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TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Townsend Brass band are to give a public concert at Memorial hall, Friday evening, February 25. These concerts are greatly enjoyed and the cause is worthy. Particulars will be given later.

Rev. W. J. Murray will again be at the Congregational church this coming Sunday, to the pleasure of all, and Rev. H. L. Packard of Kingston will supply on Sunday, February 13.

Harbor.

The Harbor station has been renovated both outside and in and its patrons are delighted. To put it mildly the present color scheme is a decided improvement over the preceding one.

Mrs. George Jones is visiting friends in Revere this week.

Miss Anna Kelley is a guest at Harbor farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Baker of Chesterfield are visiting Charles Warner's family.

The party given last Wednesday evening by Mrs. Hagar, complimentary to her mother, Mrs. Farnham, was a very enjoyable affair.

On Thursday Mrs. Bagley gave a reception in honor of Mr. Bagley's sister, Miss Gerald of Boston, who is visiting at their home.

The Upton place on Wallace hill has been sold to a party from Boston for a poultry farm.

The tract of land lying south of the Harbor on Warren street just beyond the Leadbetter place has been purchased by Cox brothers, druggists in one of the towns adjoining Boston. They propose to clear the land of all growth and to start a hen ranch.

Yesterday afternoon in response to invitations, the neighbors of Mrs. Taft assembled at her home to participate in an old-fashioned quilting. A good time followed and after accomplishing a commendable amount of work, the guests were all ready to partake of the refreshments served by their hosts.

Mrs. McCarthy entertained the Monday club this week. Whist was the order of the afternoon, after which lunch was served. The invited guests were Mrs. Farnham and Miss Anna Kelley.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. R. Y. Nelson went to Belmont, Tuesday, to spend two weeks with her daughter Amy.

Fifty new books were ready for distribution at the library last Saturday.

Miss Marion Viets has been substituting in one of the Maynard schools this week, and Miss Ruby has been in charge of one room in Ayer for the past two weeks.

About a dozen of our young people attended the masquerade at South Acton, Tuesday evening.

Quite a number are reported on the sick list this week. Daniel Wetherbee is home from Worcester, troubled with the jaundice; Mabel Lawrence has the measles, while Mrs. Gartner and Mrs. Ruel Cobleigh are both under the doctor's care.

Mr. McMasters has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Mrs. Knight returned Saturday from a visit with her daughter in Concord Junction.

Grange News.

"That the ladies of Boxborough grange must furnish a supper for the men" was the decision given by the three judges, F. H. Stevens of Stow, J. B. Tuttle of Acton, and Mrs. Fannie Barrows of Littleton, at the close of the men's entertainment last Friday evening.

It is certain that these competitive entertainments have brought to light much talent that has previously been undiscovered by the lecturer, and many surprises were furnished during the program, which consisted of vocal solos, selections by a male quartet with guitar accompaniment, violin and guitar duets, original poem and a mock initiation, entitled "Joining the Tinpanites," after which apples and popcorn were served to the audience of nearly two hundred, who had enjoyed the evening's festivities.

A very appropriate poem was written and read on this occasion by Rev. F. H. Viets, which it is claimed won the decision in favor of the men, though many insinuate that the judges were afraid to leave the supper question in the hands of the men.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Horse Thief Convicted.

On the night of December 12, last, there was stolen from the barn of Edward J. Farnsworth of this town a mare valued at \$1000, and as soon as the mare was missed Mr. Farnsworth sent word to the chief of police of cities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts of his loss and to be on the lookout for the mare and thief. It was learned that Harry Snow, alias Smith, offered the mare for sale to the chief of police of Weston, Mass., but the chief informed Snow that he was not in need of a horse, and the thief found a customer in Mr. Whittemore of that town, who paid him down ten dollars and agreed to pay the balance at a bank in Waltham the following day. Suspicious of the fellow, he reported the case to the police, resulting in the arrest of Snow. The mare was later identified by Mr. Farnsworth and the police officer of Hollis, Mr. Howe.

Harry Snow was placed on trial at Manchester before Chief Justice Wallace and a jury in the superior court, Monday. Snow was charged with the stealing of the mare.

The witnesses called for the prosecution were Edward J. Farnsworth, the owner of the mare, James E. Farnsworth, his son, P. J. McAuliffe, Fred J. Flynn of the Massachusetts state police, William Whittemore, Daniel W. Hayden and Norman E. Howe.

The first witness called was James E. Farnsworth, who said that he locked the barn on the night of the theft, and that his father discovered the mare missing the following morning. Edward J. Farnsworth, the owner of the mare, was next called to the witness stand, and in the course of his testimony told of his identification of the animal at Weston. On cross examination by Attorney Stephen C. Hallinan of Nashua, he said that he first met Snow while at work cutting ice in Brookline a year ago. Snow, he said, stutters when he talks.

William Whittemore testified that he first met Snow on the street in Weston on the morning of December 20. Snow told him that he had a horse for sale, which he got from a man named William White of Kennebunk, Me., in payment of his wages. That afternoon he bought the horse, paying ten dollars down and agreeing to pay the balance in Waltham the day following.

Snow took the witness stand in his own defense at the afternoon session and claimed that he bought the mare and wagon of a man whom he met on the road between Lowell and Boston. He said that his home is in St. Louis. He had been working, he said, at Moosehead lake, Me.

At the close of Snow's testimony the case was given to the jury without argument.

The jury, after deliberating upon the evidence for not more than twenty minutes, returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Wallace then sentenced Snow to not more than seven nor less than six years in state prison. He was taken to Concord, Tuesday, by Sheriff Fred K. Ramsey to begin his sentence.

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Our Stock of Men's Suits have been greatly reduced, but there are still many suits to dispose of.

In Our Furnishing Department and the SPECIAL BARGAIN LIST there are still plenty for everybody.

Note the Price Reduction and Bear in Mind that they are Quoted Upon HIGH GRADE STANDARD GOODS.

Men's Suits

A big cut from regular prices in Men's and Youths' Suits. The sizes are broken, not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.

\$10.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$ 7.47
\$12.50 Suits, make-way price.....	\$ 8.47
\$15.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$14.47
Also 1 Lot of Odd Suits for Men, Sizes, 34 to 40.....	\$3.47
1 Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages 15 to 19.....	\$2.47

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Children's Suits, Ages 8 to 16.

We have about 75 Knee Pant Suits, with straight pants only, which we wish to close and offer them at just one-half the regular price.

\$3.00 Suits, now.....	\$1.50
\$4.00 Suits, now.....	\$2.00
\$5.00 Suits, now.....	\$2.50
Children's Odd Knee Pants, regular straight cut, only 50c. and 59c. kind, now.....	.23
75c. and \$1.00 kind, now.....	.50

Children's Overcoats and Reefers

Ages 4 to 12.

Every Overcoat and Reefer left now goes at a cut price, all new styles.

\$4.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$2.98
\$5.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$3.47
\$6.50 Overcoats, now.....	\$4.47
\$3.50 to \$6.00, values now.....	\$2.47

Reefers, Ages 8 to 16.

\$3.50 Reefers, now.....	\$2.50
\$5.00 Reefers, now.....	\$3.47
1 Lot of Boys' Odd Overcoats and U- sters, \$3.50 to \$6.00 values, now.....	\$2.47

Misses' and Women's Tams

All at half regular price.

50c. Tams now.....	.25c.
75c. Angora Tams now.....	.37c.
\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams now.....	.50c.

Winter Caps

All our Men's 50c. Caps now.....	.39c.
All our Men's \$1.00 Caps now.....	.79c.
All our Boys' 25c. Caps now.....	.19c.
All our Boys' 50c. Caps now.....	.39c.

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For Men and Youths.

Every Overcoat reduced in price, all up-to-date in cut and style. Sizes 31 to 40: Your choice from the \$10.00 Overcoats for.....

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Your choice from the \$15.00 Overcoats for.....	\$ 9.98
Your choice from the \$18.00 Overcoats for.....	\$12.47
Your choice from the \$20.00 Overcoats for.....	\$14.98
Your choice from the \$22.00 Overcoats for.....	\$14.98

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\$15.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$15.47

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Every Fur-lined Overcoat in stock is reduced in price.

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Dogskin-lined, Astrakan Shell, Marmot Collar, \$30.00 value.....	\$25.00
Dogskin-lined Black Kersey Shell, Marmot Collar, \$35.00 value.....	\$29.47
Muskrat and Marmot-lined Black Ker- sey Shell, Muskrat Collar, \$65.00 value.....	\$50.00

Men's Fur Coats

Balance of Fur Coats now reduced in price.

Fur Coats, worth \$20.00, now.....	\$16.47
Fur Coats, worth \$25.00, now.....	\$20.00
Fur Coats, worth \$30.00, now.....	\$25.00
Fur Coats, worth \$35.00, now.....	\$29.47
Raccoon Coats; splendid value for \$65.00, now.....	\$50.00

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White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....	3c.
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All our 50c. Suspenders.....	.39c.
President Suspenders.....	.31c.

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Your choice of any \$1.00 Fancy Negligee Shirt in our stock, which includes the well-known Stag and Hathaway Brands, for this Sale, only..... 79c.

Your choice of any 50c. Fancy Negligee Shirt in our stock, for this Sale..... 39c.

Your choice of any 50c. Working Shirt, Collar attached, Black, Black and White Stripes, and Fancy Cheviot, Stag and Congress makes, for this Sale..... 39c.

Underwear Bargains

All our regular 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in either single or double breasted, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., now... 39c.

All our Derby Ribbed Underwear, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., all sizes, now... 39c.

Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, regular 25c. goods, now..... 19c.

Contocook Blue A grade..... \$1.15
Contocook Blue W grade..... 69c.

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50c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 35c.
35c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 25c.
25c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 19c.
15c. Heavy Cotton Hose..... 9c.

Neckwear Bargains

1 Lot 25c. Bow Ties for..... 15c.
1 Lot 15c. Bow Ties for..... 5c.
1 Lot 25c. Four-in-Hand..... 15c.
1 Lot 50c. Four-in-Hand..... 29c.
1 Lot 25c. Button-on Ties..... 15c.

Glove Bargains

All our 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys..... 19c.
1 Lot Working Gloves and 50c. value for 35c.

Sheep-Lined Coats

The balance of our stock of Men's Sheep-lined Coats at 1/4 off the regular price.

Shoe Department

We have many odd pairs and broken lines of Shoes for Boys, Women and Children, which we put on the bargain counter to clean up.

The above list does not by any means include all the bargains to be found in this store during this sale. Remember that Brown quality is unexcelled and that every sale is backed by our guarantee of satisfaction or your money back.

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WESTFORD.

About Town.

The annual meeting of the republican town committee was held at the selectmen's room last week Friday evening, to organize. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen chairman. Alfred W. Hartford, secretary, Julian A. Cameron, treasurer. A later meeting will be held in February to determine the date of the caucus, to nominate candidates for the general town offices to be voted for at the coming March meeting. The important offices to be filled for a term of three years, and the individuals whose term expires, are selectman, Edward M. Abbot, assessor, Charles D. Colburn, overseer of the poor, Charles L. Hildreth, school committee, Albert R. Choate, Henry B. Reed.

Wallace Johnson commenced building his icehouse Monday at Burgess pond. Henry Harrington, Graniteville, the substantial push magnate in wood combinations, has the contract for this building. There is need of it; ere it can be said, "The harvest is past and the winter is ended, and where is the ice for the house I intended."

Alberta Reid, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reid, died last Saturday. Mrs. Reid is also seriously ill at her home in Harmon's Corner.

The Griggs, the concentrated and always-get-there farmers, have recently purchased the Brow land, west and south of Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. James H. O'Brien is ill at her home on Pigeon hill, Stony Brook road.

Selectman Dunn of West Chelmsford is coming the neighbors' act for the farmers in Stony Brook valley, with the gasoline engine, sawing wood. This is a great relief from that old-fashioned back-ache tired feeling, caused by the old-fashioned hand-sawed wood pile.

The selectmen have appointed Harwood L. Wright, Fred R. Blodgett, William O. McDonald as appraisers of property at the town farm, which will take place today, Saturday, with the usual ceremonial elaborations of dinner for those town officials, who "earn their bread by the sweat of their brow."

Entertainment.

Westford, without its Oak hill, as it grandly skyward points, and earthward is gazed to the granite, would be Westford by so much less without its Fletcher family there, who lose no opportunity at close call for doing good. One of these opportunities was carefully cared for at the village church at West Chelmsford last week Thursday evening, when Mrs. Herbert Fletcher and her Sunday school class gave a supper, social and entertainment. During the year teacher and class have raised \$150 toward fitting up and furnishing a class room, and the entertainment Thursday evening was simple addition and multiplication to a previous well-directed motive. The entertainment was very select. Sweet songs by Mrs. Nettie Roberts of Lowell, always a favorite in the latitude and longitude of Oak hill, Westford Corner, West Chelmsford and the suburban city of Brookside.

Farmers' Institutes.

Middlesex North will hold one of its winter farm institutes in Littleton in some of the bright happy days to come. Date and speaker are subject to ratification of Littleton farm interests. However, so much of the program has been arranged as relates to a drawing contest between Littleton and Westford schools. This will be the noon-hour program.

It is expected that the next regular farm institute will be held at Chelmsford Center, with date and speaker to be announced. Part of the day will be devoted to the discussion of the resolution, "That the milk standard should be abolished for the good of all." Lightning and thunderbolts on a cloudless sky would be mild in comparison with what the affirmative are loading with to batter down the milk standard with. Be calm, gentlemen, and apply a little cool scriptural calculation, this "A house divided against itself cannot stand." So long as the consumers are a unit against abolishment and the producers are hopelessly divided, no amount of sky-rocket oratory can take the part, and the negative can win with profound silence.

Basket Ball.

Saturday afternoon Westford academy basket ball team defeated the Chelmsford high school team by the score of 11 to 5. The following is the lineup:

WESTFORD.	CHELMSFORD.
Feeney, J. H.	Doyle, J. H.
Banister, J. H.	Shane, S.
Talant, C.	Panacheo
Walker, J. H.	Dutton
Talant, J. H.	Whitney
	Kittredge

It is evident that the Westford team was too talented for the visitors, or else the Chelmsford high would have been high in something other than in name. Following this came the Westford academy second team and Chelmsford high second team, and for lack of talent the Westford team was defeated by a score of 6 to 1. The following was the lineup:

CHELMSFORD.	WESTFORD.
Shane, S.	Hansen
Doyle, J. H.	Gilson
Banister, J. H.	Prescott
Walker, J. H.	Hartwig
Talant, C.	Whitney
	Russell

Fortnightly Club.

The Fortnightly club held its regular meeting, last week Friday evening. Disappointment expressed was the salutation individually and as a club, because of the inability of Mr. Corkum of Billerica to be present as planned. The breakdown of an electric car was responsible for the partial breakdown in the animation of the

meeting, but the question, Resolved "That we are influenced in our conduct by what is inherent, more than by the enactments of law," went right along by impromptu speakers, who had much more inherent ability than the coercion of law could have supplied them with. Among those who led ahead were Fred R. Blodgett, Mark Morrison, J. Everett Woods, Mrs. Walter Wyman, Henry O. Keyes, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Alice Lambert and others who care not for the fame of their printed name. The next meeting will be held next Friday evening, and if Mr. Corkum is not too busy drawing a picture of milk paradise, he writes that he may become a "silent" partner in the exercises. Better come and hear the new version of "Silent."

Centre.

Mrs. Carlos D. Cushing of Fayville visited her daughter here several days last week, and was present at the teachers' social Tuesday evening.

Joseph E. Knight is absent from town, having gone on a trip to Scarborough, Me., where he goes to attend a family reunion of five generations. The youngest in this group is six months old, and the oldest is Mr. Knight's mother, eighty-seven years old. Mr. Knight himself has seen seventy-two winters.

Las Saturday's ice storm made a beautiful spectacle, Sunday morning, but the ice weighted the branches of trees to the injury in many places. Several good-sized branches were broken from the fine shade trees on Main street.

The little daughter recently born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid died last Saturday. Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Reid the baby had been removed by kind neighbors, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuhn. The kindest of care was not able to save the little life. A funeral service was held and the body was placed in the receiving tomb at Littleton. Undertaker Wm. A. Davis was in charge. At this writing Mrs. Reid is very seriously ill. A skilled nurse is in attendance.

The selectmen, at their meeting, Tuesday evening appointed Wm. McDonald, Fred Blodgett and Richard Wright for the annual appraisal of property at the town farm this coming Saturday.

Rev. C. P. Marshall preached for the last time as pastor to good-sized congregations morning and evening at the Congregational church last Sunday. They were not "farewell sermons," but earnest discourses to the people he has served as faithfully for nearly five years. Mrs. Marshall and Marion left Monday, going to Medford Hillside to spend a little time with relatives. The household goods left Tuesday for Quincy, going over the road in teams in charge of G. E. Gould. Mr. Marshall also left on that day.

Rev. David Wallace, formerly of Presque Isle, Me., who was expected to occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church, both morning and evening, this next Sunday, is not available for that date, but will probably be here the next Sunday. At this writing arrangements have not been completed for Sunday's supply.

Miss E. Marion Sweatt was a guest at the Tadmuck club, Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Chelmsford Street Baptist church conducted services at the chapel at North Westford last Sunday afternoon. There will be services again next Sunday.

The Edward M. Abbot House Co. held their regular monthly meeting at their headquarters on Boston road, Tuesday evening. An oyster supper was served in charge of Alec Fisher, Peter Clement and Warren Carkin. An invitation was received and accepted from the Graniteville company to meet with them next Monday evening.

The financial report of the recent successful fireman's dance at the town hall was thirty-five dollars. A rising vote of thanks was given the efficient committee who managed it.

Tadmuck Club.

A good-sized audience was present at the Tadmuck club, Tuesday afternoon at Library hall to hear Rev. Wilson Water's unique and interesting talk on "Ancient Timepieces."

From having free access to a friendly watchmaker's shop in boyhood days Mr. Waters grew to be interested in this subject, in which he is thoroughly well versed. He illustrated his talk with some interesting specimens of the early watchmaker's art, which from the collector's view-point were of great value. With the fidelity of a thorough student of his subject, he traced the devices for measuring that rather indefinable quality—time—from the early days, in fact, from the sun dial to the highly developed products in watches and clocks of the present day.

A hearty, rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Waters by the club at the close of the lecture.

At the next meeting, February 15, the subject for the season's study of Alaska will be resumed, the special subject being "The Resources of Alaska," in charge of Charles O. Prescott.

Miss Mabel Norris of the Academy teaching force has been admitted into membership in the club.

New Books.

The following books were added to the J. V. Fletcher library: Bailey, L. H. Training of farmers. 630.7-B. Bangs, A. K. The real thing. \$12-B. Barnes, P. H. Home plants. 715-B. Bates, P. A. Camping and camp cooking. 799-B2. Gordon, G. A. Recollections. B-G 542. Pittenger, W. T. Home letters. B-S 553.1. Stanley, H. M. Autobiography. B-S 7585.1.

FICTION.

Crawford, F. M. Stradella. C 899.33. De Moran, W. H. never can happen again. D 386.5. Gale, Z. Friendship village love story. G 153. Hall, E. C. Land of long ago. H 175.3. Little, F. Little sister Snow. L 778.3. Montgomery, L. M. Anne J. Arnelca. M 788.2. Page, T. N. John Marvel, assistant. P 133.9. Parker, G. Northern lights. P 239.10. Stuart, R. M. Aunt Amity's silver wedding. S 935.6.

Graniteville.

Monday, being visiting day for the teachers in the Sargent school here, no sessions were held on that day, the teachers spending the time in visiting schools in the neighboring towns.

Miss Emily Prinn of this village left here on Tuesday for Pinehurst, S. C., where she has become engaged in hotel work at the Berkeley house.

John V. Downing, who has recently been engaged in construction work in California, arrived here Sunday, and is now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Moran of this village.

The Pony club, composed of young ladies of this village, held a social dancing party in Healy's hall, last Saturday evening, that was largely attended, many being present from Ayer, Forge Village, North Chelmsford and surrounding towns. The whole affair was a grand success.

Death.

Mrs. Jemima Carmichael, widow of the late David Carmichael, and for over forty years a highly respected resident of this village, died at the home of her son, John B. Carmichael, in this village, on Thursday, January 27, aged seventy-four years. She leaves one son, John B. Carmichael, and two brothers, Thomas L. Grieg of Danvers and John Grieg of Westford, as well as a wide circle of friends. The deceased was a member of the M. E. church and formerly took an active part in the workings of the Ladies' Aid society and all things pertaining to church work. Her illness dates back for several months, and at times she suffered severe pain, which she endured with great patience and Christian fortitude. During the past week her condition grew rapidly worse, but the end was very peaceful and beautiful, and she died like a child going to sleep.

In the death of Mrs. Carmichael this village loses one of its oldest residents and the church a strong co-worker and a good firm member, while the neighbors and friends consider the loss a personal one.

The funeral took place at the home of her son, John B. Carmichael, Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended, many being present from out of town.

The services that were held at the house were conducted by Rev. Alfred Woods of Newburyport, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, and an old friend of the Carmichael family. Mr. Woods spoke very feelingly of the departed, and his words of consolation to the bereaved family was a source of great comfort to them.

During the service the Verdi male quartet of Lowell, composed of Thos. Wardell, first tenor; Arthur T. Munn, second tenor; George Burns, bass; Harry Needham, bass, sang very sweetly, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Still, still with thee," "Rest for the weary," and at the grave "Abide with me."

The floral tributes were varied and beautiful, which testified in a marked degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The bearers were Wesley O. Hawkes, Levi S. Gilson, Andrew Johnson and Wilfred G. Blodgett. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Alfred Woods. At the cemetery the grave was entirely hidden by hemlock boughs and evergreen, the work of Mrs. Clara Grieg. Undertaker David L. Grieg had general charge of the funeral arrangements.

Looks Like a Race.

Judging from present indications it looks very much like having another trial of speed between the different horses here in a very few days. The ice on Forge pond is in fine shape and all that is needed is a couple of nights of good freezing and everything will be in readiness. There are some very fast steppers in this village, and it appears that a prominent man in Westford hill has a horse that he thinks can "go some." The people here are not of the same opinion, however, and are in hopes that the weather will be favorable so as to enable this "speeder" to show what he can do. It is understood that several of the horse owners throughout the town are taking quiet little trips nightly to the neighboring ponds for the purpose of "trying the ice," but as the most of them carry stop-watches and the horses are well booted, it looks as though they were trying to steal a march on the "other fellow." In the meantime the sports are wishing for a cold snap, and that the great day will be fair with little wind, that is, across the pond.

Entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held an entertainment and food sale in the church vestry on Tuesday evening and in spite of the inclement weather there was a large number in attendance. The committees in charge of the entertainment, Mrs. C. G. Sargent and Mrs. Harry N. Fletcher, departed from the usual custom that prevails at such affairs and secured as a social attraction at this time S. Thompson Blood of Concord, who furnished the entire entertainment and scored a great hit. It was his first appearance here, but it is the sincere wish of all that attended Tuesday evening's performance that it will not be his last, for there was not a dull moment from beginning to end, and the whole affair was very enjoyable.

The committee on the entertainment is to be commended for its foresight in selecting such a popular attraction, and when it serves in a similar capacity again, it goes without saying that the church will be filled to the doors, as it is plainly evident that they displayed good judgment and gave the people just what they have been waiting for. Before and after the entertainment a sale of home-made candies and ice cream and cake was held, and the good things were so very good that the entire lot was soon disposed of. This was one of the most pleasing affairs that the Ladies' Aid has held for a long time.

Forge Village.

John L. Flynn has been visiting relatives the past week in Ansonia, Conn. He will spend some time with friends in Bridgeport, Conn., and New York city.

The well-known R. T. S. society, composed of young men of this village, have set aside Saturday night as ladies' night, and from all accounts have proved themselves royal entertainers. The evenings are pleasantly spent in whist and music. The special feature of the last affair was the singing of Philip D. Lord, which proved him a singer of much promise. The

next entertainment is in charge of Dolor Dumont. Mr. Dumont is known as an able impersonator and is a valued member of the club.

The members of the John Edwards hose company of the Westford fire department held their regular meeting in their club rooms, Wednesday, February 2, and made arrangements to hold a supper Saturday evening, February 5.

After the services in St. Andrew's mission, Wednesday evening, a guild meeting was held. Committees were appointed to serve the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey and daughter Lillian of Lowell were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Collins.

The Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will be shown twice at Page's hall, Ayer, Wednesday evening, February 3, at 7:30 and nine o'clock.

Death.

Mrs. Celest Couture, widow of Noel Couture, passed away early Thursday morning, January 27, aged 84 years, 10 months and 26 days, after a long and painful illness which she bore with great patience and true Christian spirit.

Mrs. Couture made her home for the past nineteen years with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mountain. She was a devout member of St. Catherine's church, and when her health permitted was a regular attendant. She was a member of the order of St. Anne.

On December 10, while crossing the tracks of the Boston and Maine railroad, she slipped on some ice and broke her wrist. Owing to her advanced age, the fall caused her to suffer a shock, from which she never recovered. All who knew her felt the charm of her conversation and the excellence of her mind. Her presence will be greatly missed in the home where she was so tenderly cared for. She leaves to mourn her loss four children, Mrs. G. E. Mountain and Mrs. Charles Grey of this village. Alexander Couture of Brookside, and Richard Couture of Lowell, also eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Catherine's church Saturday morning at nine o'clock. A high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. J. McNamara. The choir, under the direction of Miss M. F. Hanley, sang the Gregorian chant. Many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence. The bearers were Geo. E. Mountain, Richard Couture, Alexander Jarvis, Joseph Charoux, Geo. O. Jackson, Felix Leclerc. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery. Undertaker J. C. Healy had charge of the funeral.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Last Friday morning's up-train ran into a load of logs driven by Sanford Johnson, and scattered them in all directions. The team had nearly cleared the track in the mill yard, when the train appeared. Mr. Johnson and horses escaped without injury, but the sled was carried several yards. The engine was slightly damaged.

The grange is contemplating having a drama February 18 at Memorial hall, entitled "Diamonds and hearts."

The Squanicook Steamer Co. are to have their annual concert and ball February 11.

Royally Entertained.

A large load of young people and members of the Rollstone Congregational church and of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg enjoyed a sleigh ride and oyster supper at the Congregational church vestries Monday night. There were twenty-four in the party. The entertainment and supper was all furnished by the Congregational Sunday school here, and the visitors were royally entertained. The program consisted of introductory remarks and prayer by Supt. A. S. Howard, and the entertainment was under the direction of Charles T. Haynes and class as follows: "Jolly chorus," by superintendent of schools, E. L. Haynes and class of boys; readings, Miss Hattie Smith, Miss Alberta Barber and Master George Way; song, Robert Copeland; violin solo, Miss Edna Haynes; chorus song, by Mrs. Howard's class of girls. After the entertainment all were treated to pop corn and apples, and the evening wound up with a social and promenade. The guests departed about eleven o'clock.

West.

The meeting of the Ladies Literary and Social circle, which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hodgman, Friday afternoon, has been postponed till next Friday.

Harold Thorpe is the victim of an attack of pink eye, which is quite prevalent in town at present.

Miss Alice V. Seaver resumed her duties at the library delivery station last Saturday. The total number of books distributed for the month of January was 341.

Mr. Tumber has purchased the Phelps house on the Fitchburg road, and will soon take possession.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon, at 2.30. It is expected that Rev. Mr. Upton from Greenville will preach on Sunday as usual.

The Men's club met in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening and discussed current events, and next Tuesday evening they will entertain the members of the L. L. S. C. and the Monday club, and an excellent entertainment and banquet will be provided.

S. Leroy Shapleigh of Boston spent last Sunday at the home of his fiancée, Miss Mildred Thorpe.

The L. B. S. met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott for an all-day session and held a most enjoyable meeting. Dinner was served at noon.

Miss Mabel Thompson has been suffering from an attack of tonsillitis, but is much better.

Miss Mabel Patch has been confined to her home for the past week with a relapse of the grippe, and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Joslynville has been acting as substitute at the postoffice.

Mrs. H. L. Stickney, who has been quite dangerously ill, is improving. Mrs. Hall is assisting in caring for her.

Miss Sarah Warner and Fred K. Richards, who have been seriously ill with pneumonia, are recovering.

Mrs. Mary Brown of Taunton is at the home of her brother, Charles T. McDormond, and Miss Addie Kirby has returned to Boston.

Mrs. Susie Howard, who has been spending several weeks at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan's, returned to her home in Wakefield last Saturday.

Mrs. Alexander Reed entertained the Ladies' Whist club last Thursday afternoon, and a very enjoyable time was passed.

A sleighing party of twelve couple, principally pupils of the Townsend high school and their friends, enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Ashby, where they partook of an oyster supper and enjoyed a social dance last week Friday evening.

Everett W. Seaver from Boston has been spending a few days with his brother, G. A. Seaver, this week.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Christian Endeavor day will be observed at the Congregational vestry, Sunday evening, February 6, at six o'clock. Francis Lovejoy of Hollis, president of the Nashua River Union, will deliver the address, taking for his subject, "The model christian endeavorer."

Mrs. William Le Clair is seriously ill with pneumonia and Mrs. Frank Gilman is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Gilson of Townsend were guests of Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson over Sunday.

Chester B. Valedge has been detained at home with the prevailing influenza.

Work at the icehouse was suspended Wednesday night, January 26, on account of the mild weather and will be resumed as soon as the weather is favorable. The houses are about two-thirds filled with a superior quality of ice.

Mrs. S. Ellis Poole of Rockland, Mass., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Chester B. Valedge.

Mrs. Linville Shattuck and son Gerald of Pepperell were guests in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tarbell of Pepperell have been recent guests in town.

The following new books have been added to the public library: Eleanor Lee, Emmy Lou, Freckles, The Honorable Peter Sterling, Judith of the Lumberlands, Lavender and old lace, Red Fox, Rose of the river, Watchers of the trail, The inner shrine, Peter, That printer of Udell's, Shepherd of the hills, The heart of a child, Anne of Green Gables, Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary.

The program at the local grange, Wednesday evening, February 3, will be:

Discussion, "Is it for the interest of the town to lay out a road to Lake Potanipo; or so, what can the grange do to make it?" by William J. Bailey and Frank E. Gilman; piano solo, Miss Marion Holcombe; humorous reading, Miss Mabel Farnsworth; grange gossip, Mrs. Lucretia Martin; song, Mrs. Nettie Pierce, Freeman Wright; spelling match.

The following are the committee of the grange for 1910:

Executive, Clarence R. Russell, Dr. C. E. Holcombe, Fred A. Hall, finance, Clara E. Russell, Lucette E. Martin, Frank E. Gilman; flower, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Hattie Slocome, Mrs. Etta Rockwood; relief, Mrs. Ella Rockwood, Mrs. Alice Kendall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Miss Annie Gilman, Fred A. Hall.

Fire.

A fire at the boarding house of Michael Klorand caused an alarm to be rung in at 1.45 o'clock, Saturday morning, January 29. The fire started in the attic, undoubtedly from a spark from a pipe that some one had been smoking. When discovered the upper part of the house was filled with a dense smoke, and it was known that Edward O'Brien and Jack Powers were sleeping in the attic. Powers was rescued by a boarder in an unconscious condition. Oscar Elliott and Edward O'Hern bravely groped their way through the stifling smoke and succeeded in getting out O'Brien, whose feet and hands were burned to a crisp, and frightful burns on his chest and body. They were removed to a neighboring house, and Dr. Holcombe summoned, and everything possible done for their relief. O'Brien was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua on the morning train and died at two o'clock in the afternoon. Powers regained consciousness and hopes for his recovery were entertained, but he died Saturday night from asphyxia. O'Brien's body was taken to Milford, where he had relatives, and the funeral took place there Monday morning. The body of Powers was taken to Roxbury, Mass., for burial at Mt. Benedict cemetery, Monday, he having a sister there. Both men had been employed at the icehouse for the past few weeks. Powers had been engaged in the blacksmithing and also worked in the quarry of O'Rourke Brothers during the summer and fall.

Excellent work was done in subduing the fire by the engine company under the supervision of Frank L. Wiloby. The loss is estimated at several hundred dollars, partially covered by insurance. Fortunately there was not any wind, otherwise the damage to property would have been serious.

Sunbonnet Club.

One of the happy events of the past week was the meeting of the Sunbonnet club at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Tucker, Wednesday, January 26. An oyster dinner was served, covers being laid for twelve. The menu was a tempting one, each member contributing. The table was attractive with blue and white, and pink and white checked sunbonnets, and at each plate was a dainty ribbon-decked box of Huyler's bonbons, the gift of Mrs. Edward Hadley of Cambridge, who was the guest of honor. The members came attired as girls, and for awhile were care-free and forgot the responsibilities of life. After ample justice had been done to the delicious viands, all gathered around the open fire, and readings by Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Della Hall and Mrs. Grace Dodge were enjoyed. The camera snapped all the "Sunbonnets" and as a finale all united in singing the beautiful Scotch ballad, "Auld lang syne." A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Hadley, also the president of the club. Another sunny chapter to be added to the history of the club. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Helen M. Hall, Tuesday, March 1.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Tuesday Mrs. Nellie Lougee left town for a two weeks' stay in Dracut, Mass., where she will care for her aunt who is ill.

Miss Marshall of Still River, Mass., recently spent a few days with Miss Van Dyke, who enjoyed her visit.

The Ladies' R. and C. society met with Mrs. Sallie Sanders last week Thursday afternoon, and had a very enjoyable time.

The Pierce Brothers cut their ice, and for those who procure it from their two weeks ago and had the ice grooved, but when the thaw came it delayed them in getting the ice housed as early as they anticipated.

Hollis Y. P. S. C. E. accepted an invitation from the Baptist C. E. of Milford, and visited that society, Thursday evening, January 27. The Hollis society have received and accepted an invitation to visit the C. E. society of the first Congregational church at Nashua, February 14.

Two new comers took up their residence in Hollis last week—a baby daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Denault, and a son with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ladd.

Miss Flora Woodbury of Boston is visiting with Miss Mildred Rogers this week.

Andrew Spaulding lost a valuable driving horse last Sunday. Mrs. Spaulding, with her children, drove over to Nashua, and while there the horse was taken sick. A veterinary surgeon was summoned, and an examination gave very little hope of its recovery. The horse died in the night.

Owing to the continued illness of Rev. C. H. Davis from laryngitis, he is still unable to preach. Last Sunday the Hollis W. C. T. U. secured the services of Mrs. Ellen R. Richardson of Concord, president of the New Hampshire W. C. T. U., who spoke very acceptably in the forenoon and afternoon.

Charles Bell, Jr., experienced a tip-over from his sleigh last week Saturday by his horse who became frightened in some way, starting in a run and could not be held up. The front of the sleigh was broken and the horse clearing himself from the sleigh started and reached home in double-quick time. Mr. McNay happened along and took Charlie in his sleigh thinking they could overtake the runaway, but failed in the attempt. Luckily neither horse nor man was injured.

The Milford basket ball team came to Hollis, Friday evening of last week, and played a game of basket ball in the town hall with the Hollis A. A. The visiting team won the spirited game by a score of 40 to 3. Another game was played with the Hollis high school, the Milfords winning by a score of 56 to 4. About fifty came from Milford to witness the games.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

January 26 a delegation of boys with their teacher and Mr. Buzzell, the superintendent of the Good Will Institute of Nashua, made their annual visit to the town, taking supper in the vestry and afterward entertaining the audience in a musical way.

The funeral services of Miss Anna Page, daughter of D. L. Page of Lowell, were held in the chapel of the Lowell cemetery, Friday afternoon. Rev. Sarah Dixon officiating. Miss Page had been a resident of the town for some years, but had been an invalid, and although able to be about until within a few weeks, her life has been very circumscribed. Fortunately for her she had a good home and a faithful attendant. Miss Page had made several donations of books and magazines to the free public library.

The new light is in its place by the fountain. It is to be hoped that it will prove a benefit to all pedestrians and travelers in general. L. H. Parker has placed a similar lamp on his premises. His cheering rays are certainly appreciated these dark nights.

The Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will be shown twice at Page's hall, Ayer, Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7:30 and nine o'clock.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of J. EDWARD O'BRIEN, late of the County of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, testate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered to by JOHN L. BOWN, of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on the bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES F. McINTIRE, Esquire, in said County, an insane person.

Whereas, ETNA M. PELTON, guardian of said ward, has presented for allowance, her first account as guardian upon the estate of said ward:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the eighth day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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 in each of the other two days of said 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 Thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

3119 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To Isaac Spaulding, Harriet N. Congrove, Elsie Hale, Pearl Brabham and Florence Hale of Marletta, John E. Crook of Crossville, Nancy of Cleveland, and Mary S. Duff of Newcomstown, all in the State of Ohio.

Whereas, HARRIET N. SPAULDING, late of said Townsend, deceased, has presented to said Court his petition praying for the construction of said will and the installation of said executor of duties under the ninth, or residuary clause thereof.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by mailing a copy thereof to you, by last known post-office address, fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and also to publish the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court.

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

3119 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE L. OSGOOD, late of Ayer, 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 CHARLES L. OSGOOD, RACHEL A. OSGOOD and RACHEL A. OSGOOD, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are 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 post-paid, 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 twenty-sixth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

3120 W. E. ROGERS, 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 HERMAN S. HAZEN, of Shirley, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant letters of administration on the estate of said deceased to HERMAN S. HAZEN, of Shirley, in said County, or to some other suitable person, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1910, 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 Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and in each of the other two days of said 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 twenty-sixth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Having purchased the Insurance Business of Boynton & Parker, in the town of Groton, Westford and Dunstable, is now carried on by

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AYER.

Sworn Affidavits.

Following are the sworn affidavits that were omitted in last week's issue and were to have followed the article of the Haynes-Piper Co.:

Statement of Charles C. Wood.
I was in the generator room just shortly before twelve o'clock and heard some one calling "fire." Came out of the generator room on the first floor and went along the first floor to the stairs. Went up to the third floor, where I saw considerable smoke coming down. Saw no flames. Came down on second floor to get an extinguisher and found the line of hose to said hydrant at the gushers from the second floor on the third. Came out of the building to give the alarm and saw others running to the driveway between the two buildings and started to help William Landry by going along a line of hose to the hydrant at west end of the building. Landry had length of hose at the hydrant at this time. As we were about to attach the line of hose to said hydrant, I observed the Page Hose Company approaching, and in order to give the said hose company a chance to attach the line of hose to said hydrant, we drew our line and did not connect but helped the town hose company put their lines on.

When I observed that we take my tools out of the mill if possible to get them, and we went into the now destroyed building from the west end through the basement, passing the four-inch stand pipe within about eight or ten feet, and saw no signs of water coming from the four-inch pipe or other pipe in this vicinity at this time. I saw no one near the stand pipe or in the basement when coming through the doorway which was open. Three minutes of the time the Page hose company coupled their line of hose on the carpenter shop, which was located about fifty to seventy-five feet from the westerly end of the building and took the hose to the west end of the building through the office and across the railroad track, leaving it beside the road. Then returned to the building by way of the office on the first floor and collected other tools not in the tool chest and took them out. On this trip I saw the Page hose company and the cooper shop, which was located on the westerly end of the carpenter shop. They were also gathering up tools and preparing to make their exit. From this time until about three o'clock, I was on and about the premises in a general way, one place and another, and during the time held in my hands some office furniture and fittings; whatever could be procured under the circumstances. About three o'clock I was in the office and heard Samuel Andrews remark regarding the water going to waste in the basement of the building, "I went around it, the westerly and southerly side of the building where I could see the stand pipe, and found that the two-inch pipe with the four-inch valve had broken off as that end of the building fell. The water was pouring out of the two-inch pipe, but none from the four-inch pipe. If the four-inch valve of said stand pipe had been open, water would have come out of it at this time; and, on the other hand, had the outside valve at the westerly end of the building been closed, there would have been no water coming out of the two-inch pipe. The outside valve of the shut-off gate was open, water was coming from the two-inch pipe that supplied the building through a meter and no water coming from the four-inch stand pipe; proving conclusively that the valve in the four-inch stand pipe was shut off.

At this time I remarked to those standing near me that the outside shut-off gate on the water main should be closed, and J. OSGOOD, who was with the party, went immediately to procure a wrench to shut the valve. I stayed on the spot some few minutes until the fire was stopped flowing out of this two-inch pipe. At no time during the fire, although I was in and about the building from twelve o'clock until about three o'clock, did I see water coming out of the four-inch stand pipe in question.

I have been employed by the Haynes-Piper Company for two years and a half as foreman carpenter. I am perfectly familiar with the premises, also quite familiar in the piping in the destroyed building.

CHARLES C. WOOD.

Personally appeared Charles C. Wood, who swore the foregoing statement by him subscribed to be true before me.

(Seal) ARTHUR FENNER, Notary Public. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 17, 1909.

Statement of Henry H. Watson.
I have been employed by the Haynes-Piper Company for over two years, and was at work at company's plant on November 30, the day that Vinegar building was destroyed by fire. At about five minutes of twelve, I heard some one calling "fire." I ran out of the Cider building and saw flames coming from the southwest corner of the Vinegar building at the third story. I ran back into the Cider building to procure a line of hose to attach to the hydrant. Upon coming out of the building again with a line of hose, I observed the Page Hose Company approaching, and I surrendered the hose to them. I helped the Page company get their line of hose in position, and then went up a short ladder to the top of a tank situated on the south side of the building. I held a nozzle on a line of hose at this point and undertook to play a stream of water from the same point in the building where the stand pipe was located, which seemed to be the hottest part of the fire, there being more flame at this spot, as far as I could see. The pressure was so poor that I could not reach this spot, a distance of ten feet, and I was unable to put my finger in the end of the nozzle to reduce the size of the stream.

When the water coming out of the four-inch stand pipe at this time, about half past two, and the four-inch gate valve in same was not open, I was around and about the premises until about 3.30 o'clock. I did not see water coming out of the four-inch stand pipe at any time during the fire. I saw an engineer in the employ of the Page Hose Company, and some other persons shutting off the gate valve on the outside end at the westerly end of the building about three o'clock.

HENRY H. WATSON.

Personally appeared Henry H. Watson, who swore the foregoing statement by him subscribed to be true before me.

(Seal) ARTHUR FENNER, Notary Public. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 16, 1909.

Statement of Joseph Dufour.
I was employed by the Haynes-Piper Company for a period of fourteen months previous to November 30, and was at my work in the now destroyed building of said company on the above mentioned date. My position necessitated my being familiar with the piping in and

about the plant, more particularly in the Vinegar building. Was familiar with the four-inch stand pipe in the basement of said building and all piping connecting with the same.

On November 30, upon hearing the call "fire," five minutes before twelve, I immediately left my work, ran up to the third story in the building where others seemed to be going, and went out to give notice in putting out the fire. As those who were then on the spot seemed to be going to the power to control the flames and squelch the fire, I gave my attention to whatever seemed best to be done from that time until about four o'clock. At different times in the afternoon within twenty feet of the four-inch stand pipe in the basement, water was not coming out of this pipe through the four-inch gate valve. In I observed water pouring out of the two-inch pipe, which pipe branched off from the four-inch stand pipe below the valve, and supplied the entire building through a meter. This proves conclusively that the water was turned out to hydrant at west end of the building, and at the west end of the building, and four-inch gate valve in stand pipe was closed, allowing water to flow through the two-inch pipe.

JOSEPH DUFOUR.

Personally appeared Joseph Dufour, who swore the foregoing statement by him subscribed to be true before me.

(Seal) ARTHUR FENNER, Notary Public. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 17, 1909.

Statement of William Landry.
I was in engine room with John Chesboro, engineer, and heard some one call "fire" after five minutes of twelve. I ran out of Cider building into passage-way between the two mills and saw smoke bursting out of the third story of the Vinegar building. Went back to Cider building to get hose and procured a length of hose with nozzle attached. Ran out to hydrant in roadway between two buildings and prepared to attach hose to said hydrant. In the meantime, heard the alarm and saw the Page Hose Company approaching, and I attached the hose as I desired to leave the hydrant for the town fire company to attach their lines to.

When Mrs. W. Wood and near the hydrant and said to him that we had better get his tools out of the burning building, I went back to do, entering the Vinegar building from the west end through the basement, passing within eight or ten feet of the four-inch stand pipe and there was no water coming out of the four-inch stand pipe or any other pipe in this vicinity in the basement at this time. This water being turned out at the time that the Page Hose Company put their line of hose on the hydrant which was the first stream of water put on the fire.

Mr. Wood and myself procured chest of tools, which was in the south side of the building, and went around it, located about fifty to seventy-five feet from the westerly end of the building. The Page hose company took the hose to the west end of the building, and left it there beside the road, in the vicinity of the destroyed building, until about three o'clock. I did not see water coming from four-inch stand pipe at any time during the fire. The stand pipe in this vicinity in the ruins proves conclusively that the four-inch gate valve in said pipe was closed at the time of the fire. The Page hose company was at the point where the gate shuts off in the valve, but above this gate, the pipe is badly burned, showing that there was water passing through the pipe above the valve.

WILLIAM LANDRY.

Personally appeared William Landry, who swore the foregoing statement by him subscribed to be true before me.

(Seal) ARTHUR FENNER, Notary Public. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 17, 1909.

Statement of William Landry.
To Whom It May Concern:

While the five minutes of twelve whistle was blowing, I went out of the cooper shop in the cider mill and saw smoke coming through the south window of the building. I saw the fire of those in the cider mill. Went back and got a fire extinguisher and went through the office of the Vinegar building, and found Jack and Rockwell on the stairway leading to the third floor, but the smoke was so thick that I could not get any further, so could not use the extinguisher.

Went down on the second floor and helped pack up some tools and took them out through the shipping room. I saw the fire department coming up.

Then I helped the hose company run out the hose, and as soon as one line of hose was hitched on to the hydrant the hose department played this line back to the platform back of the elevator door.

The stream did not reach higher than the window-sill of the second story window.

I stood right on the track that comes up between the brick house and the cider mill. I was standing here about five minutes, then I went back to the second floor through the shipping room and took out the boring machine and other tools which I found I could not pack any more tools because the fire was too hot. When I came out of the other company was across the street, and I saw the fire coming up over the shed just west of the office, and were trying to play a stream into the windows on the north side of the building, which were showing. It didn't have force enough to break the windows.

While I was passing in and out of the building, I had to go up and down the open stairway leading from the shipping floor to the second floor. There is an open doorway right above the stairs leading into the basement not over fifteen feet from the four-inch stand pipe, and I didn't hear any running water.

Between quarter past and half past twelve, Dufour and myself helped to run a line of hose from the cider mill to the west end of the building, and by means of a ladder one of the firemen took the line to the roof of the shed.

When the water was turned on from the cider mill, the stream did not play over five feet from the end of the nozzle.

There were then two streams being played on the fire besides this one, one on the front and one on the back.

When I went to the cider mill and helped to hang wet press cloths on the front of the windows.

Went home to dinner at half past one. From the beginning of the fire up to that time, I did not see any water running out of the stand pipe or running out of any pipe in the building.

ARTHUR B. LAWLER.

over the whole county is \$67,561.19, and that the total county debt, exclusive of the State highway obligations, is \$500,000, or \$25,000 less than that of 1908.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2, 1910.

Postal savings banks are to be opposed in the senate by the leading constitutional lawyers on the democratic side on the ground that this legislation cannot be enacted under authority of the constitution. Senators Bailey and Rayner will lead the fight against postal savings depositories. Mr. Bailey has announced that he was partly responsible for the defeat of this legislation in the last congress, and that he will be glad if he can take credit at the close of this congress. He fears that the government is invading a field which should be left to private enterprise, and that ultimately the establishment of postal savings banks will be followed by other legislation for regulating private business and centralizing government in Washington. Senator Carter, in charge of the bill, is one of the most skillful parliamentarians in congress, and under his leadership there is little doubt that the republicans will be practically united in carrying out the platform pledge of the Chicago convention.

The political situation, if it may be called a situation, is extremely interesting at present. It is less a situation than a moving picture. It is both disintegrating and formative, and the interest is mainly in anticipating ultimate possibilities. The insurgents have lost nothing of their confidence and aggressiveness. The standpatters have, apparently, lost nothing of their obstinacy. President Taft is walking the rope and balancing gracefully between the two factions. The situation surpasses in interest anything on the stage or in fiction. Last night there was a dinner given by the Publishers' association at Willard's hotel. The President, Speaker Cannon and distinguished senators were present. Senator Dolliver of Iowa, talking straight to the speaker of the house and to Mr. Taft not fifteen feet distant, said that "an awakened public will no longer allow tariff laws written in the offices of the big interests." "As I understand it," he continued, "an insurgent is merely a man who wants to have a bill read before it is adopted, and who demands protection against hand-me-down legislation." The cheers and display of enthusiasm which greeted this statement were very suggestive. The ovation lasted for five minutes, and settled men frantically shouted and waved their napkins. The appearance of Mr. Pinchot, who came in late, was the signal for another burst of applause. These incidents are significant and your readers will understand them.

The State Department has not abandoned its plan of attempting to make Zelaya pay the penalty of his crimes. Representations will be made to the government of Nicaragua, when a competent one is established, demanding that steps be taken to this end. It is assumed that any country will accede to a demand for Zelaya's extradition on the ground that he is a social pirate and a menace to civilization. If this is granted the legislature of Nicaragua can turn him over to the ordinary courts for trial as a criminal.

Having made charges of reckless extravagance against the Immigration commission, Representative Mason of Arkansas has introduced a resolution providing for an investigation to find out if the charges are true.

LITTLETON.
To the Editor:
The burning question of the hour seems to be what to do to the beef trust.

From the headlines in the city dailies one would think the people are determined to eat meat quickly, by action by slow starvation-of themselves.

If I had a boy ten years of age who did not know better than to think the beef trust could be permanently injured by a boycott, I would start him on a course in economics right away, and yet thousands of grown men and men who in other things seem to have sense are advocating that very thing in seeming sincerity.

Swift's circular letter to agents shows the contempt of the trust for any such action, and in all honesty we must admit that such contempt is merited.

People who have been used to a meat diet and have the money to pay for it are not going to drop it all at once, and the kings of the clever know this. The man with a family dependent on his wages for his living can buy but a mighty little meat anyway. The trust has already regulated that matter for him.

All the talk about an investigation into the high cost of living is clap-trap. Anybody with any sense can tell the reason without any investigation.

Nearly all foods are controlled by some trust, and the motto of the beef trust could be permanently injured by every cent it is possible to obtain.

An insatiable greed for gain all along the line boosts prices at every handling, and the only limit recognized is the limit of the possibility of the people to pay.

If we boycott the beef trust the other trust will forthwith get us, so why kick, for we have to pay the price.

The time will sometime come when these gentlemen now in the senate to be so arrogant that they think the people in desperation will apply some remedy more drastic than the boycott and less pleasant to the gentlemen of the trust.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hibbard returned home last week Friday night. Mrs. Hibbard resumed her duties in the postoffice last Monday.

Richard Conant has been spending the latter half of the week at home for a vacation after taking the midyear examinations at the Lowell textile school.

The grange will meet in town hall next Wednesday evening. It is expected that Supt. A. B. Webber will make an address. A large representation of grangers is desired.

February first about forty neighbors and friends met at Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, it being the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. Music and games made the evening pass pleasantly. They received the congratulations of their friends and were remembered with many gifts.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant letters of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES F. WORCESTER, of Townsend, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of February, A. D. 1910, 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 Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and in each of the other two days of said citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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A certain parcel of land with the building thereon, situated in said Ayer, on the Westerly side of the Highway leading from said Ayer to Harvard, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the Southern corner thereof at said Highway at a corner of land of Mary Priest; thence Northerly by said Highway to the Brook; thence Westerly and Southerly by high water mark to land of said Priest; thence Easterly by land of said Priest to the point of beginning, being the same premises conveyed to Charles F. Rand by Eurlibus B. Bimis by Deed dated April 24th, 1899, and recorded

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GEOTON.

Obituary.

Frank Kendall Porter, one of the best known residents of Waltham, died suddenly Tuesday, January 25. He had been ill several weeks with heart trouble, and the night before had a shock, which caused his death that morning. During a residence of more than thirty years he had not only made a name for himself, but had won the respect and admiration of a large portion of the community. He was liked for his genial ways and generous disposition, and he was admired for his many good influences, proving himself always a true friend and a good citizen. What was in his power to do for a friend, he did cheerfully and freely, and gave of the best that was in him. There are many employes of the old hosiery department of the Boston Manufacturing Company who have occasion to gratefully remember him.

Mr. Porter was born in Townsend, February 12, 1858, and came to Waltham in 1887, and entered the employ of the Boston Manufacturing Company as a boy and worked his way up until he became overseer of the hosiery department, and finally assistant superintendent of the plant. He ended his connection with the company when the hosiery department was discontinued. For a number of years Mr. Porter had been secretary and treasurer of the Waltham cooperative bank, position he filled with much credit. He served the city as a member of the board of aldermen for one year.

Mr. Porter was a thirty-second degree Mason, a past master of Monitor lodge of Waltham, past Sir Eminent Commander of Gethsemane Commandery, Knights Templar, of Newtonville, a member of Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine, of the Scottish Rites, Rufford Council, Royal Arcanum, and of the Order of Heptasophs. He was also secretary and treasurer of the trustees of the Charles A. Welch apartments, used by the Masonic fraternity in this city. His mother died about fourteen years, but his father, Augustus Kendall Porter, aged eighty-eight, is still living in Leominster. Mr. Porter also leaves a sister, Mrs. A. Lawrence of Groton, a brother, Fred K. Porter of Leominster, an aunt, Mrs. Harriet M. Churchill, aged eighty-five, of Waltham, and three cousins in that city, Mrs. Henry Richardson, Miss Augusta Churchill and John M. Churchill.

The funeral was on Thursday, January 27, and burial was in Leominster, Rev. P. H. Cressley of Groton officiating.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard returned to their New York home the latter part of last week and expect to open their Groton home, as usual, next season.

The Misses Longley have received word of the death of their uncle, Samuel Longley, at his home last week in Mountain View, Cal. Mr. Longley was eighty-six years old, and within a year or two visited relatives and old friends in Groton and Shirley.

Miss Spragg, who has been a nurse at the hospital here, has been engaged by the executive committee of the District Nurse association of Pepperell to serve as district nurse in that town.

Harry A. Floyd has recently purchased a span of horses.

Miss Emma Irene Clark is substituting for Miss Kimball, teacher of fifth and sixth grades of Chapin school, the latter being called to Alfred, Me., by the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Annie P. Riley, district nurse, is attending Miss Helen Peabody, while Miss Peabody is recovering from an attack of appendicitis and operation of last week. Mrs. Peabody has secured the services of Miss Flynn, a competent trained nurse from Danvers, to take Miss Riley's place as district nurse while the latter is in attendance upon his daughter, Miss Peabody.

Miss C. A. Hammond from Hampton, Conn., is a guest of her friend, Mrs. Ellet Shumway.

The members of Groton grange are looking forward with interest to their sessions of "Ye old kentry skule," with spelling match and dinner pail lunch at their next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 8. There will be a fine of five cents to those without dinner pails. If any appear in old deestrick skewl costumes, so much the better. Old fashioned hoods, aprons, dresses, overalls, cowhide boots and shoes, will be in good form.

Deacon T. F. Clough, who is still at the hospital, is reported as comfortable.

Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck has been kept at home for the past two or more weeks by a severe attack of influenza. This week Mrs. Shattuck is getting out some, but shows the effects of her illness.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence, who has been for several weeks at G. E. Hodgman's, went Monday morning for a visit to her brother in Springfield.

The last in the season's course of Luther Blood free public lectures will be more in the form of an entertainment than of a lecture, and will be given Friday evening, February 11, in town hall, by Prof. Noah Bellharz, character impersonator.

The students of Lawrence academy will give an entertainment in the town hall, Saturday evening, February 5, for the benefit of the Athletic association. The first part will be a vaudeville performance, consisting of character songs, recitations and musical selections. The second part is a farce, entitled "My uncle's will." After the performance a dance will be given.

The pupils will be assisted by Mrs. Alice Willoughby and Miss Margaret Clough. The Thayer orchestra of Pepperell will furnish music for the dance.

Nesbit L. Woods went to the Groton hospital Tuesday and was operated on the next day for appendicitis.

Beginning Monday the list of those taking electric light is considerably lengthened. The new ones taking are: Fred W. Coburn's residence, Hollis street; the Baptist vestry, Main street; George H. MacKee's, Common street; H. P. Tainter's store, corner of Main and Court streets; A. H. Torrey's, including Dr. W. A. Goble's office, Main street.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. Tuesday, February 1, Mrs. Minnie W. Dodge was elected a member and two more applications were made for membership. There will be an initiation at the next meeting, February 15, and a literary entertainment appropriate to the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

J. H. Hynes has bought the Ritchie place in Willowdale street.

The Shakespeare club, which is composed of the wives of Groton schoolmasters and a few other ladies, met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Sturgis.

Miss Helen Eddy of Bradford seminary came home last Saturday for an over-Sunday visit.

George T. Stevens and Elmer Sawyer finished their services as jurymen Tuesday.

E. J. Crowley was called Tuesday to West Acton on account of an accident to his brother, Cornelius Crowley. The staging to a barn, which was being built and on which he was at work, broke and Mr. Crowley was thrown to the ground, striking on the back of his head. The physicians could not tell whether there were internal injuries until later.

Mrs. Jane E. Clark was called professionally to Leominster, Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Frazee, whose condition has been very serious at the hospital, is at this time pronounced by Dr. Kilburn somewhat better.

John Clark, superintendent of the Lawrence farm, and his family were deeply grieved to hear of the death of his brother, Thomas Clark, at his home at Lynnfield Center. He was taken seriously ill on Wednesday, January 26, and died on January 28 from heart trouble. Mr. Clark was an occasional visitor at the home of his brother in Groton. His daughter, Miss Phyllis Clarke, has been frequently here and is well known among the young Groton people. The funeral was this week Monday, John Clarke and his daughter, Mrs. John Gilson, attending from Groton.

Although the weather was not very favorable, the gentlemen's night, with supper and entertainment, at the Unitarians, was given a good attendance, last week Thursday evening. An excellent supper, Frank Lawrence Blood, chairman, was served to about one hundred. The play was also very good and remarkably so, considering the short time given for working it up to those taking part. Somewhere near sixteen dollars was the amount cleared.

February 2 was fair and bright, and though no woodchucks were out in Groton, the squirrels were briskly frisking about on the trees in great abundance, for it was a lovely winter's day.

During the recent mild weather the buds of the maple trees here were considerable swollen out.

Several poultry raisers in town are setting their incubators, and the price holds at forty cents and upward for fresh eggs.

As usual, an excellent supper will be served at the annual gentlemen's night of the Congregational church, Thursday evening, February 10, J. F. Peabody being chairman of the supper committee. F. W. Chase, chairman of the entertainment committee, will arrange for a large musical program, which will prove very enjoyable.

The icy coating of the trees and shrubs made a glistening and beautiful sight Sunday. Many small limbs and a few larger ones were broken off, but no damage to speak of was done.

The Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will be shown twice at Page's hall, Ayer, Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7:30 and nine o'clock.

Very Successful.

It is a pleasure to note the success of Miss Nellie M. Sargent of Newport, N. H., formerly of this town, a graduate of Groton high school and of Simmons college. Miss Sargent has just received the appointment as teacher of cooking in the elementary schools of New York city at a salary of \$900 per year.

Last year Miss Sargent went on to New York and took the teachers' examinations, passing them very successfully. At present she is employed as assistant superintendent at the New England kitchen, which is under the management of the Women's Educational Union, Boston.

Although appointed to the position in New York city, Miss Sargent has decided not to accept it, but will continue her work in Boston.

Historical Society.

At the meeting of the Groton Historical society, Tuesday evening, February 1, Rev. G. M. Howe read a fine-written and most interesting paper on Abraham Lincoln. Francis M. Boutwell, president of the society, spoke briefly giving an account as an eyewitness of the first meeting between President Lincoln and General Grant.

Miss Boutwell read from her paper, "Rulers of men whom I have known," that part of the paper relating to Lincoln. Miss Boutwell read this paper before the Littleton Historical society at one of their meetings last year, and the same paper, purchased of Miss Boutwell by Mrs. James M. (Capt.) Smith, was read by Mrs. Smith before a recent meeting of the D. A. R. at Northampton.

Rev. H. A. Cornell was the last speaker. He told of his seeing the funeral train and car with catafalque pass through and making an entailed stop at the town in New York state, where he was then living as a farmer's boy. Being of Quaker descent and thoroughly imbued with anti-slavery feelings, the sight of the catafalque

of the great emancipator made a deep impression on him. The train stopped while passing through the town, because of attention necessary to be given a hot box on one of the cars. The next meeting of the Groton Historical society will be on the first Tuesday evening in March, Rev. P. H. Cressley to be the speaker.

From Abroad.

By permission of Mrs. E. P. Shumway we copy two postals recently received from her niece, Miss Ethel Shumway, who went out as one of the large party from the United States to attend the World C. E. convention in India. They are: "One of the canals of Manila, China Sea, December 22."

"We have seen many queer sights in many strange lands, but nothing so good as the American flag flying over the Philippines. They have given us a royal welcome and reception, and were sorry to see us sail away. The China sea is proving the tippy one of the voyage."

"Happy new year! Nagasaki, Japan, January 1, 1910. We are still swinging on—well and very happy. Japan has given us a royal welcome, and we are already much in love with her little people."

On the arrival of the steamer and before the passengers had gone ashore. The ship had become a bower of beauty from wealth of roses and other blossoms, sent as part of Japan's welcome, which was further shown by flags, electrical display, fireworks, etc., most brilliant and hearty."

HARVARD.

News Items.

The Up-to-Date club will meet with Miss Ellen Gamage on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Miss Ellen Gamage and Miss Helen Hildreth will have charge of the meeting.

Deer are getting to be more than usually plentiful in the vicinity of town, some even venturing to cross the common even in daylight. A large herd was observed by the residents at the Harlow farm. Seventeen in all on Friday of last week.

Fifty-four from Harvard represented our local club at the Ayer complimentary ball given on Tuesday evening at town hall, Ayer. Three barges and a number of other teams furnished transportation. The Ayer club were, however, equal to the crowd and gave one of the best parties of the season. The supper was exceptionally gotten up and served. About 105 couples sat at the tables. All from here were very enthusiastic in their praise for the Ayer club.

The Gentlemen's Driving club—fast horses only—to number of about twenty, attended the dramatic entertainment given at Littleton on last Friday evening. Official reports as to the first home are lacking. Among those who attended were R. L. Fillebrown, Kenf Royal, Wallace Bryant, Henry Dickson. All report a remarkably good time.

Miss E. E. Hersey is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson at Brookfield, the latter formerly Miss Clara Brooks, a teacher here in the old schoolhouse.

Miss Connell of Cocituate is spending a few days here with her friend, Miss Osee Webster.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, who has been quite ill with the gripe, is very much improved.

Miss Blanche Dammun of Somerville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley.

There will be a social dance held in town hall, Harvard, Tuesday evening, February 22. Music, King and Cole's orchestra.

Sunday being C. E. day, splendid musical and an otherwise attractive program will be given in connection with the service at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, at seven o'clock. All welcome.

Sister Myra E. McLean of the Shaker village, has been the past week a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Harlow at the Harlow farm.

We are glad to announce that the Still River talent are to repeat the "District skule at Blueberry Corners," at the town hall, on Friday evening, February 11. For a good long laugh, it is certainly a winner and deserving of a full house.

The Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will be shown twice at Page's hall, Ayer, Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7:30 and nine o'clock.



Percy W. Willard.

In the Masonic Standard of January 15, we take the following from an account of the annual reception of Morton Commandery, K. T., of New York city, of which Percy W. Willard, a native of this town, is the commander: "The annual reception and drill of Morton Commandery at the Harlem Casino, on Friday night, January 7, revived memories of the old-time receptions at Lenox Lyceum, and the Academy of Music. The beautiful hall was crowded with brave knights and fair ladies when the drill corps marched on the floor and formed lines for the reception of distinguished Templars. The commander, E. Sir Percy W.

Willard, passed under the arch of steel to the platform, where he received the distinguished guests. Then the drill corps gave one of the exhibition drills for which it is famous, under command of Sir Frank J. Adams. Their evolutions were heartily applauded, and notwithstanding the limited floor space, they making a splendid showing. The forming of the words "Willard" and "Morton" with swords laid on the floor was warmly applauded.

E. Sir Percy W. Willard, the commander of Morton Commandery, is active and prominent in Templarism and Capitular Masonry, and has a wide circle of friends. He was born in Harvard, June 16, 1868, and has been a resident of this city for some years. He was made a Mason in Grammercy lodge in 1901, and was exalted in Zetland Chapter the following year. He was knighted in Morton Commandery in 1902, and acknowledged in Adelpic Council in 1905. Among other connections he is a member of Mecca Temple, Azim Groto and the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests.

Comp. Willard served with great success as High Priest of Zetland Chapter in 1907 and 1908, and in the latter year he was appointed assistant lecturer for the first district, which office he still holds. Last year he was appointed grand representative of the grand chapter of Idaho near the grand chapter, of New York, being the first to hold that office. His work in the commandery began several years ago, and was of such a conscientious character that he was steadily advanced to the office of eminent commander.

Still River.

E. D. Stone of Ayer has bought the schoolhouse building of Mr. Haskell, and will probably fit it up for a summer house.

It is reported that the Humphrey Atherton farm has been sold, but to whom is not now known.

Last Thursday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a supper and entertainment in the chapel. About twenty-five plates were laid. After the supper the entertainment was given, consisting of piano solo, "Dance of the nymphs," by Helen Stone; reading, "Baked beans and culture," Mrs. Morse; "Essay on necks," Kenneth Russell; mandolin and violin duet by Esther Stone and Eleanor Haskell; reading, "An avalanche of drugs," Malcolm Campbell; and "The Gung-waump spelling match," Alice Harrod; and piano duet, "Under the banner of victory," Mrs. Mary Haskell and Helen Stone. The net proceeds of the evening amounted to over eight dollars.

"The district school at Blueberry Corners," which the young people of the village gave in the chapel a few weeks ago, will be given in the town hall, Harvard, next Friday evening. There will be many new features added, so that it will be interesting to those who heard it here, as well as to those who have not heard it.

Mrs. W. W. Viles has a sister from Boston visiting with her.

Club Meeting.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. C. L. Russell this week. Miss Helen Stone gave a piano solo, after which Mrs. Jennie Willard read from the life of Dr. Grenfel and his work in Newfoundland.

Edna Robinson read a letter from Dr. Grenfel, from the Congregationalist. "The story of his being cast away on an ice floe," was read by Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Bateman read extracts from a recent letter from Dr. Grenfel. Miss Alice Harrod closed the program with a piano solo. As there was so much of interest regarding Dr. Grenfel, that it could not all be handled in one afternoon, the same subject will be used at the next meeting, which will be held at the parsonage next Tuesday afternoon. There was present at this meeting Mrs. Chester Willard, Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman, Katherine L. Lawrence, Jennie Willard, Mrs. Luther Willard, Helen Stone, Anna Flanders, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. C. L. Russell, Ethlyn Russell, Mrs. S. B. Haynes and Edna L. Robinson.

Fire.

Last Friday evening a hanging lamp in the hall of Mrs. Viles' house exploded. At the time no one was in the house, Mrs. Viles having gone to the postoffice. On her return she found the hallway ablaze. She ran out crying fire, and Fred Joyce, who was passing, ran in and took down the blazing lamp and threw it out of doors, and by that time Mr. Viles and some young men arrived, and with rugs and pieces of carpet smothered the burning oil that was on the floor and stairs. Fortunately the fire had not burned through the boarding, so that it was all on the surface, making it an easy matter to put it out, but doubtless if Mrs. Viles had been a few minutes later in returning home, it would have gotten into the back of the sheathing, and it would have been a very serious matter to have put it out.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

James L. Holland and Eugene N. Livermore attended the meeting of the Cooperative bank league, Boston, last week Friday afternoon.

Miss Ella M. Tewksbury, assistant high school teacher, has resigned her position to take effect the end of this week. Miss Tewksbury has accepted a more lucrative position in Burlington, N. J. This is Miss Tewksbury's second year as assistant at the high school, and it is with regret that the school committee accepted her resignation, as she has given entire satisfaction in every respect, being efficient, persuasive and tactful in her school duties, besides having a marked influence for good in the school and social life of the town. Miss Tewksbury's home is in Lexington.

Samuel Longley of Mountain View, Cal., a former resident of this town, died December 2. Mr. Longley was formerly a prominent and respected citizen of this town, having served for a number of years as selectman. He was eighty-six years of age, and up to the time of his last illness enjoyed fairly good health. He had been an Oddfellow for sixty-four years. He visited Shirley two years ago. His death marks the passing of one of Shirley's old-time citizens who left a record for

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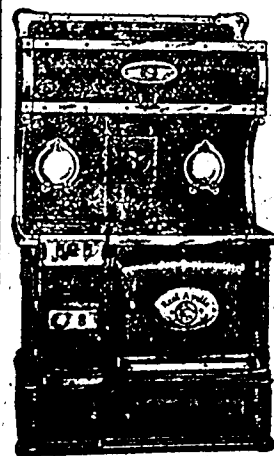
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About two hundred attended the concert at the Baptist church, Monday evening, and enjoyed every minute of the occasion. The Newton quartet, consisting of Rev. W. H. Desjardins, and Messrs. Bassett, Thomas and Lovell, gave selections of a humorous character. Readings were given by Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Bassett, and vocal solos were rendered by each member of the quartet and Mr. Drew of Littleton. Each number was compelled to respond to encores, and the entertainment was one of exceptional merit and a rare treat to all lovers of good music.

The Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will be shown twice at Page's hall, Ayer, Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7:30 and nine o'clock.

Andrew Flynn is confined to the house with sickness.

John G. and Edward H. Conant celebrated the anniversary of their birth, Tuesday, at the home of their brother, Waldo B. Conant of Littleton. The three brothers were born on the first of February.

Miss Mary Chaisson left town Monday for a week's visit with friends in Yarmouthville, Me., returning she will visit friends in Lawrence and Lowell.

Miss Bertha Weeks of Nashua is spending a few days at home this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Weeks.

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Saturday, February 5, 1910.

AYER.

News Items.

At Fitchburg, last Saturday evening, the Y. M. C. A. Intermediates defeated the Ayer Civic club basketball team by a score of 36 to 13.

At the last meeting of the Ayer Whist club, that met at Dr. Fox's, the winners were Mrs. A. M. Phelps, first; Mrs. G. H. B. Turner, second; Dr. Fox, first; William Brown, second. The next meeting is Tuesday evening, February 8, with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sanderson.

Oren H. Kidder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren N. Kidder, and Miss Edna E. Chaffin, daughter of Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin, were married January 30 by Rev. J. W. Thomas.

Oren N. Kidder, local expressman to Boston, is confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism since last Sunday.

Mrs. George G. Osgood, last week Thursday, fell on the sidewalk in front of her house on Williams street, on her knees and severely injured the knee joint of her right knee. Dr. Hopkins was called and placed the injured knee in a plaster cast and it will be some time before Mrs. Osgood will recover from the fall.

Elliott Barrett, who resides with his grandfather, Charles L. Barrett, and son of Charles S. Barrett, while coasting down the road last week Tuesday afternoon, collided with the express wagon of Mr. Kidder, breaking his right leg, just above the ankle, what the physicians designate as a "pot fracture," and he under the care of Dr. Hopkins, who was called after the boy was conveyed to his home.

There were during the year 1909 in Ayer, births, 49; marriages, 28; deaths, 48.

The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Caleb Butler lodge will be observed in Masonic hall, in this town, Monday, March 14. The exercises will commence at two o'clock in the afternoon. Dana J. Flanders, most worthy grand master, and other grand officers will be present. A. A. Fillebrown, F. S. Pierce, E. A. Richardson and R. H. Irwin are the anniversary committee.

The Centarian Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, February 10, with Mrs. Alice Butterfield and Miss Emma Butterfield.

A concert and reunion of St. Mary's parishioners will be held in Page's hall, Monday evening, February 7. There will be talent from Boston and singing and drills by the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. R. White of Shirley. Music by American orchestra of Ayer, dancing and refreshments after the concert.

The regular meeting of the Social Gathering will be held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Perkins on Tuesday afternoon, February 8, at three o'clock.

George O. Fillebrown, cashier at the freight office here who left a couple of months ago for Springfield, in the employ of a firm there, returned Thursday of last week and resumed his former position here with the Boston and Maine.

Gordon Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning, was taken suddenly ill with membranous croup Tuesday and Dr. Hopkins was called. The little fellow was quite a sufferer and his illness was serious. He is much better and is recovering from the attack.

Representative Elisha D. Stone has bought the Still River schoolhouse of Mr. Haskell and he is going to fit it up for a summer house.

Born in Ayer, Thursday, February 3, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Walsh, Grove street.

Born in Ayer, February 2, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John King of Prospect street.

The basketball game in town hall on Saturday evening, February 5, will be between the West Fitchburg and Ayer Civic club gymnasium; and the second game, Shirley high school vs. Ayer C. C. Juniors. Game called at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Lillian (Moore) Stearns of West Lynn, before her marriage was the teacher of the sixth grade in this town from 1901 to 1904. After leaving here she went to Harwich and taught school in that town. It is learned that she is very ill and no hope of her recovery and for the past four months has been confined to her bed. Her trouble is a disease of the spinal column and she is entirely helpless.

Death.

Mrs. Margaret Donahue, wife of Geo. L. Donahue, died very suddenly, Friday morning, February 4, after an illness of a few hours of puerperal convulsions. She was taken ill about twelve o'clock, when Dr. Hopkins was summoned and died about 3.30. She was married September of last year and resided on Pleasant street, in the house of Mr. Donahue's mother. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Suple of Fitchburg, and was born in Weedsport, N. Y., and was twenty-one years of age.

The funeral is to take place Sunday afternoon at her late residence at 230, Rev. P. J. Sheedy officiating, and burial is to be in St. Mary's cemetery.

District Court.

James Meinre of Lowell, for hunting without a license in Ayer, who had not gone very far before he was pulled in, was in court February 1, pleaded guilty, and was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Benjamin B. Lovett, for violation of the law with regard to the holding of a masked ball in Groton, was in court January 29, and after hearing the case was placed on file by paying of expenses. Mr. Lovett is a very popular teacher of dancing and has many warm friends in Ayer and other towns where he has dancing schools.

J. Narcisse Cornellier of Ayer, violation of chapter 361, acts of 1903, with

regard to the proper marking of package in sale of process butter, was fined twenty-five dollars last Saturday. The charge in the complaint read as follows:

"I did sell at retail to Helen A. Woodward a certain article commonly known as process butter, not in the original package, and did not attach to the package of process butter so sold and delivered therewith to the said Helen A. Woodward a label or wrapper bearing in a conspicuous place upon the outside of said package the words 'renovated butter' in printed letters not less than one-half inch in length in a straight line of plain uncondensed gothic type."

The sale in Ayer and everywhere there is a growing demand for butter, oleomargarine and renovated butter. Here, as elsewhere, many people of all walks in life are using it. Butterine is an excellent substitute for butter, especially for its purity and wholesomeness.

About Town.

In spite of the storm on Saturday there was a good attendance at the sewing school, and quite an addition made to the membership. The teachers are to be supplied with copies of "Progressive lessons in needlework." Contributions for the purchase of these books have been made by Mrs. Eugene Barry, Mrs. Henry Sherwin, Mrs. Mary Farr, Miss S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Mrs. S. J. S. Bennett, and Mrs. Edward A. Richardson.

At the next meeting of the Woman's club the program will be in charge of the Education committee, Mrs. Barker, chairman. It will be an open meeting, and it is expected that there will be some things of value to all interested in schools and children.

The Hill Whist club met Tuesday with Mrs. W. C. Parsons.

The United social gathering will hold a business meeting with Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Tuesday, February 9, at three p. m.

The basketball team played return games last Saturday. This Civic gymnasium team went to Fitchburg and were beaten by the Y. M. C. A. team. They were accompanied by William Brown. The Civic Intermediates were beaten at Shirley by the Crescents. Principal Whitman of the high school went with the boys.

E. P. Carr, late superintendent of schools here, spoke Friday evening before the board of trade on "The work of the Y. M. C. A. in the educational field." Lunch was served.

Chas. C. Wood has been called this week to Anderson, Ind., by the death of his brother, William H. Wood. Interment will be in Hartford, Conn., where the funeral will be held this Saturday.

Hilda, only child of Joseph Quack-nob, the telegraph operator, broke his left arm Thursday, while coasting. It seems that the rope was caught under the sled, and in pulling it out to avoid another sled that was coming the accident happened. The family reside in the upper tenement on Washington street.

The high school rhetoricals opened with a good program last Friday afternoon given by a part of the pupils of the Freshman class. These recitations were given:

"Be true," Clarence Lyman; "A spirited object lesson," Harry Davis; "The new woman," Mary Leahy; "He knew the places," Thomas Hurley; "The king and the snake," Madeline O'Neill; "A difficult problem," Victor Fillebrown; "The entry in the tower," Roger Lawrence; "Lucy Gray," Lillian McManis; "Devotion to duty," Stephen Ryan; "Trials of a musician," John Guthrie; "Country life," Hazel Savon; "David Shaw," Joseph Perry.

The music was a piano solo by Mabel Sargent and selections by the Mandolin club.

No schools were in session Friday morning on account of the storm.

The installation of the officers of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., took place Monday evening. The work was done by Deputy A. P. Wood and staff of the Leominster lodge. The officers are: Samuel Solomon, c. c.; Oscar Rand, w. m.; F. C. Sawyer, r. t.; A. N. Hoy, m. w.; Abraham Heinz, k. s. r.; H. S. Allen, m. f.; W. B. Robbins, m. e.; Alford Kie, m. a.; John Wilson, l. g.; Joseph Murray, o. g.; Orin Chesley, trustee.

The Loyal Temperance Legion gave an interesting and instructive entertainment to a large audience on Monday evening in the Baptist church. Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon, acting president of the State W. C. T. U., who is a great favorite with the Legion, was present, speaking briefly in her own pleasing manner. Ice cream and cake was served as a social time enjoyed by all. The whole affair was a great success.

Complimentary Ball.

The complimentary ball club gave its annual ball in the town hall, Tuesday evening. This is one of the brilliant social events of the winter, and everything conspired to make it especially pleasant on this occasion. It was a large gathering of congenial people; the ladies in their beautiful gowns were pleasant to look upon, and the music, Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell, was all that could be desired.

Supper was served at 10.30, in the lower hall. It was in charge of the Unitarian ladies, who fairly outdid themselves in the excellent supper furnished. The menu was turkey, chicken salad, oyster patties, cranberry sauce, celery, fancy pies, ice cream and cake, fruit and coffee. The supper committee was Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. F. Lawton, Mrs. W. B. Cotton, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, and the assistants were Miss Millie Beverly, Mrs. Blonnette, Mrs. Loraine Sherman, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee, Miss Hattie Whitcomb, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Geo. Scott, Geo. Paulous, G. P. Beverly, A. C. Perkins, S. L. Cotton. Fruit punch was served throughout the evening by Misses Eunice and Alice Sanderson.

Guests were presc. from Harvard, Littleton, Shirley, Leominster, Fitchburg, Danvers, Boston and Ayer.

Reception.

The firm of A. E. Lawrence & Son celebrated their removal into their new quarters, known as the "Red Store," on Park street, by a reception given to their patrons and friends on Wednesday afternoon in the office of their new building, which was attended by over a hundred, among them many of the business men of the town and a number of ladies.

The guests were served with light refreshments by Mrs. Austin E. and Mrs. Percy N. Lawrence, and were

shown over the building which is very commodious and well adapted to the large business of this enterprising firm.

A Noted Affair.

Gentlemen's night in the Woman's club was observed Wednesday evening and Page hall for the occasion presented a very pleasing scene. The skillful hands of the decorating committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Mrs. Adelaide Turner, Mrs. Gertrude C. Turner and Mrs. Edith Hassam transformed the hall into a beautiful parlor by the artistic arrangement of chairs, divans, curtains, sofa pillows, bright flowers and other decorations.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, Mrs. Martha A. Mason, Mrs. Sacie Sanders, Mrs. Mary J. Farr and Miss Clara Blood, and to these the guests were presented by the ushers, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Hassam, Mrs. Viola Cole and Mrs. Stella Farnsworth.

During the reception there was music, consisting of solos by Mrs. Eva Richardson and duets by Mrs. Graydon and Miss Helen Hardy and the Misses Etta Green and Bertha Sherwin.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ida Perkins, Mrs. Ella A. Church, Mrs. Emily M. Cotton, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Alice Butterfield, Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Belle Osgood, Mrs. Laura E. Hardy, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Mrs. Sara G. Shattuck and the Misses Avis Burns, Madolin Whitney and Isabelle Murphy.

The very excellent entertainment was given by the Laurel male quartet of Providence. The program included, "Winter song," "Mrs. Casey's boarding house," "Sunset," "The shoo-gy-shoo" and "I'm a pilgrim" by the quartet; "Good night, sweet dreams" by N. Lewis Graves; "The longshoreman" by Geo. G. Wheeler; "The happy three" by Elmer E. Smith; readings by James C. Hoey. The pieces were very well rendered and many received encores to which the artists generously responded.

Children's Ball.

The annual children's ball took Thursday evening in Page hall before a large audience gathered to witness the work of the little people. The children were very dainty in their pretty dresses, and they did their work in a charming way that reflected great credit on their teacher, Mrs. C. R. White. Herbert Farnsworth and Herbert Proctor seated the audience. Miss Avis Burns and Miss Elmor Clark presided at the piano. The ushers for the children were Edna Brown, Helen Ames, Doris Fletcher, Pauline Sherwin, Elizabeth Sabier and Charlotte Sanderson. This pretty and graceful ceremony greatly pleased the audience. The march was led by Priscilla Mullin and Marguerite Glynn, who were followed by Evelyn Glynn, Ruth Zoller, Elizabeth Bennett, Roger Lawrence, Charles Mullin, Charlotte Sanderson, Moyle James, Andrew Burke, Hortense Sawyer, Elizabeth Sabier, Paul Rynn, Imogen Whitman, Master Blood, Elliott Barrett, George Barrett, Ruth Griffin, Maud Luddington, Fern Moore, Doris Fletcher, Irene Hassam, Pauline Sherwin and Phillip Livingston.

The program of dances for the children included thirteen numbers, among them being "The glow worm," a song and dance given on the stage by Sarah S. Stevenson, Gladys Annis, Doris Edna White, Gladys Phelps, Mildred Day, Lena Allen, Evelyn Glynn and Ruth Zoller. The other stage dance was "I remember you," by Earl Weare and chorus. General dancing followed the children's party, in which many joined. The music was an Ayer orchestra, John Hooley, James Horan and Mr. Hackett. Refreshments were served by Caterer Carley.

Johnson-Ketchel Fight Pictures.

The most remarkable fight pictures ever produced will be shown at Page's hall, Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7.30 and nine o'clock sharp, and the doors will be closed during the pictures, so as not to detract the attention of the audience from the exhibition. These pictures have never before been exhibited outside of the large cities and the people in this vicinity are very fortunate in having the opportunity of witnessing them. A clearer or better picture has never before been seen on a screen, the clear California atmosphere and bright sunlight diffused by fleecy clouds, making an ideal photographic day.

The coming Johnson-Jeffries match makes the exhibition most timely and adds greatly to the interest. The films are of a superior grade and the audience will be shown all the principal scenes of the ring, the preliminaries and the famous blows and everything connected with the celebrated Ketchel defeat. The films are so realistic that the audience forgets it is a pictured battle and think they are at the ring-side.

Mr. McLoughlin, the sporting editor of the New York World, says, in commenting on the Johnson-Ketchel pictures seen at a theatre: "Well, what they (the audience) saw was this: Two men—one a giant in ebony, the other a china doll. The one, Johnson, the other Ketchel. No comparison I can make here is as striking as the moving pictures show it."

That is pretty good for the pictures, isn't it? But don't miss the full weight of the critics remarks carry with them—moving pictures can tell a better story than the newspapers.

The following is taken from the Boston Post:

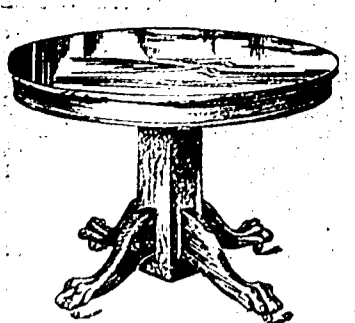
Mrs. Julia Duff, many times in fights for the school board, and Mayor Fitzgerald were at the moving picture exhibition for sporting editors in Boston. Mrs. Duff, who loves to wage political war, was very much interested in the fight. With her was her husband, Dr. Duff, and they were both so interested that they forgot to talk during the progress of the great battle.

After it was all over Mayor Fitzgerald said that he would rather engage in a battle in the ring than in a football contest with twenty-one other players. "All the well-known fight men in Boston were there and they said to a man that in their minds the knock-out of Johnson by Ketchel in the last round was real and not feigned by the champion."

When Johnson rose to his feet in the last round he was no longer a man; he was a savage, and the way he lunged to meet Ketchel was awful. There was a battle in the ring, and the one that put Ketchel down and out was so swift and strong that Johnson was landed over the prostrate white man and landed in a heap yards away from him.

Church Services.

Unitarian church service Sunday at 10.45. The regular religious program will be the topic of Rev. Dr. Fiske's



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The Loyal Temperance Legion held a very successful entertainment in the vestry Monday night. Next Sunday there will be preaching at 10.45 a. m. followed by reception of members and communion. Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening, with short address and special singing by male quartet at the Baptist church.

Rev. Charles F. Rice of Newton will preach Sunday morning at the M. E. church, followed by communion. Miss Eva Cheney of Leominster will address the Y. P. E. L. at their six o'clock service. There will be the regular preaching service at seven.

Rev. Joseph E. Nyhan will preach at the Congregational church, February 6, at 10.45 a. m. and at seven p. m.

Moving Pictures.

The feature picture for Saturday night in Page hall, is "A fair exchange," a free adaptation of George Eliot's "Silas Marner."

The Biograph's adaptation of this popular novel makes Master Marner a cobbler instead of a linen weaver. This change, however, does not weaken, nor make less romantic, the story. Silas, who is accused of robbing him. The circumstantial evidence is so strong that he is shunned by his former associates, so leaves his native village for another section of the country. Through this calamity he becomes a niggard and miser in shoe-mending. He is robbed of all, and is in despair, when a waif wanders into his hovel. Arousing himself from the lethargy induced by his woe, he is amazed to see the child lying asleep on the very hearthstone that hid his gold. This is his recompense, for the advent of the little one changes his nature entirely.

Perhaps no picture ever put on the screen more clearly or emphatically recognized the influence of a dramatic in softening a hard heart. The dramatic strength of the story has been recognized by everyone who has ever read it, even though it is a simple narrative; and in the film the simplicity is retained, the strength and interest being concentrated in the acting, which is in harmony with the tale. It is difficult to see where it could be improved. It is so good now that one almost feels as though the actual scenes were moving before one. It doesn't seem as though motion pictures could come so near speaking as they do in this film. The photographic quality is beyond reproach.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

James Burrill is seriously ill in a Boston hospital.

Lawrence P. Somes of Harvard Theological seminary was a guest of Rev. Dr. Howard A. Bridgeman over Sunday.

J. G. Edgerly, superintendent of schools of Fitchburg, gave the chapel address at the industrial school for boys on Sunday afternoon. His subject was "Be helpful."

Miss Grace Kilburn, secretary of the Altrurian club, has been appointed delegate to the State federation.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will exchange pulpits Sunday morning, February 6, at 10.45, with Rev. W. H. Desjardins of the Baptist church.

Death.

Mrs. Flora B. Underwood, wife of Harlan B. Howe, died Wednesday evening, at 6.30, at her home on Cowdry hill of a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Howe was born at Royalston, October 4, 1852, and was married at Gardner, March 14, 1869, and moved to Lunenburg from Gardner eight years ago. The survivors are a husband and two children, who are Altie F. Howe and Arthur K. Howe of Cranston, R. I.

Funeral services were held at her late home, Friday morning, Rev. A. A. Bronson officiating.

A burial was in the family lot at Hope cemetery, Worcester.

Entertainment.

Oddfellows' hall was crowded with a very appreciative audience Wednesday evening, to witness the novel and amusing musical production, "An impromptu dress rehearsal," given under the auspices of the Shirley high school.

The play was under the direction of the high school teacher, Shipley Licker, and his efforts were well rewarded as all the parts were well arranged and carried out in artistic style.

The various characters were assumed by the high school scholars, who acted their parts in a very graceful and pleasing manner.

Bowling.

Collyer's and Day's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys, Thursday evening.

No very remarkable rolling was accomplished. However, Collyer's team won the game by registering the highest total in the second and also the last strings, and taking the highest total pin-fall by a majority of 25 pins. Mr. Day of the losing team was the high individual scorer of the evening, rolling 95, 110 and 79, making a total of 284. Day was the only player to roll over a century during the game.

H. Collyer of the winners was the top roller of his team, and tied with Sibley, both rolling a total of 272. The players as a whole fell below their average. The summary:

COLLYER'S TEAM.		
R. Pomfret	76	84
C. White	73	82
Leopold	82	95
Cook	80	97
Collyer	75	91
402 446 412-1269		

DAY'S TEAM.		
Manser	69	71
Stebbins	77	74
Dummy	80	80
Shiley	95	94
Day	95	110
416 429 399-1244		

Burrill's and Hocquard's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys, Tuesday evening. Burrill's team won out, winning the first string by 56 pins and the last string with only one pin to the good.

No remarkable rolling was accomplished. Pierce being the high roller and scoring 110, 83 and 89, making a total of 282.

McGinness was the next highest, with a total of 265. Gilmartin came next, scoring 101 on his last string and finishing with a total of 262. The summary:

BURRILL'S TEAM.		
Allen	84	84
Gilmartin	87	74
Pierce	110	83
Dummy	80	80
Totals 435 401 415-1254		

HOCQUARD'S TEAM.		
Bodah	75	88
J. Gately	62	71
E. Neill	65	81
McGinness	94	90
Hocquard	85	82
Totals 382 412 414-1208		

Fair.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a fair in Oddfellows' hall, February 8. Articles will be on sale on the apron, fancy paper, candy and remembrance tables. The hall will be opened at three o'clock. Supper will be served at six o'clock. In the evening will be presented the two-act drama, "A black diamond," with the following cast:

Emily Makepeace.....Grace Adams
Fannie Makepeace.....Ruby Feich
Minnie Makepeace.....Mildred MacNeal
Miss Matilda Makepeace, alias
Dr. Jim.....Mrs. E. E. Edgarton
Chairman Goodell.....Edwin Smith
Capt. Charles Houston, Frank Dutton
George Rudford.....Albert Deardon
Dinah.....Mrs. George E. Knox

Dancing to follow. Pianist, Mrs. May Wadsworth.

Death.

Mrs. Sarah E. Balcom, wife of Henry T. Balcom, the well-known grand army veteran, died last Sunday afternoon, at her home of Bright's disease, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Balcom was 74 years, 4 months and 17 days. She was born in Braintree, Mass., but has spent most of her life in Shirley. She was married fifty-six years last fourth of July. The immediate survivors are the husband, Henry F. Balcom and four children, who are Mrs. William McClellan of Shirley, Mrs. Eva Wetherbee of Ayer, Miss Ida J. Balcom of Shirley, and Charles H. Balcom of Leominster.

Mrs. Balcom was a woman of the highest type of character, and was a faithful wife and mother, having made heroic sacrifices for her home and family forty-three years ago. Mrs. Balcom became a member of the Congregational church, and, though pressure of home duties has kept her from attending regularly, she always took a deep interest in its welfare and lost no opportunity to show her interest in a practical way. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Bronson, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating, and paid a loving tribute to her memory. The church quartet rendered sweetly "Nearer my God to thee" and "Face to Face." The pall-bearers were Oliver W. Balcom, G. Facey, David Weston and W. Morse. The remains were placed in the tomb and later will be buried in the family lot in Village cemetery.

Basket Ball.

A large crowd attended the basketball game at Oddfellows' hall last Saturday evening, between the Shirley Crescents and the Civic Intermediate team of Ayer. The Shirley team won by a score of 21 to 25. W. Lloyd Allen acted as referee. A social dance followed the game. Score:

CRESCENTS. AYER.
Hooper, r. f. r. b. Ryan
Weeks, c. c. Saunders
Connors, e. e. Buddington
O'Neil, r. b. r. b. Sabol
Bangs, l. b. l. b. Briggs, Felch

Score, Crescents 26; Intermediates 21. Goals from floor, Hooper 2, Weeks 4, Connors 4, Bangs 1, Ryan 4, Saunders 2, Sabol 2, Briggs 2. Goals from fouls, Connors 4, Ryan 4, Halves, 20 minutes. Scorer, S. F. White. Referee, W. Lloyd Allen. Timer, E. W. Phelps.

The team has shown an advanced improvement in the last two weeks since being coached by Mr. Allen.

Installation.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge installed officers at its regular meeting last week Friday evening. Deputy Mary J. Wheeler and suite of Vestalodge of Ayer were the installing officers. A colation was served at the close of the ceremony. Brief addresses were made by the deputy and suite, and also by Rev. L. E. Perry of Ayer and other visiting members. The officers installed were as follows:

Margaret Brockelman, n. g.; Inez Welch, g.; Hannah Simonds, w.; Martha Holden, t. r. s.; Lettie Mudgett; Margaret Love, cond. I. A. M. Warren, r. s. n. g.; Sarah Rugs, l. s. n. g.; Ida Wallingford, e. g.; Annie Gardner, l. s. n. g.; Annie Brockelman, chap.; Nellie Gardner, i. g.; Annie I. Banks, o. g.

Center.

The many friends of Miss Helen M. Winslow of Cambridge will be interested to know that she has recently been elected president of the C. M. Clark Publishing Co. of Boston, and is also the editor of their magazine, "Clark's Book Herald," a monthly devoted to books and their authors, which is of much interest to the reading classes. The January number has for leading article an interesting character sketch by Miss Winslow concerning Mrs. Larz Anderson, Boston's new authoress, who was supposed to be only a society woman with many millions at her command, but is a close student and fine scholar unspooled by her great wealth. The magazine is a fine specimen of modern printing and illustration.

There has been no school at the Center since January 26, owing to the severe illness of Miss Leona Foster, who has charge of the grammar school department. She is reported as some better, and the school will likely resume Monday, February 7.

The Grange held a regular meeting Tuesday evening, February 1, at which there was a fair attendance. An interesting program was provided by the lecturer, Mrs. Mabel Graves, consisting of singing by the Grange choir, reading by different members, and a piano solo by Miss Annie Ward, which was much enjoyed. The next meeting will be July 21, and will be anniversary night, at which meeting Charles M. Gardner, master of the State Grange, will be present to deliver an address.

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TAKING A LAW CASE

By DAVID WATERS.
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"Here is a letter from a client of ours, a Mme. Dubois," said the head of the firm, "asking us to send a man to her at L. about litigation as to real estate she is interested in. Take the afternoon train. She'll meet you."

It was Saturday, and I feared to get caught in a country town over Sunday, but I was not accustomed to make suggestions to my chief and did not dare propose a delay. I arrived at L. just before the dinner hour, and, passing out of the station, I saw a lady about twenty-five years old sitting alone in a buggy and keeping her eyes on the throng of arrivals. It occurred to me that she might have come to meet me, and I stopped before her. The moment her gaze was fixed on me a sudden look of joyful wonder came into her eyes.

"Are you Mme. Dubois?" I asked.

"I am."

"And I am Edmond Boyer, with Twining & Twining, attorneys." "Ah, c'est vous (it is you) I have been expecting."

I got into the buggy with her, and she drove me to her home. As soon as we alighted she began to stare at me. Then she said to me in broken French:

"Pardon. You are the image of my late husband. When I saw you at the station I thought for a moment you were he arisen from the dead. You bear a French name, I see. You must be of French extraction."

"My father came to America from Dijon before I was born."

"From Dijon? My husband's family live there. I came from Paris a few months ago. I am here to secure some property that was owned by my uncle, who came here years ago."

Mme. Dubois showed me her husband's likeness, and my resemblance to him was astonishing. It was evident that he and I had sprung from the same stock. His widow must have loved him very dearly, for she could not disguise her feelings at meeting one who resembled him, and she treated me as though I were he who had returned to her.

My feelings at this treatment were singular. While it was pleasant to be coddled by a pretty woman, my amour propre was ruffled at being the recipient of especial attentions as the representation of another—a dead man. At one moment I would experience a delicious gladness, at the next would knit my brows at the thought that I was being worshiped as a wooden idol. Then when Mme. Dubois saw that I was troubled she would give me a piteous look from her big black liquid eyes, and I was in heaven again.

My widow spoke but little English and I not a word of French. The consequence was that we fell into pantomime, and pantomime is often more expressive than words. Indeed, love can be better indicated by one look than by a dozen languages. I soon got used to representing another and discovered that any omission of a display of affection for the dead had a harrowing effect on the living.

Of course I did not get a proper knowledge of the business Mme. Dubois wished to intrust to the firm of Twining & Twining before the instant train had left Saturday night. She declined to take the matter up on Sunday. She was very methodical. Her first inquiry was what would be the amount charged for legal services. I had been instructed to ask for a retaining fee of \$50, but declined to name any future amount. Next she gave me an account of how the property had been acquired and lastly a statement of claims made upon it by builders and others.

I had been looking into the case of Mme. Dubois three days when I received a note from my employer asking when I would return. I replied that, since our client spoke very little English, much time must be spent in getting the facts. Two days later I received a peremptory order to return at once.

I was standing in the hall bidding Mme. Dubois goodbye when she said to me:

"Ze retaining l'argent? Must I pay now?"

"My firm usually collects that before taking a case."

"Comblen—how much did you say it was?"

I had forgotten that I had given her an amount and replied that it would be \$100.

"Cent dollar!" she exclaimed, surprised. "You are dearer to me than when we were first engaged."

In love effects are as likely to be produced by blunders as by properly expressed ideas. Lovers may be separated or united by mistaking the meaning of a word. I knew full well the widow meant that my charge was greater than when I had first named it, but I refused to put any such interpretation upon her statement. Clapping her in my arms, I cried:

"And you are dearer to me than my life!"

It mattered not to her that I had apparently mistaken her meaning, and it mattered not to me that I was to stand not for myself, but in the place made vacant by her late husband. She yielded to my caresses, and before leaving for the train I was "engaged" not as an attorney, but as a lover.

"Mr. Boyer," said my chief sternly when I next stood in his office, "you have been away an interminable while. We have needed you greatly."

"I am—I mean we are engaged," I stammered.

"Big case?"

"Immense. I'm going into it heart and soul."

TYPE OF THE HOLSTEIN.

Breeders Trying to Improve the Milk and Beef Form of This Breed.

With large size as the recognized predominant characteristic of the Holstein, aside from its beautiful black and white color markings in perfectly defined patches or spots, the next general definition relates to the general conformation of the animal. There are three different types, described as the milk and beef form, the milk form and beef and milk form, says an expert breeder.

The average form of this breed and that toward which conscientious breeders are directing their efforts to maintain and improve is the milk and beef form.

The milk and beef type of the breed is especially strong in all vital particulars. The bones are fine compared with the high and sharp chine of the extreme milk form. The loin and hips are broad and smooth and the rump high and level compared with the angularity usually shown in the milk form. The twist is roomy and the thighs and hocks well apart. Passing forward, the shoulders are smoother and more compact than in the milk form, but of lighter weight than in the beef form.

The brisket is not so wide and low as in the beef form, and the chest is not so deep, but the width of the beef form through at the heart is closely retained. In the milk form the abdomen is usually swung below, and the ribs are steep, but in the milk and beef form the ribs are wider sprung and the abdomen more trimly held up though no less capacious. The general



CHAMPION HOLSTEIN COW.

appearance of the bull is strongly masculine, but that of the cow is no less feminine than in the milk form.

It may be further emphasized that the milk and beef form describes a cow of the wedge form, with shoulders moderately thick, deep and broad, crops well filled, barrel well rounded, loin and hips broad and full and quarters straight, wide and full. To this form of these cattle is due their extraordinary constitutional vigor or vital force, and it affects all their relations to their food, care and productions. The milk and beef form is not accompanied with the angularity of appearance, the light shoulders and chest and the comparatively light quarters of cattle of the milk form.

Keeping Milk Utensils Clean.

Discard the dishcloth and the dish-towel when the milk utensils are being washed. Wash them in warm water first, with plenty of some washing compound, and use a brush to do the work, but never a rag. Get into every part of them, after which rinse off with clean warm water, and then either put them in boiling water or pour boiling water over them. Stand the parts up so that they will drain and use no cloth to wipe them. The hot surface will dry them quickly, and they will be clean. Leave the parts in a sunny place if possible.

Rustling Ability of Milk Goats.

The milk goat, like all goats, can make a living on brushy and hilly land where most other animals would starve. They are very beneficial to land in cleaning it of weeds, sprouts and brush. They cannot endure low, wet land, but thrive perfectly on rough, hilly land. Those giving milk should be fed on good grass, hay, fodder and wheat bran, but no grain of any kind.

THE DAIRYMAN

Have some lard or vaseline handy to anoint sore teats. Sore teats and a tender udder often make the cow kick when otherwise she would not do so.

Care Should Be Taken While Milking. No smoking or chewing of tobacco should be permitted while the milking is being done. The odor of the weed is quickly absorbed by the sensitive milk.

Stop the Cow From Kicking.

A kicking cow may often be cured by buckling a strap one inch wide around each hind leg a little above the hock, tight enough to compress the hamstring.

Use Only Pure Water.

Only pure water should be used in washing vessels. First rinse with warm water, then scald inside and out with boiling water. After that put out in the sun to dry.

For the Beginner.

In beginning select a few cows, grades if you like, keep a strict account upon the performance of your cows and cull all who do not more than pay their way.

Pat and Fondle the Calves.

The calves should be petted and fondled from babyhood when you expect to make milk cows of them. It is good even to rub their udders and develop in them the motherly cow nature.

Regularity Essential.

Regularity is essential to satisfactory performances of any good dairy cow. She must have her life regulated upon an almost clock-like system—the same hour each day for milking, feeding, grooming, pasturing, etc.

CARE OF SHOWCASES.

How to Prevent Breakage and Clean the Plate Glass.

The position of a showcase has sometimes a great deal to do with breakage, and cases must always be set level or there is an uneven strain on some part of the case, which is liable to cause a break at any time, and when the case is not setting on a level foundation the doors will not close properly and tightly.

Particularly is this the case with the all glass showcase now so deservedly popular, although there is one style now made that is fastened together with patent corner clamps without holes in the glass that is practically unbreakable through this cause, as the corners permit of a certain amount of movement when the case is not level, but it is a general rule that all cases must set perfectly level.

Again, beware of the all glass case that is fastened together by metal bolts through holes in the glass, as if it is placed near a radiator or register it is almost sure to break through any sudden heat or cold owing to the unequal expansion of the glass, which brings the bolt in contact with it and precipitates a crack. Here again the corner clamp is better, as it allows a certain amount of movement, as stated before.

If a crack does happen in plate glass from whatever cause it is possible to prevent its spreading in some cases by cutting a small, short scratch with a glazier's diamond directly at right angles to the crack.

Glass should always be handled with care, and when shelves of plate glass are taken from a showcase to clean they should always be carried on edge and rested against a wall in the same manner.

To clean plate glass use the old familiar mixture of liquid ammonia, one ounce; alcohol, one ounce; whiting, one ounce, and water to make one pint. Rub on glass with a sponge, and when dry rub off and polish with a soft cloth or chamois.

STOPPING A MOTORCAR.

How to Do It Safely and Without Straining the Machine.

"Never do anything suddenly with an automobile," writes an experienced driver. "Only so can wear and tear on the car be minimized, not to mention accidents. Suppose you are confronted with the necessity for a sudden stop. Your amateur impulse will be to jam down the clutch pedal, grip the emergency brake lever and clamp the wheels into cessation of their revolution."

"The motor, thus relieved of its load, will begin to race, the fly wheel will spin around with increasing velocity, and you are lucky if, especially on wet asphalt, your car does not skid around like a top, hit the curb and turn turtle with you underneath. The wear of this sort of stop on the tires should be a sufficient consideration for you to refrain from cultivating it."

"If, on the other hand, you first close the throttle, then throw out the clutch and apply the brake just hard enough to allow the wheels barely to revolve, your car will come to a safer, speedier stop without strain. The motions to accomplish this must of course be practically simultaneous, but they are no more difficult than those required for the wrong sort of stop. Once at rest, you open the throttle instantly and advance the spark if necessary to start the engine. The clutch can then be thrown in gradually when you wish to advance."—Outing Magazine.

How to Take Care of a Piano.

Temperature is one of the most important points to be considered in keeping a piano in good condition. Extreme heat or cold or drafts are as fatal to the health of the piano as to that of a human being, therefore it should never be placed too near a fire or a window. The best place to choose is a part of the room which is out of a draft and where a fairly even temperature is maintained. The piano should always be kept closed, to prevent dust from entering, and even then it ought to be covered up while the room is being swept. To clean the case never use furniture polish. A wash leather wrung out in warm water is the best thing. The keys should never be washed, as that discolors the ivory. If they are stained rub the stains out with a little lemon juice and salt. It spalls the keys to lift them up when dusting.

How to Protect Hardwood Floors.

When the sewing machine casters are of metal they will make a mark on matting and sometimes on hardwood floors, but this may easily be obviated by making small bags of canton flannel—a dark color is less noticeable—which can be sewed over the casters, leaving room enough for them to roll easily and still protect the matting from the usual unsightly marks. The bags should be neatly made and caught firmly to the legs of the machine.

How to Make an Excellent Liniment.

A liniment that is excellent to keep on hand for sprains, bruises and colds can be easily made at home. Mix two ounces each of chloroform, ammonia, spirits of camphor and sweet oil. Shake it well and bottle, corking tightly. After rubbing the liniment well into the skin wrap the affected parts with flannel.

How to Save Scorched Food.

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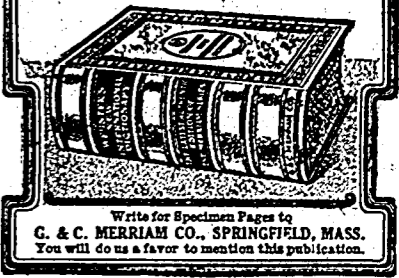
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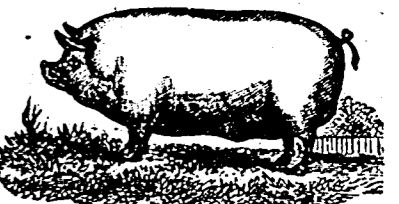
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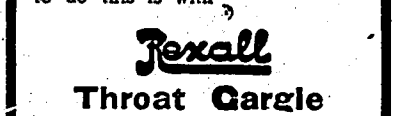
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PARTY CREATION IN PINK.

velvet. And if costly laces and chiffons are employed the effect ought still to be simple. Two crush dances often practically demolish a tulle gown.
Perhaps the hardest time of all for the mother of a debutante is when, the coming out party successfully accomplished, invitations begin to pour in for the debutante. At first these are easily managed, coming, as they do, mostly from close friends, but as the debutante goes to one and another affair, meeting many strangers not known to her parents, the invitations are not so easily managed and, left to herself, the girl would inevitably make decisions of which her mother would not approve. There will be a tempting invitation to a house party, an automobile party, a theater party, and so on from one and another person not on her mother's calling list, but whose daughter may have attended school with her. This is all right and proper enough for the sender of the invitation, and the debutante would be quite right to accept provided her mother likes to add the sender of the invitation to her visiting list; otherwise the invitation, no matter how alluring, must be regretted. But, to come back to the question of the debutante's evening frocks, the illustration shows a charming model in pink mousseline de sole with gray knot decorations as the principal trimming. It is simple and exquisitely dainty.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

After a trying day nothing is more restful to the head than a cloth saturated in toilet water and laid across the temples. A good toilet water can be made at home with lavender water, rosewater and acetic acid.
Bicarbonate of soda when taken before meals will reduce flesh. Take a small spoonful to a glass of water. Many physicians recommend soda, but the treatment must be persevered with and not taken for awhile and then dropped.
Many women have a wrong understanding of the bang, believing it is only for children and young girls. In this they are mistaken, as the bang softens features that are hard, conceals the little wrinkles about the temples and acts as a sort of veil to the heavy lines across the forehead. All women of mature appearance should wear the bang, but it must be treated artistically.
Since the days of Cleopatra rain-water has been considered the best of cosmetics for the complexion, and a walk in the rain is of more aid to the face than a quantity of medicine. Not only the contact with the fresh water, but also the dampness of the atmosphere, thoroughly cleanses the tissues, effacing from the skin all the wrinkles formed by heat or worry. Long naps and walks are also beneficial.
Sufferers from insomnia should avoid sweet desserts at night as well as tea, coffee and greasy foods. Whether it is better to retire with an empty stomach can be determined only by experiment in each individual case. One of the best ways, says the same authority, to draw the blood from the brain before retiring is to take a moderate swift walk. If there is still difficulty in getting to sleep, a tepid bath and a gentle rub will bring the blood from the brain to the surface of the body. If the cause of sleeplessness is susceptibility to sound, stuffing the ears with medicated cotton will be useful.

Wedding Ring on Right Hand.
In Denmark a widow is always known by the band on which she wears her wedding ring. Instead of wearing both engagement and wedding rings on the same finger, as we do, Danish brides wear only one plain gold band on their left third finger, which is the wedding finger in that country. When the husband dies the widow changes her ring to her right third finger, and then everybody knows that she is a widow.

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A Shooting Match

At Which One of the Parties Was Sure to Win.

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The first time I saw Daisy she was coming over her father's broad acres on a horse whose lope was very like a rocking chair. She was riding straddle with divided skirts. No other woman on the ranches thereabout would ride in any other costume. Barker was riding beside her, and the two made a very handsome pair. The brim of his sombrero was flattened against his forehead by the wind, a lariat hung at his saddle bow, and his splendid figure was revealed by his costume—viz. flannel shirt and trousers, with boots to his knee.
Daisy had gone out from the east with her father, who became a sheep raiser, and she had become fascinated with ranch life. Unfortunately she had conceived a romantic idea of the genus cowboy, and Barker being physically a perfect type, she had persuaded herself, or rather, he had persuaded her, that he was just the man for her. I say "unfortunately" because he was not an educated man and in every way beneath her. There were other features about him to render him undesirable which will appear presently.

The couple passed me, all of us saluting, though they were unknown to me, and I rode on to the ranch house, where I had business with John Nolan with reference to a large purchase of wool. While dickering with him on his veranda up the roadway came the couple I had met and alighted at the foot of the steps. Throwing their bride reins over a post, they walked up on to the veranda. Then I learned that Daisy was Nolan's daughter.
As the pair passed into the house I noticed a cloud fill over the face of the girl's father. I knew by Barker's bearing toward her that he was in love with her, and I judged that his attentions were not relished by Nolan. But he said nothing to me then, and we went on with our dickering. When I arose to go he said:
"There's no place about here in which you will be comfortable except my house. Send for your traps."

I accepted the invitation, especially as I was pleased at being under the same roof with Miss Daisy. I knew she had a lover, but my attraction for her did not then go so far as to intend to come between them. I merely liked the idea of being near her during my stay.
But I stayed a good while, and it was not very long before she and I each made a discovery. I discovered that I wanted her, and she discovered that she didn't want Barker. Meanwhile I found out something else—that he had become frightfully jealous of me, and if I took her away from him he would probably kill me. At first he and I spoke to each other when we met either on the ranch or elsewhere. Then he only noticed me at the Nolan house. I thought it best after awhile to remove to the (so called) hotel, a mile from Nolan's. If anything happened between Barker and myself I preferred that it should not happen under Nolan's roof. So one day I removed my luggage to my new quarters.
One morning I was sitting on the porch of the hotel smoking a briar-wood pipe. Barker came out of the barroom, where he had been drinking, and took a seat about thirty feet from me. I didn't know he was there till, turning my head, I saw him out of the corner of my eye sighting his revolver at me.
Naturally I started.
"Hold on there," said Barker. "Your pipe makes a fine target. We don't allow people to smoke such expensive pipes out here!"
The words were scarcely out of his mouth when I felt a faint tick on the bowl of the pipe, heard the crack of a gun and knew that a bullet had passed through the pipe.
"Wait up!" he growled as I was about to rise. "Your pipe won't draw with a hole in it, but it's still a mighty good target."
I snatched a look at him. He was evidently under the influence of liquor. I felt sure that if I didn't let him shoot at my pipe he would shoot at me and nerved myself to stand another shot. Indeed, this was all I could do, for I was unarmed. But a cold chill ran down my back and a cold sweat stood out all over me. Nevertheless I put up a pretty good front. I sat with comparative composure, occasionally letting a faint cloud of tobacco smoke escape from between my lips, but not daring to move a hairbreadth for fear of interfering with the man's aim.
Several persons from inside the hotel, having heard a shot, came out to discover who had been killed. They arrived just in time to see the second shot and the top of the bowl of my pipe cut off. They at once took in the situation, and seeing me coolly puffing, not knowing my internal condition, they cried out, "Good pluck, stranger!" "Steady nerve!" "He ain't no tenderfoot!" and such like compliments.

Presently a third shot shattered what was left of the bowl of my pipe, and only the stem remained in my mouth. Whether my nerve made Barker half ashamed of himself or that he was headed off by the admiration of the others I don't know, but he desisted from further shooting. I fancy, however, he was satisfied with what he had doubtless intended for a warning that if I took Daisy Nolan away from him I would have to face sure death. The witnesses urged me to go in and have something, but I declined, saying that I was anxious for a smoke and would go upstairs for another pipe. The truth is I wanted a chance to go where I could, unobserved, give way to my feelings for a few moments, they having been controlled only by a most desperate effort.
When I was alone I staggered to the bed, fell on it and for a few minutes trembled like a leaf. But when I began to recover I started to get mad at the same time. Men will fight more desperately for a woman than for any other cause, and it occurred to me that, Daisy being the bone of contention, if she preferred me either Barker or I must die. I spent some time considering what to do, then went to the ranch, intending to offer myself to Daisy. If she refused me I would leave the field at once to all suitors. If she accepted me I would have it out with Barker.
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Saturday, February 5, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

East.

An exciting runaway was witnessed
last Tuesday morning. A horse be-
longing to Mrs. Lucy B. Page was
frightened while untied at the depot
and ran about Railroad square at a
lively pace between freight cars and
loaded trains and never touched them.
It was headed for Tarbell's grocery
store, and might have done considerable
damage, but was caught at the
curbing by Joseph Connelly. No damage
was done.

Most everyone has completed har-
vesting their ice. George W. Maynard
cut about five thousand cakes for him-
self and others. S. M. Nokes has been
working several days at his large
houses.

Keep in mind the supper and enter-
tainment for Thursday, February
17, in Central hall, under auspices of
the Village-Aid society. They are en-
titled to universal support. Their
work is in a field of immediate action,
when aid can be given.

Mrs. Walter C. Harriman, who has
been very ill at her home on Pleasant
street, continues to improve. A hur-
ried operation for stuffed hernia was
performed last Friday by Dr. Smith of
Nashua and Dr. Lovejoy of this town.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club
do not have very good success with
their meetings, only five showing up
last Monday. No better time than now
to plan the business of next summer
and fall. Everybody will be busy with
work in those seasons, and it is up to
every farmer specially to in some way
be represented at the next meeting.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational
church will hold a regular meeting,
Thursday afternoon, February 10, at
2:30 o'clock. Business meeting at
three.

George Lawrence of Lakewood, N.
J., has purchased the estate of the late
Henry Baldwin on West street, for a
home, and it is stated extensive im-
provements are to be made. It is un-
derstood that the sale was made by
Alonzo E. Blood, administrator, of
Townsend.

The annual fireman's ball, held at
the Opera house last Friday, was well
patronized in addition to the crowded
gallery of concert enthusiasts, who did
not care to dance. There was a special
feature, the turkey supper served in
Lawrence hall. Over two hundred and
fifty sat down to the tables, piled high
with such things as only can be found
where good cooks are the rule.

Harmon Williams of North Pepperell
has been very sick at his home the
past two weeks with that distressing
illness, the shingles.

Samuel P. Bancroft is confined to
his home with the grippe cold so pre-
valent.

The district nurse is Miss Minnie
Spragg, formerly of the Groton hos-
pital staff.

The District Nurse association will
hold a meeting in Banquet hall, Saun-
ders' corner, Monday evening, Febru-
ary 7. Special subject for discussion
will be the rules and regulations
which have been drawn up and which
will be brought before the meeting for
debate.

Minot Blood visited in Lowell over
Sunday.

Stenstream & Deloid announce that
they have concluded to dissolve part-
nership and leave town. This decision
was reached after considerable
thought, as they have a stock of goods
to be proud of and have only just
opened extensive lines of hardware, a
good part of which is being replaced
in cases and shipped away. Mr. Sten-
stream has a flattering as well as en-
viable position and partnership offered
in Bridgeport, Conn., which acceptance
this firm have been less than a year,
but have gained an enthusiastic per-
sonal as well as business patronage.

Advertised letters at the East Pepp-
erell postoffice, January 31. John Al-
len, James Baird, George Cham-
plain, Michael Sappin, Patrick West.

Officers Chosen.

The reporter wishes to state that
the articles in last week's issue on
District Nurse meeting and also on
Woman's club meeting were put in
exactly as handed into this office, and
any errors were not by fault of this
paper. The following is a list of offi-
cers elected for the District Nurse as-
sociation. These names were chosen by
a committee of five, and elected as
recommended by this committee. Just
why they were not directly chosen by
ballot for a public service society is
not stated.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, pres.; Rev.
R. W. Drawbridge and Rev. Putnam
Webber, vice-pres. for one year; Miss
May Kerin and L. D. Rowland, vice-
pres. for two years; Mrs. E. Tarbell,
rec.; Edward L. Tarbell, treas.; Dr. F.
W. Lovejoy, Dr. L. R. Qua, directors for
one year; Rev. D. R. Child, directors for
two years.

The meeting was then adjourned at
the call of the secretary, who an-
nounces a meeting in Banquet hall,
Saunders' corner on Monday evening,
February 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

To the Editors:

A few weeks ago I called attention to
the attendance records of the pupils
of the Pepperell schools, making men-
tion especially of the matter of tardi-
ness, and asking for co-operation in the
home in attendance.

Reports of the first four weeks of
the current term are at hand and pre-
sent some noticeable facts.

The total enrollment has decreased
and the percent of attendance has
dropped from 82 percent to 87.9 per-
cent. This is perhaps to be expected,
January being probably the hardest
month in the year in this respect. One
hundred and fifteen pupils out of five
hundred and thirty have been perfect
in attendance, having been neither ab-
sent, tardy or dismissed.

But two hundred and seven pupils
have been tardy five hundred and forty-
two times during the four weeks. More
than half of these cases, or to be exact
two hundred and ninety-one, have been
in the high school and the eighth grade,
where there are one hundred and thirty-
six pupils, or only 25 percent of all
in town.

The teachers of the high school and
eighth grade are making strong efforts
to eliminate this, out to be successful
they must have the help and active sup-
port of the home.

Will you help us?
A. R. PAULL, Supt. of Schools.

About Town.

Mrs. H. O. Shattuck, who has been
under the doctor's care for the past
three weeks at the home of her broth-
er, Nathaniel Lakin, is improving.

The Book and Thimble club will
celebrate the birthday of Charles Dick-
ens on Monday afternoon, February 7,
by a seven-cent sale at the home of
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald from three to
five o'clock. The patronage of the
public is solicited, as the proceeds will
be devoted to a worthy charity.

Next Sunday evening, at seven
o'clock, the Babbidge guild will hold
a service in the vestry of the Unitarian
church. Rev. Dudley R. Child will
lead the meeting.

At a meeting of the Babbidge guild,
held last week, the following officers
were elected: Rev. D. R. Child, pres.;
Chester Shattuck, vice-pres.; Donald
Jacobs, rec. sec.; Miss Nellie Gilchrist,
cor. sec.; Miss Edith Bailey, treas.

The Study Chapter of the L. S. C.
Branch Alliance of Pepperell will
meet with Mrs. D. R. Child on Friday
afternoon, February 11, at half past
two o'clock. Mrs. Woodward will fur-
nish a sketch of James Freeman Clark
and Mrs. W. S. Shattuck will give a
short account of T. W. Higginson.
Current religious news by Mrs. Child.

Arthur Bolles of the Hotel Touraine,
Boston, was in town over Sunday, vis-
iting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Bolles of Heald street.

Miss Sarah Hill, one of the school
teachers, has not been able to attend
to her school the past few days, and
Miss Lucy Blood substituted in her
place.

Center.

James Starr is confined to his home
with rheumatism.

William H. Bradley has been under
the weather with pneumonia symptoms,
but is recovering.

Fred Nutting has left town for a
residence in Fitchburg, where he has
obtained employment in a store.

Miss Harriet A. Kendall has been
visiting in Fitchburg the last of Janu-
ary.

Mrs. Sabina Whites is now a resi-
dent of Fitchburg, making her home
with Mrs. Whittier.

The friends of Miss Marietta Put-
ney made a pleasant occasion of her
birthday, which occurred February 2.
Material for a good supper was fur-
nished by the visitors.

Miss Annetta S. Merrill, regent of
Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., who
is spending the winter in Matthews,
Duval county, Fla., was remembered
by the order with a shower of postal
picture cards to commemorate her
birthday.

Mrs. Lucy Jane Goodwin passed her
ninetieth birthday on Friday, February
11. She is with her niece, Mrs. Flor-
ence Blood Swain in Stoughton. Mrs.
Sarah Boynton Lawrence is two weeks
younger than Mrs. Goodwin.

The supper and entertainment of last
Thursday in Central hall was a pleas-
ant occasion, although the inclemency
of the weather interfered somewhat
with the attendance. Mrs. Dudley R.
Child, who had a part assigned in the
entertainment, was obliged to with-
draw as she was summoned to the
funeral of her aunt who died in Boston.

Dr. Davis, veterinary, was thrown
from his sleigh near Chase hill, this
week, but fortunately received no ser-
ious injury.

In the last issue of this paper the
name of the college where Prof. Todd
is located was omitted. It should have
been published, Amherst college.

Miss Ruth Wilson has been visiting
in greater Boston, this week, her
birthplace, and the home of her sister,
Miss Effie Carolyn Merrill of the Bos-
ton public library.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards will
give a lecture recital, "Music as a
medicine," before the Littleton Wom-
an's club on February 14. Last Sat-
urday she gave it in Morristown, N. J.
On Wednesday of last week she
gave "Life forces in music" before an
enthusiastic audience in New York
city, and again on January 31 in
Brooklyn.

The annual supper and entertain-
ment of the Lincoln class will be given
Thursday evening, February 10, in
town hall. Supper will be at six
o'clock, entertainment at eight o'clock.
Hon. Alexander S. Arnold of Woon-
socket, R. I., the Newton quartet and
the Cynthionan orchestra will furnish
the entertainment.

Gardner W. Prouty, who was obliged
to give up work for several days last
week because of illness, returned to
his Boston office last Monday.

Mrs. George Durkee has been sick
and confined to the bed for several
weeks with little indication of im-
provement.

H. J. Harwood is again in bed suf-
fering from another abscess in his
head and physical exhaustion.

Few houses are free from measles
patients. The disease has become so
prevalent that the high school was
closed Monday night for the rest of
the week.

Mrs. Samuel Reed at Littleton Com-
mon experienced a severe shock Tues-
day night, and at time of writing,
Thursday, remains unconscious.

Last Saturday afternoon little Mar-
chia Wilcox celebrated her birthday
by entertaining several of her com-
panions at her very pleasant home on
King street. On the same day Mr. and
Mrs. George Little at the West End
gave a delightful surprise party in

honor of their young son Norman,
who was born on the same date.

N. H. Whitcomb is "getting it in the
neck," literally. Four bolts have al-
ready appeared in that locality and he
isn't at all particular about having the
chain completed.

Rev. Paul G. FAVOR completed his
services as pastor of the Congregational
church last Sunday. In the morning
he preached a masterly sermon, by
many considered his best, on the con-
servation of the soul. Over one hun-
dred and fifty persons were present,
an unusually large audience. Four
new members were added to the
church.

Mr. FAVOR's household goods were
moved to Somerville, Monday, in an
automobile van.

The King's Daughters had a large
number present at the meeting held
with Mrs. Paul Brown, Tuesday after-
noon. Mrs. Smarden, county secretary
of the K. D. societies, was present and
gave interesting accounts of the vari-
ous homes owned and supported by the
K. D. of the state and the county. She
also gave much valuable information
on the various lines of work pursu-
ing by different societies. Members
of the local society are taking up the
work of the new year with renewed
zeal and enterprise.

Mrs. F. E. Briggs entertained her
brother, Mr. Skillings, over Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Robbins, widow of the
late Benjamin Robbins of Pingreyville,
celebrated her eighty-seventh birth-
day, Wednesday, at her son Henry's
home, where she is spending the win-
ter. She was very pleasantly remem-
bered with gifts, among them a cake
from the King's Daughters. Several
friends called during the day, among
them Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer. All
these attentions were very gratifying
to Mrs. Robbins, whose health enabled
her to enjoy to the full the courtesies
of her many friends.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son, Hey-
wood, went to Somerville, Thursday,
to spend the rest of the week with her
cousin, Mrs. Fred Parker.

Death.

Andrew McNiff of Beverly, a native
of Littleton and son of Patrick McNiff
of Harwood avenue, succumbed to ty-
phoid pneumonia, Tuesday night, after
an illness of little more than one week.

He was in the care of two trained
nurses and an excellent physician, but
all efforts to restore him proved fru-
tilite. His sister, Miss Elizabeth, was
with him for ten days, and Miss Abbie
and the brothers were at his bedside
often.

Much sympathy is felt for his widow
and little two-year old girl, to whom
he was passionately devoted; also for
the aged parents in Littleton and the
sisters and brothers.

Mr. McNiff is the third son to be
removed by death within a few years.
Those who preceded him were Frank,
a railroad employe, who was killed,
and Miles, who was asphyxiated about
three years ago.

The funeral and burial were in Beve-
rly Friday.

To the Editor:

Allow me to emphasize to Littleton
people what I hope they already know,
that there is an appalling increase in
gypsy moth nests this year, and that
if we are not to be devastated there
is necessity for each individual to look
over his trees, not omitting the wood
lots, and apply creosote if he finds the
light brown velvety nests.

The experts have been heretofore
mostly left to the tree warden, but this
year they are so abundant and widely
distributed I feel certain that no force
at the tree warden's command can cope
with them before hatching time.

If individuals attend to their own
trees as required by law, for a few
years, there is hope that the parasites
and other enemies which have been
imported will multiply and lighten in-
sects, but otherwise the destruction will
soon get beyond control, and we shall
have great pecuniary loss. This is the
critical year and now is the time. They
are far more serious than the Brown-
trees, even plines.

HERBERT J. HARWOOD.

ning he peacefully entered the sleep
that knows no awakening.

Funeral services were held from his
late home, the place on which he was
born and had always lived, Tuesday af-
ternoon, January 25. A large number
of relatives and friends gathered on
this occasion to pay their last tribute
of respect to the deceased.

Revs. Paul G. FAVOR and William
Channing Brown officiated, delivering
touching eulogies, offering words of
tender sympathy to the bereaved, and
reading most beautiful and appropriate
poems and passages of scriptures.

The ladies' quartet sang with much
feeling, "How gentle God's commands,"
and "Nearer my God to thee," two of
Mr. Kimball's favorite hymns.

The love and sympathy of the many
friends was expressed in the wealth
of beautiful flowers that covered and
surrounded the casket. These were
most artistically arranged by Miss
Fannie Sanderson. The committal
service was performed by Rev. P. G. FA-
VOR, and the body was laid to rest by
Mr. Kimball's sons.

John Adams Kimball, son of Mary
Adams and Jesse Kimball, was born
in Littleton, July 21, 1818.

His education was, according to the
custom of his times, confined chiefly
to district and private schools. In 1839
he attended Groton academy a part of
the year.

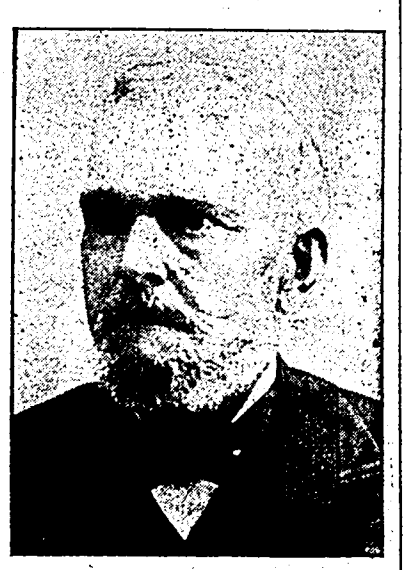
Mr. Kimball reflected and talked
much of his school days and teachers.
Of his first teacher, Rev. Amasa San-
derson, he spoke often and well. For
all he held great respect and their
teachings he always treasured.

When a young man he began his
life work of farming, an occupation
that claimed his chief interests to the
last day of his life.

Naturally modest, he left to those
who were more ambitious for public
recognition, and, as he thought, better
fitted for office, positions of public
trust. He held at different times,
however, some of the minor town of-
fices, and was for several years an
honored member of the school board.

At the Congregational church, of
which he was a member for forty
years, he accepted at different times
few offices. In his support of the
church he was, during his active years,
very generous, and to its interests he
was ever loyally devoted.

November 27, 1862, Mr. Kimball
married Mrs. Sarah Warren Bartlett,



John Adams Kimball.

Obituary.

On Saturday evening, January 22,
just as the twilight shadows were
deepening into night, there came to our
venerable and universally respected
citizen, John Adams Kimball, the heav-
ily summons, "Come, ye blessed of
my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-
pared for you." "Well done, thou good
and faithful servant, enter thou into
the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. Kimball had been in his usual
health until two weeks before his
death, when he contracted a heavy
cold. This, as usual, developed into
bronchitis, which for several days
seemed to be yielding to medicine and
good nursing. A slight change for the
worse became apparent on Friday, yet
Saturday morning he was able to rise
unaided from his pillow long enough
to take medicine and nourishment.
But early in the forenoon a decided
change came. The bronchial tubes filled
rapidly, his breathing became more
labored, and at six o'clock in the eve-

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\$15.00 Overcoats	\$7.50	\$18.00 Overcoats	\$9.00
\$20.00 Overcoats \$10.00			

All Heavy Suits Just Two-Thirds Regular Price,

\$10.00 Suits	\$6.66	\$12.00 Suits	\$8.50	\$15.00 Suits	\$10.00
\$18.00 Suits	\$12.00	\$20.00 Suits	\$13.32	\$22.00 Suits	\$14.66
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daughter of Laban Warren, a widow
with two children, Mary Adams, now
Mrs. Austin T. Kimball, and Laban
Warren Bartlett.

To these children he gave a father's
tender love and care, and from them
he received affectionate and constant
devotion, which he prized like that of
his own.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kimball were born
six children, Susan R., who died in
infancy; John H., Charles A., Martha
H., Fred S., and George H., all of
whom make their home in Littleton.
Besides his widow and children, the
deceased leaves seven grandchildren,
to whom he was greatly attached, and
one dear sister, Miss Martha A. Kim-
ball of Groton.

To eulogize this good, great man
here would not be in accordance with
his wishes. He believed that a man's eu-
logy found expression in his life and
character. If any one can say aught
but good of him, it is from lack of ac-
quaintance with his sturdy, upright,
honest, clean and benevolent soul, this
devoted and beloved husband, father
and grandfather. Linked by his long
life to many generations past, the sub-
ject of this sketch retained to his last
hour an interest in his fellowmen from
the time of Parson Foster and Priest
White to those of the present who are
just entering the arena of life.

By frequent calls of his numerous
friends, many inquiries, and almost
constant reading, he kept in touch with
the world today; he loved it and we
sincerely believe it is much the sweeter
and better for his having lived so long.

"Why weep ye now for him who having
won
The bound of man's appointed years, at
last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors
done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed;
Yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the
bright sun is set."

Miss Grace Needham will lead the
Guild meeting Sunday evening in the
Unitarian vestry, the subject being
"Tennyson's message."

Tuesday, by order of the board of
health, about a dozen places were
quarantined where cases of measles
are. The high school is closed for a
week, and probably some of the other
schools will have to be, there is such
an epidemic of the measles.

Tuesday was the birthday of W. E.
Conant, also two of his brothers, John
of Shirley and Charles of Lowell, and
they enjoyed the day together here at
W. E. Conant's, the youngest of the
three, belonging to an unbroken fam-
ily of ten children.

The next number on the Backlog
calendar, scheduled for Tuesday eve-
ning, February 10, which is to be a
color social with entertainment, is to
be indefinitely postponed, on account
of the measles.

Last Saturday the remains of Harvey
Snow, a native of Pingreyville, was
brought from Hudson for burial here.

The meeting of the Women's club,
Monday afternoon, February 7, in the
Unitarian vestry, will be a musicale
in charge of the music committee.

The dramatic entertainment in the
Backlog course was given in the town,
last week Thursday and Friday eve-
nings. The comedy, "Esmeralda," was
presented by a cast of characters,
every one of whom was excellent. It
was a play appealing to the common
sense and sympathy of all, and thor-
oughly enjoyed by the large audience
present. The Cynthionan orchestra
and Ladies' quartet furnished the mu-
sic. Over a hundred dollars was the
net profits. The play was finely stag-
ed, and a large number of the people
of the surrounding towns and other
places were present.

Last Saturday Mr. Somes took a
large two-horse load of sheets of the
Littleton records to Boston to be
bound in book-form.

Real Estate for Sale

The premises on Lawton Street,
Ayer, known as the Harriet J. Reed
place, next north of Sargent's Book
Bindery. The lot is about 130x60 feet,
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tially destroyed by fire.

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