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News Items.

The high school have organized a basket ball team with Russell Miner as captain. The following is the lineup: Walter Badstuber, left forward; Stanley Wells, right forward; Leonard Hooper, center; Russell Miner, left guard; Thomas Evans, right guard.

Mrs. Angie Holden of Leominster and son Ellis visited friends in town last Sunday. Mrs. Holden, a former resident, is the widow of the late Harry G. Holden.

Mrs. Jennie Burden and Miss Grace and Mercy Brown of Lowell were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Will Love.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon gave an address last Sunday afternoon to the boys at the Industrial school.

Marshall Perry and family of Lawrence have moved into town, occupying part of the Sanderson house, opposite the library.

Henry Eisner lost eleven hens taken from his hencoop last week.

Mrs. Bertha Sargent has rented half of the double house opposite the residence of John T. Smith and will move into same today, Saturday.

Eddie Gately has rented the house now occupied by Frank P. Rugg, who will soon occupy the house he purchased on Davis street.

Miss Edna Ely has accepted a position as teacher in Gilbertville and assumed her new duties Monday morning. Miss Ely is a graduate of Wellesley college, a linguist and an accomplished musician, and her many friends predict for her a successful career in her chosen profession.

At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church, last Sunday, it was voted unanimously to give the collection Sunday, November 21, for the benefit of the women and children in Turkey who were left friendless and destitute after the terrible massacre of the christians in that place about a year ago. As this is a worthy and exceptional case of need, it is hoped a goodly sum will be realized.

Dr. Liffy, Mrs. Louise Butler and Master Abbott Bronsdon observed the anniversary of their births Monday and were quietly the recipients of congratulations from the members of their household and also from friends, who were aware of the fact.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coté of Nashua were visitors last Sunday at the home of Phillip Lester.

Willis Conant, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, has just returned from a hunting trip in the wilds of Maine, bringing with him a 180-pound buck deer which he shot. The deer was dressed by Mr. Hooper and others, and given away to neighbors and friends.

Miss Mildred Dodge of California was the guest of Miss Gertrude Conant last Sunday.

William H. Crane has proved to be a hustler and a valuable man for the town in the office of tax collector, breaking all previous records. On the first two months of his collection he gathered in the sum of \$16,067.37, out of the \$21,000 appropriated for 1909.

Fredonia Lodge, I. O. O. F., will stage the drama, "Down East," some time next month. A rehearsal was held on Monday evening and William Butler of Leominster, a former resident, who is well known in amateur theatricals, will direct the play and coach the cast, composed of all home talent. Committee in charge: Dr. C. J. Pierce, C. H. Weare, Jr., Frank Harlow and George Bitch. The cast is as follows: Shipley Ricker, Nellie Cronin, Edna Harris, J. Albert Dearborn, Jerry Holden, Wil-

liam Butler, Frank Dadmun, Jacob C. Beach, Carrie R. Bruce.

The auditing committee of the Shirley Co-operative bank met Monday evening at the home of Rev. A. A. Bronsdon to examine the books of the bank, and found everything correct. The directors held their regular meeting, Tuesday evening, at their rooms in Peasley's block, the president, D. Chester Parsons, presided, and it was voted to place on sale the shares of the fifth series on and after December 3, 1909. The meeting then adjourned.

Edward E. Edgerton had a severe attack of nephritis, Wednesday, requiring the services of his physician twice during the day.

The annual dance of the Hartwell hose company will be held in Page hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night.

Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place, Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Eisner, Harvard road. The groom was Charles F. Hall of Worcester, and the bride was Miss Zilpha B. Woodworth, also of Worcester, but formerly of Fitchburg. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Henry W. Eisner.

The decorations were pretty color scheme green, consisting of mountain laurel, ferns and evergreen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, the especial double-ring service being used. The maid of honor was Miss Sylvia L. Downe of Fitchburg, and the best man was Howard F. Hall of Providence, brother of the groom. The bride was prettily gowned in white messaline with point lace trimming, and looked charming as the bridal party entered the parlor to the joyous strains of Lohengrin's, Frederick H. Hall of Providence, brother of the groom, presiding at the organ. The maid of honor wore a dress of robin's egg blue with silver trimmings. A reception followed the wedding ceremony and dainty refreshments were served, Brockelman Brothers being the caterers.

The ushers were R. W. Whitney of Worcester, J. W. Danson of Boston, and E. H. Starr of Fitchburg. The gift of the bride to the maid of honor was a gold brooch, and the gifts of the groom to the best man and ushers were gold monogram stick-pins. The bridal couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, consisting of linen, silver, cut glass, pictures and bric-a-brac.

Guests were present from Fitchburg, Chester, Spencer, Whitinsville, Attleboro, Boston, Providence, New York, Washington, D. C., and Nova Scotia. After a brief honeymoon they will reside in Worcester.

Lecture.

Dr. Lucy B. Hall of Boston gave a lecture to a large audience of ladies Thursday afternoon in the vestry of the Congregational church, upon the subject of "Practical home nursing."

Dr. Hall appeared under the auspices of the Ladies' Altrurian club, and held the close attention of all present, as she skillfully demonstrated with the aid of one of the members of the club as a model the treatment to be given the varied and numerous ills that human nature is heir to.

The lecture as a whole was the most instructive and profitable that the mothers of Shirley have ever been privileged to hear, as they were informed so simply, concisely and intelligently that they could not fail to grasp and use to advantage when opportunity offers the many sure aids and cures to sickness and accidents so generally prevalent in the home, besides giving prompt and first aid to the injured, and in many instances saving a doctor's bill, which is a very

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The ladies present were all to a unit delighted with the lecture and appreciate beyond measure the practical kindness of the Altrurian club of Shirley.

Whist Party.

The second whist party of the season, for the benefit of St. Anthony's church, was held in St. Anthony's hall, last week Thursday evening, under the auspices of the sodality of the children of Mary. A large number were present, and during an intermission of fifteen minutes Rev. Fr. Fortier of Littleton gave a brief address, laying considerable force and emphasis upon the splendid work accomplished by the sodality toward paying the debt of the church.

At the close of the evening's enjoyment prizes were awarded. First prizes, Miss Alice Pelcier and John Dugay; consolation, Mrs. J. J. Chaisson and Dominie Jenthal. Other prizes were awarded to Mrs. Dan Tatro, Miss Evilda Boucher and Miss Augustina Pelcier.

Church Services.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will preach at the Universalist church, Sunday morning, November 21, at eleven o'clock.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday, November 21, at 10.45 a. m.

Rev. W. H. Desjardins will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, November 21, at 10.45 a. m.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Baptist church, Shirley Center, evening, November 21, at seven o'clock. The pastors of the Congregational, Baptist and Universalist churches will speak. Special appropriate music by the combined choirs. The public are cordially invited.

Rev. George W. Cooke will preach at the First Parish church, Shirley Center, Sunday, November 21, at 11.15 a. m. Services appropriate to Thanksgiving.

Altrurian Meeting.

The Altrurian club met at the Congregational vestry, Thursday, afternoon. The president called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All business was then laid on the table that the ladies might listen to Lucy Barney Hall, M. D., instructor of Boston university school of medicine.

A large number of members and invited guests were present and enjoyed a most interesting and practical lecture on "Home nursing." Dr. Hall, who has a very magnetic personality, held the attention of the ladies for two hours, giving many useful suggestions and demonstrated various remedies for the ills of flesh.

Mrs. Hall thought the bluntness of the housewife fell on the mother who should see that everything was in the house ready for any emergencies and a few principles well understood was needed in case of sickness or accident in the family. Mrs. Hall's demonstrations were very neatly handled and very instructive. Everyone was charmed with the lady and her entertainment.

After the lecture the president called for the business of the afternoon, and Mrs. Martha P. Cooper responded with a pleasing and well written account of the visit of the Federation meeting at Brockton, which she attended as a delegate.

The president announced that the jellies for the Boston mission would be packed and sent this week.

Meeting adjourned for two weeks to meet at the clubroom when C. K. Bolton will give a talk on "The ideal school."

Center.

Henry Ware is installing the compressed air system for furnishing his house with water. The tank which is a boiler-shaped affair, twelve feet long and three feet in diameter, is already in place in the basement, and the pipe is being laid to the old well, which has already served many generations, it being on the old Hazen homestead. The work is being done by a Boston firm of contractors.

A regular meeting of Shirley grange was held Tuesday evening with an average attendance. An interesting program was provided by the worthy lecturer and was fully carried out. One member was admitted by demit card. The next regular meeting will be December 7, and a full attendance is desired, as it is the election of officers for the year 1910.

N. R. Graves is adding a fresh coat of paint to his buildings, which much improves their appearance.

Several flocks of wild geese have been seen going southward during the past few days, which is an omen of coming cold weather with storm attachment.

The gypsy moth hunters have commenced their annual hunt for the pest under the direction of A. Adams.

The farmers in this vicinity who depend upon wells for water for their stock, are having a strenuous time, as most of the wells in this locality are very low and one man is hauling water from Mulpus brook to water a large herd of cows and three or four horses.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Monday club held a very enjoyable meeting at Mrs. Evelyn Warren's, this week. Mrs. Warren read an article by Corina Baker of the New York State Library school. Refreshments were served.

Monday evening was Veterans' night at the Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., meeting and a general good time was enjoyed.

Tuesday morning the Park hotel changed proprietors, and it is now under the management of William E. Howard of Pepperell.

Mrs. Mabel G. Gooding and Miss Nina Littlefield of Cambridge inspected the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., Tuesday evening.

The reports of delegates to the State convention of the Massachusetts Sunday school association will be given at the Sunday school rally at the Congregational church, Sunday evening.

Miss Lillian Hildreth of the Waltham postoffice force was at H. B. Hildreth's over Sunday.

Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gates.

A 6½-pound baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have recently moved here from Ayer.

Mrs. Harry Whitcomb enjoyed a visit last week to Marlborough, where she was the guest of Miss Ethel Proctor, who taught here in the first and second grades last year.

Mr. Kilbourne, who has been the night operator at Central station, has relinquished his position to Fred Carroll of Peterboro, N. H.

Monday night, November 22, promises to be of interest to the grangers, as it is competitive night, and each side has in preparation a secret surprise for each other in the entertainment line.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday morning, Rev. B. F. Harrison giving the address. In the evening at the Congregational church there will be a Sunday school.

John Dobson and daughter, Miss Helen Dobson, left Wednesday morning for Chicago, where they will visit Mr. Dobson's mother and brother, Robert, for the greater part of the winter.

Fifty Years Married.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston were to have observed their golden wedding anniversary, Wednesday, November 17, by holding a public reception at Memorial hall, and all their townspeople and friends were to have been invited. Mr. Weston had intended to have an orchestra engaged for the occasion and has already hired the hall, when the serious accident happened to Mrs. Weston, of falling down stairs, from which she will recover very slowly; the spinal column having been injured. Mr. and Mrs. Weston have had the sympathy of all in their trouble, and now at their fiftieth anniversary the sincere wishes for a full recovery and for many more years of happiness are tendered them by friends and neighbors.

Frang Weston and Miss Ruth Jane Thompson were married November 17, 1859, at Manchester, N. H., and this last Wednesday was the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They resided in Manchester, Keene and New Ipswich, N. H., before coming to Townsend, where they have lived for thirty-eight years, during which time Mr. Weston has worked at the harness-making trade continuously in the same shop, which is in the Park hotel building. Mr. Weston was born in Nashua sixty-eight years ago, May 7, 1841, and Mrs. Weston on May 15, the following year. There are four children, Mrs. Nora Lawton of Leominster, Frank Weston, Jr., of Boston, Mrs. B. Spaulding of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Nellie Weston of Townsend. There are three grandchildren and four great-children, all sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoddard of Fitchburg, and there has been no death in the family during the fifty years except one grandchild. Mr. Weston is a member of St. Paul lodge of Masons, Ayer, North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, I. O. E. F., Third Army Corps Union, Hooker's Association of Massachusetts, post 19, G. A. R., Fitchburg, and a member of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge. Mr. Weston enlisted as a private in the Eleventh Massachusetts volunteers, Company E, and served three years. He was taken prisoner at Malvern Hill under McClellan, and was in a Confederate prison for seven weeks before being exchanged, and was a member of Hooker's old brigade.

West.

A very interesting meeting of the Men's club was held in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, a good attendance being present to discuss current events. The next meeting will be on next Tuesday evening, and it is hoped that the attendance will be increased.

On Wednesday evening the young people of the village gave a surprise party to one of their number, James Dodds, on the occasion of his twenty-fourth birthday, and a merry time was enjoyed by all. The affair took place at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott and about fifteen were present.

George M. Frye is spending a few days with relatives out of town.

At the recent meeting of the L. L. A. S. the following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary Streeter, pres.; Mrs. Alexander Reed, vice-pres.; Mrs. Emily J. Lees, sec. and treas.; Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Edward T. Davis, work committee.

The many friends of Rev. E. H. Whittier of Lawrence, who occupied the Baptist pulpit during the summer of last year, will be shocked to learn that he dropped dead on the streets of his home city last week. Mr. Whittier was very much liked during his brief pastorate here and has a number of warm friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sanders passed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, November 10, though they didn't have any public celebration, they received the congratulations of a number of their friends and relatives, and were presented with forty dollars in gold as a token of the esteem and regard in which they are held.

Mrs. Harry Marr and little daughter from Fitchburg are in town at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood.

The Baptist pulpit was very acceptably filled last Sunday morning by Mrs. Peckham from Boston, who gave an address in the interest of home missions, giving an account of her work in the south among the negroes and in the far west among the Indians. She proved a most interesting speaker and also addressed the Sunday school for a short time after the service. The evening service was conducted by Walter Wilder.

Miss Helen Troupe of Quincy spent Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely.

George Hapgood of Portsmouth, N. H., visited his brother Elbridge this week.

Mrs. George A. Seaver returned Monday evening from a few days' visit to her daughter in Salem.

The total number of books distributed from the delivery station for the month of October is 209.

The L. L. A. S. met at the home of Mrs. Edwin Streeter of Joslyville last Wednesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

The evening passenger train was delayed last week Friday evening by a car being derailed from the freight train just below the Main street railroad crossing. The passenger brought tools and help from Ayer, and after an hour's delay both trains were enabled to continue on their way. The passengers for this village walked into town and the mail was transferred to the depot team.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mrs. Clarence Sherwin and her little son have both been quite ill for the past week, but are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, who have been spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, have returned to their home in Winthrop.

Miss Cora Daniel of Cambridge, who has formerly been a boarder at the home of A. J. Hatch, is spending a few days with friends in town.

Albert Adams of Providence, R. I., was a guest of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, over Sunday.

Harbor.

A rather remarkable instance of longevity. On June 25, 1818, Abner Proctor and Betsy Davis, both of Townsend, were married by Rev. David Palmer. They were the parents of nine children. The oldest child died in 1900, aged eighty. Of the six living, the youngest is seventy-eight, the oldest eighty-eight. Four have celebrated golden weddings. At the present date, November 16, 1909, all are in comfortable health and enjoying life. Abner Proctor lived to be eighty-three and his wife ninety-seven. At the time of their death two brothers of Abner Proctor were eighty-eight, another brother eighty-three, and a sister ninety-four. A brother of Mrs. Abner Proctor lived to be one hundred and one.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all persons interested in the estate of Lucius W. P. Willmot, late of Groton, 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 Clarence A. Willmot, of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of December, A. D. 1909, 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, this fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all persons interested in the estate of Frances O. Peabody, late of Groton, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, Appleton H. Torrey, 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 of Middlesex, on the seventh day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all persons interested in the estate of Sulliman E. Johnson, late of Groton, in said County of Middlesex, deceased intestate.

Whereas, Fred W. Lovejoy, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented his petition for authority to mortgage certain real estate therein described, of the estate of said deceased, to raise the sum of four hundred dollars, for the purpose of paying the debts of said deceased;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate not already administered of Emeline A. Kimball, late of Littleton, in said County of Middlesex, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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WHEN JIM CAME HOME

By M. QUAD.
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Jim Baker was lazy and shiftless as a young man. He didn't drink, and he was good tempered. He had the reputation of being truthful and honest, but everybody said he would die in the poorhouse. At the age of twenty-four, to the surprise of everybody, he got married. No young woman in his locality would have looked at him twice, but one twenty miles away actually fell in love with and married him. A thousand different times in after years she tried to explain to herself and others how it came about, but she never satisfied any one.

The father of Jim's wife gave her thirty acres of land with a cabin on it, and the couple went there to exist. For the first five years Jim was appalled to, protested at and complained of for his laziness. Then the hard-working wife realized that it was no use and gave it up.

Jim Baker read and heard of the civil war when it broke out, and he saw many of his neighbors enlist and go marching away. He had no particular interest in war. He was a patriot, but he didn't say much about it for fear he would be asked to swing his hat and cheer. That would have been hard work for him. It was only when the days of the big bounty came that he sat down under a tree for serious thought. He was thinking when a recruiting officer came along and sat down beside him and said:

"Jim, if you want to enlist I can get you \$700 bounty money. It looks now as if the war would be over in thirty days, and just think of earning all that money in a month."

"I'll think it over," replied Jim after a long time, and that evening his wife noticed that he was looking very serious. When she asked if he felt ill he answered:

"Num. Say, Bet, I'm thinking of going to war."

She smiled at the idea, and he continued:

"I allus thought it was mighty hard work, but that feller told me today it was dead easy. All you've got to do is to eat and sleep and shoot rebels. You have a nigger to cook for you and load your gun. I believe I could stand that, and I'll get \$700 for going."

Nothing more was said about the matter that evening. Next morning the wife started for the fields, and Jim started for the village. She missed him at noon when she returned to the house, but she didn't worry. When he came home at sundown he tossed a big roll of greenbacks into her lap and said:

"I've enlisted for a soldier and am going away tomorrow."

She counted the money over slowly, laid it upon the clock shelf and replied:

"Jim, there's wuss husbands than you. I'll be mighty careful of the money, and I hope you'll come back all right."

There was very little said next morning when he started off. She went to the plow and he to town, and the talk was all among the neighbors. After getting down to the front Jim wrote home now and then, but briefly. Sometimes he was mentioned in other soldiers' letters, but also briefly. The wife lived on alone. She missed the husband, and yet she didn't. Sometimes she wished him back, and sometimes she didn't feel to care whether he returned or not. She was in this neutral state of mind when the war came to a close at last. The soldiers who survived it returned home, and one evening as she sat on her steps with her pipe in her mouth a veteran in uniform turned in at the gate to say:

"Mrs. Baker, have you heard about Jim?"

"Not a word."

"He didn't come back with us."

"No?"

"Because he was killed in the very last battle. I was right near him when he fell. Mighty sorry to have to tell you."

"Thankee for coming," she said. And not a dozen more words were said. In her way the woman felt her loss, but she shed no tears over it. It did not keep her from her work next day. After two years she began drawing a widow's pension, and a sister came to live with her. After the sixth year she was asked to marry again, and again she was a wife. It was seven years almost to a day since she had been told of Jim's death when she sat alone in the house one day and a stranger entered. He was lame and dusty and grizzled and asked for a cup of water. As he drank it she looked at him more closely and then sunk into a chair and was speechless for a moment.

"Is anything wrong?" asked the man.

"My God! But you are Jim Baker, my husband that went to the war!" she whispered.

"You called me Jim Baker," said the man after awhile.

"Of course I did. You have changed, but you are Jim. Why didn't you write? Why didn't you come home sooner?"

"Madam, I beg you to excuse me, but you are laboring under a great mistake. My name is Langford—George Langford. I am a stranger to you and to this part of the country. The resemblance to Mr. Baker is simply a coincidence. Thanks for the water." It has refreshed me. Good day."

And Jim Baker, who was not killed, but whose long silence was not explained, went out of his house and away from his wife and was never heard of again.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Major Loring W. Murray died at Lexington on Monday, November 15. He was born in that town on August 28, 1831, and received his early education at Lawrence academy. When he attended school at Groton his name was William L. Murray, but many years ago it was changed.

The game last Saturday afternoon between Groton School and Milton academy resulted in a victory for Groton; score, 33 to 0.

J. R. Hawkes is suffering from an attack of neuritis.

F. A. Sherwin is to have his grain store wired for electric lighting.

Francis M. Boutwell spoke before the guild of the First Parish church last Sunday evening on the condition of the town fifty years ago and the establishment here of the high school. It will be fifty years this coming December since the high school was first started in Groton.

Envelopes were distributed at the Congregational church last Sunday morning for the usual Thanksgiving benefit of the church.

At the regular meeting of the W. R. C., Tuesday afternoon, two new names were presented as candidates for admission.

Mrs. Maria A. Bowers, though more comfortable than she has been, is still dangerously ill.

A portable sawmill is being installed this week on the woodlot near Arthur W. Shattuck's, and which he sold to O. R. Spaulding of Westford.

Herman Huebner, who is working in Fitchburg for Bruce-Hibbard Co., has given up the position of engineer at the Groton electric light station on Station avenue, and Walker Dodge has been appointed to the place.

The many friends of Mrs. G. M. Howe were glad to see her able to be out again last week after her recent illness, which required a physician's care.

The Boston and Maine railway station is to be electrically lighted, the wires to be run underground.

Fred H. Torrey has bought the house and land which stands between S. P. Williams and A. H. Torrey's residences on Main street, now occupied by the Kierstead family.

Sunday afternoon, at their home on Elm street, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner presented their infant son, Cary Edward Wagner, for baptism. A few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony. After the consecration service, light refreshments were served by Mrs. Wagner. Rev. G. M. Howe officiated at this very pretty affair.

Mrs. George Culver has been at Arlington Heights for the past week assisting in the care of her daughter, Mrs. Coolidge, who has been quite ill with an attack of gallstones.

The uncertainty of life and readiness of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Boston, to pay death claims, whose method of doing business meets with the approval of careful business men, called upon Mrs. Dr. Wetherbee the day of funeral, to settle her husband's insurance, not having been notified, the company's attention being called to it by an item in the daily papers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grafton Minot went from Groton the past week and are at the hotel Somerset, Boston, for the winter. Their son, Grafton W. Minot, is in Groton School. Mr. and Mrs. Minot have the little daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Mason with them.

The second in the Luther Blood Free lectures will be in town hall, Friday evening, November 26, by Capt. Charles Mason. Fuller subject, "The evolution of the battleship," illustrated.

Mrs. William Fernald is a patient at the Groton hospital.

J. E. Adams is to have electric lighting in his stable on Elm street, the wiring to be put in this Friday.

The first snow-flakes of the season fell Thursday forenoon.

The recently-formed Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., will be instituted here on afternoon of December 2.

Miss Mary L. Hutchins has made a surprising improvement during this and last week. The doctor says she is better than he has seen her for a long time. Her recent illness had every symptom of typhoid fever without the fever.

The Congregational supper and concert of last week was a very good success. The singing largely of old-time anthems and music, choruses, etc., was under the direction of Ray W. Averill. His coming up from Malden especially for the evening was highly appreciated by the pastor and the people, who felt his kindness. Mr. Averill was to sing at the recent conference, but was prevented by illness. Eight young girls from West Groton sang a chorus, acting it out very pleasingly. Miss Bertha Bixby accompanied them and also rendered a solo.

Walter P. Floyd and Patrick Haley, drawn as jurors, do not attend court until November 29.

There will be a union Thanksgiving service in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, November 24. This meeting is to take place of the customary annual service heretofore held on Thanksgiving day or evening, when so many found it inconvenient to be present, making the attendance very small. The change is made as an experiment. Rev. P. H. Cressey of the First Parish Unitarian church will address the congregation.

Rev. H. A. Cornell has moved his household goods into the Baptist parsonage and expects to locate here permanently by next Thursday.

Not a little credit is due Mrs. L. E. Starr of Pepperell, lecturer of Groton grange, for having the Farmer's Institute of last week meet with Groton grange. It was certainly an interesting and enjoyable affair, and while many helped to make it so, Mrs. Starr's energy or thoughtful foresight secured the meeting here.

Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood, going last Thursday, spent the remainder of the week at the home of her son, Horace H. Rockwood, in Lunenburg.

The Mandolin club met with Miss Mabel Souther, Wednesday night.

The annual dance of the Hartwell hose company will be held in Page hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night.

Wedding.

Married at the Congregational parsonage, Monday, November 15, Albert Knight Rixford and Miss Mary E. Story. The double ring service was used, Rev. George M. Howe officiating. Miss Sarah Story of Gardner was bridesmaid and Frank Ferren of Worcester was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Rixford left Groton on the 5.50 train for Boston, and after a short wedding trip will make their home in Worcester. Miss Story, the bride, is the daughter of the late Henry B. Story of Gardner. When a young man he was employed in Groton and enlisted in Company B, Groton, of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, serving in the nine months and one hundred days' campaign. It will be recalled that Mr. Story died some two months ago, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating at the funeral.

One From Groton.

Among Massachusetts fallen heroes, in whose the Massachusetts Memorial monument at Baton Rouge, La., was unveiled with impressive ceremonies last Monday, is one from Groton, Leander S. Kendall, of Company B, Twenty-Sixth Massachusetts regiment. Confederate veterans in gray stood side by side with G. A. R. men in blue around the huge white shaft of Quincy granite over fifty feet high. There were hundreds of invited guests present at the ceremonies from the north and south, who with uncovered heads showed respectful and tender feeling. Governor Draper made the address. "We of the north come here," he said, "to pay tribute to our fallen heroes." "You of the south join us and take part in the exercises. This should be expected of us. It is splendid of you."

Death.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Martha Danforth Sanderson at Nashua on Sunday, November 14. Mrs. Sanderson was born in Groton, eighty-five years ago. She married Edwin A. the son of Rev. Amasa Sanderson, often called "Priest" Sanderson, the first minister of the Baptist church in this town. Mrs. Sanderson was a prominent member of the Baptist church in Nashua and a woman highly respected.

It had been her custom for years to come to Groton to spend Thanksgiving with H. W. Whiting and family. Last year Mr. Patch, her friend of many long years were together for the last time at this Thanksgiving gathering, and if Mrs. Sanderson had been able she intended to come this year.

Mrs. Maria Bowen of this town is a niece of Mrs. Sanderson, but was kept at home by illness last Sunday. Others attending the funeral from Groton were her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Moses B. Coburn and Miss Clarissa Coburn. The interment was in family lot in Nashua cemetery. At her request she wore for burial her wedding dress of her youth. Mrs. Sanderson was survived by one son, Henry Sanderson of Nashua, employed as station agent, having full charge at Nashua Junction.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Lincoln class will hold its monthly meeting next Monday evening at Elmer A. Flagg's.

The directors of the Woman's club wish to announce that the meeting Monday afternoon, November 23, will be open and an invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

The Ladies' Circle of the Baptist church met last week Wednesday with Mrs. Elmer Flagg for an all-day sewing bee. Wednesday afternoon of this week the circle enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Charles Bonnell. After the devotions, business and study of the gospel in Latin lands the ladies enjoyed a pleasant social and delicious refreshments.

Subject of the Guild meeting at the Unitarian vestry, "The Emanuel movement." Leader, Miss Lucy Adams.

Thanksgiving service will be held at the Orthodox church at 7.30, Wednesday evening. Sermon by Rev. C. A. Drummond.

Mrs. Charles Atkins returned Wednesday evening from Yonkers, N. Y., where she went on Monday to attend the funeral of her sister. It is only a few months since Mrs. Atkins accompanied the body of her aunt, Mrs. Hartley, to Yonkers and attended her funeral in the same house. During her absence from home, Mrs. Atkins visited her son, Charles, who is now Y. M. C. A. secretary in New York city.

Mrs. Cunningham, who has been staying at Rev. William C. Brown's during Mrs. Brown's sickness, was taken ill with appendicitis last week, and obliged to return to her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Priest's home.

Sunday evening at the Unitarian church the Sunday school will observe harvest Sunday. All children are expected to be present. Contributions of vegetables to be sent to the children's home, Boston, will be received at that time.

Rev. John Snyder, author of the play, "As ye sow," will lecture on "The development of American humor," next Tuesday evening in town hall.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held in the Orthodox vestry, Monday afternoon, November 22. Rev. Sherrard Billings will lecture on "Boys and boy problems."

The Arts and Crafts society will present the farce comedy, entitled, "The elopement of Ellen," the second or third week in December. In addition to the play there will be a sale of home-made candy, and an exhibition of baskets.

The annual Christmas sale of fancy and useful articles will be held by the United Workers of the Congregational society in the Orthodox vestry, December 2, afternoon and evening.

The fifth and sixth grades at the Center school, under supervision of their teacher, Miss McNiff, held a good sale in the schoolroom, Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of starting a fund for the new piano. They expect later in the season to give an entertainment for the same purpose.

The town hall was well fitted Tuesday night where, under the auspices of the grange, Edward Forbush gave his illustrated lecture on birds. Mr. Forbush speaks from copious and thorough knowledge gained through long and intimate acquaintance with our feathered benefactors, and illustrates his lecture by an excellent collection of stereopticon views. The speaker made a most ardent appeal for the cooperation of all people with the government that seeks the protection of birds through wise legislation.

Miss Margaret Harwood entertained a college friend at her house over Sunday. Together they took a constitutional on Sunday, walking as far as Lancaster, a distance of thirteen miles, nothing unusual for the average college girl, but somewhat remarkable in the opinion of those who think a horse or an automobile a necessity even for a short distance.

We are happy to report the continued improvement of Mrs. Ireland at the Commonwealth Avenue hospital, and Mrs. Channing Brown, who was removed to her home last week.

Mr. Ireland and son William spent the day last Sunday with Mrs. Ireland and other members of the family have paid her frequent visits.

The enterprising and prosperous firm of Conant & Houghton have this week increased their automobile property by the purchase of a handsome seven-seater Pierce-Arrow touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant took as their guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant and Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant on an auto trip to Malden, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant.

Neighbors and other friends of Hon. George W. Sanderson are glad to see the venerable gentleman about again after a slight indisposition of a few days.

We are sorry to report that Rev. Paul G. Favor is again on the sick list. Mr. Favor preached an eloquent and most impressive sermon last Sunday on church attendance.

Mrs. Favor has recently entertained Miss Cole, a former associate teacher at Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. F. A. MacMurty has been spending a week or more with friends in various parts of Vermont.

Mrs. Isaac Brown is keeping house for Mr. Thayer, not Thacher, as last week's column stated.

Daniel C. Fletcher, former townsman, has been in Littleton lately.

Mrs. Hattie Robinson, president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. Annie C. Smith, delegate, attended the State federation meeting at Brockton last week, Thursday, and returned enthusiastically over the meeting and the hospitality of the Brockton club.

Mrs. Robinson included in her outing a pleasant visit with Mrs. Stetson (nee Ireland) in the latter's home at Hanson.

Thomas Moore has become a victim to the auto fever. He has sold his handsome pair of bay horses, also many vehicles, harnesses, etc., and is now contemplating the purchase of a suitable touring car.

Fred O. Stiles, the prosperous apple grower and merchant, has just installed an acetylene gas plant by which his house and grounds are to be illuminated.

Boynton Needham has gone to Waverley to spend the winter with his son, Clarence.

George Stone and Nahum Whitcomb have recently lost each a valuable heater.

Serices at all three churches Sunday morning at 10.45. C. E. subject for evening meeting, "The blessings of a thankful heart." Miss Edith Stiles, leader at the Baptist church, Miss Dorothy Roberts at the Congregational.

The annual Thanksgiving ball will be given by the Backlog club in the town hall, Thursday evening, November 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flagg Putney of Albany, Ga., have given \$25,000 for the founding of the Phoebe Putney hospital in their home city in Georgia. It stipulated that the colored, as well as the white people shall benefit by this hospital, which is to be a memorial to Mr. Putney's mother, who was a native of this town. Mr. Putney went from here to Georgia soon after the civil war, and has been a large and successful grower of cotton and watermelons. He also has extensive commercial interests in the south.

Wedding.

A very pretty wedding of one of our popular girls took place when Miss Martha E. Atkins, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkins, was united in marriage to Oliver Humphris, brother to Harry Humphris of Littleton, Saturday evening, November 13, at six o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. C. Booker, Medford. The bridesmaid was Miss Beulah Atkins and the best man, Albert Frazer of Chelsea. The bridal couple were united under a magnificent arch of white chrysanthemums and a beautiful snow white bell.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a blue traveling suit. A wedding dinner was served by Mrs. Booker. After a short wedding trip the happy couple will reside in Chelsea. Mr. and Mrs. Humphris have the best wishes of all their friends.

Backlog Club.

The annual banquet of the Backlog club, held in the dining hall of the Unitarian vestry last week Thursday evening, opened the season auspiciously.

Practically all the members, over one hundred in number and some fifty or more invited guests, were present.

After a half hour spent in greetings, paying of dues, etc., the president, B. Frank Jacobs, announced the invitation of the supper committee to gather around the festive board. The invitation needed no repetition, for no one was so that he could not or would not hear.

When all the party had been assigned a place, Rev. William C. Brown was called upon to ask grace.

Then followed the enjoyment of a most appetizing and delicious banquet, consisting of escalloped oysters, cold meats, salads, rolls, pickles, fancy pies, fruit and coffee.

Mingled with the delight afforded by palatable delicacies was the sociability

of friends which is seldom known to register below 212° Fahrenheit in Littleton.

At the conclusion of this part of the program the president arose, extended kind greetings to all present, fittingly alluded to the successful history of the club—now entering upon its twenty-eighth year, and made an urgent appeal for individual loyalty to the club. He then introduced the toast master of the evening, Hon. Frank A. Hatch, who has even proved his faithfulness and devotion to the Backlog club.

Mr. Hatch, who possesses the happy faculty of adapting himself to every office, filled the position with dignity and grace. He spoke of the Backlog club as standing for those enduring principles that insure success and permanency. Of its value to the church financially and otherwise in the long period of the club's existence, he dwelt somewhat at length. Mr. Hatch then introduced the following speakers:

John W. Thacher, whose subject was "In olden days." Mr. Thacher wittily responded and entertained his audience by reading a most interesting account of his boyhood days in and about Saco and other Maine towns, where he watched the ships and gained much knowledge through observation; of war reminiscences, youthful experiences and his thrilling adventure with his first cow.

Rev. Harold B. Drew, the next speaker, eloquently discussed "The common things," emphasizing their value and glory.

After the singing of America by the entire company, Mrs. Grace M. Lawrence responded to the toast, "Merrie London." With her usual charm of speech and vivacity of manner, she clearly pictured the merry Londoner as she saw him in different circumstances, described his customs, home, and some of the present political conditions that he is facing. Filled with an enthusiasm for the historic places, the homes and haunts of England's worthies, and various interests, she shared her joys with her audience through vivid description and faithful narrative to the delight of all.

She was followed by Mrs. Thomas H. Elliott, who spoke on "The land of room enough." After a few general remarks very appropriate of the subject, Mrs. Elliott, with irresistible cordiality and magnetism, carried the audience into the streets of Paris, to the broad expanse of the Sahara desert, along the fertile banks of the Nile, across the Mediterranean to the shores of classic Italy, visiting there its principal cities, then the countries north of the Alps, and "home again." Mrs. Elliott's reputation as a speaker was most creditably sustained, and she received, at the conclusion of her toast a very gratifying applause.

Richard Harwood, the next speaker, dignified and glorified the subject of athletics by his logical and well illustrated discussion of the subject, emphasizing the fact that in all callings there is an increasing demand for the physically and mentally well equipped young man, and claiming the best qualifications for the approved athlete.

"The skeleton" was the mysterious term applied to the subject of Rev. Chester A. Drummond's toast. By very clever introduction of peculiarly illustrated stories, Mr. Drummond revealed the deplorable financial outlook of the Lyceum, which has enjoyed a well-supported patronage throughout the greater part of its long life. Of the individual entertainers who are engaged for the occasion, Mr. Drummond spoke in the very highest terms. The program was made out with special attention to the traditions of the organization, and an attempt to offer the public something of real value and substantial worth. In closing Mr. Drummond tenderly proposed a toast to the absent members of the Backlog club.

One of the ever delightful features of the evening was the music. The company was favored by the presence of our popular ladies' quartet, who gave three fine selections to the delight of all present.

The banquet closed with the usual singing by the entire company of God be with you till we meet again.

About Town.

Rev. C. A. Drummond will deliver an address in Marlborough, Sunday evening, November 21, upon "The religious and social aspect of the arts and crafts movement."

The next number on the Lyceum program, Tuesday evening, promises to be delightfully entertaining. Rev. John Snyder, who is to lecture upon "The evolution of American humor," is an interesting speaker, well qualified for his task. In the world of letters Mr. Snyder has had wide experience as lecturer, playwright, preacher and author. Everyone who has a sense of humor combined with an earnest desire to be of service to the Lyceum, will surely give this number hearty support.

On Wednesday evening, November 24, in the Orthodox church, there will be held union Thanksgiving services, with Rev. C. A. Drummond preaching the sermon, while the pastors will take parts in the service.

Mrs. W. C. Brown came home last Saturday afternoon from the Gardner hospital and felt no ill effects from it.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grunow of Derry, N. H., have been here the past week at her brother's, Mr. Albert Hopkins, stopping awhile.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitney of Lexington were at F. A. Patch's. Miss Etta A., daughter of Rev. Mr. Seaver of Scituate, has recently visited her aunts, Misses White's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green of Lancaster were over-Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Briggs.

Sunday evening, in the Unitarian vestry, Miss Lucy Adams will lead the guild meeting; Topic, "The Emanuel movement."

The annual Thanksgiving ball, under the auspices of the Backlog club, will take place in town hall, Thursday evening. Music, Poole's orchestra.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul G. Favor will spend their Thanksgiving with a family reunion at her sister's in Spencer.

Monday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb attended the funeral of George S. Wheeler in Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott and family have closed their Westford home and returned to their winter's home in Lowell.

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AYER.

News Items.

Judge George A. Sanderson of the superior court has assigned David F. O'Connell of Worcester as senior counsel for Raymond Plouffe, who is under indictment for the murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone at Harvard, September 13, and John M. Maloney was assigned as the junior counsel. It is expected that the case will be heard in January.

The heirs of Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, who was murdered at Harvard, September 13, have brought an equity suit in the superior court which has to do with the settlement of his estate. Mrs. Ella F. Stone, his wife, is named as the defendant in the suit. Attorneys Burke and Crawford of Newburyport appear for Eugene W. Stone of Newburyport, Arthur H. Stone of Henniker, N. H., Ella F. Stone of Ayer, and Arthur Wittington of Newburyport. The ad damnum is \$30,000. The declaration and petition has not been made public.

Harry Lufkin and George Baker have trapped this fall thus far fifty skunks, three foxes, two muskrats, and have sold the skins for sixty dollars.

Mr. Caron, a former manager of the telephone office here, will start in the undertaking business in Springfield, December first. He is a graduate of an embalming institution in New York state. He has not been in the telephone business for some time, and is at Gardner, his home.

The Knights of Pythias, Harbinger lodge, No. 166, have increased their membership of late so rapidly that they had to seek more roomy quarters, and are now located in G. A. R. hall, Washington street. Monday night, November 22, they will have a smoke-talk and the meeting will be addressed by George E. Wragg and several other officers of the grand lodge. Invitations have been sent out to the members of other lodges to be present and their friends in Ayer are cordially invited.

George Stevens Fairbanks, who was principal of the Ayer high school from September, 1900, to June, 1901, and who resided in a house now owned by C. H. Hardy, on Pleasant street, died in Philadelphia, November 10, and burial was in Naugatuck, Conn., after funeral services were held in that city, November 12. He was thirty-eight years of age and finished his education at Amherst college, and immediately after graduation was chosen principal of Naugatuck high school, later taking up reporting. He was one of the most widely-known newspaper men in Philadelphia.

Judge George A. Sanderson has been assigned to the jury term of the superior court which comes in at Worcester, on December 13. The jury-waived civil term of the court comes on the same day.

The Ober Amergau Passion play will be given in town hall, Tuesday evening, November 23, by Prof. Timothy Drake, the famous lecturer, assisted by Marcia West Lewis, soloist, for the benefit of St. Mary's church. After the play there will be dancing until twelve; also supper. Music by the Globe orchestra, five pieces.

Henry Donahue, who has been employed as conductor on the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway, has given up his position and is now working for the Lowell road in a similar position.

Division 7, A. O. H., will give a card party in their rooms, November 22, to which Division 24, L. A., and the divisions of Pepperell, Leominster and Fitchburg have been invited.

A poverty dance will be given by the young people of the O. E. S. in Page hall, Thursday evening, December 2. All dancers who appear on the floor without costume will be subject to a small fine.

The first meeting of the Ayer whist club was held with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Bennett, Tuesday evening, November 15, and the leaders were Mrs. W. W. Manning, first; Mrs. G. A. Sanderson, second; H. S. Turner, first; Dr. C. A. Fox, second. The next meeting of the club will be with Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, November 30.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps and daughter Bertha attended the wedding of Fred C. Morrison and Miss Catherine F. Moulton of Dover, N. H., Wednesday, November 17, in that city.

Mrs. S. H. Pierce, who for some time past has resided in the home of Fred B. Felch, has moved into the Dr. Parson house on Washington street, now occupied by Mr. Blood, where she has a front room. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Felch from Florida, where they intend to start soon to spend the winter, Mrs. Pierce will move back to her old quarters.

A daughter was born in Townsend to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Monday, November 15. Not long ago they removed from Ayer to that town.

Moses P. Palmer has bought the house on Washington street, known as the Harvey A. Woods place of realty, and as it cannot conveniently be moved, he may decide to take it down and the lumber, windows, doors and other material may be used in the erection of another tenement house on his land on East Main street, near his double house.

In the notice of the fair and entertainment given by the ladies of the Congregational society, November 8 and 9, published last week, these names were omitted: reading, "Horatius at the bridge," G. W. Shattuck; vocal solo, Miss Helen Hardy; and Mrs. Shaw was a member of the supper committee.

In the list of officers elected by the L. B. S. for the ensuing year, the name of Mrs. G. G. Osgood, as vice-president, was omitted.

Rev. John C. Handy, now of Paola, Kansas, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here and well remembered by many in town, has recently entered the Methodist ministry in the above state. After leaving the ministry here Mr. Hardy entered the law profession. He is an able preacher and his many friends here will be glad to know of his present occupation, and wish him much success in the church of his choice.

The B. H. Hartwell Hose Co. hold their twenty-first annual dance on Thanksgiving night, November 25, in Page hall. The music by Collins' orchestra of Marlborough is good assur-

ance of the best of dance music. What better way to entertain yourselves and guests than by attending this social. The good time and high standard of previous parties run by this company is assured.

Lester Whitcomb, assistant manager of the Ayer Electric Light Company, has connected the plant here with the wires of the Groton electric lighting plant, and expects they will be ready for electricity this Saturday or next Monday night, the latest.

District Attorney Taft, Officer Robert Molt and Peleg Murray, and two civil engineers of Worcester, were in town Thursday morning looking over the route to the Davis farm from the railway station, and the civil engineers are to make a plan of the route and the time it takes to travel the route, and the plans when completed are to be produced at the trial of Plouffe that may take place in January.

The first of the afternoon bridge whist parties was held with Mrs. Huntley S. Turner, Thursday afternoon. The players were Mrs. Manning, Mrs. G. L. Osgood, Mrs. John H. Turner, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. G. H. B. Turner, Mrs. Albert Phelps and Mrs. Fox. Dainty refreshments were served attractively.

Last Sunday night a Jewish wedding took place in the town hall, and the contracting parties were both of Lowell—Joseph Keller and Miss Mary Shlpro. The bridesmaid was Miss Striar of Ayer, and the best man Isaac Black of Lowell. There was music by the Arnold orchestra of Boston. The rabbi who married the couple was Rev. Robert Wolsban of Lowell. Supper was served in the lower hall. There were about seventy-five present, and a number of our townspeople were present. It was a very pretty marriage ceremony and both bride and groom were nice looking people.

Advertized letters at the Ayer post-office, November 15, are as follows: Charles Bancroft, Frank Goodwin, Mrs. Hattie Smith, J. N. Snow.

Weddings.

At high noon, Wednesday, November 17, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Moulton, Dover, N. H., their daughter, Miss Catherine F. Moulton, a well-known and most highly esteemed young woman of that city, was married to Fred C. Morrison of Ayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morrison of Lacombe, N. H. There were simple decorations in the house parlor where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles E. Potter, pastor of the Central Avenue Baptist church, in the presence of the parents of the bride and groom, other members of both families and a number of immediate friends of the couple.

Willard C. Morrison of Lowell, cousin of the groom, attended as best man, while the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary C. Moulton, teacher in the high school at Gloucester. For some years past and until recently Miss Moulton, the bride, served as bookkeeper in the office of the J. M. Wilson Beef Company. Both attended the Dover high school, from which they were graduated in the class of 1900.

The marriage ceremony was followed by an informal reception and wedding breakfast, and the couple left on an afternoon train on their honeymoon. Both have a host of friends, who extend to them their best wishes. They will reside in their newly-furnished home on Pleasant street.

Miss Susie Leahy, daughter of Mrs. Winnifred Leahy, on West Main street, was married Wednesday forenoon, November 17, to George Harrigan of Portland, Me., by Rev. Father Sheedy at St. Mary's church. Miss Gertrude Leahy, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and a brother of the groom, Daniel Harrigan, was best man. It was a very pretty home wedding and a number of the relatives and friends were present. Soon after the ceremony they took the train to Boston and from there they went to Portland, where they will make their home, and where the parents of the groom reside. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful silver and other presents. Mr. Harrigan was telegraph operator at the railway station here, leaving about three months ago. He is very favorably situated in Portland, and his father is a prominent and influential business man in that city, and he is engaged in business with his father.

Important Clue.

New evidence which may prove of the utmost importance in the case of the murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport in Harvard, on September 13, has been discovered in Fitchburg, and is in possession of the authorities. If the evidence is borne out by developments, it places two men instead of one as probably having knowledge of the death of the doctor. Raymond Plouffe of Harvard is in jail charged with Dr. Stone's murder, and George Lapointe, held on the same charge, was released.

This is the evidence which has been reported to Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown of Ayer:

A. B. Lawrence, hardware dealer on Main street, Fitchburg, believes that he sold the revolver which Plouffe is alleged to have shot Dr. Stone. A few days after the murder, Mr. Lawrence saw Plouffe's picture in the papers, and at once identified him as one of the two men who purchased a 32-caliber revolver in his store two or three days before the murder. He is positive of the identification, and he believes he could identify the other man also.

The incident made a firm impression on the mind of Mr. Lawrence. The two men came into his store about 5.45 in the afternoon and asked to see some revolvers. Pistols of the Harrington & Richardson design were displayed on the show case, and one of the men selected a 32-caliber revolver, after his companion had approved it. It appeared rather peculiar to Mr. Lawrence that nothing was said about the price, and when the decision was made five dollars was handed over, which was more than enough to pay for the weapon.

While the purchase was being made, one of the men made inquiries of the other as to when their car went back. The other man didn't seem to know, and Mr. Lawrence asked them what car they wanted. One of the men replied that they wanted to get to Ayer, and thereupon Mr. Lawrence said that their car left the American house at six o'clock and would be along by his store a few minutes after that hour.

The two men, after getting the revolver, went out to the street and waited at a white pole until the car came along.

Mr. Lawrence talked the matter over with others and decided that the facts in his possession ought to be made known to someone in authority. So on Thursday of last week he wrote to Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown, asking him the caliber and make of the revolver which was found in the possession of Plouffe. Mr. Lawrence had not seen in the papers anything about the caliber of the revolver, or the make, but the revolver which killed Dr. Stone was a 32.

Fitchburg and Leominster St. Ry.

All of the stock is common, and of the 125 stockholders, 119 live in Massachusetts, holding \$439,700 of the \$450,000. The number of the revenue-paying passengers carried during the year ending September 30, 1909, was 5,412,285, and the number carried per mile of track owned was 138,666. The number of car miles run was 1,024,491, and the average number of persons employed was 110. Length of the railway line was 33.68 miles, and the total computed as single track was 40,700 miles. Premiums received for sale of stock amounted to \$40,432. Passengers injured numbered 16, of whom 15 were by their own carelessness. Ten other persons were injured, seven of them by their own carelessness. No employees were injured.

Compared with the report of the year ending September 30, 1908, the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway greatly increased its showing in the number of passengers carried, the actual increase being 331,625 revenue-paying passengers. In car miles run, the increase over the previous year was 38,785 miles, which indicates a great many more trips made to accommodate the public.

Body Found.

Victor Fillebrown, while hunting rabbits last Saturday afternoon in the dense woods in the town of Harvard, on the road left of Mitchellville before reaching the Mitchellville bridge, came across the remains of a man. He returned home and Officer Beatty was notified, and when the officer searched in the vicinity of the woods, it was so dark that Victor and the officer returned. Sunday morning search was made again and the remains, almost a skeleton, were found. W. Wright & Son, undertakers, were notified and gathered up what there was left of the man and brought it here. It was learned afterwards that his name was Joseph Arles, that he had been working in Gardner. Alongside of the skeleton was found a bottle, containing medicine, a dollar bill and some of his clothing scattered about where he lay. It was also found out that his wife and children resided in Roxbury, and she was notified. The undertaker, W. Wright & Son, took the remains to his home for burial.

Will be Greatly Missed.

Rev. L. E. Perry, who has been pastor of the Congregational church here for over five years, has had a most successful ministry. During his pastorate the largest number in the history of the church, under his influence, have become members. His pastorate has been as long as any other pastor since the organization of the society.

At the last business meeting of the church his resignation was acted upon and was accepted to take effect January first, and an unanimous vote of appreciation of his able and successful ministry was given him.

Mr. Perry is an excellent preacher and he has been an able worker in the interests of the church. Never has a pastor been settled over this church that has made so many warm friends in the church and among the townspeople. He will be greatly missed, and by the publisher of this paper more than any one.

Death.

George S. Wheeler, the well-known piano dealer in Nashua, died at his home Friday night of last week.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Littleton, in 1824, educated there and at Groton, now Lawrence academy, and at the age of twenty years he entered the music business. He was a piano tuner for fifty years and also an organist. He first settled in Groton Junction, now Ayer, then in Hyde Park; in fact, he has held pianos all over New England, going to Nashua some thirty years ago.

He was the oldest business man in Nashua and he always adhered to the policy, "the best for the money," and his name for integrity and uprightness was as notable as his unusual active career.

Mr. Wheeler was married in 1864 to Miss Sarah J. Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were one of the few New England couples who have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Five children were born to them, two of whom are living, Mrs. A. N. Dary of Nashua and Alden D. Wheeler of Boston. Besides his widow and children, Mr. Wheeler also leaves a sister, Miss Harriet H. Wheeler, who lives with Mrs. Wheeler in that city and who is in her ninetieth year, and up to a few years ago a frequent visitor at the home of John H. Whitcomb, whose daughter, Harriet Wheeler Whitcomb, is named after her.

Had Mr. Wheeler lived until Tuesday, November 16, he would have celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday and plans were being made for that occasion.

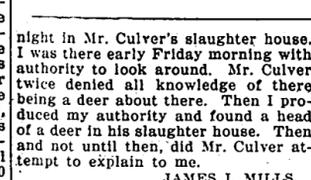
He had been a very healthy man, even up to a week before his death. Two years ago he suffered a shock and since that time has not been in his usual health, although never for a day did his mind fail him. Last Monday after supper he was sitting in his easy chair listening to the reading of the newspaper, when the family noticed that his head drooped and that he appeared weak. Since then he had not been well and had been confined to his bed the greater part of the time. His death came quickly and quietly, and up to the last he knew his loved ones.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, November 15.

To the Editor:

Why the two deputies went to James Culver's! On Thursday evening, I got a report that Mr. Culver's son and two others were out hunting and that they had three dogs. My informant saw a deer being dressed that

W. Wright & Son House Furnishings Carpets, Rugs Linoleum and Mattings Mead's Block, Ayer, Mass.



night in Mr. Culver's slaughter house. I was there early Friday morning with authority to look around. Mr. Culver twice denied all knowledge of there being a deer about there. Then I produced my authority and found a head of a deer in his slaughter house. Then and not until then, did Mr. Culver attempt to explain to me. JAMES I. MILLS.

Moving Pictures.

The big headliner for Saturday night is the great Selig feature film, "The Leopard Queen," one of the best pictures that this famous film producing firm have ever made. This is a character production in which the wonders of natural history and the tender passion are adroitly mixed with game hunting, foreign adventures and stage life of a kind.

A British ship, having foundered off the east coast of Africa, a girl and her father are among the castaways. After a time the latter dies, and the girl becomes something of a queen of the animal kingdom, controlling and dominating among other things some beautiful leopards. By and by into this "Adamless Eden" there penetrates an expedition in search of animals, with the discovery of the leopard queen by the head of the party, who falls in love with the girl and she with him. Having successfully demonstrated her powers over the animals, the leopard queen and her pets are shipped to Paris; in the hippodrome of which city we see her going through her performance to the plaudits of an appreciative audience.

The Selig company have worked out this attractive film in their customary lavish manner, and the jungle scenes are particularly luxuriant to look upon. The girl and her father act well, so do the hunters and their crowds of dusky auxiliaries, while the scenes in the jungle, which include the meeting of a leopard, are scientifically staged. Esie, too, the leopard queen, shows perfect control over the bevy of leopards, whom she fondles and plays with as though they were merely kittens. This film is not the least of recent Selig successes, and its photographic qualities are an advance upon anything they have done before. It is a story unique as to pictures, founded on fact and produced with absolute fidelity to nature.

The Show Sensation.

J. F. Wilkinson of Gloucester, formerly of this town and known when he lived here as Captain Wilkinson, is the inventor of a motor starter, which he had recently on exhibition and demonstration at the auto show in Atlanta, Ga., and the Daily Constitution of that city published the following notice of the little and great invention in their edition of November 13:

"The invention is a motor starter, which is designed to prevent broken arms and save wear and tear on bi-iceps and tempers.

There are motor starters that work all right, sometimes, and some that work all right, may be, but the Wilkinson is one that works all right all the time, according to Mr. Wilkinson, and a demonstration of the little contrivance proves it. If the demonstration did not, it would only be sufficient to take notice of the procession of automobile manufacturers that visited the exhibit Friday, and the contracts that were closed by the inventor for the installation of his machine in some of the leading autos of the country, among them the Chalmers-Detroit, the Knox, the Halliday car and the Metz; "My contrivance does not work with a spring," explained Mr. Wilkinson. "The spring invention must be wound up first by the motor, and in case the energy of the spring should die out before the motor responds to it and starts, the machine must be cranked. In addition, my starter works with the foot, and thus I get six times the force as I would with the arm, as the muscles of the leg are six times stronger than those of the arm. In fact, the force exerted by the leg on my starter is such that it can move the whole car."

Mr. Wilkinson gave a demonstration of the power applied through his contrivance by exerting a pressure on the lever with his foot that drove the car several feet across the floor, and would have carried it further had it not been for the obstructing exhibits. The invention is pronounced one of the most important of the automobile accessories, and will be most gratefully welcomed by women drivers, who shun the arduous and dangerous task of "cranking."

The Lambert, which makes a very handsome appearance with its roomy tonneau and excellent luster, is equipped with the Wilkinson motor starter, designed by J. Franklin Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer of the American Industrial Corporation, and inventor of numbers of wonderful mechanical appliances for automobiles.

Church Services.

At the Congregational church on Sunday, at 10.45, the pastor, Rev. L. E. Perry, will take for the subject of the service, "The family in heaven and earth," and it will be a Thanksgiving service. In the evening at seven o'clock the subject will be "Things pleasant and unpleasant."

Services at St. Andrew's church, Sunday, at ten a. m. and 10.45, followed by Sunday school. The special service of Thanksgiving will be held on Thanksgiving day at ten a. m. in St. Andrew's, to which a general welcome is extended.

At the First Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Thomas pastor, there will be preaching next Sunday, November 21, at 10.45 a. m., a Thanksgiving sermon. Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening, followed by a short sermon and special singing. The order for the observance in Ayer of the "United week of prayer" is now arranged as follows: Sunday, Novem-

ber 28, at eight p. m. in the town hall. Rev. Dr. Peabody, preacher. Tuesday, 8 p. m. in St. Andrew's, Rev. Malbone H. Birkhead, Wednesday, in the Congregational church, Rev. Arthur E. Stroud, Thursday, in the Baptist church, Rev. Sherrard Billings, Friday, in the Methodist church, Rev. Lewis E. Perry. The week is to be observed by the churches throughout the country.

The annual harvest Thanksgiving service will be held in the First Parish church. The choir and Sunday school pupils will unite in rendering appropriate music and a timely sermon will be preached on a co-operative commonwealth by Edwin Evans. The service will commence at 8.30 p. m. to facilitate a large attendance. Members of the Sunday school will assemble at eleven for a rehearsal.

HARVARD.

Remains Found. Residents of our town were startled when on Sunday last Officer W. M. Hanna of this town announced the finding of the remains of a man in the woods between Harvard and Shirley.

The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition and only the coat and vest of the man were found. No marks of violence being present, the natural supposition was that the remains were of some one suffering from temporary insanity, the absence of clothing bearing out this idea. After viewing the remains Medical Examiner Dr. Tobey ordered the remains placed in the town receiving vault.

The finding on the coat of an emblem of some secret order has led the family of Joseph Arles of Gardner, who disappeared about April 5, to believe the body to be his. The order being an Italian one, of which Arles was a member. However, entries in a note book found in the dead man's coat pocket contain entries at late as August, 1909, which conflicts with the foregoing theory. A small vial of a solution for a stomach disorder was also found, and the family of Arles say that he was a sufferer from stomach troubles, which led him to leave his work last April and since then he has not been seen.

Grange. The grange held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening last at the town hall. Special work was the third and fourth degrees on a class of candidates. The evening was down on the program as the time for the regular corn exhibit and about fifty specimens of field and pop corn was on for contest. The first prize was awarded to William B. Willard, Prospect Hill; second to F. A. Pettigill of Oak Hill; and third, to Daniel H. Dickinson of Shaobon district. Clifford W. Dudley and J. B. Harlow also showed excellent specimens of the harvest. The prizes were blue, red and white ribbons embroidered with the event and date of the contest.

The ladies' third degree team, Mrs. Etta M. Ripley degree master, and Miss Doris Ripley and Mrs. Lucy West, assistant stewards, put on the work in a creditable manner. After the fourth degree was completed the patrons led by the assistant stewards and couples in harvest costume, marched to the lower hall, where a bountiful supper, prepared by Mrs. Emma Kinsman, was in waiting. About fifty local members and visitors from Bolton, Westford and Groton were present.

The grange is in a very flourishing condition, and another class of candidates are already in order for their first degrees.

News Items.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard attended the Unitarian Sunday school convention as a delegate on Monday last, the meeting being held in Boston.

Mrs. D. W. Ellis and daughter, Miss Georgie, who have spent the summer since June 1st at the Harlow house, this town, are now stopping at the Cheshire house, Keene, N. H.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Rev. J. P. Sheafe on Sunday evening last, when John A. Cleaves and Lillian Parker were united in the bonds of matrimony. They are for the present staying at the home of Herbert Cleaves on Oak Hill. Both the young people are popular here and they have the best wishes and heartiest congratulations of the townspeople.

Mrs. Harry F. Whitney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Green, at South Framingham.

Next week Thursday the Harvard Chemical Co. No. 1 will hold their annual concert and ball at the town hall. They are also endeavoring to make this in no way inferior to past ones, and the people are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. A. M. Lindley entertained on Thursday an auto party from Waltham. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, and her friend, Miss Annie Belcher.

Mrs. Burton H. Allen of Southboro visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King. Mr. King returned with her to spend Sunday at their home in Southboro.

The annual dance of the Hartwell hose company will be held in Page hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night.

The shepherd dogs used by the police of Berlin cost \$18 to \$24 untrained, and \$72 trained.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A middle-aged American woman to care for a home for two months' work for one man. Address, Box 38, Groton, Mass. 1110

FOUND—A Piazza Shaw, left at Sunday Side last September, may be had by calling at MISS E. E. HILDRETH'S, Harvard, Mass. 1110

New Advertisements.

NOTICE—The Haynes-Piper Co., of Ayer, will not be in the market for older apples until Monday, November 22, 1909, and will not receive apples after that date.

FOR SALE—A Large Henhouse, No. 9 Groton Road, near Murphy's Garage. MRS. GEORGE CLARK, Ayer. 1110

WILL LET MY Upstairs Tenement; 5 Rooms; steam heat and cooking range; to young married couple for the winter, \$5.00 per month. See Elmer Mason for full information. O. M. NASH, East Pepperell, Mass. 3110

FOUND—One Black and White Heifer about Nov. 1, 1909. Inquire of W. N. GILLESPIE, Hollingsworth Station, Milford Branch. 1110

FOR SALE—Fox Hound; bitch; good hunting dog; will sell at reasonable price at once. Apply to T. J. FIRONI, Groton St., cor. Pearl, Ayer, Mass. 119

BALDWIN APPLES, Nos. 1 and 2. I am selling at \$2.50 per barrel. JAMES STARR, East Pepperell, Mass. 119

LOST—An Overcoat between Groton and Ayer, Wednesday evening. Finder please leave at TAYLOR HOUSE, Ayer, Mass., and receive reward. 119

TO RENT—Upper or Lower Tenement on Fourth street, Ayer. Apply to Mrs. E. WOOD, or Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass. 811

FOR SALE—Haines Bros. Upright Piano; 1 outside door frame with top and screen to fit. One Black Walnut new post and rail and stair posts. All fine condition. EDWARD E. COLBURN, Shirley, Mass. 411

WANTED—Bright Boys, willing to work, good character, for right kind of work. Bright girls also wanted. Apply to Mr. HEINZ, New England Paper and Stationery Co., Ayer. 411

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—Two Perfection Oil Heaters, nickel trimmings, one good sized stove, medium, both in good condition. Inquire of JAMES A. BARRY, Harvard, Mass. 711

1000 MUSKRAT SKINS wanted for London Market. Also raw furs of all kinds, for which I will pay the highest market price. Apply to GOODRICH, 21 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass. 319

WANTED—A Second-Hand Saw. Send description and price to S. T. WEST, Harvard, Mass. 319

FOR SALE—Chestnut Mare; weighs between 800 and 1000 lbs.; safe and sound; good worker and fair dealer. Owner sick. Apply to G. H. HARTWELL, West Groton, Mass. 219

TEENEMENT TO LET—5 rooms; town water; near everything. Inquire of Mr. M. DUNTON, or at express office, Railroad Square, East Pepperell. 611

WANTED—A Girl for General Housework; some experience preferred. Apply to MRS. GEO. A. SANDERSON, Ayer, Mass. 811

WANTED—A resident, a young woman to assist in the office of the Public Spirit, Ayer.

A Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the members of the G. A. R. W. R. C. and the S. O. of our neighbors and all other kind friends who assisted us during our recent bereavement and our appreciation of the many floral tributes.

Mrs. H. D. Evans, Minnie H. Evans, Mrs. Jennie M. McLean, Mrs. M. D. Dyer.

Ayer, Mass., Nov. 16, 1909.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Adeline M. Evans, in Town of Shirley, 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 William H. Wilbur, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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 December, A. D. 1909, 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 by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.

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

3110 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Special Red Tag Sale

OF

Blue and White Enamel Steel Ware

CONSISTING

6 Qt. Sauce Pans, Retail. 75

6 Qt. Kettles, Retail. 75

14 Qt. Dish Pans, Retail. 75

12 Qt. Water Pails, Retail. 1.00

8 Qt. Windsor Kettles, Retail. 90

10 Qt. Windsor Kettles, Retail. 1.00

8 Qt. Preserve Kettles, Retail. 90

The Babbitt Co
Opticians
81 Merrimack St.
Lowell, Mass.
277 Main Street
Nashua, N. H.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by Luther W. Blodgett of Groton, in County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Adelle Whitford of said Groton, dated March 29, A. D. 1898, and recorded with Middlesex District Registry of Deeds, Book 2644, Page 97, which said mortgage has since been assigned by an instrument in common form, to Alec Fisher, of Westford, in said County, and for breach of the condition of said mortgage, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises, in said mortgage deed described; on Tuesday, the Thirtieth Day of November, A. D. 1909, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz.:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Southerly part of said Groton, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at a stake and stones in the corner of the wall at corner of land of the heirs of Elnathan Brown; thence Easterly as the wall now stands, by said heirs' land to a corner of the wall; thence Northerly by said heirs' land, as the wall now stands, about twenty rods, more or less, to a corner of the wall; thence Easterly by said heirs' land, as the fence now stands, to a corner at another wall; thence Southerly, as the wall now stands, by land of one Wheelock to the end of the wall; thence in same direction to the pond; thence Westerly by the pond and a ditch by land of said Wheelock to land of William Ward; thence Northerly by land of said Ward to a corner; thence Westerly by land of said Ward to a corner at an oak tree by land of Joseph Prescott; thence Northerly in a curved line, as the fence now stands, to a walnut tree in the pond hole; thence Northerly to a stake and stones in the fence; thence Westerly, as the wall now stands, to a corner of the wall by land of George Day; thence Northerly as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning. Containing about seventy acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of said Whitford. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments.

Terms, \$100 cash at the time and place of sale, and the balance within ten days thereafter, on delivery or tender of the deed. Other terms made known at sale.

ALEC FISHER,
Assignee of said mortgage.
Westford, Mass., Nov. 4, 1909. 318

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of William E. Beck, late of Townsend, in said County, an insane person.

Whereas, Bernard L. Beckonert, guardian of said ward, has presented for allowance, his first account as guardian upon the estate of said ward.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate four days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Henry Baldwin, late of Pepperell, in said County of Middlesex, deceased.

Whereas, E. Alonzo Blood, the administrator of said estate, has presented to said Court his petition alleging that he is in doubt as to the validity of a claim presented against said estate by Lydia A. Haselton of Townsend in said County, and praying that he may be authorized to pay said claim or so much thereof as said Court shall authorize.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, 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 ordered to serve this citation by mailing a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, at least, before said Court.

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

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

M. E. Church Fifteenth Anniversary.

Wednesday, November 10, the fifteenth anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal church was observed and the event will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of the church.

The floral decorations were very attractively arranged by Mrs. Elva Corey, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Mrs. Belle C. Hall, Mrs. Fannie Popple, Miss Mabel Popple, Elmer Rideout. An arch of evergreen and laurel was suspended over the pulpit, on which in letters of gold was inscribed "1859—Welcome—1909." From the arch festoons of laurel extended to the walls, giving the effect of a bower. In front of the platform yellow chrysanthemums were artistically arranged and laurel wreaths adorned the windows. The afternoon exercises were:

Organ voluntary by Mrs. Emma Valedge; hymn, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," choir; apostles' creed, congregation; scripture reading, Rev. T. Ross Hicks; solo, "The celestial city," Mrs. Jennie Boutelle; prayer, Rev. Herbert J. Foote of Sunapee; welcome, Rev. D. H. Hickey; anthem, "How excellent is Thy name," Mrs. Phoebe Jennie Randall and choir.

Rev. Henry B. Copp of West Derry gave interesting reminiscences of his pastorate, referring to the building of the church, the old-time donation parties and levees. It was not surprising that he found written on his diary, "I feel a little Mondayish," when on the preceding Sabbath he had conducted six services and called on six parishioners.

Rev. George Hardy of Ashburnham gave the church history. Rev. Horace Moulton of Townsend was the first Methodist minister to hold a series of meetings in town in the autumn of 1850, in the old meeting house. He was followed by Rev. Samuel Tupper of Townsend and Rev. Parmenter of Lunenburg, Rev. Amos Merrill of New Ipswich, coming in March, 1852, and moved here in May, 1852, and became the first pastor of the church. They first worshipped in the old meeting house, and then in Tucker and Stiles hall. The present church was dedicated November 10, 1859. Rev. Sullivan Holman of Nashua preached the dedicatory sermon, and A. F. Bailey of Townsend offered the dedicatory prayer. A. C. Dutton preached in the evening. The church reached the height of its prosperity in 1876, under the pastorate of Rev. William Bennett. A new Estey organ was purchased during the pastorate of Rev. Charles H. Chase, and a pipe organ in 1886 under the pastorate of Rev. Amos B. Russell. The bell, weighing 1260 pounds, was purchased during the pastorate of Rev. William Bennett by the efforts of Miss Theresa Seaver, and was rung for the first time July 4, 1873. Extensive repairs were made under the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Whitney and Rev. Thomas R. Hicks. A pulpit set was given by Orville D. Fessenden. A handsome silver communion service was presented to the church in 1908 by George Haven Abbott in memory of his mother, Mrs. Theresa Seaver Abbott. There have been twenty presiding elders, seven of whom are living, and thirty-six pastors have served the church.

Communion service was impressive, conducted by Rev. R. T. Wolcott, district superintendent. Hymn; benediction.

At 5:30 o'clock the banquet was served at the Congregational vestry, about one hundred partaking. The tables were very attractive and a very tempting menu was served under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen Swett, Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson, Mrs. George Nye, Mrs. George Betterley, Mrs. Belle C. Hall and Mrs. Stanley. Misses Blanche Fessenden, Ethel Taylor, Lila Barnaby, Helen Pratt, Marion Clapp, serving as waiters.

At the evening service the following program was carried out:

An organ voluntary by Mrs. Emma Valedge; hymn, "How firm a foundation," choir; scripture reading, Rev. W. L. Noyes; prayer, Rev. Walter F. Whitney of Hillsborough; anthem, "How lovely is our God," choir. District superintendent, Rev. R. T. Wolcott, gave an uplifting address on "Mission and evangelism," solo, "The holy city," Delbert Porter; short address by Rev. H. J. Foote, Rev. Walter F. Whitney, Rev. Thomas R. Hicks, Rev. Albert Baxter, James Merrill; hymn, choir; benediction.

Those present who attended the dedication fifty years ago were Rev. H. B. Copp, Rev. George Hardy, Mrs. Hattie Stiles, Miss Josephine Seaver, Mrs. Emily Rideout, Charles P. Hall, Anna Green Hall, Edward C. Tucker, Henry G. Shattuck, Augustus Lovejoy, Hattie Wright Lovejoy.

Among those in attendance from out of town were Rev. H. B. Copp and wife of West Derry; Rev. R. T. Wolcott and wife, Rev. H. J. Foote and wife, Sunapee; Rev. W. F. Whitney and wife, Hillsborough; Rev. Thomas R. Hicks and wife, James A. Merrill, Rev. Albert Baxter, Nashua; Rev. George Hardy, Ashburnham; Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hall, Nashua; Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Ayer; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar, Sandown; Mrs. Charles Pingree, John Kline, Fitchburg.

News Items.

The Sunbonnet club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Alpha A. Hall on Monday. The members were requested to come attired for a "poverty party," and all responded, the gowns with patches and rents causing much merriment. The brown paper drinking cups, the fancy napkins and the members made a unique telling for the tempting viands. The center piece was a handsome bouquet of ten week stocks, in varied tints, picked from the garden of Mrs. Clara Russell on November 15. It was an ideal day and surely the hostess was in keeping with the day. The literary and musical program was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross of Jamaica Plain were guests of Mrs. Fernando Shattuck.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes and Dr. Holcomb attended the installation of Rev. George E. Soper, as pastor of the first Congregational church, Nashua, last week.

Rev. W. L. Noyes and Payson Burge attended the installation of the pastor at Mason, Tuesday.

Clarence Russell, Samuel Swett, Orville D. Fessenden, Walter E. Corey purchased the baseball grounds at the I. M. Williams' auction and contemplated presenting it to the town.

F. William Randall of Brockton, Mass., is to spend the winter with Wm. J. Bailey of South Brookline.

Mrs. Louise Bailey Bragg spent a few days in Groton with her aunt, Mrs. Susie Wright, recently. Her aunt returned home with her.

It was stated in these columns a few weeks ago that Wm. Bailey had moved up town and was to work for Harry Campbell. It should have read J. D. Bailey. W. J. Bailey is still in South Brookline.

Fred C. Rockwood was a recent guest of his brother, Herbert Rockwood. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood are residing in Derry.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The entertainment given in the town hall, last week Thursday evening, by the committee for the church improvement fund, was very successful. Forty-one dollars was cleared. It consisted of the operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland." Twenty young children participated in it, seventeen young girls and three boys. All took their parts creditably. The operetta was followed by a social hour, during which a charming dish lunch was served. The committee worked faithfully in its preparation and were well rewarded.

Miss Ethel Goodwin has accepted a position in the real estate and insurance office of John L. Boynton, East Pepperell. She boards in Mr. Boynton's family.

A shower was given Miss Lillian McNay at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hardy, last week Saturday afternoon, in view of her approaching marriage to John Nute. A large number were in attendance and carried many useful and fancy articles for her new home.

The village of Hollis presents quite a different appearance from that of a few months ago. The new hotel, The Crawford, named after the book, "My Crawford," written by Prof. Arthur Gilman, who spends his summers in Hollis, is completed, and is a fine building and contains thirty-eight rooms, is finely finished with all modern conveniences, and is a credit to its owner, Hon. Franklin Worcester. Beside the new hotel is the new library building, now in process of construction, which is admired by many.

The Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. P. A. Powers and twenty ladies were in attendance. Current events were given by Mrs. Ord, while others added some things which interested them. A very interesting paper on the "History of the Netherlands during the first fifteen centuries," was given by Mrs. M. J. Powers; also Longfellow's poem, "The Belfry of Bruges," was read by Mrs. F. W. Dudley, which were followed by a social hour. Light refreshments were served.

About Town.

Miss Lene E. Ladd has completed her studies at the linotype school in Boston.

Miss Louisa H. Hardy spent Sunday at home from her school duties at Kingston.

A shower was given Miss Lillian McNay at the home of her former Sunday school teacher, Miss Nellie L. Hardy, last Saturday afternoon. The presents were many, beautiful and useful, including a couch, chamber set, lace curtains, comforters, blankets, dishes, linen, pictures and canned fruit. The attendance was large, showing in what love and esteem Miss McNay is held. The presentation speech was made by Miss Bertha M. Hayden. Singing was enjoyed and a dainty lunch served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Worcester celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Tuesday by a trip to Boston and vicinity.

The committee appointed by the Sunday school for the Christmas concert is as follows: Miss Leo McEnnis, Misses Agnes F. Tenney and Lucinda F. Read, Edward E. Hills and Lester J. Hayden.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

November 16, 1909.

After a protracted absence during a long summer vacation, the personnel of the government, with the exception of the legislative branch, is back in Washington. An extensive and positive legislative and administrative program is in prospect. The president during his journey of several weeks, covering nearly every state, made numerous speeches and was not reticent as to his intentions. The mere fact that he is the executor of the Roosevelt policies, a fact which he has again and again emphasized, is sufficient to indicate that there will be something doing at the capitol during the coming winter.

Perhaps the most important project, although the least sensational, will be an effort to remedy the laws delays in the Federal courts and to invent a plan for securing prompt and economical justice in the Federal courts, thereby setting an example to the state courts.

It is a fact acknowledged by all except snide lawyers that the administration of justice in this country is more dilatory and slovenly than in any civilized country, with the exception of Russia, if indeed Russia can be called civilized.

It is expected that the president will recommend legislation suppressing the boycott. Also a bill modifying the injunction processes. There will be a recommendation to congress imposing limitations upon the transfer of water power sites to individuals and corporations, and fixing rentals and rates to be charged. He will also recommend reforms in the mineral laws to the effect that coal, iron and other minerals shall be treated under the royalty system, bringing the government a perpetual revenue.

The question of ship subsidies will be urged upon congress with the object of developing our merchant marine with of course the ulterior object in furnishing a large number of seasoned Americans to man the United States warships in time of war.

The adoption of an income tax amendment to the constitution will be favored, this tax to be resorted to only in time of national stress.

The creation of a central bank of issue will be recommended, the object of which will be to guard against currency stringency.

The president will also urge that the interstate commerce commission shall have increased powers in the regulation of the issue of railroad securities on a sound basis. Also to classify freight, to initiate complaints of discrimination in rates, to compel connecting railroads to form continuous routes, and to establish fixed rates among common carriers.

It may be inferred from statements in his speeches that he will recommend the prohibition of holding stock in competing railroads, and probably a new court of appeals to hear cases carried up from the decisions of the interstate commerce commission in fixing rates.

It will be seen at a glance that this is a heavy and very important program, and it is doubtless sufficient to keep congress busy for the remainder of Mr. Taft's administration.

The president's official family, as his cabinet is called, is back in Washington and busy in the preparation of the several reports for congress. It is to be understood that there will be a rigid cutting down of expenses.

The postmaster-general has announced his intention to make the post office, as far as possible, non-expensive to the government. He, however, cannot do this without legislation. The post-office is the greatest common carrier in the world, but in the United States the cream of carrying profits is skimmed by the express companies, leaving the postoffice department only the skimmed milk. The postoffice department should be in this country, as it is in other countries, a source of profit to the government. There are thousands of city carriers and rural carriers, who, if the United States had a parcels post law, like other civilized and even semi-civilized countries, could be used without additional expense to deliver small packages, and thus be of incalculable service to the people, and pay through the postoffice a revenue to the government. One great step should be taken, the abolishing of the franking privilege given the legislators of congress, which is an immense expense to the government and would put the postoffice department on a paying basis.

The secretary of the navy has a program of economy, which it is hoped is not merely missionary, but he will certainly have opposition from senators Hale of Maine and McHenry of Louisiana and others in his efforts to wipe out utterly useless and expensive navy yards, in ports that the ships of the United States navy cannot enter, and which have been useless since the discontinuance of shallow draft wooden war vessels.

New Advertisements.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Shirley and Groton, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frank R. Hardon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, A. D. 1906, and recorded with Middlesex ss. Dist. Deeds in book 3217 page 50, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house, in said Shirley, upon the premises first below described on Monday, the Thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1909, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

"A certain farm with a water privilege, together with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Shirley, containing Forty (40) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the road leading from Shirley Center to Littleton, Three (3) rods and Eight (8) links Easterly by land late of Joseph Estabrook; thence Northerly Northwesterly Twenty-Seven (27) rods and Nineteen (19) links to the Southeast corner of land of Eunice Jenkins; thence Northerly 2 1/2 East Fourteen (14) rods and One (1) link; thence North 7 1/2 East Eighty-Six and One-Half (86 1/2) rods by land late of Edward Blood; North 55 East on land late of Thomas Whitney Twenty-Four (24) rods and Seven (7) links; thence South 8 1/2 East Twenty-Five (25) rods and Eighteen (18) links by land late of said Estabrook to said road; thence Westerly by said road to the bound first mentioned.

Also one other parcel of land, situated as aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a large red oak stump marked X; thence North 1 1/2 West Thirteen (13) rods and Eight (8) links by land late of Moses W. Woods to the center of Mulus Brook; thence following said Brook in a Northwesterly direction Twenty-Three (23) rods and Fifteen (15) links to a large rock on the Northerly side of said Brook; thence North 14 1/2 West Twenty-Three (23) rods by land late of said Woods to a stake and stones; thence Easterly by first-named road to stake and stones at land late of said Estabrook; thence Southerly between two parts of a crotched maple tree to Nashua River; thence Southerly by said River to land of Samuel Farnsworth; thence North 60 1/2 West Eleven (11) rods and Twenty-One (21) links to a stake and stones on the top of the ridge; thence South 61 West Thirty-Five (35) rods and Fifteen (15) links to said red oak stump."

Also in certain other tract of land situated in Groton, in said County, in that part thereof known as West Groton, on both sides of the location of Millford Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, containing Twenty and Forty-Two One Hundredths (20.42) acres, and being all and the same premises conveyed to me by Mabel R. Richardson, by her deed dated February 26th, 1904, and to be recorded in said Deeds herewith, to which deed and record reference may be had for a more particular description."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of Charles Tarbell, late of Bedford, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased.

Whereas, Wallace H. Tarbell, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, at least, before said Court.

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

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THE MAKING OVER OF A SPOILED MAN.

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A boy from seven to twelve tied to a nurse's apron string is always an object of pity to me. I have seen one of these boys looking wistfully at a group of romping children, longing to join in their play, but deterred by the woman who had him in charge. They, dressed in corduroy or gingham, are without fear of soiling their clothes; he, rigged out in a white "wash" suit, knows that one speck of dirt on it will bring down the anathemas of the she dragon hired to keep him clean.

Tommy Burch and I would have been friends in our childhood had we been permitted. But Tommy was always immaculately dressed, and a middle aged lady tutor-nurse had him in charge to elevate his mind. I was always dirty, and my mother seldom put good clothes on me, for she knew I would tear them to tatters climbing trees. If Tommy had had a common nurse he might have occasionally got away from her, but with his governess it was another matter. He was never permitted to be out of her sight for a moment.

The worst of it was that Tom was not born a milkop. He became one because he couldn't help himself. When he had got rid of his governess he begged me to take him gunning and fishing and all that. A love of such sports was born in him, but he had been so delicately reared that he was unable to stand the hardships they involved and couldn't keep pace with me in anything. Nevertheless I was fond of him, and we became quite chummy. So after a first effort at tramping all day through a wood and eating bacon and hardtack for supper he gave it up and devoted himself to drawing pictures, for which he had considerable talent. If he had had the luck to have been thrown on his own resources he might have made an artist of himself.

My cousin, Frances Rose, having become the object of Burch's adoration, he confided the secret to me and asked me to sound her as to whether there was any chance for him. I suggested to her one day that she and Tom would make a good match.

"I make a match with that ladylike young man?" she exclaimed disdainfully. "Not much!"

"He might at least teach you to speak good English," I retorted. Then I told her of the way Tom had been brought up and the dragon and all that. She listened attentively and from contempt, with a woman's sudden change of front, veered right round to sympathy. So when I proposed that she help me to try to rectify the damage done she fell in with the plan. We were to coach Tom in athletic games and manly amusements, giving him sundry hard raps, such as he should have had years before. All I let him know about it was that Frank admired manly men and he'd better go in for athletics. He was a trifle old to begin, but I promised to help him.

I commenced with boxing gloves and after a few lessons hammered him so unmercifully that I feared I had killed him. When he came round I told him I'd turn him over to Frank for a new beginning, which she, a girl, would be better fitted to make than I, a right tackle football man.

Frank took him up, and I could plainly see she developed a deep interest in the work. I have seen her keep him on the tennis court, playing first a set, then a double set, losing just enough games to necessitate a "play-off," the sweat running down his cheeks, his neck and trickling down his back, while he panted like a horse with the heaves.

A crisis came at last. It was in cross country horseback riding. Frank could ride like a centaur. She disdained to strain a horse by sitting sideways. She rode straddle with divided skirts. She made Tom get out of bed before daylight to ride with her, increasing the length of their canters till on one occasion she kept the poor beggar out without a morsel of food from 5 o'clock till noon. During this time he was obliged to jump his horse, she leading the way over fences, ditches and logs. He had been born with no craven spirit and would have gone to his death rather than give in to her. This led her to push him to see how far he would go, till one day she went over a log so large that she barely missed it. Tom, who was not so expert a horseman, raised his beast too soon, and the animal, coming down with his belly flat on the log, rolled over on his rider.

I was sent for to go to Tom's house and found Frank there in the hall looking like a ghost, while the doctor was making up his mind whether there was any chance for the milkop she had been trying to make a man of. Tom hovered between life and death for a month, then gradually came around. The first thing he did after getting out was to come to me and tell me of his engagement to my cousin. I wasn't surprised, for he had shown that had been suffered to make a man of himself in the first place he would have done so. What the dragon had spoiled a splendid girl made over successfully.

When I spoke to Frank about her engagement I said, "I thought you couldn't marry a ladylike young man." "Shut up!" she cried sharply. "He's as manly as you." He followed me everywhere I led, even at the risk of his neck.

I smiled, but made no reply.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Will F. Russell of Shirley, 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 thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1929, 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 on one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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How to Treat Them When the Plants Have Finished Blooming.

The national council of horticulture, through its press committee, has this to say of caring for spring bulbs: "When tulips, hyacinths and other spring bulbs are through blooming and the last blossoms have faded, pick off the seed pods and if possible leave the bulbs in the beds until the tops begin to turn yellow. This gives the bulbs a chance to ripen before digging them up."

"If it is wished to plant the bed with something else, the moment the bulb blossoms fade pick off the seed pods, as before, and dig the bulbs up immediately, using a spade, thrusting it deep into the ground below the bulb so as to pry it up. This should be done carefully, because the stems of tulips especially are brittle and break easily just above the bulb. When all the bulbs have been dug take them to a convenient place in the back yard and heel them in, leaving them until the tops are dry."

"By heeling in is meant to dig a trench about six inches deep and as long as necessary, lay the bulbs in it, tops up, in a single row and cover only the roots and bulbs with moist earth. In about two or three weeks, or when the tops are dry, dig up the bulbs and clean them. Remove all the old roots, tops and bulb scales and place the clean bulbs in shallow boxes, leaving them to dry thoroughly in the sun before storing them away. When dry put them away in a cool, dry place where they will not be reached by the sun."

"Although these suggestions apply principally to tulips because they are the most widely used of spring bulbs, the same treatment should be given hyacinths and narcissuses. Where the bulbs are left in the ground permanently do not pull the tops until they begin to turn yellow."

How to Prevent Tender Feet.

One woman boasts of not knowing what it is to have sore feet, and the secret of her success is very simple. She takes time once a week to soak her feet for almost an hour, and in this way she keeps them tender, but not too much so, and she has never known what it was to have a corn, bunion or other affliction. A small foot tub is filled with warm water in which there is a plentiful supply of melted white soap. She sits with her feet in the water and to keep the time from being too tedious reads a book. When the water begins to cool she realizes the soaking process is at an end. After drying the feet she attends to the nails and cuts them across, merely clipping the nail corners, because rounded nails will eventually penetrate the flesh, and the torment of ingrowing nails is most severe. A plentiful amount of talcum powder is used, and this insures comfort. No stockings with seams are worn, the shoes fit snugly, and a shoe too large is considered as injurious as one too tight. At the first appearance of a corn it is never tampered with, but the spot is treated with turpentine, and ere long it disappears.

How to Utilize a Wornout Screen.

A dilapidated Japanese paper screen with a sound framework is easily made both useful and ornamental again. It may be covered with any artistic wall paper, but a good plan is to paste sheets of brown paper over the old paper and then to cut little slits in the covering at angles, so that the screen may now be used as a sort of album for picture postcards and Christmas cards. To facilitate the adornment of the screen in: it on the ground and arrange the postcards on each panel, marking the corners where the slits are to be cut with a pencil. As the postcards are easily slipped in and out of the brown paper, they can be changed from time to time, and so the appearance of the screen may be varied.

How to Relieve Minor Ills.

A tablespoonful of glycerin in a wineglassful of hot milk will often relieve a severe coughing spell. Fresh lemon juice when injected into the nostrils has been successful in arresting bleeding. People would never get spongy gums if they made it a rule to rinse the mouth daily with some innocent antiseptic. Common table salt dissolved in water will serve. For earache a few drops of warm glycerin poured into the ear soothe and heal, and equal parts of belladonna and glycerin mixed and rubbed round the ear will soothe the pain if severe.

How to Apply Iodine.

If it is necessary to use iodine for painting the skin in medical treatment it is worth remembering that the painting should be done in the dark or in a red light such as is used in photography. If this is done and the painted portion of the skin be covered without being exposed to white light, it will not blister nor stain the flesh even if the painting is repeated a good many times.

How to Get Rid of the Smell of Paint.

To dispel the smell of paint slice two or three onions and place them in a large pail of water in the middle of the room and leave it there all night. If the smell has not gone off in the morning repeat the process. Hay is often used in the water instead of the cut onions; but, though sweeter smelling itself, it is perhaps less efficacious.

How to Dry a Sweater.

Try drying the sweater on a coat hanger and see how well it will keep its shape. If it is pinned to the line or hung over a chair, no matter how carefully one may be, it is sure to be pulled out of shape in some place or other.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

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Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25, 6.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sunday—5.25, 6.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m., then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m., then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—6.02 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Sundays—7.15 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—5.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sundays—7.35 a. m., then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m., then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—9.03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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Death on the Guillotine.

Sardou, in order to be present at the execution of Tropman in January, 1875, spent the night before with La Roquette, the prison director. In his description he says: "At daybreak the guests went out upon the cold, bleak execution place, where the guillotine had already been erected. The be-draggled crowd, which had spent the night in drinking places, sang ribald songs and from time to time shouted for Delbler, the executioner, who meanwhile was explaining the mechanism. The basket in which the head was to drop was brought, and while looking at it I was horrified to see the lid arise and a human form emerge. 'Don't worry,' said Delbler, with a smile; 'that is only my wife, who wanted to see the execution, and I chose the simplest way to secure a good place for her.'" Clemenceau saw Emile Henry decapitated on May 22, 1894, in his capacity as a journalist, and, describing how the culprit was dragged to the machine, strapped upon the plank and there tortured by awaiting the pleasure of Delbler till the knife finally ended it all, said that the "horror of it" made him sick.

Why Blinds Were Drawn.

The Edinburgh landlady of the seventies who astounded James Payn by her stern determination to have the blinds drawn closely down on the Sabbath was but carrying on the traditions of her great-grandparents. The Scot of the early eighteenth century had a reason for drawing his blinds on Sunday. Mr. Thompson in his "Weaver's Craft" gives it. "Sometimes the minister himself," he wrote, "when he got a colleague to preach for him would make the rounds, accompanied by an elder, to spy with his own eyes the sins of the absentees. Here one man is found romping with his bairns, another as the minister peeped through the window was detected kissing his wife, two men were found drinking ale, and one was found with his coat off, as if he were going to work, and still another was seen eating a hearty dinner. All were pulled up before the session of the kirk and repentance forced upon each."—London Standard.

Bread and Cheese.

A couple advanced in years got married lately.

The husband had a room in the house securely locked, the inside of which his wife had never seen, and, being curious of its contents, she begged again and again to see the room.

At last he consented, and, lo and behold, the room was full of whole cheeses!

He explained matters by telling her that for every sweetheart he had in his young days he bought a cheese.

His wife began to cry.

"Don't cry, dear," he said. "I've had no sweethearts since I met you."

"It's not that," she replied, still sobbing. "I only wish I had been as thoughtful as you and bought a loaf of bread for every man that kissed me. We could have had bread and cheese enough to last us all our days."—London Tit-Bits.

Trouble For Creditors.

Even the simplest law transactions seem to be beyond the comprehension of some people. An old farmer went into a grocer's shop a short time ago, ordered a sovereign's worth of goods and when they were ready for delivery laid down a five shilling piece in payment thereof.

The shopkeeper called out, "Here, this isn't right!" as the customer started to leave.

"Oh, yes, that's all right," replied the man. "I've got permission from the judge to pay 5 shillings in the pound."

A heated discussion revealed that the man had lately settled an insolvency upon this basis and expected to continue that method indefinitely. When he was shown his mistake he was very indignant and evidently considered himself a much abused man.—London Globe.

She Wasn't Superstitious.

"Marry, Marry," cried Mrs. Johnson to her maid, "what shall I do? I've just had a most dreadful accident and don't know what's going to happen. I've broken my new hand glass, and you know how unlucky it is to break a looking glass. It means seven years' unhappiness."

"Lor' mum," replied Mary, "don't you set no heed on that. Look at me. I'm not fretting, and I've just broken the large pier glass in the drawing room."—London Fun.

Leftover Material.

Barbara, aged four, had always been allowed to make small cakes out of the scraps of dough left from the morning's baking, so one morning after being sent to gather the eggs she came running in with a very tiny one and exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, see this little egg! It must be that's all the dough the hen had left!"—Dellheator.

Ups and Downs.

"The world is full of ups and downs," quoted the wise guy. "That's right," agreed the simple mug. "We are either trying to live up to a good reputation or trying to live a bad one down."—Philadelphia Record.

A Piano Club.

Mrs. Hutton—We are organizing a piano club. Mr. Fintleigh. Will you join us? Fintleigh—With pleasure, Mrs. Hutton. What pianist do you propose to club first?—Chicago News.

Better Left Unsaid.

Hostess—It's beginning to rain. You'll get wet. Mr. Fintleigh. Will you stay to dinner. Departing Guest—Oh, dear, no! It's not raining so badly as all that.—Sydney Bulletin.

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Center.

The meeting of the Woman's club was held at Central hall, last Tuesday afternoon, and was well attended. After the preliminary business was transacted, Miss Nellie Ewart of Arlington gave a demonstration in cooking, illustrated by a six-course luncheon, consisting of whipped cream, soup, fish in ramekins, creole setak, rice balls, cabinet pudding, white sponge drops. Three names were propounded for membership.

Charles H. Jewett of Mt. Ida seminary, Newton, has been in town this week.

Pansies have been picked from the gardens in town this week.

Mrs. Joseph B. Mason of Brighton has been visiting this week at the home of her brother, Henry A. Wright. She called upon some of her old friends in town.

Miss Annie Gilson arrived safely at Berkeley, Cal., the winter home of Mrs. Marguerita (Isola) Hyde, daughter of Pietro Isola of Waban, with whom Miss Gilson has lived for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tarbell have moved into the tenement on Main street which was vacated by William L. Jewett's removal to Pleasant street.

Mrs. Peter Reed is quite ill with a slow fever at her home, corner of Main and Hollis streets.

Miss Annie Murphy, superintendent of the temporary home for working women in Boston, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward F. Harmon, this week, and making calls on her friends in town, recruiting for a few days from her arduous work.

Mrs. Florence (Blood) Swain of Stoughton visited Sunday and Monday among her friends in town, returning to her home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Doe of Everett and Mrs. Kellogg of Arlington, who have been with their sister, Mrs. Henry Wright, since she returned from Memorial hospital, Worcester, returned to their respective homes last week. Mrs. George Morrill is now housekeeper for Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Wright is gaining strength and has been able to sit on the veranda and enjoy the fresh air during the Indian summer days, with which we have been favored.

Mrs. Elbert S. Durant and her children have visited recently at her early home in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. Milo Stearns and her sister, Mrs. Frank Goff of Concord, were in town calling on their friends.

Miss Harriet Freeman, a native and former resident of Pepperell, was in town last week. She made her home with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald, one of her early friends and took especial pains to call on the old people here whom she knew in her youth. She has traveled extensively in Europe and Africa and the northwest in her own country, recently bringing home some plants from Oregon. She returned to her home in Boston on November 11. Mrs. Hay, who has also been at Mrs. Heald's, returned with her.

Mrs. J. E. B. Jewett passed her seventy-sixth anniversary, Monday, November 15, very pleasantly. Tokens of remembrance were received from her family friends, and her friends in town called to express their interest in her welfare. Her bodily health is not good, but mind triumphs over matter in her case.

Miss Martha Swinnerton is in Pinehurst, N. C., where her brother is located.

There is to be a Thanksgiving service next Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Dudley R. Childie is to be the preacher.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church held a pleasant meeting on Thursday afternoon, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Addison Woodward. The subject of the session was "The hymns of our faith."

Mrs. Jonas Shattuck, who has suffered from a serious relapse, is again improving. She is still at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Tucker, on Heald street.

Miss Louella W. Shattuck attended the convention of the Woman's board of home missions last week in Boston.

Mrs. Peck and son have left their cottage on Townsend street, and are now living in Mrs. Joshua Blood's house on Park street.

Miss Whitaker delayed her departure from the Bancroft farm until last Monday.

East.

Advertised letters at the East Pepperell postoffice, November 16, are as follows: Mrs. E. Bartlett, Michael Collins, Mrs. Sarah Littlefield.

Mrs. C. A. Curtis has sold her place on Hillside street, West Pepperell, to a party from Townsend Center, and has moved to East Pepperell, 74 Main street, for the winter.

The supper at the vestry of the Congregational church, Thursday evening, was well patronized and as usual was thoroughly satisfying to all.

The annual call to "Give thanks" has been issued by the governor of our Commonwealth as well as by President Taft. It is a day of "praise and thanks" for our town as well as for state and country. We are blest with many industrial changes as well as great improvements in our town. So let's enjoy this day in spirit of conscience fitting to the observance.

Charles M. Gardner, lecturer of the Massachusetts State grange, will give a lecture at Prescott grange, Friday evening, November 26. Each member has the privilege of inviting a friend.

The Union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church next Sunday evening will be at seven o'clock. Rev. Dudley R. Childie of the Unitarian church will preach the sermon. Special music.

A social dance will be held in Prescott hall, Thanksgiving night, under the auspices of the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church. Music, Robbins orchestra.

The reception to the P. N. G.'s of Acoma Rebekah lodge was given at their hall, November 9. This is the first affair of its kind ever given, it not being an annual event, as stated in the last week's issue of this paper. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with their colors, pink and green. There were thirteen past noble grands in the receiving line, six being unable to be present. Light refreshments were served and a most pleasant evening ensued.

At the Unitarian vestry, Saturday afternoon, November 27, at 2:30 o'clock, the cradle roll department of the Sunday school will be entertained and all the mothers and their babies are expected to appear.

Jerry B. Flynn has left his vacation for a few days and is at his old work at the Champion during the absence of Elbridge Jewett, who is unable to be at work. The new boiler has been completely installed and only a few days' idleness was caused.

Mrs. William Baird of Worcester is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Annis, High street.

John Fredericks and Frank Smith are busy at E. T. Fletcher's constructing a henhouse.

Ernest G. Bartlett returned from Nashua, where he was assisting at Holbrook Marshall's and has gone to Boston.

Forrest Winch and L. F. Darling went to Boston, Thursday.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., initiated four new members Thursday evening.

The usual sunlight hop and evening dance Thanksgiving day will be held in Lawrence hall, November 25, in charge of the Oxford club. Music by Thayer's orchestra, four pieces.

Joseph Attridge is enjoying a few days from the store and his place is filled by his brother John.

A fine automobile is advertised in these columns.

A rather unexpected visitor was received by many in town last week and a lot of surprises were distributed. The caller in each case wished returned to her some particular piece of bric-a-brac or furniture which it is understood had been given to the owner by the caller's relative some time back; in many cases, years.

The meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club was not attended as well as could be wished for, but committeees are to report Monday evening, November 29. Don't forget the date and be there.

Word has been received from Walter Cheney, who left the Pepperell card shop to be superintendent of a mill in Lawrence, that he likes and is pleased with the new conditions.

The special train from Nashua to Ayer, which is scheduled for Saturday evenings only, arrives at Pepperell about eleven p. m. It was well patronized last Saturday on its maiden trip, but a large number are heard to state that with the prevailing low prices in our own stores there is money saved by staying home. In fact, buyers from Ayer and Nashua now come here for bargains. This train is a great help to these Groton and Ayer buyers.

A large number from here attended the collegiate football game at Cambridge last Saturday. Dr. C. A. Grenache, Rodman Blake, R. E. Tarbell, F. Milan, R. D. Taft, Mrs. B. M. Wright were among the lucky ones.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Holt of Worcester are visiting his brother, John H. Holt, Mt. Lebanon.

E. F. Grenache has an attractive, newly painted sign displayed outside of his stable.

Don't fail to go to Prescott hall, Tuesday evening, November 30. Miss Marion Wilson comes to town that day and you will surely learn how they made love in yore olden time.

Mrs. Wm. H. Aubrey of Columbia, Nevada, is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bannon, Mt. Lebanon.

F. H. Ward was a recent visitor at his sister, Mrs. Albert Choate, Henninger, N. H.

Mrs. R. W. Drawbridge was a guest at the wedding of Miss Orpha Lee at Somerville, Wednesday. Miss Lee was previously of our high school staff.

Mrs. James Gray returned to her home on Park street, Thursday morning, from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where she was operated on for appendicitis. It is understood the operation was successful. She returned by auto accompanied by Mrs. H. Letender, Mr. Gray and daughter.

The concert at the Oak Hill Sunday school last Sunday was full of interest. The school there numbers about forty-five, and under the supervision of Deacon Lyman C. Blood success has been achieved. The program consisted of recitations, music and addresses. It was interesting throughout, and particularly the thoroughness of the little ones.

Tuesday morning over 16,000 pounds of leather arrived for the Flex-I-dura Shoe Co. It is understood two more cars are on the way. When this paper gave the advance news a few weeks ago of a very large order for shoes, it was received by many as a joke. The management of the new factory have worked with apparent unflinching determination to make a start all through the late depression. It is now an apparent certainty they have succeeded, and as soon as experienced operators can be engaged, work will be started. Superintendent Bailey says he would like to be able to start Monday next, but it may be the following Monday.

Edward Johnson is busy wiring the house of R. Deware, Main street, for electric lights.

The dinner at the M. E. church vestry, Thursday noon, was of the praise worthy kind and enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be there.

Cold weather is on the way. The warning signals are out in the cold blasts of this week. A word of caution should begin to opportune to all users of town water. It may be a new thing with you. To avoid frozen pipes and all its attending discomforts and expense, take advice of your plumber how to prevent it.

It is understood that Pierce & Robinson will attend to covering the water main over the bridge on Main street, at the Fitchburg railroad. This will be done under the direction of the superintendent, Perley Blake.

The large number of dogs reported dying suddenly gives color to the poison theory.

J. H. Bellamy Co., the men's clothiers, have had their store connected by telephone.

A stranger arrived in town last Saturday from Beverly. He had heard of the benefits of our town through these columns, and he found a place to suit him on Oak Hill, but on finding the wells dry and no rain in sight, he concluded not to purchase. This is the third non-sale to out-of-town parties for this same reason, notwithstanding the plan voted on at town meeting included this district. Town water goes for miles through the woods of no use to anyone, and it certainly was a big mistake, but time will correct it.

The new street lights are pleasing to all.

L. P. Shattuck is reported getting along as well as can be expected, which it is understood is satisfactory progress.

A large number of the school children are being vaccinated and a few have certificates of exemption.

The annual concert and ball of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., was thoroughly enjoyed by all last Friday evening in Prescott's hall. Brigham's orchestra furnished the music and of the usual delightful variety. The turkey supper under auspices of the Rebekahs was of the best. A large number were present from neighboring towns and everything went smooth as the goat's horn.

J. H. Bellamy Co. have come to town and enter the business district with a fine line of goods in the store formerly occupied by George H. Swift. This firm have a large clothing business in Hudson and also in Connecticut. A. J. Wentworth and T. M. Reynolds are in charge and assisted by Mrs. Dunlap and Miss Helen Robbins have been all this week preparing for opening day, which was Thursday. It will pay everyone to visit their store and see the large stock of choice clothing and the remarkably low prices.

Each week brings conviction to the hearts of all interested that the town has an up-to-date police department. Our chief is not only capable, but quite able to keep the town cleaned up. This week it was a professional beggar with a sound hand well drawn up his coat sleeve. He was in town less than fifteen minutes, and John had him spotted, and in his kind way advised him to leave town, but in less than an hour he was heard of over the telephone, and it was a case of man chase man, and the beggar kept busy evading the officer and was allowed to take the first train out. Two other offenders were taken to cover this week; one who claimed he belonged in Groton was fined and the other told by the judge to get out of the county.

Dr. Comerford of North Leominster was in town recently at William Thorpe's.

Closed for the Season.

Too much opera or too much something else going on caused very slim audiences at the three performances given last Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The company was one of the best ever here and the performances glit edge, but as is the case in the majority of instances, the best shows got slim patronage. Mr. Tarbell has persevered against heavy odds to supply only first-class entertainers, and the lack of interest and enthusiasm has stopped the entire affair. All taking care of Mrs. Abel Willard.

Alex Losaw was at his father's over Sunday, and Tuesday took his family back to Johnsonville, N. Y., with him.

There was a large attendance at the auction sale at the P. W. Cunningham place Monday and good prices prevailed.

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LAST CALL

The forms of the TELEPHONE DIRECTORY of the WEST CENTRAL DIVISION for the Fall and Winter of 1909 close positively on SATURDAY, NOV. 27, 1909.

If you are a Resident or a Prospective Resident of this territory and desire to have your name in this book you must give your order AT ONCE.

No Listing Received Later Than Saturday, Nov. 27. This Is Final.

CALL UP OUR LOCAL MANAGER IN YOUR TOWN, FREE OF CHARGE, AND AN AGENT WILL BE SENT TO SEE YOU.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

District Nurse.
The attempt of last year in this town to have a district nurse has borne fruit. It will be remembered that the Woman's club successfully carried the burden for a year. The good which was done and the great blessing it proved to be was experienced by rich and poor alike. But the great expense which this work incurs should not follow one organization. It is understood the Woman's club will assist this new move, and it is suggested that a public meeting should be held and plans formulated whereby this method of supplying to the sick their needs may be permanently established. It is suggested that every one should be a member of the organization, each contributing one dollar. This would be a small thing in itself, but would guarantee the employment of a trained nurse such as we had last year, and by whom so much was accomplished.

East Pepperell, Nov. 16, 1909.
E. P. McCord, Manager Pepperell-Clarion-Advertiser.

Dear Sir: Acknowledging your favor of this date, asking "from what source obtained the election returns used on my moving picture screen, Tuesday evening, November 23? I would say that I could not have had those returns, except through your paper, and that what credit is due others is for handling those returns for me. Yours truly,
R. E. TARBELL,
Manager of Tarbell's Opera House.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
Roy F. Viets and family and Arthur W. Nelson were among the number of those who attended the Sunday school convention in Boston last Saturday.

Frank Woodward caught a fox recently which weighed about eight pounds.

E. C. Mead has been entertaining an aunt from Natick.

Albert Littlefield has finished putting in his cabbages. There were nearly eighteen thousand heads, which are stored for sale in the winter and early spring.

Miss Mary Hager is in Harvard, taking care of Mrs. Abel Willard.

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Grange News.
Ladies' night in charge of Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. P. W. Cunningham was a complete success. The large audience present enjoyed nearly two hours of solid fun, consisting of the farces, "No men wanted" and "How the story grew," besides a monologue and vocal and instrumental music. Light refreshments were served and a short time spent in social chat and dancing. If the men win in this contest they will have to put in some strenuous work before the next meeting.

Tuesday evening thirty-five members of Boxborough grange went to Stow and furnished the entertainment for Neighbors' night, and were awarded by a large, enthusiastic audience and a fine supper.

TOWNSEND.

News Items.
The T. A. A. will give a concert and ball Thanksgiving night at Memorial hall, the talent being the Boston Ladies' orchestra, who have recently played at the Boston food fair. They will be assisted by Miss Alice Newman, xylophone soloist, and Belle Yeaton Renfrew, trombone soloist. The proceeds of this concert and ball will go towards paying for the new ball grounds at Eastman's field.

Bill to Recover Title to Land.
Walsh & Walsh, as counsel for Orin T. Manning of Townsend, have filed a bill in equity in the superior court of Middlesex county against James F. and Florence Carter of Townsend to secure the return of the title to real estate in Townsend to the plaintiff. Order of notice has been issued and the case will be heard on its merits. Alva M. Levy has entered an appearance for the defendants.

The plaintiff is seventy-four years old and he alleges that under a promise from the defendants that they would support him for the balance of his life in a proper and comfortable manner, he transferred to them his rights to two parcels of land in Townsend and certain personal property, and that they have broken the agreement and have failed to support him properly or to care for him while he was sick.

LITTLETON.

About Town.
The annual dance of the Hartwell hose company will be held in Page hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night.

Monday afternoon, November 22, in the Orthodox vestry, Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School, will speak before the Woman's club on "Boys and boy problems."

New Advertisements.
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
In Shirley, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank R. Hardon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, 1906, and recorded with the Records of Mortgages of Personal Property in the Clerk's Office of the Town of Shirley, book 5, page 418, will be sold at public auction in said Shirley on the premises recently occupied by said Hardon, formerly owned by Edwin L. White, on Monday, the Thirtieth day of December next, at Thirty Minutes after Ten in the forenoon, all and singular the goods and chattels transferred by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

"Two team horses, two team wagons, two single wagons, one single basket wagon, one two-horse basket wagon, one mill truck, two two-horse sleds, two one-horse sleds, two two-horse tip cart, and one one-horse tip cart, all situated in said Shirley. Also one up-and-down saw, one stave saw and joiner, one kit saw, one single saw and joiner, one planer, one hoop planer, one basket machine, one edger, one cutting-up saw, two bench saws, and all other machinery, movable shafting and pulleys, and parts of machinery (except one tub stave saw, property of E. W. Seaver & Co., West Townsend, Mass.), now situated about the premises now occupied by me in said Shirley, and formerly owned by Edwin L. White."

Terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank,
By Sarah T. Tuton, Treasurer,
Ayer, Mass., Nov. 18th, 1909. 3110.

REWARD.—For the return of a strayed Gray Tiger Kitten; also a Black and White Kitten with white paws. Both kittens are about two months old. Return to MRS. HESSIAN, Ayer Inn, Ayer, Mass.