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Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Priest and sor Houghton arrived in Manila on January 4. The mercury registered 79° on their arrival, but had been 86°, The doctor had not been assigned his station at that time.

Preaching in the Baptist church or Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, at 10.45. Subject, "The most important thing in life." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at 6.30. Preaching at seven by Rev. A. Boulwell; subject, "The successful sin." B. Y. P. U. at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evending. Prayer meeting an 7.30 o'clock Thursday evening.

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The Unitarian parish will hold their annual dinner in Hardy's hall on Washington's birthday at 12.30. Menu, chicken patties, mashed potatoes, salads, home-made bread, ples and coffee. Dancing will be erjoyed from two to 5.30. For those who may desire tables of whist will also be provided during these same hours.

The Initarian Girls' club will meet

The Unitarian Girls' club wift meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Fillebrown on Wednesday evening, February 20. Hostesses, Miss Isabelle Murphy and Mrs. May Fillebrown.

An automobile owned and operated by George P. Corbett ran into a hydrant near the house of Samuel Slotaky. West Main street, Tuesday night, breaking the top off the hydrant and slightly damaging his machine: Corbett is a Jitney operator running bedween the railroad station and Camp Devens. His home is in New Bedford, but he is making his headquarters here, for the present.

Ayer Men in Military Service.

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That this town has responded to the call for defenders of the principles for which the United States and the Allies are contending is shown by the appended list. In order that this list may be as full and correct as possible, it will stand in type for future insertion, and the local committee on solders information desire any information in correction, or addition to that here given.

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Some of these young men have not made public their entering the service, but have quietly enlisted and departed for their various positions, and it is possible that there may be omissions which the committee would like to rectify.

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Ayer may be proud of the large Ayer may be proud of the large numbe in service, almost without exception, from families living here before the influx of population incident to the location of Camp Devens. Some of our young men enlisted quite early in the year 1917, and some in towns where they had a temporary residence. The latter, while really Ayer boys, have been claimed as part of the quota of these towns.

Included are the names of eight who will probably be assigned to Camp Devens shortly, and some who originally went to this camp have been trans-

ferred to others in this country/ The Joseph Minnucci . Westfield The Moral Mirucle of Aper.

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In France In France
Jeremlah H. Coburn
Joseph Connors
Michael L. Coughlin
Harry A. Davis
Ernest L. Downing
Howard A. Downing
William Gray
Ralph Griffin
Phillip A. Groves
Ohacles R. Landers
Paul K. Mason
Angus J. McDonald
Nelson H. Sherman

At Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. Fred B. Barrows
Richard Craft
Herbert A. Dadmun
Wallace G. Kittredge
Leon G. Wilson

At Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Dolphus A. Dumas Chester P. Perrin Alton E. Washburn Willis E. Walker

At Camp Devens George M. Barrows Walter J. Carrigan Walter J. Carrigan
Clarence M. Chase
Theodore H. Clark
Francisco Cummonetti
Benjamin Davenport
Martin S. Donahue
Joseph J. Donahue
Patrick F. Donahue
Charles C. Fletcher
Frank W. Fawler
Frank P. Griffin
Frank J. Hooley
Albert B. Irwin
Paul K. McGuane
Phillip Mason,
John H. Mullin
Abraham O'Clair
Pellop E. Petradelis
Ellsworth L. Read
Robert Harold Saunders
Paul H. Robbins
Edward W. Strong
Herbert B. Priest Medico

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Capt. Bennett Sanderson Fort Sill, Okla 2d Lieut, Leon F. Briggs Camp Sheridan, Montgomery; Ala. Joseph Carbone
Lumber Unit, Washington, D. C. Alexander F. Connor Philippines George N. Dealektos

San Antonio, Texas Vincent Moyle James, Fort Bliss, Texas Leo F. Martell Camp Stanley, Texas Charles O. Moss Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga

Charles A. McElaney
Camp Meade, Maryland Harry A. McDonald Medical Dept., Boston

A. G. Pollard Co.

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FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

helps your friends and neighbors in Ayer to buy or to build?

names, service and present location of Harvey Q. McCollester enlisted and drafted men. a total of Arsenat, Rock Island, III 102, are here given:

George A. McGuane George A. McGuane Fort Leavenworth, Kansa

Leroy C. Smith, Medical Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala AVIATION

John E. Pender Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Joseph Stedman In France Clurence Young San Antonio, Texas Francis, E. Griffin Motor Truck Division, Q. M. C., Camp J. E. Johnston, Jack-sonville, Fla.

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, February 16, 1918

The Moral Miracle of Aber.

Its wonderful transformation of a horde of many wild, unruly spirits into happy and fearless soldiers, who are now educated patriots besides.

The following is taken from the Boston Transcript, written by J. D. Bates, in the issue for February 6:

During the week following and including September 5, 1917, approximately ten thousand young men entered the gates of the military reservation then just completed in record time by the government on a barren stretch of territory near the village of Ayer.

Francis E. Griffin

Motor Truck Division, Q. M. C.

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Camp J. E. Johnston, Jackson William W. Drew U.S.S. Hartford
George L. Chauvrin U.S.S. Missouri
Chauncey Davenport S.S. Harvich Hail
William W. Drew U.S.S. Madawaska
Rayhnond E. Farnsworth, Newport, R. I.
Charles Gormley

Russell Hail Newport, R. I.
Cyrli M. Martell Newport, R. I.
Cyrli M. Martell Newport Wakefled
James F. McMahon U.S.S. St. Louis
Robert McBride
Louis Nelson
Earl R. Pillman

New London
Thomas W. McGovern
Ray A. Spegger
L. S. Charleston
Homer Craft
At home
(In service in 1917 on Mexican, Border
and in Boston until discharged for
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Walter A. Blodgett Walter H. Flags Frank J. Lambert Frank R. Mason James S. Markham Joseph L. Rullivan Wildon E. Winslow

Others in service who for the greater part of their lives were residents of Ayet age:

Dr. Arthur W. Carley, Medical, aviation Earolled in Dayton, Ohio. located at Camp Sevier, Ga.

Jesse A. Davenport, at Camp Devens Enrolled in Warvertown Carl A. Moses, Houston, Texas Enrolled for aviation in Fantoul, Ill Prepared by committee on soldlers information for the town of Ayet, two many of without the proposition of the fifth Division and environment last fall and self-comment and the proposition of the fifth Division and environment last fall and self-comment last fall and those who self-comment last fall and those who self-comment last fall and chose which the surface was a self-comment last fall and chose who were forced into them has fall and chose which is that the class and interest of the first possible of the surface was a self-comment last fall and chose which is that the class and interest of the first possible of the surface was a self-comment of the first possible of the surface was a self-comment of the first possible o

which a spirit of patriations that is a disastering as it is apparent. Benefiting as it is apparent. Benefiting as the apparent, benefit the season of the patriation of the p Devens is too common and familiar, to bear-repeating at this time. Suffice to say he was, in his own words, when drafted, "as tough as they make em."

When examined at the army gate he was found to be somewhat intoxicated and a partially emptied flash taken from his pocket, much to his disgust and against his profane-remonstrance, explained the cause of his condition. At his medical examination held later it was found that in addition to 180 pounds of puffy flesh he was possessed of a minor physical defect which could be remedied by a slight surgical operation. After a week of regular eating and sleeping, enforced baths and exercise, Tony decided to submit to this operation, and from the day that he entered camp his point of view of life has undergone a gradual change for is casily to



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Yellowstone Park. Mr. Hanscome visted this great national pleasure park about four years ago during a vacation period following many busy years. There was a good audience present and the speaker made his experiences interesting and put much individuality into his narrative. He illustrated his travel talk with about 100 views many of them very beautiful. These were thrown on a screen by a radioption machine operated by Bertram Sutherland. The proceeds of over twelve dollars went to the local French Aid society for the purchase of supplies and Mr. Hanscome's helpfulness is much appreciated.

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Mrs. Margaret Mills, widow of the late-Hugh Mills, and a long-time resident of Westford, died Monday afternoon after a short illness from heart trouble, aged eighty-four years. She servived by two daughters, Mrs. James Cowdrey, of Billeriea, and Mrs. Eliza A. Carter, of Westford, and one son, Herbert Mills, of Westford; also, a number of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. William Mills, one of her grandsons, was one of the first to join the colors from Westford, joining Company K of Lowell early last spring. Mrs. Mills rounds out a long and useful life. Of quiet and unassuming ful. life. Of quiet and unassuming ways she filled a large and appreciated place in her circle of relatives and

place in her circle of relatives and friends.

The first in the arrangement of union church services for the remainder of winter weather took place last Sunday, in the Congregational church with a large and interested attendance. Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn preached the sermon, and it heing Lincoln Sunday, he prefaced his sermon by reading from Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address, and in an eloquent and stirring sermon made a strong plea for the integrity of purpose and righteousness of living that characterized the great Lincoln in the testing time of the civil war and for our people passing through like crisis at the present time. There was singing by the choir and offertory sold by Mrs. Collouin, and Mr. Lincoln conducted the other parts of the service. Mr. Buckshor: will preach again on Sunday.

Miss Mary P. Bunce's many friends sympathize with her during her illness at a Lowell hospital, but are kilad to hear good reports of her condition. Miss Loker is staving in Lowell during her niece's illness, where she can be near her and see her frequently.

There are 453 voters in Westford and 855 assessed polls.

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The twentieth round came near ending in a draw. It related to choosing a committee to investigate and report in regard to purchasing a motor-driven chemical engine. W. R. Taylor moved that the fire engineers constitute such a rommittee. H. V. Hildreth amended by adding the selectmen. John C. Abbot thought the committee large enough without the selectmen. The moderator called for a voice vote which left it at ico of sound. A decision called for by hand vote showed that about a hand and a half plurality favored the amendment.

The twenty-first round, relating to appropriating money to complete the firehouse in Westford Center, resulted in some infighting. The finance committee recommended raising \$1000 and continue the present installment plan continue the present installment plan. Aldat Longley a Graniteville boy.

mittee recommended raising \$1000 and continue the present installment plan of completing these repairs which continues to leave the surroundings the appearance of a town dump heap, and the traveling public to inquire "Who lives there?" The town got sort of ashamed of its forever method and voted unanimously to complete the building this year, and \$2700 was voted for this purpose.

ed for this purpose.

The twenty-third round called for some more reversing of the lever in regard to improvements on the road from Westford Center to Graniteville. The town voted to the lever clear back

The town voted to the lever clear back and start over again.

In round twenty-four, which called for the town to borrow money to meet the town's portion of these repairs, the throttle was opened full borrowing width, and all the town asks is that the county open like width its somewhat delayed rusty throttle.

In the thirtieth round a rest was taken by mutual consent while pro-

to hear good reports of her condition. Miss Loker is staying in Lowell during her niece's illness where she can be near her and see her frequently.

There are \$450 voters in Westford and \$55 assessed polls.

Miss Hulda Russell, the trained nurse who is so well and favorably known by Westford is a patient at the Lowell General hospital, where she recently inderwent an operation for appendices. Beports of good progress toward preserve can be used to the Westford friends.

The soldiers information largeau of the town wish to see it a photograph of every local man in the United States service; asso, the also of sects soldier and date of enlistment with tame of company. All these will be kept on the with the town records and will be of importance in future years. Do not want for the members of the committee to call for these pecceds but forward them to the committee. Altered W. Hartford, Westford, all vive and seek the town hall. There will be a special additional during on the work of the company wast as after a conditional will be company which were made in the town hall. There will be a special additional during on the work of the company wast as after a conditional will be company wast as after a conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be a special additional during on the conditional will be conditionally as a conditional will be

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Next Wednesday evening in Ablactable J. H. Selee, from the Middlesex

Land Affair the star Carolite Service of

ton and Mrs. Angus Dun were present.

George D. Wilson and Joseph
Thompson have been accepted by the

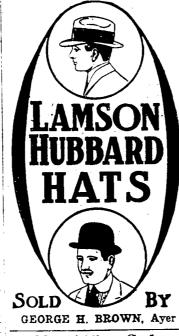
Aldat Longley, a Graniteville boy, now in France, and a member of the Aviation Corps, has recently written to his relatives here, stating that he intends to take his initial flying trip

The members of Cameron Circle. C. of F. A., held their regular meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening with a large attendance. After the meeting an informal whist party was held, followed by dancing. Refreshments were served and the whole affair proved to be very enjoyable. ed to be very enjoyable.

The bureau of engraving and print-lng at Washington, D. C., strikes off about 20,800,000 stamps every day, and the daily shipments of stamps to the 70,000 or more postoffices through out the United States run from 10,000,000 to 70,000,000. About 100,000,000 stamps are always kept on hand, ready for any emergency.

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Sheriff's Sale

v. . February 12th A. D. 1918. n execution, the same having ed will be sold at Public the Store House of C. A.

on Monday, February 18th, be discharged. current, at two o'clock P. M., the folods and chattels, to wit: Moxie, 95 packages Cigarette 287 boxes Tobacco: a part of of Plux Tobacco, 611 pack- job," cottes, 1440 different kinds of or packages Matches, 292 of Chocolate Bars, Gum. Bars, Salted Peanuts, and Pars, 37 cases Bevo Tonic. 21/ nic. 4 Winchester Repeating Smith & Wesson Revolver,

ort 22 Cartridges, portions of Gallery Outfit, 14 Camp ners. 1 lot of Empty Shells, half barrel old Lead Bulil Stoves, I five-gallon Can. 2 120 empty Bottles, 4 cases 1 12 bottles Cliquot Club, 52 Anzac, 1' Tobacco Cutter, 1

BERT A. FILLEBROWN. Deputy Sheriff.

BAN ON OLIVE OIL EXPORTS

Royal Order Calls Halt on Shipments Except Essentials, From Spain to United States.

Olive oil exports from Spain, of which large quantities formerly were shipped both directly and vin France and Italy to the United States and The Ladles' Sewing Circle will hold other foreign markets, from Barcelona their meetings every Tuesday afternoon until furthr notice.

The Ladles' Sewing Circle will hold other foreign markets, from Barcelona their meetings every Tuesday afternoon until furthr notice. royal order, states commerce reports. In southern Spain and in the region of Catalonia, the olive oil industry has been an important source of revenue oil was often shipped to the United States, as of really non-Spanish production. Recently the direct exports of the commodity from Spain to the United States have increased considerably with the development of the American taste for

There is no embargo on exports of essential oils such as pennyroyal, rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender, the Spanish production of which is largely destined for foreign markets, and shipment of which is made direct from Spain to the United States, France, and elsewhere. These oils are produced especially in the regions of Murcia and Malaga, where many medical herbs are grown for domestic con-sumption and export. As comparatively little use is made in Spain of several oils derived from the plants mentioned and other oil-producing herbs, the local market is limited; but the industry may be developed indefinitely in view of the favorable climatic conditions of those sections of Spain where the plants flourish. In 1916 the declared exports of essential oils from Malaga to the United States were valued at \$176,164; those from Almeria, at \$21,920; and those from

USE GLASS FOR FALSE HAIR

Material Also Converted Into Cotton and Wool and Pressed Into

In Venice they are spinning glass for commercial uses, converting it into glass cotton and glass wool into sheets or pads, says the Popular Science Monthly. Although the principal use of the product at present is for insulation, we have heard the word of the Italian makers, that it serves admirably for making artificial hair, wigs, pesukes, doll's hair, Santa Claus

beards and other hirsute adornments.
The processes of manufacture are simple. Solid glass rods, made of pure American soda that contains no adulteration of lead or other metal, are into fiuff under a Bunsen burner and blownine. A bicycle wheel minus the tire, winds up the threads If the threads are sufficiently fine they

curl and fiuff out like wool. .The product is now marketed in three forms-glass cotton, glass woo and in sheets about one-half inch thick which resemble white felt pads. In the last form mentioned it may be used to make separators for accumulators of electricity.

Glad of the Accident.

A bachelor was recently traveling in tramcar with a married couple of his acquaintance. It was a rainy morn ing. The young wife had her um-brella well out of the way of those who passed down the car, but an awkward boy on his way to the door managed to fall over it and break it. "Oh, I'm so sorry," stammered the

lad. "Never mind; I'm sure it wasn't your fault," and the lady smiled at him without a trace of anger or even irritation on her face.

"Well, I must say your wife is an exclaimed the bachelor. "Most women would have warmly. withered that clumsy fellow with a look, if they hadn't-scorched him with words.

"An angel, is she?" said the married man, as he picked up the broken umbrella and smiled quizzically at his wife. "She may be-but she's wanted a new umbrella for a month, and now she knows I'll have to get it!"

Trade Preparedness in Chile.

By proclamation the president of Chile has appointed a committee which will investigate and report on the commercial and industrial relation Chile with the rest of the world, especially in so far as these have been affected by the European war. The following is quoted from the proclama-

There is herewith appointed a committee which shall investigate the situation in which the industries and commerce of Chile will probably find themselves upon the re-establishment of peace, and of competition between the products of national industry and those imported from abroad, and to recommend to the government such measures as the commission may deem advisable for the purpose of protecting these in their present advanced condition and to encourage their further development.

He Will Stay. Fearing that the rigors of warfare

hed previously, on mesne would be too much for her delicate son, a woman has written to United States Marine corps headquarters a on Mechanic Street, in Washington asking that the young man

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helner by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last

te mother was informed that, for time being her son must remain a arine.

When You Hone a Razor. If razor hones are placed upon strong magnets razors will be held flat and can be sharpened more rapidly and accurately,

New Version of a Beatitude. Blessed are the poor, for they shall not keep up appearances. Neither written about them .- From Atlantic. it is made.



BUILDING UP A DAIRY HERD

Essentials Are Careful Selection, In telligent Breeding and Skillful Managen

Careful selection, intelligent breed ing and skillful management are fundamental in the profitable upbuilding of the dairy herd. By the use of economy and good judgment the improvement of a herd need not be expensive.

Careful selection is the first step in the building up of a dairy herd. Selection naturally begins with the elimination of all low producers. Every owner of dairy cows should establish a defmite standard and all cows that do



not measure up to the requirements should be rejected. One hundred and fifty pounds of butterfat a year is a fair minimum for most localities Whether a cow is to be rejected or re tained should depend ordinarily on pro duction as shown by the Babcock test and the scales. Only the best helfer cnives from the most productive cow should be raised.

FEED CALF SEPARATOR MILK

When Given Alone It is Liable to Cause Indigestion-Feeding Is Vastly Important.

Separator milk is not a balanced ration for calves. On this feed alone, and the way it is usually given to them they are liable to get indigestion, as shown by a bloated condition, capricious appetite and diarrhea. Most of the trouble can be avoided by adding a handful of oil meal, to cornmeal or cottonseed meal, to supply, in a way, he fat that has been removed in the skimming.

The milk should be given to them and never when it is frothy. Never allow a calf to drink all of the milk that it wants at one meal. It is had practice to allow several calves to drink out of one trough, some of hem will get too much. Care in feeding calves is of vastly more importance "cures" for culf scours.

CONTAMINATED AIR IN MILK

Easy to Understand How Foul Odors Are Introduced in Unclean and Unventilated Stable.

that is unclean and unventilated, filthy and filled with foul odors, it is readily understood how the streams of milk passing from the udder to the pail will force the contaminated air into the pail and impart to the milk its foul odors. The use of the separator under similar conditions must

produce similar results. Odors and flavors are also produced in the milk after it has been drawn, by the introduction into is of undesirable germs in the dust from the stable and the cow and from lack of cleanliness of vessels used in handling ft.

FEEDING SILAGE TO CALVES

Begin Early With Small Amount in Connection With Other Roughage, Increasing Gradually.

Calves should become acquainted with sliage early in life, beginning with a very small quantity in connecion with other roughage and increasing gradually. In this way the young animals develop normally, making rapid gains while the cost is kept at the minimum.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the es-tate of CYNTHIA ELLEN LYNCH, sometimes known as CYNTHIA E. LYNCH, late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

sometimes known as CINHAL LYNCH late of Shirley 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 ROBERT J. MUNN 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 twenty-fifth day of February A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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nine hundred and eighteen.

3123 F. M. ESTY. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of 'HOWARD A.
STACY late of Townsend in said
County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of and
ministration on the estate of said deceased to EVALINE A. STACY of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without
giving a surety on her bond.
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Witness, Charles J. McIntire. Esquirefirst Judge of said Court, this thirtieth
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LOST BOOK In accidance with Chapter 590, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 2032 has been lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount of deposit represented by said book. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Raiph L. Hastings, Treasurer.

Ayer, Mass., February 6, 1918. 3123 LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 3892 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK. Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., January 25, 1918.

WE HAVE A PIANO just returned by a customer to our district agent. We have put a price on it equal to the balance due on the lease—leas than half its real value. Well-known make, mahogany upright with the chair and scarf. Delivery free. Terms of payment will be made to suit buyer, and will be very low if desired. Address BATES-MITCHELL CO., care of Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

Ayer, February 8th, A. D. 1918. Taken on execution and will be sold Public Auction at my office on East Main Street in said Ayer, Saturday, March 16th, A. D. 1918, at eight o'clock A. M., all the right, title and interest, not, exempt by law from at-Harry L. Parker of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, had on the sixth day of said February, A. D. 1918, at eight o'clock A. M., that being the

time the same was seized on execution,

or now has in and to the following

described Real Estate: A certain tract of land containing about 15½ acres, more or less, situated in the Southwesterly part of said Townsend, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a wooden fence post, which was formerly called a stake and stones, at the Southeast corner of the farm, formerly owned by Marshall Davis, and being the Southwest corner of land formerly of Samuel Jenkins, and now or late of George Wyman, and at the Northerly side of the premises here described thence North 56 degrees 20' West as run in the year 1902 and by said Davis farm 415.3 feet to a stake and stores at the Easterly end of a wall; thence South 11 degrees 10' West as run in 1902 and by land of John and Katle Vattes, 369 feet to a stake and stones near the Easterly end of a wall; thence South 56 degrees East as run in 1902 and by land formerly of John Adams, 305.5 feet to a stake and stones for a corner; thence Southerly 12 rods, by said land, to a corner of the wall; thence Easterly 65 rods by the same land to a stone post, formerly called a stake and stones; thence Northerly by land formerly of one Hildreth to a stake and stones, and still continue Northerly by land formerly of Aaron Scales, to a stone post for a corner which is 32 rods from the other stone post; thence about West 29 degrees North as formerly run, the year not being known, and by land of said Wy-65 rods to the bound first man, lescribed.

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HARVARD

News Items. The next lecture in the Warner course will be given on Friday evening. February 22, by Mary Boyle O'Reilly. Few women have had such warled and sensational experience within the war zone as Miss O'Rellly. She has a wealth of thrilling stories of her life of 1000 days back of the front and tells them as would be expected as the daughter of her distinguished father. tinguished father.

. A meeting of the Congregational Men's club will be held on Sunday evening, February 17. Raymond Blakevening, February 17. Raymond Blak-ney, the young preacher, who has oc-cupled the pulpit at the Congrega-tional church the past two Sundays, will be the speaker of the evening. A supper will be served at seven o'clock. Locture at eight o'clock. All the men of the town who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

Webster Sawyer; of North Wey-mouth, spent last week-end as a guest of Miss Josephine Baker.

Mrs. J. C. Noon, our station agent's wife, suffered a sudden and severe ill-ness last Sunday. She is much im-proved at present.

Julius Gebo, with his bride of a few flours, arrived at the home of his father, Levi Gebo, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Gebo and his bride, who was Miss Carron, of Ashburnham, were married on Monday. They returned on Wednesday afternoon to Ashburnham, where they will make their home.

L. Victor Gebo and Joseph Ford are called to the colors at Camp Devens during the week of February 23-28. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Sheehar Mr. and Mrs. Dainer w. Sheehair have four sons now in active service and expect one more son and possibly two to be called in the near future. Who can better this record of service for the country?

Maurice Griffin, with the assistance of his dog cornered and killed an otter this week. The animal measured 4 feet 6 inches from the nose to the tip of his tail. He was evidently an old fellow, as his teeth were broken and worn so as to be almost useless in a fight.

B. J. Priest has a force of men and ad, cutting through the drifts and road, cutting throu widening the road.

See the wonderful Mme. Petrova it "The silenge sellers" at the motion picture show this Saturday evening—a gripping story exposing the methods of certain so-called society journals. In five acts. It is one of her new ones. Coming, February 28—"Old home-

The music study class met at "Frui The music study class met at "Fruit Acres" for their last meeting. Miss Harriet B, Thayer was the leader of the meeting. Brahms was the composer taken up for study. The program consisted of vocal selections, Mrs. H. C. Merrill, Mrs. Carl Haskell, Miss Josephine Baker; plano selections, Miss Helen Stone, Mrs. Haskell; violin selections, Mrs. Louise Freeman Turner. At the close of this very interesting program H. A. Thayer favored the class with a sole. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. H. B. Royal, and the leader will be Miss A. M. Reed. The composer Dvorak will be under study.

The death of William Perkins, son of a former pastor of the Congregational church here, occurred in Woodstock, Conn., January 31. Burlal was a Bookenigh of Woodstock. Boxborough on Monday afternoon last week. He is survived by a dow, formerly Miss Burroughs, of Boxborough, and two daughters and

Mrs. Catherine Fairbanks has beer visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Earry

Mrs. Fiske Warren has opened her town house on Mt. Vernon place. Bos-ton, for the remainder of the winter. With her mother, Mrs. Hamilton Osshe has been in New York since

Hears from Her Son.

Mrs. Fred Whitney has received a letter from her son Leland, who is with the sawmill unit at Ardgay. Scotland, Mrs. Fred Whitney has received a elder a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, and atter from her son Leland, who is with he sawmill unit at Ardgay. Scotland liling of his week's vacation in Lonon at Christmas, dated Ardgay, Ros-County, Scotland, January 2:

Dear Mother-Just a few lines aside other letter to tell you about Christmas week. Well, Scotland, December 22. Ardgay, Scotland, December 22, Sat-urday morning, headed for London. Arrived in London Sunday morning at about nine o'clock. It took about twenty-six hours, some ride on the trains that they have here, for they are much different from those in the States. It was a long, hard ride, but it is a trip that I will never regret tak-

The Y. M. C. A. manager had made The Y. M. C. A. manager had made arrangements for us at Eagle Hut, the American Y. M. C. A. camp there, so we went to the camp which is down in the west end of London on the Strand. There was about 130 of the unit fellows in this trip—Robert Sheehan, Frank McNamara and Joe Barber were among the bunch. We expected an air raid any night, but we didn't get one, but saw where the bombe hit just a little way from where

didn't get one, but saw where the bombs hit just a little way from where we were.

The Y. M. C. A. was a busy place: just packed full of all kinds of soldiers all the time. They observed Christmas in the Y. M. C. A. We had lots of singers and plane players. Then after the Christmas concert we had Santa Claus and he gave us each a little stocking with nuts and candy, etc., in it. Well, I checked my sultcase and stayed there a week, and had one great time.

The Y. M. C. A. was a busy place: tepresented at some of the superintendent, and high school principal of Littleton will be represented at some of these meetings. Many of the vital problems of the present school world will be thrashed out during these days by prominent educators, chiefly from this state.

Otis H. Forbush sold a herd of eighty cattle last week and ninety the week before for John Pingry.

At the Unitarian church on the Sunday between the birthdays of Lincolp and Washington.

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During the day there was a guide to take us around and show us the different places of interest. Guide and buts (that is a barge) both for ninety-six cents a day. I will tell you about some of the places I went.

The first place was the Tower of London, where so many of the olden kings were imprisoned; also, where the two little princes were murdered. I was in that vory room. Another place was St. Paul's Cathedral, one of the most handsome buildings inside that anyone ever saw; also, another famous

building. Westminster Abbey. Another place that I saw was Buckingham Palace, the King's Palace. We went through the king's Palace. We went through the king's place and annesseven the one that he rides himself; also, saw the king and queen's conch. Another place to which we went was the National'Art Gallery, where all the National'Art Gallery, where all the King's famous paintings are; also, the London Zoological Gardens and Madame Tursand's wax works, where there are wax models of about all the kings and queens and nobility of England, and a wax model of President Wilson. Then there were iots of other places I will tell you about when I see you, like Nelson's monument, the House of Parliament and King Atbert's amonument. Then at night we went to the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here to no Sunday evening. It is getting late so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here so I will have to close with love to all the the the the t

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Mrs. W. E. Conant will open her house to an all-day sewing meeting of the United Workers next week Wednesday. In the afternoon the two missionary programs postponed in January and February will be given.

Supt. Frank H. Hill was called to Maine this week through the death of his only brother, Charles Hill, a den-tist, of Bath, Me. The deceased is survived by a wife and three children. F. H. Hill's father came here last week from Portland, Me., to visit his son and-family.

Ralph Hill, of Southbridge, and friend, Henry Bearse, were in town ver Sunday

Marcia Wilcox is sick with German measies. Chicken-pox is spreading among the school children of the Union building. J. W. Dodds' children and Lucile Gardner are some of the recent victims of attacks

Miss Sarah A. Priest underwent an operation at Eliot hospital, Boston, Monday. Developments have been sat-

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson attended meeting of the State Federation civics committee in Boston recently. The Historical society will hold one rist regular meetings in the library ending-room on Friday afternoon, ebruary 22, at two o'clock. An in-February 22, at two o'clock. An in-teresting program is planned. Every-body welcome

Littleton boys and girls who attend-Littleton boys and girls who attended Lawrence academy in Groton during the early eighties, were under the instruction of the late William A. Perkins, of Woodstock, Conn., whose much lamented death was recorded in this paper last week. Mr. Perkins was an able, conscientious and highly respected instructor, and a man of marked strength of character. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Burroughs Perkins; two daughters, the roughs Perkins; two daughters, the elder a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, and

The thaw was welcomed by many of our residents, and particularly those who have been forced to team water for home consumption, not a few of whom have teamed it since the first hard freeze of six weeks ago.

We believe that more than ten weeks of continuous sleighing this season have nade this a record-breaker in recent years. The Gulf stream must have

they years. The Gulf stream must have the swung back into its original course if but it ever left it. Frederick Johnson went to Winthrop

o spend last week-end with his mother and other relatives. Lois Smith has returned home, and

her brother Russell is now visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith. The fourth annual conference of

Massachusetts school administrators is in session in Boston—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and it is expected that members of the school

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The Bromfield Beacon, the school

Arthur S. Bigelow; singing, "America," school.

The Bromfield Beacon, the school year book, which has not been published for three years, is to be published for three years, is to be published for three years, is to be published again this June. The editorial staff is as follows: Hilder M. Ryan, editor-in-chief; Marjorie S. Houghton, assistant editor; Stanley H. Turner, business manager; Eloyd Small, assistant business manager; Perley St. John and Mary E. Sheehan, athletics; locals—Bernice M. Walker senior, Hazel E. Hardy junior, Lillian E. Taylor sophomore, Rachel G. Ryan freshman; Marjorie Walker, alumni editor.

A special program will be given by the Literary society, February 21, in observance of the birthday of George Washington. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises, which will begin at 1.30.

INTILETON

News Items.

Mrs. W. E. Conant will open her house to an all-day sewing meeting of the United Workers next week Wednesday. In the afternoon the two missioners and employees \$100; suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths \$516.36; school buildings, repairs and new furniture \$500; school physician \$35; sidewalks \$300; protection \$500; sidewalk in front of catholic church \$50; draining park at Center \$100; towards tower on Robins hill for prevention of forest fires

catholic church \$50; draining park at Center \$100; towards tower on Robbins hill for prevention of forest fires \$150; removing ledge in front of Michael Healy's house \$250; municipal light department \$2127.84; water department \$4100—total, \$23,979.90. It was voted to establish the salary of town treasurer and collector the same as last year. No money was voted for oiling roads. Passed Articles 26, 29, 30, 32, 34. Article 27, relating to renting of town farm, was left in the hands of overseers of the poor.

oor.
The Newtown women of the Congre cational society served a baked bear gational society served a back bedain and scalloped dinner under the chair-manship of Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, which was generally admitted to be excellent. There was a large delega-tion of women present at the meeting and the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Brown visited Camp Devens on last week Taesday to say good-bye to their son, Wilmur B. Brown, who left on the following morning for Camp Greene in the south from whence he expects to sail for foreign service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Webster, of Williamstown, former residents here announce the marriage of their daughter, Neta Pearl, to Randolph Bell, of Maclin, Saskatchewan, on January 20, in Montreal, Quebec.

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Miss Earnied A. Sandona Disgrace.

We have been wont to hear from many patrictic orators how wonderfully smart we are as a people; we have been given credit for wonderfully smart we are as a people; we have been given credit for wonderfully smart we are as a people; we have been given credit for wonderful insight into things—great foresight and all other kinds of sight that a to to make a super acute sort of people. It is easy to assimulate soft sone with the suggestive sone when skilfully applied and we have been given the suggestive sone when skilfully applied and we have been given the sort of people. It is easy to assimulate soft sone with the suggestive sone when skilfully applied and we have been given the sort of people. It is easy to assimulate soft sone people we have laterativ

sad as it may be to contemplate, it is as solemn fact that the developments of the last two months in the coal and rallroad business have proved beyond a doubt we, as a people, have not the sense of the humble little ground sense of the humble little ground squirrel. He at least knows enough to get busy when nuts are ripe and lay in his supplies for the winter. Fortunately, he does not need fuel. It is nothing short of a national disgrace that the people of the richest city in the country, and within a short haul of the great coal fields of Pennsylvania should be allowed to suffer and die for the lack of fuel.

That thousands of smaller communities suffer in a less degree than New

ties suffer in a less degree than Ne York but adds to the disgrace. T present situation is of course aggra-rated by the severity of the winter and war conditions, but the difficulty is by

no means new.

For the past ten years things have been getting steadily worse. The trouble seems to be that the gentlemen "whom the Almighty in his infinite workers resisted to win the goal business. wisdom appointed to run the coal busi less" (according to the late lamented Mr. Baer) have bent the energies of their giant intellects not to devising the best and surest means of supplying the best and surest means of supplying the needs of the people, but to the, to them, more interesting problem of how to get the last possible penny of profit out of a helpless public.

The present experience has been bitter enough to wake the people up if there is any such thing. If they do not back up the demands of the men who die the med, that the people take

who dig the coal, that the people take over the coal mines and operate them for their own benefit, and do it in such vicorous fashion that congress will "sit up and take notice," and pass the vicorous fashion that congress will sat up and take notice," and pass the necessary laws they will richly deserve all the deprivation they may get in the future for want of fuel. V. T. E.

WASTE IN COAL

When the government fixed the price of coal at the mine it was for what is called run-of-mine coal. That is what the operators have been ship-ping, with the result that the conping, with the result that the consumers have got more state than ever before. One frequently hears householders complain of the poor quality of their coal—this is the explanation. It is estimated that since August, when the price was established, thirty percent of the coal hauled has been non-burnable waste. In other words, the milroads have had to haul as coal stuff that has been thirty percent rubbish, the effect of which has been the same as if, in spite of the fuel shortage, thirty percent of the coal cars had been allowed to lie idle, or all the cars had been used to only seventy percent of their capacity.

TRACTORS' USE IN SCOTLAND American Machine la Popular Among Larger Farmers—Demand is in Excess of Supply.

The use of tractors in Scotland for farming purposes has increased remarkably during the past two years, and the present demand is far in excess of the supply, writes Vice Consul E. R. Pottle, Dundee. The very high prices and costly upkeep of farm horses, added to the heavier expenses for labor, have compelled the larger farmers to be on the lookout for the best type of utility tractor.

The necessary points seem to be: Sufficient power with a reserve;

HOPE RUSSIA'S ART IS SAFE

Outside World Anxious for Preservation of Masterpieces Held in the Chaotic Capital.

Chaos has now apparently descended upon the Russian capital, and the outside world can only hope that someon in that unhappy center of revolution and discord has seen to it that the hundreds of masterpieces in the na-tional collection shall be placed in a comparatively safe hiding place until the storms of war are over, says the Boston Transcript.

A brief summary of the facts given in the preface to the three volume French catalogue of the Hermitage (Petrograd's great art gallery) will suffice to convey some idea of the wonderful riches of this collection. At the time that this catalogue was published the gallery contained 1,844 paintings, of which 331 belonged to the Italian school, 117 to the Spanish school, 949 to the Germanic schools (Flemish Dutch and German), eight to the English school, 172 to the French school and 67 to the Russian school.

These 1,644 pictures were selected from a total of more than 4,000 plc tures acquired since the time of Catherine II. Those of the 4,000 which were not given a place in the Petro grad galleries were hung in the winter palace and in the other royal residences of Tsarkoe Selo. Peterhof and Gatchina, and in the museum of Mos-

Sugar Acreage in India.

British India's sugar cane acreage is from 6 to 10 per cent larger, according to the second official crop estimate for 1917-18. This forecast is based on reports furnished by provinces that trast, the fruit trees that were sprayed of India, and these reports indicate an of fungous diseases and insect pests, contain 99 per cent of the sugar area acreage for the crop of 2.565,000, as against an estimated 2,340,000 acres at and spray material, returned an authe corresponding date a year ago, an nual average income of \$7.38 per tree. increase of 10 per cent. As compared This means an additional profit of over with the final estimate (2.414,000 acres) for 1916-17, the present estimate trees.

shows an increase of 6 per cent. The Indian Trade Journal states GUARD TREES FROM RAVAGES nat, while the crop was affected to a reat emergency and a gift for managing great enterprises, that we have come to develop a case of collective big hedd and have become pretty thoroughly grounded in the belief that where the trop was affected to a certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that where the trop was affected to a certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that where the trop was affected to a certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the trop was affected to a certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the come to develop a case of collective big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we are the control of the unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-big that we have the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas are the certain extent by heavy rain and floods in low-lying areas are the certain extent by heav of the eastern districts of the United Provinces, the prospects of the crop, on the whole, are good.

Sewing Machine as Ornament.

Thrilling tales of the grit, persist ence and skill of the woman workers in England's munition plants were re counted by Miss Mary Fraser, visiting representative of the war savings department, British treasury, in an address to a Washington audience, She laid stress on the fact that woman workers were on a pay par with men "What do they do with the money?

she was seked "Well, many of them do buy phone graphs and fur coats, but the government is willing, because their work is

good," she replied. "And the men?" a-ked a mere man "Mostly they buy sowing machines," Miss Fraser said. "I heard of one man who said he had two front windows, and the house didn't look well with a machine in only one window, so he bought two."

Fisheries at Five Fathom Bank. Five Fathom Bank which lies outside of the territorial waters of the United States, about eight nautical miles to the east of Wildwood, N. J., yielded during the past year more than 2,500 tons of food fish, with a value of \$238,839 to the fishermen. There were 21-pound nets in operation. A statistical agent of the United States hureau of fisheries was detailed to visit Anglesea, Wildwood, and Sea City, N. J., for the purpose of collect-

Had Mania for Horse Hair.

ing these statistics.

Dryden.

Pulling hairs from the talls of horses was the charge against a man in Lon don the other day. He was charged with having stolen four and a quarter pounds of horse hair from a liver company, and the claim was that he had deliberately pulled this out of the tails of the company's horses Found guilty, the man was fined \$25.

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Red-Tailed Hawk.

for its favorite prey, causes it to be noticed by the most indifferent observer. Although not as omnivorous as the 'red-shouldered hawk, it feeds on a variety of food, as small mammals snakes, frogs, insects, birds, crawfish, centipedes, and even carrion. In regions where rattiesnakes abound it destroys considerable numbers of the reptiles. Although it feeds to

tain extent on poultry and birds, it is nevertheless entitled to general protection on account of the insistent warfare it wages against field mice and other small rodents and insects that are so destructive to young orchards. nursery stock, and farm produce. Out of 530 stomachs examined, 457, or 85 per cent, contained the remains of mammal pests such as field mice. pine mice, rabbits, several species of ground squirrels, pocket gophers, and cotton rats, and only 62 contained the remains of poultry or game birds.

BIG RETURNS FROM SPRAYING

Additional Profit of \$1,000 Secured From Orchard of 200 Trees by Nebraska Man.

Another convincing showing for good returns from spraying trees has just come to hand from a Nebraska fruit grower, J. Ralph Cooper, who has completed three years of spraying work under the direction of his state experiment station. During the three years' period the unsprayed trees matured only 13.4 per cent of marketable fruit. This left 88.6 per cent of the fruit that was fit only for vinegar, and gave an annual average income of only \$1.67 for the unsprayed trees. In confour times each season for the control

Mice and Rabbits Will Do Considerable Damage During Winter Season in Orchard.

Every care should be taken to proect the young fruit trees from ravages this winter by mice and rabbits. Hundreds of young trees were destroyed last winter. There is going to be profit every bearing tree for years to come. And when apples get scarce and dear is no time to rush into planting. Be ready for the prices. Wrapping trees with crumpled newspapers tled with hinder twine is a cheap way ಯಾರ್ಥ

WOOD ASHES AS FERTILIZER

Good for Grapes, and Half Bushel to a Vine is About Right-Prune Second Season.

Wood ashes make a good fertilizer for grapes, and half a bushel to the vine will not be too much. No pruning will be required the first season. but the second season cut back the strongest canes to three or four buds, proposed that pictures shall and remove the others.

of delivery. PRUNING ON PRAIRIES

One cannot prune trees on the prairies in the winter as much us in a moister climate. A tree butcher who has gained his knowledge of pruning in Ontario or Nova Scotia will be a dangerous man to turn loose in Manitoba for instance. Care and toba for instance. Care and watchfulness of the growing tree will make the cutting off of big limbs unnecessary.

Self-Centered. It isn't wholly because of a chilly reeption that some people are all wranped up in themselves.-Philadelphia

Happiness. Courage and often fall heav Duties and ily upon young ders. But cour-

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burdens bravely.

WHEN YOUR OWN'S IN KHAKI

Army Takes on an Entirely New Aspect to Relatives and Friends of Enlisted Men.

It makes all the difference in the world when your own's in uniform, observes the Columbus Disputch. You may think you have a proper appreciation of the soldiers; you may feel that you are patriotic; you may suppose that you are doing all you can to help win the war. But you will know nothing about appreciating a soldier, or about patriotism, or about sacrifice. until one of your own puts on a uni-

All of which is suggested by a little incident of a recent football game at the university, when the soldiers were drilling. Few noticed it-for it was not intended to be noticed-but the few who did notice it grew mellow and sympathetic, and left the grounds feeling that the world does not realize the human suffering that is endured by the women of this country at this time.

woman sat in one of the lower priced seats. She came unattended. No one seemed to pay any attention to her. She was dressed demurely, with a dark vell about her eyes. She knew nothing about football; that was not what she went out to the grounds to see. Her eyes were fastened upon the uniforms; that was her object-to behold the boys in khaki. And she sat there while they were going through their drill, and wiped a tear from her eye occasionally, and her bosom heaved with emotion, and she spoke to no one about her. When the soldiers left the field she also left, unnoticed by the

Her own boy wears a uniform. That was the sorrowful secret which she held. He is "somewhere in France." She knew none of these boys before her, but her own wears a uniform; that was enough. And so she sat there, thinking, praying, sympathizing, loving these lads who are clad as her boy is It was a great game of football -perhaps! 🛷

SALVAGE SHIPS WITH FLOATS

Sunken Vessels May Be Brought to Surface by New Collapsible Device Recently Invented. A novel method of salvaging sunken

ships has been devised by Dr. Sylvio Pellico Portella, of Rio de Janeiro, says the Popular Science Monthly. The invention consists of a specially built tender which carries collapsible floats made of waterproof material, The floats occupy very little space until they are put into use and inflated.

They are constructed in such a man-

ner that they will assume a number

of different shapes when they are inflated. Taken down to the wreck by divers, they are attached to the vessel both inside and outside and are connected with the tender by lines of hose. When in place they are inflated by air pres sure from the tender. As they swell they displace the water from within as well as from without, and their

buoyancy causes the wreck to float up-

ward to the surface.

Way They Have in the Army. You begin nas ways of its own, and that its ways are not civilian ways, pretty soon after you get into it, observes a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. Orders that must be obeyed without question and without delay, telling you to do things that you have never done be fore, and don't know why you are doing now, always make a civilian gasp 2 little at first. You discover that to question and to seek to discover the notive and ultimate alm of any order that you do not understand is purely instinctive. You ask yourself quite automatically: "Yhy should I do this?" or "Shall I do this?" When you have been in the army a little while you discover that the answer is "Yes." There is no other answer, so after a while you quit asking yourself foolis questions. This is what may be called "the effect of discipline." We Americans are always being told that we are the most undisciplined people on earth: that we do as we please and hat a rigorously ordered life and discipline would do us good and make us more effective. Well, I am here to state that the theory and bellef is now being tested out in about a million of us, and if after the war we don't come in out of the rain it will be because there is nobody there to tell us to

Motion Pictures in Bahamas.

come in.

ladder.'

A communication has been received by the American consulate from a citien of Nassau, writes Consul W. F. Doty, Nassau, Bahamas, stating that a movement is on foot to obtain motion pictures of a high character for use in that city. The kinds of film de stred are: Animated weekly, adventure scenic and natural history, wellknown books, plays, folk stories, etc., and humor without vulgarity. It is plied fortnightly with a reserve of two weeks in stock, to cover irregularities

Her Narrow Escape.

One day when Dorothy's mother was reading to the little girl, she came 'gravitation.' She exto the wo menning telly, but id would be get it. Conthought the chi sequently when, a f have later. Denothy came A failining exertedly ! running it. a it's a good thing for me there's . have tunb ev, when I fell off the

Using Water as a Weight.

A pint of water or of wheat sugar or butter weighs about one pound and may safely be used as a basis for weights and measures. This knowledge is often valuable to the farmer who keeps sood wheat on hand, for it may be made to weigh, by balance, all other farm products.

Optimistic Thought. There never has a night as dark but ; what the light of the morrow shone.

LESSONS BY MOVIES ON FOOD PRODUCTION

Motion Pictures Being Prepared to Suggest to Farmers Ways They Can Assist.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.)

Motion pictures, designed to teach essons in food production to rural and urban dwellers and to suggest to them ways in which they can contribute to such production, are being prepared by the United States department of to be handled under an agreement with

the Universal Film Manufacturing company, through its exchanges, were made early in December. One first film lessons showed activities in the national forests, which not only are important sources of timber and water supply, but also afford grazing for a large number of cattle and sheep.

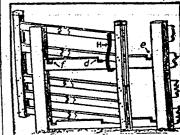
The second release will show what children through the pig clubs are doing to increase the supply of pork. Other selections from the department's 40,000 feet of official subjects will make clear various features of food production, the raising of meat animals and horses, and will deal with home activities such as poultry raising and the canning and drying of perishable products.

COMBINATION GATE IS HANDY

Barrier of Original Design Is Convenient and Time-Saving-Arranged for Hogs.

The cut herewith shows a combination gate of my own design that I think is quite handy, convenient and time saving. It is located between the barnyard proper and the hog yards. It is necessary to have a large sliding gate between the yards in order to pass from one yard to the other with team and wagon or manure spreader. writes J. A. Saul of Hancock county, Ohio, in Ohio Farmer. Also I wanted place for the hogs to pass through which I could open or close at will. Since there was only room for the large gate and not wishing to weaken it by cutting a hog door in it I devised

this plan. It is easily constructed. Simply set two posts three feet apart and bolt two 2 by 6 inch cross-pieces to them, one two feet or more if you wish, above the one on the ground. These must be notched as shown to hold the gate where wanted. the gate is in the notch D, the hog door is open. In notch E hog door is



Combination Gate.

shut and when in notch F door is partly open to allow only smaller hegs

to pass through. To prevent "smart" old hogs from raising gate from one notch to another bolt strap iron H to top board an inch or so in front of cross pleces on which gate is hung. This iron must be bent in hook shape and be just long enough so that the hook end will slip in under the top cross-piece when gate is dropped in any of the notches. The posts must be set at an angle to the large gate so same can be opened wide enough to be useful.

BEST FOWLS FOR EXHIBITION

Must Be Strong In Constitutional Vigor, Well Developed, Plump and Muscular Body.

Exhibition fowls, although thought some to be less vigorous than others, must, as a matter of fact, be strong in constitutional vigor or they cannot develop the required robust bodies or grow the beautiful lustrous nlumage required to win in the showroom. Standard requirements for all the more useful breeds of poultry include a strong, well developed, plump, muscular body and such a body is impossible on a weak fowl.

RATION FOR EGG PRODUCTION Hens in Full Laying Require Rations Which Have Greater Relative

Content of Protein. Poultry rations at once divide themselves into two different classes: Those for the fowl, and those for egg production. Too many farmers are feeding for the hen's upkeep, forget ting that they must also feed for eggs. Hens in full laying require rations which have a greater relative content protein and ash, as against those fed merely for maintenance.

NUTRIENTS FOR DAIRY COWS Feed One Pound of Grain for Each Pound of Milk Produced-Give

Silage and Alfalfa. To supply the cow with all the nu--rients that she requires for milk prolaw of gravitation or I'd ; duction, feed, for each pound of milk produced, one pound of grain in addition to all the alfulfe and silage she wil eat. ساسسسا مرفعیا بایا ا

Sex on Plants.

The chief reason for the existence of sex in plants seems to be the need for a constant chappe, a rejuvenation and modification of the progeny through uniting the characters of two individuals into one, thus new forms arise.

Réal Requirement.

Find me the man who suits the place; not a man the place would suit GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publishe

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WESTFORD

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vocal solos by Mrs. Charles D. Colburn and the members of the literature and library extension committee will read Oscar Wilde's four-act drama, "Lady Windomere's fair." The club program has had interruptions this season owing to severe weather and other conditions and it is hoped that a good attendance will be present and make the meeting one of interest.

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Last, week Friday evening at the Congregational vestry Frederick A. Hanscome gave a pleasant talk on the Yellowstone Park, Mr. Hanscome visited this great national pleasure park about four years are during a vacation period following many busy years. There was a good audience present and the speaker made his experiences interesting and put much individuality and the speaker made his experiences interesting and put much individuality into his narrative. He illustrated his travel talk with about 100 views many of them very beautiful. These were thrown on a screen by a radiopticon machine operated by Bertram Sutherland. The proceeds of over twelve dollars went to the local French Aid society for the purchase of supplies and Mr. Hanscome's helpfulness is much appreciated, much appreciated,

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Mrs. Margaret Mills, widow of the late Hugh Mills, and a long-time resident of Westford, died Monday afternoon after a short illness from heart trouble; aged eighty-four years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Cowdrey, of Billerica, and Mrs. Eliza A. Carter, of Westford, and one son, Herbert Mills, of Westford; also, a number of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. William Mills, one of her grandsons, was one of the first to join the colors from Westford, joining Company K of Lowell early last spring. Mrs. Mills rounds out a long and useful. Mrs. Of quiet and unassuming ways she filled a large and appreciated place in her circle of relatives and friends.

The first in the arrangement of union friends.

The first in the arrangement of union church services for the remainder of winter weather took place last Sunday in the Congregational church with a large and interested attendance. Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn preached the sermon and it being Lincoln Sunday, he prefaced his sermon by reading from Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address, and in an elequent and stirring sermon made a strong plea for the investigate and report on making a strong plea for the investigate and report on making a

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Miss Mary F. Bance's many friends sympathize with her during her illiness at a Lowell hospital, but are said to hear good reports of her condition. Miss Loker is staying where she can be not allowed the staying where she can be not the stay of the staying where she can be not the staying where she can be not the stay of the staying where she can be not the stay of the stay of the stay of the staying where she can be not the stay of the

About Town,

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting was held on Monday with the lightest vote cast for less than a century, for out of something like 500 registered voters the license question showed 25 voted Yes and \$4 No, and the only contest for town office, that of constable, showed only 129 votes cast. The following were elected without opposition for three years for the various offices: Town clerk, Charles L. Hildreth selectiman, Frank L. Eurbush; assessor. selectman, Frank L. Eurbush; assessor George H. Hartford; overseer of the George H. Hartford; overseer of the poor, Fred R. Blodgett; school committee, Charles O. Prescott and T. A. E. Wilson; trustee of J. V. Fletcher Herary, Julia A. Cameron; commissioners of cometeries, Wesley O. Hawkes; for unexpired term, Charles O. Prescott. The following were elected for one year: Collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; auditor, Edward T. Hanley; constable, Charles S. Ripley 85, John A. Sullivan 35; tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith; liquor question, No 94, Yes 25.

The polls closed at 1.05, after which the business of the meeting was taken up. In the absence of Hon, Herbert E. Fletcher, the usual and expected-to-be moderator, Capt, Sherman H. Fletcher

moderator, Capt, Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen. Everything went easy for

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The Ladies' Aid society held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Bartlett at the home of E. J. Whitney, Thursday afternoon.

J. M. Hartwell, while covering his usual Tuesday route in Westford this week, was unfortunate enough to cut one hand badly as he was cutting meat. Dr. Wells dressed the injury, several stitches being necessary.

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club next Monday afternoon at the Congregational vestry, it will be home afternoon. There will be a roll call of the immebership to be responded to with practical suggestions along all lines in the hobsehold. Come prepared to respond; tell of some efficient method of accomplishing routine work, of some culinary success, some items concerning the care of house plants, your experiences with feeding the birds, or anything helpful and interesting to sister housewives. In case you cannot pass on anything of interest, respond to the remembers of the literature and library extension committee will read Oscar Wilde's four-act drama, "Lady Windemere's fair." The club rooks will be a full interest than a fire could jump in a dry time.

moderator called for a voice vote which left it a tie of sound. A decision

which left it a tie of sound. A decision called for by hand vote showed that about a hand and a half plurality favored the amendment.

The twenty-first round, relating to appropriating money to complete the firehouse in Westford Center resulted in some infighting. The finance committee recommended raising \$1000 and continue the present installment plan of completing these repairs which comtinues to leave the surroundings the appearance of a town dump heap, and the traveling public to inquire "Who lives there?" The town got sort of ashamed of its forever method and voted unanimously to complete the

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About Town.

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The monthly United States crop proport for December shows that fifty four percent more potators were raised than in 1916, and twenty one percent more than in a five-year's average, and forty-two percent more potatoes on hand on January I than a year are.

Owing to the inclemency of the roads and weather conditions generally and the inclemency of temperaments, the meeting of Westford Grange was laid on the table. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 21, with the young people in charge, with Alfred and Bertram Sutherland as leaders.

Next Wednesday evening in Abbot hall J. H. Selee, from the Middlesex

Farm Bureau, will give a lecture on the care and cultivation of hotbeds for the benefit of those who are interested in war gardens. Those who had gardens last your and intend to plant again this season will do well to be present, as Mr. Selee has had wide experience and is able to give them valuable daid practical advice.

Misses Katheryn Brown, Mary Mer-rick, Margaret Kavanagh and May De-laney spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs, James H. Brown of Clinton. The Ladies' Sewing Circle will hold their meetings every Tuesday after-noon until furthr notice.

A large number were present at the meeting of the Forke Service Unit on Tuesday evening and much work was accomplished. Mrs. Andrews of Groton and Mrs. Angus Dun were present. George D. Wilson and Joseph Thompson have been accepted by the examining board for the national army. Joseph Thompson had prevarmy. Joseph Thompson had previously tried to enlist twice, but was turned down both times.

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All the pupils of Cameron school have joined the Junior Red Cross society. A special canvass is being made throughout the country during the time from Lincoln's birthday until Washington's. The membership dues are only twenty-five cents and lasts during one school year.

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The Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held the last of the social dances until after the Lenten season last week Friday evening in Abbot hall. A large number were present, including several from Camp Devens. Owing to the bad condition of the soads the Peerless orchestra, which furnished ausic for the dancing, was delayed over an hour.

Graniteville.

The members of the Holy Name society received communion in a body at the first mass at St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning. On Wednesday evening (Ash Wednesday) at 7.30, the first of the Lenten devotions were held and consisted of a sermon, followed by benediction. The services as usual were largely attended. On Friday evening the services consisted of the stations of the cross. These services will be held on every Wednesday and Friday evening during the Lenten season. Graniteville. son.

made up by private capital, and so thought the town and jumped prices faster than a fire could jump in a dry time.

The twentieth round came near ending in a draw. It related to choosing a committee to investigate and report in regard to purchasing a motor-driven chemical engine. W. R. Taylor moved that the fire engineers constitute such a committee. H. V. Hidreth amended by adding the selectimen. John C. Abbot, thought the committee large enough without the selectmen. The moderator called for a voice vote

Many of the young women from this village are attending the cooking lessons that are being given in Abhot's hall, Forge Village, every Thursday

Florence G. Sullivan and Symmes, of this village, have recently been passed by the exemption board in Ayer and are expected to be called to the colors some time this month. Aldat Longley, a Graniteville boy, now in France, and a member of the Aviation Corps, has recently written to his relatives here, stating that he intends to take his initial flying trip

The members of Cameron Circle, C. of F. A., held their regular meeting in their rooms of Theaday evening with a large attendance. After the meeting an informal whist party was held, followed by dancing. Refreshments were served and the whole aftair provents of the prove ed to be very enjoyable.

The bureau of engraving and printing at Washington, D. C., strikes off about 20,800,000 stamps every day, and the daily shipments of stamps to the 70,000 or more postoffices throughout the United States run from 10,000,000 to 70,000,000. About 100,000,000 stamps are always kept on hand, ready for any emergency.

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Sheriff's Sale

Asia February 12th A. D. 1915. ... n execution, the same having the hed, previously, on mesne ad will be sold at Public on Monday, February 18th, be discharged. current, at two o'clock P. M., the foland chattels, to wit:

of Plug Tobacco, 611 pack- Joh." entes, 1440 different kinds of packages Matches, 292 of Chocolate Bars, Gum. Bars, Saited Peanuts, and Bars, 37 cases Bevo Tonic, 2: Tonic, 4 Winchester Repeating Smith & Wesson Revolver,

er: 22 Cartridges, portions of " Gallery Outfit, 14 Camp ners, 1 lot of Empty Shells, half barrel old Lead Bul-Stoves, 1 five-gallon Can, 2 120 empty Bottles, 4 cases 1 12 bottles Cliquot Club, 52 Anzac, 1 Tobacco Cutter.

BERT A. FILLEBROWN. Deputy Sheriff.

BAN ON OLIVE OIL EXPORTS

Royal Order Calls Hait on Shipments Except Essentials, From Spain to United States.

Olive oil exports from Spain, of which large quantities formerly were shipped both directly and via France and Italy to the United States and other foreign markets, from Barcelona and Seville, are prohibited by a recent royal order, states commerce reports In southern Spain and in the region of Catalonia, the olive oil industry has been an important source of revenue to the growers who export to foreign refineries, whence the oil was often shipped to the United States, as of really non-Spanish production. cently the direct exports of the commodity from Spain to the United States have increased considerably with the development of the American taste for

the oil produced in Spain.

There is no embargo on exports of essential oils such as pennyroyal, rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender, the Spanish production of which is largely destined for foreign markets, and shipment of which is made direct from Spain to the United States, France, and elsewhere. These oils are produced especially in the regions of Mur-cia and Mings, where many medical herbs are grown for domestic con-sumption and export. As compara-tively little use is made in Spain of several oils derived from the plants mentioned and other oll-producing herbs, the local market is limited; but the industry may be developed indefinitely in view of the favorable climatic conditions of those sections of Spain where the plants flourish. 1916 the declared exports of essential oils from Malaga to the United States were valued at \$176,164; those from Almeria, at \$21,920; and those from Barcelona, at \$13.220.

USE GLASS FOR FALSE MAIR Material Also Converted Into Cotton and Woof and Pressed Into

In Venice they are spinning glass for commercial uses, converting it into glass cotton and glass wool pressed into sheets or pads, says the Popular Science Monthly. Although the principal use of the product at present is for insulation, we have heard the word of the Italian makers, that it serves admirably for making artificial hair, wigs, pesukes, doll's hair, Santa Claus

beards and other hirsute adornments. The processes of manufacture are simple, Solid glass rods, made of pure American soda that contains no adul teration of lead or other metal, are worked into fluff under a Bunsen burner and blowpipe. A bicycle wheel, minus the tire, winds up the threads If the threads are sufficiently fine they curl and fluff out like wool.

The product is now marketed in three forms glass cotton, glass wool, and in sheets about one-half inch thick which resemble white felt pads. In the last form mentioned it may be used to make separators for accumulators of electricity.

A bachelor was recently traveling in a tramcar with a married couple of his acquaintance. It was a rainy morning. The young wife had her um brella well out of the way of those who passed down the car, but an awkward boy on his way to the door man aged to fall over it and break it. "Oh, I'm so sorry," stammered the

"Never mind: I'm sure it wasn't your fault," and the lady smiled at him without a trace of anger or even irritation on her face.

"Well, I must say your wife is an exclaimed the bachelor, "Most women would have angel!" warmly. withered that clumsy fellow with a look, if they hadn't scorched him with

"An angel, is she?" said the married man, as he picked up the broken umbrella and smiled quizzically at his wife. "She may be-but she's wanted a new umbrella for a month, and now she knows I'll have to get it!'

Trade Preparedness in Chile.

By proclamation the president of Chile has appointed a committee which will investigate and report on the commercial and industrial relation of Chile with the rest of the world, especially in so far as these have been affected by the European war. The following is quoted from the proclama-

There is herewith appointed a committee which shall investigate the situation in which the industries and commerce of Chile will probably find themselves upon the re-establishment of peace, and of competition between the products of national industry and those imported from abroad, and to recommend to the government such meas ures as the commission may deem advisable for the purpose of protecting these in their present advanced condition and to encourage their further development.

Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman has written to United the Store House of C. A. States Marine corps headquarters at on Mechanic Street, in Washington asking that the young man

"He is too weak and delicate to be ods and chattels, to wit: In the service," she wrote. "He is a Moxie, 95 packages Cigarette blacksmith's helper by trade, and I . of hoxes Tobacco, a part of would prefer him to stay at his last

se mother was informed that, for time being her son must remain a hrine.

When You Hone a Razor. If razor hones are placed upon strong magnets razors will be held flat and can be sharpened more rapidly and ac-

New Version of a Beatitude. Blessed are the poor, for they shall not keep up appearances. Neither written about them. From Atlantic. it is made.



BUILDING UP A DAIRY HERD Essentials Are Careful Selection, intelligent' Breeding and Skillful Management

Careful selection, intelligent breeding and skillful management are fund-amental in the profitable upbuilding of the dairy herd. By the use of economy and good judgment the improvement of a herd need not be expensive.

Careful selection is the first step in the building up of a dairy herd. Selection naturally begins with the elimination of all low producers. Every owner should-establish a deffilte standard and all cows that do



High-Producing Holsteins.

not measure up to the requirements should be rejected. One hundred and fifty pounds of butterfat a year is minimum for most Whether a cow is to be rejected or retained should depend ordinarily on pro duction as shown by the Babcock test and the scales. Only the best heifer calves from the most productive cows should be raised.

FEED CALF SEPARATOR MILK

When Given Alone It is Liable to Cause Indigestion-Feeding Is Vastly Important.

Separator milk is not a balanced ration for calves. On this feed alone, and the way it is usually given to them, they are liable to get indigestion, as shown by a bloated condition, capricious appetite and diarrhea. Most of the trouble can be avoided by adding a handful of oil meal, to cornmeal or cottonseed meal, to supply, in a way, the fat that has been removed in the skimming.

The milk should be given to them warm and never when it is frothy. Never allow a calf to drink all of the nilk that it wants at one meal. It is a bad practice to allow several calves to drink out of one trough, some of them will get too much. Care in feeding onlyes is of vastly more importance han "cures" for calf scours.

CONTAMINATED AIR IN MILK

Easy to Understand How Foul Odors Are introduced in Unclean and Unventilated Stable.

If the milking is done in that is unclean and unventilated, filthy and filled with foul odors, it is readily understood how the streams of milk passing from the udder to the pail will force the contaminated air into the pail and impart to the milk its foul odors. The use of the separator under similar conditions must produce similar results.

Odors and flavors are also produced in the milk after it has been drawn, by the introduction into it of undesirable germs in the dust from the stable and the cow and from lack of cleanliness of vessels used in handling ft.

FEEDING SILAGE TO CALVES

Begin Early With Small Amount in Connection With Other Roughage, Increasing Gradually.

Calves should become acquainted with silage early in life, beginning with a very small quantity in connection with other roughage and increasing gradually. In this way the young animals develop normally, making rapid gains while the cost is kept at he minimum.

SOLVE DAIRY FEED SHORTAGE

Dairyman Can Make What They Have Go Further by Adopting Plan of Food Conservationists.

Dairymen can solve the feed short age by the same method other people are using to solve the food shortage They can make what they have go further. If food economies can result in feeding more people with the same amount of food, the same feed can feed more cows.

Cross of St. Antirew. The Cross of St. Andrew is white satin on blue ground, to represent the cross on which the Scottish patron saint suffered martyrdom. It is combined with crosses of St. George and St. Patrick in the Union Jack of Great

The Only Way. Only way to get the genuine mince must they read the books that are ple is to marry into the family where

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SOLID GOLD PENDANTS and CHAINS, new lot

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HONEST WORK AT HONEST PRICES

There are two highly important points for a man to consider before having his car overhauled.

The first point is to assure himself that the men who are going to work on his car are mechanics expert enough to locate and properly repair all the parts that need at-

The second point is to convince himself that he can trust the shop to give him an honest accounting of the amount of work that was actually done on the car.

We gladly welcome an investigation on both of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investi-

YATES' GARAGE

AYER, MASS.

Tel. 157-2 Maple Street

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the es-tate of CYNTHIA ELLEN LYNCH, sometimes known as CYNTHIA E. LYNCH, late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

nine hundred and eighteen.

3123 F. M. ESTY. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HOWARD A.
STACY late of Townsend in said
County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of-said deceased to EVALINE A. STACY of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without
giving a surety on her bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twentieth day of February A. D. 1918,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week,
for three successive weeks, in Turner's
Public Spiric, a newspaper published in
Ayer, the last publication to be one day,
at least, before said Court.

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

3122 F. M. ESTY, Register.

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 590, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 2022 has been-lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount of deposit represented by said book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK.

Raiph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., February 6, 1918. 3123

LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 3892 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK. Raiph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., January 25, 1918. 3t72

WE HAVE A PIANO just returned by a customer to our district agent. We have put a price on it equal to the balance due on the lease—less than half its real value. Well-known make, mahogany upright with the chair and scarf. Delivery free. Terms of payment will be made to suit buyer, and will be very low if desired. Address BATES-MITCHELL CO., care of Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

Sheriff's Sale

sometimes known as CYNTHIA E.
LYNCH, late of Shirley 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 ROB-ERT J. MUNN 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 You are hereby cited to show the same should not be granted.

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

Tirst Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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Tirst Judge of said Middlesex, ss.

Samuel Jenkins, and now or late of George Wyman, and at the Northerly side of the premises here described; thence North 56 degrees 20' West as run in the year 1902 and by said Davis farm 415.3 feet to a stake and stones at the Easterly end of a wall; thence South 11 degrees 10 West as run in 1902 and by land of John and Katie Vattes, 369 feet to a stake and stones near the Easterly end of a wall; thence South 56 degrees East as run in 1902 and by land formerly of John Adams, 305.5 feet to a stake and stones for a corner; thence Southerly 12 rods, by said land, to a corner of the wall; thence Easterly 65 rods by the same i land to a stone post, formerly called a stake and stones; thence Northerly by land formerly of one Hildreth to a stake and stones, and still continue Northerly by land formerly of Agron Scales, to a stone post for a corner which is 32 rods from the other stone post; thence about West 29 degrees North as formerly run, the year not being known, and by land of said Wy-65 rods to the bound first

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN,

Deputy Sheriff. 23w (34 Years with Frederick Whitney)

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SIGN PAINTING and LETTERING

Over Wheeler's Blacksmith Shop

cess of the supply, writes Vice Consul E. R. Pottle, Dundee. The very high

prices and costly upkeep of farm horses, added to the heavier expenses

for labor, have compelled the larger

farmers to be on the lookout for the

The necessary points-seem to be

Sufficient power with a reserve;

tion: ability to run on common paraffin

with economical consumption; capa-

HOPE RUSSIA'S ART IS SAFE

Outside World Anxious for Preserva-

tion of Masterpleces Held in the

Chaotic Capital.

Chaos has now apparently descended

upon the Russian capital, and the out-

side world can only hope that someone

in that unhappy center of revolution

and discord has seen to it that the

hundreds of masterpreces in the na-

tional collection shall be placed in a

comparatively safe hiding place until

the storms of war are over, says the

A brief summary of the facts given

in the preface to the three volume

French catalogue of the Hermitage

(Petrograd's great art gallery) will

suffice to convey some idea of the won-

derful riches of this collection. At

the time that this catalogue was pub-

lished the gallery contained 1,844 paintings, of which 331 belonged to the Ital-

ian school, 117 to the Spanish school,

Dutch and German), eight to the Eng-

949 to the Germanic schools (Flemish

lish school, 172 to the French school

These 1,644 pictures were selected from a total of more than 4,000 pic-

were not given a place in the Petro-

grad galleries were hung in the winter

palace and in the other royal resi-

dences of Tsarkoe Selo, Peterhof and

Gatchina, and in the museum of Mos-

Sugar Acreage in India.

British India's sugar cane acreage

is from 6 to 10 per cent larger, accord-

for 1917-18. This forecast is based on

reports furnished by provinces that

acres) for 1916-17, the present estimate

in low-lying areas in parts of the Unit-

ed Provinces, the Punjab and Bengal

and by disease and insect pests it

United Provinces, the prospects of the

Sewing Machine as Ornament

laid stress on the fact that woman

workers were on a pay par with mer

she was asked.

good," she replied.

"What do they do with the money?

"Well, many of them do buy phone

graphs and fur coats, but the govern

ment is willing, because their work is

"And the men?" asked a mere man

"Mostly they buy sewing machines,"

Miss Fraser said. "I heard of one man

who said he had two front windows

and the house didn't look well with a

machine in only one window, so he

Fisheries at Five Fathom Bank.

Five Fathom Bank which lies out-

ide of the territorial waters of the

United States, about eight nautical

miles to the east of Wildwood, N. J.,

vielded during the past year more than

2,500 tons of food fish, with a value

of \$238.839 to the fishermen. There

were 21-pound nets in operation. A

statistical agent of the United States

bureau of fisheries was detailed to vis-

it Anglesea, Wildwood, and Sea Isle

City, N. J., for the purpose of collect-

Had Mania for Horse Hair.

Pulling hairs from the tails of horses

was the charge against a man in Lon-

don the other day. He was charged

with having stolen four and a quarter

pounds of horse hair from a livery

company, and the claim was that he

had deliberately pulled this out of

the tails of the company's horses.

Found guilty, the man was fined \$25.

Proverb.

Whatever is, is in its causes fust .-

ing these statistics.

Dryden.

crop, on the whole, are good.

shows an increase of 6 per cent.

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Boston Transcript.

strength and simplicity of construc

best type of utility tractor.

HARVARD

The next lecture in the Warner e will be given on Friday even-February 22, by Mary Boyle illy, Few women have had such G'Reilly, Few women have had such varied and sensational experience within the war zone as Miss O'Reilly. She has a wealth of thrilling stories of her life of 1000 days back of the front and tells them as would be expected as the daughter of her distinguished father.

A meeting of the Congregational Men's club will be held on Sunday eyening, February 17. Raymond Blak-ney, the young preacher, who has ocney, the young preacher, who has oc-cupied the pulpit at the Congrega-tional church the past two Sundays; will be the speaker of the evening. A supper will be served at seven o'clock. Lecture at eight o'clock. All the men-ef the town who are interested are cordially invited to attend,

The next meeting of the music study lass will be held with Mrs. Royal on uesday afternoon, February 19, at

2.30 o'clock.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 19, when the final degrees will be conferred. Mrs. E. M. Ripley, with the ladles' team, will confer the third degree. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Committees to act in conjunction with the Harvard Canning and Eyaporating club will be confirmed at this meeting; also, the Grange committee in charge of the detail work in connection with the demonstrution school to be held on February 28 and 27 will be appointed at this 26 and 27 will be appointed at this

Mrs. Wallace Bryant is on the sick list. Her sister, Miss Doris Houghton, is taking charge of the house during

Miss Helen Whitney is kept at home from her duties as secretary at Shak-erland with a severe cold.

Walter Bagster, who has been work ing at the milliary camp in Virginia, is home. The weather there proved worse for his asthma trouble than the climate of New England.

Webster Sawyer, of North Weyof Miss Josephine Baker.

Mrs. J. C. Noon, our station agent's wife, suffered a sudden and severe ill-ness last Sunday. She is much im-proved at present.

proved at present.

Julius Gebo, with his bride of a few hours, arrived at the home of his father, Levi Gebo, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Gebo and his bride, who was Miss Carron, of Ashburnham, were married on Monday, They returned on Wednesday afternoon to Ashburnham, where they will make their home.

L. Victor Gebo and Joseph Ford are called to the colors at Camp Devens during the week of February 23-28.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Sheehan

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Sheehan have four sons now in active service and expect one more son and possibly two to be called in the near future. Who can better this record of service for the country?

Mnurice Griffin, with the assistance of his dog cornered and killed an otter this week. The animal measured 4 feet 6 inches from the nose to the tip of his tail. He was evidently an old fellow, as his teeth were broken and worn so as to be almost useless in a fight.

B. J. Priest has a force of men and he road scraper at work on the Ayer oad, cutting through the drifts and News Items. widening the road.

Mrs. W. 1

widening the road.
See the wonderful Mme. Petrova in "The silenge sellers" at the motion picture show this Saturday evening—a gripping story exposing the methods of certain so-called society journals, in five acts. It is one of her new ones. Coming, February 28—"Old homestead."

The music study class met at "Fruit Acreà". for their last meeting. Miss Harriet B. Thayer was the leader of the meeting. Brahms was the composer taken up for study. The program consisted of vocal selections, Mrs. H. C. Merrill, Mrs. Carl Haskell, Miss Josophine Baker; plano selections, Miss Helen Stone, Mrs. Haskell; violin selections, Mrs. Louise Freeman Turner. At the close of this very interesting program H. A. Thayer favored the class with a solo. The next meeting class with a solo. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. H. B. Royal, and the leader will be Miss A. M. Reed. The composer Dvorak will be under

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Brown visi ed Camp Devens on last week Tuesday to say good-bye to their son, Wilmur B. Brown, who left on the following morning for Camp Greene in the south whence he expects to sail for

Montreal, Quebec

The death of William Perkins. of a former pastor of the Congregational church here, occurred in Woodtional church here, occurred in Woun-stock, Conn., January 31. Burial was in Boxborough on Monday afternoon of last week. He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Burroughs, of Boxborough, and two daughters and

Mrs. Catherine Fairbanks has been siting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Barry,

Mrs. Fiske Warren has opened her n house on Mt. Vernon place. Bos-for the remainder of the winter. h her mother, Mrs. Hamilton Os-d, she has been in New York since

Hears from Her Son.

Mrs. Fred Whitney has received a letter from her son Leland, who is with the sawmill unit at Ardgay, Scotland, telling of his week's vacation in London at Christmas, dated Ardgay, Rosshire County, Scotland, January 2:

Dear Mother—Just a few lines aside from my other letter to tell you about my trip Christmas week. Well, I left Ardgay, Sootland, December 22, Sat-urday morning, headed for London. array morning, headed for London. Arrived in London Sunday morning at about nine o'clock. It took about twenty-six hours, some ride on the trains that they have here, for they are much different from those in the States. It was a long, hard ride, but it is a trip that I will never regret taking.

ing...
The Y. M. C. A. manager had made The Y. M. C. A. manager had made arrangements for us at Eagle Hut, the American Y. M. C. A. camp there, so we went to the camp which is down in the west end of London on the Strand. There was about 130 of the unit fellows in this trip—Robert Sheener the Manager and Los Bar-Frank McNamara and Joe Bar ere among the bunch. cted an air raid any night, but we in't get one, but saw where the bombs hit just a little way from where

The Y. M. C. A. was a busy place; just packed full of all kinds of sol-diers all the time. They observed Christmas in the Y. M. C. A. We had carristmas in the 1, al. C. A. we had lote of singers and plano players. Then after the Christmas concert we had Santa Claus and he gave us each a little stocking with nuts and candy, etc., in it. Well. I checked my suitcase and stayed there a week, and had one great time.

one great time.

During the day there was a guide to take us around and show us the different places of interest. Guide and buss (that is a barge) both for ninetysix cents a day. I will tell you about ome of the places I went.

some of the places I went.

The first place was the Tower of London, where so many of the olden kings were imprisoned; also, where the two little princes were murdered. I was in that very room. Another place was St. Paul's Cathedral, one of the most handsome buildings inside that anyone ever saw; also, another famous

building, Westminster Abbey, Another place that I saw was Buckingham Palace, the King's Palace, We went through the king's stable and harnessroom: We saw all the king's horses, even the one that he rides himself; also, saw the king and queen's couch. Another place to which we went was the National Art Gallery, where all the world's famous paintings are; also, the London Zoological Gardens and the London Zoological. Gardens and Madame Tursand's wax works, where there are wax models of about all the kings and queens and nobility of England, and a wax model of President Wilson. Then there were lots of other places I will tell you about when I see you, like Kelson's monument, the House of Parliament and King Albert's monument. Then at right we went to the theatres, so you can see that we the theatres, so you can see that we had a good time. We got home here on Sunday evening. It is getting late so I will have to close with love to all.

Bromfield School.

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It has been interesting to compare Bromfield school with three neighboring high schools, as to percentage of pupils attending higher schools after graduation. Pupils not receiving diplomas and those attending other preparatory schools afe not included in the figures. Two of the high school principals who were consulted gave the average percentage in their schools as forty and fifty percent, respectively; the third gave it by classes, as follows; Class of 1912 50%, 1914 33%, 1914 75%, 1915 50%, 1916 33%. The above figures show an average for that school of a fraction over 50%. Statistics of 1912 29%, 1913 57%, 1914 33%, 1915 50%, 1916 33%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school during the same years show the following percentages: Class of 1912 29%, 1913 57%, 1914 33%, 1915 50%, 1916 33%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The above figures show an average for Bromfield school during the same years show the following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following percentages: Class of the articles were taken up. The following taken up. The following taken up. The following taken up. The following taken up.

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The Bromfield Beacon, the school year book, which has not been published for three years, is to be published again this June. The editorial staff is as follows: Hilder M. Ryan, editor-in-chief; Marjorie S. Houghton, assistant editor; Stanley H. Turner, business manager; Lloyd Small, assistant business manager; Perley St. John and Mary E. Sheehan, athletics; locals—Bernice M. Walker senior, Hazei E. Hardy funior, Lillian E; Taylor sophomore, Raohel G. Ryan freshman; Marjorie Walker, alumni editor.

A. special program will be given by

A special program will be given by the Literary society, February 21, in the Literary society, February 21, in observance of the birthday of George Washington. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises, which

LITTLETON

Mrs. W. E. Conant will open her house to an all-day sewing meeting of the United Workers next week Wedneeday. In the afternoon the two missionary programs postponed in January and February will be given.

Supt. Frank H. Hill was called to Maine this week through the death of this only brother. Charles Hill, a den-Maine this week through the decayed is of town treasurer and collector the tist, of Bath, Me. The deceased is of town treasurer and collector the Miss survived by a wife and three children.
er of
comweek from Portland, Me., to visit his son and family.

Ralph Hill, of Southbridge, and friend, Henry Bearse, were in town over Sunday.

Marcia Wilcox is sick with German Marcia Wilcox is sick with German measles. Chicken-pox is spreading among the school children of the Union building. J. W. Dodds' children and Lucile Gardner are some of the recent victims of attack.

Miss Sarah A. Priest underwent an operation at Eliot hospital, Boston, Monday, Developments have been sat-isfactory to date.

Mrs. Channing Brown has been confined to the house through illness

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Gillett, of from whence he expects to sail for foreign service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Webster, of Williamstown, former residents here, announce the marriage of their daughter, Neta Pearl, to Randolph Bell, of Maclin, Saskatchewan, on January 23. Maclin, Saskatchewan, on January 23. Maclin, Saskatchewan, on January 23. Maclin, Saskatchewan, or January 24. A. Patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Ghelt, of Center, recently entertained his brother James and son, from Clifton which they nave given the suggestive name of "Worth While." Mr. Gillett and son were also guests of Hon. Frank Maclin, Saskatchewan, on January 23. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Ghelt, of Center, recently entertained his brother James and son, from Clifton which they nave given the suggestive name of "Worth While." Mr. Gillett of Worth While." Mr. Gillett of Worth While. Mr. Gillett of Center, recently entertained his brother James and son, from Clifton Springs, N. J., in their cosy home, to which they nave given the suggestive name of "Worth While." Mr. Gillett of Center, recently entertained his brother James and son, from Clifton Springs, N. J., in their cosy home, to which they nave given the suggestive name of "Worth While." Mr. Gillett of Worth While. Mr. Gillett of Center, recently entertained his brother James and son, from Clifton Springs, N. J., in their cosy home, to which they nave given the suggestive name of "Worth While." Mr. Gillett of Worth While. Mr. Gillett of Worth While Mr. Gillett of Mr. Gillett of Worth While Mr. Gill

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson attended meeting of the State Federation ivies committee in Boston recently. The Historical society will hold one of its regular meetings in the library reading-room on Friday afternoon February 22, at two o'clock. An in-teresting program is planned. Every

Littleton boys and girls who attended Lawrence academy in Groton during the early eightles, were under the instruction of the late William A. Perkins, of Woodstock, Conn., whose much lamented death was recorded in this paper last week. Mr. Perkins was an able, conscientious and highly respected instructor, and a man of marked strength of character. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Burroughs Perkins; two daughters, the elder a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, and now engaged in settlement work in the Frances Willard Settlement in Boston; the other still in college, and a son in the high school. of Woodstock, Conn., son in the high school.

The thaw was welcomed by many o our residents, and particularly the who have been forced to team was for home consumption, not a few o whom have teamed it since the firs hard freeze of six weeks ago.

to spend last week-end with his moth er and other relatives.

Lois Smith has returned home, and her brother Russell is now visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Charles L. Smith.

The fourth annual conference of Massachusetts school administrators is in session in Boston—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and it is expected that members of the school board, the superintendent, and high school principal of Littleton will be school_principal_of_Littleton_will_be represented at some of these meetings Many of the vital problems of the present school world will be thrashed out during these days by prominen educators, chiefly from this state.

Otis H. Forbush sold a herd of eighty cattle last week and ninety the week before for John Pingry.

At the Unitarian church on the Sunday between the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject will be "The religion sermon subject will be "The religior for a republic—may it not be the religion for the whole world? choir, under the leadership of Mrs. G. E. Prouty, is doing excellent service that is highly appreciated.

Jurors drawn from Littleton and now doing service at Cambridge in the superior court are John W. Hutchinson

and Rev. O. J. Fairfield.

F. C. Kattner, of Boston university, young man in the twenties, will breach in the Congregational church in Sunday as a candidate.

A former Littleton parishioner is in receipt of a recent issue of the Farm-ington Chronicle of which Rev. Paul G. Favor is religious editor, and tearns that Mr. Favor is to sail soon for France, where he will serve us chap-ing.

February 20 the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Mary E. Dodge: leader, Miss Rachel U. Cornwell; subject.

C. E. topic for Sunday evening What my church is doing." Miss Mirlam Conant came last week Friday.

A. Heywood Knowlton spent the Misses Fannie and Gertrude San-derson spent a few days with Mrs. Arthur Blanchard in West Acton last

Leland.

F. Watts, town clerk; George W. Whitcomb, selectman and overseer of poor, 2 years; J. William Ames, board of health, 3 years; Edward P. Sheehan, assessor, 3 years; Frank A. ures show an average for Bromfield school of a fraction over 50%. The average for Bromfield school during the years 1911-1917 rises to 53%. So we see that the percentage of pupils in the town of Harvard going farther than high school compares favorably with that in towns nearby.

The following program was given on Tuesday, February 12, in observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, "school: Singing, "Star Spangled Banner," school: essay, "The childhood and education of Abraham Lincoln," Stanley H. Turner: singing, "Battle hymm of the republic ilfe of Abraham Lincoln," Stanley H. Turner: singing, "Battle hymm of the republic," school: reading "O captain!" my captain!" Lillilan E. Taylor: Lincoln's Gettysbury address, arthur S. Bigelow; singing, "America," school. lumber and measurers of wood were re-elected; measurers of grain and weighers of hay, grain, coal, etc., were re-elected with exception of George Hall; Herbert C. Bradley, Clarence Wilkins, Robert C. Cobb, George E. Wood, J. Harold Remick, Roland G. Houghton, field drivers; tellers in service, Rev. H. L. Caulkins, Richard L. Hartwell, Hugh Foley, Ernest Robinson, E. H. Stone, Percy Crane: A. E. son, E. H. Stone, Percy Crane; A. E. Hopkins, officer at the rail. The board of park commissioners were re-elected. License question, No 97, Yes 4. Polls opened at six o'clock and closed at

> Appropriations were made as fol-ows: Schools, \$6450 and interest of lows: Schools, \$6450 and interest of Johnson and Goldsmith funds and dog tax money; school supplies \$550; superintendent of schools \$250; transportation of schoolsr \$2150; repairing highways \$1651.06; railing highways \$400; Memorial day \$100; salaries \$350; miscellaneous expenses \$2000; library and building \$700; sureties of town officers and employees \$100; suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths \$516.36; school buildings, realize and new furniture \$500; school pairs and new furniture \$500; school physician \$35; sidewalks \$300; prophysician \$35; sidewalks \$300; pro-tection of shade trees \$100; for ex-penses by tree warden \$50; police pro-tection \$500; sidewalk in front of catholic church \$50; draining park at Center \$100; towards tower on Rob-bins' hill for prevention of forest fires \$150; removing ledge in front of Michael Healy's house \$250; munici-pal light department \$2127.84; water department \$4100—total \$22.979.90.

hree in the afternoon.

of town freasurer and conector the same as last year. No money was voted for oiling roads. Passed Arti-cles 26, 29, 30, 32, 34. Article 27, re-lating to renting of town farm, was left in the hands of overseers of the

The Newtown women of the Congregational society served a baked bean and scalloped dinner under the chair-manship of Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, which was generally admitted to be There was a large delegation of women present at the meeting and the dinner.

A National Disgrace.

We have been wont to hear from many patriotic orators how wonderfulmany patriotic orators how wonderfully smart we are as a people; we have
been given credit for wonderful insight
into things—great foresight, some
hindsight and all other kinds of sight
that go to make a super acute sort of
people. It is easy to assimulate soft
soap when skiffully applied and we
have heard so much of this sort of
thing from time to time and have been
given, by ourselves, so much credit for thing from time to time and have been given, by ourselves, so much credit for great efficiency and a gift for managing great enterprises, that we have come to develop a case of collective big head and have become pretty thoroughly grounded in the belief that

thoroughly grounded in the belief that we are IT.

Sad as it may be to contemplate, it is a solemn fact that the developments of the last two months in the coal and railroad business have proved beyond a doubt we, as a people, have not the sense of the humble little ground squirrel. He at least knows enough to get busy when nuts are ripe and lay in his supplies for the winter. Fortunately, he does not need fuel. It is nothing short of a national disgrace that the people of the richest city in the country, and within a short hau of the great coal fields of Pennsylvania should be allowed to suffer and die for the lack of fuel.

That thousands of smaller communities suffer in a less degree than New York but adds to the disgrace. The present situation is of course aggravated by the severity of the winter and war conditions, but the difficulty is by no means new.

means new. For the past ten years things have For the past ten years things have been getting steadily worse. The trouble seems to be that the gentlemen "whom the Almighty in his infinite wisdom appointed to run the coal business" (according to the late lamented Mr. Eaer) have bent the energies of their giant intellects not to devising the last and surfects means of supplying the best and surest means of supplying the needs of the people, but to the, to

the needs of the people, but to the, to them, more interesting problem of how to get the last possible penny of profit out of a helpless public.

The present experience has been hitter enough to wake the people up if there is any such thing. If they do not back up the demands of the men who dig the coal, that the people take over the coal mines and operate them over the coal mines and operate them for their own benefit, and do it in such vicorous fashion that congress will "si up and take notice," and pass the necessary laws, they will richly deserve and pass the all the deprivation they may get in the future for want of fuel. - V. T. F.

WASTE IN COAL

When the government fixed the price of coal at the mine it was for what is called run-of-mine coal. That is what the operators have been shipping, with the result that the consumers have got more slate than ever sumers have got more slate than ever before. One frequently hears householders complain of the poor quality of their coal—this is the explanation. It is estimated that since August, when the price was established, thirty percent of the coal hauled has been non-burnable waste. In other words, the militoads have had to haul as coal stuff that has been thirty percent rubbish, the effect of which has been the same as if, in spite of the fuel shortsame as if, in spite of the fuel short age, thirty percent of the coal car. A carload of nut coal cheered the had been allowed to lie idle, or all spirits of a few families in town this the cars had been used to only seventy

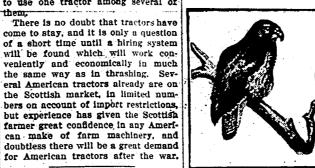
TRACTORS' USE IN SCOTLAND American Machine is Popular Among Horticultural Larger Farmers-Demand Is in Excess of Supply. The use of tractors in Scotland for farming purposes has increased remarkably during the past two years, and the present demand is far in ex-

HABITS OF RED-TAILED HAWK

Entitled to Protection Because of Insistent Warfare on Various Rodents in Orchards.

The red-tailed hawk, or "hen-hawk," as it is commonly called, is one of the tors, etc., over broken ground.

A local farmers' association has and is a widely distributed species of great economic importance. Its hab it of sitting on some prominent limb or pole in the open, or flying with meas gred wing beat over prairies and sparsely wooded areas on the lookout



Red-Tailed Hawk.

for its favorite prey, causes it to be noticed by the most indifferent observer. Although not as omnivorous as the red-shouldered hawk, it feeds on a variety of food, as small mammals, makes, frogs, insects, birds, crawfish, centipedes, and even carrion. In regions where rattlesnakes abound it destroys considerable numbers of the reptiles. Although it feeds to a certein extent on ponitry and birds, it is nevertheless entitled to general pro tection on account of the insistent warfare it wages against field mice and other small rodents and insects that are so destructive to young orchards nursery stock, and farm produce. Out of 530 stomachs examined, 457, or 85 per cent, contained the remains mammal pests such as field mice, pine mice, rabbits, several species of ground squirrels, pocket gophers, and cotton rats, and only 62 contained the remains of poultry or game birds.

BIG RETURNS FROM SPRAYING

Additional Profit of \$1,000 Secured From Orchard of 200 Trees by Nebraska Mark tures acquired since the time of Cath-

Another convincing showing for good returns from spraying trees has just come to hand from a Nebraska fruit grower, J. Ralph Cooper, who has completed three years of spraying work under the direction of his experiment station. During the three years' period the unsprayed trees matured only 13.4 per cent of marketable fruit. This left 86.6 per cent of the fruit that was fit only for vinegar, and gave an annual average income of only ing to the second official crop estimate \$1.67 for the unsprayed trees. In contrast, the fruit trees that were sprayed four times each season for the control contain 99 per cent of the sugar area of fungous diseases and insect pests, of India, and these reports indicate an of India, and these reports indicate an areage for the crop of 2,565,000 as against an estimated 2,340,000 acres at and spray material, returned an auat a cost of 24 cents per tree for labor nual average income of \$7.38 per tree. the corresponding date a year ago, an This means an additional profit of over increase of 10 per cent. As compared \$1,000 from an orchard of only 200 the final estimate (2,414,000) trees.

The Indian Trade Journal states GUARD TREES FROM RAVAGES certain extent by heavy rain and floods

Mice and Rabbits Will Do Considerable Damage During Winter Season in Orchard.

Every care should be taken to prosome of the eastern districts of the ect the young fruit trees from ravages this winter by mice and rabbits. Hundreds of young trees were destroyed last winter. There is going to be profit in every bearing tree for years to come. And when apples get scarce and Thrilling tales of the grit, persist-ence and skill of the woman workers dear is no time to rush into planting. in England's munition plants were re-Be ready for the prices. Wrapping counted by Miss Mary Fraser, visiting the trees with crumpled newspapers representative of the war savings detied with binder twine is a cheap way partment. British treasury, in an adout dress to a Washington audience. She

WOOD ASHES AS FERTILIZER Good for Grapes, and Half Bushel to a Vine is About Right-Prune Second Season.

Wood ashes make a good fertilizer or grapes, and half a bushel to the vine will not be too much. No pruning will be required the first season, but the second season cut back the strongest canes to three or four buds and remove the others. *****************

PRUNING ON PRAIRIES

One cannot prune trees on the prairies in the winter as much us in a moister climate. A tree butcher who has gained his knowledge of pruning in Ontario or Nova Scotia will be a dangerous man to turn loose in Manitoba for instance. Care and watchfulness of the growingtree will make the cutting off of big limbs unnecessary. ·····

Self-Centered. It isn't wholly because of a chilly reception that some people are all wrapmadres.-Philadelphia ped up in the

Happiness. Courage and often fall heav Duties and

iders. But cour ily upon young age and happine -come through he mad burdens bravely.

WHEN YOUR OWN'S IN KHAKI

Army Takes on an Entirely New Aspect to Relatives and Friends of Enlisted Men.

It makes all the difference in the world when your own's in uniform, observes the Columbus Dispatch. You may think you have a proper apprecia tion of the soldiers; you may feel that you are patriotic; you may suppose that you are doing all you can to help win the war. But you will know nothing about appreclating a soldier, or about patriotism, or about sucrifice. until one of your own puts on a uni-

All of which is suggested by a little

incident of a recent football game at

the university, when the soldiers were

drilling. Few noticed it-for it was not intended to be noticed-but the few who did notice it grew mellow and sympathetic, and left the grounds feeling that the world does not realize the human suffering that is endured by the women of this country at this time. A woman sat in one of the lower priced seats. She came unattended. No one seemed to pay any attention to her. She was dressed demurely, with a dark vell about her eyes. She knew nothing about football; that was not what she went out to the grounds to see. Her eyes were fastened upon the uniforms: that was her object-to behold the boys in khaki. And she sa there while they were going through

their drill, and wiped a tear from her eye occasionally, and her bosom heaved with emotion, and she spoke to no one about her. When the soldiers left the field she also left, unnoticed by the throng. Her own boy wears a uniform. That was the sorrowful secret which she held. He is "somewhere in France." She knew none of these boys before her, but her own wears a uniform; that was enough. And so she sat there thinking, praying, sympathizing, loving these lads who are clad as her boy is

-perhaps i SALVAGE SHIPS WITH FLOATS

clad. It was a great game of football

Sunken Vessels May Be Brought to Surface by New Collapsible Device Recently Invented.

A novel method of salvaging sunken ships has been devised by Dr. Sylvio Pellico Portelia, of Rio de Janeiro, says the Popular Science Monthly.

The invention consists of a specially built tender which carries collapsible floats made of waterproof material. The floats occupy very little space until they are put into use and inflated. They are constructed in such a manaer that they will assume a number of different shapes when they are inflated.

Taken down to the wreck by divers. they are attached to the vessel both inside and outside and are connected with the tender by lines of hose. When in place they are inflated by air pres sure from the tender. As they swell, they displace the water from as well as from without, and their buoyancy causes the wreck to float upward to the surface.

Way They Have in the Army. You begin to learn that the army has ways of its own, and that its ways are not civilian ways, pretty soon after you get into it, observes a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. Orders that must be obeyed without question and without delay, telling you to do things that you have never done be fore, and don't know why you are doing now, always make a civilian gasp a little at first. You discover that to question and to seek to discover the motive and ultimate aim of any order that you do not understand is purely Instinctive. You ask yourself quite automatically: "Why should I do this?" or "Shall I do this?" When you have been in the army a little while you discover that the answer is "Yes," There is no other answer, so after a while you quit asking yourself foolish questions. This is what may be called "the effect of discipline." We Americans are always being told that we are the most undisciplined people on earth: that we do as we please and that a rigorously ordered life and disdoline would do us good and make as more effective. Well, I am here to state that the theory and belief is now being tested out in about a million of us, and if after the war we don't come in out of the rain it will be because there is nobody there to tell us to

Motion Pictures in Bahamas. A communication has been received

come in.

by the American consulate from a citizen of Nassau, writes Consul W. F. Doty, Nassau, Bahamas, stating that a movement is on foot to obtain motion pictures of a high character for use in that city. The kinds of film desired are: Animated weekly, adventure, scenic and natural history, wellknown books, plays, folk stories, etc., and humor without vulgarity. It is proposed that pictures shall be supplied fortnightly, with a reserve of two weeks in stock, to cover irregularities

He- Narrow Escape. One day when Dorothy's mother

was reading to the little git , she came. She exto the well "gravitation." meaning diedy. thought (b) id would be set it. Consequently surprised days later Dorothy came when, a 5 running in a volaiming excited y: a it's a good thing for "Oh. have tumbed head over hees into heaven bust now, when I felt off the ladder."

Using Water as a Weight.

A pint of water, or of wheat sugar, or butter weighs about one pound and may safely be used as a hasis for weights and measures. This knowledge is often valuable to the farmer who keeps seed wheat on hand, for it may be made to weigh, by balance, all other farm products.

Optimistic Thought. There never was a night as dark but

place; not a man the place would suit. what the light of the morrow shone,

LESSONS BY MOVIES ON FOOD PRODUCTION

Motion Pictures Being Prepared to Suggest to Farmers Ways They Can Assist.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.) Motion pictures, designed to teach

lessons in food production to rural and urban dwellers and to suggest to them ways in which they can contribute to such production, are being prepared by the United States department of agriculture. The first films which are to be handled under an agreement with the Universal Film Manufacturing company, through its exchanges, were made early in December. One of the first film lessons showed activities in the national forests, which not only are important sources of timber and water supply, but also afford grazing

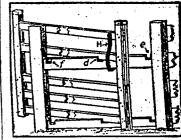
for a large number of cattle and sheep. The second release will show what children through the pig clubs are doing to increase the supply of pork. Other selections from the department's 40,000 feet of official subjects will make clear various features of food production, the raising of meat animals and horses, and will deal with home activities such as poultry raising and the canning and drying of perishable products.

COMBINATION GATE IS HANDY

Barrier of Original Design Is Convenient and Time-Saving-Arranged for Hogs.

The cut herewith shows a combination gate of my own design that I. think is quite handy, convenient and time saving. It is located between the parnyard proper and the hog yards. It is necessary to have a large sliding gate between the yards in order to pass from one yard to the other with team and wagon or manure spreader, writes J. A. Saul of Hancock county, Ohio, in Ohio Farmer. Also I wanted place for the hogs to pass through which I could open or close at-will. Since there was only room for the large gate and not wishing to weaken t by cutting a hog door in it I devised

this plan. It is easily constructed. Simply set two posts three feet apart and bolt two 2 by 6 inch cross-pieces to them, two feet or more wish, above the one on the ground. These must be notched as shown to hold the gate where wanted. When door is open. In notch E hog door is



Combination Gate.

shut and when in notch F door is partly open to allow only smaller hegs to pass through.

To prevent "smart" old hogs from raising gate from one notch to another bolt strap iron H to top board an inch or so in front of cross pieces on which gate is hung. This iron must be bent in hook shape and be just long enough so that the hook end will slip in under the top cross-piece when gate is dropped in any of the notches. The posts must be set at an angle to the large gate so same can be opened wide enough to be useful.

BEST FOWLS FOR EXHIBITION

Must Be Strong in Constitutional Vigor, Well Developed, Plump and Muscular Body.

Exhibition fowls, a'though thought by some to be less vigorous than others, must, as a matter of fact, be strong in constitutional vigor or they cannot develop the required robust bodies or grow the beautiful lustrous plumage required to win in the showroom. Standard requirements for all the more useful breeds of poultry include a strong, well developed, plump, muscular body and such a body is impossible on a weak fowl.

RATION FOR EGG PRODUCTION Hens in Full Laying Require Rations Which Have Greater Relative Content of Protein.

Poultry rations at once divide themselves into two different classes: Those for the fowl, and those for egg production. Too many farmers are feeding for the hen's unkeen, forgetting that they must also feed for eggs. Hens in full laying require rations which have a greater relative content of protein and ash, as against those fed merely for maintenance.

NUTRIENTS FOR DAIRY COWS

Feed One Pound of Grain for Each Pound of Milk Produced-Give Silage and Alfalfa.

To supply the cow with all the nutrients that she requires for milk prome there's a law of gravitation or I'd i duction, feed, for each pound of milk produced, one pound of grain in additior to all the alfalfe and silage she wil eat. مسرسيسيس والمحالات والريارات

The chief reason for the existence

of sex in plants seems to be the need for a constant chappe, a rejuvenation and modification of the progeny through uniting the characters of two individuals into one, thus new forms arise.

Sex on Plants.

Réal Requirement. Find me the man who suits the

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Saumany February '16, 1918.

Saturday, February '16, 1918,

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Owing to the fact that Washington's birthday occurs next week on our regular edition day, it is imperative that all correspondence reach this offace one day earlier than is usual in order to have the paper printed on Thursday. All pews matter should be sent in as early in the week as possible.

GROTON

Nows Rechart Staturday on account of a severe cold.

Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, of Boston, delivered two wonderfully impressive sermons at the Baptist church on last Sunday. His morning subject was "The church and the world today." Those who were absent from this service missed a sermon that would long be remembered. In the evening he spoke on "Thinks worth while." which was particularly helpful and uplifting, and especially appropriate at this stage of the affairs of the world, and it might be said that to the "things worth while" which he so clearly brought out in his sermon, might be worth the while of every citizen in the town hall on last week Friday even added one more—that it would be worth the while of every citizen in the town hall on last week Friday even town the while of every citizen in the town hall on last week Friday even by Wheeler's orthesta, of Leominster, was enjoyed to the hus with a severe cold, is much better.

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Clifford Folkins, who has been confined to the house with a severe cold, is much better.

Miss Geneleve Harrington has been and the word at the home with a light form of the definition of the word and help form of the service in the past two weeks, is sufficiently recoverant of the state during for road surveyor, the ballot reflex afternoon. The next meet. Miss Janet Doe of Hawbuck Grange, Miss Janet Doe of Hawbuck Grange, who has been in account of the story long for next meet. Subject the week-end with help wi

Miss Geneleve Harrington has been sick at her home with a light form of the measles. She returned to the Fitchburg Normal school last week.

Mrs. William Claffin, who has been occupying the A. B. Farwell house, left blood, financial committee.

in putting the fire out. No damage was done.

It is hoped that the people of Groton will place their subscriptions to the third liberty loan, which is expecied to open about April 1, through the local committee, which consists of Mrs. James Lawrence, chairman; Mrs. W. Hours of practice in close order work town hall on Wednesday evening, February 18, at eight oclock. After an hour of practice in close order work the first two squads fell out and under we have made to make the first two squads fell out and under we have gualds inder 1st fleut. Torrey and 2d lifeut. Parker performed open order work. The entire company then gave their attention to the third and final alk of Private Griswold on "Map making." This was followed by a lengthy discussion on ways and means to introcease the attendance at drills. After various suggestions had been made, tures swimming around in plain sight of people on the trains. During the cold spell they were frozen in the ice and some of the kind-hearted trainmen walked out on the ice and fed them bits of bread and meat from their lunches. Although meat is high and here was an opportunity for them to secure wild duck for dinner without much trouble, not one of the flock was molested by the railroad men.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, who were married on June 16, 1917, in Framing-

Mrs. E. B. Branigar entert dues over the weeksens her aunt. Mis described by the weeksens her aunt. Mis described by the weeksens her aunt. Mis described by the entert dumert of the discreted official sover ment pictures, methoding submarines, tornello boarts, soldiers is the field, marines and 1917 permits, given in the town half law week Friedry affermore in for the austices of the Worgens at only the austices of the Worgens at only the school children. Mrs. Marine Therety, president of the olds material and the school children Mrs. Marine Therety, president of the olds material soldiers. The school children and the first here are short address of the olds material soldiers. The school children are first bowns, the marines the measure special conditions and the measures epidemic. We seem at the measures epidemic of the principle of the power in the control by Miss Miss there are children are fill. Eduard Wester and well developed reshifted on which is forced bowns, the management of the fill of the rest of the government and well developed reshifted on which is resident of the fill of the fi

Mrs. J. E. Adams stont Wednesday in Nashna, N. H

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Several members of the Rebekah har ledge visited their sister lodge in Peppereil on Tresday evening, it being the annual installation of officers. A hountiful supper was served and a solly good time was reported. Mrs. Blanche Brown and suite was the installing officers.

stalling officers.

Mrs. Houston, with her daughter Edith, from Portland. Me., are visiting at the home of her sister. Mrs. Scott, of Chicopee row.

Turned.

The Ladies' Aid society, scheduled to meet on Thursday afternoon of last week for the monthly business meeting, had present one member only.

M. S. Sawyer's telephone call has een changed to 53-4.

Frank Torrey has sufficiently recovered from a grippe cold as to be able to be out of doors at intervals:

| at the leatherboard mill. Mr. same has given very satisfactory service. The work is now in charge of James to be out of doors at intervals:

George Wood, who recently purchased the property on the corner of Main and Elm streets, is making improvements and additions to the same which will greatly add to that section in the progra

and certain occupy

attractive home of Mrs. Marion Sargent. There were sixteen members present. After the usual quotations and roll call a business meeting was held which was followed by current occupy pleasant, social way with kntting and refreshments.

On last week Friday the family of Dr. F. Earland Gilson were startled by learning that their chimney was on fire, and telephoned the doctor in Ayer to that effect. They were successful in putting the fire out. No damage was done:

It is hoped that the people of Greon will place their subscription of the distributions and refreshments.

Cards have been received by friend that he is well that h

past week has been a relief to all, but that particularly so to those without coal. Yet Edward Hallett, who is employed by Bixby-Webler Co., was unable to be at the store on Thursday, owing to a vere cold.

Matthew Robinson, who has worked Walpole for some time, has returned.

The Improvement society will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday even-

The Alliance will meet with Miss Boutwell on Thursday afternoon, February 21, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Gilson. of Ayer, will speak upon her work at Camp Devens.

HARVARD

w. W. Viles is very sick with place monta and other troubles. A trained nurse is caring for him and his daugh-ter, Mrs. Fannie Haskell, is looking after the store and postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague plan to take the store

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Walker, of Marlboro, have been guests of his par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker. A. A. Hutcherson, C. H. Haskell, S. E. Haynes, H. D. Stone, W. E. Haskell and Charles Thorning attended a Ma-

Mr. Philbrick is spending the week in Keene and Miss Mary Hager is staying with his wife during his absence.

Miss Hazel Morse was obliged to take a vacation from school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Morris Griffin was fortunate in account of sickness.

one brave lines into the contest, and the send by Sarah Richardson and Morse, the latter side being fivercome by shell fire from the learn announcer. Robert P. Cunding smoke of battle cleared away. Center, P. Cunningham had swept the first aspirants and was declared day even

egret to learn that our worthy Marion E. Burroughs, has to an operation in a Connectional, but glad she is now con-

wn, who had received Lincoln memrial envelopes or those who have not, may send their contributions as soon as possible to S. B. Hager, the treasurer.

chased the property on the corner of Main and Elm streets, is making improvements and additions to the same which will greatly add to that section of the town.

Capt. Laughlin and family moved on Monday into the house on the Ayer road recently occupied by Winthrop Pattee, who started this week for Florida, where he will spend the remainder of the winter. Capt. Laughlin is stationed at Camp Devens.

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The Mircs Laded and Miss Turner, from the program of the Woman's club whereby Red Cross day, scheduled for Tebruary 18, is to be postponed, and its place are to be two speakers. Mrs. Ladd and Miss Turner, from the Program and Garden of the Woman's club whereby Red Cross day, scheduled for Tebruary 2, where his size in a stationed at Camp Devens.

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Lestie Blood attended the senior dance at Cushing academy on Saturday of the International Ship Bullding Capt. The young men of the Calolic particle and the program were Rev. H. L. Caufkling and program were Rev. H. L. Caufkling and program of the William and Miss Ruth Sawyer. The program were Rev. H. L. Caufkling and program were Rev. H. L. Cau

not been assigned his station.

Kenneth' Hall of Worcester, who acted as head usher at the Whitcomb-Stewart wedding in the Unitarian church last June, was in the ill-fated Tuscania, but eabled that he was safe. Clifford Steele was also in that steamship and reported safe.

The Sunset party by the Beauty and the control of the control

ship and reported safe.

The Sunset party by the Back-log club will be held next Friday afternoon and evening in the town hall, beginning for the children at three o'clock. Dancing three to 6.30. Supper at 6.30. Dancing for adults, seven to eleven. Hibbard's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. Hale of Keene, N. H., is visiting her daughter at the Judge Sanderson house. Mr. Hale and son were also here for over Sunday.

Haynes, H. D. Stone, W. E. Haskell and Charles Thorning attended a Majsonic meeting in Clinton on Tuesday evening. On their return trip they met a large auto with soldiers and chauffeur, stuck in the snow near the Andrew Nourse place, Bolton. They had come from Ayer and had been four hours making the last two miles. They could go no farther and as the soldiers must be in Camp Devens by six o'clock in the morning they walked to Lancaster and on the railroad truck back to Ayer.

Miss Ethelyn Russell has/ been at home for two weeks from her teaching in Florence, as the school was closed for want of fuel.

A. A. Hutcherson is busy packing wood in cars at Harvard station, and L. H. Howard at Still River station: also, a Clinton party is loading wood at the latter station:

BOXBOROUGH

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Mrs. Nellie W. Lovejoy of Hartford, Ct., has been at her mothers this week.

TOWNSEND

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Leslie Hurley, who has been employed at the Belgrade rug factory for a number of years, has now entered the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden completed that all the people in characteristics.

Company, at the mill. RED LILY TOMATO SOUP

Forgo Village Tuesday was a splendid Scout day at Forge Village. In the afternoon at three o'clock two groups of girls met. thirty-one girls in all, half of them Scouts between the ages of ten Girl' Scouts between the ages of ten and sixteen years, and the others. Brownie Scouts, between five and ten years old. In the evening there were twenty-one older girls who began their practice for the cantata to be given Easter week. Caroline Precious is accompaniest for the cantata. Election of officers for the other patrols also took place, so that now the troop is in full swing with all of its officers at work. In a few weeks lists of leaders in all of the towns will be published. in all of the towns will be published

South Lancaster

At the Girl Scout meeting of the Thistle troop on Wednesday after-noon, Sally Bascom was elected patrol leader and Marion Anelli, corporal: At the close of the meeting, the girls practised the "Good-night" song, writ-ten by two of the students at the Girl Scout Leaders' Training Camp in Brookline last summer.

Miss Conway Parker has been elected captain of a second troop of South Lancaster girls, meeting at 3.30 at the rooms in Mr. Bowser's house.

in and Mrs. H. B. Priest's safe arrival with their little boy Houghton in Manila January 4. The mercury registered 79° on their arrival, but had been 86° At time of their writing Dr. Priest had not been assigned his station.

Kenneth Hall of Worcester, who acted as head usher at the White Rose Troop was a seighful to the Stewart wedding in hurch last Junuary 1. The Red Rose Troop was a seighful to Average at the Gibbs.

Lancaster

Mrs. MacDonald, the well-known Miss Locyy formerly a teacher in the high school gas consented to be captain of the White Rose Troop. We are delighted to have her for their leader and know that she will make a success of any work she undertakes. Were she to be a Boy Scout master, she would do well, for boys and girls allke a sleightide to Average the Gibbs.

The Red Rose Troop at the Gibbs.

At the officers' class held Wednesday afternoon in the town hall, Capt. Warren instructed in semaphore signalling as well as the drill. The two leaders from Harvard, and two from Shirley joined the class, and the work was most satisfactory.

G. S. C. S. Can you guess what these letters represent?

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There was a large attendance at the King's Daughters' meeting Tuesday. The committees for the Easter sale were announced.

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Service. Announcement of time place of sale will be made later. A Japanese dansant will be given in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening. February 21, under the management of Mrs. F. Vern Pillman and Mrs. Geo. O. Fillebrown.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The sensitiveness women feel about mentiohing their ar is not at all modern. A great many women are mentioned in the Old Testament, but there s but one Sarah, Abram's wife-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HATTIE T. BLAKE 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 PERLEY J. BLAKE 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 fourth day of March A. D. 1918; at nine wicked in the forencon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give bublic notices thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by malling 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 four-teenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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"The daily isbors of the Bee, Awake, my soul to industry: Who.can observe the careful Ant. And not provide for future want?"

the foremost stars of the screen world.
Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, who
the spending the winter in Florida,
are now in Orlando, where they intendto remain till April 7. They remained
in St. Petersburg, Fla., for several
weeks prior to going to Orlando.
John H. Turner, of Washington
street, has the German measles.

Other Ayer matter on first page.

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Mrs. George H. B. Turner returned on Wednesday noon from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H. and "is very, weak from the effects of having her tonsils and adenoids removed."

James H. Shea is reported as very ill with pneumonia at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born February 11, weighing 8 ½, lbs., Her, name is Jessie Rockwood Wilson.

William S. Hart will be seen in his scond Aircraft picture Monday, February 18. This new Hart picture is called, "The Silent Man." and introduces the celebrated screen actor as a desert miner, who has made a rich strike and who came into a small border town to enter his clasm. He is robbed of his mine and it is his efforts to get it back and incidentally frustate a crowd of unusually villianous villians with which the story of "The Silent Man" has to do. Mr. Hart is supported by a strong cast, including the foremost stars of the screen world.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, who the spending the winter in Florida, are now in Orlando, where they intend to remain till April 7. They remained in St. Petersburg, Fla. for several

done. Whatever the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. has been able to do to meet P. C. A. has been able to do to meet any emergency has been promptly at-tended to, and it is understood both at l'amp Devens and at the Remount Station that the society stands ready to answer any demand made upon it so far as its fund for the Relief of Army Horses permits."

Other Ayer matter of first peach.

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The Warren truss, running longitudinally of the building, has been shortened in span, strengthened at weak joints and supported at reactions.

shortened in span, strengthened at weak joints and supported at reactions. The span has been shortened by bringing supports through the chancel and gallery partitions. These extend from foundation bearing directly on the ground to the under side of the bottom chord of the first bay at either send of the truss. Supports consist of eight by eight spruce posts held in place by angle frons upon which rest girders supporting the end load of the truss. This bearing upon being made effective now carries the main load of the crost and takes most of its thrust.

Without such support these many years there has nevertheless been a strain on some of the joints that have been strengthened by boiling members on either side of the upper and lower chords, especially at the middle, where the direction of the members charge from tension to compression.

This comprises the repairs to the warren truss, together with the reasons for making them.

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ing.

The high tower was condemned as unsafe by the original builder, Henry was brought to Camp Devens last Sat-

Hississical Talk.

The, civic committee of the Woman's club have been fortunate in securing Claffin Davis, who will give a very interesting talk of his experience at the front on Thursday evening, February 21, at eight o'clock, in the town hall. Mr. Davis was a member of the American Ambulance Field Service Corps and has seen active service at the front. His talk will be illustrated with stereopticon slides. The following is an extract from his story:

"I left for France to join the American Ambulance Field Service and I was sent to join Section Four, which was then attached to the 31st Army Corps. I got my first baptism of fire on March 3d, and shortly after that became what is called a front line

C. Sherwin, who says that he had to carry out the architect's design against his days against his country in addition in addition to fight against his country's allies, to fight against his country's allies, was given his choice of being tried for ing inspector delivered his prescription, was prescription, which are being faithfully carried out.

The structural blunders of the original architect of the building are thus done away and the building now has a natural stability.

Harry Brooks Swett, the architect in charge of the work, has prepared in the following interesting report of the count martial.

A movement has been started by the architect in accountry after that became what is called a front line

Roof Construction

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The School and Society league of the Normal school, Lowell, have raised \$100 which was presented to Company E of the 302d Machine Gun Battallon, most of the men of the company coming from Lowell,

ceived its regimental banner on Mon-day. The emblem is made of crimson silk with the seal of the United States and the words "301st Regiment U. S.

b. Transverse Trusses
The transverse trusses composed of two three by seven members laced together resting on the plate below, had little bearing, except for the upper member. Between the two members rested the purlins of the roof, not held in place securely. This, together with weak struts, made a poor piece of construction not adequate to carry its load. This caused deflection of the walls and the tie rods.

Engineers' stamped in gold.

A display of patriotism rarely seen came to light on Monday with the displayed of Thomas Butler, of Dorchester, a member of Company H of the same and a married man, the main support of his wife and two children. He steadfastly declined to claim excaption although he could honorably do so. Butler, who was among the first draf-

and the second WMSHART The Silent Man THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Wm. S. Hart WILL BE SEEN AT

Page Hall Theatre, Ayer

IN ONE OF HIS BEST PICTURES

THE SILENT MAN"

WILLIAM S. HART, the foremost poltrayer of western characters, will be seen in "THE SILENT MAN." one of his best photoplays, at this theatre on Monday afternoon and evening.

Hart's appearances as a westerner have been many and varied since he deserted the speaking stage for motion pictures, and he has attained a niche in the Hall of Fame that is peculiarly his own. The actor's following is tremendous in all sections of the country, and his admirers flock to any theatre showing a "Bill" Hart photodrama. In "The Silent Man" Hart will have the role of a miner who has made a rich "strike" on the desert and has come into a small border town to record his claim. His rich ore attracts the attention of the proprietor of a gambling resort, who immediately seeks to rob the miner. This is accomplished through the connivance of a government clerk in the land office. Then follows a spirited, vigorous and uncommonly sensational fight on the part of the miner to recover possession of his claim, during which he is called upon to take the law pretty much into his own hands. There is a very delightful love story running throughout the action of the play.

'The Silent Man' is a picture that thrills aplenty, a wealth of picturesque and novel settings, nuch comedy of the laughter-compelling sort, and action, action!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE MATINEES ON MONDAYS WILL START AT TWO O'CLOCK MATINEE EVERY DAY AT 3 O'CLOCK Saturdays and Holidays at 2 o'clock

TWO PERFORMANCES EVERY EVENING-6 and 8 o'clock

COMING-Monday, February 25-MARY PICKFORD in "STELLA MARIS"

held on Tuesday to discover if possible the alleged "leak" in the premature publishing of the alleged thirty-five-year sentence of Col. William Nimke, was suspended after three officers and four correspondents had been called. No finding was announced.

Luigi Romanian, a member of Com-pany F, 302d Field Artillery at Camp Devens, was instantly killed Tuesday evening at the railroad station in Ayer thile attempting to board a moving ashua bound passenger train at 6.40

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Now that the time for giving is over, women are beginning to think of something for themselves. January is one of the best months of the year in onr

We have just received the new Spring Models in the R. & G., Royal Worcester and Her Majesty Corsets at the following prices:

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Center.

The Birthday club will hold their february meeting on Tuesday afternoon's entertainment will include music and a play, entitled "Packins the missionary barrel." Hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Sawyer and Mrs. Grace Wright.

The Dorcas class of the Methodist church held their annual election of officers on Tuesday afternoon, meeting with Mrs. Della G. Morgan. The following officers for the new year elected were Mrs. Hattie Cook, pres.; Mrs. Margaret Wilson, v. p.; Mrs. Ivora Austin, sec.; Mrs. Della G. Morgan. The following officers for the new year elected were Mrs. Hattie Cook, pres.; Mrs. Hattie Cook, pres.; Mrs. Lincoln's birthday was generally observed at the freedman of the grammar school songs of a garden with Mrs. Della G. Morgan. The following officers for the new year elected were Mrs. Hattie Cook, pres.; Mrs. Lincoln's birthday was generally observed at the freedman of the grammar school songs of a care at her home for a served at the grammar school songs of a care at her home for a patriotic nature was sung, selections Sunday morning on the topic "Where Lincoln's burthday with special exercises on Tuesday afternoon. In the grammar school songs of a burthed McLane, of Mason, N. H., at Ownsend high school graduate '17.

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Margaret Wilson, v. p.; Mrs. Ivora Austin, sec.; Mrs. Della G. Morgan, and tens. Light refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour. Harold McLane, of Mason, N. H., a Townsend high school graduate '17, is employed at the B. & A. D. Fessenden-Company's office in place of Harriffs or mylor of the Carke, of Danvers, and Der fance, John Moore, of Hawthorne, have been spending several days this week with Miss Clarke's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. George G. Clarke.

Townsend friends regret to learn of the long continued illness of Mrs. i.2-zie Sherrin Bilss, of Needham, formerly of this town. Mrs. Bilss has been a great sufferer from asthma since the early fall and several weeks ago she was taken to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital; where it was anticipated treatment would bring relief, but she still continues to suffer serious attacks and it is feared that there are heart and other compilications. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Sherrin, and her anti, Mirs. Agnes Woods, of this town, have recently visited her at the hospital.

The public health nurse, Miss Dickinson, has made her weekly visitations in the Center school grades and has given talks on personal hygiene, importance of fresh eir and open windows at night, the effect of sunlight on health and on germs, cleanliness, care of the nails and hair, proper furnish.

ma. Her mother, and her aunt, Mrs. is town, have read to the control of the softening of the softening hood grades and his and a per and open with the effect of sunight on the proper furnished of the sleeping room, and is easy-cally pleased her talks and in the prompt.) her suggestions, The children turn, book formal to the common of the proper furnish of of the prop

that except for a very that except for a very from the Lewis gun there is from the British machine. The observer natives that was plioting that machine all probability would have average German scout, but in this instance showed ion to retire from the fight, a third time, hitting the smally, as our machine has stone and went to earth, hine was hidden from my rise of ground, but a few rise of ground, but a few er a dense cloud of black from the spot and I feared there. The German scout to within 100 feet to survey and then flew eastward.

r was a Boston school boy it will do anything that can be done in the British air service in the British air service in the world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make a two-legged creature a man without it."

of the British machine



Spring Gowns Are Made of Crepe de Chine, Tussah and Silks.

WILL CLING TO THE FIGURE

ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL CROPS Thinning of Fruit, With Result That New Garment for Red Cross Workers.

Judicious pruning, not only facilitates the work of cultivation and spraying but at the same time deter-mines to a very considerable extent the fruiting habits of the tree; that is, the quantity of bearing wood which a tree carries can be modified by pruning so that it will be practically impos sible for the tree to retain more fruits possible use of wool.



in any given season than the root is capable of supplying with a proper amount of nourishment. With such a balance between the fruit-bearing wood of the tree and its root system maintained, blennial crops will be less likely and annual crops will be more common. Orchardists in general are com-ing to believe that the reason for the biennial crop in many orchards is due to the fact that during the crop year the trees are allowed to overbear and that their vitality is therefore so much reduced that it is impossible for them to carry a satisfactory crop the suc-ceeding year. The thinning of the fruit, with the result that a crop is borne each year, has convinced practical growers that overbearing is the cause of the blennial fruit production.

SPRAY FOR PEACH LEAF CURL

Diseased Follage Characterized by Thickened, Distorted and Wrinkled Condition.

(By S. P. HOLLISTER, Connecticut Ex-periment Station.)

Peach leaf curl has been very prevalent in many sections this season. The diseased foliage is characterized by a thickened, distorted and wrinkled condition of the foliage. The affected leaves vary in color, sometimes being grayish, or they may become bright colored. The effect of the disease is to weaken the trees because the function of the foliage is impaired. badly affected trees the fruit itself

The control is by thorough spraying with lime-sulphur solution in the spring, making the application at least two weeks before the buds start growth. It is too late to do anything for affected trees this year. The grower who is now having trouble with the leaf curl can do nothing but resolve to spray carefully next spring before the leaves come out.

GREATEST GROWTH OF TREES

Manner of Cutting Back Must Be Stud led to Preserve Symmetrical Development Desired.

It is well known that orchard trees in general tend to make their greatest growth near the extremity of the leading branches. In other words, the leaders are the strongest growers and it is frequently a difficult task to stimulate lateral branches to grow sufficiently to preserve a symmetrical de velopment in the tree. The manner therefore, of cutting back the annual growth on the various parts of the tree must be carefully studied in or-der to preserve the symmetrical development desired. In removing the annual growth from pyramidal it should be the aim to cut back to an inside bud each year. This will tend to make the growth of the tree more upright and more compact, while with a vase-formed tree it should be the object to cut to an outside bud each year.

..... RULES FOR PRUNING

Rules to be observed in prunng old apple trees are: First, cut out all crossing

branches remove all dead Second. wood.

Third, thin out brushy areas in order to admit more light and-Fourth, never leave a stub.

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All-Conquering Energy. Burton says: "The longer I live, the more I am certain that the great difference between men-between the feeble and the powerful, the great and the insignificant—is energy, invincible determination -- purpose, once fixed and then death or victory! That qual

Fate of the Straight Silhouette Still in Some Doubt-Canteen Coat

New York.-It looks as though the wool conservation will be up to the The good offices of the French ambassador, M. Jusseraud, were asked by the wool men here in order that the French designers would gladly cooperate with the American movement for the slim slihouette and the least

However, it was not necessary for the French ambassador to lay much stress upon his request to Paris. The French government had made

the same request to its designers as the American government, and it was



Canteen coat for war workers. It was created by a Fifth avenue designer and is made of dark blue clott with wide lap-over in front that allow the use of bloomers instead of a skirt beneath it, if desired. The red cross is made of cloth and placed on a square of horizon blue. The cap is of the material.

compliance with that request that created the narrow silhouette and the short, scant skirt which came out in. French models last autumn.

At any rate, the request for the gowns that are made of less than 41/2 yards of wool has been met in Paris by an almost total elimination of wool in the new spring models.

Mme. Paquin, who is the head of the association of designers over there, says that America need have nothing to fear in regard to extravagance with material in the new

The silhouette is to be as slim as it was in the directoire. Every material that can possibly be woven will he used as a substitute Twine will be used for embroidery whenever available, instead Therefore, with the joining of hand

across the sea and no drastic excuse for using wool, it is possible to pre dict that the early season will be filled with gowns and suits of tussah, silk, crepe de chine and artificial silk jersey. What Men Can Do.

We women can wear thin materials in spring and summer, but men can't, or won't. Enormous quantities of worsteds are consumed for their suits throughout the year. The army oversoats which

supplied by the thousands and took up a great mass of wool, were the first to come under the ban of extravagance as soon as the soldiers in France found that they were too long for the mud of Flanders and Picardy. Other bits of extravagance which are unnecessary are included in a long list published by the manufacturers of men's clothing. A reduction in yardage will result if these certain

features are eliminated. From this list it would appear that the manufacturers of men's costumes have really gone into the conservation with determination. It is quite astonishing how many small things they have found that can be eliminated without detriment to the appearance or serviceability of the gar

ment. Their list is a lesson in thrift Think of taking flaps from the pock ets of vests, piping from seams, collars from vests, outside cash pockets from coats, tunnel loops from trousers and tabs from overcoat sleeves and finding that the conservation of mate rial in these small features is enough to outfit a great number of soldlers.

"Typographical errors," said William Dean Howells, "are always amusing. When I was a boy in my father's printing office in Martin's Ferry. I once made a good typographical error. My father had written, "The showers last week, though copious, were not sufficient for the mixmen," I set it up 'milkmen."

If I only had the money! Money cumstances, no opportunities, will money, how hateful you are,—but oh, make a two-legged creature a man how I need to have you!—Elizabeth Hasanovitz, in the Atlantic.

It is a relief to have the burden of extravagance in clothes put over on the men. Women's shoulders have

borne it for two centuries. Now, let the men do the work of economy. Let every woman have her answer ready when she is accused of extravagance and waste in the changing of fashions and the buying of new

clothes. - Season of Clinging Clothes. Of one thing we are all certain: that our clothes will cling to the figure. Of another thing we are not quite certain: that the slihouette will be straight.

The tendency toward wrapped gowns and toward the oriental movement of fabric around the body, is too strong and important to be overlooked. It is quite probable that the designers will offer it as a means of making the straight slihouette look out of fash-

The extraordinary success of the Spanish movement in clothes in New York, which has come about from the stage and the new dances, accentuates the draping of the figure on the bias.

It will be interesting to see whether one silhouette has a marked victory over the other, or whether the battle between the two becomes a stalemate throughout the spring and summer. Today the draped figure is on the offensive. The straight silhouette is making a good defensive. All of which is excellent for the people who

ell clothes. There is little possibility that our clothes will flare, but there is no probability that they will be attenuated. scarcity of wool does not mean a scarcity of other fabrics.

There is no evidence of a shortage in the common weaves of silk, satin, crepe and jersey, and the early spring models shown by the New York shops for the southern season, embody these materials in clothes that cling to the figure, but are scanty.

The materials chosen for the new spring gowns are admirable adjuncts of the new movement. Crepe de chine and tussah are in the lead, whereas satin is somewhat shelved for everything but evening gowns.

The Canteen Coat.

It was not possible for American fashions to avoid the military influence, although there was pressure against it here as in France. Old and half-forgotten wars gave the designers inspiration, but the present war was too vital to influence dress at this

However, there are certain garments that have been taken up by women and put into high fashion, which are distinctly drawn from the battlefront in

One is the swinging cape and wrapped turban of horizon blue cloth, Another is the high boot or puttee that reaches nearly to the knees and is worn on the street; and a third-and this is the most dominant fashion-is the new canteen coat.

This can only be worn by members of the Red Cross, but who is there in this country today who hasn't the right



This smart frock of blue jersey slik is made like a medieval tunio dropped over a narrow skirt of seal brown vol-The tunic opens on one side to show skirt. The embroidery is blue, gold and brown. The upper portion of the sleeves is of the seal velvet.

to place a small or large Croix Rouge somewhere on the costume? The last drive caught almost everyone in its

mesh. This cost has been designed by Fifth avenue dressmaker. It is of dark blue cloth. It laps over so broadly in front that one has a strong suspicion that there are bloomers beneath in

stead of a skirt. The immense pockets are well below the hips. The revers fall back or lap over and fasten for warmth. On the cuff, and on the high turnover collar is the red symbol placed on a square of horizon blue cloth. The cap, which is shaped somewhat like that of the Belgian officers, has the symbolic emblem in front.

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Mending Umbrellas. When the handle comes off an umbrella-one of the kind with steel rods -clean out the holes and fill it with powdered sulphur. Heat the end of the rod red-hot and push it down into the sulphur. This will fuse the sulphur and cement the rod in place.

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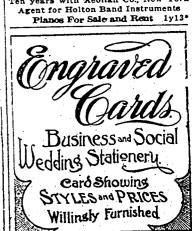
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before June 15th, 1918. If you were single and your net income for 1917 was \$1000 or more, you must file a return. If you were married and living,

with wife (or husband) and had a net income for \$2000 or more for 1917, you must file a return. Husband's and wife's income must

be considered jointly, plus income of minor children Income of a minor or incompetent,

be reported by his legal representa-tive. Severe penalties are provided for

those who neglect or evade the law. For false or fraudulent return, is a penalty not exceeding \$2000 fine or year's imprisonment, or both, plus 100 per cent. of tax.

For failure to make return on or before March 1st, 1918, fine is from SMOKED, PICKLED and CANNED \$20 to \$1000 plus 50% of tax due. Returns must be filed with the Colector of Internal Revenue of dis-

trict in which you live. An agent may file return for a person who is ill, absent from the country, or otherwise incapacitated. Each return must be signed and

sworn or affirmed by person execut-Single persons are allowed \$1000 exemption in computing normal tax.

A married person living with wife (or husband) is allowed \$2000 exemption, plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18. A head of family, though single, is

allowed \$2000 exemption, if actually supporting one or more relatives. Returns must show the entire amount of earnings, gains, and profits received during the year. Officials and employees are not

taxable on the salaries or wages received from a state, county, city, or own in the United States. Interest on state and municipal

bonds issued within the U.S. is exempt from Federal income tax. and should be omitted. Interest on United States government bonds is also exempt except

on individual holdings of Liberty Fours in excess of \$5000 par value. Dividends are not subject to normal tax, but must be reported and included in net income. Gifts and legacies are not income

and should not be included on the return of the beneficiary.

Life insurance received as a bene-

or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy is not Payments received for real or per-

sonal property sold is not income, but the profit realized thereon is in-come for the year of sale. Amounts received in payment of notes or mortgages is not income,

but the interest on such notes or mortgages is taxable income. From the entire gross income, cer-

tain allowances are made in arriving at the net income.

Necessary expenses actually paid in the conduct of a business, trade or profession, may be claimed.

A farmer can claim payments for

labor, seed, fertilizer, stock-feed; repairs on buildings except his dwelling; repairs of fences and farm machinery: materials and small tools

for immediate use. The amount of rent paid for a farm may also be claimed as a ten-

knt farmer's expense. Payments for live-stock are allow bought for breeding purposes, cattle are an investment, not an expense,

paid for advertising, clerk-hire, telephone, water, light and fuel also drayage and freight bills, and cost of operating and repairing wagons and

trucks. A physician can claim cost of his professional supplies, rent, office help, telephone, expense of team or automobile used in making professional calls, and expenses attending medi-

cal conventions. A dentist can claim similar items except team or auto expense, which ere not necessary in his profession. Expenses that are personal, or: connected in any way with the support or well-being of a person or family, ere not silowable.

The costs of machines, instru ments, vehicles or implements that are more or less permanent in character, are not allowable as an exense. They are investments. Interest paid on a mortgage or

other personal indebtedness is allowable on a personal return. All taxes paid within the year can

be taken out on a Federal return, except Federal Income Taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements. Losses sustained in business or

through fire, storm, or shipwreck or by theft, except when compensated by insurance or otherwise. Wear and tear of rented buildings or machinery used in business may

be claimed. You can also claim the amount paid to the Red Cross, and to other charitable, religious or educational organization, to the extent of 15% of your net income.

Four Earthquakes in One Morning. Four seismic disturbances occurred Rome and Greece and Persia the winin Japan on the morning of November ning of a decisive battle usually meant 5. The first shock occurred at 9:58 the establishment of a new king and and lasted for a minute and a half. It sometimes a new country. For when

SOUR MILK FOR LAYING HENS

Most Excellent Substitute for Meat Scrap, and Will Give Good Re-turns During Winter.

While the production of eggs during the winter when high prices prevail is the result of proper breeding, hatching, rearing and feeding will always tend to stimulate

egg production at:that-senson.

One reason why hens lay well in spring and summer is that they are able to obtain animal protein in the form of bugs and worms. During fall and winter, therefore, the poultry feeder should attempt to imitate summer feed conditions. The commercial poultryman supplies animal protein by feeding meatscraps, but the farmer often fails to provide this feed. Skim milk, preferably sour, is a most excellent substitute for meat-

scrap and will give good returns when fed to laying hens. Numerous experiments have shown that laying bens fed skim milk will double in egg production similar hens fed no form of animal protein. According to F. D. Crooks of the Pennsylvania State college school of agriculture and experiment station,

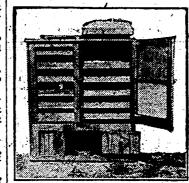
the exact value of sour milk as a source of protein, is difficult to state. feeding trials, however, place its value at 50 cents to \$2 per Skim milk lowers the cost of producing a dozen eggs. On the farm it may mean the difference between profit and loss in connection with the

It keeps hens in good health and helps prevent disease. SPROUTED OATS FOR FOWLS

farm flock. Sour milk has a medicinal

mended as Green Feed for Poultry by Specialist of Department of Agriculture.

The poultry specialists of the U.S. department of agriculture advise that sprouted oats fed as green feed to hens confined to yards cost about 10 cents per hen a year and one cent per dozen eggs, not including any charges for labor and equipment. In the experiments of these specialists



Device for Sprouting Oats the hens ate on an average in one

year about 1.3 pounds of oyster shell and 0.7 of a pound of grit, which tocost about one cent per hen CLEAN-CUT POULTRY HOUSES

Let Only Odor Be Suggestive of Clean Ilness-Lice and Mites Will Increase Rapidly.

Clean out the poultry houses, coops and nests and thoroughly disinfect them. Keep them clean and let the only odor about them be one suggestive of cleanliness. The time is at ic acid, and 40 to 45 pounds of potash, hand when lice and mites and blue. This shows an inducement to take able, if bought for resale. But if bugs will increase rapidly and overrun the place in a little while. The best weapon to fight them with is cleanli-

SHELLS, GRIT AND CHARCOAL

Too Many Farmers Do Not Realize Importance of Supplying . Egg-Making Materials

Too many people who raise poultry do not realize the importance of sunplying their flock with an abundance of oyster shells, grit and charcoal. In order for them to keep in the best of

FOWLS TOO CLOSELY YARDED

They Have Little Opportunity to Supply Themselves With Necessary Amount of Grit.

When fowls are closely yarded, or during cold weather when the ground s frozen or covered with snow, they have little opportunity to supply them selves with any kind of grit or its anhatitute and are liable to become sick, due to indigestion.

AVOID DAMPNESS IN HOUSES

Dark Buildings, Lacking Direct Sunlight, Are Conducive to Disease. -Clean Them Up.

Damp houses, especially if dark and lacking direct sunlight, moldy litter, and flithy nests and roosts are conducive to disease. Chicken pox finds a good breeding place under such conditions. Clean up, and "let a little sunshine in!"

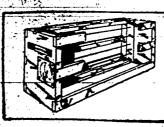
Battles That Won Kingdoms. In the early days of the empires of

PACKAGE FOR SHIPPING BEES

Comb Frame is Placed in Hive Until Queen Has Become Accustomed to It-Cover With Netting.

(By-Cr.J., LYNDE, Macdonald College,

To ship bees in this box it is necessary to place the comb frame in the hive until the queen has become accustomed to the comb and until the re-



Bee Package.

onired larvae, eggs and honey have been deposited. The frame is then placed in the package, the sides, top and bottom are covered with netting and the bees are inserted through the end opening by means of a funnel,

MAINTENANCE OF EARTH ROAD

Same Principles of Drainage Apply to Clay Roads-Keep Pipe Line and Ditches Open.

The same principles of drainage as annly to the earth roads should apply to the sand-clay roads. The sand-clay roads are usually located by an engineer before they are built, and in this event they are constructed on a grade and with proper provisions for drainage, it remains for the maintenance force to see that the pipe lines and ditches are kept open. The surface of the sand-clay road requires continual attention and it should be dragged after every rain or wet spell; it should not be allowed to deteriorate and blow

As this class of roads is more expensive than the earth roads are, so is their maintenance more expensive, but, on the other hand, the service that they give is much more satisfactory than that of the earth roads. The communities through which they run are usually more enlightened and progressive than those on the earth roads and therefore are more able and will ing to bear the maintenance cost.

CLEANING GRAIN OF BENEFIT

Farmer Could Not Only Demand Top Prices, but Would Also Obtain Screenings for Feed.

Government investigators declare that the producer of high-quality grain often receives less than it is worth in order that the buyer may pay an equal price to the grower of grain of inferior quality. If the farmer would clean his grain he could not only demand top prices, but would thereby obtain screenings worth \$10 to \$25 a ton for feed. The specialists believe that farmers who deliver grain of inferior quality should not expect to receive a price equal to that paid for high-quality grain.

FOR INCREASED CROP YIELDS

Manure Adds Plant Food and Organic Matter to Soil-Matter is of Great importance.

Estimates of the returns of crops fed on the farm, by way of manure are worked out on the basis of the tonnage fed, and they vary greatly due to the methods of handling and preserving the manures. It has been shown by careful preservation of th manure that 30 tons of ensilage fed can return as much as 50 pounds of nitrogen, 25 to 30 pounds of phosphor-

good care of manure.

SILAGE FOR COW IN WINTER

Ration Can Be Furnished in Extreme Cold Weather That Will Produce High Yield of Milk.

The average cow does her best in the spring, when she has succulent feed and a palatable ratio, which is a well-balanced food containing proper nutrients for milk production. In winter, with alfalfa hay, silage, and grain, a ration can be furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that will produce Just as much milk as can be contained in early summer when the coys is on grass. Silage provides in winter the succulence which is furnished that as well as improvement of Soil Fertility.

USE OF LEGUMINOUS PLANTS health and produce the best results, be contained in early summer when poultry must be well supplied with the cow is on grass. Silage provides

Soil Fertility.

Leguminous plants are of special value in feeding animals as well as or improving the fertility of the soil. The hay of leguminous crops is rich in protein and also carbohydrates, hence s more economical for animals than hay made from the nonlegumes.

FOOD VALUE OF VEGETABLES

They Are Succulent, Afford Bulk and Contain Certain Good Mineral Constituents.

Vegetables are very valuable food and should be raised in abundance for the farm family. In addition to the regular food value of vegetables they are succulent, afford bulk and contain certain mineral constituents.

Pitying Not Consoling. It is said that the blind are easily and lasted for a minute and a half. It was weak. At 11:28 a brief but violent quiver was felt. Five minutes
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HIS NEIGHBOR

By AGNES G. BROWN.

Dear Gwen:

I am keeping my promise by writing, as soon as the new studio has been installed. It looks as though I might do good work here, in my glassroof room near the sky. The only place available for renting seemed this old-time mansion now given over to chean apartments: this, because we are nearer the business center than a desirable residence section. To me. however, obscurity lends value to the situation, as I may be free from visit-ing interruptions. The picture progresses favorably and I am intent upon a second. Please save yourself the trouble of instructing friends to hunt me out. I have already been obliged tendered in my "sister Gwendolen's" name. I suppose you are, as usual, busy

with your pet charities. Do not worry about my welfare, as I shall keep you duly informed.

Your affectionate brother, JACK.

Dear Gwen: The morning sun comes in at right angles through my glass roof, the painting grows apace, and meals served from a nearby restaurant are perfect. In my enjoyable isolation I might be on a desert isle—save for the young woman across the hall. She would. I think, be fit subject for your pássion for helpfulness—if you could reach her. Oh, these proud, self-sacrificing American women of ours! What will they not do for love andduty! Though I must confess this is my first actual experience with the kind. "Carrie," who "wipes up our floors," says that when my neighbor's husband went to war she gave up her comfortable flat and came here to live with her child. During the day she has taken up an unaccustomed position in a flower shop, it seems, but she sings right cheerily at night as she cooks the child's supper. It was this same singing which attracted my attention to the two-that and the child's evident glee when her mother brings home a current roll. Can you imagine it, Gwen, unalloyed joy over the fact of a current roll? Joy in three dingy rooms near the roof? Joy, after hard day's work? It makes one long to step out and buy a quantity of those delicacies we sated ones take as our matter-of-course-and leave them at their door. But the presump tion would be resented. The child looks like a Christmas show-window

After school hours she often sits at turn of the stair, knitting for "father." When I almost fell over her one day she naively informed me that "It was not so lonesome there as inslde.'

I thank you for comforts kindly sent'to myself. Your loving

ture were going on, but if you could but have known the desperate state of my mind at the time. Inwardly I of my mind at the time. Inwardly I was accusing myself of falling in love with a married woman. And though the object of my love bent ever absorbed over her knitting, she must have known the state of my heart. Then, blessedly, miraculously—now that it is all over—Pergy-May took the Then, blessedly, miraculously—now J. Edward Alams, clenter read that it is all over—Peggy-May took the croup, and the woman I love came croup, and the woman I love came The total above swiftly for me one evening, begging the total above me to stay with the child while she Bancon Avenue. hurried for the doctor. Then the story er at the came out. "Carrie" had made a natural mistake—Peggy-May's father and School gone to war, but it was his sister who can Fe had taken the motherless child into last S. her unselfish care. And so-I'm the happlest man in the world, Gwen, and we want you to come and plan for our twedding.

Yours, from a seventh heaven.

Seil Peculiarities.

A soil covered with gravel cools are to be Mrs. G. L. to them about their misfortune. In so that the heat absorbed during the Longley, we stays at the weekin numerous, posters are placed on the This knowledge is taken advantaged.

SHIRLEY

At the community whist party held won's Island.

Miss Edith Morris, of Leeds, Men. Shows forces of yishing her sister, Mrs. Marion affects that

Ayles.

Miss. Doris S. Knowles spent a few days at the home of her sister this week. Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg.

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Fitchburg.

The ladles of the work committee of the Ladles' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening. February 22. Henault's orchestra of live pieces, Fitchburg, will furnish the music. The affair of the evening will be under the management of Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox.

The public schools remained algorithm of the Congregation of the public schools remained algorithm.

formerly an assistant at the Brook-side, is much pleased with her new position in Pawtucket. The Service club gave a dance last Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall for the entertainment of the soldiers from Camp Devens. About seventy

five were entertained. Mudgett's or-chestra furnished the music. Coffee chestra furnished the music. Offee and doughnuts were served. The matrons were Miss Minnette Zuver, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Athance Landry and Miss Mary Lucy Chaisson were united in marriage on Monday morning at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Rosario Richard officiating. A reception was held in the evening at the home of the bride. The newly-weds, who are very popular young people of Shirley, will reside for a time at the home of the bride's parents on Leoninster road. The groom as Science and mathematics have been and mathematics have been as Science and mathematics have been served.

the evening at the home of the bride. The newly-weds, who are very popular young people of Shirley, will reside for a time at the home of the bride's parents on Leominster road. The groom is employed by Gilbert M. Ballou, and the bride, until her marriage, was employed by the President Suspender Co. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents. The selectmen have organized with

diers at Camp Devens.

Union service at the Universalist church on Sunday, February 17, at eleven a. m. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Farnsworth; subject, "The garden Lincoin loved and lived by." Sunday school at 12.15. Eyening service at seven p. m. with sermon by Rev. Douglas H. Corley, preceded by praise service.

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Letter from France.

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ford; music, Miss Helen Wood; song Miss Christine G. Longley, of Thompvon's Island, spent the week-end at the horne of her mother, Mrs. Abbie

At the community whist party hold you is Island, spent the week-end at on last Monday evening at the Servic, the home of her mother. Mrs. Abbie club, the winners were Misses Mary A Badstubner and Madeline 6. Logice. The work of keeping the roads about and Private Darius 4 Bouchard and the Cotter in a passable condition Corp. Hugh J. Garrity, from the base of chocolates, were awarded as severe cass. Center road, Browning 18. The winners were awarded and Earliett hill have required a boxes of chocolates. e of shovelling. If many more tres occur on too of what we have the Center will stand a rood chance of becoming snowbound.

The Womans' club will observe gentlemen's night on Monday evening, February 18, in the Congregational The public schools remained closed this week owing to shortage of coal and no water, owing to frozen pipes.

Miss Ellen E. Hatfield, of Pawtucket, spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Authler at the Brookside. Miss Hatfield, who was "know whereof he speaks," and will formerly an assistant at the Brook-

Only one German alien enemy has been discovered so far among the inhabitants of Lunenburg. His name is William Franz George Bergmaster. He has compiled with the law and left his signature, finger prints, etc., with C. E. Brown, postmaster.

as science and mathematics have been introduced in the high school; also microscopes with slides, table and equipment for scientific work. Two of the schools have Victrolas and records worth more than \$100 which have been furnished by the teachers and pupils.

The selectmen have organized with Charles H. Weare, Jr., chairman, and Willard G. White, secretary. The selectmen will meet on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at the Church street schoolhouse.

The Work committee of the Universalist church held a pound party in their vestry last Wednesday evening. At the close of the entertainment John H. Will auctioned off the articles, getting good prices, also much fun.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge At the close of the entertainment John H. Will auctioned off the articles, agetting good prices, also much fun.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting, next Friday evening at eight octock. There will be an entertainment in charge of Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence.

Doris S. Knowles spent the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg.

Miss Edith Morris of Leeds, Me. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Ayles.

The Service club will hold a dancing party saturday evening in I. O. O. F. hall for the entertainment of the soldiers at Camp Devens.

Union service at the Universalist church on Sunday, February 17, at eleven a. m. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Farnsworth; subject, "The garden Lincoln loved and lived by."

Sunday excholer 1215. Eventure events.

ed on household art. work and the object of art teaching. This work was introduced into the schools last September and Miss Reece describes its various departments, making a very interesting report, which all will be glad to read when it appears in the town book with other papers.

At last I am safely over in France, but cannot write all I would like to, but will say what I have seen. The coast is very rocky, now and then a the flower shop one evening, purchasing from my neighbor a rose tree, which has been sent to you. Acting again upon your suggestion, I frankly presented myself and made inquiry concerning Peggy-May's father. Peggy-May's father. Peggy-May happens to be the unusually connected name of the child. Charmingly free from self-consciousness were he mother's replies.

"Mr. May was well and in good dirits; she, herself, managed very cely, and Peggy-May was happy. I is thanked—and dismissed."

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At the citizens' party caucus in the lower town hall on Monday evening thirty-six men voted and with only but cannot write all I would like to, but will say what I have seen. The coast is very rocky, now and then a windmill, and it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which is a wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, which it was quite stormy on the trip across. I wish you could see, this year. Sidney H. Francis was flower town hall on Monday evening thirty-six men voted and connected name of the child. Charmingly free from self-consciousness were the mother's replies.

"Mr. May was well and in good spirits; she, herself, managed very nicely, and Peggy-May was happy. I was thanked—and dismissed. So to help these brave people seems beyond our power. Love to you, my siter, JACK.

Dear Gwen:

I saw one woman loading bagsage on a train today. They run all the cars. I was announced as follows: Moderate a train today. They run all the cars. I was announced as follows: Moderate thing is very high. Rubber boots are as high as \$0 francs (\$16); towels are 2 francs and 3 francs each (40c, and 5 francs). Field, assessor, John Wooldredge; treasurer and tax collector, James L. Harrington; town clerk, Edwin C. Smith; selectman, Richard thing is very high. Rubber boots are as high as \$0 francs (\$16); towels are 2 francs and 3 francs each (40c, and bour electric light commissioner, 1 franc. first are very plentiful and good and you get a lot for 1 franc. They figure the time every strange after twelve o'clock noon—they go up to twenty-four at midnight, then back to the was at one time considered.

Dear Gwen:

find-

that when suffering from nervousness, sick headache, dizzy spells and ailments peculiar to their sex nothing affords such prompt and welcome relief, as will follow a few doses of

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Saturday, February 16, 1918.

PEPPERELL

News ltems.

Born on Friday, February 8, at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., a daughter—Elizabeth Arline—to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge, of River

Donald Jacobs, of Pleasant street, received his commission as ensign in the Naval Reserves at the school for ensigns at Harvard college on Monday. Mr. Jacobs was one of 122 to take the sixteen-weeks' course.

Erbert Williams was taken ill on last week Friday night with "liberty measles" and is confined to his bed.

Harold F. Jackson and family have taken rooms at the Homestead. Mr. Jackson is manager of the telephone company in this district.

ompany in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newell, of Wabosh, Ind., arrived in town on Thursday of last week too late to attend the funeral services of her sister, the late Mrs. Perley Blake. The train on which they came was held in Willimantic, Conn., for nine hours. Mr. and Mrs. Newell are both former residents of this town and left last Saturday morning for Lawrence. After a short time Mr. Newell will return to Wabash and Mrs. Newell will return to Pepperell to visit relatives and friends before she returns to the west.

Mrs. Warren Fuller, of Mt. Lebanon street entertains this week-end her father. Ensign Edwin H. Walker, of the navy, and seven others.

Rev. D. R. Child spoke on "Personal liberty" before the Grange on last week bridge weening, and one of the special messages was "that the individual had no personal right to do anything that would work a hardship on another person." He then treated the liquor question in its bearing to the person himself, his friends, and the community. Social games were played after the returns to the west. returns to the west.

James Taylor, of Waltham, was in town on last week Thursday.

A pleasing addition to the music at services is the clarinet playing by Ralph Buck.

Miss Effic Winship is on a vacation from her position in Middleboro. Thomas Dwyer went Monday into the baggage department of the Boston and Maine reilroad, Portland division.

Mrs. Helen Nowell and four daughters have moved from the Conant block to the Arthur Blake cottage, where Capt. Haskell lived previous to

lesving town.

Sub-Master Scott of the high school and four lady teachers went to Ayer last Saturday morning to assist in the questionnaires being tabulated there. George Stone was just one-quarter of an inch too short to qualify for Glass

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. ederic Moffat, Cross street, on Tuesday morning.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hills, Chase avenue, last Saturday morning.

Clifton Scott, of Detroit, is spending a few days with his brother en route to Walderboro, Me., where he is going to do his bit in making the farm feed the nation.

Leslie Reed, now second lieutenant, after spending a week in Garden City, was transferred to Washington, D. C.

work on special war work.

The East Village Social club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Appleton on Wadnesday, February 20. It will be an all-day meeting to finish up the work now under way. The special meeting that was held with Mrs. John Plerce put the strips of the cutt.

At the last coremonal meeting for the cutt. John Pierce put the strips of the quilt Special Aid are in need of a

more completed squares, 8 inches.

Inished.

On Wednesday there was a remnant party held by the Ludies' Aid of the Methodist church at the parsonage. There were twelve members present and two visitors. Mrs. Adams, of Cross street, and Mrs. Marchanic. Many remnants were brought and much pleasure was added by a remnant limch, served buffer style.

The Ludies' Social diede franch of

The tadles' Social deele branch of the Woman's Alliance of the Uritarian society, will hold an all day meeting at the room of Mrs. John Frossard, Cross street, February 21. Business meeting at eleven o'clock. Lunch at 1230, with Mrs. Prossard as hosters. A two o'clock Rev D. R. Child will address the meeting.

Wednesday the weather continued warmer and it made a showing on the snow. Up to February 11 there had been thirty snowfalls officially recorded, although twelve were so light as not to be worthy of menurement. None of this accumulation had melted and with the warm spell all of the side walks in the business part of the town were overflowed. Roadmaster Blood secured all the help available and cleared out the gutters so that the cleared out the gutters so that the sidewalks were in extra good condition, considering while there was to contend with. contend with.

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112.00

It will be a sad notice to many readers that the public library is indefinitely closed on account of fuel shortage.

The following officers of Acoma Re-The following officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge were installed on Tuesday evening: Mrs. Louise Lunt, n.g.: Mrs. Susie Fredericks, v.g.: Florence Fiske, r.e.: Anna Sawtelle, f.c.: Mrs. Efflo Bobbins, treas: Lydia Walte, warden; Mrs. Nellie Frossard, cond.; Mrs. Hattle Shaw, chap.: Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, r.s.in.g.: Mrs. Kate Dunlap, l.s.in.g.: Mrs. Mary Heath Blood, r.s.v.g.: Mrs. Elizabeth Hanley, l.s.v.g.: Mrs. Klizabeth Hanley, l.s.v.g.: Mrs. Elizabeth Hanley, l.s.v.g.: Mrs. Susle Dort, the retiring noble grand, was presented with a past noble grand; siewel as she served a second term in place of the noble grand who was called out of town ungrand who was called out of town un

ecture

Mrs. Louise A. Lawrence, formerly of this town, now of Maynard, was granted a divorce from Francis A. Lawrence, of Bridgeport, Conn., on statutory charges, the corespondent being a party in Bridgeport. Mr. Lawrence has been living in the city of Bridgeport for the last two years and is a member of St. John's lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Stratford, Conn.

Last Saturday Chief Smith captured a man who had been drawn in the first draft. He came from Shenandoah, Pa. He was charged with desertion and a reward of fifty dollars was offered for his capture. Officer Smith took him to Camp Devens and he was not be the cuardouse.

Gerald Willett has been called for the naval service and left on Thursday for Charleston. Mr. Willett is well-known to the young people in Ayer, where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Bliss.

Russell Wright has been

for the past two weeks, owing to a slight accident.

Miss Josselyn, of Worcester, is absent from her school because of an abseess on her arm.

On last Monday N. S. Shattuck drew off the water from the pipes in the public library and the beautiful rubber tree and ether plants of value were taken by Durant's team to Rainsford Deware's home for warm housing while the library is closed.

Rev. W. H. Beers will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday on "The three great words of Christ—come, tarry, go." Epworth league leader will be Miss Jennie Deal, with the subject, "Our African missions." There will be the usual services following the Epworth league.

The Babbatassett Camp Fire Girls met with Mrs. Beers on Thursday to work on special war work.

The East Village Social club will bold its next meeting with Mrs. Apple-

Cross work were awarded.

At the last ceremonial meeting four girls became wood-gatherers, receiving the rings which show the rank.

At the last ceremonial meeting four reaches beyond the known.

Frank T. Wright, President Citizens' No-License Committee. Special honor beads for summer Red

Cross work were awarded.

The regular business meeting was held the first Friday in February. It was voted to pay all outstanding bills The assistant guardian talked over the frequencients for the fire-maker's rank when should be earned by the woodgatheness in a year's time if faithfully we need up. An article on "Camp Fire and the church" was presented. This showed how the Camp Fire spirit shows and does comperate with the various denominations to which the

will address the meeting

Raymond Maxwell is another to be added to those having Liberty measles."

Mrs. Fred Parker, formerly of Oak hill, is sick at her home with blood poisoning, and has a nurse in attendance.

Wednesday the weeth warman.

These meetings furnish a cussed. broad platform for considering any matters of moral and community welfare and are open for all.

The Woman's Missionary society will cold their monthly meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday. February hold their monthly meetin parsonage on Wednesday. parsonage on Wedne 20, at three o'clock.

License or No-License.

To the voters of Pepperell—The time approaches when you will have opportunity to vote on the question of license or no-license in your home town for another year. The reasons are more urgent than ever before in our history that you give the question the most careful and serious consideration-before your choice is made and your ballot is marked. I place before you a few interrogations which honestly answered must go far towards a survey of the ground, an inventory of your ideas, and a clear conception of License or No-License.

da second term crand who was called out of town capectedly.

Miss Nellie Mayhew, who is a frequent visitor at the home of fiev, and Mrs. D. R. child, was operated upon at Corey Hill hospital on Monday, and on Wednesday Rev, and Mrs. Child went to call on her and found her as comfortable as could be expected.

Roy Card has been very ill and under the doctor's care for two weeks. He is able to sit up an hour a day now. The Mt. Lebanon unit of the Red Cross met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dana Bancroft on Townsend street, with fourteen members present. This unit is working in connection to this world duty-bound to make the Metropolitan chapter of the Metropolitan

with Mrs. Dana Bancroft on Townsend the Most of yourself not only for principles at Harvard college on Monday. Mr. Jacobs was one of 122 to take the sixteen-weeks' course.

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with Mrs. Dana Bancroft on Townsend the most of yourself not only for principles. This unit is working in connection with the Metropolitan chapter of Berkeley street, Boston, and are making "army kits." One feature of the meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday night with "liberty meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday in the friday in the meeting with the Metropolitan chapter of the meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday in the friday in the meeting with the Metropolitan chapter of the meeting with the Metropolitan chapter of the meeting with the Metropolitan chapter of the meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday in the friday in the meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Friday i Ing "army kits." One feature of the meeting was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lucy Page, telling of Red Cross work in Pawtucket, R. I. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday with Mrs. Warren Fuller.

The South Road branch on Thursday sent the Special Aid 151 squares and several comfort pillows, and are doing extra work.

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The best home, the best state, th

order, education, beauty, happiness.

The best home, the best state, the best country which your individual effort can help make? Do you have a doubt that the so-called liquor traffic is an evil? Do you believe that the liquor traffic is so productive of revenue to nation, state, and municipality that we can not afford to do without it? Do you know the cost in the United States, or in Massachusetts, of charity and correction—maintaining hospitals, asylums and penitentiaries? Do you know whether the number of defectives, dependents, and delinquents is increasing in this state or the diminishing? Do you know what proportion of the charities and corrections is due directly or indirectly to

mith took him to Camp Devens and was put in the guardhouse.

Archie Pike is remaining in the iouse for a few days with "Liberty mensies."

Mrs. Thomas Attridge, who was reported as injured last week, while convalescing was broken out thickly for twenty-four hours with "Liberty measles."

Mrs. Willoughby is spending a while with her daughter in Smithville, N. H. The Book and Thimble club met on Monday with Mrs. Waldo Spaulding.

Gerald Willett has been called for Gerald Willett has been called for Thursenvironment and vote for licenses. Do you vote for license because it brings other trade into town—because it increases the value of your real estate?—its your chief end in living a dollar? Do you believe in placing temptation in sight of a boy? Do you realize that habitual use of intoxicants tends to loss of memory, inability to reason

Russell Wright has been placed in the fire in the government employ at one of the three big offices in the Union railroad station in Washington. Mrs. Leolie Reed, after a visit of four days with Mrs. Reed, of Main street, left last week Friday to join her husband in Washington, where she will follow her profession of private nursing.

The Pepperell Men's-club will hold its next meeting in Grange hall on Tuesday evening, February 19. The speaker will be Harry K. White, of this town, who will speak on our navy and illustrate with sildes.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding, of Reading, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard, and to take her little daughter home.

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way the current of puone opinion is dowing?

When you consider what your country stands for just now in the great European war, what preparations are made for the young men of America who are to fight in this war, what the women in the homes are doing and enduring, all that is needed to make America in every part strong and cheerful in the gigantle undertaking, does it strike into your system that it is up to you to show yourself a man in the highest and best sense of the term?

erm?
License or no-license—where do you stand—for good or for evil, for health or for disease, for selfishness or for ervice, for patriotism or for disloyally, for God or for mammon?
Do you sit astride the fence—the nost despicable position which a man an hold?

can hold?

A little pebble is dropped into a pool—the circular waves enlarge and recede: finally they reach action, even recede: finally they reach and break upon the shore. A man's action, even at the ballot box, exerts an influence that spreads and spreads, and finally reaches beyond the known.

SHIRLEY

First Parish Branch Alliance segular meeting on February rooms of the Service club in block. Mrs. Lucy J. Merrisided. A number of guests cort, but on account of bad the attendance was not large usee voted to pay for another lascription to the "Christian of the Leading-room of the otherary.

for the reading-room of the abrary.

Mice M. Wright read her ingraper on "Life in Kansas at the of the Civil war." She related personal anecdotes and drewstee picture of the raid of Quantum men upon the peaceful fron Lawrence, Kansas, where the nand Livermore families were after emigrating from New da number of years before. The street of the late Herbert were shown, these having to his teaching a school for negligible the reconstruction period with One was a school record they paid by pupils for tuition other was a genuine Klu Klux varning with a drawing of a the top, which was sent to Mr. and which even at this discover or the Service club sang

West of the Service club sang which were well received, ments were served by the Miss. Agnes M. Holden; and ting adjourned for one month.

WHO OWNS THE AIR!

Switzerland believes that the air above her is Swiss air. She is of the opinion that when a belligerent airplane enters the air above a Swiss frontier it has violated the neutrality of Switzerland, and so some of her people are stirred up because allied and German airplanes engaged in a battle over the country around Basie. The development of the Zeppelin and of the airplane even before the war caused a general trend of thought toward the opinion that sovereignty of the air is divided among the nations just as is the sovereignty of the earth, and that the air over the seas, outside the three-mile limit, is free, just as the high seas are supposed to be free. As with nations, so with cities, and with individuals? Yes, in so far as cities are concerned, for it seems to be accepted that communities, acting as units, may make laws governing the use of the open sky above them. Individual landowners, however, will find much difficulty in, say, preventing any aviator who wishes to do so from using the air above their lands, says Savannah News. The war may cause the airplane to be commonplace in peace times, and if so there will, of course, spring into being a mass of laws intended to regulate the use of the upper levels.

Regarding the use of concrete in the construction of vessels, much has been said and a little accomplished in this country during the past few years. It is interesting, therefore, to observe that in France considerable progress is being made in this direction. In order to reduce the consumption and impor tation of timber, large barges and canal boats are being built of re-enforced concrete. Steps in the proc ess of making these are told in Popular Mechanics. Although it is not known how generally the practice has been adopted, the venture is not merely an experimental one. The merits of diminishing? Do you know what proportion of the charities and corrections is due directly or indirectly to drunkenness? Would it not be good business to find out receipts and expenditures for a year in this connection and balance the account? Do you believe the revenue from licensing the sale of intoxicating beverages lowers your tax rate? Would it not be the part of wisdom not to rely upon what someone else says but find out for yourself in just what way and just how much your tax rate is thus diminished?

Are you, a gullible citizen? Do you dead a concrete rowboat. ed a concrete rowboat.

The American people are bearing the burdens thrust upon them by the war extremely well: There is no general disposition to profiteer among those who have commodities to sell, and if prices keep advancing it is due largely to the fact that the United States is trying to provide a very considerable part of the world with food and other. supplies. The demand exceeds the supply, as the sugar market is now demonstrating. No good purpose is served by harboring the suspicion that every man is seeking to take advantage of his neighbor. The facts are just the reverse of this. The vast bulk of the American people are sincerely patriotic and earnestly striving to do what is right by helping the government in keeping prices down and in conserving the national resources.

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Mes Josselvn, of Worcester, is ab-

John Burroughs says: "For my own part I will never again use an article made in modern Germany if I know it. I will never look into a modern German book. I will favor the exclusion of the German language and literature from our schools and colleges. would drive every unnaturalized German from this country." Here is evidence that indicates what success the kaiser is having in his effort to make a place for his people in the sun.

Teutonic militarism would doubtless look with contemptuous amazement at the American idea of discipline, which, as in a case in South Carolina, would hold an officer to account for giving a private a blow. In the former system that sort of discipline is not only allowed, but is also commended. To beat up the inferior class is part of the divine right of autocratic authority.

In time of peace music "speaks a universal language." Under present circumstances the wise performer abandons the universal idea and limits himself to English, French or Italian, with some Russian from time to

Never was there a war with so many "fronts" and "theaters." No wonder the civilian, unversed in tactics or war knowledge, finds himself confused to see and follow it all.

cent being obtained by evaporating brine pumped up from bore-holes, and 28 per cent by mining beds of rock

salt.

Production of Sait. About 51 per cent of the salt produced in Russia is from lakes, 23 per

Seaweed Fertilizer. Seaweed as a fertilizer has been found to be very heneficial to potato heds when applied previously to plant-

Habits of Crayfish.
The crayfish may be described as a fresh water lobster, and usually lives a purely aquatic life, keeping to the iver-bed. Some of the crayfish found in Australia, however, have forsaken the water and excavate burrows in damp soil. The tunnel leading to the eart of the burrow is free from water. but water is always present in the chambers at the end where the crayfish lives. They do much damage to artificial watercourses in the min ng districts by riddling the banks and dama.

Oulia Board. The so-called online board has no more intelligence than any other piece of wood and its movement or action in the supposed answering of ques tions is controlled or imparted to it either consciously or unconsciously, innocently or fraudulently, voluntarily or involuntarily, by the is practically the same thing under new-name as the planchette board, which had such a great run in the early days of the spiritualism craze -Exchange.

Mouth Decorations. It is amazing how ideas of beauty vary with latitude and longitude. In Japan, the professional beauty loves to appear with golden teeth, in India she prefers them stained red, but in certain parts of Sumatra no lady who respected herself would condescend to have any front teeth at all: They are removed the moment they appear, and strictly suppressed if they should try again.

Utilizing Our Time.

We all need recreation, but we vould indeed be acting most unwisely were we to give up all our spare time to the pursuit of pleasure. An evening now and then devoted to worthwhile study, or again utilizing a spare hour to the reading of a humorous story when we feel out of sorts, will without a question, prove a gilt-edge investment.—Exchange.

Waterproofing Concrete.

To stop leakage through concrete, such as tunnel walls, clean the walls thoroughly and paint with a solution consisting of eight and three-quarter pounds of zinc sulphate dissolved in gallon of water. The zinc sulphate will act on the lime in the cement, forming insoluble calcium sulphate and zinc hydroxide, which fill up the pores in the concrete.

Important Discovery.

It has been discovered that large quantities of the dust that accumulates in certain portions of the apparatus used in making pig iron from iron that is, in the blast furnaces contains appreciable quantities of potash. The amount found depends on the kind, of ore used in the blast furnace charge.

Origin of Collie's Name. The collie's name appears to be shrouded in mystery; but there seems to be a fairly reasonable foundation for supposing that it is from "coll" 'collar," on account of the broad white mark round the neck which is seen in the majority of these dogs.

It Was Ever Thus. "The fair defendant will be acquit-ted, of course?" "I expect so," replied the prosecuting attorney. "As soon as she mounted the witness stand and smiled at the jury, nine out of the twelve began to fumble with their neckties and slick down their hair."

Donald's Idea.

Having been taken through the steerage on an ocean voyage, and knowing there were several "classes" on a ship, Donald, in his first conversation with the new English cook, asked, "Did you come over storage?

Born Together. Boldness and power are such inseparable companions that they appear to be born together; and when divided, they both decay and die at

the same time.-Henry Venn. A True Pioneer. Felling trees which he helped to plant eighty years ago is the unique experience of a man in Devoushire who is within three years of reaching

Bible Mention of Ebony. There is only one reference in the Bible to ebony. It occurs only in Exra 27:15, as one of the most important commodities imported into Tyre.

the century mark.

cold.

Out of the Mouths of Babes. "Papa." said small Harry, "if you and I were the same size, would you say and do things to me that make me fighting mad?"

is said to be an epitome of the man; how much more the done work. Mistaken Identity. The ancients supposed rock crystal to be merely ice congented by intense

Epitome of the Man.

The spoken word, the written poem,

It Generally Does. Speech was given to man to disguise his thoughts.—Tallyrand.

Cow Elephant Tusks Best.

The tusks of the cow elephant have been found best adapted to the making of billiard balls. The tusk of the female is not so curved as that of the male, and the fine nerve passage is not so clearly seen.

It do so.

How is little brother Kenrick? I suppose he is growing fast and big all the time and will be some kid when I have received a good number of letters from you, mother, sisters and Kenrick. I have received a few of the Boston Posts which Uncle Arthur subscribed for me. I shall be glad to see the Pepperell Clarion when it comes.

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About Town.

The result of the annual membership campaign of the Red Cross Branch gives 443 members in this town. Of these, twelve are also magazine members. The delay in receiving the magazine is due to some trouble in Washington and not to anything local. The branch will continue the folding and rolling of the three yard gauze dressings until otherwise ordered by the Lowell chapter. Any of the drafted boys desiring any part of a Red Cross outfit, can be supplied with such by applying to the president, Mrs. Tarbell, or to Mrs. Howe, secretary, Workers will be cordially received at the Red Cross rooms on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

aturday afternoons. The Woman's club will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 19, in Saunders banquet hall. Miss Georgia Shafer, reader, from the Leland Pow-ers school. Boston, will entertain.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will attend church on Sunday at the Congregational church. The sermon will be given by Rev. D. R. Child. All members are requested to be present The Thomas A. Parker, G. A. R. post

are invited to attend.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell on Friday afternoon, February 22, in honor of Washington's birthday. Hostesses, Mrs. May B. Tarbell, Mrs. Carrie S. Tarbell, Mrs. Lura B. Weston and Mrs. Anna C. S. Woodworth.

Arthur P. Wright has been appoint. are invited to attend. Arthur P. Wright has been appoint ed justice of the peace

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The committee chosen from Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., to go to Camp Devens every Friday to do mending and repairing work for the soldiers have accomplished much worthy work. They have worked on \$12 garments and they feel repaid for their labors as the soldiers fully appreciate the work. Any member wishing to go will please report to the chairman, Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson.

The military whist given by the

chairman, Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson.

The military whist given by the February committee of the Ladies' Social circle will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, February 22, at 7,45 clock. Posters announced a postponement from the original date. February 7, on account of bad roads and the extremely cold weather. It is hoped that by another week those conditions may be improved.

Ever Notice?

There is not much news to tell you.
We shall all be glad when we do our
bit and get home again, although it
is and get home again, although it
may be for some time. I guess I told
you in my last letter that I received
your sweetheart everything comes to
a stop.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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There is not much news to tell you.
bit and get home again, although it
may be for some time. I guess I told
you in my last letter that I received
way sweater just in time as the cold
weather was starting. I have bought
another Liberty bond over here. I am

in good health and feeling well all the time and have a good appetite and get plenty for it.
After I finish this letter I am going

to drop in to see a boxing match at the Y. M. C. A. Give my love to all the folks. I am making an allotment the folks. I am making an allotment each month which you will receive from Washington—put it in some good savings bank for me, so that when I get back I shall have a little pile saved. Most all of us are doing this way and then we do not spend it here, for things we do not need. Again best love to everyone. Lovingly, Your son Edward.



EDWARD McCORD

Edward McCord, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCord, of Pepperell. He enlisted with the 5th Massachusetts regiment in May, 1917, and after the summer manœuvres went to France in September. Although only nineteen at the time of enlistment he nineteen at the time of enlistment he would be content only if in the van with many of our young men who rallied to the first call for volunteers. And is so doing he is his father's son for Mr. McCord is well-known as an aggressive, hard fighter in life's battless

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Inter from France.

The following letter from a Massatchusetts boy in France, a solder with the American Expeditionary Forces, will be of interest to many of our readers. Edward A. McCord, Company M. 101st Infantry, writes to, his father telling of Thanksgiving day "over there," dated Somewhere in France, November 29, 1917.

Dear Dad—Thanksgiving has come and is nearly gone, but we had quite a day of it just the same. This forencom we all went to a football game between the 101st Infantry and the 101st Engineers, the Infantry winning by a score of 2 to 0. When we came back we had a good turkey dinner with lots of good things. You see Uncle Sam remembered us today.

Well, it will soon be Christmas and after that spring will quickly follow, and summer here will be speedy in coming—At-any-rate, L hope, so, as they say France is a pretty place then. I have not met Uncle George over here yet, although I have kept my eyes open for him, and will continue to do so.

How met described the fight of the soldlers who go over-seas. He was fortunate in not being wounded by his commanding officer, for a D. S. O.

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