

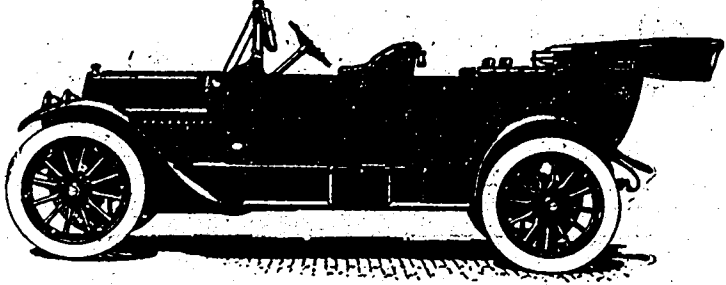
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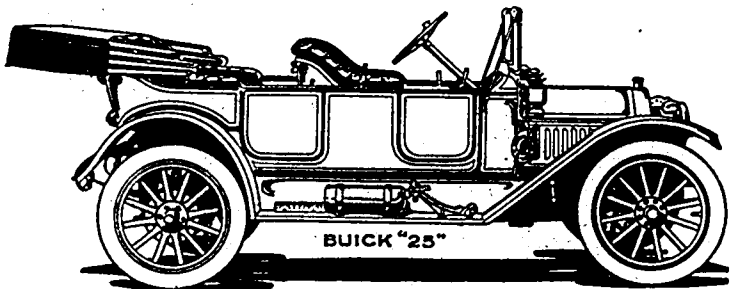
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Men's Embroidered, Initial.....	10¢ and 15¢ each
Men's Linen, Initial.....	25¢ and 50¢ each
Men's Silk, Initial.....	25¢ and 50¢ each
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Men's Mocha Gloves, Lamb's Wool lined.....	\$2.50 and \$3.00
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Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens.....	25¢ and 50¢
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Children's Coat Sweaters.....	50¢ to \$1.50

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Center.
 On Friday, December 20, the pupils of the school and their teachers will hold a Christmas entertainment in the lower town hall, the exercises to take place from one to 2.30. This will be followed by a cake and candy sale from 2.30 to four o'clock, the proceeds to purchase material for the sewing and basketry classes. This is a worthy object and it is hoped friends of the school will show their interest by their presence and patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Warren are having their household goods moved to their new home this week by auto truck. Mr. and Mrs. Warren go soon to spend the winter in Florida, and are making their new home comparatively ready for occupancy on their return in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wright have welcomed a little son into their home which they have named Kenneth.

Mrs. J. Henry Colburn and son Clarence are visiting relatives in New York.

Miss Sarah W. Lokar was called to Mattapan on Wednesday to attend the funeral of a former teaching friend.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club will take place on next Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 in the Congregational vestry. This will be a Christmas program with Mrs. David L. Greig and Mrs. Perley E. Wright as hostesses. Refreshments will be served and an attractive program is being planned to which the membership are cordially expected to respond.

William E. Wright is reported to have bought the Mrs. Mary O. Blood farm, with plans for occupancy. Henry Kuhn and family, who have lived on the place for some years, are moving to New Berlin, N. Y., where Mr. Kuhn has bought a farm. There will be a Christmas entertainment at the grange on next week Thursday evening. A play called "Christmas at Skeeter's Corners" will be given. This is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, and promises plenty of fun. There will also be a Christmas tree in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Colburn, and it is hoped that the members will make this a good time by a mutual interchange of small gifts.

Grange.

The members of Westford grange at their annual election of officers on last week Thursday evening showed their loyalty by electing on the present staff by large majorities. The list of officers for the following year is as follows: William R. Taylor, m.; John P. Wright, o.; Miss Grace Lambert, sec.; Perley E. Wright, stew.; Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher, chap.; L. W. Wheeler, treas.; Frank C. Wright, sec.; Miss Edith Hickey, Ceres; Miss Smith, Pomona; Miss Lillian Sutherland, Flora; Mrs. Jennie A. Hartford, l. a. s.; S. L. Taylor, ex. com. 3 yrs. The members voted to have this grange represented at the state grange by the master-elect W. R. Taylor. It was also voted to hold a Farmers' Institute here during the winter season, and Mrs. J. E. Knight was chosen to have charge of arrangements.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The newly organized Ladies' Aid society had their first regular meeting at the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good degree of interest manifested in the new organization starts out in a promising way. It has a membership list of twenty-four and others are expecting to join. The following outline for the winter's socials have been planned as follows: January, in charge of the men; February, "E. Knight" chairman; March, Mrs. Clara E. Greig and Mrs. Eva F. Wright; April, Mrs. Jennie A. Hartford, chairman; May, teachers' social. General supper committees for the season to assist special committees as needed: Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Greig, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. MacMasters and Mrs. Lambert. General social committee to assist on entertainments, Mrs. Hartford, chairman, Miss Grace Lambert, Mrs. Eva F. Wright and Mrs. A. E. Nelson. At the meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Wallace presided. Mrs. Blaney sang a solo and Mrs. Eva F. Wright read a poem. The report of the secretary was read and accepted, and at the business meeting that followed, it was decided that meetings be held in the vestry unless it was decided at any time to accept a special invitation. The regular time of meeting is to be the second Wednesday in each month.

The following officers were chosen to take charge of work were chosen: Miss L. B. Atwood, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. John P. Wright, Mrs. W. J. Merritt; also, the following calling committee: Mrs. Annie Kimball, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Banister, Mrs. Burman, Mrs. Eva F. Wright and Mrs. Wallace. At the close of the meeting cake and cocoa was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

About Town.

John J. Walker, of Natick, was a passenger at his old home, "The Walker," on Main street on Sunday. He was one of the boys at the old Stony Brook school in the by-gone days. The writer has had many a school bout in collar and elbow exercise with him in the school yard on the northerly slope of Francis hill. Each was his own referee, which usually resulted in a tie. The master would sometimes untie, which frequently resulted in a cry.

Miss Luanna Decatur was home for Saturday. Sunday and the church harvest supper on Friday evening, returning to the Salem Normal school on Monday.

The West Chelmsford Debating society sent off the first skyrocket of the season on Tuesday evening, when the following question was discussed in a manner to light up Washington: Resolved, "That there should be a new revision of the tariff downward." Now let everybody look out for lower prices.

In his recent Sunday evening temperance address, Rev. L. B. Weeks was decidedly original and warmly eloquent. "Free rum is the sooner it will be itself." Let the government disentangle itself from the internal taxes derived from this wickedness. Cease to take the regulation money of this business and then cry it as an evil. Put "free rum" on

trial as a business for what it can do for humanity. If it proves unendurable it will perish by the law of its own fall. The folly part of this business seems to be well developed already by the "perish" part of the "kormula" for curing seems to be equally as well as "the survival of the fittest." But judgments disagree. Some staunch temperance workers who heard the address said it was the best address they had ever listened to on temperance. It certainly was courageous, honest and eloquent.

Dr. Hildreth, of Cambridge, was a visitor in town on Sunday and attended the Unitarian church. Dr. Hildreth is a brother of Willis Hildreth and a cousin of Miss Ella Hildreth.

Master-elect W. R. Taylor, and Miss Grace Lambert, lecturer-elect, and Mrs. Sidney Wright attended the annual meeting of the state grange held at Springfield this week.

William P. Proctor, of Dunstable home life, is cutting the pine forests on the Plain road east of Hillside cemetery, and hauling them by horse transportation to his saw mill and extensive lumber yard at North Chelmsford.

Before the morning stars had finished lighting the night on Monday morning, an incendiary spark from an engine on the Stony Brook road set fire to the meadow land of S. L. Taylor. Owing to the natural protective bounds of this land the fire was obliged to go out of business before covering a large area for want of something to do, the land being hemmed around by Stony Brook, Stony Brook road, Stony Brook railroad and a sand bar running from Stony Brook to Stony Brook railroad at the boundary line of George C. Moore.

Mayor-elect George M. Wright, of Worcester, is George M. Wright and grandson of Ephraim Wright, well and favorably known to the older residents of Westford, where they lived many years. By the relationship of cousin, he is related to Harwood L. Wright, of the treasury department of Westford, citizen John P. Wright and Henry M. Wright, of Quincy, of the Boston Latin school, Worcester is to be congratulated on so much that is bright.

The William Whitney family, living on the Lowell road, are making preparations to move to Lowell, having secured a position with the Forest & Pratt lumber company.

A collection will be solicited in the Unitarian church on Sunday morning for the good will of a Christmas tree entertainment.

Mrs. Sidney Whitney, who has been ill for a year, is fast falling with a collection of new symptoms that recently developed.

A Pleasant Evening.

The gentlemen furnished a harvest supper entertainment at the vestry of the Unitarian church on last week Friday evening. There were several surprises: That the gathering should be so large on an "eleventh hour" decision to have the entertainment; that the supper should be so laden with good intentional temptations, considering that the men folk thought they did everything and were it; that the realm of thought should be so interestingly descriptive of life in all degrees of development.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks presided at the toastmaster exercises and introduced himself in a humorous vein in his experiences with the "Unlucky Friday," and the "Unlucky number 13." It is evident that he is "Friday number 13" all right. He introduced as the first sweet singer on the list, the sweet-voiced voice of Mrs. Blaney. It was the same effective expression that led in the choir and solo singing at the Unitarian church recently. Abiel J. Abbot was then introduced to speak on "A Trip around the world." This was another of the surprises of the evening, as he camped and tramped around the world with his audience, sniffed the bouquet life of the tropics and sweetened and sharpened the palate with its fruit, sped with the auto over the graded road to the elephant trunks or over the embankment you surely will bank, or camping at night "look out for the venomous snake," morning bathing beware of the wide open crocodile mouths, he is fond of that kind of steak.

Mr. Abbot's entertaining description was to the listener the nearest to being a part of the active trip that words and distance would permit. He evidently does not belong to that class that see but do not observe, and hear but cannot report. After we had landed safely in Boston harbor, Hon. Edward Fisher came forward and thanked Mr. Abbot for his generosity in allowing us to go with him in "His trip around the world."

The Honorable then proceeded to deliver himself of a new and humorous stay and some sensible and much needed and hoped to be heeded advice along the lines of reciprocity. Neither Canada nor tariff revision was in this new day reciprocity, but "love one another" was the chief cornerstone. He then proceeded in a humorous vein to introduce as a soloist, but less alone in the world than formerly, John Sumner Greig, him of the recently "new relations." John was not so over whelmingly "newly related," but what he could be entertainingly related to his song. The audience thought so too, and spoke with their approval. This was the "Anthem" which confirmed this decree and handed over another song. Smith, the organist at the Unitarian church last Sunday, was ill, and Miss Hazel Hartford played the keys and will collect the bill.

Club Meeting.

The Fortnightly club carried out an overflow program at its gathering on last week Friday evening. This little rural band is doing something to be reckoned with in the realm of thought and self improvement. The following was liberally read for edification: Song, Stephen Gardell; reading, Ernest Wright; dialogue, "Sunshine and shadow," Anna Wyman, Grace and Ethel Ingalls; reading, Horace Gould; recitation, Ethel Ingalls; tableaux, "The match boys," Lawrence Ingalls and Anna Wyman; music, violin and organ, Walter Steele and Gladys Fletcher; reading, Edwin H. Gould; recitation, Mrs. Harry Ingalls; reading, J. Everett Adams; recitation, Miss Lillian Wright. The club will hold its next meeting on next week Friday evening. This meeting will be a Christmas gathering and festival, Christmas tree and all that such trees yield. All good behaved people are invited to come and taste of these exercises.

Death.

Mary Foster Herrick, widow of Joshua D. Dodge, of Arlington, and daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Prescott) Herrick, died at her home in Arlington on December 12, at the age of eighty-four years. She leaves two sons, Joshua Eric Dodge, Justice of the supreme court of Wis-

consin and former assistant attorney-general of the United States for four years under President Cleveland, and Samuel D. Dodge, civil engineer, and former assistant engineer for the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board; her only daughter, Mrs. Mabel Prescott Cumston, of Brookline, and a granddaughter, Charlotte Cumston. One son, David H. Dodge, died young. Mrs. Dodge's early home in Westford was at the Center of the town on Main street, just west of Wright & Fletcher's and was torn down several years ago and the rural tenement house of Abiel J. Abbot occupies the site of that once familiar cosy and quaint little "yellow house."

Forge Village.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus conducted the evening services held at St. Andrew's mission on last Sunday and announced that Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the Sunday school children on Monday evening, December 16. A Christmas tree will be in readiness and each child will be remembered with gifts. The children of the Sunday school are rehearsing an operetta entitled "Santa Claus at home," to be given at the arrival of the old gentleman. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There will be a Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles as well as dressed dolls held at the Congregational hall on Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Ladies' Sewing Circle. There will also be on sale sandwiches, cake and coffee. This will give opportunity for all to purchase gifts as well as to help the mission. Doors will be open at three o'clock.

The choir of St. Andrew's mission went to Ayer on Tuesday evening and heard Donald B. MacMillan's lecture given under the auspices of the Middlesex Country Club. Mr. MacMillan came with a very pleasant expedition. A most pleasant evening was spent through the kindness of Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton, who provided the tickets.

Mrs. Bridget Miller is entertaining her brother, Thomas Moffatt, of California.

Miss Alice L. Prescott, of Rowley, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents on the farm near Rowley, Mass. She had as her guest, Miss Gladie Bridges, also of Rowley.

Miss May Lord, of South Framingham, spent the week-end as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon.

Club Play.

On last week Friday evening, Abbot hall was the scene of a large gathering to witness the performance of "The Mishaps of Minerva," a two-act farce by Bertha Currier Porter, given under the auspices of the S. L. S. C. The stage was well furnished and the play certainly deserved all the applause it received. All the participants acted their respective parts in an excellent manner and merited the hearty scores and a large attendance from the surrounding towns present and the affair was greatly enjoyed by all. Dancing followed the entertainment.

The stage decorations were in charge of Miss Emily Collins. The general manager, though living in New Jersey, sent a sum of money as her offering to the cause. The affair was held for the benefit of the new bathhouse, and with the close of this entertainment, the club is glad to announce that the buildings are now entirely free of debt.

Grantville.

At the morning service in the M. E. church on Sunday, the pastor, U. H. Layton, gave a very interesting sermon on "Unity." Mr. Layton was very sincere in his remarks and explained everything so clearly that there was no doubt left or to the meaning of unity when he had finished. In the evening the third of the series of illustrated lectures was given and was well attended. The subject, "The other twin," proved to be a very interesting study.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Charles Eaton on Thursday afternoon and discussed plans for the coming Christmas season.

Monday was the coldest of the season here so far, the thermometer registering from two to four degrees above zero.

Workmen from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company are now doing considerable repair work here.

The subject of the next stereopticon lecture to be given in the M. E. church on Sunday evening is "The crusades." This lecture will be forty-five minutes in length and will be illuminated with exactly eighty-two slides of the finest quality. It is hoped that everybody will avail themselves of the rare privilege of this most beautiful and educational lecture. The usual silver collection will be taken up. Our friends in Grantville, Westford and Forge Village are most cordially invited. The doors are open at 6.45. The lecture begins at seven o'clock.

Michael Subosky has started the foundation for a new house that he will build at the north end of Main street. P. Henry Harrington has the contract.

Sunday was the second Sunday of Advent and was also the feast of the immaculate conception. Two masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church by the pastor Edward T. Schofield, who also gave a short sermon on the gospel of the day. Devotions were also held in the evening and were conducted by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell. The services consisted of the recital of the rosary, after which Mr. Mitchell gave a strong and instructive sermon, taking his text from the words: "Thou art Peter and upon the rock I will build my church." His remarks were followed with deep interest and made a lasting impression on the minds of those present. The sermon was followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament. The regular choir was in attendance.

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By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et al., which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Saturday, December 28, 1912, at eleven o'clock A. M., at the District Court Room in Ayer, Mass., the following described tract of land:

A certain tract of land situate in the northerly part of said Harvard on "Shaker Village" Road, so-called, and bounded:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the premises at land of A. J. Lovell thence by said Lovell land by the following courses and distances S 4° 45' W 400 feet; S 73° 10' E 367 feet; S 40° 30' W 514 feet; S 77° E 192 feet to land of one Chamberlain thence by said Chamberlain land by the following courses and distances S 88½° E 211 feet; N 15° 25' E 145 feet; N 73° E 490 feet; N 74° 30' E 159 feet; N 30° E 175 feet; S 31° W 56 feet; N 16° 30' W 100 feet; N 32° 20' W 100 feet; N 13° 40' E 163 feet; N 35° 35' E 29 feet to stake at land of Harvard Shakers; thence by said Shaker land N 81° 30' E 372 feet; N 79° E 676 feet to a cross road; thence southerly by said cross road about 1660 feet to land of one Roberts; thence by said Roberts land by the following courses S 14° 10' W 538.8 feet; S 53° W 109 feet; S 48° 57' W 127.3 feet; S 55° 10' W 65.8 feet; S 2° 30' W 96.6 feet; S 25° 35' W 37 feet; S 49° E 79 feet to the Harvard and Littleton Road; thence Westerly by said road about 2400 feet to land of the Town of Harvard thence by said Town of Harvard land the following courses and distances N 5° 10' W 960 feet; N 77° 15' W 660 feet; N 0° 40' E 516 feet; N 2° 40' E 520 feet to land of Lucretia Hall; thence by said Hall land N 3° 45' E 887 feet; N 86° 25' E 286 feet to land Harvard Shakers; thence by said Shaker's land N 10° E 469 feet to land of heirs of John Hynes; thence by said heirs land N 5° E 388 feet to Shaker Village Road; thence easterly by said road about 300 feet to the point of beginning containing 200 acres be the same more or less.

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 For further particulars enquire of subscribers or D. C. Parsons, Ayer, Mass.

JOSEPH HOLDEN,
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Ladies' All Linen Handkerchiefs, full hemstitched, at... 10¢, 12½¢ and 25¢	Stamped Infants' Booties, at... 15¢	CHRISTMAS LEATHER GOODS, JEWELRY AND FANCY ARTICLES
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Ladies' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, Madeira Embroidered in Modish One Corner Effects, the finest assortment we have ever shown, at... 25¢ and 50¢	Stamped Hand Bags, White Linen, at... 50¢	Pocketbooks, at... 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00
Ladies' Fine Linen Swiss Embroidered and All Linen Embroidered, at... 10¢ and 12½¢	Stamped Heavy Burlap Pillows Tops, with floss complete for working, at... 25¢	Gentlemen's Bill Folds, at... 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00
Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, two in a fancy holiday folder, at... 25¢	Full Line of Royal Society Embroidery Packages	Change Purses, at... 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢
Boys' and Girls' Handkerchiefs, three in box, at... 15¢	Royal Society Night Robes, at... 75¢ and \$1.00	Beauty Pins, each pair in a box, at... 25¢ and 50¢
WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY	Royal Society Corset Covers, at... 25¢ and 50¢	Belt Buckles, each buckle in a box... 50¢ and \$1.00
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Men's Heavy Spear Back Cape Gloves, at... \$1.50	Royal Society Shirt Waists, at... 50¢	Sterling Silver Veil and Jabot Pins, at... 50¢
Men's Heavy Paris Back Kid Gloves, at... \$1.00	Royal Society Aprons, at... 25¢	Rosaries, at... 98¢ and \$1.50
Men's Heavy Wool and Leather Gloves and Mittens of all kinds, at... 25¢ and 50¢	Royal Society Opera Bags, at... 35¢ and 50¢	Manicure and Travelling Sets in Soft Leather Folding Cases, at... 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Men's Plush Gauntlet Driving Gloves, at... \$1.00	Royal Society Center Pieces, at... 50¢	Come and see our display of Fancy Goods. We are unable to enumerate them all
Ladies' Silk lined Mocha Gloves, at... \$1.50	Royal Society Infants' Jackets, at... 50¢	WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY
Ladies' Heavy Spear Back Cape Gloves, at... \$1.00	Royal Society Infants' Bibs, at... 25¢	RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
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Children's Plush Gauntlet and Indian Gloves, at... 50¢	Royal Society Library Scarfs, at... \$1.00	Ladies' Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, colors, red, blue and green, Mission Handles... \$3.50
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Children's One-clasp Cape Gloves, Spear Back, at... \$1.00	All sizes Satin Covered Pin Cushions, round, square and oblong	Ladies' Suit Case Umbrellas, at... \$1.50
Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens, at... 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢	Christmas Seals, Tags, Booklets	Men's Umbrellas, Paragon Frames, Mission and Box Wood Handles... \$1.00 up
CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD	Narrow Ribbons for Christmas Packages	LADIES' XMAS NECKWEAR AND APRONS
White Spreads... \$1.00 to \$3.00	All Colors Crepe Paper, 8¢ Roll	Bows in Silk, Velvet, large assortment of the newest styles, at... 25¢
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Tray Cloths... 12½¢, 25¢ and 50¢	MEN'S CHRISTMAS FURNISHINGS	Robespierre Collars in the new color combinations and styles, at... 25¢ and 50¢
Wool Blankets... \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50	Negligee Shirts, new patterns, semi-bosoms and coat styles, at... 95¢	Lace Dutch Collars and Coat Sets in White and Ecu, at... \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.69, \$2.75 and \$2.98
Cotton Blankets... 69¢, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.89, \$2.25	Suspenders in individual boxes... 50¢ and 25¢	Fancy Tea Aprons... 75¢, 50¢, 25¢
Puffs and Comfortables... \$1.00 to \$4.00	Knitted Neckwear in boxes, all new patterns... 25¢	Medium size Fancy Aprons, hamburg and ribbon trimmed, at... 50¢
Hemstitched Table Covers, Napkins to match, at... \$5.50	Silk Neckwear, in boxes, latest patterns... 25¢ and 50¢	Large size Plain Aprons... 25¢
Mexican Work and Embroidered Sideboard Covers, Table Covers Shams, Etc., at... \$1.00 to \$3.00	Silk Lisle Hose, four pair assorted colors in boxes, at... \$1.00 per box	Bungalow Aprons... 39¢
AVIATION CAPS SKATING CAPS	Hose, Necktie and Handkerchief Combinations to match, in boxes, at... 50¢ and \$1.00	
Ladies' and Girls' Aviation Caps, all colors, at... 50¢ and 98¢	Suspenders and Hose Supporter Combinations, in boxes, at... \$1.00 and 50¢	
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Saturday, December 14, 1912.	Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lewis,	Hubert A. Wright, who preached at	Lewis M. Knapp, of Amherst college,	Miss Pease, teacher of Chicopee	Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer left on
GROTON.	from West Upton, were in town last week, staying over Friday night and until Saturday noon.	the Unitarian church last Sunday, was given a good sized audience and was much liked by all who attended. Rev. P. H. Cressey, who exchanged pulpits with Mr. Wright, of the Baptist church, gave the large congregation a fine sermon. Rev. G. M. Howe, whose people are not worshipping in their own church at present, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church with Mr. Cressey, assisting in the services.	has won the Porter admission prize of fifty dollars. This prize is awarded to the student who passes the best examination in an ancient language, in English and in mathematics. The prize is open to all members of the entering class.	row school, was taken ill while at her home in Reading during the Thanksgiving recess. She was unable to resume teaching until this week Monday. The school was not in session last week.	Monday to attend the three-days' convention of the state grange at Springfield, which opened the session Tuesday with eight hundred delegates present. Our Townsman, Mr. Sawyer, was appointed one of the committee on agriculture.
News Items.	The members of E. S. Clark post voted at their last meeting to have the confederate money in their possession enclosed in a frame and hung on the wall at Odd Fellows' hall, thus changing their former decision to have it distributed among the members and elsewhere.	The Baptist church has extended an invitation to the Congregational church to worship with them on Sunday. The Congregational choir will unite with the Baptist choir. The two choirs will meet this Saturday evening at 7.30 to rehearse under Miss S. P. Hill, chorister, the anthem and hymns to be sung at the Sunday service.	Thirty children, members of the Congregational Sunday school, are rehearsing under Mrs. W. F. Gleason, a cantata, "The tables turned, or Santa Claus' Christmas." This cantata is to be sung at the Christmas festival of the Congregational church on Christmas eve, Tuesday, December 24. It is expected that the heating plant will be so far completed that the festival may be held as usual in the vestry and ladies' room.	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsworth Osgood, of Hollis street, closed their house last Saturday and have gone for the winter to New York city, where it is understood, Mr. Osgood is associated with a wholesale firm of that city.	Mrs. Marcia A. Gott passed away at eleven o'clock on Saturday night, December 7, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Wheelock, of Chicopee row. Mrs. Gott was born in Madison, Me., in 1823, and the illness which came at the close of her long life was of only a week's duration. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Williams, 7 Wendell street, Cambridge. The interment was in Maine.
There will be a joint installation of the officers of the E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 1. G. G. Tarbell, of Pepperell, will be the installing officer for the post. The W. R. C. installing officer has not been appointed. The installation exercises will be held in Odd Fellows' hall, Hollis street, and will begin at 1.30 o'clock.	E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., met for the annual election of officers on last Saturday afternoon with the following results: Charles H. Berry, com.; Henry P. Shattuck, s. v. c.; Warner Souther, j. v. c.; Dr. Samuel A. Green, sur.; James F. Moore, chap.; Charles H. Torrey, adj.; D. R. Steere, q. sergt.; Thomas Gilson, officer of the day; John Condon, officer of the guard; C. H. Berry, com., and David R. Steere delegates to the department encampment; M. P. Palmer, alternate.	There will be a vesper service at the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon, December 22, at five o'clock.	There was no session of the Butler grammar school on Monday owing to the temporary illness of the teacher, Mrs. Olive Wilson, who resumed work on Tuesday.	Mr. William H. Fernald and son Renald left home for San Francisco, Cal., on Tuesday noon. The young man and his mother go to make quite an extended stay with Anthony Fernald and family, another son of the family, who is in business in San Francisco. Mrs. Fernald and son started from Boston. Quite a delegation of friends met them at the station, giving them a surprise good-bye and send off.	George H. Woods is teaming the lumber to Ayer from the lot on Hollis street, next the former Boutwell farmhouse. The lumber goes into the house Capt. Palmer is having built in Ayer.
Dr. David R. Steeve, from Providence, R. I., was in town on last Saturday.	Much sympathy is expressed for the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guest, of Pepperell, born on December 5.	The weather was so stinging cold on Monday morning that George L. Boynton on coming up from the depot had his face frozen.	Leon Bailey was another Groton young man who got a fine deer during the open week not before reported.	Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer, brought a patient to Groton hospital for an operation on Wednesday.	The Boy Scouts had their pictures taken on last Saturday afternoon.

AYER.

The following officers and committees of the Congregational church chosen at the annual meeting held Monday evening...

These officers of Harbinger temple, Pythian Sisters, were chosen at the last regular meeting...

These officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., were elected at the regular meeting...

Mrs. Clara E. Blood was taken to the Eliot hospital, Boston, Monday, where she underwent an operation...

The Boy Scouts have organized a football team with Frank Parker as captain...

The Peace and Unity club will have their annual emancipation concert and ball in the town hall...

The fire department was called out at 8:10 Monday evening for a grass fire in the rear of the Bulger house...

The electric light company is at work preparing to furnish electric lights for the engine house...

Last Saturday morning a locomotive ran into the turntable pit at the yard and was considerably damaged...

Rev. Paul M. Hillman, who was operated upon at a Boston hospital several weeks ago for appendicitis, has resumed his duties as pastor of the M. E. church.

Mrs. L. E. Canning has sold out her restaurant business at Merchants' row and has moved to the Stone house on East Main street...

Leonard E. Canning, who has been district representative of the Laval Cream Separator company, has been promoted to superintendent...

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. Sunday evening, Miss Doris Fletcher was leader. The speaker was Rev. Richmond Flisk...

These club women attended the meeting of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday afternoon and heard Margaret Deland read from her writings...

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge, A. F. and M., will be held in Masonic hall on Monday afternoon at one o'clock...

Hardy's hall on Central avenue is the most inviting public hall in town. It is clean, is well lighted with electric lights, has a nicely furnished kitchen, ante-rooms, and heated and perfect ventilation...

Ruth Daniels, eight years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Daniels, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for a growth in the ear drum of one of her ears, was taken back to the hospital on November 3, and was operated on for adenoids and is still there.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be opened at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, December 17, at 7:30. Work—Royal Arch degree. Lunch after work.

At the regular meeting of Ayer Aerie, F. O. E., on Thursday night, the following officers were elected: Martin Scullane, pres.; Michael Fitzgerald, v. p.; Charles A. Lothrop, chap.; James J. Moran, sec.; William J. Donlon, treas.; Thomas Martin, g.; John Sherman, o. g.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, P. O'Clair, trus.

The problem of handling the immense amount of freight at the local yard has assumed an importance that will probably result in the enlargement of the yard in the near future. About a year ago the railroad company made arrangements to have the through freight then handled at the east yard in Fitchburg...

east yard in Fitchburg, to be sent here to be handled. The great amount of extra work added to what was already done here proved to be too great a task for the local yard...

Unitarian church services on Sunday: Morning service at 10:45, Sunday school at twelve, Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the evening...

The Beryl club of the Methodist church held an interesting meeting at the home of the president, Miss Mary Leahy, on Thursday evening...

Ayer grange will hold a social dance in Page hall on Tuesday evening, December 17. Music, McNally's orchestra, of Hudson.

Herbert H. Proctor was appointed and installed to the office of grand master of the second wall of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Massachusetts by Most Excellent Eugene A. Houlton, of Boston, grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Massachusetts at the 114th annual convocation...

The water department is extending the water pipe on High street to the new house that is being built by Fred W. Hosmer.

Miss Emma Kinney concludes her duties as bookkeeper with C. E. Ferrin this Saturday evening.

Chief Beatty and Joseph M. Russell, agent for the M. S. P. C. A., of Boston, visited the barn of Herbert W. Farnsworth on the Groton and Shirley road on last week Friday to inspect a horse that was said to be sick. The horse died on the premises such a condition that it was ordered to be shot to relieve it of its sufferings...

Mrs. Annie Norris has moved into the upper tenement of the house of J. P. Hamel on East Main street.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the initiatory degree on three candidates at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moses have left town for their winter home in Providence, R. I.

Clifford Griffin, of Mitchellville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Griffin, is confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Mabel Brackett, of Townsend, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Beckford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Wilson, jr., of Fitchburg, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lyon, last week.

Frank Leslie, of Woburn, a former resident of Ayer, is reported dangerously sick. His father, F. F. Leslie, while the family lived here, was an employee of the tannery, then run by Alley Brothers and Place.

W. F. Bucknam, formerly of Ayer, now living in Stoneham, visited friends in town on last Monday. Mr. Bucknam while a resident of this town, was for several years the engineer on the Salem passenger train between Ayer and that city.

At the request of the ladies having charge of the sale for the benefit of the Ayer hospital last week, the amount realized, eighty dollars, will be spent in furnishings for the operating room.

Mrs. J. Byron Pearson of Stoneham died last Sunday at the age of fifty-three years and burial was on Tuesday afternoon at Woburn.

Mrs. Pearson was a frequent visitor in town for a number of years past when her mother, Mrs. Caroline Porter Farnsworth, wife of S. P. Farnsworth, resided here, and who at one time owned the residence on Church street and lived there with her husband, Timothy Frye, now occupied by Mrs. Hemenway. Mrs. Pearson has many relatives in town.

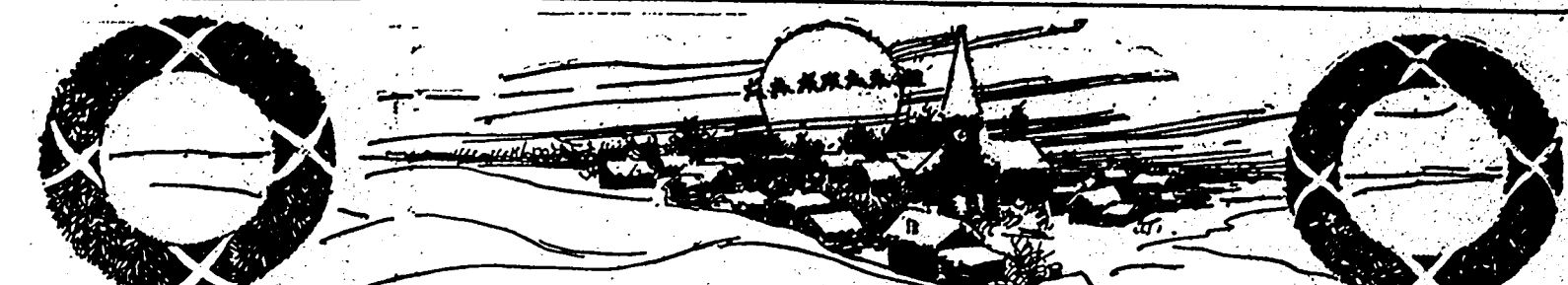
L. Sherwin & Co. are the original dealers in this town in holiday goods. It was in 1851 when the father of the Sherwin boys, Levi Sherwin, made his debut on Merchants' row, in Union hall building, which occupied the site where is now the American house building. Mr. Sherwin moved with the building to the corner where the store is now located, which building was destroyed by the great fire that swept the business portion of the town in 1872. The sons of this well and favorable known business man have their store well provided with goods for Christmas gifts.

A rare treat was afforded those who attended the organ recital at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, given by Claude E. Saunier, who was assisted by the choir of the church. It was an excellent program and the series of numbers were received with much enthusiasm. Mr. Saunier responded to several encores. At the close of the recital, in a very general way, he suggested that the audience sing "America," which was done with a great deal of spirit. Fortunately the Congregational society in having such a talented and devoted choir, and too much cannot be said in their praise for the important part they took in the recital in making it such a success.

Come to Ayer and do your Christmas shopping. The stores carrying holiday goods are many and you are sure of seeing a large and attractive assortment of goods from which to select presents, as they are so varied. Be sure and come early and before the rush.

Dr. A. Fox of Warren Chambers has been appointed demonstrator in clinical dentistry at Tufts college dental school.

At the annual meeting of the Unitarian social gathering on Tuesday Mrs. Alice Butterfield and Mrs. Franklin Lawton were made a committee to prepare a president. Mrs. Albert C. Perkins was elected vice-president and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, secretary and treasurer.



Holiday Greetings

If you are worrying about the selection of some of your Christmas Presents, we can help you

- A Few Christmas Suggestions: Men's Sweater Coats... 50c. to \$7.00; Boys' Sweater Coats... 50c. to \$2.00; Ladies' Umbrellas... 50c. to \$5.00; Cuff Links and Pin to Match... 75c. and \$1.00; Gloves of all kinds... 25c. to \$5.00; Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial 5c. to 50c.

These are only a few suggestions, we are unable to catalogue the whole stock COME IN AND SEE THEM

Fletcher Bros. AYER - MASS.

The Baptist ladies held their annual fair in the lower town hall Thursday afternoon and evening. The room was bright and cheerful with the gay trimmings of the various booths...

After that date nothing but monthly tickets will be issued. Under the arrangement which has been operative for years, and which now prevails, passengers can buy a one, two or three months ticket...

At the meeting of L. A. A. O. H. on Thursday evening these officers were elected: Miss Mary Skeritt, pres.; Mrs. Maude Sullivan, v. p.; Miss Kate McCarthy, treas.; Miss Susie Neylan, sec.; Miss Hattie Cullinan, f. s.; Mrs. W. J. Mullin, s. c.; Miss Mary Carrigan, s. h. c.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., elected these officers on Thursday evening: H. E. Evans, c.; J. G. Davenport, s. v. c.; J. M. Dolloff, j. v. c.; E. E. Sawyer, treas.; H. C. Harlow, A. C.; E. Bumpus, J. M. Boutwell, camp counsellors.

At the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., on Monday evening these officers were elected: Warren H. Fairbank, Harvard, w. m.; B. H. Hopkins, s. w.; P. R. Andrew, j. w.; G. H. Bixby, West Groton, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; Frederick Whitney, trustee charity fund three years.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins performed an operation for abdominal trouble upon Miss Lillia Crocker, of this town, at the Groton hospital on Wednesday.

E. C. Bumpus, a prominent member of the legal profession, is stopping for the present with his son, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, and goes to and from his office in Boston daily.

Stolen Property Recovered. Through the arrest by the local police last week of a man giving the name of Frank Adams, Chief Beatty cleared up the case of robbery which was reported to him by Timothy P. Cleary on Monday morning.

Chief Beatty got busy at once on the case and later on he received a communication from the Athol police stating that a man had been arrested there who gave the name of Timothy Cleary, and his home as at Ayer. The name proved to be false as Mr. Cleary, from whom the goods were taken, is the only person of that name in town.

Edward S. Dwyer concluded his services at Brown's lunch cart on Wednesday night. A first-class man has been secured to take his place and is expected to assume his duties on Monday evening.

Mrs. George Buxton, lecturer of Shirley grange, and Mrs. Grace Elyms, lecturer-elect of Ayer grange, returned from the state grange meeting at Springfield on Thursday evening.

The Sigbee Company are manufacturers of novelties in fine leather that are very suitable for Christmas gifts, and are on exhibition at the factory store on Centre avenue. They are unique in design and are useful as well as ornamental.

Again we call the attention of our large number of readers in town and elsewhere to the moving picture show in Page hall this Saturday evening. Mr. Foullis, the proprietor, will have a fine exhibition of films that will be very instructive and very amusing.

Alton E. Briggs, of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange, will speak before the open meeting of the Ayer Woman's club in the Congregational auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 18, at 7:45. His subject will be "New England's food supply—its sources, cost, distribution and conservation." The public will be admitted for a small fee.

The attention of the Ayer Woman's club is called to the following notices: The household economics conference of the State Federation to be held on Monday, December 16, at three o'clock in room 116, Simmons college. Those attending are requested to leave at the door a card with name and club represented. Domestic science and pure food exhibition at State Armory, Lowell, closing December 14. Annual juvenile court day held by Boston Council of Jewish Women, Saturday, December 14, at 2:30, at Temple Israel, Commonwealth avenue, Boston. Subject, "Juvenile court from standpoint of probation officer."

According to unofficial statements, the price of season tickets between Ayer and Boston, beginning on January 1, will be \$10.65 per month.

action of the superior court of Middlesex county on the charge of breaking, entering and larceny from the garage of E. O. Proctor, of Ayer, sometime after midnight of Tuesday, November 5, an account of which has previously appeared in this paper. Gaskell and the Walsh woman lived together in Boston, where she was known by the name of Charter. She told the court that she was deceived by Gaskell whom she met in New York three years ago, and that she promised to marry her. The wedding was said to be set for Christmas eve.

Gaskell has served several terms in jail. In 1888, he was sentenced to four years imprisonment at Cleveland, Ohio, and later was sentenced for a similar term at Philadelphia, and again for a term of three years and six months in the house of correction, at one time, in Boston, he pulled a loaded revolver when a policeman arrested him for larceny.

Gaskell escaped from the Charles street jail, Boston, in 1907, as a result of which four employees of the jail were discharged. The fact became known this week that he has still another name by which he is known to the police, that of Dr. James Gaskell. He must answer to two other charges that of breaking and entering Mr. Proctor's garage, and of the larceny of an automobile from John W. Fix, of Lakewood, Ohio, which was recently recovered and restored to its owner. The police feel much relieved that he has been placed in safe custody at least for a few years.

Gaskell and his companion were both arraigned in the district court a short time ago for alleged implication in the local break and were both held for the Middlesex grand jury. Gaskell astonished the court officials and spectators by the clever manner in which he conducted his case in the absence of his counsel, John T. O'Connor, of Boston.

Turned On. Current was turned on at the Ayer electric plant from the Clinton plant last Sunday for the first time and we are now receiving our current in town from Clinton. It is sent over the wires at 6500 volts and at the Ayer station is transformed to 2300 volts for local distribution. It is also transformed at the Still River sub-station to 2300 volts for local use.

As soon as the lighting company get all the wires connected and in first-class shape we will get twenty-four hour service here, but they wish to have everything in perfect condition before giving day service, which is expected before many weeks, so that it will be permanent and satisfactory.

A gang of men are at the Leominster end of the line running the wires toward Still River, so that in the near future Ayer will be connected to both Leominster and Clinton plants.

Steam will be kept up at the Ayer plant this winter for heating purposes and also for an emergency in case any of the wires have to be changed outside the town, but eventually, it is understood, that the power plant at the Ayer station will be done away with.

Death. Harold W. Powell, better known as Montana Harry, who has been in Ayer a number of times in recent years selling his medicines, dropped dead December 2, in a hotel in Worcester. Montana Harry, sixty-four years old, has traveled the country far and wide selling his famous Indian medicines and telling of his startling adventures. He was a member of the Legion of Honor of the United States army and navy and held a gold medal from the government for bravery on the battlefield. He is thought to be the only surviving scout who was with Custer in the campaign which led up to the massacre on the Little Big Horn. In his breast he wore a medal from Uncle Sam on which was inscribed "Presented to Montana Harry for bravery on the field of action at Pine Ridge, January 1, 1891. G. W. Forsythe Co., 7th U. S. cavalry." In a notebook was found in case of accident, notify G. A. R. post 22, Millfield, Montana.

Exhibited. Ayer was visited on Thursday by Arthur E. Goyette in a Studebaker racing machine, which is claimed to be the fastest automobile in the world for its piston displacement and which attracted considerable attention while in town. It is of a peculiar shape, being fashioned like a huge gear, painted white and with the operator exposing only his head and shoulders. The car was built by the Studebaker company, and is the same racer which has crossed the finish tape first in many track events of the country. The frail appearing, though firmly constructed car, can be speeded to eighty miles an hour. The fly wheel revolves at 2000 revolutions a minute. The car is equipped with a specially made carburetor. Its total length is seven-

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teen feet. Its greatest diameter is twenty-six inches at the driver's seat, and only the operator can ride in the machine. The engine is a Studebaker 20, has a special four-jet carburetor, two sets of ignition from the magneto, and its makers claim that it is the fastest automobile in the world for its piston displacement. The operator is touring the agents in New England, after a successful season. Robert Murphy & Sons are distributing agents for the Studebaker cars for this district.

DUNSTABLE.

News Item. Calvin Austin's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pillsbury, widow of Maurice Pillsbury, died on November 30, at the home of her son Maurice in Portland, Me., with whom she had made her home. Besides the above-mentioned Calvin Austin and half-brother, Maurice Pillsbury, she is survived by Calvin's brother, Granville, who is a wholesale fish dealer in Boston.

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SHIRLEY.

Deaths.

Edward Everett Edgarton, aged 83 yrs. 10 mos. and 1 day, passed away on Monday evening at seven o'clock at his home on Harvard road from the effects of arterio sclerosis. Mr. Edgarton's illness was brief and his death came quite unexpectedly, for he had attended in a measure, to his daily routine duties, being taken suddenly ill shortly after six o'clock that evening. The family physician, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, arrived promptly at the home and tried in vain to get his heart in action, but there was no response to the treatment. He began to sink rapidly as he sat in his arm chair in the kitchen and finally succumbed to the inevitable. The end was peaceful and he passed away as calmly as a child going to sleep.

For a few weeks past Mr. Edgarton had experienced severe attacks of heart trouble, but they were of brief duration, rallying quickly from the effects.

Edward E. Edgarton was born in Shirley on February 3, 1829, and was the son of Joseph and Mehitabel (Whitcomb) Edgarton, one of a family of fifteen children—ten boys and five girls. He received his education at the public schools of Shirley, which included the high school. In his early life he followed mechanical pursuits and for nearly two years was an engineer on the New York Central railroad. The last forty years of his life he was a cranberry grower.

Mr. Edgarton married Miss Emily Bennett in 1857. Two daughters were the results of this union—Clara Gertrude, who died young, and Mrs. Lizzie Estelle Longley, of Worcester, who survives him. His wife died six years ago. His second marriage was to Mrs. Lavonne J. Fish, in 1908.

The death of Mr. Edgarton marks the passing of the last generation of his family. He was one of Shirley's old citizens and respected and esteemed by the townspeople. He was a strong type of the old New England citizen, attended strictly to his own business and never indulged in any unfavorable comments regarding any one, and if he could not express kindly sentiments he remained silent. He was fond of nature and was especially kind to dumb animals. His old horse, "Tim," has been in his possession for the last thirty years, purchasing him when he was ten years old, which makes "Tim" about forty years of age, and is in remarkably good condition considering his age, which is certainly out of the ordinary.

Mr. Edgarton was the oldest member of the Universalist church and a member of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F.

The near relatives besides a wife, are a daughter, Mrs. Lizzie E. Longley, of Worcester, and five grandchildren, who are Clara, Mary, Samuel E., Emily and Josephine Longley.

The funeral services, which were private, was held at his late home on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, of the Universalist church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Betterley) Crossman died at her home on Haskell street on Tuesday morning at about 5:10, from the effects of complications of ailments which finally developed into pneumonia, which was primarily the cause of death. Mrs. Crossman had been confined to her home with sickness since early in the summer, and her death, which was sudden, came as a shock to her family and friends.

Mrs. Crossman, who was sixty-four years of age, was born in Brookline, N. H., on October 15, 1848. She was the widow of William H. Crossman, who died about four years ago. She was a lady of quiet taste and habits, kind and affectionate, and her whole life has been spent in christian service. She was a member of the Methodist church of Brookline, N. H., and during her many years of residence in this town has won a large number of friends.

The immediate survivors are two brothers, George E. Betterley, of Brookline, N. H., and William E., of Reed's Ferry, N. H., two nephews, Percy D. Betterley, of Worcester, and Ernest N. Betterley, of Clinton; also, one niece, Miss Matilla Betterley, of Brookline, N. H.

Funeral services, which were private, was held from her late home on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Allen A. Bronson officiating. Burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery.

Football.

On last Saturday afternoon, at the Circle Street school in Fitchburg, a team of Fitchburg high school boys met a defeat at the hands of the Shirley A. A. While the game was the scene of many penalties for the Shirley boys, it was very interesting because of the exceptionally clean playing of both teams.

During the first period no score was made. Emerson kicked off to Hodges, who dropped the ball and fell on it on the outside line. Fitchburg's ball on their own fifteen-yard line. After several unsuccessful forward passes, they punted to Shirley, Horton receiving the kick and running the ball to their twenty-five-yard line. Here the Shirley boys started down the field. When on the five-yard line, the Shirley team were penalized fifteen yards for pushing by Horton. The next play they were also penalized for off-side play, this making their fourth down with thirty yards to gain. Next came a delayed pass in which Evans made twenty-five yards. Fitchburg's ball on their twenty-yard line. After trying to pierce the Shirley line several times, they were forced to punt. Horton receiving it and running to the thirty-yard line. Two plays were run off and the period ended with Shirley's ball on the twenty-eight yard line.

In the first five minutes of play in the second period, Evans went over for a touchdown, the goal being kicked and making the score 7 to 0 in favor of Shirley. Evans then kicked off to Ruddy, who was downed by Horton on their thirty-yard line. Again, after being held for three downs, Fitchburg punted on their fourth down to Horton. After gaining first down twice, the Shirley boys were penalized fifteen yards for use of hands.

Howarth kicked off to Horton, who rushed the ball to their thirty-five-yard line at the beginning of the third period. On a fumble the ball was lost after a gain of forty yards had been made. Fitchburg's ball on their own thirty-yard line. Fitchburg boys began to show signs of life, but it did not last long. After successful line plunging and a forward pass they were able to gain first down, but after this they were held for downs and forced to punt. Horton running the kick back from his own five-yard line to the middle of the field, being downed by Rice. Here, after sensational line plunging and skirting end runs, the ball landed on Fitchburg's fifteen-

yard line. Shirley was penalized several times for illegal playing of the field, and on off-side play, the period ending with the ball in the middle of the field.

It was in the fourth period that the Shirley boys started on the march for the goal. Together, with the big holes opened by Miner and L. Wells, the sensational gains of the backfield were made. The last touchdown was easily procured. With the ball on the five-yard line, Evans walked over the line through a hole made by Miner and L. Wells, big enough to drive an auto through. The goal was kicked. With but a few minutes to play, Emerson kicked off to Hodges, who was downed by Miner on their thirty-five yard line. Again Fitchburg was forced to punt, Horton receiving the kick. He slipped in the mud in trying to dodge, and was tackled by Hodges, the fast end. The game ended with Shirley in possession of the ball on Fitchburg's fifteen-yard line.

Score, Shirley A. A., 14; Fitchburg A. A., 0. Parts of Field being in a rather muddy condition both teams found it hard to keep their feet in such places.

For the Fitchburg boys Howarth, Hodges and Coleman were well noticeable. As for the Shirley lads, Miner, L. Wells, Evans, G. and H. Emerson showed good style. The defense of the Shirley team was exceptionally noteworthy. If it had not been for penalties the Fitchburg boys would have undoubtedly been severely beaten. In the line for Shirley R. Miner showed the best steady work, both in making holes and tackling.

As a whole both teams did very well, but the Shirley boys did not show as good form or speed as a whole which they did on Thanksgiving day. The lineup:

SHIRLEY	FITCHBURG
Weeks, re.	Hodges
Desmond, rt.	Perault
S. Wells, rg.	Buddy
L. Wells, lg.	W. Emerson
L. Emerson, lb.	McIntire
Miner, lt.	Farwell
Bangs, le.	Sullivan
Horton, qb.	Coleman
G. Emerson, rb.	Howarth
H. Emerson, rlb.	Connors
Evans, fb.	F. Fish

Center.

Miss Clapp, of Lynn, is spending a few days at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby.

The house which was purchased by C. L. Casteel from John W. Farrar last spring, and which was recently left vacant when Mr. and Mrs. Casteel moved to Ayer, is again for sale. It has been placed in the real estate agency of S. LeRoy Longley to be sold again.

A large number from Shirley attended the Pomona grange meeting at Ayer on last week Thursday. Thomas Evans, Ernest Bohanon and Elmer Wilkins were among those on whom the fifth degree was worked in the evening. Mrs. Alice Cummings, of Shirley, was elected lecturer of the Pomona grange and Ardie A. Adams was elected assistant steward.

The lecture which was announced last week to be given at Trinity chapel on Saturday evening, December 17, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the Sunday school Christmas tree on the same evening.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 14, at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Grout.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening, December 17, the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of three candidates. At this meeting also, the reports of the delegates to the state grange meeting at Springfield this week will be heard. On account of the large amount of business on hand, the Christmas program, which was scheduled for this meeting, will probably be omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans returned on last Saturday after a short wedding trip to Boston and vicinity. They will make their home for the present with the bride's mother, Mrs. Eva Holton.

Mrs. Mackey and daughter, Miss Constance Mackey, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, again, after an absence of two weeks.

Mrs. Clinton Lovell returned last week to her home in Henniker, N. H., after a short stay at the home of W. E. Barnard.

The annual Christmas tree for the Sunday school classes at Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday evening, December 14, in the town hall. A line program of songs and recitations will be given by the children, beginning at 7:45. Rev. A. L. Bumpus expects also to give a few lantern slides on religious subjects. After the distribution of the presents a short social hour will be enjoyed by all. Donations have been received from Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Henniker, N. H., and from F. H. S. Hyde of New York, to be used for purchasing ice cream, candy, etc., for the event.

Sewing Guild.

The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel held a successful sale of Christmas articles in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, December 7. Fancy goods and candy were on sale in the afternoon. Miss Edith Longley had charge of the fancy goods table and Misses Edna Holden and Mildred Evans had charge of the candy table. In the evening the farce "The dumb waiter" was given by the girls of the sewing guild before a good-sized audience. The farce was excellently given and was much enjoyed by all. The cast of characters follows: Miss Sigbee, principal of a girls' boarding school, Miss Margaret Evans; Miss Warren, teacher in election; Miss Edna Holden; Sally Vernon, an old pupil; Miss Margaret Little; Lucy Deering, Hatty Mason, new pupils; Misses Priscilla Sweetser and Mildred Evans.

As an encore the song, "Girls, girls, girls," was very pleasantly sung by a trio composed of Misses Sweetser, Evans and Little. After the entertainment, dancing was enjoyed until eleven o'clock. Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Celia Smith, Miss Margaret Longley, Mr. Taylor and others very kindly furnished the music for the dancing. During the evening fancy goods and ice cream and cake were on sale, the fancy goods table being under the charge of Miss Edith Longley and the ice cream table being under the charge of Misses Ruth Graves and Margaret Evans.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Paul Vlets spent the week-end with friends in Providence. While there he called on Miss Waterman and found her able to get about the hospital on crutches.

During the latter part of the week, Mrs. Livermore entertained a sister from Brookline, and one from Cambridge.

Quite a number from here went to the concert at West Acton given by

the Trinity quartet, of Boston. Amory Maynard, the leader, is well-known in this vicinity, and his friends were glad of an opportunity to hear him sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson are at Springfield, as delegates to the state grange.

Ten ladies from this town attended the open meeting of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday afternoon and had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Margaret DeLanoy read selections from her book "Old Chester tales." Unlike some authors, she is a delightful reader of her own stories, and she made her well-known characters still more charming by her own personality. The musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Bailey and Evelyn Knowlton.

Friends of Mrs. Myers will be glad to learn that she can now walk some without any assistance, and the outlook for her complete recovery is very encouraging.

Mrs. Louisa Priest passed her eighty-ninth birthday on last Sunday in the best of health and spirits. She enjoyed the many postcards she received and entertained a card party on Monday evening.

There will be a sale of fancy articles and Christmas gifts at the library on December 21, in the afternoon and evening. Some Harvard ladies will furnish the work and a social time is expected.

The ladies of the Congregational church held their annual fair in the town hall on last week Friday evening. There were the usual attractions, the chief one being the table attended by the brides of the season. The entertainment consisted of two farces, "Oysters," and "Filling the missionary barrel." All the parts in each were taken by the ladies and unusually well acted. Music was furnished by Mrs. S. D. Salmon, soloist, and the grange orchestra, which consists of George Burroughs and Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb, violins; C. T. Werthebe, cornet, and Mabel P. Robbins, piano.

All the schools close this week for a two-weeks' vacation, with the exception of Grove school, which has some time to make up.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. SHERWIN late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of the said MARY A. SHERWIN has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by PAUL H. SHERWIN who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

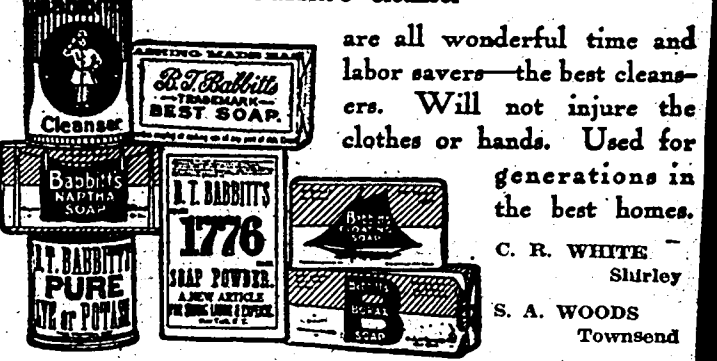
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