

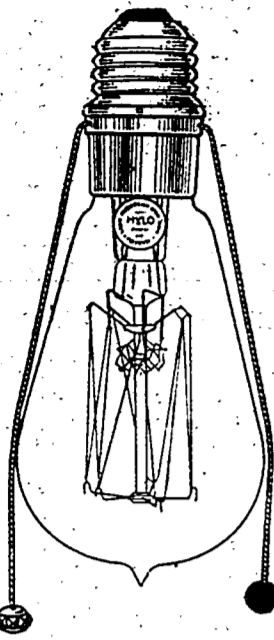
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Center.
The evangelistic meetings conducted at the Methodist church this week by Rev. George B. Deane of Worcester have been very helpful and well attended, resulting in much good. Mr. Deane will continue the services by preaching Sunday morning and evening. The Epworth league service will be held at 6.30.

The many Townsend friends of Rev. William H. Hodge, a former pastor of the M. E. church, will be interested in the following item from the October Zion's Herald: "At the Methodist church, Weston, of which Rev. William H. Hodge is pastor, sixty attended Sunday school rally Sunday. How many other churches with a membership of but fifty can show as flourishing a Sunday school attendance? Every other department is equally as prosperous."

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "The world burden." C. E. topic, "Manliness and womanliness." Leader, Mrs. A. L. Struthers.

Miss Rachel Knight, who received first prize in the canning department at the recent town school exhibit, and who received second prize in her string beans previously mentioned, at the National Dairy show in Springfield, was in competition with other girls of the North Atlantic states who had 1000 cans of vegetables and fruit entered. Only quart can entries were allowed. Miss Rachel's canning was nearly all in pint jars, otherwise she would probably have received other honors.

The Townsend Brotherhood give further notice that the reception to Governor Spaulding Friday evening, October 27, in Memorial hall, will be held from 7.30 to 8.30 in the upper hall, followed by the banquet in the lower hall, where the speeches and toasts will be given. Tickets for the banquet on sale at S. A. Woods' store Saturday morning. All friends wishing banquet tickets will please buy early as the number is limited to two hundred. They can also be purchased of George A. Wilder.

About Town.
Mrs. William Bush has been quite ill for the past week and has been in bed most of the time.

Mrs. Kathryn Markham spent Sunday in Chelsea with her oldest daughter, who is employed there as a telephone operator.

J. B. Blood has recently been having a severe cold and an attack of bronchitis.

Ralph Bush spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bush.
Mrs. Inez Richards sold her household goods at auction on Saturday afternoon at the home of her father, Henry Cowdrey. Quite a few were on hand in spite of the cold, windy day.

Mrs. Ivora Austin returned to her home in Milford, N. H. last Saturday after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Frank Spring.

Alfred Spear, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spear, who was operated on last week for enlarged tonsils and adenoids, is getting along very nicely.

Miss Nellie Sylvester has returned to Mrs. Albert Fessenden's after being away for the summer months.

Hugh Hill went to the Burbank hospital last week and had a finger cut off. The finger was one that he injured at Fessenden's mill some time ago, and it was left so stiff and useless that he could do nothing with it. He had great courage not to take anything while the finger was being amputated.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tuttle and son Nelson, of North Andover, returned to their home on last Sunday after a short visit at the home of John A. Arlin. Ruth Arlin accompanied them home and will remain with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace F. Arlin were in Lowell on Tuesday.

Harbor.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hall of Claremont, N. H., are spending the week at Sachem villa. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Noyes and Mrs. George Jones, motor to Boston for the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and daughter, Miss Ruth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis and little son of Harrisville, R. I., were recent guests at Seven Pines.

Harry Atwood is visiting in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Searles entertained a small house party last Sunday, members of which included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams of Concord Junction, Mrs. Ida E. Brown and her daughters, Miss Alice and Miss Mattie of Lunenburg and Miss Doris Lund of Fitchburg and Gilman Conant.

The members of the C. C. Whist club will hold its first card social of the season at Seven Pines on Saturday evening. Mrs. George Jones, hostess.

Miss Hester Burdett with her mother, Mrs. Sophia Burdett, have returned to their home in Boston for the party this village. Their many friends here accord them a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Charles Hagar with her two sisters is enjoying an automobile tour in Maine.

The Monday club held its last meeting at Westview. Mrs. Florence Conant as hostess. An enjoyable program was presented, after which refreshments were served. All the members were present. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Knight.

Dr. Peters and Miss Cushing spent Sunday at Hickory farm.

G. A. Proctor and F. E. Conant on Saturday attended the national dairy show at Springfield.

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HARVARD

News Items.
Mrs. Emma Perry, of Cambridge, has been spending two weeks with Mrs. Folsom in Harvard.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Thursday, October 26, at Ashcroft with Mrs. A. S. Branson.

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Opposite Depot

Walter Hazard is in Boston for the winter, where he is employed by the firm of Shepard-Norwell Company.

David Mongovin met with a painful accident last week. While picking apples at his mother's place he fell from a tree, fracturing three ribs and otherwise shaking him up. He will be confined to his bed about two weeks.

"Anita's trial," given by the young people of the Congregational church on Friday evening of last week is very commendably spoken of by the young people taking their parts in a creditable manner.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrill are enjoying a week-end visit with Mr. Merrill's sister-in-law, from Boston.

Annual Grange Fair.

The annual fruit and poultry show given by Harvard Grange was a very successful affair despite the very inclement weather. The exhibits were of high order and showed thought and care in preparation. The following is the list of prize winners: McIntosh, Alerton farm, 1st on plate, Pearmain, best box, 2d on Greenings, box; S. M. Farnsworth, 2d on plate; A. W. Bryant, 1st on McIntosh and Gravensteins, Russets, Hubbardston, box, 4th on plate, 2d on R. I. pullet; Leland Whitney, 2d on Baldwin; McIntosh, Blue Pearmain; Clarence Beard, 1st on Baldwins; Henry Waters, 1st on Greenings; F. P. Abbott, 1st on Russets, box; Warrington, 1st on Hubbardstons; C. L. Russell, 1st on R. C. R. I. pullet, R. C. R. I. cock; Fred Avery, 1st on S. C. R. I. pullet, S. C. R. I. cock, pen, 2d on S. C. R. I. pullet, 2d on W. W. pullet; Benjamin Keyes, 1st W. W. cock, 2d W. W. cock; "Fruitlands," 1st and 2d W. R. pullet; Mrs. H. A. Dickinson, 2d W. R. pullet; G. B. Schultz, 1st W. R. cock, 2d B. R. pullet; Stanley Turner, 1st B. R. pullet; Anna Scorgie, 1st B. R. cock, 2d pen; Mrs. T. West, 1st canned product, pickles, 2d collection of jellies, bread, special prize glass of jelly; Mrs. Leahy, 1st collection vegetables, bread, 2d canned fruits; Mrs. H. H. Putnam, 2d canned products; Miss Alice Marshall, 1st jellies; Alerton farm, sweepstake on apples, sanitary razor. The judges were Mrs. Minnie Perrin, Worcester, on canned goods; Prof. Killum, Amherst, fruit; Prof. Lunn, Amherst, poultry.

An aggregate of \$77 in cash prizes was awarded besides special prizes donated by business houses in town and in Ayer. The gold-plated safety razor, donated by the Gillett Safety Co., was given as a sweepstake prize for the best apple exhibit.

The Woman's club conducted a booth with ice cream, sandwiches and coffee for sale. There was also a very attractive display of vegetables and products, pickles of the grammar school. The committees in charge of the various departments express appreciation for the work of all who in any way helped to make this affair a success.

Still River.

Miss Edna Robinson is spending the week with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Newcomb, at their home in Rutherford, N. J.

Mrs. Herbert Robinson is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Arna W. Robinson this week.

Frank Sprague visited the dairy show in Springfield last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah C. Scales and Mrs. Hester Littlefield entertained the Birthday club last week Friday and on this week Tuesday Mrs. Anna Flanders and Mrs. Hattie Stone entertained them at Mrs. Stone's.

There will be a special offering taken after the sermon on Sunday for the needy in Armenia, in response to the president's call.

Miss J. M. Head is at home after visiting in Cambridge and other places. Mr. Hutcherson took Mrs. A. H. Keyes, Mrs. Josephine Whitney, Mrs. Mary Walker and Mrs. Hutcherson to Arlington and Boston on Tuesday in his auto.

Mrs. Carrie Nourse visited her daughter in Hudson last week. Miss Annie Scorgie took two prizes on fowl, and Miss Alice Marshall first prize on jellies at the Grange fair in Harvard on Thursday.

F. W. Bateman and sister Eliza, in their auto, went to Ayer, where they met their brother, Luther H. Bateman, and wife, of Arlington, Columbus day, and took them to call on relatives in Concord, N. H., returning the same afternoon.

LITTLETON

News Items.
Rev. O. J. Fairfield was in Ashby on Wednesday evening, giving his lecture on James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, at an Alliance entertainment.

The sermon at the Unitarian church Sunday morning will be one in harmony with the proclamation of the president setting aside this Sunday for a consideration of the needs of the nations that are suffering most in this war.

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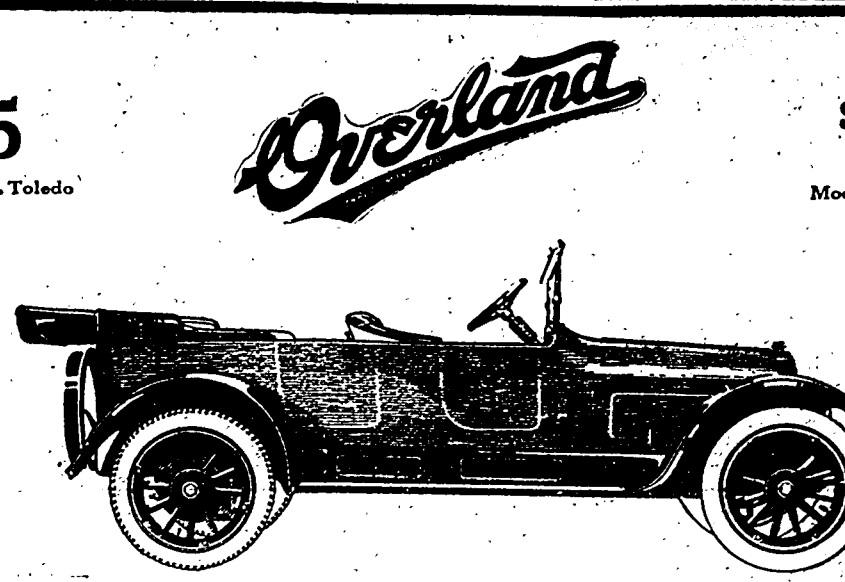
About Town. Several members of the local Grange attended Pomona Grange meeting in Lunenburg on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, spent Sunday with the N. L. Conants. Barker Brothers have placed in the market this fall a good quantity of luscious strawberries, considered to be equal if not superior in flavor to those of the mid-summer. Presidents' day at the Woman's club next Monday afternoon will be an attraction to members of the local club and it is hoped that similar organizations in neighboring towns will be well represented among the invited guests. Mrs. Gertrude H. Wilson, of Fitchburg, has kindly consented to address the audience on "Legislation for women in the State of Massachusetts." Mrs. Wilson speaks from a wealth of knowledge on this vital subject, which she presents in a very interesting manner. Mesdames Hartwell, Houghton and Hager will give a vocal trio, and Mrs. Hager will sing a solo. A social tea will be in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Conant and Miss Julia Conant. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Works are entertaining their sister, Mrs. Foster Holbrook, who arrived from Missouri last Monday. After spending a month with relatives in town Mr. Holbrook will go to Decatur, Ill., which is to be her future home. Henry Bourse, of Harwich, was the Sunday guest of Supt. Hill and family and sang in the Congregational church choir. G. A. Cook, who was in charge of the Sunday evening meeting at the Congregational church, discussed some phases of music and sang choruses. Mrs. Alvord spoke on music in general. Supt. Hill talked on anthems, and Miss Julia Conant on hymns. Mrs. C. A. Kimball answered the question, "Is instrumental music better than that of the organ conducted to religious feeling?" and W. E. Conant presented the subject of the choir. Delegates chosen to represent the conference in Ayer on Wednesday were Mrs. A. F. Conant, Miss Elizabeth W. Thacher and as alternate Miss Miriam Conant. Amos Black and family have moved to Concord Junction, where he has a position with Benjamin Derby. John Tillotson, formerly of the S. E. Cousins farm, has succeeded Mr. Black at the Stacy C. Hedges farm. While at work felling trees on his estate last week Friday morning, Bradford Sampson had a finger crushed. Justin Merrill has been confined to the house with a severe cold and at last reports was convalescent. Mrs. Bridget McNiff, of Hudson, a guest at the home of her sister, Miss Mary McNiff, Taylor street, fell down the cellar stairs last week and suffered considerable concussion. For several days she was obliged to remain in bed. Her condition has improved recently. "Lavonne," the year-old French bull dog owned by Mrs. J. N. Murray, was entered in two classes at the Fitchburg fair and won first prize in one class and second prize in the other class. Dr. and Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Curtis Drew, F. O. Stiles and the J. H. Kimball family attended Fitchburg fair. Mrs. A. T. Kimball and Mrs. A. W. Knotton visited Mrs. I. A. Pickard in South Chelmsford, Saturday. The Merrifield bungalow on New Estate road is undergoing some changes, chief of which is the addition of a room. For lack of space the W. B. M. program in the Boxborough church was not given entire in last week's issue of this paper, but among the names of the Littleton women who took an active part should be mentioned Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Miss J. S. Conant. The pageant presented by the Boxborough children was well acted and enthusiastically received. Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb, of Mrs. E. P. Carr, of Somerville, are spending a week in Waterbury, Conn., with Herbert Whitcomb. J. H. D. Whitcomb has been at the National Dairy show in Springfield this week. On Saturday afternoon, October 21, a qualification course for marksmen under the new rules will be held at the rifle range. It is important to the members of the club as it will help them make a good showing at the end of the year in the records of the National Rifle association, if they have a good personal qualification. Through an error last week it was reported that a water main burst near the Conant & Houghton factory at the Common. In making some changes in the piping system in the yard the tower tank became emptied through the failure of a gate valve to close properly, but the reason for the street being torn up and closed to traffic was to make a connection from the town water supply to the fire sprinkler system of the factory. A connection is also being made with town supply of modern artesian water boiler, as the present water used is causing a large amount of scale. John H. Hardy, Jr., informs us that the new Ford car in which he has been riding could hardly be called his since the other it is called "The errors that find their way into a newspaper columns" "Be tolerant, kind friends as we know that you all would be could you serve in the capacity of a correspondent whose whole time must not be devoted to searching out the truth, and whose column always contains a list of items sent into the publisher's office by some would-be friends. A social dance will be given in aid of St. Anne's mission in the town hall on Wednesday evening, October 25. Music by the Colonial orchestra. Dancing from eight until twelve. Refreshments. Buried Here. The interment of the late Dr. Levi Leonard Conant, of Worcester, took place last Saturday afternoon in West-lawn cemetery, Littleton, following a service read by Rev. J. Fairfield. The polytechnic institute was represented by four of Dr. Conant's former professors, who lowered the remains to their final resting place, surrounded by a wealth of choice floral tributes. From one of the Worcester papers we quote in part from a long obituary notice of the deceased: "Dr. Conant's death removes one of the brightest mathematical minds in the United States. He was widely known through his ability, and contributed frequently to educational and scientific journals. "Dr. Conant was born in Littleton, March 3, 1857, son of Levi and Annie W. (Mead) Conant. He received his early education in Littleton and then entered Dartmouth college. He graduated from there in 1879 and received

of the A. B. degree. From his graduation until 1887 he was identified with public school educational work in Minnesota and South Dakota. In 1887 the A. M. degree was conferred on him by Dartmouth. For three years he was instructor in the Dakota school of mines, coming to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1891, as assistant professor of mathematics, and in 1899 was made professor of mathematics. "Following the resignation of Dr. Edmond A. Engler in 1911, he was acting president of the school until the election of Dr. Ira N. Hollis in 1913. It was while he was associate professor of mathematics that the degree of Ph.D. was conferred on him by Syracuse university. An excellent tribute was paid Dr. Conant in 1913 by the dedication in the 'Aftermath,' the annual publication of the student body. "Prof. Conant was urged to accept the nomination for school committee from Ward 1 in 1900, and was elected to that office for a term of three years each time. In 1909, the last year he served, he was chairman of the committee. "Dr. Conant was also a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education for five years. He was a fellow in the American association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Mathematical society and a member of the London Mathematical society. "Dr. Conant was chairman of the faculty committee on admission of students, having in charge the passing on the eligibility of students. He was called to pass on the merits of the graduates of the schools throughout the United States as it affected the eligibility of its graduates. His writings were confined entirely to scientific works. They held a high place in the scientific world. "Dr. Conant was married twice. On June 24, 1884, he was married to Laura M. Chamberlain in Southboro, Mass. On February 5, 1911, on June 19, 1912, he married Emma B. Fisher, of Worcester, who survives him. "He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Annie Wakefield of Littleton, Mrs. Ballard of Lexington, and other relatives. A committee consisting of members of the institute faculty was chosen to draw up resolutions on the death of Dr. Conant, and resolutions from the school committee expressed the deep sorrow felt over his death and the great loss sustained by the city and the educational world. "Wide constructive educational experience made his service of rare value to the city. Death has taken a citizen of the best type and weakened the forces of education among us. "A memorial service will be held soon by the faculty of the institute. New Books. The following books have recently been added to the Reuben Hoar library: America at work. Joseph Husband. Bk. timber. Bertram Sinclair. Blow the man down. Holman Day. Boy Scouts. Black Eagle Patrol. R. H. Barbour. Children's book of Thanksgiving stories. A. D. Dickinson. Cap'n Gid. Gould. Chronicles of the White Mountains. F. W. Kibbourne. Community clubs. J. Field and S. Nearing. Continuous bloom in America. Louise Shelton. Daddy Jake, the runaway. J. C. Harris. Diplomatic life in Mexico. Edith Sloughnessy. Escape and other essays. A. C. Benson. Essay and literary studies. Stephen Leacock. First hundred thousand. Ian Hay. Forks of the road. Washington Gladden. Forty minutes late. F. H. Smith. Heart of Rachel. Kathleen Norris. Homeless experiment. O. and S. Chase. Ice-boat No. 1. L. W. Quirk. Life of William McKinley. C. S. Alcott. Lightning conductor discovers America. C. W. Williamson. New wars for old. J. H. Holmes. Old Glory. M. R. S. Andrews. Purple pennant. R. H. Barbour. Reminiscences. Lyman Abbott. Using the Bible. Margaret Belland. Ruyard Kipling. John Palmer. Shades of the wilderness. J. A. Altshuler. Sylvia's experiment. Margaret Piper. Sylvia of the house top. Margaret Piper. Tish. M. R. Rinehart. Mispakeable Perk. S. H. Adams. When a man's man. B. W. Wright. Woman's manual of parliamentary law. H. R. Shattuck. Auctions. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auctions on the following dates: Thursday morning, October 25, at 9:30 o'clock, for Henry Warren, Stow, a fine lot of modern artesian water furniture to settle the estate of the late Mary J. Bigelow, in Groton. Saturday morning, October 28, at 9:30 o'clock, for Mrs. Rosamond Sweet, West Acton, all of her household goods. On Saturday afternoon, November 4, at 9:30 o'clock, for William P. Martin, of Windmere, Lexington, all his herd of blooded Jersey cows and heifers; the farm is located on the road from Lexington to Concord. On Wednesday morning, October 25, at nine o'clock, he will hold a continuation sale of modern artesian water furniture to settle the estate of the late Mary J. Bigelow, in Groton. On Monday morning, October 23, at 9:30 o'clock, for M. E. Hewitt, at his Southboro farm, 60 head of cattle. On Friday afternoon, October 27, at one o'clock, horse, cows, shoats, wags, and other household goods, at George A. Richardson, Sunnyside farm, Acton. Shirley News Items. The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church have elected committees for their suppers and entertainments for 1916-17. A Shirley democrats have organized a Wilson club with the following list of officers: Charles A. McCarthy, pres.; Thomas C. Burrill, v. p.; Thomas S. Gately, sec.; Sylvester Thomas, treas.; Edward Stevens, Joseph Casanova, Waldo Farnsworth, Michael Groat, Edmund P. O'Neil, ex. com. Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will present in moving pictures at Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, October 23, "Barbara Fretche," under the direction of Mr. Poulius, of Ayer. This play is one of the finest of moving picture productions and without doubt will be created by a crowded house, which it so richly deserves. Miss Mildred A. Day, of Shirley, and Everett J. Hurley, of Fitchburg, were married in Shirley last week Wednesday by Rev. Rosario Richard. They are residing on Fritchard street, Fitchburg. Mrs. Charles A. Miner, who was operated upon last week Friday at the Groton hospital, is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation. Large audiences were present at St. Anthony's church last Sunday. Rev. O. P. LaCroix of Waltham, Rev. F. X. Lavorel of Marboro, Rev. G. H. Pare of Salem, Rev. Joseph Thellam of Holy Ghost college, Cambridge, as-

sisted Rev. Rosario Richard at the forty-hours devotion which came to a close at the ten o'clock, mass. The interesting and special features of the day occurred at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon when 68 girls and 50 boys received confirmation. Bishop Joseph G. Anderson of Boston, officiated, assisted by the parish priest, Rev. Rosario Richard, Rev. J. B. Labors, Rev. Lowell, Rev. O. P. LaCroix of S. J., of Boston college, and Benedictine of the blessed sacrament followed an address by the bishop. One of the employees of the Shirley Electric Company, who resides in Pepperell, was arraigned in the district court in Ayer the first of the week charged with stealing a quantity of high tension wire from the company had been using in wiring from Shirley to Pepperell. When the company had finished their work and took the inventory of the stock they found that \$300 pounds of the wire were missing and suspecting the Pepperell man they hired a Lowell junk dealer to go to the man's house and inquire as to whether or not he had any of the wire for sale. It is alleged the man was caught with the goods. The wire is valued at thirty-five cents a pound. At the request of Chief Beatty, Ayer, the case was continued until this Saturday. John M. Maloney appeared for the defendant. Bail of \$500 was furnished for his appearance in court this Saturday morning. Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, of Boston, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10:45. As Mr. Bridgman is a citizen of this town, and has done many substantial and kindly things for the people it is hoped that a large audience will be present to greet him. Henry W. Brockelman is spending a few days this week at his home in Lancaster, spending the week at the home of Mrs. Brockelman last Friday to visit him. They will return home the first of the week. Note the change of dates for the fair to be held at the Helden home, the Ladies' circle of the Congregational church, which will be held on November 7 and 8. Mrs. C. R. White had one of the largest dancing parties ever held in Odd Fellows' hall last Saturday. Miss Harriet P. Winslow is stopping at Hotel Martha Washington in New York. The Altruism club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, October 26, with Mrs. Tullie Kilburn. The speaker of the occasion, presidents' day, will be Mrs. Clara Baneroff Beatty, subject, "The family a unity of diversities." The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church meets in the church vestry on next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock to tie comforters for the sale. Mr. and Mrs. Amasa H. Balcom, of Boston, spent last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom. Frederick H. Fowler, clerk at the Industrial School for Boys, is spending the week at the home of his parents, Miss Minnie E. Gebo, who resigned her position some time ago at the office of the President Suspender Co., to return to her home in Vermont, has accepted a position at the office of the New Electric Co. The ladies of the Universalist church netted about fifty dollars at their supper and sale last week. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch spent the week with Miss Ida Burnley in Lawrence. Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold its first meeting of the season on next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Lancaster road. The ladies of the Congregational church are planning to send by shoe of second-hand clothing to Pleasant Hill academy, a school among the southern mountain people. Any one wishing to donate, the cause may leave articles with Mrs. Alice L. Wright, chapel street. Bernard Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, was shot in the left foot last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, which severely injured the sole of his foot. It appears that three men from Boston, who knew his father, came to Shirley to hunt. They stopped at the Helden home and as they left the automobile to make the call one of the trio left his gun standing against the mudguard of the machine. The moments later Bernard came along, in doing so the gun fell to the ground and discharged, catching young Holden square on the sole of his foot. He is now recovering and barring a hole through his foot. The injuries sustained are not serious. Center. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mackaye and family are occupying the summer home of Rev. H. H. Bridgman. The Center Camp-fire Girls met last Saturday afternoon with Mae Bradford. The next meeting will be held with Eleanor Longley on Saturday, October 21. The registrars of voters will meet on Saturday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 25, between 7 and 9 in the evening at the Engine hall for the purpose of adding new names to the voting list. His last meeting before the national election will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the town hall, between 7 and 9 in the evening. Dr. O'Connell and family entertained a home for the aged people at their home at Woodville over the week-end. Arthur R. Holden, of Francistown, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden. Howard M. Longley attended the National Dairy show in Springfield last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Hennick, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard. Frank J. Lawton and family are moving from their home on Center road to the home of Mrs. Alvin Lawton on Fitchburg street. Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton School, preached an excellent sermon on "The crowd," at Trinity chapel on last Sunday afternoon. After the service the first meeting of the Sunday school was held at the church, organized. Regular service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Sunday school immediately after the service. The bridge across the Mulpus, at the North end of the town, which has not yet been opened to travel. Mr. Heath, of Boston, who is in the employ of G. L. Snow, is in town looking after the repairs at Mr. Snow's home. He is rooming at the home of N. R. Graves for the present. Porter H. Adams, son of the late Charles A. Adams, of Brookline, and grandson of Albert Adams, of the center, was married last week Thursday to Miss Irene McGuire Goulay, daughter of Mrs. Adam Goulay, of

Toronto, Canada. Mr. Adams and Miss Goulay, who were returning to Boston from Vermont by automobile, stopped at Springfield, Vt., and were married by Rev. J. R. Beardslee, unknown to Mrs. Adams, who was following in another machine. The couple came on to Boston, where they were stopping at the Copley Plaza hotel. Pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, with accounts of the marriage, appeared in all the Boston papers. Rev. William C. Adams will preach at the First Parish (Unitarian) church Sunday, October 22, at 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Heavenly helpers." All are welcome. Death. Charles A. Andrews passed away on last week Thursday at his home at the North, at the age of seventy-three years. Death was due to hardening of the arteries. Mr. Andrews was born on February 5, 1843, in the house which has always been his home. His parents were Peter and Sarah Andrews, and he was one of a large family. On February 2, 1875, he married Miss Annie Phelps, one daughter being born to them. Mr. Andrews has been a life-long resident of Shirley, the house in which he lived having been in the family for four generations, a space of over 100 years. He was quiet and industrious, a good neighbor, and his loss will be deeply felt in the community. He leaves beside his widow a brother, John Andrews, of California; his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Hargraves, and three grandchildren, Marguerite, Frances and Edith Sargent. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from his late home at the North. Several selections were sung by Dr. Page and Miss Herson, of Fitchburg. Burial was in the family lot in the Center cemetery. New Books. The following books have been added to the public library: Non-fiction Adams, F. U. Conquest of the tropics. 94c. Bryant, L. M. What pictures to see in America. 75c. Cady, H. G. A present help. 75c. Graham, Stephen. Way of Martha and the way of Mary. 94c. Hutchinson, Alfred. Limit of wealth. 33c. Jordan, David S. Ways to lasting peace. 33c. Lauriat, Charles. Louisiana's last voyage. 94c. Masefield, John. William Shakespeare. 82c.33q. Maxim, Hudson. Defenceless America. 30c. National guards of U. S. 251.71. Payne, M. E. What can a woman do? 30c. Penbody, F. G. Jesus Christ and christian character. 204c. Rinehart, Mary R. Kings, queens and pawns. 94c.40. Roosevelt, Theodore. Fear God and take your own part. 304c. Stevens, and McKee. Pageant of the masque of St. Louis. 512.4p. Towne, Charles B. Habits that handicap. 61c.3. Toland, E. D. Aftermath of battle. 361b. Irving, Washington. Astoria. 156c. Williams, James. Talks to teachers in psychology. 917.91. Wister, Owen. Pentecost of calamity. 940.14. Wiley, Belle. Mewanee. 940.14. Great in the eastern war zone. 940.14. Great Galveston disaster. 975.4. Automobile blue book. Ref. Shakespearer tercentenary. Ref. Whitridge, F. W. One American opinion of the war. Ref. Naville, Edward. Temple at Delir-Bashari. Ref. True stories of great Americans. 1940b. Juvenile fiction Alger, Horatio. Paul the pedler. 1412p. Adrift in New York. 1413a. Facing the world. 1413b. Blanchard, Amy. Camp-fire Girls of Brightwood. 159c. Braine, Norman. Winning the Race. 159c. Beard, Jean K. Coming of Healer. 151b. Blair, J. B. Bunny Rabbit's diary. 155.1. Burgess, Thornton. Adventures of Sammy. 159c. Adventures of Grandfather Frog. 1591c. Adventures of Chatterer. 1591d. Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse. 1591e. Adventures of Buster Bear. 1591f. Adventures of Old Mr. Toad. 1591g. Casey, Arthur. Scout law in practice. 1592c. Channing, Blanche. Winniefred. 1593. Curtis, Alice T. Little heroines at school. 1594. Sidney, Margaret. Five little peppers at midway. 1595. Smith, Nora A. Three little Marys. 1595.2th. Schaufert, R. H. Thanksgiving. 1597.76h. Strautemeyer, Edw. Under Oils in Philippines. 1598.1. Fighting Cuban waters. 1598.1m. Under Dewey at Manila. 1598.1n. Campaign of the jungle. 1598.1o. Under McArthur in Luzon. 1598.1p. Young volunteer in Cuba. 1598.1q. Dave Porter at Bear Camp. 1598.1r. Under McArthur in Luzon. 1598.1s. Tomlinson, E. T. Cruising on the St. Lawrence. 1598.1t. White, E. O. When Molly was 15. 1598.1u. Wells, Carolyn. Marjorie's new friend. 1598.1v. Lost in the jungle. 1598.1w. Tom Brown's school days. 1598.1x. DuChailu, Paul. Country of the gods. 1598.1y. Lost in the jungle. 1598.1z. Eaton, Walter P. Boy Scouts of Wild-land. 1599.1. Under McArthur in Luzon. 1599.2. Graham Brooks. Corner house girls. 1599.3. Corner house girls at school. 1599.4. Corner house girls under canvas. 1599.5. Groves, E. O. Sunbonnet babies. 1599.6. Gulliver, Lucile. Daniel Boone. 1599.7. Love, Ruth I. In story land. 1599.8. Phoebe. Stories from the past. 1599.9. Martin, Winona. Story of King Arthur. 1599.2aa. Overton, Jacqueline. Robert Lothrop Stevenson. 1599.2ab. Pearson, H. C. Her opportunity. 1599.2ac. Perkins, Lucy F. Mexican twins. 1599.2ad. Dutch twins. 1599.2ae. Scott, Gertrude Fisher. Jean Capot at house with blue shutter. 1599.2af. Fletton. Bindloss, Harold. Prairie courtship. 1599.2ag. Harding of Allenwood. 1599.2ah. Secret of the reef. 1599.2ai. Winston of the Prairie. 1599.2aj. Coast of adventure. 1599.2ak. Burnett, Frances H. Lost prince. 1599.2al. Conrad, Joseph. Chance. 1599.2am. Cooper, J. F. Pilot. 1599.2an. Doyle, A. Conan. Micah Clarke. 1599.2ao. Deland, Margaret. Around old Chester. 1599.2ap. Dumas, Alexander. Three guardsmen. 1599.2aq. Farnol, Jaffrey. Beltans, the Smith. 1599.2ar. Foote, Mary H. Valley road. 1599.2as. Gale, Zona. Hearts kindred. 1599.2at. Glasgow, Ellen. Life and Gabriella. 1599.2au. Grayson, David. Hempfield. 1599.2av. Hueston, Ethel. Prudence of the parsonage. 1599.2aw. Hepworth, George. Hiram Goff's region. 1599.2ax. Johnston, Mary. Fortunes of Garin. 1599.2ay. King, Basil. Side of the angels. 1599.2az. Lee, Jennette. Aunt Jane. 1599.2ba. Lutz, Grace L. H. Abscession of Victoria. 1599.2bb. Montgomery, L. M. Golden road. 1599.2bc. Mum, Charles C. Uncle Terry. 1599.2bd. Martin, Helen R. Martha of the Menonito country. 1599.2be. MacFarlane, P. C. Held to answer. 1599.2bf. O'Connor, T. B. (Mrs.) Dog star. 1599.2bg. Porter, Eleanor H. Just David. 1599.2bh. Rinehart, Mary R. E. 1599.2bi. Richards, Laura. Narcissus. 1599.2bj. Riva, Alice Hegan. Honorable Peter. 1599.2bk. Richmond, Grace. Under the country key. 1599.2bl. Runkle, Bertha. Straight down the crooked lane. 1599.2bm. Smith, Chetwood. Cranberry Cove. 1599.2bn. Smith, F. H. Felix O'Day. 1599.2bo. Shelley, H. C. Shakespeare and the Ford. 1599.2bp. Spearman, F. H. Nan of Music Mountain. 1599.2bq. Shaw, Anna H. Story of a pioneer. 1599.2br. Storret, Frances R. Mary Rose. 1599.2bs. O'Brien. 1599.2bt. Tarkington, Booth. Seventeen. 1599.2bu. Wells, H. G. Research magnificent. 1599.2bv. Warner, Anne. Susan Clegg and her love affairs. 1599.2bw. Wiggin, Kate D. Penelope's papers. 1599.2bx. Catherine's child. 1599.2by. 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1. To consider and take appropriate action upon the Annual Statement and all acts described therein or reported at said meeting.
2. To authorize an issue of not to exceed \$700,000 face value seven-year five per cent. gold debentures containing an agreement that if any mortgage is hereafter placed upon the property of this corporation these debentures will be equally secured thereby with any other indebtedness of the corporation, and also an agreement to call, by lot, and pay \$100,000 of these debentures each year until all are paid, the proceeds from the sale of said debentures to be used for the construction of a new terminal passenger station and appurtenances in the City of New Haven, Connecticut.
3. To elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.
4. To transact any other business which may properly come before said meeting.

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GROTON

October 16. The funeral was held from Sawyer's undertaking parlors, Fitchburg, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. Mrs. Woodbury lived in Groton for several years. Court street. All the Odd Fellows to Mr. Crowley and moved away a number of years ago. The Pepprell, Townsend and Shirley lodges will meet with the Groton lodge at Odd Fellows' hall at 7.30 o'clock on Monday evening. All Odd Fellows will be welcome. There will be a special meeting of Groton Grange on Monday evening for the conferring of the third and fourth degrees. Mrs. Charles J. Wright underwent a serious operation for adhesions and complications Tuesday afternoon. Drs. Goodwin, Perkins and Kilbourn were the surgeons in the case. Mrs. Wright has been dangerously ill, but at present is comfortable with a hopeful outlook for recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer went in their auto last week Friday to a Grange meeting in Franconston, N. H., taking with them Mrs. G. W. Woods, Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Mrs. Lawrence. It was a very pleasant drive. There were seventy who went over to Harvard Grange from Groton on Tuesday evening. Rev. C. B. Ames, with the pastor of the Baptist church and will occupy the pulpit at 10.30 in the morning and at seven in the evening. There will be special music at the evening service. There will be a union Hallow-e'en social of the Girls' club and the Boy Scouts at the parsonage on Monday evening, October 30. The Boy Scouts held their regular meeting last Saturday evening. At the close of the business meeting there was a contest in first aid work, including a demonstration of how to restore a drowning person and methods of bandaging. These contests will be conducted each week so that the boys may become familiar with first aid work and know what to do in case of an accident. There were several visitors present. The members of the troop cordially invite all who are interested to visit its meetings, which are held at the parsonage on Monday evenings. Plans for the purchase of seed for distribution at cost to members for winter feeding were discussed, and the general method adopted last year should be continued, except that the seed should be sold at regular club meetings so far as possible. The president read a letter from T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, requesting the Groton club to write to the secretary of the interior protesting against the proposed drainage for agricultural purposes of Malheur Lake in Oregon. The letter brought out the fact that this lake is one of the greatest breeding resorts in the country for wild fowl and many other interesting and valuable species. The president expressed the hope that the Groton club would be able to do something to help in the preservation of this natural resource. Freeman Armstrong Follett died at the home of his son, Roscoe Follett, with whom he had lived during the past year, on Wednesday morning, October 18. 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Monday evening, October 16, at eight o'clock. After reading and approval of the records, the president made a verbal report of the year's activities, which had been generally along the lines heretofore followed. The exhibit, however, had been a new venture in referring to the death of Edmund Edmonds as a serious loss to the club, which had greatly benefited by Mr. Edmonds' interest and generosity. He stated that most of the anonymous gifts for junior prizes had come from this source and that only a few days before his death Mr. Edmonds sent a check for fifteen dollars to the club for the benefit of the junior club. The treasurer reported a balance of about eight dollars, which however, will be virtually wiped out when all outstanding debts are paid. The treasurer's report took the usual course and was referred to the board of directors. A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Charles B. Ames, Miss Gerrish and Miss Vickery, was then named and soon reported. The following names were placed on the board of directors for a term of two years: Miss Hutchins, Miss Susan Hill, Miss Vickery, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Charles B. Ames, Clarence Ebert. It was voted: That the secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for these persons and they were declared duly elected. The club then took up the matter of meetings for the coming year. In the course of the discussion opinions were expressed as to whether the club should be held in the town hall for its meetings. On motion of Mr. Ebert it was unanimously voted that the club should be held in the town hall for its meetings. The president appointed Mr. Ebert to request the selectmen to allow the club and the juniors free use of the town hall for their regular meetings. The president appointed Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Hutchins and Mr. Ebert, as a committee to arrange for the purchase of seed for distribution at cost to members for winter feeding. 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the good old days when we used to go out to the grove. Remember me to Charlie and Norman Shattuck and all the other boys whom I used to know. Trusting that this finds you in good health, I am, Yours very truly, Samuel Williams. P. S. Don't let the old band die! Feeling sure that there were hosts of friends who are unwilling to let the old band die, the committee with letters to present and past residents of Groton inviting them to become honorary members of Groton Cornet Band sent but a few days ago, the following have responded promptly and we expect to be able to promptly a much longer list next week. Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence... \$50.00 Miss L. A. Dodge... 10.00 Herbert Williams... 5.00 Charles Currier... 5.00 F. D. Lewis... 5.00 Gen. W. A. Bancroft... 5.00 James D. Regan... 5.00 J. Grafton Minot... 5.00 S. H. Williams... 5.00 James Woolley... 2.00 George Stevens... 2.00 G. W. Sturges... 2.00 Miss Helen Potter... 1.00 Charles B. Ames... 1.00 Walter H. Dodge... 1.00 H. C. Porter... 1.00 Total \$112.00 Someone has suggested that it would be well to let the public know how much it was desired to raise to form a footing again and we therefore set forth briefly our plans and hopes in the order of importance. First, we want to retain an instructor for the winter to teach the beginners. Second, we want to change our old high pitch instrument for the new low international pitch. Now is the time to do this while the new players are learning so that they may procure instruments with which they can play. The brass instruments are easily changed, but woodwind instruments will have to be entirely new. Third, new uniforms are much needed. The present ones have done duty almost twenty years. Two of the active members of the band donated some uniforms. Fourth, a new band stand. A modern, cement, low down band stand with a roof. This may be but a hope, but it would look well in the town square, and properly built, would last a century and more. Then an arrangement for comfortable seating accommodations and you would have the setting for those enjoyable concerts that mean so much to both music lovers and those who are interested in the proper opportunity to listen to and learn the productions of the best composers. The first three items above need for their accomplishment of three years. The fourth can be accomplished for about the same figure as the other three. The pleasure of the Groton Military Training School. The rifle team last Saturday shot a return match against the Littleton Rifle club, winning against the odds. The Littleton team started off by establishing a good lead, their first two men each making a 47, against Groton's 47 and 46. The second man on each side began to shoot. By then the light was far from good, and the wind was puffy and varying. The shooting of the Littleton representative, Groton gradually overcame the lead and just before the last shot on each side was fired, the Groton team were tied. Groton's last shot was a bullseye, and Littleton's a 4, deciding the match. The individual scores: Groton—Shaw 47, Powers 46, Ames 45, Peterson 44, Robbins 44, Hume 43, Remick 42—267. The drill Wednesday evening consisted chiefly of a review of the marching, facings and positions. After the drill Lieut. Branigan gave a talk on definitions, principles and general rules. Next Wednesday's drill will be held in the town hall. Visitors are welcome. At 8.30 Lieut. Branigan will give a talk on definitions, principles and general rules. This also, a public will be admitted free.

West Groton. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby motored to Lexington on Wednesday afternoon, where George Bixby and wife continued their journey to the north. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman of Winchester, the others returning to Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman had planned for their guests an auto trip to Provincetown on Friday. Mr. G. Lewis of Boston is a guest of Mrs. G. S. Webber. Mrs. Frank Worster and daughters of Fitchburg spent the holiday and until Saturday evening with Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. Worster's mother. Allan Sedgwick and family of Dorchester were in town on Sunday. Provest Thompson, who has been their guest, returned with them, remaining at his home. Miss Katherine Spaulding of Townsend, who had been in Groton on Monday and Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday to attend the conference in Ayer. Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby were among those attending the conference. The secretary of the Gun club announced that the next regular meeting of the club, October 27, will be nomination evening and all are urged to be present. A second report from the officers of the Gun club makes the following correction: not Ralph Harrington, but Ralph Thompson was tied for third place with Charles Balcom in the hunt score. Mrs. R. W. Bliss with her daughters, Etzel and Lida, and her sons, Robert and Cadwell, spent Tuesday last week in Boston, going by auto. In the afternoon they greatly enjoyed the "lower hall" at the Castle Square theatre. The high winds of Tuesday played havoc with the trees on upper Main street. Nearly half of a large tree on the Barbell side was blown with a toppling and a large old tree in the yard of the brick house opposite was laid low. Fortunately no one was hurt. The funeral of Charles Andrews of North Shirley was attended on Monday afternoon by a number of West Groton people. Mr. Andrews has been known here for many years and was universally liked and respected. His brother John, who had started on his homeward trip to California, returned for the funeral. The lower hall was well filled on

Tuesday evening. The entertainment program was in charge of G. H. Bixby, who rose nobly to the occasion. A humorous reading was given by Miss Edith Wright; Miss K. A. Tarbell sang "The Bird Song" and Mrs. A. W. Lamb, "Cannot sing the old songs." Mrs. Florida Strahn gave a humorous reading and encore in her own bewitching way. Mr. Trowbridge gave a splendid and interesting talk on the subject of "Clothes." One was reminded of Shakespeare's advice: "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, But more expressed in fancy; rich not in raiment." For the apparel oft proclaims the man. The evening was one of interest and enjoyment. The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. M. E. Williams on Thursday afternoon with fifteen members present and a guest, Miss K. A. Tarbell, also Miss Edith Wright. The evening was a success without their rehearsal with-in. The hostess served a delicious lunch. Sixteen members of Nashobah lodge of Littleton arrived on Thursday evening to play with Squannacook lodge their challenged game of pitch. An oyster supper with many accompaniments, claimed the attention of the pin the evening. The game Squannacook 22 games, Nashobah is not discouraged, but is ready for another try. History of Groton Band. Tom O'Brien played also, beginning in 1813, but was unable to find out much concerning him, as yet. He did not play with the band long. Bowman Gale, whose connection with the band goes back to 1855, was the original member to drop out. He played bugle during the war, and after the war became the baritone player in the band. He stuck to the band, and was the only baritone player the band had for years. He had a good "lip," and became a good player. He dropped out in the eighties, but kept up an interest in the band, and encouraged his two sons to become members. Mr. Gale was a member of the mounted band of Danbury, and the organist of the church in the height of its fame. Clydes H. Barrows, son of Gilman Barrows, followed his father's footsteps in selecting the cornet as his instrument. He is largely self-taught, although he studied for some time with Taffey Mauch, a cornetist of some note, who lived at one time in Fitchburg. Mr. Barrows played in the band steadily from 1881 until he left town in 1887, and most of the time since. At an early point in his career he manifested a marked aptitude for conducting and became especially efficient as a drill master. He has led the band at a number of different times since his father gave up the position. For about three years, commencing in 1890, he went back and forth from his home in Ayer and directed the band, often using a bicycle as his means of conveyance. Mr. Barrows has also had much professional experience in directing and drilling other bands. He has conducted bands in Groton, Ayer, Shirley, Harvard, Concord Junction and Leominster. It was because of his duties with these other bands that he relinquished the post of leader of the Groton band in 1897. He has since then been forced to give up the leadership at this time he did not lose interest in the welfare of the band of his native town and he has since then been in the important engagements, and attended rehearsals when it was possible. In 1912 Mr. Barrows again accepted the leadership of the band and continued to direct until that post was taken by his son in 1915. The present efficiency of the Groton band is due in no small degree to Mr. Barrows' able and skillful direction. He has continued this upward trend until today it is one of the best town bands in this vicinity. The present time Mr. Barrows is drilling the band at its rehearsals on Saturday nights in the absence of his son, who is at college. He is also teaching the band in ensemble exercises, having a session of practice before the regular band rehearsals. Of late years Mr. Barrows has been connected with the Industrial School for Boys in Shirley, where his work in creating a new band each year out of him, untrained material, has given him a square and valuable experience in teaching beginners. It may be well to describe somewhat in detail his work with the Industrial School band as his task with that institution is a most arduous one, that which he has now undertaken in teaching the new recruits of the Groton band. Every boy in good standing is eligible to try for the band at the beginning of the year. Mr. Barrows tries out each of the different instruments, making a careful record of each trial. Then the records of the boys are compared and consideration only the musical abilities of the boys as thus recorded. After the rehearsal commences a week, rehearsal is held on Wednesday. Individual instruction and are not allowed to practise on their instruments alone. Their entire instruction in music is when all of the boys belonging to the school band assemble at the bandstand. Before six months has expired a surprising degree of perfection. The services of the Industrial School band on Decoration day for a number of years past, and the boys have always given satisfaction. Considering that most of the boys know no music when they go into the band and have to be instructed in the rudiments of music, as well as the manipulation of their instruments and ensemble playing, this accomplishment is almost miraculous. But it only goes to show what the present beginners of the Groton band can do if they voluntarily apply themselves as the boys of Shirley are compelled to do. James Bywater was a charter member of the 1881 organization and played steadily from 1819 or 1811, when he was a boy, until he was compelled to relinquish the position which had been so pleasurable to him. Mr. Bywater took a few lessons of Thomas O'Brien, of Pepperell, Stephen Tyler, when he was teacher to the Groton band, also gave Mr. Bywater some points, but like a great many others, Mr. Bywater was largely self-taught. He had at different times offices in the band, was always on hand and active when some one was wanted to solicit money for the band.

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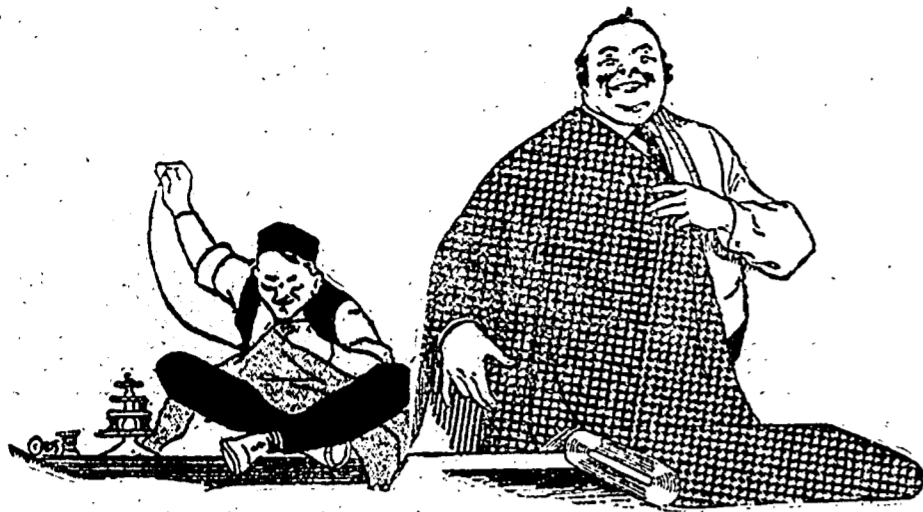
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Concerning Mr. Bywater, Morton A. Southern says that he was somewhat of a ventriloquist and could imitate the clarinet, his own instrument, and that it was a common stunt for him, just before it came time for the band to begin rehearsal, to "run over" his instrument before he had taken it out of the case. We are told, too, that he could dance a good clog sitting down, but could not do so while standing up. It is also stated that he was always jolly, good-natured, and full of fun at the band meetings and often let loose some witty remark after the band had finished playing a piece. One night, after a torchlight parade, at which the band played, Mr. Bywater, according to one of our informants, decided it was too hot to go home to sleep, and so, taking off his cap, which had a torch burning on it, he stretched himself out picturesquely at full length on a settee in front of James Wood's and went to sleep with his sentinel fire burning brightly beside him. Mr. Bywater was faithful in attending rehearsals and it is unfortunate that he was compelled to leave when he was so actively interested. (To be continued.)

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The second fall meeting of the Country club was held at the home of Mrs. George Brackett, Old City, with a full attendance of the members. The farm house was attractively decorated with autumnal foliage, the living-room with its glowing fire-place being transformed into a veritable woodland scene with mounted birds resting on branches and twigs. The following literary program was given: Readings, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Emma Spencer; piano solos, Miss Isabelle Hayward; vocal solos, Mrs. Lucy Harney of Lawrence, Mrs. Annie Greenleaf and Mrs. George Brackett. Refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed. The next club meeting will be held at the Seaver homestead with Mrs. Emma Spencer as hostess.
Hugh Hill, who injured the middle finger of his right hand on the saw at the mill last July, went last week Friday in care of Dr. Clarence Chandler, to the Burbank hospital and had the finger removed. Mr. Hill had resumed his work at the mill, and though his hand had completely healed, his finger remained in a stiffened condition, interfering with his work, and it was thought best to have it amputated. He returned the same day and is doing as well as can be expected.
Quite a number attended the Fitchburg fair from here and some attended the recent National Dairy show in Springfield, among them being Supt. Herman Knight and family. Their young daughter Rachel received second premium on string beans in the canning department.
The Brotherhood will hold their next meeting in Memorial hall on Friday evening, October 27. Roland H. Spaulding, governor of New Hampshire, will be the guest of honor. General invitation is extended to the public to be present and give Gov. Spaulding, who is a native of Townsend, a most cordial greeting. The reception will be held in the upper hall and the banquet in the lower hall. George A. Wilder is chairman of the reception committee and T. E. Parry of the entertainment committee.
Mrs. A. L. Marshall of Lawrence spent several days this week with sister, Mrs. M. L. White.
Monday evening at the Townsend Grange the first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of candidates.
While attending the recent Sunday school convention held in Boston Mrs. L. U. Clement and Miss Eva Whitcomb were entertained at the home of their former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, now of Roxbury.
Mrs. Minnie Withers and Miss Grace Tarbell from Boston, Mrs. Emma Tarbell, Bird of Madison, Me., and Miss Helen Pease, teacher in East Jaffrey spent the week-end and over Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell. Mrs. Bird has remained for a several weeks visit.
Mrs. A. D. Turner has been spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Carrigan, at Newton.
Walter Farrar is teaching at Hillsboro, N. H., for several weeks.
Miss Helen Pease, who is working at the same place as teamster for Stephen Farrar of this town.
Storekeeper C. W. Hildreth has been ill this week and is still confined to his home.
Miss Adelaide Weil, teacher from Maynard, spent the week-end at her home here with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brackett. Leslie R. Sims of Maynard was also the home guest.
Miss Alice B. Eastman of Dover and Mrs. Arthur Eastman, of Cohasset High school, teachers, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey.
W. F. Rockwood and family motored Sunday to Bridgewater to call on Mr. Rockwood's daughter, Dr. Ethel Rockwood, who is a physician at the Children's hospital.
Mrs. Franklin R. Jettis and little sons, Merton and Central, accompanied by her sister, Miss Arline Clarke, left Tuesday for Worcester, where they will spend several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jettis.
Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Bean, from Reed's Ferry, N. H., made a visit this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Barber, Miss Alberta Barber and Master John Mosher were auto guests of N. Howard Pease of Fitchburg, on a recent trip over the Mohawk Trail, enjoying the beautiful autumnal scenery of Western Massachusetts.
Stanley B. McNear has recently been making extensive repairs and improvements on his farm home, "Woodbine

Place" attractively situated on the north end of Townsend hill. A steam heating system has been installed throughout the house, a comfortable bathroom added with modern plumbing, hot and cold water attachments, and running water in kitchen and bath. A septic tank, cement lined, has been placed underground which takes care of all sewerage, making his place a model sanitary residence. The interior of the house has also been renovated, newly papered and painted. Mr. McNear, who is quite a genius at trades, did a large portion of the work himself. Added to these improvements his telephone connections and auto service we find in Mr. McNear this quality of up-to-date progression for which the Townsend hill people are noted.
About sixteen from this village attended the Middlesex Union Association of Churches held in Ayer on Wednesday. Our local Congregational pastor, Rev. A. Struthers, gave a most helpful talk at the morning session on "The principals of evangelism."
Mr. and Mrs. Lendall U. Clement will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their marriage on Thursday evening, October 26, at their home. A very cordial and general invitation is given to church, Sunday school and other friends to be present at the reception from eight to ten o'clock. Kindly favor by a reply. No presents, only your presence.
Mrs. Dora Chandler went to the Burbank hospital on Wednesday to receive treatment for a chronic bronchial trouble and rheumatism. Her many home friends hope for her speedy recovery to health. While there she will be in charge of her son, Dr. Clarence Chandler.
Rev. Albert S. Kilbourn, of Enfield, N. H., has been in town this week, settling the estate of his late aunt, Miss Nancy Kilbourn.
All the young people interested in forming a glee club will meet in the Congregational vestry Friday evening at eight o'clock.
Monday Club.
The second meeting of the Monday Club was held at the home of Mrs. John Piper with an attendance of twenty-eight, which included twelve guests. After the business meeting a paper of unusual merit was given by Mrs. Piper, her subject being, "The story of some old hymns and songs." She told in a very interesting way the circumstances which inspired the writing of "Rock of ages" by Augustus Toplady; "Battle hymn of the republic," by Julia Ward Howe; "Oh Galilee, sweet Galilee" by Robert L. Morris; "A home on the Pacific Irish hymn," "The harp that once thronged Tara's hall" and the old American folk songs by Stephen Collins Foster, who saw the life of the negro through sympathetic eyes, and who wrote more than 150 of these songs, "Swanee river" and "Old folks at home," being perhaps the most popular, the latter song referring to his own folk.
Mrs. Piper also mentioned other popular songs and song writers. Lastly we mentioned "The star spangled banner" by Francis Scott Key, the ladies rising and joining in the chorus with the singers of the afternoon. Mrs. Alden Sherwin and Mrs. Ivers Sherwin of West Village, who had previously rendered us sweetly six of the songs as mentioned by Mrs. Piper in her paper. They were accompanied on the piano by Miss Emma Adams, also of West Townsend. Mrs. Eunice Bruce read the impressive song poem, "The Indian's prayer," by the half educated red man, William Apes and Mrs. Iva Shores Worcester recited the humorous olden time song poems, "The Presbyterian cat" and "A young maiden forsaken."
A social hour followed with the serving of refreshments by the hostess. Miss Alberta Barber became a member of the club at this meeting.
West.
Miss Maud Hodson, of Reading, is stopping at the home of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.
The heavy winds of Tuesday wrought considerable havoc among the trees in this vicinity. Across the sidewalk on Main street, by the Daniel Coffey cottage, at the corner of the Fitchburg road, a tree has lain undisturbed for two days and two nights, blocking the sidewalk entirely for several feet. On Elm street, about one block north of half of one of the maples at "Twin Maples Cottage," owned by Everett Pierce, of Brookline, was blown down, filling the street, but was immediately removed, while a number of apple trees in various orchards were uprooted by the violence of the gale.
Mrs. Mervin Hodgman gave a little birthday surprise party to her friend Mrs. Frank Brown of Walpole, who is stopping with her, on Monday even-

ing, entertaining several of Mrs. Brown's friends. A most enjoyable evening was passed with music and songs, and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.
Mrs. John Evans and son, from Shirley, have been recent guests of Mrs. D. C. Evans.
Edward E. Seaver, sales manager of the Robert Gair Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been a recent guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.
The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist vestry and a very interesting meeting was enjoyed on the topic "Cuba and Porto Rico." In charge of Mrs. Joseph MacKean. The service was opened by a song, followed by scripture reading by Mrs. MacKean and prayer by Rev. Joseph MacKean, and after a few pleasing instructive remarks by the leader, articles were read by the different members. The next meeting will be held on November 22, the subject being "Central America." The place of meeting will be announced later.
A telephone has recently been installed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ross at the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tenney, of the Center.
The annual meeting of the Unitarian society Ladies' Liberal Aid was held at the home of Mrs. George Upton, on Wednesday. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary Street, honorary president; Mrs. Alexander Reed, pres.; Mrs. George Upton, 1st. all the other officers were re-elected and all plans for the season's work was discussed.
Miss Mabel Simonds has returned from a visit to friends in Walpole and is soon to return to Fitchburg, where she is to be in charge of the Girls' Friendly Exchange and Tea-room on Oliver street.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, of Walpole, and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, of Walpole, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheldon.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coburn, from Lowell, were guests of Mrs. Josephine Boynton on Sunday.
George Ball, of Concord, spent the week-end with his family at the L. F. Wood place on Main street.
Mrs. Leonard Reed, who lives with her son Harrison on the Mason road, met with a serious accident Monday. Her son is very deaf and was sawing wood with a power saw, and in stepping behind him to touch him on the shoulder to attract his attention she tripped on a piece of wood and fell, throwing her hand onto the saw and cutting it very severely, requiring the services of a physician. At her advanced age it is feared that the nervous shock of the accident will be quite severe.
Mrs. C. J. Ross, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Mrs. Alden Sherwin and Miss Emma Adams attended the meeting of the Monday club at the Center on Monday afternoon, assisting in the program.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rawson, from Fitchburg, are spending a part of their vacation with Mr. Rawson's mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore, of Albany, N. Y., and Mrs. Moore and Miss Moore, of Gardner, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Sunday.
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph MacKean are enjoying a few days' visit at the home of Mrs. MacKean in Winchendon.
Harbor.
Karl Newhall has been elected assistant secretary of the junior class of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University. Mr. Newhall was born in Chester, N. H., and is a graduate of the Pepperell High school.
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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES MORGAN late of Townsend 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 SUSAN J. MORGAN, late of Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of November A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and also in the journal, 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 sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of PATRICK McNEIFF late of Littleton in said County of Middlesex, 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 MARY McNEIFF who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of November A. D. 1916, 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 Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, 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 sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in certain personal estate of MARGARET M. PENNEY late of Townsend in said County of Middlesex, deceased.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on said personal estate of said deceased to WILLIAM H. PENNEY of Townsend, in Townsend National Bank.
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 October, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Townsend Tocsin, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of LUCY J. DODGE late of Littleton in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SANFORD B. HUBBARD of Littleton in said County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of October A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate not already administered of said deceased, to PERRY B. HOWARD of Watertown in the County of Middlesex without requiring a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, the fourth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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News Items.

Mrs. Maile Gilson went to Somerville last week Friday to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, where her son Jamie joined her on Sunday. During Mrs. Gilson's absence her sister, Mrs. Sarah Shattuck, who lives in Groton, stopped at the home of John Whitcomb.

Rev. Charles Dockrill entertained his son and daughter, Mrs. Wilham Cardinal, and Charles Dockrill, of Boston, over the holiday.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb was a guest for a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Gould.

Mrs. Lyman Canney, of Pepperell, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph H. O'Brien, of West Roxbury, Mass., spent the week at the farm of Mrs. Canney in the west part of the town.

Seventeen members of the Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Mary Gerrish at her home on October 10. There were several readings by these ladies and a music box also helped entertain the workers. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. William Hughes spent several days last week visiting friends in Nashua.

Starr Barnay enjoyed a short furlough from Camp Sterling at his home last week.

Mrs. Minnie Grove, while visiting Mrs. Mary Gerrish some weeks ago, was taken quite ill and has been there ever since, under the doctor's care. She is at present slowly recovering.

Several people about town celebrated the birthday of the poet, but none of them had as much cause to rejoice in the event as did George Nye, when on October 12, in honor of that event, about thirty friends and relatives motored here from Boston, Fitchburg, Leominster, Sandown and other nearby places and presented him with a handsome leather-cushioned motor car. The car was delivered in the morning, remaining all day, and the affair was a jolly, happy one, being a complete surprise to Mr. Nye.

Mr. Nye's son, Arthur Nye, who lives in Walla Walla, Wash., also remembered it was dad's birthday and sent him a substantial present in the form of a check. Mr. Nye was presented with a beautiful bouquet of lilies.

The men members of the Grange deserve much credit for the entertainment they presented at the meeting on October 11, which was to have been devoted to giving the ladies a party on that same evening, but through circumstances which could not be prevented the sisters were unable to produce their party. The entertainment by the men was in the form of a minstrel show. It was very evident that a rail had been made on the wardrobe of the ladies members of their respective households and to say that they were fine as lady impersonators is expressing it in a moderate way. Those taking part were Arthur Goss, Forrao Hall, Grover Farwell, Fred Hall, George Standley, Sr., George Standley, Jr., Edwin Taylor, Harlan Whitcomb, Alton Jensen, Ed Gilson, Adolph Gaudier, Harry Corey and Robert Taylor. The ladies promise something for the next meeting, October 25.

The fair by the school children of the town on last week Friday evening exceeded all expectations, both for quality and quantity. Three sides of the hall were lined with tables on which were exhibited the work of sewing, fancy work, fruit, vegetables, bird houses, school work and even small live stock, making altogether a showing that the children may well be proud of. The fair was managed by a school committee also have worked hard for the success of the fair and deserve their share of praise and are to be congratulated. The stand looked like a bit of fairyland with its trimmings of fall foliage, and when the children, garbed as roses and woodland sprites took their places, the picture was complete. The entire entertainment was excellent and well worth seeing. Special prizes were awarded for the best work done in the different classes.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

Arthur O. Scott was in town Monday and Tuesday and assisted in loading his car with the contents of an auto truck for removal to his future home in Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife and little daughter will remain with friends in Fitchburg until December.

The Yaman's club cleared about twenty dollars at their food sale at the home of Mrs. C. E. Burnap, Whitcomb street, last week Friday afternoon. The proceeds of the sale are to be used in aid of the French hospitals.

Death.
Miss Maria Mann Woodbury, who was mentioned in these columns in the issue of October 13 as the oldest person in Lunenburg, passed away at the Brookside sanatorium on Sunday morning, October 15. For nearly three months she had been in the daily attendance that she was slowly but surely falling in health, growing more feeble as the days were going by, sometimes not recognizing her friends and others in attendance.

At times she was wholly unconscious, which was not at all surprising, considering her great age.

Miss Woodbury was born on February 28, 1822, in Templeton. When eight years of age her parents came to live in Fitchburg, where she attended school, and was only seventeen years old when she began work as a teacher of the young. Her first school was in Templeton, afterwards in Westminster joining Fitchburg, in the Pine Woods schoolhouse. Here one of her pupils was a boy who afterwards became known to the world as General Nelson A. Miles. She also taught in other Westminster districts and in Fox Hill, Fitchburg.

When Catherine Beecher started a movement to send teachers to the west Miss Woodbury went into training at Hartford, Conn., after which she was sent to a school in Wisconsin, remaining there until the state of her health necessitated a return to her native climate. Afterwards she taught in an academy in Western New York, several schools in Massachusetts, was matron of the reform school for girls in Lancaster, afterwards of a similar school in Connecticut. Then followed two years of teaching in St. Joseph, Mo. The last twenty-five years of her active life she was in charge of the women's Christian association in Groton.

She then, for many years, she kept her own home in Groton and made a name for herself as a teacher of the young. Owing to increasing years she gave up her home in 1897, and then lived with her sister, Mrs. E. Newton, in Gardner. Nine years ago she had the misfortune to fall, breaking a hip bone, and owing to her age the fracture was not properly reduced. She has not been able to walk

since then, but has been confined to her bed—a most wonderful example of christian fortitude.

Always patient and cheerful, a pleasant word for everyone, the good influence emanating from her room can never be estimated. She will be greatly missed in the Brookside home where she has been an inmate for seven years. One who has seen her often during this time says she was one of God's good women. Her many pupils and friends innumerable "rise up and call her blessed."

For twenty-five years she was a member of the First Baptist church in Fitchburg; also, an earnest worker in the Y. W. C. A. A sister survives her, Mrs. Mary J. Cleverly, of Leominster.

Silver Wedding Surprise Party.

A very pleasant social affair was most successfully carried out Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Carr, the occasion being the silver-anniversary of their marriage. Their wedding took place on October 6, 1891. This year Mr. and Mrs. Carr decided to observe their silver-anniversary with a little vacation and a visit to their old home in Vermont and accordingly left town on October 5, and did not return until last Saturday. While they were away some of their neighbors planned to give them a surprise celebration upon their return and chose Monday evening for that event. About five o'clock that afternoon a call from the telephone notified Mrs. Carr that she would have some callers that evening.

At an early hour the visitors began to arrive and continued coming until the house was well filled. Gifts were brought of money, silverware and many useful articles, as well as refreshments of ice cream and cake, served by several young ladies; also, a large wedding cake which was cut and served to the merry company. Music was furnished by Lacey's orchestra in the parlor.

Altogether it was a very successful and happy event and reflects great credit upon the originators of the surprise. Mrs. Frank E. Lacey, Mrs. Thomas Archibald and Mrs. Nettie B. Barter.

With sincere congratulations and hearty wishes for many happy returns the guests bid Mr. and Mrs. Carr good-night and retired to their homes.

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Registration of Voters

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters, Saturday, October 28, 1916, from 12 M. to 10 P. M.

Registration will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, October 28, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1916. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. MURPHY late of Ayer in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOHN F. MURPHY of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his 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 October, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

316 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of NOAH PAYSON SMITH late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by WALTER B. SMITH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, one of the executors therein named, and other having deceased, 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 first day of November, A. D. 1916, 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 Peppercell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, 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 October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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Saturday, October 21, 1916.

PEPPERELL

News Items.
Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, of South street, received a visit last week from Mrs. E. N. Holt and Miss Chase of Lowell, during her sister's absence in New Hampshire.

John O'Toole, station agent at Sterling, came home Monday being threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lillie Dow visited her daughter, Mrs. Lucia Stark, in Fitchburg, last week Friday and Saturday, and attended the fair.

The Penmenaquan Camp-fire circle held their October council fire at the home of their guardian, Mrs. W. H. Beers, on Friday evening of last week. Nearly all the members could be present. Doris Hartwell being in town from Bridgewater, Hazel Soule from Bradford, N. H., and Della O'Neal from Groton. Miss Christie Phelps, a Camp-fire Girl from South Athol, was also present, visiting Mrs. Beers. Supper was prepared and served by Misses Alice Marshall and Ina Parker, the tables being decorated with autumn leaves with touches of yellow flowers. The regular business of the circle was transacted following the supper. The Junior circle, the Babbatssets, under Miss Sylvester, are doing good work, earning their honors, by preparing to take their wood-gatherers' rank.

Frank Wiley and family visited at the home of his mother, Elm street, over the week-end.

Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh has been entertaining her sister, Miss Florence Farmer, from Lowell.

Miss Ellen Miller went to North Adams to visit friends over the week-end, returning on Monday.

Miss Effie Merrill, an employee at the Boston library, spent Columbus day at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. T. Wilson.

Arthur Bolles came from Swampscott last week and is taking a vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank D. Bolles.

Miss Hope Davison spent the week-end at her cottage on Townsend street, having returned to her duties as teacher in Boston kindergarten schools in September.

Miss Hazel Soule spent the holiday on Sunday at the home of her mother in Bradford, N. H., where she is teaching.

Harold L. Ames, who was called here a few weeks ago by the sudden death of his father, started back south on Saturday to his home and employment in Alabama.

Mrs. Lizzie Sartelle, who resides with her cousin, Miss Molly Wilson, recently spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Louise Hinckley, in Hollis, N. H., giving the daughter Mabel an opportunity to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Hinckley, in Amesbury.

An alarm was rung in from box 27 at Railroad street Monday forenoon for a chimney fire in the tenement at the foot of the hill, near Tarbell's storehouse. It was occupied at this time by a preparing and the fire did not break out, being kept under control by fire extinguishers. The down-town fire department were notified and sent back, and the up-town apparatus was stopped at Chase hill, where the alarm which sounded the whole round perfectly rather exceeded the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trenholm, of Fitchburg, visited at the home of Mrs. Trenholm's son, William Ames, who came from Haverhill with his wife.

Miss Minerva Miller returned to her home with her sister, Mrs. Emily Gilman, last week, from Laconia, N. H., where she was called by the illness of another sister.

Leo Thayer returned to his position in an orchestra in Worcester on Monday after spending the holiday and Sunday at his home in town.

During the stereopticon lecture given at the Congregational church by Rev. J. B. Lewis, Sunday evening, the audience were taken on an educational trip through Mexico, Australia, Africa, Turkey, China and several other countries. The life of children in these far-away lands was fully illustrated by fine colored slides. Miss Anna Peabody assisted in the music with her violin.

Mrs. Maynard Copp has been entertaining a niece, Miss McBeth, from Monton.

Miss Alice Marshall left Monday for Middletown, Conn., where she has a position for the winter in a minister's family as companion and helper to an elderly lady.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill recently took their second son, George, to the Massachusetts General hospital for an operation for adenoids.

Miss Estella Wood, of Piqua, Ohio, and Miss Harriet Wood, of Milford, N. H., were guests of their kinship, Mrs. George W. Pierce, at Woodside, last week.

The Forward club had a pleasant social gathering at their regular meeting on Friday evening of last week at the Congregational vestry. The committee in charge of the evening's program were Miss Tucker, the teacher, and Kenneth Durant and Howard

Shattuck. The next meeting of the club will be held very early in November, to commemorate Hallow-e'en.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence, from Shirley, visited his mother, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, Columbus day.

Mrs. Sarah Lamb, who had an eighty-fourth birthday on October 13, and Mrs. John Durand, who was eighty-seven years of age on October 10, observed their birthdays together on Thursday of last week, being entertained for the day at the home of Mrs. Durand's daughter, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, the occasion being made a pleasant one.

Miss Angie Fouchia is still under the care of a physician for the injuries to her hip at the time of her accident recently.

Mrs. E. P. Nowell and four daughters, her brother, Lawrence Starbuck, and Mrs. David Keay, of Quincy, motored to town on Sunday for a few hours' visit with Mrs. Thomas E. Comer, returned to Concord on Monday after visiting last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Marshall, Elm street.

Mrs. H. G. Jordan returned Monday from a visit with relatives in New Boston.

Several good republican citizens went to Hollis, N. H., on Friday afternoon of last week to attend the reception at the town hall given Hon. Ed. W. Wilson, candidate for governor of New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson visited over Sunday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fletcher, of Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gandy are boarding at the home of Mrs. Williams, the three school teachers at the Groton street school.

The new electric line for street lighting has been extended down Nashua street as far as the corner of the Shirley company are now working toward the Hollis line.

Mrs. George Newhall went to Boston this last week, taking care of her mother, who has been cared for by her for about two years. Mrs. Newhall afterward visited in Saugus and Waltham. She returned on Monday, and on Tuesday afternoon she visited her relatives at the home of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Newhall and Miss Janet enjoyed an auto ride to Ashburnham to call on Mrs. F. J. Faxon, who visited here were here.

There is to be an open meeting of the Odd Fellows from this and surrounding towns with the lodge in Groton on Tuesday evening, October 24, at their hall, on Broadway street, concerning the series of such meetings which has been planned for.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilbert, of Suncook, N. H., visited at the home of his brother, A. H. Gilbert, Sunday, and Mrs. John Fisher were also guests for the day.

George Gilbert, of the Nashua road, is thinking of directing all his attention to farming and has decided to discontinue his part in the business he advertises in another column.

Ernest Hartwell and wife and child from West Groton spent Columbus day at her old home in town.

Mr. Isola, of Waban, who addressed the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon, was entertained at the home of Mrs. Julia B. Johnson, Oak hill.

The water in the mill pond by the Main street dam, was drawn off Sunday to allow repairs to be made on the main dam which runs under the Nashua river at this point. It was claimed that it had pulled apart, and a crew of men were at work there until late Sunday night. The bed of the river was drained for some distance up stream, toward Groton, and showed a very rocky stream-bed, as well as the remnants of a dam four feet high. It looks as though the river could have been crossed easily in places on foot.

Mrs. Mary Jordan and her friend, Mrs. H. A. Pike, spent the week-end in Lynn.

The date of their annual concert and ball as November 17, at Prescott hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fletcher went to Rindge, N. H., last week to visit the aged parents of Mrs. Fletcher. They returned on Monday.

C. Stewart, who was to care for Mr. Fletcher's place in his absence, was taken ill with an acute attack of kidney trouble, and has since been under the doctor's care.

An invitation dance at Oak hill hall on Monday evening, under the auspices of the executive board of the society, was an unusually pleasant social affair, with an attendance of just enough. Good music was furnished by Thayer's orchestra. This was arranged by the committee before it was known that it was intended.

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Mrs. Edward Hodgkinson and two children, from Brooklyn, N. Y., came Monday for a visit of a few days with her friend, Mrs. Chester Fuller, Tucker avenue. Mrs. Hodgkinson is the English friend with whom Mrs. Fuller crossed at the time of her coming to this country, about five years.

Carleton Bolles, from Billerica, Cecil Kemp and Joseph Lateralley, from Middleboro, visited at their respective homes over Columbus day.

Mrs. David Parker entertained her sister from Littleton last week.

H. B. Foster and family are packing their household goods preparatory to moving to Nashua, N. H. They have resided in town about a week. Mr. Foster is first interested at the Burkinshaw knife factory. At present he is agent and demonstrator for a Nashua garage.

Eert DeRoehn, formerly a resident here, was in town on Monday morning from Boston by auto, on business for the chocolate firm for whom he is now traveling salesman.

Miss Ruth Clark recently visited her brother in Hinsdale, N. H.

John Martin and family moved into their new purchase on Cottage street, Tuesday.

Charles Harris, of Lowell, spent Sunday at the home of his nephew, A. H. Harris.

Notices have been issued announcing the increase in water rates from \$8 to \$9 yearly, the same to go into effect on October 1, 1916.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., in Ayer, Monday afternoon, Walter H. Drury was installed as master, and Paul Lodge, the installing officer being A. J. Atwood, of Townsend, past master of the lodge. Lawrence Morgan acted as marshal, and the dinner was furnished by the past master's jewel. A banquet was served preceding the business meeting, which was fully attended. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Paul, Mrs. N. W. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Parker, J. A. Donnelly, G. C. Lewis, and J. C. McNeil. The music was by Weber's male quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawrence, Nashua street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Sleeper, former resident of Groton, on Sunday, coming from Somerville by auto.

By the close of this week some of the hardest part of the work on the Groton road will have been accomplished, referring to the widening and straightening of the promontory of ledge which has projected into the highway at Primus hill, causing a dangerous curve. The road is to be widened and straightened. Cartloads of stone have already been removed and used for filling, and it has made a notable change already.

At the meeting of the Men's club of the First Parish on Tuesday evening, Rev. D. R. Child addressed the club on the subject of "National preparedness," having as his text, "Be ye ready." The usual refreshments were served after the program.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, with Mrs. M. M. Richards, took an auto trip to the western part of the State this week, taking in the Springfield fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, from Everett, have been guests for the week past at the home of Mrs. Smith, who was formerly Mrs. Elmer Boynton, of this place, a relative of Mr. Boynton.

The lecture on "Art" by Mr. Isola called out a good assemblage of the members of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Isola, who is recalled by many who had the pleasure of the acquaintance of himself and family during his years of residence here, has long been a devotee of art, and on the subject which is so familiar to him and is able to convey it, in part, to his audience. He claimed the time was too limited to do more than touch upon the several points, but expressed the hope that the ladies would follow out some of his lines of thought and study. The illustrations of the great artists, also the architecture of that country, showing many cathedrals of great beauty and nobility of style and examples of the Moorish Spain and have been generally adopted by architects. His lecture filled the entire afternoon without music.

An auto load of E. H. Bliss, C. A. Mills, E. F. Browne, D. F. Dennis, W. P. Perry and W. F. Dennis went to the Springfield fair on Thursday, taking in the horse show in the evening and arriving home Friday morning.

Joseph Sullivan, who had rather a severe time with his throat, following his operation at St. Joseph's hospital, is back again on Hayes delivery car.

The committees are getting ready to welcome the coming caravan of St. Joseph's parish and everything is progressing favorably.

Mrs. Francis Lawrence attended the wooden anniversary of her cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph, at Methuen on Wednesday evening.

George A. Mahoney was in town from Middleboro this week, coming Wednesday. His grandson George returned home with him.

A party of Oddfellows from Beacon street were entertained at the groton on Wednesday evening by Roy Sylvester in his auto to attend the meeting of the lodge there.

On Thursday evening a party of members of the Congregational vestry in Groton to attend a banquet.

A nine-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill on Monday, October 16.

Miss Nellie Driscoll has been taking a vacation from the past two weeks at A. G. Pike's. She has been attending to the office during her absence.

One of the men working for the Shirley Electric Company, was placed under arrest on Monday, charged with larceny of a quantity of the company's copper wire. He was taken before Judge Atwood at the district court in Ayer on Tuesday morning and placed under \$500 bonds, which Mr. Kennedy furnished. The case is to come up for trial this Saturday morning.

Supt. A. R. Paul attended an educational convention in Worcester on Friday of last week.

Miss Helen Lovejoy returned to New York last Saturday to resume her studies at the Institute of Musical Art.

Mrs. A. H. Raymond has been spending the week with friends in Hopedale.

Mrs. Joseph Davis recently entertained her sister, Miss Nelly Tully, of Beachmont.

James Luke, of West street, recently sold the twenty-five-acre farm he has lived on for the past two years, to Lewis Foster, of Wakefield, who will occupy it with his wife and three children. The sale was made through the office of George W. Hall, Boston, who was an engineer before coming here to try farming, having been at Panama and on several similar contracts.

Mrs. E. M. Dodge, of Malden, is a guest at the Baker homestead, West street.

Mrs. Frank Best and little daughter Ruth, of Roxbury, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Edward G. Best, the past ten days. On Tuesday she was the guest of Miss Vida Patch. Mrs. Best will be remembered as Miss Florence Page, formerly of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, residents on the East Groton road, have been taking an unusual outing in Brookfield, Worcester and surrounding towns. Mrs. Smith remained in Worcester with relatives, from where he will take in the Springfield fair.

The condition of J. J. Willoughby at the Groton hospital became alarming on last Sunday and his sons were sent for, each one being allowed to see him for a few moments during the day. He has had more fever and consequent delirium during the week, and on Tuesday he suffered a stroke which proved fatal. Dr. Hildreth, the doctor who assisted at the time of the amputation of the leg occurred, was brought from Smithville, N. H., for examination, by request of the family on Sunday.

William Greenwood returned home from St. Joseph's hospital on last week Friday, somewhat improved.

George Richards, of Boston, was a guest over Columbus day and Sunday for each one of Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard.

The attendance at the Epworth league dinner Thursday noon was made somewhat smaller by the rainy weather. The dinner, however, was presented to the usual standard of excellence and enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. R. B. Baker returned home on Sunday from Manchester, N. H., her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Osburn, and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, of Groton. Mrs. Baker has been making a ten-days' visit in Pittsfield, Concord, Manchester and Suncook, N. H., making the trip there by auto, and had been visiting here from Vermont.

The Champion-International Company have been shipping some of their stock which might deteriorate to their mills in Lawrence this week.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church of Pepperell, with election of officers, will be held at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, October 24, at 8.15 o'clock. Plans will be outlined for the coming year's work.

Mrs. D. R. Child visited in Charlestown, N. H., this week, her old home.

Miss Martha Swinerton, from Amesbury, visited in town over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sprague, of Worcester, visited at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Sprague's sister, Columbus day. Their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Post, also of Worcester, accompanied them.

The October committee of the Oak Hill Y. M. C. A. are planning to celebrate All-Hallow-e'en by appropriate sports and a vaudeville and barn dance on Monday evening, October 23, at the home of Messrs. Blood, Gaskill, Lawrence and Fletcher.

Mrs. John Pierce will entertain the members of the East Village Social club at her home on Elm street, on Sunday afternoon, October 22. The subject of the afternoon will be "Music," and everyone is requested to bring singing books. The college evening, held from bulletins will also be discussed.

The Woman's club met at the Congregational vestry Tuesday afternoon. The stereopticon lecture given by Pietro Isola called out a good assemblage of the members of the club. Those interested in ancient architecture and art fully appreciated the many admirable views. The meeting was well attended. The new names were proposed for membership. Rev. Guy Robbins and wife, from Lawrence, were the guests recently of Mrs. L. G. Robbins and daughter, Miss Robbins.

Mrs. Anna Nutting is in Shirley in the household of Miss Helen Winslow, as companion and housekeeper.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Churches held in Ayer on Wednesday of last week, a large number of delegates attended from the Congregational society in town. Rev. J. B. Lewis and George H. Shattuck, superintendents of the Society, were in charge of the office. Other delegates chosen being Deacon Merriam, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Harmon. At the business session in the forenoon the most can be done for the welfare of the association. There was a large attendance of about 200 present during the day.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson, of Brookline, visited relatives at Elm street, on Tuesday evening of this week. Her aunt, Mrs. Pike, had charge of her household.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence arrived from New York on last Saturday to spend two weeks at the Lawrence homestead on Nashua street.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson and son Kenneth went to Lebanon, N. H., on Wednesday.

The democratic rally speakers for Tuesday evening in Railroad square at Groton were held at the large advertised, among whom was Frederick W. Mansfield, candidate for governor, failed to appear. The cold weather of the evening kept the small crowd that gathered about eight o'clock.

At the all-day meeting of the L. S. C. on Friday last week, the members of the ladies at the Groton church interested in the Pedagogical fair were invited to be present and hear the report. The committee on the tea-room were able to report the receipts \$32.22, instead of \$30 as estimated. Other small sales and a donation of \$6 to the L. S. C. raised the total amount to be about \$66.50. This the Congregational society will receive \$233.69. The Methodist \$202.53. There was a general sentiment of satisfaction over the result and the fair in general. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Brooks, a Radcliffe graduate, and lately a teacher at a Unitarian school in North Carolina. She gave an interesting account of the fair. Five o'clock tea was served by the L. S. C. It is probable there will be another Federated meeting at the Methodist vestry in November.

Marriage.
The account of the wedding of Winsler Park, well-known in town, which was held at the Concord Enterprise, will be of interest to his many friends. Mr. Park formerly resided here, prior to his removal to Concord Junction. He is now connected with the house of A. G. Pike, Peabody & Co., Boston. "A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. MacGregor (West Act) on Wednesday evening (October 11), at seven o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Gladys Marie MacGregor, was united in marriage to Winsler Park, of Concord Junction, by Rev. Luther Morris, pastor of the Universalist church.

"The rooms of the home were made most beautiful for the occasion, being decorated with hemlock, evergreen, asparagus and hydrangea blooms, forming a rich setting for the ceremony. When the wedding march played by Miss Dorothy B. Mead, began, the ushers, Frederick Conant and Ray Leflingwell of Boston, and Graves Benson and E. Blood of Concord, formed the aisle with white ribbons, through which the bride party came. Miss Ruth Sherman of Lincoln and Miss Bertha Crane were in blue tulle with rose-bud trimmings and shadow lace, and wore large hats tied with blue ribbon and covered with yellow and white daisies.

"The maid of honor, Miss Thelma MacGregor, sister of the bride, was gown in pink tulle and carried an American Beauty rose in the center of which was the ring. The best man was Charles Park, of Minneapolis, a brother of the groom. The bride's gifts to her attendant were gold jewelry, and the groom's gifts to the ushers were gold cigarette holders.

"The bride looked charming, dressed in a white tulle dress with marl trimmings and lace, with tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses, and a nosegay of white roses.

"Following the ceremony a reception was held, the newly-married couple receiving congratulations from the large number of friends present. The bridesmaids, the maid of honor and the bride's parents. Refreshments were served, after which the cake was cut by the bride, making a friendly deal of fun for the happy company as well as the bride throwing her bouquet of roses among the guests.

After a trying time in donning their traveling garments, which were well sewed up by thread and stuffed with confetti, the couple left for their waiting auto amid a shower of confetti. The car was well decorated with palms and such ornaments.

"The bridal presents were choice and numerous, including about \$500 worth of goods. Mrs. Park will reside in Concord Junction on their return."

Grange Notes.
At the regular meeting of Prescott Grange on Friday evening, October 13, the first and second degrees were worked on a class of seven candidates. The third degree was worked by the Grange officers and the second degree was worked by the men's degree staff. Of which E. H. Bliss was master; O. M. Nash, ex-officio; Walter L. Shattuck, J. B. Lewis, J. E. Stewart, O. E. M. Stewart, I. A. S.; Lloyd Bancroft, asst. steward; Charles Blood, G. K.; Peter McDonald, sec.; J. P. Kemper, treas.; J. B. Lewis, J. E. Stewart, O. E. M. Stewart, Arthur Carter, Pomona. The work of the staff was finely executed, having much favorable comment. Mrs. Muriel Robinson substituted in place of the regular pianist.

The new members are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vesselles, Chester Shattuck, Della O'Neal, Harry O'Neal, Ralph Willoughby and Miss Hazel Phinney.

There were other candidates who were asked to present this evening, and it is probable another class, equally large, will be formed in December.

At the next meeting, Friday evening, October 27, the third and fourth degrees will be worked, the ladies' degree staff, Miss Florence Kempfle, master, working the third degree. The largest number will be served on this evening also.

Church Notes.
At the Congregational church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Outward, Inward, Christward." At the evening service he will speak of the subject, "Be an overcomer, have a good universal league service the subject will be "Second-mile religion." Leader, Muriel Robinson.

At the Unitarian church Sunday morning the pastor's theme will be "Outward, Inward, Christward." At the evening service he will speak of the subject, "Be an overcomer, have a good universal league service the subject will be "Second-mile religion." Leader, Muriel Robinson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall, of Fitchburg, came for them in their auto, thus making it a delightful trip.

Hunters have been much in evidence this week, but not much game in sight. At the Bramon farm George and Edwin Bramon from Westboro, Waldo Bramon from South Acton, Frank Groot from South Framingham and three friends from Boston assembled Thursday morning and have been on the trail more or less all the week. Mr. McAllister, from Lexington, was the guest of Mrs. Porter and hunters and dogs haunt the unposted woodlots.

Carl Swanson carried a party of fifteen to Harvard in his motor truck to hear the excellent drama presented by members of Harvard Grange on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee, Leon Wetherbee, Lewis Richardson, Philip Cunningham and George Richardson enjoyed going by auto to the National Dairy show in Springfield the first of the week.

Mrs. John Cobleigh came home from the Clinton hospital Tuesday and is recovering nicely.

Miss Annie Sherry was at home from her school in South Hadley for the week-end.

The E. O. Hager family, of Clinton, opened the Hager homestead for the holiday and the remainder of the week.

As the Nelsons were returning from church last Sunday they met an automobile on the street which frightened their horse and he ran, overturning the carriage and throwing out the occupants. With Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Nelson, of the West, Mrs. George Burroughs and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, 3d, Mrs. Nelson was thrown onto the fence railing and was the most seriously hurt of the party, the others receiving cuts and bruises, but consider that they were fortunate to escape so easily. The auto was a steamer and the steam coming into the