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Farmington's Roll of Honor

- The following local boys are serving their country in the Great World War: Charles R. Bodge, Dean L. Stevens, Chester A. Stevens, Fred O. Tibbets, Samuel S. Stanley, Treble Marcoux, Edward T. Willson, Clarence L. Perkins, Hubert R. Haddock, William L. Emerson, Everett W. Emerson, Summer Pike, Alfred Greiner, George O. Rogers, Orin Longue, Leon Parkhurst.

The war department at Washington has announced that the next draft will be so framed as not to exempt those affected with color blindness, flat feet and poor teeth.

Many of the gaudy hued palets that have enthused amateur decorators to produce horrible medleys of color effects, have been tabooed by the recent restrictions imposed upon paint manufacturers.

Although the devastating element once again has visited Farmington and removed, temporarily, one of our biggest industries, the lamentation which is proper for a short season must not be continued.

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.

The American people are bearing the burden 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 war has had no noticeable effect on crime in Britain among females, according to Basil Thompson, one of the chiefs of Scotland Yard. It was expected, by some, said Mr. Thompson recently, that the entrance of women into employment hitherto monopolized by men might have a bad result.

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."

K. of P. Anniversary

The doubtful if any Knights of Pythias lodge in the state observed the 54th anniversary of the order with more fitting and enthusiastic ceremonies than did Harmony Lodge, No. 11, of this town on last Tuesday evening.

Cong. Church Notes

The usual order of services will be observed next Sunday. The Aid society will meet with Mrs. Hervey White next Tuesday.

Save the Savings Banks.

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Cloutman Shoe Factory Burns Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight People Temporarily Out of Employment

The Biggest Industrial Fire Farmington Has Ever Experienced CONCERN TO RESUME BUSINESS IN FARMINGTON

The most damaging conflagration that ever visited Farmington, reduced to ruins the J. F. Cloutman Shoe Co.'s big factory which occupied the site at the junction of Main, Garfield and Elm streets, last Thursday night.

The illumination from the great blaze lighted the sky for miles around and was watched from points of vantage in surrounding towns and cities from whence came insistent calls for reports of news.

The original structure of the plant destroyed was built in 1873 by John M. Berry and Daniel W. Kimball, both prominent shoe manufacturers of the town at that time. The old shop was a four story building 72x30 feet and faced on Garfield street.

Board of Trade Meeting

A special meeting of the board of trade was held at the opera house Sunday afternoon, and several hundred people, including scores of women, turned out.

Woman's Club

The February meeting was held in Grange hall Friday afternoon, Feb. 16, at the usual hour. The program was in charge of the Shakespeare department.

Masquerade Ball

The eleventh annual masquerade ball under the auspices of Mystic Temple, P. S., was held at the opera house last Friday evening, with about 400 patrons in attendance.

Selectmen's Report for 1917

In submitting our report for the year just closed, we are unabashed in presenting the figures which represent one of the most expensive in the history of the town. Our readers have only to recur to their own personal expenses in order to show the comparative differences between this and former years when peace and plenty reigned in our broad land.

First—It will be remembered that all the heavy snow storms of 1917 came after February 15th. Thus, leaving the greater part of the expenses for breaking roads to be paid this year. The storms began early this winter and have come often, making a big additional expense for the year which amounts to \$1,649.94.

Second—Owing to the condition of roads and bridges in outside districts, it has been necessary to expend more in these improvements. This work has cost \$3,175.60.

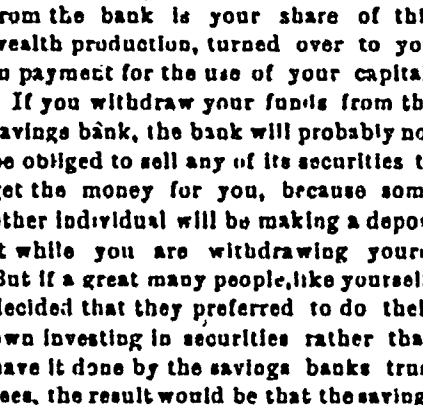
Third—The fact that we purchased a small grader, which should have been delivered in May, and did not arrive until October, shows only the expense of purchasing the machine, \$175.00. Had it been delivered on time it would have saved more than the purchase price by reducing the cost of repairing highways.

Fourth—Main street, to say the least, was in a dangerous condition. We decided that the best policy was to fix it permanently. Consequently, we had the street leveled and recovered, at a cost of \$1,500, for which there was no appropriation.

Fifth—We were unable to install a new boiler at the Opera House, owing to the increase in price. However, we decided to make repairs which were much needed. The revenue derived from renting the Opera House is decreasing each year, owing to other attractions.

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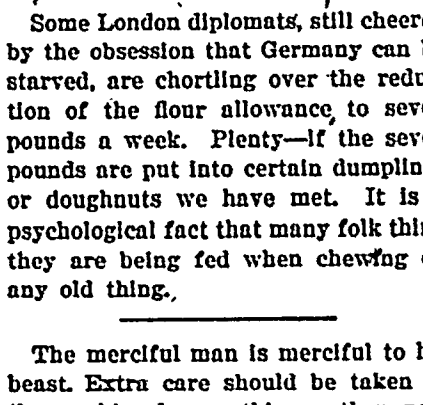
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Advertisement for Ned Parker's clothing store. Features: Children's all Elastic Hose Sup-ports. Sale price, per pair 15c. Here's a Bargain with a big "B". Great big 20x40 Bleached Turkish Towels, worth 50c. Bought as seconds, but hard to find imperfections. Sale price 33c.

Advertisement for Why Not? try a loaf of my Rice Bread? It's the best you can buy, 25% rice. Try one loaf, it will please you. Large loaves 15c, small loaves 8c. Granham Bread 10c, Bran Bread 10c, War Biscuits 12c a dozen. Pies, Cakes, Doughnuts, Cookies and Cup Cakes, Beans and Brown Bread every Saturday.

Advertisement for WANTED CYLINDER VAMPER AND McKay Heel Shaver. L.F. SPAULDING CO. LOWELL, MASS.

Advertisement for WANTED All Around Stock Fitter on McKay Work. Apply JOHN LANCY, JR. 151 Essex St. Haverhill, Mass.

Advertisement for WANTED All kinds of Shoemakers Especially Stitching Room Help. Apply Purley & Stevens, Inc. Newburyport, Mass.

Advertisement for WANTED Top stitchers, Closers on, Lining makers, McKay Heelers, Bottom finishers, Dressers and Packers, at W. J. Barry Shoe Co. 50 Statepole Street Lowell, Mass.

Advertisement for ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford, administrator of the estate of Amasa G. Gile, late of Farmington, N. H., in said County, deceased, intestate.

Advertisement for We are still selling, at 8c a Loaf, the Famous Butter Krust Bread. Sandwich Bread 12c per loaf. Rye and Graham 10c per loaf. Also a nice line of Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Buns, Doughnuts and Fancy Pastry.