago Mr. Proctor compiled the printed records of Townsend and presented the volume to the town. For this he received from the citizens a vote of thanks. Since then, each decade, the records are compiled and preserved.

and preserved.

Mr. Proctor being in Worcester when Glddings and Campbell came from Onio and the free soil party was organized, its alm was ardently espoused. ganized, its aim was ardently espoused by him. In local affairs he was independent. He has served on the board of selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor at different times; also, on the school board many years. Mr. Tuttle, attorney general of New Hampshire, while on a recent visit in Townsend, fecalled to Mr. Proctor's mind that nearly forty years ago he was examined by him for the position of teacher of the high school. At the time of his death Mr. Proctor was a trustee of the Townsend Public library. He was not only deeply interested in

trustee of the Townsend Public library. He was not only deeply interested in all things pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community, and in all important questions of the hour, but he delighted in meeting others so interested, and in presenting his views in argument. Particularly in the lyceum held for many years in West Townsend Mr. Proctor was a familiar figure, and in a voice of most unusual power forcefully declared his convicforcefully declared his convic-As an after-dinner speaker he vas often in demand, being especially successful when serving in that capacity, for with the logical and philoso-phical tendencies of his mind were combined a keen sense of humor and a lively-imagination, None better than he enjoyed a hearty laugh.

Mr. Proctor was keenly interested in the subject of genealogy and did

in the subject of genealogy and did much exhaustive research work in that in the subject of genealogy and the much exhaustive research work in that line, being of especial assistance to the compiler of the Proctor genealogy. In the pursuit of this research he was led to one of the pleasantest events of his life—a visit to Kentucky about 1888, where he made the acquaintance of Capt. T. J. Johnson, a relative with whom he enjoyed a correspondence through many years. On October 13, 1858, Mr. Proctor married Miss-Katherine W. Griswold of Greenfield and brought his bride to the Proctor homestead, where for more than sixty-five years their married life continued until in 1914 Mrs. Proctor passed on.

As one gazed upon the face of him who had seen of life almost a century and noted its calm screnity, its lines of dignity and strength one felt that life conflicts had left him undaunted and victorious.

victorious.

The deceased is survived by a brother, Abner Proctor, of Newton, now in his ninety-sixth year, and two sisters. Mrs. Malvina Augur of New York and Mrs. Sarah Ball of Townsend, aged \$7 and \$1 years respectively. None of the three were able to be present at the funeral. Three sons also survive, Nillo Griswold of Townsend, Edward Oliver f Ayer and Galen Abner, who occupies he old homestead. There are also hree granddaughters, Beryl, Gladys and Elizabeth Proctor of Ayer. S ...

### HARVARD

News Items. Danlel MacAuley for several years a resident of this town, was found dead on Saturday morning last at the barn of Michael McMahon by whom he was employed. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. He went to the barn to take the team of horses out for the day's work and not returning Mr. McMahon went to see what was the trauble. He was found behind the Mr. McMahon went to see what was the trouble. He was found behind the horses. Medical Examiner Tobey of Clinton viewed the body and later ordered it removed to Wright's undertaking rooms at Ayer. Mr. MacAuley was about seventy-five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingman. recent guests with Men.



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## Ayer Farmers' Co-Operative Exchange

-G.-B. SCHULTZ, Mgr.

The Congregational Sunday school is fortunate in securing Rev. A. C. Fuller as the superintendent for the coming year. Miss F. M. O'Brion is one of the new and interesting teachers having charge of the girls' class. A. T. West is adding interest and enthusiasm to the service with an opening fifteenwest is adding interest and enthusiasm to the service with an opening fifteen-minute song service, conducted by him. Next Sunday the girls' chorus will sing, "The lord is my shepherd" at the

norning service. Mrs. N. A. Dill is on the sick list for

The thirty-second annual concert and ball given under the auspices of the Harvard Complimentary ball club was held on Thursday evening in the two hall. There was as is usual with the parties of this club a large response to the invitations sent out and about sixty-five couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by Newell's, orchestra of Mariboro, six pleces. The various committees worked and the results showed their thought full preparation. Both halls were very tastily decorated. The lower hall was set with twenty tables and a buffet lunch of sandwiches, cakes, coffee and lices was served from ten to twelve. The ladies who have for many years prepared a good old-fashioned turkey supper for this occasion found the cost of provisions too excessive to make it possible to get up a supper and the committee was forced to accept a lunch, which was exceptionally well soften up and served.

Guests were present from Ayer, Clinton, Littleton, Lancaster and other nearby towns. The grand march was led by the president of the club, R. A. Reed, escorting Miss Harriet Thayer, Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Faherty of Worcester, Hon, and Mrs. Among T. Saunders of Clinton, Raymond Pauli of Pepperell, Mr. and Mrs. Curits Drew of Littleton, Hon, and Mrs. And Mrs. Harry Robling of Hudson.

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Still River. Mrs. Anna Flanders attended a Burton Holmes' travel lecture on "The Canadian Rockles," in Worcester on Thursday evening. Thursday afternoon she and Mrs. Haynes attended an illustrated lecture on "Cross cultivation of flowers" at the Horticultural hall,

Howard D. Stone is this week doing ury duty in Worcester. Mrs. Julia L. Keyes went to Provi-dence to visit her son, Lester Keyes, at his new home in that city.

Miss Jane M. Reed is stopping with friends in Northboro. S. B. Haynes went to Boston Sunday where he met his cousin, Luther H. Bateman, of Arlington, and together they attended the Billy Sunday meeting.

horses. Medical Examiner Tobey of Clinton viewed the body and later ordered it removed to Wright's undertaking rooms at Ayer. Mr. MacAuley was about seventy-five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingman, recent guests with Mrs. Harry F. Whitney, left for their home at Stoughton on Friday morning.

Louis Savage is laid up with a baddy names, after which anecdotes were crushed foot the result of getting it read.

On account of storm there were no filling his Bolton icehouse.

norning. Mrs. Adeliza Turner has gone to Harvard and is stopping at the Ker-ley during the cold months.

Miss Alice Marshall is visiting her brother, Norman Marshall, and family in West Newton. Mrs. Mary Haskell has been quite ill Mrs. Mary Haskell has been dute in with the grippe.
('hester Willard's horse Bessie is making good recovery from her sickness, reported last week.'

### New Advertisements.

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#### SOME STOUZAYERS News Items.

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

The Gun club has elected these The Gun club has elected these officers. Eli W. Carley, pres.; Harry R.
Draper, v. p.: Thomas J. Ryan, sec.
and treas; William H. Reynolds, fieldcapt.; Eli W. Carley, Harry R. Draper,
Thomas J. Ryan, William H. Reynolds, William J. Pelletler, Walter A.
Blodgett, Everett C. Sabin, governing
board.

ice harvest at Sandy pond last Sunday. The ice was of good quality and was twelve inches in thickness. On Wednesday and Thursday he filled the ice-houses of Harlow & Parsons with good quality ice.

quality ice.

The Boston Ice Company began cutting Monday, filling cars to be sent to Boston. The company is expected to begin filling its houses soon, providing the weather continues favorable. The ice on Sandy pond is over twelve inch-

The Rifle club has elected the following officers: Frank A. Cash, pres.; William J. Pelletier, v. p.; Arthur G. Downing, ex. officer; Harry A. Morse, sect.; Berkley T. Larrabeo, treas.

Patrick Powers is off duty as transfer man at the local transfer station, owing to a painful injury to his left foot, which was received while at work He is at his home in Peppereli. The joint installation of the officers of Harbinger Hodge, K. P., and Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, takes place on Monday evening in their rooms in Hardwig block rooms in Hardy's block.

Those who wish to have their names on the official bailot for town meeting as candidates for office must have their nomination papers filed with the town clerk on or before Thursday afternoon, January 25, at five o'clock. This is the last hour allowed by law for such

Berkley T. Larrabee opened his restaurant on Merchants' row on Sunday morning, in the place formerly occupied by Gould & Langevin. The place has been improved and put in first-class condition. For the present the restaurant will be open every day from seven in the morning-until soven in the evening. The Palace Cafe will be run in connection with the restau-

The alarm of fire from box 17 at the corner of East Main and Pine streets last week Friday evening, was for a chimney fire in the house occupled by Nicholas Murray and family on the Groton and Harvard road. The damage was slight. While going to the fire the Page hose carriage skidded on the icy street near the East Main street school and struck a telephone pole, which plainly bears marks of the collision. There was no one hurt. The firemen had a decidedly cold run in the near zero temperature which was made worse by a strong breeze.

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The members of the Ayer Allance are invited to Groton to a neighborhood meeting on Thursday afternoon. January 25, at three o'clock, in Odd Fellows' hall. Rev. Alfred R. Hussey, of Lowell, will be the speaker.

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Do not fail to attend the grand concert of the Ayer Musical association on Tuesday evening. January 23, in the town hall. It undoubtedly will be the musical event of the season. The association is entirely a local organization, which after hearing, the town of Ayer should be greatly proud of. Show your appreciation of home talent by your attendance—you cannot be but well repaid. Tickets are now on sale by members and at George H. Brown's store.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held on Thursday evening, January 11. Rev. J. W. Thomas presided. The following officers and committees were chosen:

mittees were chosen:

Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, clerk: Mrs. Carrie Lowell, treas, and col.: Warren L.
Preble, supt. Sunday school: Herbert H.
Pillman, asst. supt.; Mrs. Jennic Chaffin, sec.: Malcolim A. Johnston, William
Drew, Harold Pillman, Howard Preble.
ussers: Herbert H. Pillman, Warren L.
Preble; Francis Brown, prudential com.
Rev. J. W. Thomas, Warren L.
Preble; Herbert H. Pillman, Warren L.
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Herbert H. Pillman, Miss Cora Brown,
Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, Standing com.
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Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, Mrs. Hatte
Robbins, Mrs. H. H. Pillman, Herbert A.
Downing, haptismal com.; Mrs. Carrie
Lowell, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Alta
H. Hollis, 'music com.; Mrs. George E.
Felch, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Byron
Murphy, visiting com.; Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, Mrs. H. H. Pillman, cade coll: Mrs.
Alta H. Hollis, home department supt.
Mrs. Geo. E. Felch, Mrs. Geo. Hatch,
visitors.

books.''

regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon,
January 23, at 2.30 o'clock, with Mrs.
Mary L Brook and Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, East Main street.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, of the local
W. R. C. installed the officers of
Wharles H. Stevens W. R. C. of Leom
inster on Thursday evening, January
TI, at a joint installation of the G. A.
R. and W. R. C. At the close of the
installation Mrs. Lovejoy was presented with a beautiful cut glass dish
from the W. R. C.

The Gun club has elected them. John-H. Atwood, formerly of Ayer a brother of Judge Warren H. Atwood

ownsman.

Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 by the pastor; subject, "Profitableness of godliness." Sunday school at twolve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening; subject of sermon "Prophecy fulfilled

The Ladies' Aid society of the Bap-ist church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Fnomas at the parsonago on Tuesday fternoon, January 23. at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas is visiting he laughter in Cambridge this week. Miss Lillian Baker, who has beer employed at the Ayer Variety store commenced work this week Friday morning as assistant in the office of the Ayer Tanning Company.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Infon Association of Congregational Ministers, in Fitchburg on Wednesday, Rev. J. S. Strong was chosen a member of the executive committee for three years.

Miss Lena Pluff, a waitress at Berk-ley T. Larrabee's restaurant, is a sister of Haroid-Lockwood, the famous mov-ing picture star. A sister of Miss Pluff, a moving picture actress, was killed in a moving picture actress, was killed in the preparation of a play in which an automobile in which she and a female companion were riding, and which formed a part of one of the scenes, plunged over a cliff, killing both occupants of the machine.

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

Oliver Proctor, of Townsend Harbor, a prominent citizen of that place, died there last Saturday morning. He was the father of Edward O. Proctor, of Ayer.

temperature which was made worse by a strong breeze.

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a par value of \$10 each.

Ayer Council, K. C. will hold a military whist party in their rooms on Thursday evening, January 25.

sociation as a body assembeld, believes banquet at 6.30 and addresses by that the Massachusetts apple grading Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus law will work great benefit for the of Harvard university, Rev. William fruit-growing business, and is in favor I. Sullivan of New York and Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers of Cambrooks? bridge.

The following letters remained un-ceiled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 15; D. C. Balley, Fred Dobson, F. Elson, Arthur Fillon, W. Holt, Fred. A. Hood, Stephen W. Nickerson, George Sargent, Bosiately Tlya.

District Court.

guilty in the superior court in East Cambridge on Tuesday of maintaining a liquor nuisance in Ayer and was or-dered discharged. Schwartz was tried was so well pleased with them that fense and for keeping and exposing he personally requested him to contribute the articles recently published an illegal sale-several months ago. The in the New Fork paper. The famous for the named complaints were filed publisher made a remark, saying that he doubted if there were more than higher court. Chief-Beatty appeared a half a dozen men in the United States ho could write so well as our former tready.

John Mellin, who committed the robbery at the home of Mrs. Martha G. Lyon here several weeks ago, was arraigned in the superior court in Salem on Monday on complaints for committing several larcenies in Haverhill before visiting Ayer. he being held by Judge Winn, of Haverhill, for trial in the several of the averting for the several of the several o the session of the superior court in the former city. Chief Beatty went to the trial in Salem at the request of the Hall in Salem at the request of the Haverhill chief of police, who had charge of the government's cases against Mellin in that city. Mellin was given a year's sentence in the house of correction for the Haverhill breaks.

Mellin was arraigned on the Ayer break in the superior court in East.

break in the superior court in East Cambridge on Thursday, where Chief Cambridge on Thursday, where Chief Beatty appeared as a witness for the government. A sentence to the Concord reformatory was imposed, which will take effect upon the expiration of the one-year term in the Salem jail, which he received on Monday. The police of Hartford, Conn., and Nashua, N. H., where Mellin is wanted for breaks, will, it is said, prefer charges against him later. against him later.

John Powers, of Leothinster, was in court on Wednesday on a charge of larceny at Harlow & Parsons' market on August 12. He was found guilty and the case was filed on the payment of expenses of the case.

Henry Waterman was found not guilty of illegally shooting a pheasant in Ayer on September 13, and was dis In Ayer on September 13, and was discharged Monday morning. The trial of the case has been delayed until this time through a variety of causes, including the inability of counsel on the case to get together because of previous engagements in other courts.

The alleged offense occurred near the Harvard line in this town. The complaint was made through Edward L. Backus, Jr., fish and game commissioner for this district. Mr. Backus Lestified to being in the vicinity of the shooting on the day named in the com-

shooting on the day named in the complaint. He heard a shot and started in plaint. He heard a shot and started in the direction of the shooting. He saw Waterman running and called upon him to stop in the name of the law, tating that he was an officer. Backus finally overtook—Waterman, who first denied having a hunter's license and later showed one.

The game commissioner said the gunused in killing the pheasant was re-

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a par value of \$10 each.

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

Louis H. Cushing attended the meeting of the New England Street Rail; way club at the Copley Plaza hotel file Boston on Thursday evening.

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Rumbors of suspension of the extension work in the south railroad yards which have been in circulation during the week are officially declared untrue.

M. F. Sheehan, general foreman, says that he expects the big job to last until next winter.

John E. Hosmer, one of Ayer's oldert citizens, observed his eighty-seventh birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Graves, Thursday, January 11. Among those pression of Mr. Hosmer of Fitchburg, sons of Mr. Hosmer, Mrs. John Hosmer of that city and Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

The officers of Robert. Burns. lodge,

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Mrs. Augusta D. Servoton, standing com, stan Installations.

Ls.v.g.; J. W. Wentworth, l.g.; Harry L. Waterman, o.g. Vesta Rebekah lodge—Mrs. Mary E. Young, h.g.; Mrs. Blanche F. Wâterman, v.g.; Mrs. Abbie S. Washburn, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, treas.; Mrs. Margaret McDonald, w.; Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, cond.; Mrs. Martha J. Lyon, chap; Mrs. Leona E. Yates, r.s.n.k.; Mrs. Deforat M. Howe, l.s.n.g.; Miss Helen M. How, l.s.n.g.; Mrs. Elsie A. Materman, l.s.v.g.; Mrs. Mary Howarth, l.g.; Miss Dorcas Scrutony o.g.

Annual Guest Night

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Guest night, the lineal descendant of gentlemen's night, was observed in the Woman's club on Wednesday evening in the town hall. The usual rening in the town hall. The usual recoption with a long-receiving time was omitted, and the people as they arrived were taken in charke by the ushers, presented informally to the president, Mrs. Grace Dickerman, and then shown to seats. The ushers, wearing their badge of office, rosette and ribbons of red upon the left arm, were Mrs. Sarah B. Barry, Mrs. Bella L. Osgood, Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Rachael Barry, Mrs. Sara F. Bennett, Mrs. Carrife F. Murphy.

An Archestra, Miss Etta Green, planist; U.H. Barrows, cornet; George Barrows, violin; Walter Lousee, 'cello, and Frank B. Harmon, flute, furnished very acceptable music, which was continually encored, at the opening of the evening, and again at the close. Then came the Glee club, thirteen members of the Choral club, under the direction of W.B. Ebbleron. Testing the continually encored club, under the direction of W.B. Ebbleron.

members of the Choral club, under the direction of W. B. Robinson. Their the direction of W. B. Robinson. Their selections, some of them old favorite songs, were tenderly and finely rendered, the last one being a chorus with Mrs. Walfer Sarkent as soloist, and all were enthusiastically encored. The members of the glee club were Barsett Dickerman, Howard Pillman, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Edw. Sanderson, Richard-McCarthy, Fred-Hosmer, George H. Brown, Ellis B. Harlow, Howard Stone, Harold Pillman, Norman, Gutterson and Merrill Webb. Songs and readings were given by

man Gutterson and Merrill Webb.
Songs and readings were given by
Miss Mildred Sanders in her charming
way which our people are always glad
to hear. Readings—were also finely
rendered by Lucius Fairchild, which
united the elements of seriousness and
mirth in a very acceptable manner.
Finally, dainty refreshments were
efficiently rerved by the hospitality
committee, Miss Edna C. Brown, Mrs.
Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Blanche Whitney, Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Blanche Whitney, Miss Madolin Whitney, Mrs. Ida L. Preble, Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin, Mrs. Nellie Brown and Miss Clara Thomas. A brief social hour closed a long, de-lightful evening. The occasion will base into history as of equal interest with its many fine predecessors in the

club.
There will be a meeting of the literature department on Wednesday afternoon, January 24, at three o'clock, with Mrs. Hill.

Accidents.

As a result of the collision of a shifting engine and a caboose in the south railroad yard on Monday night three men were injured and the ca-boose in which two of the men were boose in which two of the men were riding was badly wrecked. The names of the injured men and their injuries are Walter Widtner, of Nashua, N. H., the flerman on the shifting engine, a broken teg and severe injuries; Eugene Newell, a conductor, of Fitchburg, a severe shaking up and internal injuries; Charles E. Seymour, a brakeman, of Fitchburg, one rib broken and other injuries about the body. The three men were taken to the

used in killing the pheasant was recently discharged. Going back a hundred yards over the path traveled by the defendant and himself, Backus found a freshly killed pheasant. It being the close season on this variety of game and against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the Complaint against the law to kill the birds, the complaint against the law to kill the birds, where they were attended by Dr. L. D. Sullivan. Later, they were sent to their homes, where they were the care of physicians.

The accident was a very peculiar one, if was caused while the shifting end and the caboose proceeded along the side-track intending to "flv" the caboose so as to attach it to the train made up for East Deerfield, which was standing on an addence in the view was making what is known in This case was did the evidence was incufficient for a verdict of guilty and ordered the discharge of the defendant. John M. Maloney appeared for the defendant and Francis G. Hayes of Groton for the plaintiff.

Collin McInnis, of Townsend, was found guilty of assault and battery on Eugene Laboute in that town. The case was filed on the understanding that the defendant pay the cost of the case, amounting to eight dollars. Mc-

longest routes.

The following teams went out and in directions as indicated: Dr. H. B. Priest and H. H. Proctor in motor car to the north, including upper Wash-ington, and Nashua, streets; Misses Evelyn Sanderson and Margaret Hume Evelyn Sanderson and Margaret Hamo to the east, including Columbia street and adjoining section; H. L. Farnsworth, lower Washington street; Mrs. George O. Fillebrown and Mrs. H. B. Priest to the west, including Pleasant street and adjoining section; Mrs. Susan M. Barker, middle Washington street and adjoining-section; Mrs. A. C. Perkins, and Mrs. W. E. Murphy, upper Washington street and adjoinupper Washington street

Mrs. Robert F. Murphy and Mrs. Car. Proctor, section south of East Main W. Edward Murphy in motor car sec W. Edward Murphy in motor car section south of East Main.

The first team to report back at the vestry was Dr. H. B. Priest and H. H. Proctor, who announced a large increase in the pledges over the sum pledged by the same people last year. Cushing, pledged by the same people last year.

Rachael Each team came back with a similar report. When all had returned and the results had been tabulated it was tound that the total sum pledged at the beginning of this year was one-third larger than all that was pledged during the whole of last year.

The advantages of the every membering of ber canvass were evident. The budget

ing section; Mrs. Louis, LaPointe and

ber canvase were evident. for the year had been raised and at one stroke. The sum realized was greatly-increased. The canvassers re-ported a cordial greeting and response everywhere. Great credit is due both the canvassers and to the to the canvassers and to the people for the excellent results, since pocket-book loyalty is always the test of a parish's condition and spirit.

Refreshments provided and served by the parish committee were enjoyed by all who had taken part in the

Resolutions.

At the last quarterly meeting of the board of trustees of the North Middlesex Savings Bank held September 25, 1916, the trustees received and accepted with regret the resignation of the treasurer, Miss. Sarah T. Tuten, to take offeet January 1, 1917

take effect January 1, 1917. . In accepting her resignation the trustees recognize her desire to be rean accepting her resignation the trustees recognize her desire to be relieved from the active cares of an institution which has greatly increased aunder her administration as treasurer for a period of a quarter of a century.

A large portion of her life has been devoted to this community. In 1870 she was a teacher in that part of old Groton known as the Sandy Fond district, and was soon transferred to the

triet, and was soon transferred to the village schools in the then new town of Ayer, when her work was commended as continuing "with constantly increasing success."

For several years she had been the principal of the grammar school and was serving as such in 1891 when selected to assume the office of treasurer of this institution at a time when confidence by the public in its officers confidence by the public in its officers was essential to the continuence of the

was essential to the continuence of the bank.

The records of the bank merely show that on February 19, 1891, the office of treasurer was declared variant and that "the trustees were vermuch pleased that the committee were so fortunate as to secure the services of Miss Tuten as treasurer."

of Miss Tuten as treasurer."
On February 20, 1891, she was unanimously elected treasurer and unanimously elected treasurer and from that time has seen the business from that time has seen the business grow from an institution with \$189,000.00 deposits to one having over \$1,500,000.00 at the present time, while the record of other holdings will show a corresponding increase from year to year entailing more arduous duties and responsibility for the treasurer.

urer.
Resolved, that in the retirement, at her own request, after a service of twenty-five years as treasurer of this institution, we, the trustees of North institution, we, the trustees of North Middlesex Savings Bank, in meeting assembled, hereby wish to express to Miss Sarah T. Tuten our deep regret that she feels called upon to sever the relation we have all enjoyed in the conduct of its affairs.

That, a great measure of personal loss seems to accompany our feeling.

That, a great measure of personal lost seems to accompany our feeling that the institution loses a conscientious and efficient officer.

That, at her departure from the active affairs of this bank, we would express to her our deep appreciation of her worth and best wishes that the remaining years may carry with them the satisfaction of service well done. The trustees each wish personally to express the sense of obligation which is felt for the fauthful work of one who, though completely engrossed. ne who, though completely engrosses in her work, seemed to each a friend

> George H. Elwis Friederick Whitnes William T. Sherwir, Howard Fuder, Charles F. Worlesto Edward A. Eichard Arthur H. Tamber Elisha D. Stone, Eugene Barry Dater, Toble Eugene Barry Poter Tashel. Waldo Spauldari Thomas L. Haze-Howard E. Merr Howard B. Whyte Diniel G. Hott. Benjamin Taf William H. Viss

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Initarian Church Notes.

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Sunday service—Regency others and
trany at 10.45 Maya isociale
Morning prayer, Wilkins of "Threefold amen," Young, Vende, Soily,
'Te deum, Stainer authem "Comes
at times a stillness," Oaseley, post
lude, "Marche religious»," Barrett,
Preacher, Rev Frank B. Crandall, the
minister. Subject, "How do we know
that there is a supreme being and creator"" Church school at twelve
Harold True Shaftuck, the organ-

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| D. W. Fletchet: Frank A. Patch Oliver K. Fletch George H. Elvis George H. Elvis Frederick Whates

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The Brotherhood of the Congrega-tional church held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the chuch ves-try. An oyster supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of seven o'clock under the direction of I. B. Nelson, chairman, assisted by Joseph H. McClellan, J. Albert Dear-deu, Augustus B. Cram, Charles H. Tewksbury; the ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. I. B. Nelson and daughter Ruth and Mrs. Alice I.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding James at tonded the funeral last Monday of Mrs. James father, Henry J. Addison. of Somerville, who passed away after a prief illness with pneumonia. Internent was in Wilmington. Mrs. James went at once in answer to a call, telling her of the serious illness of her father, but arrived too late, as fie had passed away just before she reached the home.

The following are candidates for Installation of Officers.

reached the home.

The following are candidates for town office: Fred D. Weeks, selectman, 2 years; Lewis Bradford, town clerk; Frederick W. Holden, treasurer; Dr. Warren E. Bryant, overseer of the poor, 3 years, and unexpired term of Charles H. Weare, Jr. 2 years, on school committee; Asa A. Adams, tree warden; Ralph S. Wheeler; tax collector; Arthur G. Dunn, assessor, 3 years; Clayton S. Wells, Arthur H. Jubb, Francis E. Park and W. W. Comstock, road commissioner: Comstock, road commissioner; William H. Wilbur and Charles H. Weare, Jr., library trustees, 3 years: Elmer H. Allen and Edward L. Pratt, auditors, 3 years: Thomas C. Burrill, constable. Up to time of writing the only contest this year is for road commissioner. However, there is ample time as yet for more aspirants for town office as the last day for filing nomination papers is January-25, at five o'clock p. m. Town meeting is on Monday, February L. William H. Wilbur and Charles H.

The ladies of the Sodality—of St.-Ann will receive communion in a body on Sunday morning at the eight o'clock mass in St. Anthony's church. A freight train bound east, passing through Shirley at one o'clock Wednesday morning was held up for five hours, owing to a pair of trucks being thrown off the tracks, caused by the dropping down of a brake beam.

At the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Altie F. Howe, sec. and treas.; Miss Sarah S. Stevenson, li-brarian; Miss Gladys Phelps, pianist. Miss Annie B. Hunter left on Thesday morning with a lady friend from Somerville, who has been visiting at her home, for a trip south, going by steamer to Savananh, and then by rail to Jacksonville. Miss Hunter and rail to Jacksonville. Miss Hunter and friend will return home in about a

Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occu pulpit at the Congregational ch on Sunday, and will preach in morning on "The carpenter of the morning on "The carpenter of Nazareth." In the evening, at 6.30, the pastor's subject will be "The ser-pent of Arabia."

The vacant store next to H. O. Peasley, the grocer, has been rented by Mr. Peasley to a Fitchburg tallor, who will open the same with a full line of gentlemen's furnishing goods. C. K. Bolton has been made a trus-e of the Museum of Fine Arts in

Action.

"A royal family," in live acts of exquisite photoplay, featuring the charming stage star. Ann Murdock, is the feature Manager Poullus offers for Monday evening at the motion picture show. There will also be shown two reels of the famous Beatrice Fairfax series.

The Franco-American club have elected these officers for the year 1917; John J. Chaisson, pres.; Ernest M.chaud, v. p.; Michael Glonet, sec.; Sylvester Thomas, treas.; Fred Smith, Uscar Sibley and Leo Gendron, auditors. The stated meetings of the club have been changed from Friday to Tückalay. In the future the regular meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuckalay evenings of each month.

The entertainment given in Odd Fellow's hall last month for the benefit of the Shirley Hospital Bard, was a fluancial success, netting the sum of \$1.34. About flft dollars worth affective provisions, bandages, etc., were brought to the hall the night of the entertainment for the Clinton hospital and were conveyed the next day to the hospital in Mr. Ballou's auto-track. Mrs. E. H. Allen, secretary of the board, accompanied the driver of the trick and in behalf of the Shirley Hospital Board presented the miscellaneous contributions which were very acceptable. The entertainment given in Odd Fel acceptable.

Mrs. Bessie Collyer and the Misser Mrs Bessie Collyer and the Missis and Holbrook, Flora Shephard and Ruth Knowles made a trip to Boston on Wednesday afternoon to hear fully Sunday. Miss Ruth Knowles remained in Boston to spend a few days with hor sister, Mrs. M. J. Johnson.

her sister, Mrs. M. J. Johnson, "Clover farm," a "increased comedy w," he staged in 0 fd Fellows' hall on We heeday vehing, lanuary 21. The plot was recently even in Ayer herface 4 large anaemee, Reserved seat fackets will go on sac at the store of Brockelmen first classification of Brockelmen first classification of two of lock. The play is to be given under the displess of the May A. Lavelmer Brockah ladge.

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Mrs. Henry Broccelman is in Lan-caster for a few days where Mr. Brockelman's father brother and sis-

er are ill. The children's hall, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. White, takes place on Friday, January 26.

he Friday, January 26.

Albert S. Burnham died at his home in Revere on Wednesday morning at the age of sixty-six years. He has held many public positions of honor and trust. The Burnham family have spent their summers in Shirley Center, where they own a residence, for many years mad, and are greatly esteemed by the people of Shirley, who sympathize with them in their loss. Funeral services will be held at his life home in Revere on Sunday. on Sunday.

on Sunday.

Howard Fuller is a candidate for the office of selectman and will contest the office with Fred D. Wecks. Mr. Fuller's nomination paper will be filed with the town clerk at the end of this week.

Marion Ann Stebbins, aged 16 years and 10 months, daughter of George and Mary A. Stebbins, passed away at her home on Fredonian street last Saturday morning of tuberculosis after a long illness. The deceased was a lang illness. The deceased was a native of Shirley and was highly re-

spected throughout the town. Funeral was held on Monday morning with high mass of requiem being observed in St. Catherine's church at eight o'clock. Rev. Rosarlo Richard officiating. The bearers were Felty, Alexander. Charles and Camille Gionet, the former an uncle and the three latter cousins of the deceased. There were many nice floral tributes. Burlai was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The survivors are her parents and six sisters, Edith, Agnes, Lena, Christine, Blanche, and Beatrice Stebbins; also, three brothers, George, Alexander and spected throughout the town. three brothers. George, Alexander and mg was opened to the public, when August.
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Beulah Brill, cond.: Margaret J. Brockelman, r.s.n.g.; Lottle Greenleaf, l.s.n.g.; Louise Baker, i.g.; E. Louise Adams, o.g.; Ella F. Lawrence, r.s.v.g.; Alice Birchstead, l.s.v.g.; Gertrude M. Harris and Etta Holland, altar bearers. The deputy and her suite did good work making the ceremony effective. The retiring noble grand, Rena Eisner, was presented with a past noble grand's collar, the gift of the lodge, for services rendered passing through the several chairs of the lodge. Brief addresses were made by the deputy and her suite. A traylunch was served under the direction of Gertrude Harris, Helen McCoy. lunch was served under the direction of Gertrude Harris. Helen McCoy. Evelyn Miner, Flora Shephard, Beulah Brill and Margaret J. Brockelman. The chaplain, Helen W. McCoy, was absent, owing to illness, but will be installed at some future meeting.

#### Annual Meeting,

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the legal voters of the Shirley Village Water District was held in the Engine hall on Monday evening, Frank H. Wheeler being chosen as moderator. Charles H. Weare. Jr., commissioner, read the report of the commissioners which showed that the water district was in good condition and the general management excellent in every particular. The following are extracts from the commissioners' report:

The assessors reported net amount of taxable property in the district of

The assessors reported net amount of taxable property in the district of \$320.881...No new construction was undertaken by the district during the past year. Main pipes extended by the water district, 698.5 feet of six-inch pipe. Benjamin-road: Samson-Cordage Works, 184.875 feet six-inch pipe, 482.875 feet ten-inch pipe; 182.875 feet ten-inch pipe; 180.875 feet ten-inch pipe; making a total extension of mains of all sizes of 2.256.75 feet. Net increase of main total extension of mains of all sizes of 2,256.75 feet. Net increase of main pipe of all sizes of 2,134 feet. During the year one new service No. 253 was connected with the system. The total increase in construction accounts for the year amounted to \$\$11.39. The quantity of water pumped during 1916 was 374.785.522 gallons an increase of quantity of water pumped unting 120, was 50,40%,522 gallons an increase of 3,610,632 gallons over the quantity of 1915. The largest amount pumped in any one month was 2,801,132 gallons, in the month of July. The smallest amount pumped in any one month was 2,598,600 gallons in the month of April

April. The total number of services now The total number of services now connected with the system is 249. There were seven days on which over 100,000 gallons were pumped, one in August, five in November and one in December. The following is a summary of receipts and payments for 1916:

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Average daily consumption 83,577 gai.
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Cost of supplying water per mil-lion gallons, figured on total

for the year 1917; that taxes shall be due and payable October 15, and in-terest at the rate of six percent be charged after November 1.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid society occurs on Tuesday, January 23, and will be held with Mrs. Lida Wood at Woodsville.

Charles E. Bradford is confined to his home with an attack of the grippe. The registrars of voters will hold a meeting for the purpose of adding new names to the voting list in the town hall on Saturday, January 27, from twelve o'clock noon until ten in the evening. This will be the last meeting of the registrars before town meeting. The Girls' Sewing Guild held its reg-ular meeting on last Saturday after-noon at the home of Mrs. M. W. Long-

ley.

The alarm was sounded last Saturday morning for a fire at the home of Howard-Fuller. The fire, which was confined to the chimney, was quickly to the chimney, was quickly, put-out-no-damage being done. The fire department made record time in coming up from the village, arriving on the scene a very few minutes after the alarm was sounded.

the alarm was sounded.

C. E. Bradford's automobile truck was overturned last week Thursday on the hill hear the home of Thomas Manktelow. The accident was due to the icy condition of the roads, which caused the machine to skid, breaking a wheel, and overturning the machine. Lewis Bradford, who was driving the machine, and Harry Stone, who was with him, both escaped injury. The produce which made up the load of the truck was only slightly damaged.

for the past week. One of these provides for the care of the Center common for the current year, another provides for the process of a public dumping place for the Center, and the third asks for a water supply at the town hall. Anyone who has had occasion to use the town hall will realize what a handicap it is to have no water supply. As regards the purchase of a dump, the controversy which arose last fall should evidence the need in this direction. The present dump which is located on private land has become unequal to the demands upon it and a new dump owned by the town has become necessary. As for the common, the disgraceful condition of last year should not be allowed to occur again, and some definite provision should be made as to caring for it during the and some dennite provision should be made as to caring for it during the summer. A neglected common is not only an eye sore to those who live near it, but it also serves as a very unfavorable advertisement of the town to those who pass through.

### LITTLETON

News Items Hayward Houghton has been sick

with bronchitis Parkinson Oddy's little girl was very sick Tuesday. She' suffered from stomach and intestinal poison and had a series of spasms. At last reports she was convalescent.

Fred C. Reed is sick with pneu-monia and in care of a nurse. The lyceum will bring its \$7th consecutive season to a close on Tuesday book. Out of currisity he wrote to the bank and received a check for \$3.78. home talent. Members of the high school will furnish a part of the program, musical and literary, and other gram, musical and literary, and other grain, musical and literary, and other numbers will be given by others of our citizens who never fail to interest and please. A short discussion of the important topic, "America's attitude toward world peace," will close the program, after which the annual business meeting will be held. Tickets need not be shown at this number as the doors are to be open to all.

the doors are to be open to all.

The annual Newtown night of the Back-log club comes next Thursday evening and is to be of the nature of an old-fashioned pound party with plenty of fun and enjoyment. No fee for admission will be charged, but each nerson is asked to bring one pound of something to cat.—The committee will furnish hot coffee and a warm welcome.

Bey O. J. Farefold's sermon sub-

Rev O J. Fairfield's sermon sub-jet Sunday morning in the series he is giving on the distinguishing char-acteristics of the Unitarian faith is to he "Our spirit in religion, broad fel-low-hip with all who seek the same ends rather than exclusion of those who defer from us in ominion." who differ from us in opinion.

Rev. () J. Fairfield gave his lecture on James Whitcomb Riley at the Church of the New Jerusalem on Beacon hill. Boston, last evening.

Mrs Emma K. Lemley, who has spent the winter in Los Angeles, Cal., was called East recently on urgent

The Nashobah Camp-fire Girls met with their guardian, Mrs. H. F. Proctor last week Friday afternoon. Mrs. William Goddard went to Lexington Friday, January 12, to the funeral and burial of her father.

N. H. Whiteomb spent two days last week at the fruit growers' association, meetings in Springfield. J. W. Ames was also in attendance at the meetings. P. I. Brown's pet dog. "Tootsle," died of pneumonia recently.

George Priest is building a garage near his sister's residence on Foster

Fred Reed, who has been ill with pneumonia, continues to improve. Lester Griffiths at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, and Leroy Jewett at Clinton hospital, are both reported convolvement.

eported convalescent. \$58,466 99 \$32,800 00 Miss Eleanor Hill is visiting among percent her relatives in Portland, Me.

Miss Elizabeth Houghton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Polland Holt, and oth-er relatives ni Belmont.

The little Lohnes girl, five years of Little Christine Oddy is fast recov

ering from a severe attack of stomach and festinal poison.

Are Podds has been confined to his bed on account of a very severe cold. He is now getting well.

Mrs. Lucy Phelps, who enjoys the

The Catholic mission will hold a whist party in the lower town hall this week Saturday night.

Rev. Chauncey Adams of Danville, Vt., brother-in-law of Mrs. Alvord, was a guest at the Congregational pur-sonage Tuesday-and with Rev. J. C. Alvord attended a ministers' meeting in Fitchburg on Wednesday.

Charles A. Hartwell has recovered from a severe attack of the grippe and asthma.

asthma.

The transportation committee of the Congregational society announces that arrangements have been made with A. E. Robbins to continue running the jitney bus each Sunday morning excepting when travelling conditions make it too difficult. Then other provisions will be made.

The Philathea class will hold the annual business meeting with Mrs. C. K. Houghton on Wednesday afternoon, January 24. Mrs. Pleuma Crane has been sick in

bed with a severe cold .... Mrs. V. T. Esten, on account of sickness, is confined to the house and requires the care of her physician.

Rev. H. L. Caulkins attended the funeral of a former parishioner in Yarmouth, Me., last Wednesday. Louise Caulkins is reported as doing well. The knee that was injured is placed in a cast and it was expected that she could return from the hospital this wook

Congregational\_Notes.

machine, and Harry Stone, who was with him, both escaped injury. The produce which made up the load of the truck was only slightly damaged, and was taken on to Boston when the machine had been righted and the broken wheel replaced.

Earl Graves is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Three articles for the town warrant have been circulating about the Center for the past week. One of these provides for the care of the Center common for the current year; another provides for the purchase of a public dumping place for the Center, and the town hall. Anyone who has had occasion to use the town hall will realize what a handcap it is to have no water supply. As regards the purchase of a dump, the controversy which arose last fall should evidence the need in this direction. The present dump which is located on private land has become unequal to the demands upon it and new dump owned by the town has be-The United Workers have sent two

> Alabama. The choir of young people and organist, Mrs. Sosie Smith, who furnished the music for the morning service last Sumary well deserve a ford of appreciation.

Next Sunday Coming Rev. J. C. Alvord, pastor, will give an illustrated lecture on the oral islands of the Pacific.

The next social attraction scheduled in the church calendar is a valentine party in charge of the young people. Mrs. Susie Smith, chairman. The date of the social is February 14.

In 1864 Charles J. Davis, then living in Baltimore, had an account with a savings bank, but, intending to move to Cecil county, drew most of his money, leaving a balance of 11 cents. He thought no more bout it until a few

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#### GROWING ALFALFA SEED.

Home Production Feasible When Market Prices Are Prohibitive.

Attention has been called to possibiltties in home production of alfalfa seed wheh market prices are prohibitive for the planting of large areas, says the Orange Judd Farmer. Western seed still holds the reputation for seed of the common or taproot varieties, and this has been augmented by fallure for more eastern sections to get seed from these varieties. It takes a drought to make the plants set, and ordinary years do not usually provide a long nough period which is hot and dev The spreading root varieties, such as Grimm however, can usually be made to produce seed under eastern conditions, and the possibilities in home pro-duction, both for the farm and commercially, hold much in promise. In preparing the land for alfalfa seed

production the soil is handled in just the same way as when hay is to be produced. However, the seed is planted in rows about eight inches apart and dropped by hand or with a hand drill, several seeds only to the inch. At this rate it takes one and one-half to two pounds for an acre, and with good luck the acre may return five bushels of seed. The success of the seed crop is, of course, largely dependent upon the weather, and common varieties may not be expected to do well unless a

Lewis A. Morgan in Seneca county, N. Y. In accordance with a campaign conducted by the Lebigh-Valley railrond in 1913 to encourage alfalfa production Mr. Morgan planted one pound of Grimm seed on an acre. The cutting gave him five bushels, which was enough for the land he wished to put into alfalfa for hay, and also gave him an opportunity to sell a little of the seed at \$36 a bushel.

#### SOIL FOR ANALYSIS.

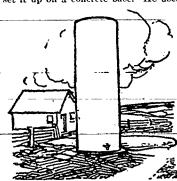
Samples Sont to Experiment Station Often Do Not Show Real Conditions.

A very common mistake in sending samples to the experiment station for analysis is to select samples that do not represent the true conditions, says Better Farming. For example, a sample might be taken from soil near trees where cattle rest, and this material would show far more nitrogen than the rest of the field. The sample should represent the average soil. Dig up the soil with a spade to a depth of eight inches and take a handful from the top, middle and bottom of the spadeful and be careful to clean the Bent, spade thoroughly each time it is used Take at least a half dozen samples Put these into a pail or basket, thor oughly mix them and send about a nound of this mixture to the experiment station, where it will be ana Samples should not be sent however, without first having an engagement to have the work done, as the stations are able to do only a limited amount of work of this kind.

When one remembers that only about half an ounce of soil is finally analyzed it will be seen that thorough mixing\_is very necessary. Do not mix different soils. For example, if there is an alluvial and an upland soil do not send complete sample of both, but gather the composite samples separately.

Old Boiler Standpipe.

Old boilers can be found-in-most every junk yard and can be obtained at a very reasonable price. One farmer hought an old boiler of a nearby city council, transported it to his farm and set it up on a concrete base. He uses



He took all the old tubes out of the old boiler and sold them for junk, which paid him for hauling the outfit to his farm. The old boiler was given a coat of asphalt paint inside and out. During the cold winter months this farmer prevents the water from freezing by packing straw around it.—Farme

Lime Increases Wheat Yield.

"Neither manure nor any combination of fertilizers has been able to produce a full yield of wheat without the help of lime," said 'Director C. E. Thorne regarding the value of lime on soil similar to that of the Ohio Experiment station at Wooster. This year manured land yielded 21 to 20 per cent more wheat where-lime was applied. Another plot fertilized with nitrate of soda, acid phosphate and muriate of potash gave 21 per cent more wheat where timed than on untimed soil similarly fertilized. The yield on a plot receiving complete fertilizer with nitrogen in sulphate of ammonia gave 115 per cent increase in crop by application of lime.

Winter Vetch and Rye. An expert says that winter vetch loes best as a cover crop if a little rye is seeded with it. One bushel of vetch to one-half bushel of rye per acre is about right. In mild climates crimson clover can be used instead of vetch.

#### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Ayer Farmers' Co-Operative Exchange will be held at their office. Flanagan's Crossing, on Wednesday, January 31. Business meeting at 10 A.M. Lunch will be served and the afternoon devoted to farm discussion. Interesting and instructive tous sion. Interesting and instructive talks will be made on spraying and fertilization. The farmers in this and surrounding towns are cordially invited to be present.

AYER FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE,
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<del>legistration of Voters</del>



The Board of Registrars of Voter will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and cor resting the list of voters.

Thursday, January 18, 1917, from 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Saturday, January 27, 1917. from

12 M. to 10 P. M. Registration will close at 10 P. M. Saturday, January 27, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the of registering, or to correct

terical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register should oring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1916. Naturalized citizens wishing to reg-

ster must show their certificate of naturalization. PETER B. MURPHY, FRANK J. MALONEY. LOUIS H. CUSHING, GUY B. REMICK,

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To\_the heirs-ai-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES W. HOUGHTON late of Littleton in said County. deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument-purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by JOHN H. HOUGHTON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of January A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why, the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice, thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen:

3119 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

sand nine hundred and seventeen.

3119 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court.

To the heffs-at-law next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of CALVIN F. LAWRENCE, late of Pepperell, in said County. deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by GEORGE H. BINBY. who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or to some other suitable person, no executor heing named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at n Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of January. A. Dr. 1917.—athine o'clock in the foremon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be kranted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this cliation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested, in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court, this tenth day of January it, the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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### State Income Tax

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

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These urriveles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Questions will be gladly answered by mail or in this column if addressed to the State Incometrax Attorney, State House, Boston, If reply by mail is desired enclose postage. No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mention newspaper in which you read this. So far as possible the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization encloses.

JOSEPH E. PERRY, State income Tax Attorney,

# **GETTING DOWN**

(Eighth Article)

While it is urged that the taxpaye white it is urged that the taxpayer continue to read this series of articles, it is suggested that, if interested, he also write to the Income Tax Division, State House, Boston, asking for a copy of the instruction booklet. This treats from a different angle such topics as the following:

1. Who are Taxable.

What All Individuals Must Do.
What a Professional Man Must

What a Merchant Must Do. 5. What an Owner of Stocks and Bonds Must Do.

6. What an Executor or Administrator Must Do.
7. What Beneficiaries under Estates and Trusts Must Do.
8. What Trustees Must Do.

Guardians, Conservators, Receiv ers and Assignees.

10. What an Ordinary Partnership

Must Do. What Partnerships, etc., Having
Transferable Shares Must Do.
What a Corporation Must Do.

The Four Taxes Imposed. Income Taxable and Income Exempt from Taxation. is. General Instructions for Filing

Returns.

16. When and Where to File Re-7. What Persons Need not Make a

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The Interest Deduction.
When Losses from Bad Debts are Deductible.
Exemptions.

Abatements. Additional Local Taxes.

While the booklet and this series of articles treat of many of the same subjects, yet each contains matters not covered in detail by the other.

A FREE BUT VALUABLE SUGGES-

Start at once-Jan, first if possible to keep your books so that next year you can make up your tax return without difficulty. Probably you will want to see the return blanks to see what headings and classiff-cations you will need to make.

COMPULSORY RETURNS-MADE WHEN.

Every person receiving taxable income during the year 1916 must make his tax return on or before March first. A penalty of \$5.00 per day may be imposed for each day's delay. If by reason of absence or other good cause returns cannot, be made on time, application for an extension of time should be made early, stating reasons. If a person who is not an inhabitant of Massachusetts on or before February first, but becomes such inhabitant on or before June 30th, he or she must make his return within ninety (90) days after becoming such inhabitant. If a person dies without making his tax return, his

COMPULSORY RETURNS - MADE WHERE.

Tax returns required by the new law may be filed with the Income Tax Assessor in the district where the taxpayers lives or with the Income Tax Division, at the State House, Bosgible personal property should be made, as in the past, to the local city or town assessors at such places as they may require.

WHAT IS YOUR NEAREST DIS-TRICT OFFICE?

So far as ascertainable at the time So far as ascertainable at the time this was written there will be district offices in the following places:
Salem—Masonic Temple, 70 Washington street, (cor. Lynde).
Lowell—Sun Building, 8 Merrimack

street, (cor. Prescott street). Cambridge—580 Massachusetts avenue (Central Square, cor. Pearl

Boston-Room 413, East Wing, State

Brockton-Barristers Hall, cor. Belmont and Main streets.
Fall River—Bennett Bldg., 56 North
Main.
Worcester—Park Building. cof.

Worcester-Park Building, cof. Franklin and Main streets. Fitchburg-Iver Johnson Building 520 Main street. Greenfield—Sheldon Bidg., 277

Main street. Springfield-Third Nat. Bank Bldg., 383 Main street.

### BROOKLINE, , N. H.

cus Items

Mrs. Clark Barnaby entertained Mrs. Hodgman and Miss Sawlor, of Townsend, last week Monday. The Congregational church anciety announce that they have met their benevolent portion of sixty dollars for this year.

There has been quite an epidemic of colds and sickness through the town the past week. Among those who have been confined to their homes and under the doctor's care were Mrs. William Hughes and daughter. Charles Gison, William Ball, Mrs. William Hall and little William Bally. Of these

Mrs. Sarah Coburn, mother of Mrs. Grace Campbell, with whom she makes her home, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday last Sunday. George Whitcomb and daughter, of Keene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb last week Tues-

George Nye is serving on the petit jury ni Manchester this week. Miss Ella Sawtelle, after extending ter stay here of many weeks, has losed her house for the remainder of he winter and gone to her city home n-Allston, Mass.

With the exception of Tuesday of With the exception of Tuesday of each week, which he spends in Nashua on business, Judge Edward E. Parker s spending the winter at his home

nere.

Miss Mary Brown who teaches school in Waltham, Mass., and Mrs. Fannie Evans, of Boston, were visitors at the home of their respective parents over the week-and. ver the week-end.

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Several fellow members of the Sunbonnet club called on Mrs. Albert Pierce on last Saturday, the occasion being her birthday. The afternoon was spent In a social way, refreshments being served by the pastor, hostess, who received many remembers of the day. brances of the day.

The dancing school which is being conducted by Warren Green of Somerville, Mass., assisted by his sister. Miss Etta Green, of Ayer, is proving quite successful, but the boys report a scarcity of girls.

Mrs. Harry Hall and young son, of Fitchburg, were visitors the latter part of last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Adelia Whitcomb.

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tion in Ayer, working for the Boston and Maine railroad. Mrs. Hattie Bennett, of Plympton, Mass., is spending the winter with Mrs. Mary Gerrish.

Miss Sibyl Storer, of Nashua, is mending a few days with her audres. Eldorus Shattuck.

A pleasant gathering of the Loyal Workers took place at the Seave homestead on the afternoon of January 10. The work of reorganizing and choosing officers for the present and choosing officers for the present year resulted as follows: Mrs. George Betterley, press. Mrs. Mallie Glison, v. p.; Miss Josephine Seaver, sec.; Mrs. Hattie Stiles, treas.; Mrs. Lewis Popple, Miss Mabel Popple and Mrs. Chas. Dunbar, directresses. Almost all the old members rejoined and at the next meeting, which will take place at the home of Mrs. George Cady, January 24, to which all are invited who are interested, it is hoped that many merenames will be enrolled as members.

A number of ladies in the south part

A number of ladies in the south part of the town have organized a Ladies' Social club and the first meeting was held on last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck, who was chosen to act as president of the club.

Harry Corey and his mother, Mrs Harry Corey and his mother. Mrs. Elva Corey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss, attended the installation of officers at Townsend Grango on the evening of January 8. and on January 9 Harry and Mrs. Goss attended a like function at the Mason Grange.

Many friends, neighbors and visiting atrons from all nearby towns were resent on the evening of January 10 the public installation of the officers Brookline Grange. of Brookline Grange. Clarence Rus-rell, installing officer, did his work in

closed the evening.

Charles Burnham, who has resided in the north part of the town for about affect years, passed away very suddenly-on-the afternoon of January II, with a stroke of apoptext. He was about sixty-three years of age and had appeared to be in his usual health before being stricken. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon. Rev Charles Dockrill officiated at the services which were held at the nome, after which the remains were laid to rest in the South cemetery. Left to mourn his loss are a widow, Mrs. Eilen Burnham, and six children, Walter, Cora, Arthur, Fred, Clayton and Laura, besides several sisters and an aged afather-in-law, fehabod Lund, who made his home with Mr. Burnham, and who buried his aged wife

### LUNENBURG

News Items.

At the close of the regular Thurs-day evening meeting last week a bus-iness session was held. Warren Lewis was chosen moderator and he stated Springfield—Third Nat. Bank Bldg., 383 Main street.

Pittsfield—Agricultural Nat. Bank Bldg., 100 North street.

Each of these offices has telephone connection.

REMINDER.

As has been stated before in this series of articles, the taxpayer ought, in addition to the returns required under this law, to make his return to the local city or town assessors where such property is located, showing all his real estate and tangible personal property as of April 1, 1917. Failure to make such return may be penalized.

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God." The mid-week service which for many years has been held Thursclose of the meeting have evening, will, for the time being at least, be on Friday evening at 7.30. Girls, assisted by Mrs. Herbert instead of seven as formerly, as it will better accommodate Mr. Whiston, who is now a student in the incological seminary in Boston.

The entertainment at the town hall Congregational church has Sunday.

seminary in Boston.

The entertainment at the town hall last week Friday evening by the high school and several pupits from the seventh and eighth grades was most successful in spite of the weather. A very bad storm raging all the evening and late into the night. Almost everyone in town enjoys the school-entertainments and will attend them even if weather conditions are most up.

Gilson, William Ball, Mrs. William Hall and little William Bailey. Of these, all are now on the road to recovery with the exception of the little Bailey. It is the program included two plays boy, who is still very dangerously ill with pneumonia.—Mrs. Arthur Brown, who has been very ill for several weeks, is gaining a little each day.

Mrs. Viella—Dodge last week entertual with the plano and violin. The parts were twined her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Telfer, of Leominster, Mass.

The water problem is up again for the consideration of Lunenburg people. J. L. Bryne, a contracting engineer of Boston has talked the matter over with the committee and it has been decided that he might make a canvass of the Whalom district, between new and February 6, as he proposed to discours how. posed, to discover how many ther posed, to discover how many there would take the water, make his estimate as to cost, material, etc., and report at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening; February 6. Now that a plentiful supply of water has been found and tested and proved to be good and pure, wells driven and much other work done, and expense incurred, it does seem unwise to let it drop.

The Woman's club are planning to give a play in the town hall on Feb-rhary 23. The proceeds are to be used in raising money for the district nurse

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. White are mov-ng to Fitchburg for the winter and will live at 124 North street.

Miss Katle Chisholm, who has been stopping at Mrs. George P. Grant, jr. home, left town on Wednesday morn-ing for a new place in Leominster. A son, Richard Haskell, was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner A. Gibson on Wednesday, January 10. A little daughetr, weighing 8% lbs., came to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Merrill on Saturday evening, January 13.

ning, January 13,
George B: Smith of Wilmington,
Conn., will be the speaker at the demonstration school in the town hall on
Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23
and 24. He is said to be the ablest
speaker on popilry matters and everything pertaining thereto. His long experience as a breeder qualities him to
give information and advice in regard
to any and every point that may be
troubling amateurs or even older people. He comes well recommended by
Worcester County Farm bureau.

#### TOWNSEND

The grammar grade publis and their teacher, Miss Annie Griggs, gave a reception to the parents Friday af-ternoon in the schoolrooms. A pleasternoon in the schoolrooms. A pleas-ing program had been arranged for their enjoyment which included nu-sical selections from the Victrola, a finely written paper by Richard Pow Il on "Our national extension an original Colonial story of much credit, written by Edward Lancey, entitled "The warning bell." Supt. Herman L. Knight spoke on "The work of the Home Economics club." After which the children served tou and sandwiches to their guests.

Friday evening a party of eight at-cended the meetings at West Townsend that are being conducted by Evange-ist Lewis H. Bacheller at the Baptist church.

The annual concert and ball, under The annual concert and ball, under the auspices of the Coopers' union, was held last week Friday evening in Me-morial hall. Collins' orchestra of Mariboro gave a good concert pro-gram, which was followed by dancing. gram, which was followed by dancing Sleighing parties from Ashby, Pepperell, Leominster and Fitchining were present. The grand march was led by the president of the union, Harley Parker, and Miss Helen Tarbell. At intermission an excelent oyster supper was served in charge of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arh.

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The deepest sympathy is expressed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Harvey of Danvers, formerly of this town, in the loss of their little daughter. Priscilla, who died at birth at the 14. Interment at Danvers.

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Fred N. Davis of Boston spent over
Sunday with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Melvin Davis, and while home
was taken ill with the grippe.

ongregational church telling of the wonderful transforma verted at the Bethel Mission. His drink, gambling, tobacco and opium habits had been overcome. His per-sonal talk and testimony brough erious thinking to the minds of his

West.

Among those connect to their homes with the grippe are Ernest G. Wilson, Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Geo. A. Seaver, Mrs. Heiman L. Stickney, Mrs. L. C. House, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mrs. A. D. Winship and son Adron, Mrs. Clarence, Webster and Fred Howard of Stoneham, Who is taking an enforced vacation at the home of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, where he came to spend the week-end with his wife, who is with Mrs. Morgan for the present. gan for the present.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph MacKean spent Monday evening at the Beth Eden church in Fitchburg, where Mr. MacKean delivered an address at the Brotherhood meeting.

Brotherhood meeting.

Louis Bachellor, the boy preacher, concludes his engagement here Sunday evening and will occupy the Baptist pulpit morning and evening, taking for his morning subject. "The sword of the spirit." and in the evening his topic will be "The last prayer meeting." meeting.'

The C. E. will meet at the usual hour in the vestry and will be conducted by Mrs. Charles Hodgman on the topic, "Seeing the God in people." Mrs. Mary Foster, who has been vis. Iting her grandson in Cambridge, returned last week from her visit.

George Upton, who has been sick with a severe attack of the grippe, is improving. The Ladies' Mission circle met or

The Ladies — Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence for their regular monthly meeting and the program was on the topic. "Foreign missions," in charge of Mrs. Lawrence. A chimney fire at the home of Wileasily extinguished without any dam-

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Virginia, the little daughter of Mr

and Mrs. Roy Brown is quite ill with pneumonia.

pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwindell of Connecticut motored to town on Sunday and have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise. Abbot Hodgman has been on the sick list for a few days and is now under the doctor's care with an attack

of the grippe. Billie, the pet cat belonging to the G. A. Seaver family, was poisoned this week and died Tuesday evening.

A joily party of about fifteen of the employees of the Filene stores in Boston were guests of Mrs. Clara Kirby at the Vacation camp at Vinton pond for the week-ond and had a oond for the week-end and had a nost enjoyable time.

their postponed meeting on Monday afternoon at three o'clock instead of at 7.30 in the evening at the reading-room, 'commencing the Travelogue, the first meeting being in charge of Mrs. Jöseph MacKean op the topic. The great trans-Atlantic steamship lines."

### LITTLETON

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Clarence Kelth and wife, from A communication from the niece of Swampscott, came last Saturday to Miss Fannie Shattuck, following her visit for over Sunday at the home of arrival at the Boston hospital, indicates his fatchr. B. A. Kelth.

Donald Rivers returned from South Cushing, Me., last week, where he had been with his family for a short time, and will probably remain here until

The basketball game between Hollis A. A. and the Park Hill five of Nitchburg at the Opera House on Friday evening of last week brought out day evening of last week brought out a good crowd and proyed interesting. There was a display of good team work on both sides, but the Fitchburg team chowed themselves to be well trained and thoroughly drilled, making them difficult opponents to meet. The score was 35 to 12, in favor of the Fitch burge team. Danglay was enjoyed unburg team. Dancing was enjoyed un-

orchestra.

A tract of timber land of about sixty acres on the H. D. Shattuck estate, lying east of West street, has recently been sold to F. O. Dutton, of Chelmsford. Mr. Dutton operated a portable mill last year on a lot near the South road, and moved his mill and other appurtenances to the Shattuck lot last week, and commenced cutting. The lot contains some yaluable oak and pine, timber; also, some chestnut

The officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 23, by Mrs. Hattle E. Misher, district deputy president, and suite, who are members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, Townsend. Members of the New England Fox funters' association who attended the Hunters' association who attended inter meet of the club in Bedford resident, and Dr. Raymond Carter, E. L. Tarbell and John Kerin. They returned home on Thursday evening of last week and report only one fox for the party, which was shot by Mr. Kerin. On the preceding evening, wednesday, a banquet was neld in the Bedford town hall, about 150 members of the association attending. H. W. Markey was togetmaster, and

of the association attending. H. W. Hutchinson was toastmaster, and among the speakers were. Dr. Pfelfier and John Conley, two of Bedford's seatectmen; also, A: M. Tucker, of Lexington, ex-president of the club. The evening's entertainment also included selections by a fown orchestra, piano selections by Pletro Mordeglia, and Herbert A. Clark entertained with recognity and songs. It was youted by and songs. It was voted by the club to hold their next fall meet here in Pepperell, October 29 to No-vember 3, inclusive.

Mrs. Jerry Annis returned the latter part of last week from Warner, N. H., and is sufficiently well so that she was tobe to resume her dressmaking work this week. Mrs. Mabel Robbins is:

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Mrs. J. N. Andrews returned hom Mrs. J. N. Andrews lettined data of Friday of last week from Little Harbor. N. S. where she was summoned a few weeks ago by the death of her mother. Her sister, Miss Kate Forbes, returned with her for a visit. The regular meeting of the East Village Social club, which was to have

Village Social club, which was to have been held on Wednesday afternoon, January 21, will be postponed until Wednesday. Pebruary 7, as many of the members would be unable to attend an earlier meeting.

Mrs. Charles Bemis received the sad intelligence of the death of her brother. Samuel Davis, at Brafford, N. H. on Sunday. This makes the second death in her own family within a short time, as she was called to Warner, N. H., recently to attend the function of the sister, Mrs. Jennie Rogers, Also, Mrs. Bemis has sickness in her own home at present, as her little granddaughter. Phyllis Bartlett, who is visiting here with her mother, has been quite, ill with bronchfils, which made it impracticable for hei to care for her daughter, Mrs. Alice Oulton, who had an ill turn on Tuesday.

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that Miss Shattuck is finding her sur that Miss Shattuck is finding her sur-roundings pleasanter than she antici-pated. With a private room, good at-tention and an abundance of reading she beems very content, and is permit-ted to see callers at any time, which her Pepperell friends are asked to re-member if they are in the city. The necessary treatment had not been de-cided upon at the time the letter was written. written.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey returned to her home on Hollis street Wednesday after a few weeks' visit with her niece, Miss Annie Gilson, to recuperate after her recent illness.

recent illness.

Charles H. Chapman, of Brookline street, although not an exhibitor at the recent poultry shows of Nashua and-Boston, could-make a good showing on size and weight from his flock of Plymouth Rocks. He recently killed a nine-months old-chicken which dressed 8½ pounds, and two others which weighed sixteen pounds. Some noney in poultry raising at this rate.

The all-day meeting of the Branch Alliance, First Parish Church society vas well attended at the vestry of that thurch on Friday evening of last week week, and commenced cutting. The was well attended at the vestry of that the following contains some yalumble cak and higher stimber; also, some chestnut growth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Smith have been in Boston several days of the past week, as their son Fletcher, who has been somewhat out of health, is at been somewhat out of health, is at present under observation and treatment at a hospital in the city.

The officers of Acoma Rebekah longe will be installed on Tuesday evening. ing in a brief outline of the origin and present methods in Boston, he enlarg-ed upon the work of the summer ed upon the work of the summer camps, particularly at South Athol. where he was located for some time. His talk was made more interesting by the numerous pictures and postcards which were thrown on the screen by Rev. D. R. Child by means of his

balopticon.

Among the members of Prescott Grange attending the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange installation on Thursday in Groton were Miss Ellen Miller, master of this Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Stewart, Mrs. M. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, Miss Ada Whitney and Mrs. Ellery Davis, who attended the sessions all day. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck and Mrs. Walter Shattuck attended the afternoon session.

Arrangements for the annual firebalopticon.

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Arrangements for the annual firemen's ball, to take place at Prescott hall on Friday evening, January 26, are nearly perfected by the efficient committee, three members from each department being appointed. Louis Shattuck is floor director with many aids. Free transportation from Railroad grouper to the Center is to be provided Free transportation from Railroad square to the Center is to be provided as usual. A turkey supper is also one of the attractions and music for the evening will be furnished by Dyer's or-chestra.

Relatives of Douglas Willett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Willett, of Lynn, received news of his sudden critical illness the first of this week, pneumonia being feared. At last reports the trouble was yielding to treatment of attending physicians.

Mrs Thomas Byrnes, of Derry, N. H., with her little son, visited at the home of her parents this week.

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ton, who had an ill turn on Tuesday.

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week in Boston and in Roxbury with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Everts.

Miss Della O'Neal, who went to Maynard to her parents soon after the holidays, is still remaining there with her mother, Mrs. Alfred O'Neal, as Mr. O'Neal has been ill and at one ime in a hospital.

George Jordan was called to Boston the first of the week by the illness of an older married daughter. He has returned and reports her somewhat W. E. Chapman finished cutting ice W. E. Chapman infished catting fee at Burkinshaw's pond and commenced at Blake's pond on Thursday. The ice there now is from 13 to 16 inches in

Miss Anna Sartelle was welcomed back to her position at Tower & Cook's by the patrons of that store this week. Frank G. Kennedy returned from New York last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will probably remain at Pine-

Miss Helen L. Lawrence, Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, Mrs. Florence Willoughby, Mrs. Wallace Smalley, Mrs. Frank Robbins, Mrs. John McMurray, Mrs. William H. Beers, Mrs. Carroll Robbins, Mrs. Margaret Sylvester, Mrs. Elmer Handley, Mrs. John Fredericks and Mrs. George Jenks.

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three visitors present, one new members joining the society.
It was voted to extend an invitation to the members of the ladies' societies

of the members of the ladies societies of the Federated churches to meet with the Methodist ladies' society on Wednesday, January 31.

In conclusion, the hostess served a fine lunch of ice cream and cake, wafers and cocoa, and a pleasant societ hour was respect.

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call will be January 25.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday At the Unitarian courses on Sunday morning the pastor will take for the topic the same announced for last Sunday, "Our method in religion," as the last Sunday service was not fully attended on account of the storm.

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The speaker, E. S. Forbes, announced to be present on Tuesday evening, to address the Men's club, was unavoidably absent on account of illness. The attendance was very good and the evening was taken up by a discussion on various town matters which took up the time very acceptably and proved interesting. The usual refreshments were served during the social hour before adjournment.

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fancy pies, puddings and other dishes to make the collation complete.

As will be noted, there was considerable change in the official board of this Grange this year. The trease of the collaboration of the program and the hospitality expectation the collaboration of the program and the hospitality expectation.

At seven o'clock the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture. 'From servitude to service,' showing the progress of the colored race since the war.

A series of evangelistic meetings has been in progress during this week with a growing interest. Aside from the pastor the speakers have been Rev. J. S. Strong of Ayer, Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton. Rev. W. H. Beers of this town and Rev. R. M. French of Hollis. N. H. On this Friday evening Rev. Joseph B. Kettle of Leominster will preach. There has been special music cach evening.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational goolety was held last week. The reports showed that faithful work had been done, and that the church was in good financial condition. The pastor. Rev. J. B. Lewis, was chosen moderator and Lyman C. Blood, clerk. The treasurer reported all bills paid and \$82 in the treasury. Nearly

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and exhausting march. Mr. Litchfield suffered a sunstroke, which sent him to the hospital on his arrival in Washington.

After the great review the regiment was sent to Savannah and was engaged for fourteen weeks in guard and police duty. Here an attack of chills and fever sent Mr. Litchfield to the hospital again, but one night in the company of a dead man in the next cot to his sent him back to quarters, and he recovered without hospital treatment.

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Though he was never wounded, nor ill except as stated, he was interned in the hospital at New Orleans for seven weeks because his tent mate. John J. Goodwin, of Groton, came down with smallpox, but Mr. Litch-field did not take the disease.

The regiment was finally discharged at Savannah on August 26, 1865, after four-years' service, lacking fifteen dars.

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The regiment was sent to Louisiana as a part of Butler's expedition, and was in constant service there for two years until the winter of 1862-4. It received honorable mention for its part in the battle of La Fourgha and would have succeeded as he was under military age both reported better.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. There was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. The regiment was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday. The program for the lecturer's hour consistant sample of turer's hour consistant of the lecturer's hour consistant of the lecturer's hour consistant of turer's conference by Thos. H. Evans; report by Henry F. Grout, delegate to the recent session of the State Grange.

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Alliance.

A very pleasant meeting of the Alliance was held last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. J. Edgarton. The president Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, presided at the meeting, which was opened with the usual exercises, followed by the transaction of business. She then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Alfred Noon, of Lunenburg, who gave some delightful reminiscences of a vacation trip to Europe before the war. Being interested in educational matters he visited several schools in the different countries through which he traveled and some of his experiences were decidedly amusing as well as invention.

The Altrurians held their regular meeting at the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon. The president, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, presided, at the business meeting notices were given of invitations from the Cosmos club of Wakefield to attend the midciub of Wakefield to attend the midwinter Federation meeting to be held
on February 7; also, from the West
Acton club for the president and any
members to their meeting to be held
on January 22. The subject of the afternoon was on "South America." Interesting papers were given on "Present industries" by Miss Altie Llowe,
and "Present trade problems" by Mrs.
Georgia H. Farnsworth. Discussions
and suggestions were given by many
members, making the afternoon a very
pleasant one. The next meeting, February 1, will be guest night. A good
program will be furnished by the social committee.

George A. Stebbins is circulating

George A. Stebbins is circulating his nomination paper for the office.of

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valter Woods died on Thursday morning.

### BOXBOROUGH .....

News Items. Mrs. Ida Hoffman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Anna Page: Edwin Bramon is at home. He was obliged to take a vacation from his work at the Lyman school on account of an attack of the grippe.

A. E. Lawrence entertained the Men's Card club last Saturday night. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening of the evening.

The icy condition of the roads have caused many accidents to horses. Michael Griffin lost a horse this week from slipping and breaking a leg. Willis Bramon lost a valuable horse by

Albert Walker spent last week with a sister in Spencer. Mrs. Bertha Be-zanson, his housekeeper, was also away, so that the housekeeping de-yolved upon David Walker, who has

often demonstrated that he can-fill that position exceedingly well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson are spending the week at Silver Hill, with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Lawrence.

FOR SALE A Top Sleigh, nearly new; sell cheap. Apply to FRANK SMITH, East Pepperell, Mass. FOR SALE—Horse, Harness, Wagon and Sleigh at WHITNEY'S STABLE, Ayer, Mass.

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AYER, MASS. At the annual meeting of this Corporation held on the 2nd day of January, 1917, and at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the same day, the following named persons were chosen Officers for the ensuing year, and have been duly qualified:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of GEORGE F. STONE late of Littleton in the County of Middlessx, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by glying bond, as the law directs.

directs.
All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to.

3120 LIZZIE A. STONE, Admx.

Littleton, Mass., January 17, 1917.