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fall apple exhibit. The ribbons will be sent you early next week.
The Palmer Greenings were outside the list for which we advertised to give ribbons, but your exhibit was so meritorious that the Judges felt that you should receive recognition for it and accordingly gave you the first prize. Very truly yours,
J. LEWIS ELLSWORTH,
Secretary.

Death.

The funeral of Mrs. Abby Maria Plimpton, took place on Monday afternoon, November 21, at her late home here, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon officiating, paying a loving tribute to her beautiful life.

Mrs. Harry Collyer and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy rendered "Nearer my God to thee," and "Jesus lover of my soul." The bearers were J. G. Conant, E. H. Allen, W. H. Wilbur and J. H. McClellan. There was a wealth of floral tributes. Interment was in the village cemetery.

Mrs. Plimpton died on Saturday morning, November 19, from a final breaking up of old age. The end was peaceful, Mrs. Plimpton being conscious to the last.

Abby Maria (Annable) Plimpton was the daughter of Jehiel and Abigail P. (Arnold) Annable and was born in East Haddam, Conn., September 30, 1823, and was aged 87 yrs., 1 mo., 19 days, and was one of the oldest residents of Shirley.

She was married to Dr. A. A. Plimpton at East Haddam, July 15, 1845, and went to Belfast, Me., where they resided until 1852, when they took up their residence in Shirley, occupying the home adjoining the Congregational parsonage during the remainder of their lives. Dr. Plimpton died on September 12, 1894, and for many years previous to his death was the leading physician of the town.

Mrs. Plimpton has been gradually failing in health for the past five years. After her husband's death, Mrs. Louise Butler went to reside with her as a companion and during their sixteen years of companionship, Mrs. Butler has been a loyal and faithful friend, scarcely leaving her night or day during the last few years of her life.

The deceased was the oldest member of the Congregational church here, joining by letter in October, 1852, and up to the past ten years was a very active worker in the church.

Mrs. Plimpton's life was one of happiness and contentment, living up to the very highest standard of christian ideals. She was simple in tastes and habits, preferring at all times home life with its comforts and environments, and her gentle, refined nature has left its sweet fragrance upon all whose privilege it was to know her. The survivors are a nephew, D. A. Kellogg of Saybrook, Conn., and a niece, Miss Caroline E. Kellogg of Hebron, Conn., who were present at the funeral.

Others who were present from out-of-town were a nephew and niece of the late Dr. Plimpton, Herbert Pratt of Newton and Mrs. Anna Dolbear, and Fred T. Dolbear of Brookline, D. A. Kellogg of Saybrook, Conn., Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mrs. Leslie Mossman of Fitchburg and Miss Burrage of Medford.

Bowling.

Ten of Shirley's well-known bowlers met at the local alleys on Monday evening to contest for the turkey given by the proprietor, Abel Morin, for the highest three-string total. Thomas C. Burrill won out, making the fine score of 303, and rolling 126 in the final string. Collyer was a close second, scoring 302, and rolling 114 on his middle string. Burrill was awarded the turkey. The following is the score of all competitors:

Burrill	96	81	126	303
Collyer	88	114	100	302
Sibley	105	83	85	273
Day	97	72	81	250
O'Neill	86	81	85	252
Gately	94	85	69	248
McClellan	76	85	76	237
Cook	70	95	60	225
J. Gilmartin	73	63	78	214
W. Gilmartin	74	61	79	214

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parker intend going to Florida soon where Mr. Parker has a large contract for carpenter work. John Fredricks will accompany them.

Mrs. John Shattuck of Hudson Bridge, N. H., recently visited her mother, John C. Babb of this town.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and family started on Tuesday morning for Keene, N. H., to spend over Thanksgiving with relatives. Master Abbott Bronsdon spent over Thanksgiving with his cousin in Baldwinville.

Fred Paulin of Canada arrived at the home of Michael Bolger last week to remain over Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff, who has been confined to her home with sickness for the past two months, is about the same. Doctors Petersen and Reed of Worcester, osteopathy practitioners, were called in last Saturday afternoon and after a diagnosis of her case decided that it was a disease of the muscles which will require treatment by massage.

At the close of the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church last Sunday, Miss Altie Howe gave an interesting account of the conference of the home department of Sunday school workers held at Townsend last week Friday. Miss Howe is an experienced worker in this Sunday school work, and is in favor of starting a home department in the Congregational church here where she is a teacher and earnest worker.

Irving Curtis, who for years was a summer visitor at Shirley Centre, at W. E. Barnard's, died on Friday, November 18, at the Deaconess hospital in Boston. He was aged seventy-four years and died of heart disease.

Union Thanksgiving services were held in the Universalist church last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, presided and Rev. George Willis Cooke of the First Parish church, preached the sermon. Rev. A. A. Bronsdon offered prayer. Special music was rendered by the combined choirs of the churches. A large

audience was present to enjoy the service.

The closing of the intermediate and primary schools for a period of two weeks for the installing of modern conveniences, voted at the last town meeting in April, for which an appropriation was made, is being done.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy on Monday evening to prepare and arrange for the distribution of Thanksgiving boxes and flowers, and attend to other details for the comfort and good cheer of shut-ins' Thanksgiving day.

Andrew Flynn, who has been very sick, is reported a little better.

Ned Harkins of Lynn spent Thanksgiving at the home of his sister, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Balcom of Boston spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom.

Henry Badstuber shot a deer on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Crommett, the high school teacher, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Chelsea.

Miss Mildred Daniels, assistant high school teacher, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Hopkinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Nashua, N. H.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church tomorrow at 10.45. In the evening at seven o'clock, Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman will lead the C. E. meeting. A good attendance is requested.

Awarded Two Prizes.

Howard M. Longley of the Centre, son of the late Melvin W. Longley, who has, since the death of his father, assumed the management of the Longley homestead farm, was last week awarded the first prize for Baldwins and Palmer Greenings apples by the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture. The following is a copy of the letter Mr. Longley received from the State Board:

Office State Board of Agriculture,
206 State House,
Boston, November 16, 1910.
H. M. Longley, Shirley Centre, Mass.
Dear Sir: It gives me pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded first prize ribbons on your exhibits of Baldwins and Palmer Greenings in our

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WESTFORD.

Centre.
 Mrs. Annie Barnard has been a recent guest at Mrs. C. Willis Hildreth's.

Everett Miller is in Boston learning auto repairing.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cameron are enjoying a sea trip to Panama and other southern ports.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruby Carter and Will E. Wright. Mrs. George E. Mudgett of Riverdale, N. H., has been visiting at Wayland Balch's.

Alvin J. Blaisdell and Albert E. Jenne were omitted from the list of new telephone subscribers at the south part of the town as given in last week's issue of this paper.

Mrs. Lillian Buckhold of Ludlow, Vt., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

The first trip of the Saturday evening car proved very successful, carrying double the number of passengers that the company will require to make themselves whole. Now the thing for those patrons to do who have wanted some evening service is to continue to co-operate with the management of the road and make it an assured success.

Fred B. Reed, employed in the Lowell postoffice and whose sudden and tragic death occurred this past week from an attack of heart trouble while walking on the street, was born in Westford and spent the earlier part of his life here. He was a son of George Reed, and David and William Reed were his uncles.

Mrs. Ida M. Gould is visiting in South Framingham.

Members of the Tadmuck club will please bear in mind that the meeting next Tuesday afternoon will be in the vestry of the Congregational church and that Miss Edith Foster has charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Oliver Wellington Priest of Portsmouth, N. H., as vocalist.

Grange.

Good roads and the crisp moonlit evening added to the fact that the rush of fall work is somewhat over made a good attendance at the neighbors' night at Westford grange on Thursday evening of last week. Groton and Littleton granges were especially invited and there were also members present from Pepperell, Acton, Lexington and Dracont. A bountiful supper was served the first part of the evening which was in charge of the ladies' degree staff. The prettily set tables, the appetizing food and the good service of the waiters all demonstrated the ability of the staff to achieve a good result in this direction, and a rising vote of thanks was given them by the guests at the close of the meal. There were fully two hundred at the tables.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by the visiting granges and was excellent and varied. There were readings, songs, duets, vocal and instrumental, piano, violin, cornet and bells; also, two bright, short papers, the first on "Cheerfulness," by Mrs. Whitehill of Groton, and the second, "How I would farm if I were a man," by Mrs. Sawyer, also of Groton. The next meeting on December first, will be election of officers in this grange and a good attendance is hoped for.

Funeral.

The funeral services for the late Nahum H. Wright were held from his late home on Thursday afternoon of last week and were largely attended by relatives, neighbors and friends, who came to pay this last tribute of respect to one gone from their midst. There was also a large delegation of Masons in attendance every lodge being represented at the gathering. The deceased was a member of William North lodge, A. F. and A. M., Royal Arch chapter, Ahasuerus council and Pilgrim Commandery, all of which were represented in delegations, and at the grave the Masonic ritual services were held.

The parlor of the home where the body rested was banked with a perfect wealth of floral tributes, so many expressing in this way their sincere appreciation of him whose mortal frame rested in their midst, and their message of sympathy to those near and dear to him. There were forty-one separate pieces. There was singing by the Mendelssohn quartet of Lowell, who rendered with rare harmony, "The homeland," "Just beyond," and "The Christian's good-night." Rev. David Wallace of the Congregational church was the officiating clergyman, who paid loving tribute to the upright, faithful, cheerful personality of him who had gone and gave some comforting thoughts for all concerning our attitude toward the grim visitor of death, closing with a beautiful extract from Helen Hunt Jackson:

One thing alone I hope desired:
 To make my life a course like
 The lives those lead whose silent gaze
 Approaches me in all my ways.
 To glide along as they all glide,
 Submissive and untried
 Without a fear of haste or pain
 And go, without one quickened breath
 Finding all realms of life of death
 But summer hours in sunny lands
 To my next home not made with hands.

The bearers were Captain S. H. Fletcher, Oscar R. Spaulding, Edward Fisher and W. H. H. Burbeck. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Undertaker David L. Greig in charge. Following is a list of the floral offerings:

Pillow, inscribed "Father," from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wright and H. L. Wright; pillow, Pilgrim commandery; wreath, Mt. Horeb R. A. chapter; square and compass, William North lodge, A. F. and A. M.; wreath, Mrs. Alma M. Richardson; spray, Mrs. Edward Prescott and Charles O. Prescott; spray, Mrs. Roger family; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth; spray,

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blodgett; spray, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Day; spray, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Watson and Mrs. I. E. Day; spray, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hartford and Hazel; wreath, Mrs. Frank Whitney; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbot; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hall; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright; spray, Mrs. Alvan Fisher and Miss Clara and Ruth Fisher; spray, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sargent; spray, Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Wells; spray, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth; spray, Mrs. Nellie Carlin and Warren E. Carlin; wreath, Mrs. Richard and family; spray, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fletcher and family; spray, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutherland; spray, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler and Mrs. M. J. Wheeler; spray, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woods; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spaulding; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Day; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher; chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher; wreath, G. F. Wright and H. N. Wright; spray, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sargent; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Marshall and Miss Rachel Marshall; wreath, Ahasuerus council.

Thanksgiving Services.

The Sunday morning services at the Congregational church last Sunday morning were very much in harmony with the spirit of the Thanksgiving season. Responses, congregational hymns, prayer, anthem and the excellent sermon by the pastor were all especially appropriate.

In the evening there was a union service which proved a pleasant and helpful occasion to the good number present. Rev. B. H. Bailey was the speaker of the evening and gave a graphic depiction of that first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrim colonists and the growth of the observance since, and in his well-chosen words made clear the meaning of the praise giving, the thanksgiving spirit.

Deacon Osgood conducted the song service and Mr. Wallace sang an appropriate solo.

About Town.

The heirs of Charles Reed, who was accidentally killed on the highway at Westford Centre and who brought suit against the town, have settled the case out of court. The town did not figure in the settlement. The contractor in charge of repairs on the road and the heirs made settlement satisfactory to all claimants.

William Fifield, well remembered in the Stony Brook district as scholar and good time companion, is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. William L. Woods. For several years he has been in the employ of Ringling Bros.' circus, with winter headquarters at Bridgeport, Conn., and summer headquarters all over the United States. William has seen life in its varied make up of nationality, color, climate, and other fixings ranging in territory from our potato Aroostook to our golden California. As of youthful days he is right steady on hand to emphasize an idea for right uses.

Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey gave an address at the Orthodox church last Sunday evening. It was Thanksgiving all right.

In the column of doubtful, listed last week in regard to who may be that purchased the Edwin E. Heywood farm, it can now be listed in the column of neighborly authority that Joseph A. Sargent of Warner, N. H., is the purchaser. He has already arrived with his cows by highway methods of transportation. His family—wife and two children of school age will arrive later and by a method not so old-fashioned ancient in travel.

The W. C. T. U. drew upon their goodness for goodness sake a Thanksgiving donation to the W. C. T. U. flower mission of Boston. Mrs. John McMaster was the committee that rang up the telephone solicitations and rang up the door bell when the other ring up failed. She has the thanks of all who looked on.

Dedication.

Services in connection with the dedication of the memorial window to be placed in the Unitarian church, will be held at the church on Sunday afternoon, November 27. The exercises will begin at 2:30. Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey will be prime minister. Rev. Edward A. Horton of Boston will give the address. Col. Edwin D. Metcalf of Auburn, N. Y., by whose remembrance the window is to be placed in the church in memory of his mother, will be present and add sentiment from his early school days in town, and his attendance at this old historic First Parish church.

The choir will have special music that chimes with the historic occasion and will be assisted by Albert E. Prescott of Boston, Henry Smith and Oscar A. Nelson of Graniteville and others not so easily named. Singular, but true to some law, but little understood, this dedication, without planning for the same date, will be held on the date of the anniversary of the founding of this First Parish church and ordination of its first minister, Rev. Willard Hall, November 27, 1727. He was minister of this First Parish church over forty-eight years, and besides minister he was a farmer, and owned land in the Stony Brook school district, north of Stony Brook and still known as "Hill field."

The old church structure, like the old New England type of life, is large framed and sturdy built, has stood the storm tempests of life, without surrender and always spire pointed in aspirations towards an unclouded view.

Forge Village.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday at the usual hour. After the meeting a dainty lunch was served.

The Abbot Worsted company closed Wednesday for the remainder of the week. This will give all a chance to have a vacation.

Cameron school closed on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday afternoon at St. Andrew's mission. He also preached at Groton on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Birchhead occupying the Ayer pulpit during Mr. Bumpus' absence.

The R. T. S. club held a social dance at Abbot hall on Saturday evening, which proved to be quite a success. The music was furnished by Gilmore's orchestra, an excellent oyster supper was served. Among those present were many from Ayer, Groton, Littleton, Graniteville, Westford and Lowell.



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Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pigeon of Pleasant street are rejoicing over the birth of a little daughter, born on Tuesday.

Frank A. Rose of Belmont visited at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Orange, a well-known and highly respected young lady of this village, and Ephraim Vicars of Providence, R. I., were united in marriage on Tuesday morning at the residence of Rev. Mr. Bailey, pastor of the Unitarian church, Westford. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Samuel Blowey, and her brother, William Orange, also of this village, acted as best man. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. Samuel Blowey. Mr. and Mrs. Vicars left on the noon train for their honeymoon trip, and upon their return will reside in Woonsocket, R. I.

The Epworth league of the M. E. church held its fifth annual business meeting and social on Saturday evening, November 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson. The meeting was in charge of the following committee: Miss Luella Beebe, pres.; William Gilson, sec.; Miss Engla Mattison, treas.; Rev. L. Havermale, spiritual director. There were forty members present and twelve were initiated. At the conclusion of the meeting a social time was enjoyed, during which refreshments were served.

The Misses Christina Lowther, Annie and May Cherry, are to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their sister, Miss Catherine Lowther of Andover.

The Groton school orchestra will hold its annual concert in Recreation hall on Saturday evening. The orchestra has been greatly strengthened this year, there being more musicians at the school than ever before. Mr. Griswold, the musical director, promises the finest concert ever given by the Groton boys. All lovers of good music will certainly find it a treat to attend. The concert is being given for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Julian A. Cameron of the firm of the Abbot Worsted Co. is sojourning at Panama.

Electric lights have been installed and will be appreciated not only by the village people, but also by all visitors here who heretofore have had a dark and sometimes unknown road before them after alighting from the cars. A few would be very acceptable on Bradford street, one of the most thickly populated sections of the village and at night a difficult street to traverse.

Wedding.

One of the prettiest weddings that has occurred in St. Andrew's mission for a long time, took place on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Janie Cotterell, a popular young lady of this village, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Albert B. Jones, a very favorably known young man of Worcester. Rev. A. L. Bumpus, vicar of St. Andrew's parish, Ayer, performed the ceremony.

Miss Ethel Jones, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and the best man was Harold Pollard of Worcester, an intimate friend of the groom. The bride wore a gown of embroidered white batiste with veil caught up by white sweet peas, and carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Jones, the bridesmaid, had on a gown of white point d'esprit and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mrs. R. E. Longbottom of Arlington Heights presided at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. James Whigham on Pleasant street. The newly-married couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones departed later in the evening amid showers of confetti and rice on their honeymoon, and will be at home after January first, at 1 Horner street, Worcester.

Surprise Party.

Several from this village attended the surprise party given by friends of Stephen Keefe in Townsend Harbor on Friday of last week, in honor of his twenty-first birthday anniversary. The principal event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Keefe of a large sum of money by his many friends. Although greatly surprised, Mr. Keefe responded in his usual genial manner. He was also presented with a birthday cake which was sent by Mrs. Horace Scaries of the Harbor who was unable to be present at the party, but who remembered him in this way instead. The rest of the evening was spent in a general good time, with music for dancing by Miss Sarah Precious of this village. On Saturday evening the same party from this village attended the party given by Mr. Keefe by his family.

About twenty sat down to a banquet, the guests of honor being Mr. Keefe and Miss Christina Lowther of this village, who acted as godmother for the young man twenty-one years ago. A mammoth birthday cake was presented to him by his aunt, Mrs. James Carmichael of this village.

At this affair a gold watch and fob was presented to Mr. Keefe, who responded in a very pleasing manner. The party broke up at midnight all wishing him health, luck and prosperity and many happy birthdays in the future.

Those who attended from here were: Misses Christina and Theresa Lowther, Emily Collins, Sarah and Edith Precious, Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Precious and daughter Daisy.

There was to be a sad ending to the merry time, however. Sunday morning, when the party were on their homeward journey, somewhere between Townsend Centre and the Harbor, some two miles distance, the engineer of the train that the party was on, happened to discover the fireman missing. The train was backed up immediately, and the injured man was found and picked up. He was discovered lying between the switch, face down, and his face and head terribly cut. He was carried to the depot and cared for by the crowd. Dr. Chandler of Townsend was summoned and took the injured man in an automobile to the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg.

The place where the fireman must have fallen was a down grade and the engineer was looking out of the cab and didn't know the fireman was missing until the Harbor was reached. After the injured man was taken to the hospital, the train proceeded on its journey. The man was of middle age and supposed to be French. He died later.

BOXBOROUGH.

Golden Wedding, 1860—1910.

Monday, November 21, over one hundred and fifty friends from far and near called at the home of Deacon and Mrs. M. E. Wood to congratulate them upon their fiftieth wedding anniversary and about seventy-five letters were received from those unable to be present.

The room in which the couple received was tastefully decorated in green and gold, while lovely yellow chrysanthemums added their cheer to the scene.

Rev. F. H. Viets had charge of the entertainment in the evening and discharged his duties in a happy manner. First, Rev. Mr. Lovett of West Acton offered prayer, then an original poem was read by Mrs. George Conant of Brookhaven, Miss., a former resident of this town. Rev. William C. Martyn of Millbury, Dea. Waldo Conant of Littleton, F. C. Nash of West Acton, each made interesting remarks, another original poem written by the wife of Dea. Wood's nephew was read by Mrs. Lewis Richardson and all then united in singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

Ice cream, cake, including genuine wedding cake, sent by a friend in New Hampshire and coffee was served.

The following was dedicated to our Boxborough Sunday school superintendent:

A Reminiscence.
 "Bent and frail, with head bald and gray,
 Such is our Deacon," you good folks say?
 That's not at all the man I see;
 Different, indeed, as a man can be.
 The comradely friend of a small sturdy lad,
 Now grown to a man to make my heart glad,
 The friend, wise and gentle, of that who climbed from our sight as the way was begun,
 The safe smiling guide of a dear little lass,
 Who couldn't keep quiet in her Sunday school class.
 And we are one household; just one, that appears
 Going up to the church through years following years.
 There are Haywards and Wetherbees,
 There are Whitcombs and Hagars and Dodges—Who reads
 The long list that is written on
 With no shade of sadness o'er clouding the soul?
 Who can think of the corner where a Minnie Meade made
 A sunshine—each Lord's Day—that never knew shade,
 For the little ones clustered like blossoms close by,
 With no tear of gratitude dimming the eye?
 'Tis not children alone that pass in our ken;
 'Tis warm hearted women and true hearted men—
 The Thompsons—twin pastors who loved every whole
 And ben their whole being to guide and to keep,
 Winslow Wetherbee—loyal, his heart without guile
 His speech somewhat slow—just mating his smile.

Joel Hayward, who moved as it set upon springs
 And was eagerly zealous in all worthy things.

Colonel Whitcomb, who had a delectable plan,
 Applied to the pew that was just in the van.
 The youngsters there, called him "the Peppermint Man."

And Benjamin Mead, whose benevolent heart
 And sound common sense bore a well balanced part.
 We miss his firm handclasp, and honor a protection
 That stood for right living, without fear or shame.

And Benjamin Hager—How may my words paint
 A Christian with no selfish motive nor tainted
 Who walked with God humbly—a work-a-day saint.

Of well beloved women we see not a trace
 As memory opens the past to our view,
 Their faith and their works bid us ponder and stay,
 But the moments fleet by; we must on and away.

No—pause. One swift look—and count it no loss—
 At two kinswomen differing as agate from moss.
 Mrs. Simeon Wetherbee, seeking to know
 The reason for all things above and below;
 And sweet Mrs. Nelson, with spirit as fine
 As the delicate blossom that sways on the vine.

These elders are gathered for study and prayers
 In the Sunday school room at the foot of the stairs,
 With the Marys and Johns whose new shoes swung in pairs
 As they sat in a row on the hard bottom chairs.

And there good St. Martin of Boxborough town
 Held absolute sway, without halo or crown
 No timidest girl, who'd forgotten her penny
 And dreaded her doom if she didn't bring any.

No bashful boy, who'd forgotten his text
 And wondered in terror what word should come next.
 But turned to St. Martin for hope and protection,
 His comforting smile covered every dejection.

The children in that lower room, never
 The granite and gloom of Calvinist law;
 Each tiniest child felt the Gospel of love
 And mercy and peace that shone from his face.

Like his Master, he called to the little ones—
 "Come to your Father, your Friend and your Home."
 God bless our St. Martin, in deed and in word,
 He entered, long since, "the Joy of his Lord."
 —Amabel Ober Conant.

News Items.
 Mrs. Mary Willard Fowler has been visiting here the past week with headquarters at Charles Burroughs'.

Many friends were pleased to meet our former pastor, Rev. William C. Martyn and wife who came for the golden wedding.

Miss Minnette Zuver, who has given much pleasure to her audiences here in the past, has been engaged as the reader for the evening of the fair, Friday, December 7.

SHIRLEY.

A Great Success.

The minstrel show at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, given by the boys of the Industrial school for the benefit of the Shirley baseball team, was an overwhelmingly success and furnished a great surprise to the large audience in attendance. The affair was under the direction of U. H. Barrows, musical director, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Harry Collyer.

Rehearsals have been in progress for the past two months and the results of the labor of Mr. Barrows and the earnest effort of the boys were well rewarded, for as the curtain rung down on the final number the audience was very enthusiastic in its praise of the night's performance and many who were present from nearby towns expressed a wish that their town might be favored with the presentation of this show by the boys of the school.

The interlocutor was J. Goldberg, one of the school boys, and his part like the others was admirably carried out. The ends were full of life and their jokes were up-to-date and decidedly witty and clean. The singing of the boys was a special feature of the show, the solos being vigorously applauded, and encore after encore was the order of the evening. The singing of Mrs. Harry Collyer, who rendered a solo and a duet with J. Goldberg, was the classical feature of the evening, the audience showing its approval by unstinted applause.

Miss Annie Park Holbrook, who for years past has always kindly given her services as pianist, presided at the piano and her playing was as usual up to its high standard of excellence. The baseball team was represented

by Harry Collyer, who was the manager of all the preliminary details of the production and has given much time to the necessary essentials for the successful staging of the show.

The ushers were Thomas C. Burdill, John M. Leopold, John H. Will and Charles Stebbins. Walter Knowles was ticket agent.

At the close of the performance ice cream and cake was served to the boys who took part in the show and who numbered about forty. The baseball team kindly thank Elmer Butterfield, superintendent of the Industrial school, for his kindness in permitting the boys and others to take part in this affair, which reflected credit on the boys and terminated so successfully for all concerned.

Remembered.

A donation party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom last Monday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church by the members of the church and congregation. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, presided and paid a splendid tribute to the faithful and painstaking services of Mr. Winterbottom as the church janitor, and in behalf of the church people presented Mr. and Mrs. Winterbottom with a good supply of provisions and groceries as a Thanksgiving offering. Mr. Winterbottom, who was very much overcome, tendered his thanks in words of sincere appreciation. Hymns were sung and Eleanor Miner and Flora Shepherd rendered a piano duet and the evening was most enjoyably spent by all present.

High School Meeting.

At a meeting of the sixth assembly of the high school last week Friday afternoon, the following program was rendered: Piano solo, Leonard Hooper; current events, Edward Dwyer. The subject for discussion was "That the high cost of living is due to the extravagance of the people themselves"; affirmative, Ruth Graves and Arthur Annis; negative, Gertrude Provost, Josephine Love, which was followed by a general discussion by the school.

The senior class held a meeting for the purpose of selecting class pins, but nothing was decided upon.

The junior class of the high school held a meeting at the close of the school session, and the following officers were chosen: Leonard Hooper, pres.; Stanley Wells, vice pres.; Gertrude Provost, sec. and treas.

News Items.

Mrs. Arthur H. Jubb died early on Wednesday morning after a long and severe illness. Funeral on Saturday afternoon, November 26, at the home of Henry T. Balcom.

Joseph Gately spent Thanksgiving with his brother Henry in Boston.

George Sanderson shot a deer on Monday and his father one on Tuesday. Leo O'Neill, Edward Thompson and Frank Pelote also got one each on Monday.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, November 28.

Miss Edna Hannah is visiting her sister, Mrs. Herbert McCoy.

Miss Gladys Love spent this week in Everett.

Charles E. Haskins shot a deer on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Deardon, with young son Albert, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Deardon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson of Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter of Leominster.

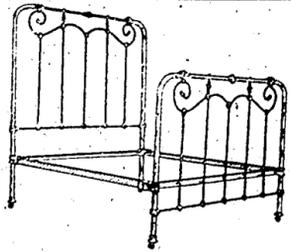
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons having any interest in the estate of JOHN SULLIVAN late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by JOHN D. CARNEY who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of December, 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 petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on 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.
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LITTLETON.

Thanksgiving Visitors.

The following Thanksgiving notes will interest many of our readers: Arthur Whitney's family of Lexington were guests of Hon. F. A. Patch. Miss Lucy Houghton and friends from Wheaton seminary were at Dr. Houghton's. Miss Abbie Green of Lancaster and a few college friends of the children were at Mrs. Emelle Harwood's. Mrs. Mary J. Priest entertained all her children and grandchildren—some eighteen in number. Miss Dorothy brought home her roommate, Miss Carr from New York. Rev. O. J. Fairfield's family entertained guests from Ware. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard went to Clinton to dine with their brother and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Speed. Rev. H. B. Drew spent the day with his mother in Providence. R. I. Supt. F. H. Hill entertained his family at home.

J. P. Thacher's family spent the day at Dea. J. W. Thacher's. Mrs. John S. Hartwell and Irving Hartwell dined with William H. Davis. Roland and Clara Fletcher were at the home of their father, Elmer Fletcher, who entertained a family of fifteen.

At V. T. Estey's were Mrs. Estey's father and brother, Miss Louise Flagg was at home from Wheaton. C. V. Flagg's family went to Fitchburg. N. B. Conant's family dined with Mrs. Conant and Mrs. Parker. Jesse Dodge's family went to Beverly for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plummer and children of Maynard spent the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephens. W. H. Sawyer was in Danvers at Rev. E. H. Brennan's for several days. Gladys Kimball was at home from Tilton academy. Everett Kimball's family spent Thanksgiving at H. J. Cooper's. Ruth Prescott was at home from Cushing academy. Mrs. J. A. Kimball and daughter and L. W. Bartlett and daughter were guests of Fred S. Kimball. C. A. Kimball's family dined at Capt. Palmer's in Groton. At A. T. Kimball's were Charles Edwards of Lowell, Mrs. Hamlin and daughters from Westford, Miss Ellen Kimball from Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Kimball from St. Johnsbury, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Blood and son from Yonkers, N. Y., Walter Bolreau from Clark college and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kimball. Miss Marion Flagg was at home from Newton. Burton Flagg and family were at C. F. Flagg's. C. K. Houghton and family were at Mrs. Hoyt's in Belmont for the day. Hon. G. W. Sanderson and daughters spent the day at Arthur Blanchard's in West Acton. Mrs. Annie C. Smith spent the day with friends in Winthrop. Ralph Hill, son of Supt. Hill, was at home for the day. Mildred Flagg was at home from Pembroke college for the recess and with the rest of the Elmer Flagg family spent Thanksgiving at the Wheelers in Stowe. Mrs. Mary Robbins spent the day at J. W. Ireland's. Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son went to Somerville to dine with the F. W. Parker's. Miss Abbie McNiff was at home from Belmont. Stanley Conant was at home from Providence and Roger Priest from Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. John Corish and son from Somerville were at Thomas Ryan's. Chester Hartwell and family were at J. M. Hartwell's. The Misses Helen and Marion Brown of Cambridge were at H. F. Proctor's. Florence Whitcomb was at home from Cushing academy. Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence spent the day in Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hager entertained about fifteen of her relatives and his brothers Frank and John and the latter's family. The Henry Robbins family of Newton spent the day at P. S. Whitcomb's. Miss Mabelle Pickard of Boston spent the day with her mother at J. T. Warren's.

Wedding.
We are in receipt of the following information from the Utica Daily Press:
The marriage of Miss Irene Estelle Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Beach Fenn of 130 Onondia street, and Rev. Charles Field Atkins of Springfield, took place at the home of the bride at seven o'clock last evening. The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and friends by Rev. John Snare, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church. The scheme of decoration was yellow and white, the parlors being very prettily trimmed with chrysanthemums and palms.

Mrs. Charles H. Ballou was matron of honor and Robert Mackay of New York best man. The bride wore a beautiful wedding gown of white satin and a veil. She carried a bride's roses. The matron of honor's gown was of cream silk and she carried pink carnations.

The bride is a graduate of the Utica Free academy and a member of Tabernacle Baptist church. She also attended Clinton college, and has many friends here who join in wishing her happiness. The groom is the assistant pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins will be at home after January first, at 121 High street, Springfield.

The groom is the son of Charles Atkins of Littleton and was a respected citizen of this town for several years.

Lecture.
The stereopticon lecture on "The Boston Elevated," given at the lyceum Tuesday evening by Gen. Wm. A. Bancroft of Boston reached the expectations of all who had the good fortune to hear the renowned gentleman speak on a subject with every aspect of which he is perfectly familiar. The development of the road, comparison with other roads and the business carried on by the elevated were the general topics discussed.

In the course of his lecture the general paid a very pretty compliment to our town, to the late Col. H. J. Harwood and to George A. Kimball, engineer who constructed the elevated. At the close of the lecture there appeared on the canvass a picture of Mr. Kimball, and as can easily be imagined an outburst of applause followed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kimball were present, coming in their auto and conveying the speaker to and from town.

Taken to Worcester.
Miss Annie M. Caldwell, housekeeper for M. E. Somes, was taken to the insane asylum in Worcester last Saturday. Several weeks ago Miss Caldwell was taken seriously ill and carried to Boston where an operation was performed. She was removed to Mr. Somes' home as soon as the authorities thought advisable and has received good care. In spite of all, however, there appeared unfavorable symptoms some two weeks ago, and after many sleepless nights, the mind

in harmony with the body became weak, and alarming developments followed, making her removal to an asylum necessary. It is very probable that as the body strengthens the shadow of the intellect will fade away and Miss Caldwell will again enjoy her reason—one of the greatest blessings with which the human being is endowed.

News Items.

Twenty-four high school pupils went to Boston with Misses Mitchell and Jackson to see "Macbeth" last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall have gone to Revere to live, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKinley have moved to Taunton.

The Congregational church has made its annual Thanksgiving offering to the poor through Boston charitable institutions. The young people of the Unitarian society enjoyed a pleasant picnic in the vestry last Saturday afternoon in connection with their donations to the less favored children of the city.

Fred O. Stiles has bought a beautiful new Ivers & Pond piano for his son Allan. Walter Kimball also bought a piano for his little people last week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Millet of Harwood avenue last Saturday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard of Winchester last Saturday.

Mr. Stapleford has moved into the Edward Fletcher house.

Richard Harwood and Harry Ireland went to New Haven last week Saturday to see the Yale-Harvard game.

Dr. Jenkins, president of Piedmont college, Demarest, Ga., and superintendent of the American Board and Home Missionary society in the south, preached at the Congregational church on Sunday morning an appealing sermon, giving a faithful portrayal of the college and its students and their homes, and praying that God be enthroned in the heart, the conscience, and the intellect of the southern people. A contribution will be taken tomorrow evening for the college that Dr. Jenkins represents.

Rev. H. L. Packard was called to Kingston last Saturday to officiate at the funeral of a former parishioner. Mrs. Packard accompanied him.

The pupils and teachers of the west school enjoyed a pleasant party Wednesday afternoon in the schoolrooms.

Mrs. E. F. Chamberlain of East Orange, N. J., recently visited friends here on her way from Charlestown, where she went to celebrate her grandmother Priest's ninetieth birthday. Among the pleasures of the day was an automobile ride which Mrs. Priest enjoyed thoroughly.

Miss Florence Whitcomb spent last Sunday at her academy room-mate's home in Plymouth.

Miss Emma E. Tenney is in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she went to attend the large church wedding of her cousin, Miss Josephine Laine, who becomes Mrs. Lee, and is to live in Lee street in Cambridge. Miss Tenney was the organist at the wedding.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Janet Jacobs is gradually recovering from her illness.

Mrs. Charles Atkins and her son Douglass attended the Atkins-Fenn wedding in Utica, N. Y., last week.

Mrs. Charles C. Hildreth's mother has been very sick for a week or more.

The Lincoln class met at John Hutchinson's last Monday evening and was royally entertained. A fine oyster supper was served.

Miss Margaret Connell of Concord spent last Sunday at Hugh McDonald's.

The annual sale at the Baptist vestry will take place afternoon and evening of November 30. There will be kitchen, fancy, food, candy, fruitage, vegetables and apron tables. Supper from six to 7.30. An especially good entertainment is promised for the evening. Look for the flyers.

There will be a special Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church tomorrow morning and at the Orthodox Congregational in the evening. Preaching service and special singing at the Baptist in the evening.

Much interest is manifested in deer hunting, and several Littleton people are scouring the woods of the neighboring county for game.

Mrs. Marshall from the A. N. Palmer Co., addressed the teachers of Littleton at a teachers' meeting held last week Thursday at the West school. The object was to give instruction in the Palmer system of writing—a somewhat hard task that is now being introduced into our schools.

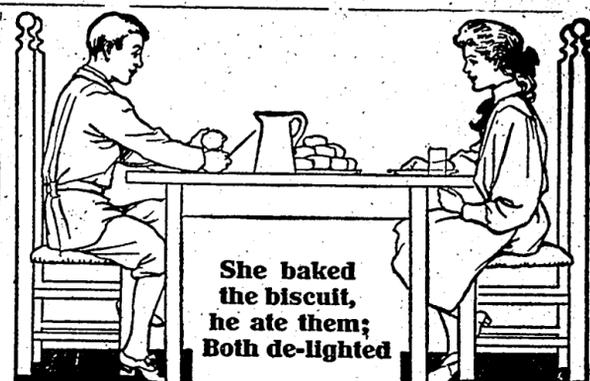
Monday night Superintendent Hill had charge of a meeting in Acton Centre for the Acton teachers. At that time Mr. Brackett, supervisor of drawing, addressed the teachers on drawing, made some fine exhibits and explained the Christmas work. At the close of the address the teachers gave a delicious spread. Superintendent Hill held a meeting with Westford teachers in Granitville on Tuesday after school.

As Langdon Prouty and Herman Libby were driving to Ayer on Sunday evening, an automobile with no lights ran into them and all but demolished their buggy. The horse became frightened and ran. Libby was taken from under the automobile, but fortunately both lads escaped with few injuries. How can automobilists take such chances with the lives of others?

Road commissioner Hartwell is improving the road from J. M. Hartwell's towards the Center by the addition of a thick layer of gravel.

The A. P. Hager stable has been newly shingled this last week—the first time in fifty years or more. Few shingles of that kind are found in the market today.

The Woman's club will meet next Monday afternoon in the Baptist vestry. The meeting is in charge of Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell, chairman of the forestry committee, Miss Edith M. Foster and Miss E. Marion Sweet. The music for the afternoon will be furnished by Mrs. Oliver W. Priest of Portsmouth, N. H., an exceptionally good contralto singer and a violin soloist of fine reputation. Miss Sweet will be the accompanist of the afternoon. Miss Foster will read her paper on



She baked
the biscuit,
he ate them;
Both de-lighted

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"The conservation of our natural resources," which was received most enthusiastically at the Tadnuck club in Westford one year ago. Current events will be given by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Flagg.

Miss Emelle Harwood will be the leader at the Guild Sunday evening, November 27. The subject is "The golden rule."

The C. E. topic for tomorrow evening is "My favorite missionary hero or heroine, and why." Mrs. Henry will have charge of the meeting at the Baptist church.

The schools were all closed Thursday and Friday for the annual Thanksgiving recess.

Lester Griffiths and Roland Houghton are selling reserve seat tickets for the High School drama to be given November 29 in town hall.

Obituary.

The following tribute is taken from the Daily Free Press-Tribune printed in Waltham, and was written voluntarily by Henry Hartwell, a resident of Waltham, well-known in this his favorite town:

**IN MEMORY OF
Mrs. Harriet M. Churchill.**

"None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise thee.
None mourned thee but to prize thee."

One morning many years ago the writer of this entered for the first time the old District Schoolhouse in Littleton, Mass., to be received by a group of the advanced students who were soon to leave that place to take up their various works in life. Among these—the kindest of the kind—was Harriet Mason Porter who passed away this morning here in Waltham. Mrs. Churchill, a widow.

She was born in Littleton, January 13, 1825, married in 1843 to Abigail W. Churchill, who died in 1875. Two years later, she came to Waltham to live. She was of a sweet and lovable nature and cheerful under all the circumstances of a long and varied life. Up to a few days ago she still sat at her window, watching for friends to pass, that she might hail them with a wave of the hand. They will miss her. The light in that window has gone out.

The Porter family was long-lived. Mrs. Churchill has frequently seemed to be at the point of death, but has rallied and lived on as bright and as sunny as ever. This morning she went quietly to sleep. She leaves three children, Augusta, Mary, wife of Henry Richardson, and John M., the oldest. Mrs. Charles L. Bailey died some years ago. There are also six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A brother, Augustus Kendall Porter, is still living in Leominster and is eighty-eight years of age. He was the father of Frank Kendall Porter, long well-known in Waltham, who passed away but a few months ago.

Mrs. Churchill has left us and those who knew and loved her so well feel that something has gone out of their lives.

It was Mrs. Churchill's good fortune to live always among her devoted children. Ever at her side was her faithful daughter, Miss Augusta, whose affectionate and gentle ministrations soothed the pain and lightened the burdens of her infirm years. In the same house were her son John, and his wife, who spared nothing for their mother's comfort and happiness, and in a nearby street was another daughter, Mrs. Richardson, whose frequent visits brought additional cheer. Mrs. Churchill was very fond of her grandchildren and they responded to her genuine love and interest. Beside the dear form in the casket was placed a tiny rose by each of the four little great grandchildren. Other floral tributes were most numerous and beautiful.

Following the services at Waltham, the children and two grandchildren, with the undertaker, accompanied the remains to Littleton, where they were laid to rest beneath a bank of choicest flowers, probably the largest display ever brought into town with a body. Some of the pieces were placed by the great grandchildren over the resting place of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Porter, and some on the grave of "Grandpa Churchill."

As the body was lowered into its final resting place the children repeated in unison the prayer they had learned in childhood, from those lips now silenced by the angel of death, and through the approaching twilight beamed the smile of the lingering sun in sweetest benediction.

About Town.

The December meeting of the King's Daughters' circle will be held on Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Gertrude Houghton.

The meeting of the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church will be held on Friday, December 2, with Mrs.

L. E. Abbott. Social from 10.30 to 3.30.

The Outlook club of the Congregational United Workers will hold their next meeting on Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. H. L. Packard.

The meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday afternoon, November 28, in the Baptist vestry. Topic, "Forestry," in charge of Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell.

Born, November 18, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard of Winchester. Mrs. Hibbard is a daughter of J. W. Ireland.

Fred Moore, feeling it necessary to seek a warmer climate, plans to winter either in Florida or southern Texas, and expects to leave here before cold weather sets in.

Installation.

Order of service at the installation of Rev. Oliver Jay Fairfield as minister of the First Congregational society, Unitarian, Littleton on Sunday afternoon, November 27, at three o'clock:

Organ prelude; Invocation. Rev. George Jones of Harvard; reading of scripture, Rev. H. L. Packard of Littleton; hymn 264, "Life of ages, richly blessed"; sermon, Rev. Edward Cummings; prayer of installation, Rev. Charles F. Russell of Weston; charge to the minister, Rev. C. W. Wendte, D. D. of Boston; charge to the people, Rev. C. A. Drummond of Somerville; fellowship of the churches, Rev. F. H. Cressey of Groton; hymn 2, "Be thou, O God, exalted high"; benediction by the minister.

The services will begin promptly at three o'clock. Rev. George Jones is the new minister of the Unitarian church of Harvard. Rev. George Cummings is the minister of the South Congregational church, Boston, of which Edward Everett Hale was so long the minister. Rev. C. F. Russell has been minister of the First Parish, Weston, since 1882, the year of his ordination. Rev. C. W. Wendte, D. D., is the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Relations of the American Unitarian Association, and it was under his direction that Rev. O. J. Fairfield took charge of his church upon the Pacific coast at Spokane, Wash. Rev. C. A. Drummond was Mr. Fairfield's predecessor in the Littleton parish, and Rev. P. H. Cressey is the minister of the First church of Christ, Groton.

The services will be in charge of Rev. William Channing Brown, the Field Agent and Assistant Financial Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, and a former pastor of the church.

TOWNSEND.

Fatal Accident.

Soon after the down train left our station here on Sunday morning, the engineer missed the fireman, John Levarney of Greenville, but thinking he had left the tender and gone back into the car he kept on until the Harbor was reached. When the fireman failed to show up there and was not to be found, the train was backed up towards the Centre, and near the Fessenden Co. coal sheds, the body was discovered face downwards.

Joseph Powell of this town, had also found him at about the same time, and Dr. Chandler was summoned. The injured man was taken up to the depot and later to the Burbank hospital by R. G. Fessenden in an auto. He was placed on the dangerous list, and never regained consciousness, passing away at nine p. m. on the same day. He sustained a broken collar bone and a fractured skull, besides internal injuries.

Mr. Levarney was between thirty and thirty-five years of age, was unmarried and leaves a father and a mother in Fort Henry, N. Y., who were sent for. It is thought that he was attempting to shovel coal from the back of the tender towards the front and lost his balance, or possibly he might have fainted in going to the car and fell off.

Centre.

M. and Mrs. Louis Stroeter and Norman of Waltham, were at T. E. Flarty's this week over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge and little daughter left on Wednesday to visit Mr. Eldridge's parents at Plymouth.

Samuel Gilfill has been drawn as a juror for the criminal court, at East Cambridge, the term commencing on November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kinsman and little child of North Rochester, N. H., were at John Finnegan's this week.

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Saturday, November 26, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson, who hired and have been occupying for the past six months the Graham place near Dea. H. H. Gay's, have left and gone to Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Raddin from Greenfield, Charles A. Raddin and family and George L. Molson and family of Groton and Miss Lucy B. Raddin, teacher from Everett, joined with their brother, Samuel H. Raddin, and father, Joseph B. Raddin, in keeping Thanksgiving day at the home farm on the Lowell road.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rockwood from Lunenburg spent Thanksgiving at his father's, G. H. Rockwood.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman, assistant teacher at high school in Chester, was home for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson with her sister, Miss Priest, also her son, H. L. Gilson, took Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter, Mrs. Fanny Sampson.

At the close of their church services last Sunday in Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight P. Thomas came in their auto, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas' brother of Montclair, N. J., to give Miss C. E. Wood a surprise call which they have done before and intend to do again.

Rev. Charles A. Finnigan, pastor of Sacred Heart church, officiated at the funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Keith, wife of B. F. Keith, the well-known theatrical man, held last week Friday, with the celebration of mass at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Robbins leave for Pasadena, Cal., Monday, November 28, to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence of Groton are guests at the Hotel Wollcott, New York city.

Mrs. Verena Adams Dugas came from her home in Milford, N. H., last week Friday afternoon and was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital. The next morning Dr. Smith of Nashua performed the operation, assisted by Drs. Kilbourn and Priest of Groton.

Frank Lawrence Blood is moving from his Main street residence to his place on Powder House road, where he and family plan to make their home.

The Thanksgiving service at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening, November 20, was pleasing, interesting and favorably received, though not largely enough attended. In an able address Rev. H. A. Cornell gave a sketch of our country from the landing of the Mayflower to present conditions. There were selections rendered by a quartet composed of George E. Hodgman, Everett B. Gerrish, Mrs. David Gibson and Miss Suzanne P. Hill. Solos were also given by Miss Hill and E. B. Gerrish.

Mrs. Maud Trayne had the misfortune to get a silver in one of her fingers some days ago. It became so painful that she went to the hospital, where it was found that blood poisoning had set in. It was necessary to scrape the bone and with other treatment it is coming out all right.

Mrs. A. B. Farwell has resigned as president of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church, as the family intend to leave town and move to Winthrop.

Twenty-four from Groton grange responded to the invitation from Westford grange and visited them with much enjoyment last week Thursday evening. They were served a most bountiful supper of good things. The part of the entertainment furnished by Groton consisted of original papers by Mrs. Whitehill, Mrs. Millard Sawyer and Mrs. Hawkes; singing by Shad Evans; recitation by Miss Bertha Farnsworth, with piano playing at intervals by Miss Barrows; recitation by Miss Pansy Howe; piano duet by Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Barrows; solos on mandolin and on bells by H. M. Adams, with piano accompaniment. The other half of the evening's entertainment was furnished by Littleton grange.

The children of the late John Gilson held a family reunion at the home of Robert F. Gilson in Boylston on Thanksgiving. There were present from Groton, Miss Annie L. Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett and two children. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gilson and family of six children were also at the family reunion. Mrs. Harit and family of Newport, N. H., did not attend.

The afternoon express train, usually spoken of as the five o'clock express, going through Groton towards Ayer, now makes a stop in Groton, and the nine o'clock morning express passing through town, going towards Nashua, also stops. A few nights ago since this new arrangement twenty passengers or so took the train toward Ayer, which looks as if it was appreciated.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood entertained the C. E. Bigelow and J. H. Robbins families at Groton Inn on Thanksgiving day as the F. L. Blood house on Powder House road was not in readiness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stebbins and son Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson with son Hiram, and daughter Grace from Boston, with other friends, making a party of twenty-one in all, took Thanksgiving dinner at Groton Inn.

Mrs. Timothy Sullivan was operated on at Groton hospital a few days ago for an eye trouble from which she has been suffering.

Winthrop L. Shedy is home from Williams and Carl A. P. Lawrence from Dartmouth. Daniel Needham is also home from Harvard.

Joseph A. Paulhus, shoemaker, is at the hospital here for observation of his case.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Smith welcomed home for Thanksgiving three of their sons—Lawrence from Boston, Edward from Nashua, N. H., and T. G. Smith, jr., from New York city. Francis K. Smith, another son, is on his way home from the Philippines. On his homeward route he will visit many of the most noted and interesting cities of the East. He is expected some time before Christmas.

An entertainment will be held for the benefit of the District Nurse association at Mr. Gardner's home, Groton school, on December 7, at three p. m. Ice cream, cake and homemade candy will be on sale after the entertainment. Free barges will leave the town hall at 2.30 p. m., to convey all who wish to attend. The small admittance brings this entertainment within the reach of all friends.

Miss Elizabeth Whitehill, teacher from Winthrop, was home for the Thanksgiving recess.

A number of the W. R. C. members met last week Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Arthur A. Wood, to make paper chrysanthemums for the department fair to be held in Boston the first week in December. They had a pleasant time socially and made some very pretty flowers, yellow and white. These are going onto the Middlesex county table at the fair.

Miss Mary Dunphy came home from her school in Chichester, N. H., last week Saturday and returns after a week's vacation. Miss Dunphy is much pleased with her experience so far as a teacher. She likes her school and the people.

Miss Lillian Crocker, a trained nurse, is making a several weeks' stay in town with her mother, Mrs. Jerome C. Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanderson of Westfield and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Shattuck and mother, Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck of Groton, were Thanksgiving guests at Arthur A. Wood's.

Mrs. Day, with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Watson from Westford, came over to spend Thanksgiving at her brother's, Henry W. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Coburn of Groton were others of the Thanksgiving family gathering at Mr. Whiting's.

Rev. H. A. Cornell went out of town to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker and daughter Mabel of Dunstable and others were Thanksgiving guests at F. F. Wood's.

Miss Ellen M. Hill and Miss Rebekah Torrey took Thanksgiving dinner at Mrs. E. P. Shumway's.

Dr. H. B. Priest took Thanksgiving dinner at his mother's in Littleton.

Miss Bertha Clarke is at the central telephone station learning as spare hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler of Roslindale were up for Thanksgiving at her father's, Louis H. Clarke of Common st.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Blood of Beverly spent Thanksgiving at his mother's, Mrs. M. J. Blood.

James F. Shattuck, who is boarding in Ayer while serving as jurymen from Groton, dined on Thanksgiving day at his brother's, Grant W. Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Barker of Shirley were Thanksgiving guests of their niece, Mrs. E. E. Balcom.

Miss Ada Bradley accompanied Mrs. Earl Sleeper to New York a week or so ago.

Mrs. E. A. Barrows went to Leominster on Wednesday to attend a wedding anniversary of some friends.

John Bradley from Amherst Agricultural, and his brother Willie from Boston, were home for the Thanksgiving recess.

The first number of The Exposition Herald published by the World in Boston, was distributed at the Congregational church on last Sunday. It tells about America's first great Missionary exposition to be held in Mechanics' building, April 24-May 20, 1911. This exposition will consist of real scenes from India, China, Japan, Turkey and other countries.

Capt. Palmer's two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren and children from Manchester, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and children from Littleton, came to spend Thanksgiving with their father and brother at the old home.

J. H. Hynes entertained as Thanksgiving guests, his aunt, Mrs. Emeline Sears, and his sister, Miss Fanny Hynes, both of Worcester.

Mrs. Lizzie Parker of Willowdale street, and sister went to Nashua, N. H., for Thanksgiving.

Percy Briggs of Fitchburg. She was joined by other members of the family for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Noonan of Mill street is reported quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Worster and daughter Lois were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. Worster's mother.

Miss Josephine Ripley has returned to Charles Bixby's, but is not sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to resume active work.

Mrs. George Gay spent the holiday with her daughter, Mrs. Forrest Knight of North Groton.

Frank Belyea, whose home is with Herbert Rockwood, has been absent from school several days on account of illness.

Mrs. H. E. Lindall with her daughter Evelyn and son Walter, going Tuesday, is spending the week with Mr. Lindall's family in Roslindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. George McCurdy and her son Roydon for the week. Mr. McCurdy and Miss Isabel Bixby from Boston and Miss Grace Bixby from Waltham arrived in time to complete the family circle on Thanksgiving day.

R. H. Burgess arrived from Bar Mills, Me., where he is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, also their granddaughters, the Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell were guests on Thursday of Mrs. David Petrie of Lowell. Mr. Burgess' daughter, on Monday Mr. Burgess will return to Maine where he expects to be employed for the winter.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley and little son Elliott are spending the week in Danvers.

Little Marion Parker is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blood entertained Mrs. Blood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb of Fitchburg on Thanksgiving day; also, other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Keyes and child of the same city.

Schools closed on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving recess. Mrs. Isabel Wiggins of the grammar school left Wednesday afternoon for her home in Merrimack.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman and daughter Marjorie and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter Dorothy were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, on Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge, going Monday, spent the holiday week with their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Catlin of Swampscott.

On last week Friday while working at the paper mill, Henry Kittredge sustained a painful injury by having his right hand caught in the machinery. He was taken to the hospital by Dr. Kilbourn, who amputated the fore finger and dressed the other injuries. He returned to his room at Chester Hill's on the same evening. His hand is doing even better than was expected, as it was feared that another finger might have to be sacrificed.

The pupils of the Tarbell grammar school will hold a social at the hall on Friday evening, December 2. The first part of the evening will be devoted to a short two-part entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and a dialogue. A social time will occupy the remainder of the evening during which tea, cream and cake will be on sale. The proceeds will be added to the piano fund.

Mrs. Albert Cook of Lunenburg, whose burial occurred last Wednesday, was formerly Mrs. Hall, a resident of West Groton. She had numerous relatives here, being the sister of Mrs. George Hartwell.

Four wells have been driven recently near the leatherboard mill. Report says they are to furnish water for the boilers.

Master Edward Webber returned on Sunday from a week's visit with his grandparents in Groton.

As it is but a short distance from West Groton into Worcester county, a number of hunters here have taken advantage of the week's license to hunt deer. One was shot last Tuesday and another by Percy Briggs of Fitchburg.

TOWNSEND.

West. Miss Elsie Patterson from Boston, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed over Sunday.

Miss Florence Powers of New Ipswich, N. H., has been visiting her grandfather, John Powers.

Mrs. Harry Marr of Fitchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Hapgood.

Miss Blanche Sprague, grammar teacher, left Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving vacation at her home in Readsboro, Vt. Miss Grace Thompson substituted for her on Wednesday afternoon.

Charles E. Reed, who has been spending several weeks with his uncle, Alexander Reed, has gone to Boston, where he will be employed this winter.

Benjamin Hodgman, with his sister, Mrs. George West and little daughter from Lewiston, Me., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

On Friday afternoon the old Lyons place beside the railroad track was entirely destroyed by fire. A still alarm was sounded and the firemen and chemicals hastened to the scene, but too late to save the building which was merely a deserted shanty, having been untenanted for years. They devoted their efforts to keeping the flames from spreading into the pine woods with which the hut was surrounded. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Edward Patch of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch of Josselynville. As a result of two cooling expeditions on last Friday and Saturday evenings, Mr. Patch had five sores and a black eye on exhibition on Sunday. The injury to his eye was caused by a fall.

(Club Meeting. The meeting of the Woman's Study club was held in the reading-room on Monday evening and a most interesting session was enjoyed by the members present. The topic was "Historic cities," in charge of Mrs. E. J. Lees, and although a number were detained at their homes by illness, good work was done by those present. Papers were read on Lexington by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Concord by Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Philadelphia by Mrs. E. J. Lees, Salem by Miss Alice Seaver for Mrs. G. A. Seaver, who was kept home by a severe cold. Mrs. Barker, first chairman, retired from services, her place being taken by the second, Mrs. Alexander Reed, and Miss Emma Adams was elected as third chairman.

Centre. The George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. of Ayer, was the guests of Anson D. Fessenden camp #2, at Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening. About twenty of the Ayer boys came up in autos, bringing their drum corps with them, and marched from Fessenden's garage by the way of Bow street to the hall. The Ayer camp did the entertaining and several times gave an exhibition of their drum corps work, besides giving the various army calls. Light refreshments were served in the banquet hall and the evening wound up with vocal and instrumental music by both camps. Although the boys were detained in getting here through "troubles with an auto," nevertheless after their arrival a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Friends of Charles Dix are glad to see him out once more. He has been confined at home with a broken leg, but recovered rapidly for one of his age.

Superintendent E. L. Haynes entertained his brother-in-law this week, who accompanied Mr. Hayne's mother here from Kennebunkport, Me. She will reside here this winter.

A. S. Howard and family are to enjoy Thanksgiving day at David Goodale's at Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving French of Ashby were at Dr. A. J. Atwood's for Thanksgiving.

Harold Morse of M. A. C., Rodney Lancy of Worcester Polytechnical school and Arthur Eastman of M. I. T. were at their respective homes this week.

Wallace Arlin captured a fine deer on Wednesday afternoon over in Lunenburg. He was driving but succeeded in bringing down his game without much trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce enjoyed Thursday at F. S. Pingrey's in Littleton.

Miss Eva Stearns of Lincoln, R. I., Frank Spring of Malden and Miss Annie Spring were at their homes this week.

Harbor. Frank Taylor has accepted a position as electrician in the Brooklyn navy yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent Thanksgiving with friends in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft and Miss Evangeline Taft were guests at the old homestead over Thanksgiving.

E. O. Proctor and family of Ayer spent Thanksgiving day at Pinehurst. Thanksgiving house parties were entertained at Mr. Cummings' and Mr. Hagar's.

Mrs. Florence Conant entertained the As You Like It club. As nearly every member contributed to the program, the meeting was an extremely interesting one. Next Tuesday the club meets with Mrs. Mark Leadbetter.

Miss Marion Dana of Beverly, and Miss Harriet Lawrence of the Boston Medical college are spending the Thanksgiving recess at Chestnut farm.

Among the school teachers who are home for the week-end are Miss Blanche Baldwin, Miss Ellen Hovey and Miss Helen Cummings.

Last Saturday evening the Whist club met at Seven Pines with Mr. and Mrs. George Jones. An unusual feature of the evening was the length of time one of the couples remained at the head of the table, throwing down all opponents and several times without their scoring.

Surprise Party. On Friday, November 18, the friends of Stephen Keefe remembered his twenty-first birthday by giving him a surprise party in Harbor hall. Mr. Keefe was the recipient of a birthday cake and a sum of money from his friends. In response to the presentation by Mrs. Josselyn, young Keefe thanked his many friends for their kindly interest manifested in his behalf and for the honor they conferred upon him by giving their presence and helping to celebrate so momentous an occasion. Earlier in the day Mr. and Mrs. Keefe presented their son with a handsome gold watch.

The program for the evening consisted of songs, games and dancing. During the evening refreshments were served. The party was an exceptionally pleasant one and at a late hour as the guests departed they expressed their pleasure in being parti-

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cipants in the merry making and wishing their friend many happy returns.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The second Unitarian social will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, November 2. The gentlemen of the society will serve a cold meat supper at six and seven o'clock. During the evening the farce, "The pursuit of the parson," will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Gale, Miss Chadwick, Miss Sears and Miss Stone.

O'Toole Bros., Clinton, Mass., have been awarded the contract on heating the Sears mansion, Harvard.

Thomas Silliker, the chauffeur who was injured in the auto accident last week, is getting along as well as can be expected, and is being cared for by Miss Gordon, a trained nurse.

Lancaster Clay of North Dana, visited over Sunday last in town, staying at the home of G. C. Maynard.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty deer had been bagged within the limits of the town during this week up to Wednesday. Several local sportsmen have been fortunate.

While out hunting on Tuesday morning on the farm of Walter Green in Old Mill district, S. P. Morgan of Ayer, died of heart failure. He was in pursuit of a large buck and had fired several shots and was pursuing as fast as he could when he was struck down. Mr. Green who went out later to ascertain what luck he was having found him lying face down on the ground. Thinking he had been accidentally shot, Mr. Green promptly notified the proper authorities. Upon examination, however, it was found that death was due to natural causes. His body was removed to his home in Ayer.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Achsah and Mrs. Lottie Leslie of Worcester, were recent visitors of Mrs. A. P. Gale.

The supper, entertainment and sale given last week was quite successful, both as a pleasant evening, and financially. The net proceeds lacked a few cents of sixty-five dollars and \$57.33 for the church improvement fund, and \$7.46 realized from articles left from the church parlor fund.

The superintendent of the Sunday school appointed the committee for Christmas Sunday school concert last Sunday: Mrs. George T. Hill, Miss Stella Woodin and Miss Lillian Lovejoy.

Thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday forenoon as formerly, to accommodate the busy women, and those who wish to spend the whole Thanksgiving in the enjoyment of home.

Mrs. Guest, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, last week very ill, is said to be improved. She suffered a slight paralytic shock in connection with pneumonia and is

afflicted with blindness as a result of the sickness. The physicians are not yet sure that her sight will return with her strength. She has a large family of children, several of whom are being cared for by different neighbors. The oldest daughter is caring for her father and the youngest children.

William F. Spaulding, a native of Hollis, died suddenly at his home in Malden, Mass., last Sunday. He lived in Hollis until the civil war, when he enlisted, and on his return settled in that place. Several of his Hollis comrades attended his funeral on Tuesday. He has two nieces residing in Hollis—Misses Nellie and Addie Eastman.

Mrs. E. T. Goodwin and all her family went to Mason to spend Thanksgiving and remained till today. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett went to the maternal home in Pepperell.

Items of Interest.

Sixteen of Ceylon's best gem mines, from which are the world's finest rubies and sapphires are taken, have passed into the control of a European syndicate.

The town of Durham, Me., boasts of one of the oldest taverns in New England. This is the well-known Merrill tavern at South West Bend, which has been in use continually since 1829, when Jonathan C. Merrill, a native of Durham, who had been engaged in the cooperage business in Portland, moved back to his birthplace and purchased a building, which had been erected fifteen years previously and opened a hotel and a country store. This house was built as a one story building by Dr. Symonds Baker about 1805 and was later enlarged.

The census bureau's report of November 21, placed the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1910 until November 14, at 8,764,153 bales, counting round as half bales against 7,339,983 on November 1, 1910, and 8,112,199 on November 14, 1909, and 900,595,809 on November 14, 1908, and 7,300,665 on November 14, 1907. The total amount ginned shows a percentage for the last three crops of 80.5 for 1909, 73.3 for 1908, 66.1 for 1907. Round bales included this year are 91,939; compared with 123,767 for 1909; 173,908 for 1908; 142,210 for 1907; Sea Island 52,586 for 1910; 68,495 for 1909; 56,701 for 1908, and 44,698 for 1907.

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AYER.

News Items.

Miss Hortense Butterfield is home from Dean academy for Thanksgiving. She will return to Franklin on Monday.

An interesting service of Thanksgiving was held last Sunday evening by the Y. P. R. U., of the Unitarian church. Fred Hosmer leader, and Miss Gladys Moore read a fine editorial from the Christian Register. Dr. Fisk read the president's proclamation, having read the governor's at the previous meeting.

The exchange of pulpits between Dr. Fisk and Dr. Green did not take place last Sunday owing to a funeral in the latter's church. The exchange will come off in January.

Born in Ayer, November 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wetherbee of Pearl street. The little girl is named Clarice Edna and tipped the scales at eight pounds.

George A. Cole of this town and Arthur E. Felch of Shirley expect to start on Monday, November 28, for Florida, to spend the winter.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet M. Churchill took place last week Friday afternoon and burial was in Littleton. Mrs. Churchill was a resident here for fifteen years before the town was set off from Groton, and her son, John M. Churchill of Waltham, the youngest of her children, was born here. On page three of this paper in the Littleton news column is a fitting tribute to her, who is so lovingly remembered by her many relatives in town and the few remaining friends who still hold her in dear remembrance.

Miss Jane Allison spent Thanksgiving with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Allison in Milford, N. H.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be on Wednesday, November 30. The program will include reports of federation work and also a tribute to past members of the club.

The schools closed last Wednesday for Thanksgiving and will be opened on Monday, November 28.

The body of William H. Mullin arrived here from Arizona last Sunday morning and the burial took place from the residence of his brother, J. F. Mullin on Pleasant street, on Monday morning. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a poverty party in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, November 29.

Mrs. Eudora Draper went to the Waltham hospital last week Saturday for a slight operation where she had been operated on once before, and expects to be able to return in a week or ten days.

The Ayer branch of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday, December first, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Phelps, at three o'clock.

George J. Burns hook and ladder company will hold a social dance in Page hall, Thursday evening, December first. Music, Wilson's orchestra, four pieces.

The twenty-second annual dance given by the Hartwell hose company, No. 1, in Page hall on Thanksgiving night was well attended, a number being present from the different surrounding towns. Excellent music was furnished by Collins' orchestra of Marlboro, six pieces. Refreshments were served by E. W. Carley. One of the features of the evening was the starlight waltz which was immensely enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shattuck spent Thanksgiving with friends in New Ipswich, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Normand and son of Worcester have been visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White.

Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher left a few days ago for Dakota, where her husband is a missionary and will remain over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Nelson, formerly of this town, but now of Cambridge, is stopping a week or more with Mrs. Geo. H. B. Turner. Mrs. Turner is ill and is being cared for by Miss Helena T. McGovern, a trained nurse.

Mrs. Helen Gibbs and her daughter, Mrs. Florence Bullard of Sterling, and Mrs. Luce and son of Hingham were guests Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Turner.

Mrs. Daisy (Sherwin) Wood of Shrewsbury, her husband and baby spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. U. Sherwin.

A. R. Tyler, formerly of Lawrence, who worked in the upper railroad yard here at the transfer sheds for the past three or four months, left town on Monday. He had been a resident here for about a year.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brown of East Main street passed Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Mitchell of Reading. Mrs. Brown left town Friday noon for Worcester where she will spend the winter with her sister-in-law, Miss Esther Brown, who lives with her niece, Miss Helen Woods, formerly of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Church returned Tuesday from a month spent in Vermont.

Patrick Donlon of this town and T. J. Drummy of East Pepperell attended a monster torch light parade and mass meeting in Marlboro on Tuesday evening in honor of the election of Hon. John J. Mitchell for congress. At least five thousand citizens of that city and other places took part in the celebration. In the parade were five hundred citizens with bands of music and red fire and there was no limit to the enthusiasm.

A large crowd attended the entertainment and dance in Page hall, Wednesday evening, November 23, which was given in aid of St. Mary's parish.

A very enterprising program was given under the direction of Miss Mamie Moore and Mrs. C. R. White. Dancing was enjoyed from 9.30 to two. Music, American orchestra. Refreshments were served.



Silas P. Morgan.

Deaths.

The townspeople were shocked when word was received on Tuesday morning that Silas P. Morgan, while hunting in Harvard, was accidentally shot and that he could not live.

This proved to be without foundation and the cause of death was heart disease, of which he had been troubled for a number of years, and his death was probably brought about by the excitement that morning in the hunting of deer in Harvard.

Mr. Morgan was a great hunter and an excellent shot and for years previous to his death made annual hunting trips for deer in the woods of Maine.

On Monday, the day before his death, he went out hunting, but did not succeed in getting a deer. Tuesday morning Mr. Morgan, in company with Charles Webber, and Benjamin Pond, a former resident here, started early in the wagon of Walter Green and drove to his farm in Harvard and from there the party separated, going in different directions.

Mr. Green, while milking his cows, heard directly two shots, and soon afterwards several other shots, and when through milking he started for the wood lot on his farm and in the distance saw what he thought was a deer that Mr. Morgan had shot and had covered it with his hunting jacket, but on nearing the spot he found Mr. Morgan on his face, which startled him, and on further examination found he was dead. Alarm was immediately given and Dr. Hopkins was summoned and was soon on the spot where Mr. Morgan lay. On his examination he found that he was beyond recovery. The medical examiner, Dr. G. L. Tobey of Clinton was notified, and on viewing the body pronounced death from natural causes. It is not known whether Mr. Morgan had killed the deer he had fired so many shots at, or that it was wounded only. No trace of it could be found.

E. O. Proctor was informed of the death of Mr. Morgan and went in his auto truck and brought the body to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son.

Mrs. Morgan, early that forenoon, was told of her husband's sudden death, and was so prostrated that fears were entertained, owing to her feeble condition, that she would not rally from the shock.

Mr. Morgan was widely known and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance speak of him as one of the best of men, and honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow man, an ideal husband and a lover of his pleasant home. He was a native of Charlotte, Me., and was born June 14, 1855, his age being 55 yrs., 5 mos., 8 days. His occupation was that of a harness maker and had been in business here for upward of twenty-five years, and a resident for thirty years or more.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, November 18, from his late residence on East Main street, and burial was in Woburn cemetery. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. Fiske of the Unitarian church. The pall bearers were: Everett C. Sabine, John Craig and Charles Webber of Ayer, and Benjamin Pond of Boston. Mrs. Lillian Moore sang, "Nearer my God to thee," and "Cross and crown." There was a wealth of beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Catherine Porter Farnsworth died on Saturday, November 19, from pneumonia and degeneration of the walls of the heart, after an illness of a few days. Two years ago next month Mrs. Farnsworth was stricken with paralysis of the left side, being so affected that she was helpless, and had never recovered from the shock.

Mrs. Farnsworth was born in East Bridgewater and was seventy-one years of age last March, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George H. Brown of Groton, where she had resided during her school days, attending the public schools and was also a student at Lawrence academy.

Mrs. Farnsworth was married first to John W. Knight of Woburn, when nineteen years of age. Mr. Knight dying in 1881. She afterwards married Timothy Frye of the same place, who soon after moved to Ayer and worked in the tannery here. They later moved to Shirley and Mr. Frye bought the place near the cemetery, now occupied by John Sprague. He died in 1897 and Mrs. Frye soon after went to live with her daughter in Stoneham.

Mrs. Frye was married to S. F. Farnsworth eight years ago last month, and had resided on Pleasant street ever since. She was an active worker in the Unitarian church here and was ever ready and willing to do her part, and she will be greatly missed, in all the paths of life.

She leaves a husband, a daughter, Mrs. Byron Pearson of Stoneham, and son Alfred P. K. Knight of Fitchburg, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and an only sister, Mrs. John H. Turner of this town.

The funeral was on Tuesday morning, November 22, Rev. Dr. Fiske of the Unitarian church here officiating, and burial was in Woburn. The singing was by Dr. E. H. Page and Miss Frances Herson of Fitchburg, who rendered "Lead kindly light," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "One sweetly, solemn thought." The bearers were D. W. Fletcher, E. A. Richardson, Wm. U. Sherwin and W. A. Wright. The flowers were beautiful. There were relatives and friends from Stoneham, Concord, Malden, Wakefield, Fitchburg and Newark, N. J.

C. Loring Willard, the oldest man in town, died Thursday morning, November 24, of old age—91 yrs., 9 mos., 2 days. He was born in Harvard, but has resided in Ayer for the past forty-eight years. He was a carpenter by trade and for a number of years was employed in the shops of the Ames Plow Company, when located here.

He was married sixty-nine years ago to M. Henrietta Harlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harlow of Harvard, and his wife died eleven years ago. Mr. Willard is survived by one daughter, Miss Carrie A. Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard celebrated their golden wedding, May 11, 1901. Funeral on Saturday at his late residence on Williams street, and Rev. L. E. Perry, the former pastor of the Congregational church here, but now of Hudson, N. H., will officiate. Burial to be in the Centre cemetery in Harvard. He was a fine old gentleman of Puritan ancestry.

The gold-headed cane that was given him by the Boston Post, over a year ago, he being the oldest man in town, will now fall to Mr. Phelps, his successor.

Miss Emily C. Crafts, who was stricken with paralysis the early part of last week, died last Sunday, never regaining consciousness. She taught school here for several terms before the town was set off from Groton and known then as Groton Junction. Some of her pupils are still residents of the town and among them are: Benjamin Taft, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge and Mrs. Josephine Morgan. Rev. Mr. Mason, the officiating clergyman at her funeral, paid her a high compliment when he spoke of her as a woman of intelligence and refinement. Miss Crafts had been a resident of Waltham for a number of years.

John Sullivan, one of the oldest residents of the town, passed away at his home on West Main street on Friday afternoon, November 18, at three o'clock, of old age. His age was 82 yrs., 5 mos., 3 days.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Ireland, June 15, 1828, and he came to this country when a young man. From 1856 to 1858, he resided in Pepperell, and then he came to this town where he has since resided.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's church, Rev. P. J. Sheedy officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

The bearers were Daniel Dalley, Patrick Markham, Thomas McCarthy of Ayer; James Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan of Pepperell, and Joseph LaValley of West Fitchburg.

He is survived by one daughter-in-law, Mrs. John J. Sullivan and four grandchildren—Francis B. Harry M., Mary M. and Walter Sullivan of Ayer. The funeral was in charge of W. Wright & Son.

Hunters Alert.

This was shotgun week for deer in the five western counties of the State, the law being off the past week, going on again at sundown, Saturday, November 26. For the past dozen years they have remained closed to gunners. Only naturalized citizens of the State had the opportunity to invade this deer preserve, being permitted to secure one deer apiece without using any other weapon than a shotgun, and forbidden to sell the venison. The hunters were barred from land posted against them by farmers, and these warning signs were estimated to have covered nearly 250,000 acres.

It is said that twenty-five deer have been killed this week in Harvard, two on Prospect hill last Monday, and Franklin Hynes of Harvard found a dead deer on his farm. Frank McMahon, Arthur Downing, J. E. P. Morse, Howard Page, Howard Pillman, Erving Hemenway, Charles Webber, John Sherman, William L. Woods, Leon Briggs, Harry Waterman of Ayer, each got one, and Joseph F. Dufour of Fall River one, and there are others whose names could not be obtained.

Last Monday seven were killed around Robbins' pond district in Harvard. The deer killed by Leon Briggs tipped the scales at 285 pounds, and the one killed by Mr. Pillman weighed 169 pounds.

Run Into.

Last Sunday evening, about seven o'clock, while Langdon Prouty and Herman Libby of Littleton were riding in their buggy on the Littleton road, they were run into by an automobile near old Shaker sawmill, smashing their buggy into kindling wood, throwing them out and frightening the horse so badly that he did not stop running until he had reached the barn of the Harvard Shakers.

The automobile and the party in it were, as near as we could learn, from Wilmington. The cause of the accident was that their lamps were not lighted, and they gave the reason that they were out of oil. Luckily for the young men that they escaped being fatally injured. As it was one of them had his face badly scratched and bruised and otherwise injured about the body. The automobile was damaged to some extent, and soon after the accident was towed to the garage of E. O. Proctor for repairs.

Sons of Veterans Ride.

On Monday night, in acceptance of previous invitation, about twenty members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., including members of its drum corps, took an auto ride to Townsend Centre to visit Camp No. 82 of that town. It was night of inspection for the Townsend camp and as Commander Edward E. Sawyer of Camp 40 had been appointed inspector, so many members present from his own camp gave him ample support.

There was some little delay on the road occasioned by one of the machines getting stalled, but on arrival the party was welcomed by a large

detail from Camp 82, and headed by the drum corps the company marched to the camp room in Odd Fellows' hall, where the regular meeting of the Townsend camp was held, after which together with a number of G. A. R. members present, all joined in a camp fire and smoke talk. Several selections were rendered by the drum corps. Refreshments were served the visitors in the banquet hall, and a general good time enjoyed by all.

Among the speakers of the evening were Commanders Harvey and Sawyer. Brother Fessenden of Camp 82, Comrade Harvey of the G. A. R.; also several other members of both camps.

Some further difficulty was experienced with the offending auto on the return trip, but as everyone had enjoyed the evening very much, this was cheerfully overlooked, and the party landed home safe and sound about midnight.

An invitation has been extended to the Townsend camp to visit Camp 40 of Ayer on December 8, and a large delegation is expected and a good attendance of the members of Camp 40 is desired, at this meeting.

Gymnasium.

The gymnasium committee of the Ayer Civic club are considering plans for opening the Civic club gymnasium for the coming winter months. The plans are not as yet completed but the young people may be assured that everything possible will be done to make their winter in the gymnasium attractive and interesting. All wishing to become members of the gymnasium classes should make application for membership as soon as possible. If classes of sufficient size can be obtained the gymnasium will be opened during the first week in December.

There are very few towns of the size of Ayer that have at the disposal of the young people a first-class gymnasium. This is what we have and it is an opportunity that should not be overlooked by the parents. The physical development of the boys and girls is a very important matter and in no way can this be better obtained than doing good systematic work in the gymnasium under the direction of a competent physical instructor. The object of the gymnasium work is to develop lung power, increase the circulation, acquire proper carriage, grace and agility, and to afford an opportunity for healthful recreation by means of athletics and games.

Those who attended the closing demonstration of the gymnasium last spring have a good idea of the kind and quality of work that is done in the gymnasium and what can be accomplished by those who attend the classes and take an interest in the work. All boys and girls, who can, should belong to the classes and make this the most successful winter that the gymnasium has seen.

The gymnasium committee will do their part. All that is needed is some good large enthusiastic gymnastic classes and a successful winter is assured.

Case Settled.

The case of Frank H. Moriarity of Ayer, vs. the Boston and Maine railroad has been settled, the plaintiff receiving \$1,000. This action grew out of an accident on November 1, 1905, when the plaintiff fell over a pile of ties at the railroad station at West Acton, injuring an arm. The case was tried first in superior court in Middlesex county in 1907, and went to the supreme court on an appeal, the ground being that there was an error of law in the judge's charge to the jury, resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff. A new trial was ordered and the case started its second trial at Worcester on Friday of last week. The settlement was made the first part of the week. Walsh & Walsh of Fitchburg were counsel for Moriarity.

Mr. Moriarity is a son-in-law of Louis Lapointe, and resides on Central avenue.

Club Meeting.

The Ayer Current Events club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Lillian Harlow on Monday evening. Current events, presented by Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Sanderson, brought before the club for discussion Tolstoy and the president of the new Republic of Portugal.

Very interesting reports were given of the federation meeting by Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. Carley who were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the addresses given by Alfred W. Martin of New York, on "Art as an interpretation of human life," and John J. Enneking on "Art from the artist's point of view," and also of the beautiful tribute given by May Alden Ward to the memory of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe.

A report was given by the president of the conference on food sanitation, to which the clubs were invited by the Tuesday club of Jamaica Plain, and if all the clubs who were represented at the meeting received as clear a description of the necessity of enforcing the pure food laws there ought to be a revolution in the condition of the milk supplies and food supplies of all kinds, and a complete extermination of the dreadful house fly.

These reports were followed by a sketch of Kipling by Mrs. Kittredge and the reading of several of his poems by Mrs. Harlow, who closed with the "Recessional." The music for the evening which was heartily enjoyed, was supplied by Miss Mona Steadman.

Church Services.

Services at the Unitarian church at 10.45. Sermon by the minister, The Y. P. R. U. at seven P. M. Miss Eunice Sanderson will be the leader.

At the First Congregational church the morning sermon will be on the place of the church in our community. "We will not forsake the house of our God." At the evening service a series of talks will be begun on the message of the prophets, that for Sunday evening being the warning of the first Isaiah.

More Ayer news will be found on page eight.

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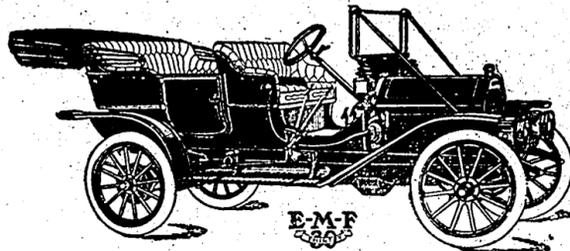
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Edwin Taylor and daughter Maude are at Southbridge, Mass., for a few weeks.

Miss Leonora Bradley is detained at home by illness. Mrs. Mary E. Smith is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Blake of East Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker on Sunday.

Miss Marion A. Stiles conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. service on Sunday evening.

Robert Taylor, D. Wallace Jenness and Chester A. Barnaby have taken out hunters' licenses.

Mrs. Addie Tarbell of Pepperell was the guest of Mrs. Walter E. Corey on Monday.

Alfred J. Cox of the Astor house, New York, is at home for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy, Mass., were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels of Everett, Mass., are holiday guests of Mrs. N. J. Daniels.

Chester Valedge was at Rockland, Mass., for the holiday.

Mrs. Estelle Boutelle and Miss Laura L. Holden of Nashua have been guests of Mrs. L. P. Peabody at the Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott of New York, spent the holiday at the Seaver homestead.

Monday, Harry Campbell had nine of his cows dehorned. Dr. Davis of Pepperell performing the work. It was also a day of accidents among his herd. A valuable cow tipped a grindstone over and injured her leg, and a calf bit off the end of its tongue.

A Delightful Outing.

The Sunbonnet club had a delightful outing at Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday, November 16, when they were the guests of Mrs. May Hadley. Arriving at Cambridge at 8:50 o'clock, they were met by the hostess and received a cordial greeting. The morning was spent in visiting grand old Harvard, with its many associations; the Fogg museum, rich with stately paintings and tapestries. The Agassiz museum with its vast exhibit of animals, fish, birds, minerals, treasures from the sea and many things pertaining to nature. The glass flowers, which occupy the space of an entire floor, are beyond description, we felt as if we had been transported to fairyland and would have gladly spent the entire morning here, but the Peabody museum awaited us with its interesting display of Indian relics and handicraft.

A brief visit to the attractive public library and then we arrived at the Hadley homestead, where a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the delicacies of the season was served. This meal was very attractive with the turkey, piece of beautiful dark red pinks and ferns, and fruit, miniature red baskets were at each place and a tiny Sunbonnet maiden place card. Ample justice was done to the delicious viands, then an hour was devoted to music, song and literary selections.

Later, through the courtesy of our host, Edward Hadley, an automobile ride was enjoyed and many points of interest visited, among them being the Washington Elm, the home of Henry W. Longfellow, the home of James Russell Lowell. A dainty lunch of ice cream and cake was served and ere we knew it we were speeding homeward.

A fitting finale to the day of pleasure was the watching of the eclipse of the moon as we were homeward bound. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Hadley and her husband for their generous hospitality and the many acts of courtesy.

All the Sunbonnets were in attendance, which includes: Mrs. Alice Parker, Nashua; Mrs. Lottie Rockwood, Orient Heights; Mrs. Helen Hall, Mrs. Ella W. Tucker, Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Emma Valedge, Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Grace Dodge, Mrs. Bertha Brown, Mrs. May Hadley, Miss Blanche Hall of Brookline.

Institute.

A teachers' institute was held at Tarbell's hall on Friday, November 18. The program was one of unusual interest. The morning exercises opened with invocation by Rev. Warren L. Noyes. Introductory remarks by State Superintendent H. C. Morrison, followed by H. L. Kent, of the State normal school, who advanced some new ideas, relative to geography. He would make it the nature of a game for beginners, teach them thoroughly the geography of their own town, the directions, industries, the slope of the land, etc. Children do not know how to study, make the recitation period a lesson period and help the children to study. He did not believe in parrot-like repetition or educational sectarianism.

State Superintendent H. C. Morrison spoke on the "Daily time table." Advised the teachers to do their work systematically. He did not believe in making a day misery for the public school and thought children should not be sent until they were six years of age.

Mr. Kent also spoke on "Nature study and elementary agriculture," referring particularly to the developing of the child.

The afternoon session opened with an inspiring talk upon arithmetic by R. J. Sisk, principal of the Burr school, Auburndale, Mass. He urged the common old-fashioned thoroughness in arithmetic, drill the boys and girls thoroughly on the four fundamental principals and fractions, repeat the drill until they have a solid foundation and they can answer at sight. Better to do one-third perfectly, than one hundred in a slipshod way.

M. Rhodes, principal of the State normal school at Keene, gave an eloquent address, taking for his subject, "The thoughts of the masters as a side course in the education of children." It was a beautiful word picture and the close attention of the entire audience was proof that it was appreciated.

Mr. Sisk spoke upon discipline. Among other things he said, admit that children have rights, rights to good teachers. We require politeness and courtesy, they have a right to

it; a right to recess, a right to dismissal at twelve o'clock, a right to appeal to your decision. I may be wrong and I am willing to apologize if I am. Have kindness and sympathy for our boys and girls. Give them a fair chance. You can nag them, bully them, drive them and "smile" and you can say anything to them. Discipline is not a secondary apartment.

There are two fundamental things you and I have got to believe from the bottom of our hearts that what we are teaching is worth while. Have a confidence in the ability of the pupils. If we have an honest connection in our boys and girls we can accomplish anything. It is actually what we say that we think. If in our hearts we have the welfare of our boys and girls we can accomplish anything.

State Superintendent Morrison spoke on the campaign for clean school-houses and decent sanitary conditions in the outbuildings.

About forty teachers from out-of-town were in attendance and many of our residents attended. At noon the Ladies' Aid society served an excellent dinner at the Congregational vestry under the supervision of Mrs. Helen M. Hall, assisted by Mrs. Warren L. Noyes, Mrs. Perley Pierce, Mrs. Adella Whitcomb and Mrs. Josephine Stiles. Supper was also served.

A vote of thanks is due the local board of education for their efforts in having the Institute convene here and giving our citizens an opportunity to hear such able speakers.

In the evening State Superintendent H. C. Morrison gave an illustrated lecture at Tarbell's under the auspices of Brookline grange, taking for his subject, "Practical education." Mr. Sisk also gave a brief address.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers and their two youngest children arrived from their former home at Alfred, Me., the latter part of last week and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, until the repairs upon the parsonage are completed. Mr. Struthers occupied the Congregational pulpit on Sunday, and in the evening there was a union Thanksgiving service at the brick church, the address being given by Rev. Victor H. Wachs of the M. E. church.

Fred J. Piper and Dr. H. B. Boynton captured a fine deer on Monday morning near Hunting hill, Lunenburg. It was a doe weighing nearly one hundred and ninety pounds, and was brought down by Mr. Piper.

T. E. Flarity attended the meeting and banquet of St. Paul lodge at Ayer on Monday afternoon, and in the evening was a guest at the Waltham grange, where the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon sixty-nine candidates, among them the mayor of Waltham.

Mrs. Christy Gates and two children of Waltham are at George Gates' this week.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred upon a class of candidates at our local grange, Monday evening, November 28, the third by the Ladies' degree team, Hattie E. Misher, master, and the fourth by the regular officers.

Miss Leola Aspinwall of Keene, N. H., is with her mother for a brief visit.

Fred Jeffs of Worcester was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Jeffs.

George Gates is making an addition upon his piazza which will greatly improve the appearance of the house.

Burton Whidden of Amherst Agricultural college is enjoying a few days' vacation with his mother, Mrs. Addie Whidden, at Mrs. Emily Barrett's.

A party of young people were entertained on Tuesday evening by the two popular young bachelors at their headquarters, "The Holden," which has lately been refurbished in pleasing style.

The members of the republican town committee enjoyed a turkey supper and social time at the Park hotel on Saturday evening.

John Graves of Leominster was in town last week and will return soon with his mother to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King have gone to housekeeping in the double tenement on Brookline street.

Al Richards is having a new window put in and a room finished off over the kitchen at his house on Bow street.

The third annual concert and ball of the S. V. and D. of V., will be held at Memorial hall next Friday evening. Music by Nevers' second regiment band of Concord, N. H.

Miss Martha Harrington enjoyed Thanksgiving day at her home in North Amherst; Miss Hodge at Waltham; Miss Edwards with her relatives in Lynn; Mrs. Craig at East Pepperell and Lowell; Miss Hazel Harrington at Orange; and Miss Maud Hyde at Somersworth, N. H.

Miss Josie Warner is assisting at Frank Jeffs'.

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Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by WILLIAM H. KNIS who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving surety on his official bond; You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

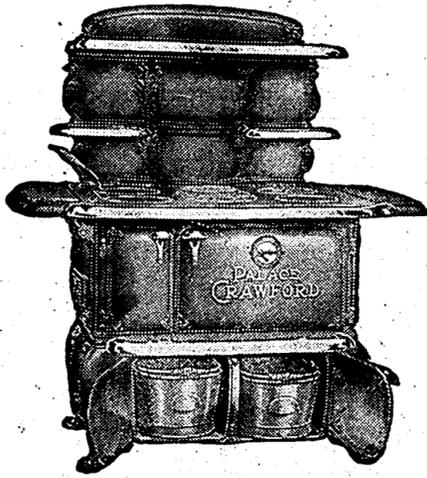
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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In the matter of NEW ENGLAND PAPER & STATIONERY COMPANY In Bankruptcy No. 16330

To Henry E. Warner, Esq., Referee in Bankruptcy:

And now comes J. Duke Smith, Trustee of said bankrupt, and says that the assets of the said bankrupt consist of real estate, machinery, stock in trade, both finished and in the process of manufacture, fixtures, book accounts, etc.; that it may be advisable to sell the whole or any part of the said assets at public or private sale.

Wherefore he prays that he may be authorized to sell the whole or any part of the said assets at public or private sale.

J. DUKE SMITH, Trustee.

The foregoing petition having been duly filed and having come on for hearing before me, of which hearing ten days' notice was given by mail to creditors of said bankrupt, now, after due hearing, no adverse interest being represented thereat, it is ordered that the said trustee be authorized to sell the bankrupt's estate specified in the foregoing petition at public or private sale, keeping an accurate account of each article sold and the price received therefor and to whom sold; which said account he shall file at once with the referee.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of September A. D. 1910.

HENRY E. WARNER, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Under and pursuant to the authority and direction of the foregoing order and subject to the conditions therein set forth, the Trustees will sell at public auction on December 13th, 1910, at two o'clock P. M., upon the premises of the bankrupt company in the City of Ayer, Massachusetts, all the real estate of the New England Paper & Stationery Company and the buildings thereon situated.

The real estate to be sold comprises all the right, title and interest of the New England Paper & Stationery Company and of said Smith as Trustee as aforesaid in and to the parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated, bounded and described as follows:

As shown on a plan filed in the Land Registration Office a copy of which is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the South Registry District of Middlesex County in Registration Book Two (2) with certificate number 442. Bounded Southwesterly on the North-easterly line of Groton Street by two lines measuring together one hundred fifty-five and 9-10 (155.8) feet; South-easterly on land of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad six hundred twenty-two and 2-10 (622.2) feet; Northerly on land now or formerly of John G. Park two hundred seventy-three and 65-100 (273.65) feet; North-westerly on land now or formerly of Bridget E. Toohy sixty (60) feet; Northerly again on the same by two lines measuring together one hundred and fifty-four (154) feet; Westerly on land which was formerly the easterly line of an old County Road thirty (30) feet; Southerly on land now or formerly of Thomas F. McDonald one hundred twenty and 5-10 (120.5) feet; and Westerly on said McDonald land, land now or formerly of Michael Kelliher and land now or formerly of Annie Farwell by two lines measuring together three hundred ninety-five and 22-100 (395.22) feet; being the same premises the title to which is registered in the name of the New England Paper & Stationery Company as shown by Certificate numbered 467 issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex dated the twenty-first day of July 1902.

Said premises are subject to two mortgages: one for three thousand dollars (\$3000) to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, being document No. 2338 registered November 18, 1905, as shown by Certificate numbered 467 in Registration Book No. 4, Page 169, issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge as above; the second for thirty-nine hundred dollars (\$3900) to the Merrimac Paper Company, being document No. 3748, registered April 9, 1908, as shown by Certificate numbered 467 in Registration Book No. 4, Page 169, issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge, as above. Said premises will be sold subject to said mortgages and the interest due thereon and to all other incumbrances.

Six hundred dollars (\$600) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid when papers are passed. The sale is to be made subject to confirmation by the Court.

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Railroad News.

The Boston and Maine railroad last week Wednesday received the last one of a lot of ten six-wheeled switching engines and is receiving, every few days, deliveries on one lot of ten Mogul freight engines, one lot of ten consolidated freight engines, and one lot of twenty eight-wheeled passenger engines. These shipments are filling the partly placed order for one hundred locomotives, the purchase of which was determined upon by the board of directors the second day after Mr. Mellen became the actual head of the Boston and Maine road, and will be paid for out of the appropriation of \$10,000,000 then made by the board and later approved by the stockholders by the latter's authorization of the issue of new common stock.

The one hundred locomotives will cost about \$2,500,000. It is the largest lot of locomotives ever ordered by any one road in New England, and is making business among the locomotive building concerns very active. The ten switching engines that have just been delivered were manufactured at Manchester, N. H., as were the ten Mogul freight engines. The freight engines of the consolidated type are of Schenectady, N. Y., manufacture, and the twenty eight-wheeled passenger engines will come from that city too. These last machines are for light local business.

The mechanical department of the road is just now busy getting out specifications for the forty passenger engines of the Pacific type that are to be included in the whole lot of one hundred. These gigantic machines will be as swift as any engines on any road in the country. They will be very large, though their weight must be governed by the character of the divisions on which they are to run. It is to accommodate these great machines that the road is to spend other millions in strengthening bridges on its lines. All the bridges on the Fitchburg division are to be strengthened, it is logical to conclude that that division is to get a good allotment of these splendid locomotives for its passenger service. Some very large and powerful engines for through freight are being planned also.

The Boston and Maine engineers are now prepared to commence the survey for the work of double tracking between Thayer and Ayer on the Worcester and Nashua division.

Work has been started by the Boston and Maine railroad on the construction of a roundhouse for the storage of the electric engines which are to be used for the operation of the trains through Hoosac tunnel. The roundhouse or storage building for the engines will be constructed at Zylonette, near the site of the power station now in progress of construction. The building is to be about 200 by 60 feet, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Officials of the Boston and Maine road make the statement that trains will be operated through the tunnel by electricity in the spring. Work on the various departments of the work is well under way, and it is reported that all of the contracts will be completed within the time set, as all of the materials are in readiness for the contractors as fast as they are needed. Some of the best electrical engineers to be obtained are to be in charge of the power station of the Boston and Maine, and as this is built in connection with the station of the Berkshire street railway, which, like the Boston and Maine, is controlled and owned by the New Haven road, it will give the trolley road whatever benefit may be obtained from them, to say nothing of the surplus power that will be obtainable by either of the roads in the event of a breakdown of machinery.

Appearing in person before the railroad commissioners, Tuesday, Pres. Charles S. Mellen of the Boston and Maine sought approval of an issue of stock amounting to \$10,663,770 in part, to be offered to stockholders at \$110 a share. Pres. Mellen said the issue is desired to pay costs of improved equipment, the abolition of grade crossings and permanent roadbed improvements, which will aggregate \$13,240,000. At the request of William B. Lawrence Counsel Rich for the company read a schedule of the expenditures which are to be met with the proceeds of this stock, showing a net expenditure of \$3,828,000 for locomotives, \$329,000 for the abolition of grade crossings and \$35,000 for second track construction, a total of \$4,192,000 for work already completed. Chairman Hall announced that the commission will put an expert at work on the schedule and conduct an independent investigation, after which a decision in the matter of approving the issue will be made.

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Old Stage Lines.

From the Clinton Courant, November 5. While we, in this dawn of the twentieth century, roll our way through the country on steam or trolley lines, or rush from town to town by auto, we are inclined to forget that our not very remote ancestors were slowly trundled over hills and through valleys on turnpike roads, with toll-gate assessments. Perhaps few of the residents of these vicinity towns remember J. C. Stiles—subsequently a resident of Harvard—who drove his four-horse stage-team from Lancaster to Worcester over our Main street and up Burdett hill, then a country road. Subsequently the construction of the Worcester and Nashua railroad, was commenced in Lancaster about the year 1846 and opened from Clinton to Groton Junction (Ayer) two years later; but previous to that date the "screech" or "toot" of the railroad locomotive had never been heard in the Nashua river valley.

The early stage lines, which blazed their way through what was then a comparative wilderness, to some extent indicated the line of the subsequent steam railroad tracks. The "Boston-Bolton-Lancaster-Fitchburg Accommodation Stage" daily left Doolittle's city tavern in Boston at nine a. m., reaching Fitchburg at six p. m., and leaving Sheldon's tavern in Fitchburg for the return trip at seven a. m., reaching Boston at three p. m., why one more hour was required to make the journey from Boston to Fitchburg than from Fitchburg to Boston cannot be explained unless by the assumption that difference in speed was an illustration of the difference between going "up" and going "down."

Another stage line conveyed travelers from Boston through Lancaster, Sterling, Princeton, Barre and Greenfield to Albany; the stage left Brigham's stage house, Hanover street, Boston, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at six a. m., arriving in Albany on the third day out at four p. m. The fares were to Bolton \$1.33, Lancaster \$1.50, Sterling \$1.67, and to Albany \$7.00.

There was also a line from Lowell, via Lancaster, to Worcester, connecting at its terminals and at Groton with other lines, and a line from Boston to Worcester was also in operation. Among the advantages which a stage line possessed over a steam railroad was exemption from head-on collisions, and from the experiences of a tedious ride in a cold carriage on a winter night when the vehicle was occasionally snowbound. There was not much danger from highwaymen for in those years, while travelers in England carried gold those in our country generally carried cheques or letters of credit. An opportunity to enjoy the country at leisure was also seized by the party and by the making of new acquaintances which furnished occasion for the thorough discussion of current topics. Some seventy-five years ago a volume was published entitled "The Stage Coach," in which were given some of the many interesting anecdotes which had been related during a stage ride thus fairly demonstrating one of the advantages of this mode of travel.

But the old stage has been relegated to the junk-heap and gone the way of Holmes' "one horse shay," a few survivors coming again to the light of day on the occasion of some holiday parade when it is deemed desirable to illustrate the methods of travel in the olden time.

Census Returns.

The State census is completed and the total gain is 561,070 in ten years. In 1900, Massachusetts had a population of 2,805,346, in 1910, 3,366,416. Following is the population of the county and towns in the county:

	1910.	1900.
Middlesex County	693,215	565,696
Acton	2,138	2,000
Arlington	11,187	8,603
Ashby	885	876
Ashburnham	1,682	1,523
Ayer	2,795	2,448
Bedford	1,231	1,208
Bellingham	5,843	3,920
Billerica	2,749	2,632
Boxborough	317	316
Burlington	591	593
Cambridge	104,333	91,886
Carver	430	428
Chesterfield	5,010	3,984
Concord	6,421	5,652
Dracut	3,461	3,253
Dunstable	408	422
Everett	33,484	24,236
Frammingham	12,948	11,302
Greenwich	2,148	2,052
Holliston	2,711	2,598
Hopkinton	2,452	2,623
Hudson	6,743	5,454
Lexington	4,918	4,160
Lincoln	1,175	1,127
Littleton	1,229	1,179
Lowell	106,294	94,969
Malden	44,404	32,250
Marlboro	14,809	13,609
Maynard	6,390	3,124
Medford	25,150	18,244
Merrimack	16,715	12,962
Natick	9,866	9,488
Newton	39,806	33,587
North Reading	2,129	1,701
Pepperell	2,953	3,701
Reading	5,818	4,969
Sherborn	1,428	1,483
Shirley	4,429	4,460
Somerville	77,238	61,643
Stoneham	7,090	6,197
Stow	1,115	1,002
Sudbury	1,150	1,160
Tewksbury	3,750	3,683
Townsend	1,761	1,804
Tyngsboro	929	773
Wakefield	11,829	9,290
Waltham	27,834	23,481
Watertown	12,875	9,706
Westland	9,209	7,234
Westford	2,881	2,203
Weston	2,106	1,834
Wilmington	1,858	1,496
Winchester	2,209	2,284
Woburn	15,308	14,284

Shirley made a splendid record, one of the best of any town in the state, showing an increase of 679, or over forty-seven percent, over the population of 1900.

Pepperell suffered a heavy loss, the total decrease being 748, or nearly twenty-five percent.

In Worcester county the town of Harvard in 1910, 1,034; 1900, 1,139. Lunenburg, 1910, 1,393; 1900, 1,332.

Items of Interest.
 Coffee, which now forms one of the most important industries of Porto Rico, was introduced into the island by French immigrants in 1769.

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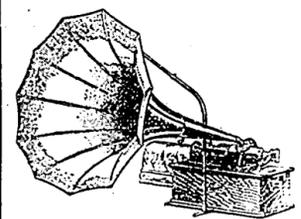
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 Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m., then every 30 weeks days.
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 Sundays—First car 8.20 a. m., then same as week days.
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PEPPERELL.

Gleanings.
James Bent has moved his family to Fitchburg, where he is employed on the railroad.

Alburton Ripley and son Arthur of Natick spent Sunday last week with his mother in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moran of Nashua were week-end and over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly.

Miss Nellie Kiley is at the Massachusetts General hospital, where she was operated on for appendicitis on Tuesday, November 22. Miss Kiley is doing as well as could be expected.

E. E. Handley, who has been very sick with rheumatism, is better than he was last week.

Mrs. Henrietta Winslow has gone to New York city to make her home with her daughter for the winter.

Miss Geneva Clark of Boston has been the guest for a week of Mrs. John Attridge.

Mrs. E. Gilson of Brookline has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Shattuck.

Among those that were here from out-of-town to attend the Old Fellows' ball on Friday, November 18, were the following: Miss Nellie Fuller of Groton, Miss Alice Wood of Gardner, Miss Florence True of Fitchburg, Harry Bangs and Augustus S. Clair of Shirley and Miss Geneva Clark of Boston.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy of Worcester on Wednesday, November 16, at the home of Mrs. Murphy's mother, Mrs. E. Fitzpatrick of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dowling of Worcester spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Wm. Webber of Brockton, state grand instructor, visited Acoma lodge on Tuesday evening, November 22.

Augustus Tobieson, who has been making paraffine paper at the Nashua River Paper Co.'s plant in this town, on account of the change in the firm, has left and with his family has gone to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pillsbury, Mrs. Charles Pillsbury and son Albert, drove to Merrimack on Sunday last to attend the funeral of Mr. Pillsbury's mother. The burial was at Milford, N. H.

About Town.
Charles Pillsbury is confined to the house with a severe attack of rheumatism of the kidneys. He is the well-known driver for I. J. Rowell on the coal team and has been ill for about a week.

Mrs. Alice Spencer of Roxbury is here for Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Jewett.

Mrs. Bessie Allen started for her winter home in St. Louis on Monday, November 20.

Charles Dane, who recently sold his farm near the con tree to out-of-town parties, has purchased the place on Heald street, owned by Sarah Fletcher, and expects to move in soon. Rupert Blood will act as foreman for the new purchaser of the farm and will live there with his family.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding of Somerville and daughter are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Frosard, arriving on Tuesday.

News Items.
Prescott Grange will hold a special meeting Friday evening, December 2, to confer the third and fourth degrees.

The Village Aid society will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Boynton on Main street on Tuesday afternoon, November 29, at three o'clock.

H. F. Hobart was successful in his hunting trips this week. Wednesday he shot a deer at Lunenburg. It is of unusual size and has antlers with eight prongs. He also trapped two more beautiful foxes on Thursday morning.

The meeting of the Babbidge guild on Sunday evening at seven o'clock, will be led by the pastor, Rev. D. R. Child. Topic, "Chivalry."

The town auditors, M. Merlam and A. E. Bannon are auditing the books of the town officers.

Many of the reported thefts from hen houses are of heavy losses to chicken raisers. There have been a larger number than usual put on the

market by raffles. This is contrary to law and does not occur in towns where law is threatened, those who dare open up for such business. This year these affairs have been advertised in public places, and the fun goes merrily on. One fellow tells the story that he changed a ten dollar bill and when he was through gambling for a bird, had two dollars left and had won nothing. Here is where someone makes.

Many patronized the reading-room on Tuesday night and the success of it remains with the patrons. There is certainly a demand for it and it is hoped the young people will give it the attention it merits.

Mr. Nelson of Malden, who has purchased the Dane farm on Bancroft street, is making extensive improvements. Rupert L. Blood has been engaged to take charge of the farm work the coming year.

One of our sportsmen who enjoys a hunt as much as anyone can, spent one of his afternoons off the first of the week in quest of grays. He spied an enormous cat of the leopard style and spotted him with both barrels. He brought his trophy home and it is the general opinion someone's cat is among the missing, and a mile end trip, that's all.

Pepperell's industries seem certainly climbing. In all the large mills, including the shoe factory, night work was needed this week.

James Sullivan and Thomas Sullivan attended the funeral of John Sullivan at Ayer on last Sunday.

The third degree work at Beacon lodge, I. O. F., last week Thursday was an unusual exemplification, many out-of-town guests, William E. Wheeler, D. W. Mason, E. A. Richardson, G. C. Peterson, G. A. Cole, Stanley Cotton and Joseph Kyle of Robert Burns lodge, Ayer, being present.

The union services at the Congregational church last Sunday was splendid throughout. Rev. A. W. Nelson of the M. E. church preached in his usual, frank matter of fact, manner, showing the growth of religion of Jesus Christ and its good work, and the duty of each toward humanity and the world's progress. Rev. D. R. Child read the proclamation of Gov. Draper, setting the day for Thanksgiving, and he also offered prayer. The music was out of the ordinary and very pleasing.

The many friends of Dr. J. N. Woodward, a former Pepperell boy, will be pleased to hear that he is a little more comfortable at this writing. Dr. Woodward was taken ill at his summer home at Newfound lake, and removed to his home at Nashua, N. H. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Many of the friends of George Smith, Sr., visited him at his home in North Groton on last Wednesday, being the occasion of Mr. Smith's sixty-third anniversary.

Herbert Raymond has re-entered the employ of P. J. Hayes' grocery and provision store, in charge of the meat department.

Under the auspices of the Woman's club, last Monday evening's entertainment in Prescott hall had an unusual fine program but was very shilly shally. Less than two hundred tickets were sold. The Weber male quartet of Boston rendered six selections, each in itself a treat. Miss Gladys Sprague pleased everyone with four readings and all of high order.

Arthur Tower and Miss Fanny Tower arrived home for Thanksgiving.

The stores all closed here Thanksgiving. The schools all closed until Monday.

Beacon lodge, I. O. F., held their annual ball in Prescott hall last week Friday night. It was an unusually fine evening and almost four hundred attended. Pool's orchestra of Boston furnished the music. A turkey supper was served in the town hall at midnight, and of the kind and quality as well as quantity served by Pepperell matrons. Mrs. L. E. Starr carried the turkeys in her usual perfect style. The affair was a thorough success and credit is due the committee and aids.

Miss Geneva Clark of Lawrence, a guest of Mrs. Thomas Attridge, was among the out-of-town guests at the I. O. F. ball.

Centre.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Boynton spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Boynton's parents. Adelbert Boynton spent Thanksgiving day with his family. Winifred Boynton came home from the Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Mary L. Shattuck entertained her children and grandchildren at Thanksgiving dinner.

Richard White, from Dean academy, spent the Thanksgiving recess with his uncle, Nathaniel Shattuck.

Roscoe Woodward is in town and Miss Marion Ames and Miss Ethel Wells are home from Bridgewater normal school for the holiday.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, December first, at 2.30 o'clock.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge preached a most excellent Thanksgiving sermon to his people last Sunday morning.

The usual union services of the Methodist, Unitarian and Congregational churches was held in the Congregational church on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Nelson, pastor of the Methodist church, preaching the sermon. The offering as is customary was given to the pastors to use at their discretion to make a happier Thanksgiving for some. The congregation was a large one and the offering generous in the spirit of the season.

An Enjoyable Concert.
The concert given under the auspices of the Woman's club by the Weber male quartet was of a high order of excellence and was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience. Each number in the program was executed with finished technique and sympathetic musical interpretation. Where all were excellent, as was testified by the enthusiastic reception given, it is impossible to select one number as excellent above the others. Miss Sprague, as reader, fitted most admirably into this program, her numbers being finely rendered and warmly received by her audience.

The club has redeemed its promise of a most enjoyable evening and those who did not attend the concert missed a rare pleasure.

The next club meeting will be on December 6.

HARVARD.

Still River.
Not as many homecomers this Thanksgiving as usual. There were family gatherings at the homes of W. B. Haskell, Rev. L. H. Morse and Mrs. R. J. Scates.

Mrs. Joyce is rejoicing over the birth of a grandson, who came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney of Forest Hills a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney had a child two years ago, but it lived only a few days. Their many Still River friends hope that this one will be spared to them.

Still River and the surrounding country are full of deer hunters this week and quite a number of deer have been killed, and doubtless many wounded and left to suffer and die. The deer have done very little damage about here and nearly everyone feels badly to have them shot.

The cars loaded with the iron work for the new bridge that have been here for over a week, have been unloaded and preparations is being made to commence its erection with a full complement of men. Boilers and engines are now being set up and the derrick was erected on Thursday so that it is expected work will be pushed and a greater showing made than in the past. Tuesday some Italians came from Springfield and more are coming. A building at the old Damon brickyard is being fitted up for them to live in.

Fred Bateman and his sister Eliza, spent the holiday with their brother Luther, in Arlington.

Miss Katherine Lawrence took her Thanksgiving dinner with her sister, Mrs. Clark of Lancaster.

Mrs. Adella Turner is visiting her brother in Holyoke.

Blasphemy Fire.
Thanksgiving evening the village was aroused about nine o'clock by the ringing of the church bells and all ran out to find that there was a fire in Wendall B. Willard's barn. Everyone took hold, carrying water and getting the chemical out, and word was telephoned to Harvard and the fire boys from there came down, but owing to a misunderstanding they did not bring their chemical with them, and it was nearly two hours before they got the fire out.

In the meantime word was sent to Lancaster, and they came with their ladder truck and chemical, arriving a few minutes after the Harvard engine did. With the use of only one engine for so long a time, the fire spread to the house, which was connected to the barn by an ell. Nearly all the furniture was taken out.

The Baptist parsonage, only about twenty-five feet distant from the Willard house, seemed doomed, and every particle of the furniture was removed, but as the Harvard and Lancaster chemicals arrived, the house was kept wet down, and although catching fire several times was saved, and to Herbert Vaughn belongs great credit for the saving of it, as he remained on the roof in the hottest place all through the danger with the chemical hose and kept the roof wet down.

The Willard house was originally a church in Leominster and was moved to Still River for the first church building of the Baptist society, which was organized on June 27, 1776. Just where they got this building is not on record, but probably about that time. For many years it was the church, afterwards was used as a parsonage, until Bowles Willard exchanged the present parsonage for it, and it has since been in the Willard family. Mr. Willard thinks he is insured for upwards of \$3,000, but estimates his loss at \$7,000.

The people of Still River feel that something is wrong at Harvard. This is the second big fire in Still River, when all the fire boys from Harvard came down, but in both cases forgot to bring their engine. What is it for, if it is not to take to a fire? Not to a fire and see if wanted and then go for it. In this case over one and one-half hours before we saw it. What is wrong?

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To all persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. POWELL late of Townsend in said County, deceased: Whereas, E. ALONZO BLOOD, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourth day of December 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 administrator 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 by mailing, post paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Cambridge, this twenty-third day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

A MAN IN A MILLION

By M. QUAD
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Joseph Skater was in the lightning rod business. He could talk lightning for half an hour with only four intervals for breath.

When Mr. Slater got the job of rod-aling a building he proceeded to cheat and lie. He would cheat as to the amount of the material used, and he would lie about the protection that might be expected. He started in a poor man, and he got rich by lying and cheating. Never for a moment did his conscience trouble him. He sang as he drove his wagon around the country, and he whistled as he worked away on the roof of house or barn.

On one of his happy jaunts around the country Mr. Skater discovered a widow. He discovered forty of them, for that matter, but this was a particular widow. She wasn't so very old, but she was so lonely as to be startling. He had some tens of thousands of women, but never one to compete with the Widow Albright. She knew she was homely, and she owned up to it, and that was also something Mr. Skater had never heard of before. She had a daughter eight years old, and the girl was even homelier than the mother.

"How did your husband come to marry you?" asked the lightning man in a voice tinged with sympathy.

"He was a little bit daft from birth," was the reply.

"You have a very tidy little farm here?"

"Yes. Willows and old bachelors come and look the farm over, but when they come to see me and Anna they hurry away."

"Mrs. Albright, I shall take your case under advisement. You are not to blame for your looks. The homely people ought to have a fair deal. I shall try to get you one."

It was curious that such a selfish man as Mr. Skater should think of the interests of any one else, but as he went his way the matter bothered him. He kept thinking and thinking, and it was two weeks before he came that way again and said:

"Widow, you have a creek on your farm. It rises from a spring in a marsh. You know what petroleum is, of course. Petroleum is going to be found in the marsh and creek."

"But I have never seen any there," she replied.

"Because the psychological moment had not arrived. It will arrive in three or four days. Three or four days later than that men will arrive—various sorts of men. Would you care for riches?"

"No-o."

"Just so. You put some one to love you and call you pet names, eh? Just want to stay right here and take comfort? A wise decision."

"I didn't say I wanted to get married again," protested the widow.

"No, no, but none of us can afford to miss a good thing in this world. Love is greater than riches. Mrs. Albright, you may be offered \$5,000 for this farm, which is worth about \$2,000."

"Then I'll take it."

"Then don't you do anything of the kind. There will be an offer of marriage. What you want to do is to accept that. You want to be petted. That girl wants a father. A husband and father is worth more than \$5,000. No sale, remember. A husband or nothing."

"But how is the petroleum going to get into the spring?" was asked.

"Widow, there are many mysterious things connected with the lightning rod business. This is one of them. The petroleum will appear in good time. So will the men. So shall I. One day nature sends us a thunderstorm; the next day it is a hurricane; the next she causes the earth to quake and pour out petroleum. It is for us poor mortals to take advantage of such things when possible."

The petroleum appeared on the creek. It was sniffed and sighted by a traveler where it crossed the highway. In two days thirty men were sniffing and following the creek to its source. They called at the house. All the widow could say was that the petroleum had suddenly appeared. Those thirty men looked at the widow and her child and turned away. Then they turned back to make offers to lease the farm, to buy it outright, to drill for oil on royalty. No enthusiasm on the part of the widow. She didn't care for money.

The "find" was announced in the papers, and the thirty men became fifty. There were gushers gushing 1,000 barrels of oil per day not fifty miles away. The widow was offered as high as \$10,000 cash for the farm, but she shook her head. Men were going and coming when Mr. Skater drove up with one seated beside him. They went up to the spring, heard the talk and then entered the house. The man started back at sight of the widow, but recovered a moment later. An offer of \$15,000 had just been made for the farm. Mr. Skater left the couple alone for an hour. Then he was asked to gallop his horses for a preacher, and there were a marriage ceremony and a scattering of disappointed speculators.

No, the petroleum didn't last over two weeks, but then the widow was as good as she was homely, and you can't get a divorce in any state in the Union just because you got married in a hurry to become the owner of a petroleum ranch.

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AYER.

A Respected Chaplain.
Rev. Wm. J. Batt, who for years has been a frequent visitor here, especially on the occasion of the assembling of clergymen at the meetings of the ministers' union held at the Congregational church, was tendered a fitting testimonial when the inmates of the Massachusetts reformatory gathered in the reformatory chapel last Sunday afternoon to voluntarily pay their respects to the retiring chaplain of the reformatory after a faithful and untiring service of twenty-five years.

Mr. Batt was presented with a set of resolutions, hand engraved in book form, bound in white plush. Besides the resolutions, the book contained pictures of the superintendent, deputy superintendent and the chapel, as well as a fine likeness of Rev. Mr. Batt.

We have enjoyed the acquaintance of Mr. Batt for years, who, when in town, invariably made us a call. We always felt impressed with his venerable presence and hold him in the highest esteem.

Speaks at St. Paul's.
Rev. William Greenough Thayer, D. D., headmaster of St. Mark's school at Southboro, and the first rector of St. Andrew's church here, was the preacher at the noonday meeting in St. Paul's church, Boston, Monday. His theme was the constant process of change and development in the world and in men's lives. In the cities, he said, buildings are constantly being torn down and replaced by better ones; the city is continually growing, expanding, and no one knows what it will eventually become. It is the same with the doings of men. When the Declaration of Independence was adopted it seemed that political liberty had been accomplished, but since then there have always been changes in social and political theories.

"The same thing applies to the life of the individual," said the speaker. "We are not finished, we are always progressing, growing, and it does not yet appear what we shall be. The sense of incompleteness, restlessness, change, should not be a cause for discouragement, but rather of joy. Not the completion, the finishing, but rather the constant development and progress, is the natural and the desirable condition of man." Dr. Thayer also spoke on Tuesday and Wednesday.

District Court.
A raid was made on the Ephraim Reed dwelling house in Westford and the officers got eleven empty quart bottles and two empty pint bottles, and order of notice returnable December 10. Ephraim Reed was in court on November 21, to answer to the charge of maintaining a common nuisance, and he is to appear in the district court on Saturday, November 26.

The cases of Charles E. Daniels, Thomas O'Malley, Joseph and Frank Connor, all four charged with assault and battery, came up for trial last Saturday morning. It was a drunken quarrel on the part of Daniels and O'Malley and the whisky drunk that fired up the disputants to a serious quarrel, was purchased in Clinton by O'Malley and drank by Daniels and O'Malley.

During the quarrel Joseph Connor stepped between the two men and Daniels, who had an open jack knife in his hand, made a pass with it at Joseph Connor, cutting a gash in the eyelid of his right eye.

On trial O'Malley was found guilty and fined ten dollars and Daniels was also declared guilty and his case continued to December 19. Daniels is the father of a large family and they are in need of his support.

It roused the ire of O'Malley during the quarrel when Daniels made a wholesale onslaught in vehement words on the Irish race and O'Malley in particular. This was more than O'Malley could endure and when about to lay him out, it was Joseph Connor who was the peacemaker and who suffered for his good intentions, having his eyelid gashed so that it needed the services of a physician to dress the wound and prevent blood poisoning from setting in with serious consequences.

Under the trying circumstances and the vile epithets used against O'Malley and the whole Irish race, it is no wonder that a man of O'Malley's proud spirit should stand up for his people and defend them when attacked by a Vermont Yankee, which was beyond human endurance.

Trolley League Bowling Averages.
Leominster has been winning steadily and took Fitchburg into camp for a bad beating last week Thursday night,

at Leominster, although the Putnam street team was greatly strengthened for the fray. The Leominster five was in championship form however, and won the majority of the points although Fitchburg was fighting every string. The scores for the week were fine, and the leaders have a team average of 457 for each string, with Fitchburg right behind with 442, Shirley with 433 and Ayer 424. The standing:

Team.	Won.	Lost.	P.infall.	Ave.
Leominster	22	6	9601	457
Fitchburg	13	10	9235	442
Shirley	9	20	8321	424
Ayer	8	20	7805	433

It is in the individual list that the superiority of the Leominster aggregation is shown the most as they occupy four of the first six positions and its entire team can be found within the favored circle of ten leading bowlers. The Leominster bunch have depended on the same men, match after match, and as a result the team is at the top and the individual players are in line for the first prize money. Fitchburg has used the same men in the league and hold down second and fifth places and get in one more before the tenth is reached. Shirley is sixth, eighth and ninth, while Ayer doesn't appear till the eleventh place.

The league has twenty-six men who have appeared in six or more games and they range from Reagan's 98 down to Fillebrown's 78.44. In the league Fitchburg has used eight men twice, Leominster has depended on five, Shirley six and Ayer seven. Dan Reagan is the top notcher with 98, followed by Coleman with 94.14, Douglas with 93.71 and St. George with 92. Ray Dwyer is Fitchburg's first bowler with 91.59 and Collyer is Shirley's with 91.05. Andy Hawthorne is the seventh with 90.38 and brings an end to those over 90. The individual standing:

Names.	Games.	P.infall.	Ave.
1 Reagan, D.	15	1170	98.
2 Coleman, F.	21	1577	94.14
3 Douglas, B.	21	1868	93.71
4 St. George, A.	21	1834	92.86
5 Dwyer, F.	6	549	91.50
6 Collyer, S.	18	1639	91.05
7 Hawthorne, A.	21	1891	90.38
8 King, L.	21	1886	89.80
9 Day, S.	12	1072	89.33
10 McKeefe, L.	21	1853	88.23
11 Reynolds, A.	21	1824	87.81
12 Cook, S.	15	1212	87.46
13 Ryan, A.	9	783	87.83
14 Duffy, E.	9	782	87.83
15 Fitzgerald, A.	21	1817	86.52
16 Burrill, S.	9	776	86.22
17 Ryan, F.	6	517	86.16
18 Cate, F.	9	774	86.
19 Stoddard, F.	9	769	85.40
20 Kenney, A.	6	511	85.16
21 McFane, S.	9	758	84.90
22 Daly, S.	21	1775	84.52
23 Moran, F.	9	758	84.22
24 McFane, A.	15	1233	82.20
25 Price, S.	9	722	80.22
26 Fillebrown, A.	9	706	78.44

Mitchell for Short Term.
With the recount for votes for congressional candidates at Weston, Monday afternoon, the recount of the entire fourth congressional district was ended, unless the protests filed by James D. Ryan, socialist candidate for the full term beginning next March, against the count in towns where the town clerks failed to send him notice are effective and the votes have to be gone over again, and by it John J. Mitchell of Marlboro is elected to the unexpired term of Charles Q. Tirrell by eighteen votes and William H. Wilder of Gardner is elected to the full term by a plurality of one hundred and thirty votes over Mitchell.

There is a possibility of both of these results being disturbed by the ballot commissioners or by the supreme court, for in Fitchburg and several other places representatives of both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Wilder made protests against decisions of the counting officers on many ballots, some of which were counted for one candidate or the other and others of which were thrown out.

Both elections will probably be contested before the elections committees of this and the next congress and if they are Mr. Mitchell will have to fight for his seat in a republican congress and Mr. Wilder will be placed upon the defensive in a democratic congress.