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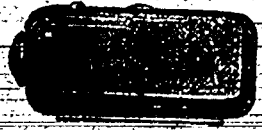
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## PEPPERELL

### News Items.

Edward E. Bartlett returned Monday to Hartford, to his position with the Etna Insurance Company.

Charles A. Willett, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Willett, who formerly lived in town on High street, left Ayer on Friday of last week for Central America, where he has a position with the United States Fruit Co. He gives up a good position as stenographer in a bank in Boston.

Roger Tuna spent a part of his holiday school vacation in North Billerica with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foss.

Mrs. Jerry Annis is expected home from Warner, N. H., this week, as her brother, Fred Clogston, is sufficiently recovered from the measles to be up around his home.

Mrs. Fred Dunlap resumed her work last week in A. A. Tarbell's store, as she was improving from her recent lameness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling spent Friday of last week in Fitchburg on a business trip.

Miss Clara Shattuck spent part of her Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Tucker of Woodland farm. Mrs. Tucker's little grandchild, Elizabeth Maxwell, is also with her for the present.

At last reports the injury received by E. K. Humphrey at the West Groton mill seemed to be the straining of muscles about the ribs, but it is proving serious enough to confine him to his bed. Mr. Jewett goes over every day to attend to his work as engineer.

Mrs. M. L. Bartlett, her daughters, Mrs. Walter Stiles and Misses Rosamond and Helen Bartlett, and grand-son, Norman Stiles, remained in town over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, returning to Springfield on Monday morning. Mrs. Stiles was much wearied by her journey of two days and nights from New Orleans and needed rest, and Misses Rosamond and Helen were obliged to resume their duties at the Home Correspondence school, Springfield.

Miss Ann Murray recently returned from Middleboro, where she stayed for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahoney, who welcomed a daughter into their home on December 9—Anna Barbara.

The penny social held by the Epworth League members at the Methodist vestry on last week Friday evening brought out a large crowd of the young people of the league and friends. For the entrance fee and refreshments a penny advice was all that was needed, and the games were free and very jolly ones. The young people speak of it as a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson had her niece, Ruth, from Lawrence, with her during the holiday vacation.

Deaths.  
In our columns last week we gave but a brief item concerning the death

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of Marlon L. Bartlett on Wednesday evening, January 3, at his home in Springfield. His death occurred after an illness of a few days with pneumonia. This might have yielded to the remedies of the attending physician if Mr. Bartlett's general health preceding the attack had not been much impaired by disease during back several years.

Marlon Louville Bartlett was born in Norway, Me., October 13, 1846, of English and Scotch ancestry. As a young man he was interested in sports and particularly in the game of baseball, being second baseman on the Pentecost baseball team of Norway, which was a famous organization of that time. An article appeared in the Boston Globe as late as 1907, which was reminiscent of this noted team, giving an interesting account of the most important games in which this team of forty years ago had participated. The pictures of the players also appeared.

His marriage to Miss Charlotte Reaveley of Turner Falls occurred in May, 1877. Miss Reaveley being also of English parentage. They lived in Maine for some years, afterward at Turner Falls and Hartford and Burnside. The three sons of Mr. Bartlett to reside about 1896, Mr. Bartlett being connected with the Nashua River Paper Co. as foreman of one of the departments, which position he held for about fifteen years, after which he continued to live up to this time.

During their residence in Connecticut Mr. Bartlett became a member of the Orient Lodge of Masons of East Hartford, Conn., retaining his membership there for twenty-five years. In the seventeenth year of the residence of the family in this town, Mr. Bartlett became afflicted with the "initial" church, being an active worker and a member of several committees at various times and a regular attendant.

Mr. Bartlett was a man of quiet tastes and unostentatious manners, but thoroughly liked by those who knew him best and a pleasant, obliging friend and neighbor when his health was good. Very few have any idea of the suffering caused by his diseased condition, which especially affected the nervous system, particularly during the last year of his life.

Mr. Bartlett is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charlotte Reaveley Bartlett, and by six children. The three daughters are Mrs. Walter A. Stiles, of New Orleans, La., and Misses Rosamond S. and Helen L. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass. The three sons are Arthur W. Bartlett, of Dorchester, of Hartford, Conn. There are also seven grandchildren, Norman S. Stiles, of Orleans, Maine; George and Dudley E. Bartlett, of this town; Frances and Phyllis Bartlett, of Dorchester, and Shirley and Roger Bartlett, of Hartford. Mr. Bartlett also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. B. Woodbury, of Norway, Me.

Services were conducted from his late home in Springfield on Friday, January 5, Rev. Dr. Nell McPherson being the officiating clergyman. The remains were brought to Pepperell for burial on Saturday, arriving on the noon train. At three o'clock a ritual and prayer service was conducted at the home of his son Arthur on Main street. Rev. Dudley E. Child, of the board in town were Joseph Donnelly, John A. Frossard, Walter W. Lunt and Arthur P. Wright, and interment was in the Pepperell cemetery.

The many beautiful floral tributes from friends and relatives, both in Springfield and Pepperell attested the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The death of Mrs. John Ayers, sixty-six years of age, occurred in this town at the house of Mrs. M. A. Fitzpatrick on Cottage street, Monday, January 8. Her death occurred after many weeks of patient suffering from a complicated disease. Mrs. Ayers will perhaps be better remembered in this town as Mrs. Patrick Foley, who lived in the old Sylvester place nearly fifty years ago.

Mrs. Ayers was a native of Ireland and after coming to America met and married Patrick Foley and settled on the place Sylvester place. Mrs. Foley died in 1885 and several years later Mrs. Ayers married John Ayers, taking up her abode in Leominster. After over twenty years of married life Mr. Ayers died in 1914. Mrs. Ayers left Leominster and took up her abode first in Ayer and then in South Acton. Nearly four months ago she was taken ill and for the last four months has become steadily weaker. She seemed to realize her approaching end and wished very much to die near her old home in East Pepperell. She voiced her wish to her life-long friend, Mrs. Mary E. Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Fitzpatrick had been a good friend of Mrs. Ayers ever since the deceased arrived from Ireland and came to Mrs. Fitzpatrick's father's house in Groton half a century ago. Accordingly, arrangements were made for the removal of Mrs. Ayers to Mrs. Fitzpatrick's home in East Pepperell, and about six weeks ago Mrs. Ayers was taken there by

auto. After six painful but contented weeks the deceased suddenly took a change for the worst and after forty-eight hours of rapid sinking died peacefully on Monday morning.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's church in Ayer at 9:30 Wednesday morning, the funeral cortege leaving Pepperell at 1:30. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery beside her first husband, Patrick Foley.

Mrs. Nellie (Willis) Markham, widow of the late E. A. Markham, died at the home of Lucius T. Wilson, Townsend street, Saturday, January 6, of pleurisy. Mrs. Markham was about

seventy-seven years of age, and has been cared for by Mrs. Wilson for the past seven years. She has been gradually falling in health, and for three years past has been almost totally blind. Her last illness was only of a week's duration. She was the daughter of Dr. Willis, of Ayer, and is believed to be the last of her family, as an only brother, Alonzo E. Willis, died within the past year at his farm just over the Groton line. Her first marriage was to Mr. Allen, her residence being in Vermont. Her second marriage, to Mr. Markham, occurred about forty years ago. The family, which included her son by the former marriage, Will Allen, coming here to reside from Ayer. Mr. Markham kept a jewelry store and repaired watches and clocks, being also in the newspaper business in a shop at the corner of Main and Foster streets previous to the big shoe factory fire. Since his death several years ago Mrs. Markham has lived in Groton and this town. Services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. B. Lewis, and the remains were taken to Northfield, Vt., on Tuesday for interment beside her first husband.

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**WESTFORD**

At the meeting of the Boy Scouts this week Friday evening Gerald Decatur gave a talk to the boys on Porto Rico. Miss Freida Stiles entertained the Embroidery club very pleasantly at her home on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church held its regular meeting at the church vestry on Thursday afternoon. Perry Shupe's residence has been connected with telephone, 47-3; Frank C. Bannister's call is 77-3. The telephone company has also installed two new pay telephones, one at Spill's store at Forge Village, 8076-4, and one at Blodgett's store in Graniteville, 8076-3.

We note the recent death of Rev. George F. Stanton, at quite an advanced age. He was a successful career in the ministry. In the earlier years of his ministry he was a pastor of the Congregational church here, his term of service coming after that of Rev. E. B. Hodgman.

The committee for the January social at the Congregational church are busy preparing for an attractive evening. A short play, entitled "An Interlocking Proposal," will be given by well-known talent. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Labonteley and Mrs. J. E. Knight. There will also be out-of-town talent in music and readings. The committee in charge are Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Hildreth, Mrs. D. L. Greig and Miss Edith Wright.

Tickets for the annual guest night of the Tadmuck club are being distributed to the members. This comes in the form of a promise to one of the pleasant events of the winter. If there are any members who have overlooked the payment of dues they should get with the treasurer, Mrs. Percy E. Wright. By doing so they will greatly facilitate the distribution of the tickets, as only paid-up members are entitled to the tickets.

Rev. Howard A. Lincoln was in attendance at the Sunday meetings in Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. William C. Roudsbush entertained a very pleasant (umble party at her home on last Saturday afternoon.

Our general postmaster, J. Herbert Fletcher, came about as near proving a tragic accident as he cared for the first of the week. In going through North Acton in his Ford automobile, just as he was ascending the hill at the corner of the house, a Ford coming in the opposite direction, skidded badly, going to one side of the highway and going against a banking near the piazza of the hotel. In which there were four people, it turned completely over. Mr. Fletcher hurried to their assistance, first stopping the engine of the overturned car, and then helping the occupants out. Aside from fright and bruises the occupants escaped more serious injury by almost a miracle. The hotel was closed for the season, but the people were cared for as nearly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Day quietly but pleasantly observed the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on last Monday. They were the recipients of many cordial felicitations. They were married fifty years ago in the Unitarian church by Rev. George H. Young, who was pastor of the church at that time. Also on the same day Mr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Fletcher observed the forty-seventh anniversary of their marriage. They, too, were married at the Unitarian church by Rev. William A. Cram, who was pastor at that time.

We regret that it was inadvertently stated in last week's issue that the Edward Fisher was ill in his home in Lowell. It was Mrs. Fisher who was ill, but who is now reported as very much better.

A recent real estate deal noted is the sale of the land and buildings at the corner of Mrs. Bossie E. Gates to Manuel Jose Avila.

The president of the Tadmuck club, Miss Alice M. Howard, held a meeting in library hall on Tuesday afternoon with the officers and committee members of the club. There were twenty present and many phases of the club's welfare were acted upon. The next meeting, January 16, will be held at the Congregational church and will be a social and ground for household economics. A good speaker has been arranged for and there will be vocal solos by Mrs. Percy J. Wilson.

Considering the weather, the attendance of out-of-town guests at the first of the week was excellent. A number of town residents entertained guests at their homes for over the night of the ball.

**Annual Meeting.**  
The annual business meeting preceded by a dinner at noon, was held on Monday at the Congregational church. It was a very pleasant gathering of the church family with a predominating spirit of good fellowship and good will. Mrs. H. G. Osgood and Mrs. A. E. Day and a group of willing helpers were in charge of the bountiful dinner served at noon. There were present thirty-three members of the church, twelve members of other churches regularly attending this church, also four children. At the conclusion of the dinner the roll was called by the clerk with good response. Place cards with suitable selections had been prepared by Miss S. L. Wright.

The business meeting was called to order at two o'clock. After prayer by the pastor A. E. Day was chosen as moderator. Reports were read and accepted from the collectors, treasurer, trustees, superintendent of Sunday school, secretary of Y. P. S. C. E., secretary of Ladies Aid, secretary of Ladies' Missionary society. The reports showed good work accomplished.

Officers and committees chosen were as follows: L. W. Wheeler, clerk; dea-

cons. A. E. Day 1 yr., H. G. Osgood 3 yrs.; Miss L. B. Atwood, treas.; John P. Wright, asst. treas.; H. G. Osgood, Misses L. B. Atwood and M. P. Bunce, organists; W. Rafter, asst. organist; H. G. Osgood, supt. Sunday school; C. D. Colburn, asst. supt. Anna Symmes, sec. and treas. Sunday school; L. W. Wheeler, A. E. Day, H. G. Osgood, J. F. Wright, Charles Boston, organists; Misses L. B. Atwood and S. W. Loker, A. E. Day, H. G. Osgood, L. W. Wheeler, supply com. It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to renew any insurance policies that may expire during the year.

**Phonomen's Ball.**  
The ninth annual firemen's ball under the patronage of the Edward Abbot hose company took place at the town hall on Friday evening of last week. All the arrangements for the dancing, decorations, music arrangements, refreshments, etc., were ably managed by the efficient committee in charge and the only thing that marred the evening's success was the stormy, chilly and freezing weather. In spite of this the attendance was good and conditions were most comfortable for the dancers and for those who came to look on and who occupied the gallery. Charles Boston, organist, furnished a splendid concert from eight to nine and for the dancing which continued until two in the morning.

The hall was most effectively decorated with red and black streamers, wreaths and greenery. The stage occupied by the orchestra was banked with greenery and the red letters, W. F. D., at the front in relief against the red background. The local organization left here on a special car at 5.30.

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The pigeons shown in the illustration are of the species commonly called blue-rocks, often domesticated, but in a surprising number of cases wild, though dwelling always in this country and about the haunts of man and dependent on him in one way or another for a living. The blue-rocks, like the sparrows, made our cities their homes, nesting on cornices, window ledges, hearthplaces, just as in their native land they nest on ledges of cliffs and caverns. For the blue-rocks pigeons, more properly called rock-doves, are native of the British Isles, not of America. Probably they were originally brought here as pets, but very large numbers of them are as undomesticated as any of our native birds.

Rocky cliffs and caverns of the rugged coasts of Ireland and Scotland are their ancestral home. From thence they came to the Shetlands, the Orkneys, the Hebrides, and, sparingly, on the Scandinavian peninsula. In the strictly wild state these birds, though fond of

grain, are considered useful, as they eat the roots of couch-grass and the seeds of many troublesome weeds. It is commonly believed by naturalists that all the various domestic varieties of pigeon have descended from the rock-dove. Domestic pigeons often escape and interbreed with the wild ones. Successive generations soon begin quiring the coloring and form of their wild ancestry. Many gradations in color and form may be readily noticed in our cities, where the birds, though tame and very friendly, become very friendly with those who feed them. A daily sight on Boston Common is the feeding of the pigeons, crowds often gathering to watch them.

**History of Groton Band.**  
Howard B. Souther, "Philly" brother, was a member of the band for a while before he went to the Spanish war in 1893. He played cymbals.

In narrating in regard to the marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Miller at Zach Fitch's, there was one rather amusing episode of which we have since learned, which was omitted. One of the frequent forms of the ceremony is that the bride of a generation ago used to indulge in playing practical jokes on the town constable. Charles Corey, who was one of the duly elected constables, was a victim of these practical jokes.

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SUIT FABRICS.

Do not gather the impression that broadcloth is the one and only material for suits. Broadcloth will be used extensively, for it lends itself pleasingly to the mode both as regards design and decoration. Both fur and embroidery are perfect on a background of broadcloth.

There are wonderful velours for coat suits, and there is no question but that gabardine and serge will be used. Paris is putting out some suits of alpaca, but it is hard to prophesy that this material will be used here for autumn suits.

The feeling is that if we are to use alpaca for suits this will not occur until early spring, but we are quite likely to use alpaca for dresses through the winter. For suits you must not forget that rich satins of extra weight have been provided for dress wear. The novelty suitings of fine checks and stripes, of which you have already been told, are not to be overlooked, and you may expect to see suits of velvet as well.

Tassels of silk trim many of the suits, and these are to be seen as well on dresses, blouses and even on neckwear. There will surely be a big variety of fabrics and trimmings to choose from and many other smart types of suits besides the Russian styles presented today.

Colored Bead Belts.

Belts have come back with a glitter and sparkle that will make them irresistible even to the girl who ordinarily does not care to cultivate a distinct break at the waist line by means of a separate belt.

Some of these belts, which have come from Paris, are made entirely of beads in various colors. The beads are so arranged that there is a distinct design, in some instances introducing figures. Quite unique is a belt of black patent leather with a design done in black and white beads. Another is shown in a checkerboard effect done in bugle beads. There are others of suede in bright colors liberally sprinkled with beads of a strongly contrasting tone.

Because of the fancy for narrow strap effects some of the belts have been made of several narrow strips of suede and are joined with bead motifs of various designs.

A Plaster Hint.

The wife of a physician who has occasion to run to the roll of adhesive plaster to cure less than mortal ills finds it a durable as well as neat way of marking china when she lends a particularly good dish to an invalid, a party or a fair. She writes her name and address with indelible pencil on the plaster and sticks it on the bottom of her dish, where it makes an inconspicuous identification and cannot be removed without at least several washings.

Drawing Bags.

Drawing bags made of silk or of satin continue strongly in the lead. Some very effective numbers in other fabrics, such as worsteds, have been brought out. The new designs and shapes show great variety. The ruffled skirt effect is still prominently featured, as also are the draped effects of the lamp shade type.

TOWNSEND

Center. The Birthday club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alice Marshall. Hostesses, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman, Mrs. Mary Sherrin. At this meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. C. W. Meade, president; Mrs. Irving Seavor, vice president; Mrs. George Hayward, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Annie Elias, Mrs. Flora Atwood, Mrs. Jennie Sawyer, ex. com. After the business meeting a musical program was enjoyed, consisting of piano duets by Mrs. Hodgman and Miss Ivora Sawyer; vocal solos, Miss Annie Griggs; piano solos, Miss Sawyer. Guessing contests were also participated in and refreshments served by the hostesses.

Monday evening at the Grange the following officers were installed by Overseer of the State Grange, Leslie R. Smith, assisted by Mrs. F. B. Higgins of the State Grange, the work being done in a very commendable manner: H. A. Bray, master; Edna W. Dray, o.; Hester Burdette, chaplain; May Parker, sec.; Winnifred Farrar, singing on organ; Clement Corcoran, Little Cook, Pomona; Albert Cowland, A. S.; Mildred Moulton, L. S.; Flora I. Atwood, sec.; G. L. Whitcomb, treasurer; Frank A. Woods, ex. com. Mrs. Warren Trull acted as the official. Flora and Charles Dix as gatekeeper were unable to be present to be installed at this meeting. A large number of visitors were present from Ashby, Brookline, N. H., and other Granges. A collation was served and pleasing remarks made by the State Overseer and other Grange members.

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Mrs. Louis Welch and her daughter, Priscilla, visited in West Acton last week and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman is visiting in South Acton this week.

Miss Maud Hodson of Reading has been a recent guest of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan and Mrs. Mary Duff of Providence. R. I. has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Webster.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. George Adams and the topic will be "The scientific steamship lines," in charge of Mrs. Joseph MacKean.

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On October 16, 1880, Mr. Wallace was united in marriage to Charlotte P. Eastman, of Townsend, who died in 1897, leaving a daughter, now Mrs. Charles Waller, who lives in New York. He was again married in 1900 to Adelle M. Ellobie, of Nashua, N. H., who has so faithfully and tenderly cared for him during his declining years.

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The deceased was a tender-hearted husband and father, a kindly quiet gentleman, his good judgment, rectitude and integrity were such that good name which is an honor to his memory his native town and his home, an exemplary character worthy of lasting and affectionate remembrance.

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The beauty of the floral offerings were emblematic of the useful life and the fragrance of good deeds of our departed friend. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family, well sorrowed and doubly so by continued sickness in the home. Mrs. Adelle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes being too ill to be present at the funeral.

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Others attending from out of town were Charles Sanders of Lowell, a nephew, and Henry Wyman from the Center, a brother of her late husband, and a large gathering of friends and neighbors also attended the service and the bearers were Charles Hosley, Frank Boutelle, William Webster and Marvin Waters. The interment was in the West cemetery and several floral pieces were placed upon the grave as a testimonial of the affection of her family and friends. Although always in poor health, Mrs. Wyman's illness has for many years been confined to her home and will be greatly missed from the home circle, where she has been cared for by her children for many years.

On October 16, 1880, Mr. Wallace was united in marriage to Charlotte P. Eastman, of Townsend, who died in 1897, leaving a daughter, now Mrs. Charles Waller, who lives in New York. He was again married in 1900 to Adelle M. Ellobie, of Nashua, N. H., who has so faithfully and tenderly cared for him during his declining years.

His wife survived him and was a devoted mother and a grand daughter, Arlene Wilder, of Northfield, a sister, Benjamin Wallace, of Meriden, Conn., and a daughter, Mrs. Charles T. Hayes, of this town.

The deceased was a tender-hearted husband and father, a kindly quiet gentleman, his good judgment, rectitude and integrity were such that good name which is an honor to his memory his native town and his home, an exemplary character worthy of lasting and affectionate remembrance.

On account of sickness in the home the funeral services being held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Congregational church in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers. A trio consisting of Miss Estelle Farrar, Mrs. Ica Cowdry and Eugene A. Flagg sang very touchingly, Tennessee, the "Credo" and the "Christian's farewell." Interment was in the family lot at the Center cemetery.

The beauty of the floral offerings were emblematic of the useful life and the fragrance of good deeds of our departed friend. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family, well sorrowed and doubly so by continued sickness in the home. Mrs. Adelle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes being too ill to be present at the funeral.

West. On Saturday evening the hall at the Squaticoek Inn was formally opened by an entertainment and dance given by the young people of the house, assisted by Miss Gladys Rawson. About one hundred were present from this village and the Center. The play, entitled, "The Captive," was given and received with much enthusiasm. The play was followed by a social party with dancing to the Victoria till about midnight and was heartily enjoyed by all present. The hall was thoroughly cleaned and electric lights established and is very attractive.

Lewis Bacheller, the evangelist, addressed a large audience at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, preaching a powerful and stirring sermon on "The holy spirit." A pleasing feature of the service was a solo by Walter Wilder, of the Center. The election of officers of the Brotherhood of the church, which was held last week, being omitted this week on account of the special services. The Y. P. S. C. E. services were held in the vestries at six o'clock, a vestal, Miss Elliott, and Mr. Bacheller addressed the young people on "Consecration" at that service. The regular evening service was held in the auditorium at the church on Tuesday evening.

A large delegation from Ashby and parties from the Center were among those attending. The boy preacher's subject was "The second coming of Christ," and the prayer, a vestal, Billy Sunday in style of preaching.

A peculiar accident took place at noon on Tuesday when a large load of logs, which was left by Henry Hathaway drawn to the side of the road on Mt. Pleasant, rolled down the hill, while he took his horses to their stable on Bridge street to be fed, broke loose and coasted part way down the steep hill, crossing the street and crashing the stone wall surrounding the Homer estate, tearing down six or eight feet of the stone. The accident was probably caused by the thawing snow which caused the runners to settle and finally started the load.

Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway returned on Monday from the Burbank hospital in Boston, where she underwent a serious operation several weeks ago. Her many friends are rejoiced to learn that she stood the journey comfortably and is improving under the care of Mrs. Nellie Newell.

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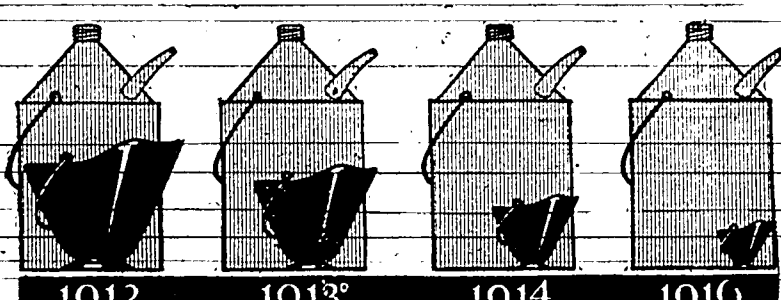
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News Items.

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A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

For Saturday afternoon and evening the features of the play which will be "The Island of Regeneration," a unique romance in six parts, from the gifted author, Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brundy. This play is the second of the famous Whitcomb blue ribbon pictures. This picture will be followed by a two-reel episode in "The Bertie Fairfax series, entitled "The Forbidden Room." On Tuesday afternoon and evening Mrs. E. C. Robinson, the famous actress, will appear in the leading role in the powerful drama, "The Extravagance," in five parts. The fifteen and a half episode of "The Shielding Shadow" series, solving the mystery of this thrilling serial, will be shown. Matinee and evening shows on Wednesday and Saturdays at the usual hour.

The registrars of voters will have their first meeting on Thursday evening, January 18, to register such persons as may desire to vote at the annual town meeting which comes on February 5.

At the decorated church on Sunday morning Mr. Strong will speak on the subject, "Father of our spirits." The Sunday school will meet at noon. The topic for the C. E. meeting at six o'clock in the evening will be "Oughts and Warrants." The meeting at the evening service, at seven o'clock, there will be a lecture on "Law Wallace's book, 'Ben Hur,'" illustrated by the stereopticon. There will be special meetings of the Federate church on Thursday evening in the vestry at 7.30 for the transaction of business.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon at seven o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

The following is the program to be given by the Ayer Musical association, under the direction of W. B. Robinson, on the evening of January 23 in the town hall:

"Tell me Flora" Part I. song. Piano solo, selected.

"Rock-a-bye" Part II. song. Piano solo, selected.

"Country songs" Part III. song. Piano solo, selected.

"Madelaine" Part IV. song. Piano solo, selected.

"The happiest land" bass solo.

"Inflammation" grand chorus and solo.

"Love and Summer" Part V. song. Piano solo, selected.

"Gallia" Motet Part II. Gounod Musical Association and Mrs. Sargent.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet with Miss Eleanor Clark on Thursday evening, January 18.

The officers and members of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., have been invited to attend the installation of officers of Temple chapter of Leominster on Monday evening. Banquet at 6.30. Those planning to attend should leave here on the five o'clock electric.

The Past Masters' association of Masons held their annual meeting in Fitchburg at Masonic Temple, this week Friday afternoon. Among those attending from here were E. H. Bicknell, W. L. Preble, C. E. Pepprell, W. Mason, P. H. Andrew, O. K. Pierce.

Miss Eva M. Robbins entertained a few of her friends at the home of her parents on Washington Heights Monday evening, January 8, in honor of her twentieth birthday. Among the present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Arlen, Albert and Beatrice Arlen, Martin Holliston, Waldo Winslow, Ralph and Fred Russell and Philip Griffin. Misses Ida Smith, Mildred Neat and Eva Robbins. Music and games were enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Miss Robbins received many presents.

A regular convocation of Hancock Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, January 15.

Willard G. White, past master of Ayer Grange, assisted by Miss Emma Kinney, installed the following officers of the Grange on Wednesday evening: Miss Kathryn White, W. W. Winslow, O. Mrs. Jennie E. Leahy, I. C. Hiram S. Clark, chap.; Mrs. Nellie Winslow, treas.; Mrs. Margaret Rund, sec.; James M. Boutwell, John B. Washburn, a. c. com. yrs. Over 100 people were present. A past master's jewel was presented to Willard G. White, who has been master for the last year. Refreshments were served after which came a pleasant informal entertainment of songs and instrumental selections. Visitors were present from Shirley and Westford.

The union temperance meeting in Pace hall last Sunday evening was attended by 200 people. Those who attended heard a very interesting speaker in Mrs. Emma H. Howland of Boston. Rev. J. W. Thomas presided. Rev. Frank B. Crandall read the scripture and Rev. J. S. Strong offered prayer. A conference was held after the meeting of those interested in the temperance movement. Rev. J. S. Strong was chosen secretary. Another meeting of all those interested in the no-license campaign will be held in the Board of Trade rooms on Sunday afternoon, January 14, at three o'clock.

George F. Stone, of Littleton, who died last week Friday, was well-known in Ayer, where he worked for many years in the clothing store conducted under the firm name of Fletcher & Stone, and later by George H. Brown. Mr. Stone made many friends during his residence here who felt deeply grieved when they learned of his untimely end.

J. E. Teller, who conducted a barber shop in the Public Spirit building, is now working for Joseph E. Donovan in his shop on Merchants' row.

The Special Aid society has formed a class for Red Cross first aid instruction. Dr. Ayres of Groton has kindly consented to act as instructor. The class session was given this Friday afternoon at the lower town hall.

The Union Temperance meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in Page's hall Sunday evening, January 7, was well attended. Several temperance selections were rendered by a chorus choir of young people, after which Rev. F. B. Crandall read the scripture, Rev. J. S. Strong offered

prayer and Rev. J. W. Thomas in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Grace Howland of Boston. A speaker of wide experience and ability, having traveled and labored extensively in the interest of temperance. She gave one of the ablest addresses on temperance ever heard here. Only words of praise and commendation were heard on every side. The meeting closed with all rising and singing "America."

The annual guest night of the Woman's club will be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, January 17. The following program will be carried out: An informal reception during which time there will be orchestral selections under the leadership of Harold True Shattuck; selections by male quartet under the direction of W. B. Robinson; readings by Mr. Fairchild and by the courtesy of Mrs. Ellen E. Smith, of East Main street; Miss Mildred Sanders will render several songs. "Members" program guest tickets, of Mrs. Ida Perkins, custodian.

There will be a joint installation of officers of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesper Rebekah lodge on Thursday evening, January 18.

Michael F. Fitzgerald, p.w.p., assisted by Martin Scullane, installed these officers of Ayer Junction, Aerie, E. O. E., Thursday evening: Grand W. C. Horton, p.w.p.; A. Parker, w.v.p.; Thomas W. McKay, w.c.; Charles W. E. Force, w.v.; Alfred E. Oikie, w.v.; Ernest L. Whitcomb, John L. Sherman, trustees; John T. Sherman, w.l.g.; John E. J. Fred, w.l.g.; W. C. Horton, w.c. After installation refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

Mrs. Howard P. Fletcher returned Sunday afternoon from the Groton hospital, where she has been for treatment. Her little daughter, Marjorie, who has been quite sick with the measles, is reported better.

Mrs. Sarah Brown, who has been very ill with the grippe, is much better.

The National bank has elected these officers: Roy E. White, pres.; O. K. Pierce, v. pres.; Charles A. Norman, cashier; Oliver K. Pierce, Howard B. White, Hobart E. Mead, Waldo Spaulding, Thomas Hazen, Daniel W. Fitch, directors.

The condition of I. Grant Dwinell, who is seriously ill with pneumonia, was reported as unchanged this Friday noon.

Mrs. Jessie Rieckman is at the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, Boston, for treatment.

Chief Thayer of Fitchburg has concluded his duties in that city, after nearly eight years of service in that position. It is said that he has an offer to go to Chelsea as the head of the police department there. Mr. Thayer served in that position for several years at that time the head of the local police department.

Page hose company is preparing for a first-class concert and ball to be held on February 16. As his company never does things by halves the public may rest assured that nothing short of the best will be given on this occasion.

The turkey supper served by the Federate church on Tuesday evening was a great success. The long tables filled every available space in the vestry and they were loaded with all varieties of food—turkey, gravy, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, squash, cabbage salad, pickles, apples and all sorts of fancy pies and coffee—and presented a most alluring sight. The supper was under the efficient management of Fred A. Smith, assisted by Supt. F. S. Johnson, E. W. Carley, S. J. Andrew, H. J. Webb, E. B. Harlow and these were further aided by Geo. L. Osgood, Warren Winslow, John Taylor, M. Winslow, C. H. Hardy, Bassett Dickerman, Hiram Clark, Chester Bales, Alfred Yates, Henry G. Turner and Lester Whitcomb.

After the people had thoroughly satisfied the inner man Rev. J. C. Alvord of Littleton was introduced and he gave in a bright and ray of his address which was the story of his life. He described the ways and customs, the people and the scenery of that grand old state and embellished the account with many stories that added interest to the fine.

During the supper fine music, consisting of piano solos and duets was rendered by Misses Irene and Beulah Hassam, Flora Cole, Pearl and Edith, and solo by Howard Stone and these added a further element of enjoyment.

Death. George W. Shattuck, a resident of Ayer for thirty years, passed away on last Sunday at W. E. Wheeler's residence, where he made his home. Death came as a result of pneumonia after but five days' sickness.

Mr. Shattuck was born in New Ipswich, N. H., and was aged 78 years and 19 days at the time of death. When he first came here he was employed in the old Union furniture shop which is the building now occupied by the Peclouse Company. Later, he entered the employ of Frederick Whitney in his carriage shop, in which employment he remained until about six years ago, when he gave up work. For the past few years his eyesight has failed to such an extent as to make him practically blind. His wife died on February 17, 1911.

His parents were Shebeul and Eliza (Knowlton) Shattuck. On July 6, 1879, Mr. Shattuck and Miss Sara R. Gibson of New Ipswich, N. H., were married. They resided in Ashby, Fitchburg and Ayer, in all of which places they had a large circle of friends.

Mr. Shattuck was an honest, reliable gentleman and always affiliated with the best class, who he respected and labored for the good of the community as well as both church and school. He was a law-abiding and esteemed citizen, whose loss will be greatly deplored by a large circle of friends. He was the last member of his immediate family.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at 7 o'clock, with Rev. J. S. Strong officiating. "Beautiful Isle" was rendered by a trio composed of Mrs. Walter C. Sargent, Miss Helen Hardy and S. Bassett Dickerman. The body was taken to New Ipswich, N. H., for interment.

Clipping. The following is taken from a Lewiston, Me., paper of recent date: "Friends of Miss Grace O'Neil, formerly of this city, will be interested to hear of her recent marriage to Charles A. McCarthy of Shirley, Maine. The ceremony took place at high noon on New Year's day at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The bride was attended by Miss Sadie Copelin of this city and Francis H. Gible of Dorchester acted as best man. A dinner and informal reception was held at the Hotel Touraine, only the immediate members of the bride's family and a few guests were present. The couple then left for their wedding trip to New York and Washington and on their return will be at home at the bungalow which Mr. McCarthy has recently built in Shirley.

"Miss O'Neil is the daughter of J. E. O'Neil, a well known real estate dealer of this city. She has been a teacher in the Ayer High school for the past five years. Mr. McCarthy is proprietor of the Shirley Cash Market."

Every Member Canvass. The parish committee and treasurer of the First United Methodist church have voted to institute a parish-wide canvass for the purpose of increasing the membership of the church. The canvass is a plan for acquiring every member of a parish or congregation with his own responsibility and of securing from every such member a pledge to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or in one installment.

The parish committee, W. Edward Murphy, chairman, H. L. Farnsworth, and H. H. Proctor, together with Dr. H. B. Priest, treasurer, have made up a budget of every member of the church, and have had a circular letter printed, giving the budget and announcing the canvass.

Sunday afternoon a company of volunteers of the parish, members of the Alliance and members of the Girls' club will meet at the vestry at 2.30. After receiving instructions and making their own pledges, the members of the Alliance and two, and between three and five o'clock will appear at a given number of persons. As soon as they have made their pledges they will return to the vestry and report to the treasurer.

District Court. Solomon Koski, of Shirley, was arraigned Monday morning on charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace and carrying a dangerous weapon. He was found guilty on all counts and given a suspended sentence to the state farm, the period of suspension being one month on the charge of disturbing the peace.

This was Koski's third appearance in court in the past few weeks. The last time he was given thirty days' sentence on the charge of disturbing the peace. He was liberated in ten days, owing to the fact that he has a wife and several small children who are dependent upon him for support. The court ordered the East Middlesex institution failed to have the slightest effect upon Koski, judging by his actions since the time of his release.

When asked by Judge Atwood how he liked the house of correction, Koski replied that he liked there first rate and would rather be there than working hard for a living.

His latest escapade occurred last Sunday evening when he aroused the neighborhood in an endeavor to find his wife, whom it is said fled from the house to escape his violent attacks. These attacks are alleged to have occurred, according to Chief Riley, frequent occurrences.

Koski promised that he would cut out drinking at once if given one more chance. The judge was firm on the distinct understanding that the first time he drank any liquor, which is the bottom of all the trouble, he would be sent to the state farm without any ceremony.

Kostas Cavalaris of Lowell was given a sentence of five to seven years in state prison in the superior court at Lowell on Monday. He was charged with robbery of Karl Canton of Graniteville in that place on the night of December 26. He was arrested by Officer Gookin at North Chelmsford in a trying to make his escape and brought here for trial, where he was held for the higher court by Judge Atwood. The robbery and assault was one of the boldest and brightest of the year.

The prisoner was on parole from the state prison for a similar offense when the latest crime was committed.

John J. Duffy, of Beatty and T. P. Mullin, probation officer, appeared as witnesses in the trial Monday.

James Hunt of Pepprell was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and to serve one month in the house of correction for assault with intent to murder his wife in that town several weeks ago. After a preliminary hearing he was held for trial and held for trial in the superior court. Chief Beatty and Officer Mullin were present as witnesses.

James Fox and Charles Leonard, both of Lowell, were arraigned this week Friday morning on complaints of drunkenness and disturbing the peace. Both were found guilty and their cases were filed after being warned by the court to get out of town and stay out. Both men were arrested in the railroad station waiting-room Thursday evening by Chief Beatty for making a disturbance there. The men started from Lowell to go to Keene, N. H., and while waiting here for a train to their destination they had some words with a fellow passenger, D. W. Mason, ticket agent, separated them from a bottle, when the real trouble began. Chief Beatty, however, appeared and stopped proceedings. Fox was fined one leg and appeared to be quite sick.

K. of C. Entertainment. The first of a series of winter entertainments under the auspices of Ayer K. of C. was given in the council hall on Tuesday evening, and the outcome of its initial effort was very pleasing to the council members. The entertainment, which was arranged for the benefit of the council and its friends, both ladies and gentlemen, was attended by the largest number of people that ever gathered on a similar occasion, the spacious council room being crowded to its capacity.

George L. Wilson, the lecturer of the council, called the gathering to order. He then presented the committee in charge of the series of entertainments to be given here in view some excellent programs. To remove a misunderstanding that evidently existed, the lecturer stated that the members of the council that all its friends should come to these social gatherings, whether they are invited or not. That was the intention of the council in holding these entertainments for the entertainment, and it was thought they were broad enough to include all who cared to attend.

Wilson then presented Rev. Thomas P. McGinn, the pastor of St. Mary's parish, and chaplain of Ayer council, through whose efforts James B. Connolly, of Boston, the speaker of the evening, was secured for this occasion. Mr. McGinn, in introducing Mr. Connolly, alluded to him in a very complimentary manner as a gifted author, friend of kings and of former kings, and a Christian gentleman.

Mr. Connolly, when he arose to speak, was given a great reception. He spoke on the trip of the war fleet around the world during the administration of Roosevelt. What he had to say of the famous 16,000-mile cruise was all the more interesting because of the fact that he accompanied the fleet as the executive respondent of the trip, he being designated by the then President Roosevelt.

In opening, Mr. Connolly said that the trip was such a vast amount of interesting things to be said about the famous cruise that he would have time to give but a sketch of it. He said that of interest to the United States, and it has equalized the United States. Formerly, many of whom in high government positions, stated openly before the departure of the fleet that it would not make the prescribed journey without serious mishaps and frequent delays. The outcome of the trip with the vessels in first-class condition, however, forever silenced the doubtful prophecies of the supposed experts.

Mr. Connolly briefly sketched the course of the fleet and the interesting incidents connected with it, both around the world and in the various bays and harbors of the fourteen battleships, and in the various landing places where the fleet stopped to take coal. Some idea of the amount of coal consumed every day is given by the fact that it requires seven days to load each large vessel. There were a number of auxiliary ships with the regular fleet. Many interesting events happened on the journey and at various points the fleet was met by the crews of the various ships. A most impressive feature was the greeting given to the warships as they passed the coast of Chili, where 2500 of the soldiers of that country were made the high slope of the Andes Mountains near the shore in such a manner as to form the word "Welcome."

Mr. Connolly paid a high tribute to the personality of the officers and enlisted men of the fleet. In closing, he referred to his own trip, when he was employed in the insurance office in Boston under Benjamin Taft, of Ayer, to whom he referred in kindly terms, and his spending a vacation at Mr. Taft's cottage at Sandy pond thirty years ago. He also spoke of coming here as a member of a football team several years ago, when his team met defeat at the hands of the famous Ayer eleven which was at that time one of the crack teams of the state. At the close of the most interesting address Mr. Connolly was given a rousing ovation by the audience.

Prayers were made by Rev. T. P. McGinn and Rev. F. H. Houston.

An enjoyable entertainment consisting of songs and piano selections was given by four Lowell young men, John Callahan, Thomas and George Tobin and John McArdle, brought to an end a very pleasant evening. The committee in charge of the arrangement of the entertainment were Joseph M. Markham, John H. Hooley, John H. Mullin, John H. Burns and John F. Ryan.

Uranian Church Notes. Sunday service—Regular offices and morning prayer at 10.45. Music, prelude, "Morning prayer," Wilkinson; "Come to amen," Young; "Venite," Deane; Starkey; anthem, "The Church of the Living God," postlude, "Marche religieuse," Barrett. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "God, the Father." The service was well attended.

The Girls' club had its first meeting of the year last Wednesday as guests of the newly elected president, Mrs. F. Verne Pillman, and secretary, Mrs. George O. Pillsbury. Mrs. W. E. East, club secretary, welcomed the guests. Mrs. W. G. W. Turner, treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Wyllie, custodian.

Christian Science Society of Ayer. Service is held every Sunday morning at 10.30 in the town hall. Subject for Sunday, January 14, "Sacrifice." Sunday school at the same hour. All are cordially invited.

BOXBOROUGH News Items. Ira Whitcomb, who has been at the Peter Brigham hospital in Brookline for several weeks, returned home on Friday. It is believed that the operation that he underwent will greatly improve his health.

Present; Burroughs attended the meeting of the Borough Pomona Grange at Marlboro this week and was well received. Mrs. L. W. Burroughs has gone to Northern Vermont to attend the funeral of her mother, Mr. Richardson was unable to go on account of the illness of his son. Since Mrs. Richardson left for Vermont, it is believed that his wife's father was critically ill.

Mrs. Potter, the new teacher at No. 2, is boarding at A. E. Lawrence's.

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While John Coffey was on his way to work in Stow last Tuesday morning his horse slipped on the ice breaking his leg and had to be killed.

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Oliver Proctor is one of the latest victims of the grippe cold. Although confined to the bed Mr. Proctor is free from pain and feels considerably better of the time. His condition is one of weakness. A trained nurse is in attendance.

On last Saturday afternoon, Ranger, a horse owned by Frank Conant and being driven by Walter Leach, dropped dead about a mile from William's Corner on the Harbor road. Heart disease was the cause. On account of its age the animal was not especially valuable.

The last meeting of the Whist club was held at Westwood, Mrs. Frank Conant, hostess, assisted by her daughters. The evening was an unusually enjoyable one, a chief feature being a musical entertainment consisting of refreshments. The highest scores were made by Miss Dorothy Smith, 50 points, and George Jones 62.

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At this time he became associated with Dr. S. P. Sharpley, state assayer, who held that office for years until it was abolished by legislation.

There is more than one way for a young man to distinguish himself, as proved by the Brookline boys who are now at the border.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange will be held at their office, Flanagan's Crossing, on Wednesday, January 31.

Registration of Voters
The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selections Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

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Miss Lucy Adams, having recovered from a recent attack of the grippe, resumed her teaching in Waltham on Monday.

At the caucus on Friday evening of last week Rev. Everett T. Wallcut, the incumbent to the office of school committee in place of E. H. Woodbury, who refused to be a candidate for re-nomination; and Langdon Prouty received the nomination for selectman.

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**State Income Tax**  
 Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.  
 In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Questions will be gladly answered by mail or in this column if addressed to the State Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston.  
 No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mention newspaper in which you read this. So far as possible the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization on request. Save these articles for future reference.  
**JOSEPH E. PERRY,**  
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**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**  
 (Sixth Article)  
**How To Figure Income.**  
 If you keep a cash book showing receipts and payments it is simple to find out how much your net income is. But if you customarily take an inventory at the beginning of each year and wish to compute your income on that basis you may do that with the approval of the tax commissioner. It might be possible for one who was so inclined to juggle accounts if he were allowed to alter the balance between the cash book and inventory methods of figuring his income so the tax commissioner will require a person who chooses the inventory method to agree to use that same method for not less than five years in succession.

**Estates of Deceased Persons.**  
 As the purpose of the new law is to tax income of the taxable sort wherever found it is only right that income of that sort received by a person who dies during the year and who last dwelt in Massachusetts and income received by his estate after his death, shall be taxed at the same rate as if he had lived. Accordingly such income is taxed in general terms to the estate until the executor or administrator is appointed and thereafter it is assessed in the name of such executor or administrator. In such case the executor would make out two returns—one as to income received by the deceased during his lifetime, the other as to income received by the estate. But if any portion of the income is payable to or accumulated for the benefit of persons who are not inhabitants of Massachusetts a proportionate amount of the tax is to be deducted. Moreover, none who receives income from an executor or administrator needs to pay a tax on that income if the executor or administrator has already paid one on it.

In order that the settlement of estates may not be delayed by the tax it is provided that if the executor or administrator gives due notice of his appointment as required by law and files an inventory in the estate within nine months after his appointment and makes his tax returns under this law he need pay no tax thereon unless it is assessed within one year after his giving his probate bond as executor or administrator. If the inventory is not filed within nine months the taxes may be assessed within three months after it is filed. The provisions relating to taxing income received by trustees as hereafter set forth, apply so far as appropriate to executor or administrator.

**Property Held in Trust.**  
 The income received by estates held in trust by trustees, any one of whom is an inhabitant of this commonwealth or who has derived his appointment from a court of this commonwealth, shall be subject to the taxes assessed by this act to the extent that the persons to whom the income from the trust is payable, or for whose benefit it is accumulated, are inhabitants of this commonwealth. The tax shall be assessed to such of the trustees as are inhabitants of the commonwealth.  
 Such part of the income of intangible personal property held in trust as is payable to or accumulated for persons who are not inhabitants of the commonwealth, shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by this act.  
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It is only fair that a person who would otherwise be entitled to exemptions should not lose his exemptions because his income is derived through a trustee or other fiduciary, so the law provides methods for granting the same exemptions of the source of the income. A corporation acting as trustee is treated as though it were a human trustee.

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 Owing to other social affairs the date for the play "The Rose of Plymouth town" to be given by the Woman's club has been changed to Thursday evening, February 1.  
 How to get a job and how to keep it—these are a series of lectures to be given in Boston for the college preparatory and high school students which was organized this week by the Boston Y. M. C. U. Alcott Farrar Elwell of Harvard university is the head of the new course. Mr. Elwell is a nephew of Miss Emily E. Hildreth of this town and spends much of his summer months here.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Levi Gebo are visiting relatives at Plattsburg, N. Y.  
 Those desiring blanks for the new income tax requirements can have the same by applying to the assessors or at the postoffice.  
 Bachelor's bungalow on the Bolton road, No. 1, is to be occupied by Victor Gebo and Franc Mary, the young French chauffeur from New York during the winter. Augustus J. Chester supplied the house furnishings with the help of our regular plumber and general utility man, R. L. Filibrown. The bungalow certainly has the appearance of comfort and convenience.  
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 Miss Annie L. Litchfield was elected president of the D. S. Stone tent, D. V., at their special meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Arthur Adams. The installation of the officers will take place on Tuesday evening, January 16, and will be conducted by Mrs. Grace M. (Dunham) Brock, past department president.  
 Ice cutting and hoisting has been carried on successfully the past week and several hundred cases filled with a good quality of ice were put in thickness.  
 The funeral of John S. Heath, who was killed at the Middleboro railroad station on Sunday evening, December 31, will be held at the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon, January 17. Rev. Alfred Noon conducting the service.  
 The singing was by Miss Gladys Anderson and Leonard Harmon. The song selections were "I'll sing of grace" and "Saved by grace." The bearers were sons and a son-in-law and burial was in the North cemetery. As Mrs. Heath was too feeble to attend the funeral there a service was held in Middleboro on Tuesday and Mrs. Heath remained at home in the care of her two daughters on Wednesday.  
**Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.**  
 Heavy, dull gray clouds from which fell continuously a cold rain, rendering everything outside just about as cheerless as anything could well be was the prospect on Friday of last week. But inside the town hall, in direct contrast to the heavy fog and lowering skies outside, all was warm, bright and beautiful. The reception room had been transformed into a bower of beauty and was very tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers, evergreen, festoons and draperies, the auspicious occasion being the observance of the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Adin C. Estabrook.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**  
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 Walter Stickney, who has not been expected to live, is slowly improving.  
 Mrs. Eliza Twiss is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia.  
 The Evangelical society of the church held its annual meeting last

Tuesday afternoon with M. J. Powers as moderator. The following officers were elected: W. P. Farley, clerk; M. Louise Stratton, treasurer; Edson L. Hurd, William B. Simonds, and W. P. Farley, standing committee.  
 The Congregational church met for its annual meeting in the Grange hall on Thursday of last week. The morning was spent in greetings and after a beautiful dinner served by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Simonds, the members and friends gathered in the hall and listened to words of welcome by the pastor, who gave Hebrews 12:1-2 as the scripture for the year.  
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 On last Saturday evening the Junior class of the high school gave their play "Diamonds and Hearts," which took place in the town hall.  
 Because of the storm, those taking part in the play were Ernest Woodin, Myron Walsh, Raymond Lovejoy, Harold Wood, Hazel Worcester, Helen Worcester, Hazel Worcester, Charles Keyes and Everett Wentworth. Misses Clara M. Smith and Hazel Henshaw gave vocal solos, and Miss Hazel Lougee, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Merrill gave selections on the piano, violin and mandolin.  
 At the communion service Sunday morning Mrs. Vera S. Gould was recognized as a fellow worker of the church upon confession of faith, and Mrs. Albert Wetmore by letter from the First Congregational church of Nashua, and Albert C. Wetmore from Upper William Baptist church, Belyea Cove, N. B.  
 The Grange will hold its regular meeting on next Tuesday night.  
 Robert Bean has returned after spending his vacation with his father.  
 The teachers, Mr. Merrill and wife, Misses Florence Ball, Hebert and Annette, have all returned to their duties.  
 At the Sunday school a week ago the following officers were elected: Bert S. Brown, supt.; Harold E. Hardy, asst. supt.; Hazel O. Marshall, asst. treas.; Mrs. M. J. Powers, supt. home dept.; Mrs. Robert M. French, supt. primary dept.; Frank A. Lovejoy, Mrs. Nellie Lougee and Miss Hattie B. Hayden, directors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace, to Earl Davis, of Keene, N. H. Miss Hardy has worked for some time in the wholesale office of W. L. Goodnow Co., Keene.  
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Another oak tree was cut from the grove on Charles Parker's place this week, designed for the keel of a ship, which, although but about thirty feet in length was four feet in diameter at the base and required four horses to get it from the lot. It is to be shipped to a Chelsea shipyard.

On Sunday morning the sermon topic for the service at the Unitarian church will be "Our method in religion." The pastor, Rev. D. R. Child, expects to be able to show several colored slides on the life of Christ with that class on during the Sunday school hour.

At the meeting of the Girl Scouts held at the main street school building on Wednesday at four o'clock, good news was shown. Following the business meeting the girls were given a drill work, from scoutmaster D. R. Child, who attended the meeting, with Mrs. Child. Their uniforms are expected soon.

The associations of the town and others interested in public affairs have made arrangements for a meeting to be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, January 23, when a representative of the income tax division will address the people. The meeting will be held at eight o'clock and is a public meeting for the education and better understanding of this question by the citizens.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Beers, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning on the topic, "Walk and faint not." His evening subject will be "Doubt and perplexity." He will discuss the subject of the "Doubtful League" service, Subject, "Christian stewardship."

usual cheery manner, and Mr. Harmon made a few remarks which were very much to the point and voiced the sentiments of all. Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson gave two solos, "The little brown cabin" and "Good night, little girl," which were appreciated by all. Two of the Sunday popular hymns were sung and Miss Anna Peabody gave several selections on her autoharp, giving opportunity for the general pleasure of the shut-ins.

A bountiful amount of dainties for refreshments had been provided, the collection being served with hot cocoa in the dining room. While all were seated at the long table the gifts were presented to each one, these being an unusual number of gifts suitable for all.

It was a pleasant occasion to be retained in the memory of all during an other year.

Marriage. Announcement recently appeared in the Nashua papers of the marriage of Mrs. Florida M. McCausland, formerly of this town, but now of Nashua, to Edward C. Damon, of Groton, by that city, on Wednesday, January 3.

Mrs. McCausland and her family moved from Pepperell to Nashua several years ago, but they are still pleasant memories to all.

Mr. Damon is a prominent business man of the city, as real estate dealer. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and also has been connected with an orchestra and musical club in former years.

He has given up an active business life to some extent and with only two or three consecutive winters in Virginia, where he went for his health, as well as in Florida, where he has a place and an orange grove. He passes the winter months in his cottage on the coast of Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon left on Wednesday for Daytona, Fla., where they will pass the next three months. The best wishes of their friends here and in Nashua go with them.

Federation Service. At the church federation service held on Sunday morning at the M. E. church the auditorium was well-filled with a large number of friends.

Dr. Birney's address was worth going many miles to hear, as some of the people did. Direct and impressive in manner he had the undivided attention of the congregation. His address was brief, insight his personality, his striking that it is easy to understand the wonderful hold which he has gained over the students who come under his teaching in the Protestant school of the Boston university, School of Theology.

In his sermon Dr. Birney's key thought was learning to place first things first, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." He said, "Men are called great in the sciences, philosophers, mechanics, versed thoroughly from the material side by a chorus when he spoke as such, he was an authority, but when he spoke in regard to the spiritual or religious, his opinions were practically of no value, unless they had not given them serious thought and study."

"Again, a great scientist, partially deaf, working over an experiment, forgetting the breaking of a glass, though none of the men around him heard it at all. His ears were trained to watch for that. Yet so given was he to his science that outside of this, his opinion was of little value. And yet we find men of this type sometimes writing in regard to religion. While in his special field of work he is an authority, in religion he is practically a man who has given themselves to serious thought and study along the right line of work. While we can and must work with the material, we cannot do so without the spiritual. We are to see God about us in all nature. As the wireless is adjusted to catch the messages, so must we adjust ourselves to ever catch the spiritual messages of God. This is to be done through prayer, study of the word, and then practicing it in our daily life. Surely he who created us can and will lead us into the greatest life we put ourselves in his leading."

Following the service Dr. Birney kindly expressed himself as gratified by the size and interest of his audience. The music by a chorus choir was under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Bliss, who kindly undertook the same at the last moment, as the chorister, Mrs. Bartlett, was unavoidably absent. The anthem was "A Wakeful Heart," a duet being introduced, which was rendered by Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Copp, and a short soprano solo, also by Mrs. Bliss. Following the prayer a contralto solo was rendered by Mrs. Copp. The hymns of the service were by choir and congregation, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Bliss from the Congregational choir.

Services Operation. Little Evelyn Maltman underwent a serious operation on Monday for a trouble arising from an abscess which formed several weeks ago in the cavity over the eye. On Friday of last week Mrs. Maltman took her little daughter to the Memorial hospital, Nashua, where by the advice of Dr. Kittredge the X-ray was used. On Monday she operated at the same hospital removing a portion of bone from the cheek and another from the nose, the work being accomplished so wonderfully that no outward cutting of the face was necessary, so there will be no scars on the face. The danger of cutting into the cavity over the eye was not attempted on Monday, as it was regarded that the other operations which occupied two hours, were at the child could undergo the operation to eliminate the danger from the abscess there by the drainage supplied. The child cannot be said to be even comfortable as yet. Mrs. Maltman has been in the suffering and everything seems to be working well in the case.

Uterian Supper. The Uterian supper held at the vestry on Thursday evening of last week was well attended as usual, and of the usual excellent quality. The

committee, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. J. O. Bennett, Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh, Mrs. M. E. Reed, Mrs. G. D. Bancroft and Mrs. E. A. Reed, had also planned a unique entertainment. Contributions to the pictorial magazine, named the "E-ess-See," were not a few. The stores of H. W. Hutchinson and Mrs. Maull were portrayed, the difficulties of Auldridge Bros., were also made manifest by two Auldridge Bros. were given. There were also some children shown in pantomime, and three little Colonial maids, Betty Hutchinson. Gladys Green and her friends combined to make up a good magazine for January. An amusing sketch, on a typical "committee meeting" was given by three ladies, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Woodward. Mrs. Bowman's rendition two solos, with Frank Conant-rendered two solos, with Mrs. Bennett-accompanied. An instructive talk on "Community Christmas trees" was given by Rev. D. R. Child and principal D. L. Whitmarsh-gave a talk on educational topics. A pleasant social evening followed the program.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for acts of kindness and words of sympathy at the time of our bereavement.

MRS. M. L. BARTLETT and Family. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 10, 1917.

NOTICE. On and after January 15, 1917, carriage fares will be increased. The minimum rate will be 25c.

L. P. SHATTUCK, E. S. DURANT, Pepperell, January 10, 1917. 2119

POULTRY WANTED-Highest price for good poultry. Telephone 61-2. Pepperell, DAVID SAPESTAN. 415-

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell at East Pepperell, Mass., at the close of business on December 31, 1916.

Resources. Loans and discounts \$127,654.41. Real estate mortgages 51.22. U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 50,000.00. U. S. Bonds pledged to secure deposits 7,100.00. Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks)-owned 155,564.72. 162,664.59. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of sub- scribings) 1,800.00. U. S. Savings bank (if unnumbered) 13,825.00. Furniture and fixtures 1,400.00. Net amount from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 37,005.08. Total 424,812.32.

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00. Surplus 10,000.00. Undivided profits 115,645.43. Less current expenses 1,000.00. Taxes paid 2,076.32. 13,767.11. Circulating notes outstanding 50,000.00. Dividends unpaid 12.00. Individual deposits subject to check 100,201.37. Cashier's checks outstanding 2,359.69. Postal savings deposits 2,974.93. Deposits requiring notice 93,029.44. Total demand deposits 202,675.43. Certificates of deposits 10,554.78. Other time deposits 11,000.00. Total of time deposits 114,174.75. Total 424,812.32.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is to the best of my knowledge and belief true.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1917. George G. Tarbell, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: Arthur H. Miller, Thomas P. Wright, T. P. Graham, Directors.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN B. JEWETT late of Pepperell, in said county, deceased, Whereas DAVID E. WESTON the executor of the will of said deceased has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said county on the fifth day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

An affidavit is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Probate Court, to wit: on or before the first day of each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on any day at least seven days at least before said Probate Court, to wit: on or before the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. MANFIELD late of Pepperell in said county, deceased, Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES the administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

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HOW FLOWERS CAN BE KEPT FRESH FOR A LONG TIME

Flowers should, if convenient, be gathered at some other time than during the heat of the day and be placed in water in a cool place as soon as possible. After this treatment they will keep much better than they would if not induced to fill up with water. Most flowers keep and look better if gathered when in bud, just before opening. This is true of roses, poppies, peonies and others. Double flowers, as a rule, keep longer than single kinds.

For cut flowers in the house it is very desirable to have kinds which will continue to develop buds into flowers after being placed in water. Perhaps no kind has this quality in a more marked degree than gladiolus. During parching hot winds it is possible to have such in their greatest beauty in the house when the weather will not permit such conditions outdoors. Before storms it is well to secure a supply of flowers for indoor use, that their beauty may be enjoyed while those out of doors are recovering.

Some kinds which have a milky juice, like the poppies and some others, as the dahlia, will keep better if the tips of the stems are dipped in very hot water before they are cared for in the ordinary way. It is well nigh impossible to have the original poppies hold up fresh without such treatment.

Poppies should always be gathered in the bud, just before they are ready to push through the calyx. With kinds that last well in water it is desirable to renew the water often. Otherwise the smell of decay at the base of the stems sometimes becomes offensive, which is not healthful.

HOW TO INDUCE SLEEP

Try to Think of Nothing and Create a Mental Vacuum. When insomnia is caused by some trifling or temporary disorder of mind or body it can usually be overcome by ceasing to divagate, says a contributor to the New York Sun. So long as the mind chases itself from one subject to another, as a wakeful mind is apt to do in the dark-and-in-silence, so long it is kept active by the very succession of different thoughts, and sleep refuses to come.

The thing to do is to concentrate the mind on the corner of the room or on anything else. A flock of sheep, the multiplication table or anything else will do. So will counting-if-the-thought can be confined to the succession of numbers without straying away to other subjects while the counting goes on, as a nimble mind is likely to do.

The best of all things I ever found to concentrate on, however, is nothing. Let the sufferer try to form a mental concept of nothing as a start, with the purpose of fixing his mind on it. He will be surprised at first, if he has never tried it before, to find that he cannot do it. Positively one cannot think of nothing as actually existing. Perhaps that is because it doesn't, if a bull is allowable.

But let him not be discouraged. Let him continue to try, and presently he will be so fascinated by the effort that he will still continue till he becomes fatigued and forgets that and everything else in a peaceful slumber.

CARE OF REFRIGERATORS

Why They Should Be Kept Clean and How to Do It. An insanitary refrigerator is dangerous because it means disease and perhaps worse. See that yours is clean and sweet.

Keep the door closed; otherwise the temperature rises and the ice melts rapidly.

If the box is kept clean it is not necessary to scald it out, but it is a wise precaution to do this occasionally. Remember that ice is more than apt to be dirty, so it is wise to watch the receptacle for the ice, that there be no leaves or anything collected there to decay or to clog the pipe. This pipe or the pan beneath should never be allowed to get slimy, as slime is a danger signal.

Once a week wash the walls, sides, shelves and every corner with cold water, borax and any sweet, pure soap, rinse with clear water, and wipe dry. The shelves may be taken out and scalded, but must be chilled and wiped dry before they are returned.

If anything is spilled, wipe it up at once, and be sure each day that there are no refuse bits of food lying about.

It is best to keep everything covered. It is imperative that milk and butter should always be covered and if possible kept in a separate compartment.

Do not keep food too long, to spoil and sour, and thus, spoil up the ice-box.

How to Do Your Own Plumbing Without Calling an Expert. When the sink, bathtub or wash bowl has become clogged one may easily remedy this instead of sending for the plumber. Take a piece of old garden hose the desired length, fit one end over the faucet and the other end over the drain, so that no air escapes. Now turn on the water. The direct pressure will remove the obstruction within a few minutes.

Fighting a Railroad

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When the surveyors for the B. and B. railroad reached within a mile of the town of Scoville they were stopped by the owner of a farm, who threatened them with an action for trespass if they set foot on his land.

It was old Ransome who had lived on that farm since he was born and was now over sixty years old. Boy and man, he had been known as stingy and mean, and no one had ever dealt with him a second time. His wife was about like him in her disagreeable way. The two seldom or never disagreed with each other, but they disagreed with everybody else.

The town of Scoville wanted that railroad and wanted it built at once, but there was old John blocking the way and his old wife backing him up. It must cross his eighty acre farm to reach the town. The surveyors argued and coaxed, but it was of no use.