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HARVARD.

Owing to the extreme weather on Friday evening last the lecture by P. M. Harwood, illustrated, was postponed and will be given on Friday evening, January 28.

On Friday evening, January 28, the ladies of the Congregational society will hold a supper and social at the church vestry. Supper served at six and seven o'clock p. m. On account of the lecture given at eight o'clock at the hall, no entertainment will be given in connection with this supper.

The students of the Bromfield school, with Professor Leonard and assistants, Misses Renfrew and Houghton, have engaged Robinson's hall at Bolton for Friday night, this week, and, weather permitting, will take a sleigh-ride there to enjoy a few hours with music and games, returning to Harvard probably in the morning hours.

The grange held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening last. The grange paper edited by Miss Bella Wrangham was unusually bright and witty.

Reuben Reed and Henry Dickson, who are students at a Boston commercial college, are doing practical work. They are at present employed balancing the books of a business firm at Athol.

At the evening whist party, held last week Tuesday evening, at I. O. O. F. hall, the gents first went to E. A. Gale; the gents' second went to A. F. Leonard; the ladies' first to Helen Barnard; the ladies' second to Alice Bigelow.

On Monday night last the I. O. O. F. conferred the first degree on a candidate. On Monday evening next there will be no meeting of the lodge, as the members go to Clinton with their candidate, at which time Lancaster lodge will confer the second degree.

W. T. Lawrence received a letter from Murray brothers, formerly of this town, now in the garden city of the world, San Jose, Cal., the land of sunshine, fruit and flowers. The two brothers left here last fall for California and settled in San Jose, where they are engaged in silver mining. They sent Mr. Lawrence some very fine specimens of ore. The boys were well known in Harvard and highly respected. Mr. Lawrence will join them in the spring.

The Up-to-date club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, January 25, with Mrs. Ripley. Miss Annie Reed will give the current events and Mrs. Ripley will continue the work of the previous meeting.

From present appearances the ball masque that the George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Co. are to conduct on Tuesday evening next, at Ayer town hall, is due to be very successful, as many have already made known their intentions of being present.

Annual Complimentary Ball.

The Complimentary Ball club held their twenty-fifth annual ball at the town hall on Thursday evening, January 20. Music was by Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell, seven pieces. The usual large number were out, including friends from Ayer, Lancaster, Clinton, Littleton, Worcester and other cities and towns. Among the visitors who stayed over in town were Thomas J. Fishery and friend of Holy Cross College faculty, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Edmonds of Watertown, guests of P. O. Dickson; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Boyle of Somerville, guests of R. M. Lindley; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood of Fitchburg at H. H. Gale's. About ninety couples joined in the grand march, led by the club president, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bigelow. The hall was very tastefully decorated with evergreen and bunting under the direction of J. E. Maynard. Supper was served in the lower hall by the ladies of the Unitarian society. Every-body seemed to have an exceptionally good time, and the twenty-fifth passed

off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Still River.

The Tuesday club will meet next week with Mrs. C. L. Russell. Mrs. Jennie Willard has prepared the program.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society will give a supper and entertainment in the vestry. The first table will be served at 6.30.

Mrs. Sophia Stone is visiting her sister and niece, Mrs. and Miss Butterfield in Ayer.

Mrs. Annis and son of Goff's Falls, N. H., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bigelow.

Mrs. Anna Flanders returned from a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Edna Flanders at Palmer, Monday. During her absence Mrs. Sarah Puffer has been caring for Mrs. Hannah Harrod.

Miss Ethel Parker left Still River for Boston, from there she is to go to Southern Pines, N. C., for her health. Miss Parker has been sick for a long time and her many friends hope that the change will do her a great deal of good.

Mrs. Warren G. Willard has been laid up with pleurisy, but is now much better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse have been visiting in Boston and vicinity this week, and in their absence her sister, Mrs. Newgent of Worcester has been keeping house for them.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. Keyes went to Brookline, Monday, for a three months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Stodder.

It takes more than a heavy snow storm to overcome the courage of Mrs. Mabel S. Thompson and Mrs. Maria Gilmore, who came from Westborough, last week Friday, ready to install the officers of Boxborough grange. Not to be outdone by these ladies, twenty-five members gathered at the hall and held a very enjoyable meeting.

Rehearsals are now in order for gentlemen's night, which comes on January 28.

Mrs. J. S. Braman has been in Gleasonville this week at her son, Clarence's, where another baby daughter was welcomed last Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Bezanson is visiting at her father's.

Last week Tuesday Ernest Davidson broke his collar bone. Dr. Staples was the attending physician.

George Waitt has been in town this week, called here by the serious illness of his mother.

Miss Marion Viets was sent from the Fitchburg Normal school as a substitute for a few days in one of the schools of South Acton.

R. Y. Nelson finished filling his ice-house Thursday.

Otis H. Forbush will sell by auction a lot of very desirable household goods belonging to E. M. Peacham, Concord Junction, on Saturday forenoon, January 29, at ten o'clock.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

Our profound sympathy is extended to all the neighbors and friends who were so kind to give assistance at the time of the death of our brother, George E. Griffin.

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\$10.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$ 7.47
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\$15.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits, make-way price.....	\$14.47
Also 1 Lot of Odd Suits for Men, Sizes, 34 to 40.....	\$3.47
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Reefers, Ages 8 to 16.

\$3.50 Reefers, now.....	\$2.50
\$5.00 Reefers, now.....	\$3.47
1 Lot of Boys' Odd Overcoats and Ulsters, \$3.50 to \$6.00 values, now.....	\$2.47

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All at half regular price.

50c. Tams now.....	25c.
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\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams now.....	50c.

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All our Men's 50c. Caps now.....	39c.
All our Men's \$1.00 Caps now.....	79c.
All our Boys' 25c. Caps now.....	19c.
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Every Overcoat reduced in price, all up-to-date in cut and style. Sizes 31 to 40.

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Your choice from the \$18.00 Overcoats for.....	\$12.47
Your choice from the \$20.00 Overcoats for.....	\$14.98
Your choice from the \$22.00 Overcoats for.....	\$14.98

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Every Overcoat in store is now reduced in price.

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\$15.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$15.47

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Dogskin-lined Black Kersey Shell, Marmot Collar, \$35.00 value.....	\$29.47
Muskrat and Marmot-lined Black Kersey Shell, Muskrat Collar, \$65.00 value.....	\$50.00

Men's Fur Coats

Balance of Fur Coats now reduced in price.

Fur Coats, worth \$20.00, now.....	\$16.47
Fur Coats, worth \$25.00, now.....	\$20.00
Fur Coats, worth \$30.00, now.....	\$25.00
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Your choice of any 50c. Working Shirt, Collar attached, Black, Black and White Stripes, and Fancy Chevot, Stag and Congress makes, for this Sale..... 39c.

Underwear Bargains

All our regular 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in either single or double breasted, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., now..... 39c.

All our Derby Ribbed Underwear, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., all sizes, now..... 39c.

Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, regular 25c. goods, now..... 19c.

Contoocook Blue A grade..... \$1.15

Contoocook Blue W grade..... 69c.

Hosiery Bargains

35c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 35c.

35c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 25c.

25c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 19c.

15c. Heavy Cotton Hose..... 9c.

Neckwear Bargains

1 Lot 25c. Bow Ties for..... 15c.

1 Lot 15c. Bow Ties for..... 5c.

1 Lot 25c. Four-in-Hand..... 15c.

1 Lot 50c. Four-in-Hand..... 29c.

1 Lot 25c. Button-on Ties..... 15c.

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All our 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys..... 19c.

1 Lot Working Gloves and 50c. value for 35c.

Sheep-Lined Coats

The balance of our stock of Men's Sheep-lined Coats at 1/4 off the regular price.

Shoe Department

We have many odd pairs and broken lines of Shoes for Boys, Women and Children, which we put on the bargain counter to clean up.

The above list does not by any means include all the bargains to be found in this store during this sale. Remember that Brown quality is unexcelled and that every sale is backed by our guarantee of satisfaction or your money back.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
 Miss Rose Fish gave a most enjoyable song recital at the town hall last Thursday evening. There was a good sized audience, among whom were many who have appreciated previous recitals given by Miss Fish. She was in excellent voice and her selections were varied, and rendered in her unaffected and pleasing way. She was assisted by Miss Mary Ellis, violinist, who gave several selections with much skill and expression. Albert E. Prescott, Westford's well-known music teacher, accompanied Miss Fish on the piano.

Mrs. O. B. Wells of Bakersville, Vt., was a visitor last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Wells.

To show those who are interested, what is being done in the line of butchering in Westford, E. J. Whitney, inspector, reports that for November and December he has inspected 164 veals, 72 hogs, 32 cattle; 2 cattle condemned.

Mrs. Caroline Atwood passed the eighty-ninth milestone of her life's journey, last week Wednesday. Mrs. Atwood is somewhat shut off from the cheerful give and take of daily life with deafness, and during this winter has felt the weight of advanced years somewhat, but she is surrounded by her three devoted daughters, who minister to her comfort and happiness with filial fidelity.

Another who remains with us in life's late sunny afternoon is Mrs. James Hildreth, who lives at North Westford at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Chandler. Mrs. Hildreth observed her ninety-second birthday Friday of this week, with comfortable health and the same cheerful outlook on life that has characterized all her long life.

A Mr. Cunningham, a nephew of Mrs. James Spinner, who comes from Mrs. Spinner's native country of Scotland, has been visiting here in this village.

Mrs. Frank E. Miller has been for several days this week at a private hospital in Roxbury, where she went, accompanied by Dr. Wells, to undergo X-ray observation. Mrs. Miller has been sick for many weeks with typhoid and complications, and her many friends hope for her and her family recovery to health.

Albert Davis Taylor and Albert Heywood came up from Marion to attend the fireman's ball, Monday evening.

The regular monthly social of the Congregational church will take place next Tuesday evening. It is the teacher's social and a mock graduation with orchestra is being prepared.

Tadmuck Club.

Considering the weather and traveling there was a good attendance of the members of the Tadmuck club, Tuesday, at the library. Owing to inadequate heating, those present adjourned to the conversation room downstairs, and this made a pleasant meeting place. Principal William A. Woodward was the chairman of the afternoon and had arranged an excellent program, it being the second of a series on Alaska. Mr. Woodward gave a thoughtful and instructive paper on "The history of Alaska and its inhabitants," which was followed with much appreciation. Miss Edith Lawrence, who was detained by illness at the last meeting, was present and gave the paper prepared for that meeting on "Topographical features." By special request Mr. Marshall was present and gave one of his Scotch readings in the genuine dialect.

The faithful secretary, Mrs. Woodward, was unable to present on account of a severe cold, and Miss Lawrence also filled her place.

The subject of the next meeting, February 1, will be "Ancient timepieces," by Rev. Wilson Waters.

Mr. Waters is the rector of the Episcopal church in Chelmsford, and this subject has been one of much studious research with him for a number of years, and the members may be sure of an entertaining and instructive afternoon.

Birthday Party.

It was the fifteenth birthday anniversary of Miss Pauline Dole, last Friday, and the event was made memorable by inviting a group of her school-girl friends for the afternoon and evening. There were games, music and the merry sociability that happy school girls know how to promote. A delicious supper was served. The guests took their departure at a seasonable hour earnestly wishing their young hostess many happy returns of the day. Those present were Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland, Evelyn Hamlin, Marjory Seavey and Hilda Isles.

Fireman's Ball.

The second annual fireman's ball, under the auspices of the Edward M. Abbot Hose Co. No. 1, took place on Monday evening at the town hall. It was a real success socially and financially, and reflects much credit upon the committee in charge and to those who helped them in carrying out arrangements. The members appeared in their regular regalia of red shirts, belts and caps, and made a brave appearance. The hall was not specially decorated for the affair, but this bright bit of color was quite decorative of itself. Kittredge's orchestra of five pieces furnished good music for dancing, which was preceded by a concert. The grand march was led by J. Herbert Fletcher, captain of the company, and Mrs. Fletcher. There were many present from surrounding villages, barges coming from Chelmsford and from Forge Village. The fire companies from these two places and from Graniteville were well represented. At intermission ice cream from the D. L.

Page company was served with cake, solicited at home. The committee in charge were Robert Prescott, John Feehey and Fred Clement.

Farmers' Institute.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society held a Farmers' Institute at Westford town hall, Wednesday, January 12, under the direction of George W. Trull of Tewksbury, chairman of the committee on institutes. Good weather and traveling permitted people to attend in good numbers. A selection by the Westford Grange orchestra called the gathering to order at 11.30 a. m. An address of welcome by Rev. Charles P. Marshall of Westford was responded to by De Lacey Corkum of Billerica. Secretary E. D. Howe of Lowell then read the minutes of the last institute at Groton in November.

Mr. Trull then introduced the speaker of the day, George A. Drew of Greenwich, Conn. Mr. Drew is a native of this town and a graduate of Massachusetts agricultural college, whence he went to take charge of a large estate in Greenwich, Conn.

It is a pleasure to be able to record how excellent a statement of methods he gave and how clearly he set forth what he had to say. The appreciation of the audience was very evident. Mr. Drew's subject was "Orchard renovation." He began with a statement of confidence in agricultural possibilities. The old idea that when other occupations fail, farming is a haven of refuge, is responsible for the low repute of farming as an occupation. He believes in specialization. To him neglected orchards are a sad sight, for they bespeak blindness on the part of owners to the very profitable part of their holdings. The recent Boston fruit show proved that the east can produce as good apples as the western ones that are so vigorously exhibited in our markets. They have the insect and fungous pests that we have. They fight them. We must do the same. Old orchards can be renovated, save where the trunks of the trees are too much decayed or the orchard is in an unfavorable location. He then took up his subject under the following five heads:

First, pruning. We want low-down trees for convenience in spraying, picking, thinning of fruit, to lessen wind-raking, and for less bruising of wind-falls. Prune down, not up. A tree should branch two and one-half or three feet from the ground, and the tips of the branches may arch over so as to touch the ground. In renovating trees pruned by old methods, cut back severely on upper branches, the first year, tarring or painting the wounds, and thinning the sprouts during the summer. Follow up this process the next year. One of the secrets of fruit growing is to renew the wood.

Second, spraying. In his work at Greenwich, he had to begin with an old orchard so badly infested with San Jose scale, that branches were dying. Oil sprays are better where San Jose is abundant, but the lime-sulphur spray he prefers where the infestation is less because of its fungicidal properties and an apparent tonic effect on the trees. He would even use it for these purposes and to remove old rough bark, thus saving scraping, which may cause injury, even where there is no San Jose scale, although the lime-sulphur is very disagreeable to use. As an insecticide arsenate of lead is his reliance. One spraying with this with Bordeaux yearly, he has found as good as more. He mentioned experimental work which is being done with sulphur mixtures to replace Bordeaux, which sometimes ruses fruit.

Third, cultivation. As a general rule, cultivate orchards. Leaving in sod should be a perpetual practice. The better color of apples raised in sod can be procured by early cultivation, followed by cover crops sown in June, to be plowed in the following spring, and the use of proper fertilizers.

Fourth, fertilization. He buys raw chemicals only—no mixed goods. Basic slag, nitrate of soda, sulphate of potash and clover are his main reliance. Lime is needed on most soils. Muriate of potash is objectionable because its chlorine combines with the lime and allows the lime to be dissolved out of the soil.

Fifth, thinning fruit, removes all imperfect and surplus fruit in June and can be done profitably with low-headed trees, and where the other methods he advocated are carried out. Fruit trees should be in orchards, not scattered about the farm. Don't raise grass and apples on the same land. In starting new use one-year trees, headed low, set 20 by 20 feet, and in time cut out, so they stand 40 by 40. Set one or two standard varieties, unless looking for fancy box trade. The box will in time be the package. He believes in the western methods of packing and marketing where packing is done by an association, not by each raiser. He closed with the statement that Westford was as well situated to apple-raising as any place he had seen. Photographs were on exhibition to illustrate his statements.

A dinner, characteristic of the Ladies' degree team of Westford grange, was enjoyed by two hundred people. At its close Rev. B. H. Bailey of Westford presided as toastmaster, calling upon Mr. Drew, the speaker of the morning, L. W. Wheeler, S. L. Taylor, De Lacey Corkum and Rev. C. P. Marshall. Miss Tinker of Lowell, as singer, and Mr. Fleming of Tewksbury, as reader, helped this part of the program, and also with the help of the Grange orchestra commenced the afternoon program.

The feature of the afternoon was a drawing contest participated in by pupils in the public schools. This is a feature that has drawn much attention at other institutes and was equally as interesting here. The six participants were awarded prizes as follows:

First, Willie Davis of Forge Village, 75c.; second, Robert Harwood of Littleton, 60c.; third, Mabel Sanborn of Forge Village, 50c.; fourth, Della Cornell of Forge Village, 40c.; fifth, Carrie LeClaire of Forge Village, 30c.; sixth, George Wilson of Forge Village, 20c.

The closing speaker was E. C. Earle of Lowell on "Short cuts in mathematics."

About Town.

The next Farmers' Institute will be held at the village church in North Billerica next Wednesday. It is expected that the morning address will be given by Professor Ford of Amherst Agricultural college on "Corn

raising for profit and best methods." At time of writing the afternoon program had not been announced.

At the Unitarian church next Sunday the annual collection for the Sunday School society will be taken up.

The meeting of the Fortnightly club, last week Friday evening, was postponed on account of the storm. The next meeting will be held next Friday evening, January 28, at the Wright schoolhouse. The committee on entertainment have invited De Lacey Corkum of Billerica to perform some oratorical feats, and he has accepted the invitation to be present. If any one feels like sparring him he is anxious to have them with him on the following question: "Resolved, that the conduct of mankind is influenced more by what is inherent than by the enactment of laws." He will stand for the law side of this question, excepting in so far as it relates to "Standard milk" and "Capital punishment."

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Craven of Lowell, formerly of Graniteville, and Robert Elliott of Lowell, eldest son of Thomas H. Elliott, the well-known real estate owner. A new house on Stevens street will be their nearby future home.

Obituary.

Thomas Jubb, who died last week at Bennington, Vt., will be remembered by the older residents of the town as living some forty years ago at Westford corner on what is now the McGilchry place. While living here he was an overseer in the Eagle mills at West Chelmsford, then owned by Isaac Harrington of Lowell. He died on the evening preceding his birthday, and would have been ninety-five years old. The funeral took place last Saturday.

Rev. George L. Collyer of the village church officiated. George F. Snow had charge of the funeral arrangements. Burial was in the Village cemetery on Strawberry hill, beside the dust of wife and children. He was a native of England. Of his ten children only four are living. Two of his sons saw active service in the war of the rebellion, being a part of the quota of Westford. John, who enlisted May 23, 1861, in Company G, 16th regiment, and died at Harrison's Landing, Va., July 21, 1862. William, who enlisted August 5, 1862, in company E, 33rd regiment and was sergeant of the company. He was in the famous charge at Raccoon Ridge, which General Hooker declared was the greatest charge of the war. It was in this famous charge, while over the breastworks of the rebels, that he had a narrow escape from being struck with a dirk, and only the quick action of a comrade in disarming with the butt of the gun saved his life. He was mustered out of service June 11, 1865. Since the war he has been a member of the Spaulding Light cavalry, and at present of the Cavalry association. He has beat his war implements into the peaceable pursuits of farming in the rural quiet of Shirley.

Forge Village.

Owing to the snow storm on last Saturday, ice cutting on Forge pond was postponed for two days. J. A. Healy had a large force of men scraping the pond. Cutting was resumed Monday morning, and the last cake went into the icehouses Wednesday afternoon. Weather permitting, the Gage company commenced operations on the Merrimack river Thursday. The ice there is only nine inches and is inferior in quality to that on Forge pond.

Albert E. Jones of Worcester was a week-end visitor here.

The Wednesday evening services will be continued in St. Andrew's mission until after the lenten season. Bishop Lawrence will visit St. Andrew's parish on March 11, to administer confirmation.

The evening service at St. Andrew's mission, Sunday, attracted a large number. A special feature of the service was the singing by a choir of small girls. Attired in their little white cotters and scarlet caps, they presented a pretty picture as they marched to their seats two by two. A collection was taken up during the service for the benefit of foreign missions. At the conclusion of the service prizes were awarded the Sunday school scholars for regular attendance for the past term. The prizes were beautifully bound books by the popular authors and were given by Rev. Thomas L. Fisher.

Installation.

Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., held their regular meeting January 3, and the following officers were installed by Lodge Deputy William Burnett:

Chas. Eaton, g.m.; John Edwards, n. c.; John Shackleton, v.g.; Frederick Davis, l.m.; John Baker, f.s.n.g.; Wm. C. DeRoehn, f.s.v.g.; Chas. Flanagan, ward; Wm. Burnett, treas.; Frederick Taylor, c.s.; Wm. E. Baker, p.s.; Harry White, l.k.

On their last meeting night, January 17, a large number were present. After the lodge business the balance sheets for 1909 were distributed to the members present, which show the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. Owing to the temporary absence of the goat, one candidate was given the obligation. The white degree was worked on two members. The auditors reported the audit of the books and found all correct, one name was brought in. Widow and orphan fund, \$115.94; sick and funeral fund, \$2554.28; grand total of lodge funds, \$2670.22.

Weddings.

Miss Emma Orange, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Orange, and Joseph Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perkins of Graniteville, were married by Rev. Dolr. A. Hudson at his home in North Chelmsford, Tuesday evening, January 18, at eight o'clock. The sister and brother-in-law of the groom were the attendants. Miss Orange is a native of this village, and is well known. The groom was the second baseman for the Lions and is a star player. He is a very popular young man and the couple have the best wishes of their many friends. They will reside for a short time at the home of the groom's parents, Miss Orange has two brothers in the army and navy, William Orange, who enlisted in 1906 in company I, 11th infantry, and is now stationed at Fort Russell, Wyoming, and Joseph Orange, who was on the U. S. S. Vermont, when the fleet made the trip around the world. Joseph is now in company

C, 1st regiment, stationed at Cavite, Philippine Islands. Both remembered their sister with checks for a generous amount for a wedding gift.

William Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, and Miss Rose Tousignant, a well-known member of St. Catherine's church, were married in Lowell, Saturday afternoon, January 15. Mr. Wilson was captain of the Lions in the S. B. L., and his marriage came as a great surprise to his many friends. The couple will reside in Lowell.

Graniteville.

The people here are just recovering from another of those severe snow storms of the blizzard type, something similar to what was experienced here on December 26. Fortunately the snow was damp and did not drift so badly as on the previous occasion, and as fine weather soon followed after the storm it left the road in fine condition for sleighing. It is well that the snow came as it did, as the sidewalks were in a very slippery condition and walking in the middle of the road was the general order of things.

Arthur Joseph, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lame of this village, died after a brief illness on Friday, January 14. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery, this village. Undertaker J. A. Healy was in charge.

Mrs. P. F. Clark of Worcester has been a recent guest of Mrs. Hannah R. Harrington of this village.

Joe Wall has recently returned from a brief visit to Boston, where he attended the Master Painters' convention, and incidentally took in the sights at the poultry show.

The regular meeting of St. Catherine's Temperance society was held in the rooms of the organization on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Healy welcomed a little son to their home in North Westford on Sunday morning.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held on Thursday night. The meeting was followed by a smoke-talk and an entertainment. A large number of the members were present.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church are now making arrangements for what promises to be one of the most pleasing entertainments ever given in this village on Tuesday evening, January 25. As a special attraction they have secured that prince of entertainers, S. Thompson Blood, "The man with the hats," who has been seen in several of the neighboring towns, where he has scored a great hit. Refreshments will be served.

Many people from this village attended the fireman's dance in Westford on Monday night, and had a very enjoyable time. It was considered one of the most pleasing events of the season. Many sleigh-ride parties from the surrounding towns were in attendance, large delegations coming from Chelmsford and Forge Village.

Ice Cutting.

Every available horse in this vicinity has been put to work on Forge Village pond, as the recent heavy fall of snow stopped the ice cutting for a short time and the full gang was put to work scraping. The cutting has been resumed, however, and under fair weather conditions it is expected that the full crop will be harvested and housed this week. If the snow had held off a few days longer, the ice company would have surely reaped a great harvest with very little extra expense, and incidentally we might have witnessed another of those interesting trials of speed between the fast horses here.

New Advertisements.

LEGAL NOTICE.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given as required by law that D. W. Fletcher, President, F. A. Patch and C. F. Worcester, Vice-presidents, E. A. Richardson, Secretary, S. T. Tutten, Treasurer, and O. W. Mead, T. L. Hazen, O. K. Pierce, Peter Tarbell, W. H. Annis, W. E. Sherwin, H. B. White, E. W. Sanderson, E. D. Stone, W. H. Fairbank, G. H. Bixby, Benj. Taft, W. Spaulding, F. Whitney, H. S. Merriam, C. F. Worcester, G. W. Shattuck, J. H. Murphy, H. S. Merriam, Asaph Merriam, W. A. Wright, H. E. Mead, E. L. Blood, E. A. Blood, L. K. G. B. Remick, E. B. Harlow, EDWARD A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

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Notice is hereby given as required by law that D. W. Fletcher, ex-officio and O. K. Pierce, H. B. White, F. A. Patch and Peter Tarbell have been duly elected as the Board of Investment of the North Middlesex Savings Bank. Attest: EDWARD A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

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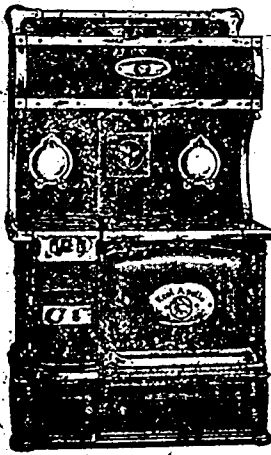
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Ayer, Mass., January 15, 1910.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on Thursday, February 17th, 1910, at ten o'clock A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

George A. Mahoney, Guardian.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land of Oliver K. Pierce; Easterly by land of E. D. Stone; Southerly by Grove street and Westerly by land of John Maloney, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, balance 1907, \$1.72; 1908, \$22.23; 1909, \$22.66.

Samuel Slivsky.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of West Main street, bounded as follows: Northerly by West Main street; Easterly by land of Bridget Brown; Southerly by land of Mrs. John Walsh and Lev W. Phelps; and Westerly by land of Sarah and Bridget Sheedy, containing three-eighths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$38.87; 1909, \$40.66.

Heirs of William R. Clark.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Westerly side of Forest Street, bounded as follows: Northerly by Tannery Street; Easterly by Forest Street; Southerly by land formerly of Willard W. Balcom; and Westerly by land of George H. Brown, containing three-eighths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$126.25; 1909, \$127.16.

Clarence M. A. Childs, Trustee.
Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded as follows: Northerly by land of Caroline Taft; Easterly by land of John Maloney; Southerly by land of Peter Tarbell; and Westerly by Church Street, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$31.56; 1909, \$31.74.

Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded Northerly by land of Benjamin Taft; Easterly by Fond Street; Southerly by land of Sarah J. S. Bennett; and Westerly by land of Benjamin Taft, containing three-sixteenths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$57.79; 1909, \$58.13.

Melvin A. and Florence Stevens Childs.
Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded Northerly by land of Melvin A. and Florence Stevens Childs; Easterly by land of John H. Turner; Southerly by Grove Street; and Westerly by Elm Street, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$42.74; 1909, \$42.99.

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TOWNSEND.

West.
The gripe has been claiming a number of victims in this village during the past week, among them being Mrs. Mary Tucker, Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mrs. Naomi Wilder and Fred Smith of Joslynville; Mrs. George Upton, Mrs. George Tenney, Mrs. Oren Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

The L. L. A. S. of the Unitarian society met last week at the home of Mrs. E. T. Davis, for their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Charles T. McDormond is very seriously ill at her home with a complication of diseases. A trained nurse is in attendance, and at this writing her condition is considered very serious.

Mrs. E. T. Davis entertained the Ladies' Whist club last week Thursday.

The L. B. S. are planning to give a public supper in the Baptist vestry on February 2, the affair to be in charge of Mrs. Walter Wilder and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Miss Bessie Conway has returned from her recent visit to relatives in Salem, and is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester of Joslynville.

Miss Mildred Thorpe has returned from a brief visit to friends in Boston and vicinity.

Leo Russell, who has been quite ill at his home in Joslynville for several weeks, is improving and able to be out once more, though he has not yet resumed his duties as I. P. Sherwin's store.

A very interesting and pleasing piece of work recently done at the West Townsend Granite Co.'s quarry is the making of four fluted granite columns for the Norwich, Conn., bank. They are twenty-two feet long and three feet, eight inches in diameter, with richly moulded bases, and carry Corinthian capitals, and have been objects of attention to many visitors from this town.

The L. B. S. held a most enjoyable sleighing party to the home of one of their members, Mrs. D. C. Taylor of Ashby, last week, the party consisting of eleven, who partook of a bountiful dinner and spent a very pleasant afternoon with games and other social diversions, and before leaving the party were photographed by Mrs. Fred A. Patch. They were conveyed to and from their destination by J. C. Hodgman, and the excellent sleighing made the trip one of the pleasing features of the day to many.

Miss Alice V. Seaver has been confined to her home with an attack of gripe, and Miss Blanche Sprague substituted for her at the library delivery station last Saturday.

The friends of Fred Doudell, a former resident here, who removed to Chicago, where after a year at school he went into the newspaper business, are pleased to learn that he is prospering in the work he has taken up, being connected with the Doudell Land agency of Artesian, S. D., a thriving little town of about six hundred and fifty inhabitants.

Miss Emily Orr has been called to Lynn to assist in caring for a relative who is quite ill.

Duncan Rusk sailed on Wednesday on the Lusitania from New York on a business trip to his home in Scotland.

John Coffey, aged sixty-one years, a native of Ashby, but for the greater part of his life a resident of this town, died at the town farm, Monday, after a brief illness, and the body was taken in charge by the widow of his brother, and removed to the rooms of Undertaker Sawyer of Fitchburg. The funeral was held Thursday morning, and the interment was in St. Bernard's cemetery of that city. He leaves five children, all of whom spent their childhood in this village: William, who is a member of the U. S. navy; Daniel, an electrician in Boston; Michael Coffey of Pepperell; Margaret, who lives in Winterport, Me.; and Anna Coffey of Waltham.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett of Bayberry Hill, Wednesday morning, January 18.

Miss Emma Adams has gone to Providence, R. I., where she will spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Brayton.

Center.
Miss Maria Bagley, formerly of New Ipswich, N. H., now of Saratoga Springs, is a guest at Mrs. Emily Barrett's.

Susie Markham is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, and Miss Jennerson of "Old City" and Orville McKenzie are at present quite ill with it.

Fred Carroll, night operator at Central, became so ill that he had to be taken to the hotel and was under the doctor's care for several days. Pneumonia was feared, but he is now much improved.

Mrs. N. J. McGuire was summoned to New York city by the sudden illness of her sister. She left Monday night, taking Irene. Mrs. Aspinwall keeps house until her return.

Miss Ellen Haynes is quite ill with a severe cold.

Friday evening, January 14, D. D. C. M. Mrs. Mary J. Wheeler and suite of Ayer installed the following as officers of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, at Oddfellows hall:

Emma F. Soaver, n.g.; Hattie E. Misner, v.g.; Mary E. Smith, sec.; Lena D. Blood, trass.; Mary A. Spring, ward.; Eva M. Ely, cond.; Harriet E. Savago, chap.; Emma M. Lancy, r.g.; Amelia Morgan, l.a.n.g.; Gertrude M. Piper, r.s.v.g.; Hattie E. Cook, l.s.v.g.; Margaret B. Higgins, l.g.; Laura I. Richards, o.g.

Supper was served in the banquet hall and speeches were in order.

The present method of constructing and repairing roads will be discussed at the grange, Monday evening next. Speakers, T. E. Flarity, Galen Fractor, Dr. A. J. Atwood and F. B. Higgins. Music in charge of Mrs. Clara Heseltun.

Spurgeon Misner has severed his connection with the B. & A. D. Feensenden Co., and is working at Worcester.

John Dobson and daughter Helen, who have been at Chicago visiting relatives for several weeks, returned to their home here last week.

W. Z. Sherwin and force of carpenters are putting in the fire escape from the gallery in Memorial hall. It is to lead out of the gallery on the side of

the selectmen's rooms and thence outdoors.

John Coffey, who formerly resided in town and who has been ill at the town farm for some time, died there, Tuesday. The body was taken to Fitchburg for burial.

Harbor.
Lawrence Morgan has installed the air-pressure system for supplying his buildings with water and everything is working satisfactory.

This week Mrs. George Jones entertained the Monday club at her home, Seven Pines. One of the features of the occasion was the unique lunch prepared and served by Mr. Jones. Among other innovations were newspaper napkins and agate iron table service. The ladies were greatly delighted and hoped it would be their happy fortune in the near future to be again served by their genial host. The next meeting of the club will be at Mrs. Hagar's.

Mrs. Josselyn is much improved and able to be about the house. Dana Fletcher has so far recovered as to take his meals with the family.

Thursday afternoon the Monday club went on a sleigh-ride to Brookline to see the harvesting of the ice.

Last Saturday evening, on account of the storm, the address of ex-mayor Beck before the Men's club was postponed. However, the oyster supper and social time were greatly enjoyed. About twenty-one were present.

BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
Mrs. Valdege of Rockland, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valdege.

There was a narrow escape from a serious fire at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. A long piece of stove pipe became dislodged and fell to the floor. Fortunately it was discovered by Delbert Portio before any serious damage was done.

The snow storm Friday night interfered with the harvesting of ice and work was discontinued Saturday. A large gang of men were employed in scraping the snow off of the ice and work was resumed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Needham of Milford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett, Thursday, January 13.

Frank G. Hammond, Richard F. Wright, James R. Work and Clayton B. Hobart have taken out hunters' licenses for 1910.

Mrs. Edward C. Tucker will entertain the Sunbonnet club, Wednesday, January 26.

Mrs. Josephine Stiles went to Nashua, Saturday, to remain a few weeks with her daughter, Miss Marion A. Stiles.

Miss Ella May Pierce is attending the business college at Nashua.

Victor Maxwell, who has been seriously ill with gripe pneumonia, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boutelle, is improving.

Installed.
The installation of the officers of Brookline grange took place Wednesday evening, January 12. The work was performed in a very efficient and impressive manner by the installing officers, John T. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Miss Augusta Anderson of Mason. The following officers were installed:

William J. Bailey, m.; Edward P. Pierce, o.; Mrs. Edna A. Hall, lec.; James H. Gilson, stew.; Frank Gilman, a.s.; Mrs. Lucretia Martin, chap.; Stephen P. Marshall, trass.; substitute for Clarence K. Russell, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, sec.; Albert T. Pierce, g. k.; Mrs. Hattie Slocome, Ceres; Mrs. Bertha Gilman, P. Moma; Mrs. Della Hall, Flora; Mrs. Ella Rockwood, l. a. s.

The Misses Ethel and Maud Taylor sang a duet, responding to an encore. Past master Fred A. Hall gave an interesting account of the meeting of the state grange at Manchester. Mrs. Lucretia Martin gave an original poem on resolutions for the new year. Remarks of interest were made by John T. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Miss Augusta Anderson of Mason, William H. Mould of Freemont, Warren Barnaby, William J. Bailey and Fred A. Hall.

Visiting patrons from Mason and invited guests from town were in attendance. Miss Viola Jenkins served as pianist.

A vote of thanks was extended to the installing officers and the pianist for their efficient work. A tempting lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

SHIRLEY.
Bowling.
Burrill's and Day's teams of the Shirley Bowling league came together at the local alleys, Wednesday evening, for a match game.

Day's team won out by winning the last two strings and also registering the highest total pin-fall.

Oscar Sibley was the star bowler of the evening, making over a century on his first string, 93 on his second, and 98 on the third, which gave him a total of 293.

Day was the next high man on the winning team, scoring 101 on his last string and finishing with a total of 261.

Eddie Tremblay was the highest scorer for the losers, rolling 96, 82 and 90, which gave him a total of 268.

This was the second highest score recorded during the game.

BURRILL'S TEAM.
Allen 82 74 82—238
Tremblay 96 82 90—268
Gilman 81 74 93—254
Burrill 81 77 81—239
Pierce 80 80 80—240
426 401 414 1241

DAY'S TEAM.
Sibley 80 80 80—240
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Gately 81 74 93—254
Sibley 102 93 98—293
Day 82 78 101—261
405 407 451 1263

Collyer's and Hocquard's teams of the Shirley bowling league met for a match game at the local alleys, Tuesday evening. Collyer's team won by taking two of three games, winning the first string by 53 pins, and the third by a majority of 32 pins, and capturing the total pin-fall with 58 pins to the good.

Guy Cook did some good bowling, scoring 107 on his first string, 87 on his second, and 99 on his third, which gave him a total of 293, which was the highest individual score of the evening.

Harry Collyer was the next high roller with a total of 272.

Joe McGinnis was the best roller in Hocquard's team. He scored respectively 89, 101 and 77, giving him a finished total of 267. Summary:

COLLYER'S TEAM.
J. P. Pomfret 80 80 80—240
Leopold 87 80 75—242
Collyer 107 87 89—283
874 851 874 2621

HOCQUARD'S TEAM.
J. Gately 81 82 95—258
E. O'Neill 72 88 71—231
J. McManis 76 86 81—243
Hocquard 79 80 84—243
397 447 408 1252

Church Services.
Rev. W. H. Desjardins will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, January 23, at 10:45 a. m. In the evening, at 7:30, Mr. Desjardins will take for his subject, "The relation of the mind to disease."

Rev. C. A. Kniekerbocker will occupy his pulpit at the Universalist church, Sunday, January 23, at 11 a. m. Regular meeting of the club, reported at 7:30 p. m., subject, "A devils stand;" leader, Miss Mary Sandlin.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will occupy his pulpit as usual Sunday morning, January 23, at 10:45 a. m. Regular meeting of the C. E. society in vestry at seven p. m.

Brotherhood Monthly Meeting.
The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, in the church vestry, the president, Rev. Allen A. Bronson, presiding. A substantial report was served at 6:30, under the direction of the club, reported at 7:30 p. m. Cram, Henry W. Eisner, Forrest Hooper and J. M. Banks.

At the close of the supper hour, William H. Wilbur, chairman of the committee appointed some time ago to prepare a list of names for the Brotherhood for officers, in the absence of the secretary, Walter Knowles, was chosen secretary pro tem. The following officers were elected by ballot, to serve during the coming year: Elmer H. Allen, pres.; Walter Knowles, vice-pres.; Joseph H. McClellan, sec.; J. M. Banks, treas.; Edwin H. Conant, Richard Pomfret, executive committee.

The report of the treasurer, Frank P. Taylor, was received and accepted. At the close of the business session, the president introduced as the speaker for the evening, Herbert F. Taylor, superintendent of the school, who has boys here at Shirley, who gave a lengthy and detailed and strong address on the practical value of the school, and on the character and personality which is blended with tenderness and strong force of character, and keeps an audience constantly following his train of thought, and carries conviction with every word he utters.

Mr. Taylor commenced his address by giving a brief outline of the career of the state board of charities to recommend the organization of the industrial school, which is one of the best of its kind in the country. He pointed out the buildings and the various equipments of the school, with the uses to which they are put, and said that the present enrollment of the school was 190 boys, and of this number 86 come from homes of mechanics, 12 from tradesmen, and 92 from the streets.

Twenty-four boys were committed to the school for breaking and entering, for assault on a person, for assault on a woman, for larceny, for vagrancy, and five for vagrancy.

Mr. Taylor dwelt at length on the various charges above mentioned, explaining the methods used at the school to deal with the boys, and get the best results from each individual boy. He said the hardest case he had seen at the school for boys, who were sent to the school for stubbornness through complaint of their parents, with the other boys who have been sent to the school.

By a thorough and careful investigation Mr. Taylor said eighty-six out of the hundred boys had acquired the tobacco habit, and that the school had come to the school simply because they had become impatient with home conditions.

Nine came through forced circumstances, and seventeen through the troubles of their parents at home, and the remainder through the influence of their parents at home, and the school had been confined to the school for breaking and entering, for assault on a person, for assault on a woman, for larceny, for vagrancy, and five for vagrancy.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The Boston Journal News Service Unexcelled.

Few readers of the Boston Journal realize how many great news-gathering associations are called upon to supply the news for the daily edition. The paper has gradually enlarged its facilities for collecting the news until its corps of correspondents cover the world.

Everywhere is eager for news from Washington, especially when Congress is in session, and the Journal has placed its Washington Bureau so as to be responsive to the needs of its readers, and "Capitol Chat" will be a daily feature of the Journal.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN L. HAGER, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased: Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court for probate, by JOHN H. HAGER, who prays that the will of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him without requiring sureties on his bond, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of January, 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, in the Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by the first day of February, 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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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, January 22, 1910.

The circulation of our nine papers is ten times larger than that of any other paper circulating in the nine towns.

GROTON.

Resolutions. At a meeting of the Groton Historical society, held in this town on January 4, the following resolutions were read.

Whereas, it has seemed best for our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our much-respected and beloved clerk, Thomas Lawrence Motley, whose records of the Groton Historical society, since its formation, testify to his faithful painstaking labor of love for the best good of the society, it seems fitting that we should place upon its records our appreciation of his worth as a citizen and for his constant labor of love for the upbuilding of our society.

Resolved, that we tender to his family and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their great sorrow and affliction.

Resolved, that a copy of the resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy be transmitted to the family of our departed friend.

It was also voted that the clerk send a copy of the above to the Groton Landmark.

LAWRENCE PARK.

Clerk of the Groton Historical Society.

Resolutions adopted by the Groton Alliance at a meeting on January 12, 1910:

By the death of Mrs. B. Ward Dix, on January 6 last, at the Norfolk House, Boston, the Groton Alliance has lost its honored and much-beloved President, who for over seven years has taken a deep and active interest in its work, as well as assisting in its organization in 1892, when President of the National Alliance.

Resolved, that this Alliance keenly feels not only the loss of one fitted by long experience and marked ability to be a leader, but one whose friendship will never be forgotten.

Resolved, that we hold in fond remembrance and grateful appreciation her words or counsel, her generosity, her thoughtful acts of kindness to all, especially the poor and needy in town and elsewhere.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed upon our records and a copy sent to Mrs. Southard as an expression of our sympathy in her great sorrow.

News Items.

The following are the Christian Endeavor officers for the six months ensuing:

H. W. Taylor, pres.; A. P. Warren, vice-pres.; Mildred Brown, rec. sec.; Mrs. H. W. Taylor, cor. sec.; A. J. Warren, treas.; Sidney F. Davis, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, Mildred Brown, Mrs. Mary Herbert, Marguerite Leonard, I. C. E. E. Shattuck, A. P. Warren, Ruth J. Blood, Fannie Taylor, Fred H. Wood, R. M. C. Margaret Bruce, Fannie Taylor, Mildred Brown, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, Marion S. Blood, Marguerite Leonard, S. C. Rev. G. M. Howe, Fannie Taylor, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, M. C. Helen B. Moore, Margaret Bruce, Marion Green, Marion Blood, Doris Peabody, f. c.

Deacon Thomas R. Clough was operated on, Tuesday forenoon, at the Groton hospital for stomach trouble. Dr. Bottomly of Boston was the surgeon with Dr. Kilbourn.

The Nashua River Christian Endeavor union holds its next semi-annual meeting with the Groton society on February 22.

In the list of honorary pall-bearers at the funeral of the late Mrs. B. Ward Dix, the name of Dr. Herbert B. Priest was omitted.

At the Pomona grange in Fitchburg, last week, Mrs. E. A. Barrows' poem, "The home-made man," was received with much favor, as was also Mrs. E. P. Woolley's solo, which she gave in the time allotted to Mrs. Grace Bradshaw, who was unable to be present, and read her paper on the "House-fly."

Mrs. H. Frazee is recovering from pneumonia.

All who harvested the last week, both in Groton and West Groton, report it better than usual and from twelve to eighteen inches thick.

George Hartwell of West Groton, who has been under the doctor's care for quite a while, is comfortable.

Edward Howard Griggs will lecture on "Carlyle" in town hall, on Wednesday evening, January 26, at 8.15 o'clock. On the following Wednesday, February 1, he will give a lecture on "Self-culture through the vocation."

Oliver Francis Bryant died in Woburn on Sunday, January 16. He was a native of Stoneham, where he was born on June 9, 1827. He fitted for college at Lawrence academy and graduated at Brown university in the class of 1858. He has long been prominent in educational matters, and for thirty-four years was a teacher in the noted Chauncey Hall school. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

Dr. Samuel A. Green completed this week fifty years of membership in the Massachusetts Historical society. This is a remarkable record, as only seven out of 457 resident members elected since the society was founded, nearly 120 years ago, have ever reached a half-century of service. Dr. Green is just as active as ever in the society and is still serving as senior vice-president and librarian. Dr. Green's anniversary was very appropriately commemorated by the society.

The Beacon Dramatic club of Pepperell will present the three-act drama, "The village schoolma'am," under the auspices of Groton Farmers' and Me-

chanics' club in town hall, Monday evening, January 27. Specialties between the acts will be introduced. Music by Robbins' orchestra. Dancing after the play.

The fifth in the Luther Blood free public lectures will be given by Prof. N. V. Lindsey; subject, "The heroes of time," on Tuesday evening, January 25, in town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow and Miss Charlotte Robbins leave next week Tuesday for Eustis, Fla., where they will be guests at the Oklawaha hotel.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., assisted Rev. John McGair Foster, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston, at the marriage on Tuesday, January 18, of Louis B. Chapin of London, Yale, '05, and Miss Julia Appleton Tuckerman of Boston.

The supper and entertainment given by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church last week was very successful in point of attendance, as well as in the enjoyment of Miss Marion Wilson's character personifications, etc., the effect of her efforts being far from disappointing in every instance.

Groton lodge No. 95, I. O. O. F., will hold their second annual concert and ball in town hall, Thursday evening, February 3.

Rev. E. H. Cressey will be the speaker at the vesper service at Lawrence academy, Sunday, January 23. The service takes place at five o'clock. The public is invited.

Congratulations to Charles Berry Campbell of Nashua, N. H., who has just been appointed deputy clerk in the police court at Washington, D. C., with a salary of \$1200 per year and a month's vacation. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry of this town, and a graduate of Groton high school class of 1907.

John Moyle, Jr., is one of the latest additions to membership in the Groton lodge, I. O. O. F.

George E. Hodgman's market has been supplied with electric lights since the first of this month.

At the mid-week services of the Congregational church the topics for the next three months will be taken from the epistle to the Hebrews. Each chapter is drawn upon for one subject. January 26. "Our high priest, his function and qualification."

February 2. "Hearing God's voice."

February 9. "Steadfastness."

February 16. "Gethsemane."

February 23. "The soul's anchor."

March 2. "The divine priest."

March 9. "The new covenant."

March 16. "The eternal inheritance."

March 23. "Christian fidelity and its reward."

April 6. "The nature and power of faith."

April 13. "A triumph assurance."

Plans are being perfected by the pastor of the Congregational church for a series of union meetings during passion week.

Next Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting of Groton grange the play, "Rank deception," will be given before the society by the same cast of characters who presented it previously in West Groton.

Mrs. George Lawrence was quite severely burned Thursday morning while frying doughnuts. A doctor was called.

The D. R. met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. William A. Lawrence.

On Thursday evening the children of the Catholic Sunday school enjoyed a party in lower town hall. Ice cream, cake, sandwiches and other good things were served. The children too were happy with games of various kinds. This party was intended to take the place of the Christmas party, which was not given this year. The ladies interested were Mrs. W. F. Wharton, Mrs. Hession, the Misses Denahy and Miss Maggie Crowley. Between thirty-five and forty children were present.

J. H. Robbins expects to leave town for Pasadena, Cal., next week Thursday. Mrs. Robbins went to Pasadena the first of the winter, Mr. Robbins being detained as a member of the committee on the town electrical lighting, and has shown himself a very efficient and interested member of the committee.

The gentlemen's supper and entertainment given at the Unitarian church vestry and parlor will be held on Thursday evening, January 27. Supper at 6.30 o'clock. A short play, "A rural ruse," will follow at eight o'clock. The following is the cast of characters: Solomon Slenker, a widower, Henry Adams; Amos Burns, Pansy's lover, Howard Gilson; Pansy Weston, a romantic maiden of eighteen, Florence Souther; Content Weston, Pansy's maiden aunt, Mabel Souther.

It was intended at first to have this gentlemen's night a week later than January 27, but as February 3 is taken by I. O. O. F. ball, the Unitarian gentlemen will serve their good supper next week.

Herbert W. Mason is working in Fitchburg.

Miss Addie Rudolph, who has been staying this winter with her sister, Mrs. William V. Bixby, left Tuesday morning, January 18, for Burlington, Nova Scotia, to attend the funeral of their father, David Rudolph. The telegram telling of Mr. Rudolph's death reached them at West Groton on Monday morning.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCann of West Groton on Wednesday, January 19.

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Harvard. Many other visitors would have been present but for the storm. The grand march was led by the foreman and Mrs. M. J. Cleary, and about all present joined in the dance. A beautiful turkey supper, with all the other nice dishes, was prepared under the management of John H. Boynton, with Mrs. George Badman as caterer, and the plates laid for 170 were well taken.

Death. Mrs. Sarah E. (Carr) Whitcomb died Friday, January 14, after a lingering illness full of weariness and suffering, to which the end came as a release. During the last fifteen months of her life, she had been under the care of Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital.

Mrs. Whitcomb was born in Lexington in 1840, but through youth and young womanhood lived with her parents, three sisters and one brother in Groton. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Eliza Hemenway.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Jennie K. Hemenway. Rev. G. M. Howe officiated, using the Episcopal burial service at the house and at the committal service. Miss Ruth McKee rendered very tenderly the vocal selections, "Abide with me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Howe also read a very beautiful poem. There were present relatives from out of town and a number of her early friends and neighbors. There were many handsome floral tributes.

The nearest surviving relatives are her two sisters, Mrs. Aldrich of Waltham and Mrs. Joy of Leominster. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

Mrs. Whitcomb was the widow of Lieut. Willis Whitcomb, a soldier of the civil war, who lost his life while in service. Lieut. Whitcomb enlisted in the company under Capt. M. P. Palmer, which the captain raised in Marlborough and belonged to the Thirteenth Massachusetts regiment.

LITTLETON.

Entertainment.

The annual dramatic entertainment of the Back-Log club will be held in town hall, Littleton, Thursday and Friday evenings, January 27 and 28. "Esmeralda," a comedy in four acts, by Francis Hodgson Burnett and William H. Gillette, will be given with the following cast of characters:

Elbert Rogers, a North Carolina farmer. Mrs. Lydia Ann Rogers, his wife. Miss Esmeralda, Mrs. Elbert Wilcox daughter. Mrs. F. B. Priest Dave Hardy, a young North Carolinian. C. A. Drummond, Mr. Estabrook, a man of leisure. E. F. Jacobs Jack Desmond, an American artist in Paris. J. M. Hartwell Miss Nora Desmond, his sister. Mrs. H. F. Proctor Miss Kate Desmond, his sister.

"Marquis" De Montessin, a French adventurer. K. K. Priest George Drew, an American speculator. G. L. Priest Sophie, a maid. Mrs. B. F. Jacobs

The club is favored in having the Cynthian orchestra, Miss Katherine Kimball, violinist; Miss Violet Barrows, cornetist; Eliot Young, clarinetist; and Mrs. Young, pianist. The Ladies' quartet, composed of Mrs. M. R. Priest, Mrs. C. K. Houghton, Mrs. A. H. Webber and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, will render music during the play.

Home-made candy and peanuts will be sold between the acts, in charge of Mrs. C. S. Robbins.

"Esmeralda" is a royalty play, consequently well worth the patronage of every lover of the drama.

Reuben Hoar Library. The trustees of the Reuben Hoar library have decided to open a library station to accommodate the patrons living in the vicinity of the Fitchburg railroad station. The books will be in charge of the postmaster, J. P. Thacher. Please notice the following conditions:

Books will be taken from the depot to the library each Wednesday at ten o'clock and taken from the library to the depot at three o'clock. Borrowers will send list of a dozen books from which librarians may select. The name of the borrower must be plainly written on the list. Conditions for borrowing books will be the same as if taken directly from the library.

News Items. Mrs. C. R. White's dancing class at town hall this afternoon at usual hour.

Mrs. A. T. Kimball is acting the part of the good samaritan in the John A. Kimball family this week.

The Congregational society will hold one of their popular suppers and entertainments, Thursday evening, February 3. Anyone who has attended one of their suppers knows it means a good thing.

The supper committee of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Nelson B. Conant this Saturday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant are going to Boston next Tuesday to attend a reunion of their friends who went with them to Europe in 1898. Nearly two hundred invitations have been sent.

Mrs. Emily Adams' condition is not greatly improved. Her daughter, Miss Emily, has furnished a substitute for her school in Weston, and is caring for her mother at their home on Foster street.

Five cases of mumps in Fulton family at the depot, and there are others.

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F. S. Kimball has purchased of the Chickering Company a piano that arrived Wednesday. On the same day the new piano for Miss McNitt's room at the Union schoolhouse reached its destination also.

Mrs. Timothy Denahy is reported very ill with pneumonia.

The West primary school opened again Monday after an enforced vacation of two weeks. Miss Cushman, the regular teacher, who was ill at her Waltham home, resumed her duties to the pleasure of both pupils and parents.

From the Unitarian Calendar for next week we would note the Guild meeting of Sunday evening. Subject, "Evil speaking;" leader, Miss Rachel Ireland.

An agent of the Whiting company of Boston, that buys an increasingly large supply of Littleton milk spoke before the Littleton milk producers, Monday.

John A. Kimball, who has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, is at time of writing, Thursday, making very good improvement. Mrs. Kimball has also been ill with severe cold and cough of a threatening nature, and at present is convalescent.

In the January number of the New England Magazine there is an excellent article, written by Wallace B. Conant, entitled "In praise of the apple." Mr. Conant was solicited by the editor for this article, and it is very well worth reading. Littleton, as an apple-raising section is very favorably mentioned.

The usual good number responded to the invitations sent by Harvard people to their complimentary ball on Thursday evening of this week. Two sleigh loads and several "singles" took the jovial party up the hillside.

W. E. Conant and son Richard enjoyed a turnover that did not bear confectioner's mark on Monday last, although both parties were pretty well frosted before they picked themselves out of the snow. In turning out with their sleigh opposite E. G. Prouty's, to avoid a grain team that had been sent to the station without a driver apparently, one runner went too far on one side and an upset was inevitable. The horse started for a good time of his own, but the sturdy right arm of Frank Jacobs, who was near by, soon brought him to his haunches. "All's well that ends well," but it might have turned out differently.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday, January 24, at the Baptist vestry. Travel talk, "Merrie England," Mrs. Grace Lawrence. This is to be an open meeting, and all interested in the topic are cordially invited to be present; 2.30 p. m.

Mrs. Hattie Robinson, president of Littleton Woman's club, is quite ill with the grippe, and there are others. Myrtle Fletcher and Eliot Young, the latest victims of the measles, are reported to be doing well.

The Littleton public will be glad to know that the last number of the Lyceum course is to be given by home talent. Mrs. Ada Briggs Webber has in a most cordial and public spirited way consented to conduct a children's operetta, which will undoubtedly fill the town hall to its seating capacity. The date for this is some time in March.

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Lecture.

The oration by Hon. Guy Ham, last Tuesday night, furnished another convincing proof that the lecture of an instructive nature given by a man who understands how to handle his subject and meet the demands of an intelligent and receptive audience has not given way to the popular entertainment for all time. The good audience that greeted the assistant U. S. district attorney happily found him a man of powerful mental grasp and unusual ability not only in imparting knowledge, but in presenting his subject comprehensively before a mixed audience. Should the distinguished speaker favor the Littleton Lyceum again his coming would be hailed with delight and the hall filled to the extent of its capacity.

About Town.

Mr. Eslin has moved into the Hager house tenement vacated by E. W. Stone. He will have the care of the Orthodox church.

Last week the three Hager brothers, Frank, John and Leslie, were here looking over the property of their father, of which John Hager, of Ironwood, Mich., is executor.

Last week Friday E. W. Stone left the Lactar factory and on Saturday went for a visit with his family to New Bedford, leaving there this week for Pittsburg, Penn., to work for the American Bridge Co., with which Benson B. Priest is connected.

The Women's Ministerial conference, composed of women ministers of all denominations, organized in 1882, met last week in Boston, and among the long list of names present appeared Rev. Amelia A. Frost of Andover, formerly a pastor of the Orthodox church here.

The Unitarian Guild meeting leader, next Sunday, Miss Rachel Ireland; subject, "Evil speaking."

On February 1 George Howard will return to his old position at A. F. Conant's.

William Rogers Lord, who is to lecture at the Lyceum, Tuesday evening, on "The ministry of birds," is a lecturer of wide experience, and has received universal commendation. He approaches his subject with the enthusiasm of a bird lover and the trained powers of observation of a naturalist. His pictures are unusually good, many of them unique and some exquisitely beautiful.

A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer is putting a large furnace in Sherman Jewett's house.

Hon. Guy Ham, Tuesday evening, gave us a most interesting talk on "The department of justice." Being assistant U. S. district attorney, he cited many startling facts relating to the detection of criminals. He told of the work of the different officers of the government in the various departments of commerce, agriculture, post-office, counterfeiting and other executive divisions. He had a pleasing

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

H. B. Richardson and J. Richardson attended a reunion of the 44th regiment, M. V. M., at Young's hotel, Boston, Thursday evening, January 20.

The pupils of the Shirley high school are now rehearsing for a musical entertainment. An impromptu dress-rehearsal, which is to be presented in Oddfellows' hall, Wednesday evening, February 2, for the benefit of the piano fund.

Mrs. Harry Collyer led the C. E. meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, and delivered a brief but sterling address on the subject, "Candles under bushels." A large number of Endeavorers responded to questions on the subject given out by the leader a week ago, and the meeting proved to be one of more than ordinary interest and enjoyment.

Edmund B. Winterbottom, who has been confined to his home with an attack of bronchitis, is improving.

The Shirley basket ball team defeated by the Civic Intermediate team of Ayer, last Saturday evening, by a score of 15 to 9.

Members of the choir of the Congregational church enjoyed a sleigh-ride, Wednesday evening, to Lancaster Inn.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold a supper and entertainment in the vestry next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at seven o'clock.

Joseph McGinnis and Harry Collyer won on the roll-off for cigars at the local alleys, Monday evening, which were given by the proprietor, Abel Morrill, for the highest three strings total. McGinnis scored a total of 307 with Collyer second, rolling 285.

Reception and ball for Mrs. C. R. White's dancing class of Ayer will take place in Page hall, Ayer, Thursday evening, February 18.

Miss Elizabeth Burns of Boston is visiting her cousin, Mrs. James Burrill. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening.

Edward Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilley, observed the tenth anniversary of his birthday, Tuesday evening, at his home. About a dozen of his young friends were present, and the early hours of the evening were merrily spent with games and music. Refreshments were served and the young host was the recipient of many loving tokens of remembrance.

Oddfellows' hall was crowded Monday evening to witness the Altrurian club entertainment. The program consisted of the Miss Marion Wilson of New York, the well-known reader and impersonator, and about a score of local talent. All the numbers were endorsed. The duet, "Playmates," by little Miss Kathleen Miner and Master Earle Wear were received with a tumult of applause. Miss Wilson, as usual, was particularly fine and the entertainment as a whole was a social and financial success.

Mrs. Henry T. Balcom is critically ill and her death is hourly expected.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will install officers at their regular meeting next Friday evening. An oyster supper will follow.

From present appearances the bal masque that the George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Co. are to conduct on Tuesday evening next, at Ayer town hall, is due to be very successful, as many have already made known their intentions of being present.

Water District Report.

The annual meeting of the legal voters of the Shirley Village water district was held in the engine hall, Monday evening. John E. L. Hazen, clerk, called the meeting to order. Walter Knowles was chosen moderator. The following officers were re-elected: J. E. L. Hazen, clerk; H. S. Hazen, auditor; Fred W. Weeks, water commissioner for three years. The reports of the board of water commissioners and auditor were read and accepted.

It was voted that the district authorize the issue of an additional water loan in the form of bonds, notes or script, to an amount not exceeding \$15,000, said bonds, notes or script to be used for water works purposes only.

It was further voted that a tax of \$1200 shall be laid for the year 1910, the same to be payable before November 1, and that interest shall be charged at the rate of six percent per annum on all sums not paid on that date.

The reports of the water commissioners showed the water district to be in good condition. The vote to borrow an additional \$15,000 was fully explained and the commissioners will only borrow the money as they need it from time to time.

William H. Brown, the superintendent of water works, has proved a valuable and capable man for the position, having obtained good results as regards efficiency, management and finances. The following is the report of the commissioners for the year 1909:

Water pumped in year, 16,231,908 gallons.

Main pipe laid by the district, 1129 ft. Main pipe laid by the Commonwealth to reach the State Industrial school, 4131 ft.

Total main pipe laid in year, 5260 ft. Total main pipe now in use, 6.83 miles. New service laid in the year, 28.

Total number of services now connected, 210. Service pipe now in use, 2.36 miles. Hydrants added in year, 9. Increase in construction account in year, \$1784.24.

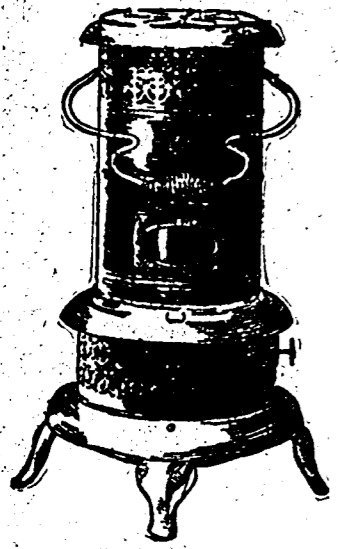
Total construction paid for to date, \$61,767.46. Notes payable now outstanding, \$42,300.00.

Center.

The young ladies connected with the Sewing Guild of Shirley Center will present the two-act farce, "My cousin Timmy," in the town hall, Shirley Center, Friday evening, January 28. The play will be followed by refreshments and a dance.

There will be a social dance in town hall, Shirley Center, Saturday evening, January 22, to which the public are cordially invited. Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell will furnish music. Refreshments will be served. Admission, 25 cents.

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Of course every one will smile incredulously at this remarkable statement and at once call upon you to prove what you claim you can do.

When the paper is ready direct it to be hidden while you turn your back, and when the paper is invisible then is the time when you make ready for your share of the fun, which in the end will be the lion's share.

Place the blackboard in a position so the audience cannot see the front of it, and then assume an attitude of deep concentration, as if you were calling up the invisible writing. Then say, "Now, if some one will kindly read aloud what is on the paper it will prove that I have written those very words."

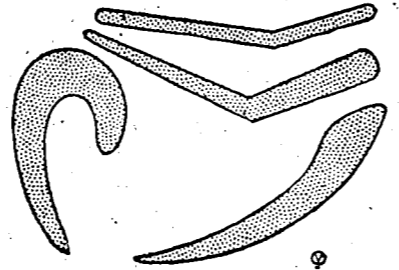
The paper is read, and the time has arrived to turn the board around. When the spectators see what is on it the laugh will certainly be on them, for you have done exactly what you boasted you would do—written "those very words."

Boomerangs For the Fireside.

The peculiar weapon of the natives of Australia is the boomerang, a curved blade of wood of such remarkable construction that it swerves from its direct course, sometimes returning so as to hit an object behind the thrower.

Model boomerangs for indoor amusement can be easily made with cardboard. Cut the cardboard out in any of the shapes shown in the cut and take care that it is not bent in any way and that it lays flat on a table.

This indoor boomerang is so light that it cannot be thrown like the genuine article by the hand. Lay the



boomerang on a book, with one end projecting over the side. Hold the book up level with the eye and give a smart tap to the projecting piece with a lead pencil. Take care to strike only the side of the boomerang. It will be found to dart forward a considerable distance, then turn and come back to near where it started.

Lend a Hand—or Both.

Have you ever noticed what a curious effect it gives to lend your arms to somebody else? This is not a question of giving aims, simply of lending them for a few moments. This is the way to do it:

Let your friend clasp her hands behind her back and then slip your arms in through hers, so that from the front your arms look as if they belonged to her. If she wears a shawl the effect will be better, and unless you are very much shorter than she you must crouch down, so that the people won't see your head above hers. It is really very curious to see how different people look with some one else's hands, which are surprisingly unsuitable. Then with your hands you can go through all sorts of poses—clap them, shake them, pretend to cry (that is, hold a handkerchief to your friend's eyes), rearrange the shawl or assume a thoughtful pose. If you want to give a really funny performance let the front person wear a long robe to cover up the one in back and then let her recite some dramatic poem, while the other makes appropriate and exaggerated gestures. Usually the person who lends the arms will find it more comfortable to lean on a stool instead of stooping.

An Armored Nest.

In the Argentine Republic, says a writer in the Strand, where the summers are long and hot, it is customary to leave the windows open both day and night during the hottest part of the year. A bird, taking advantage of this, proceeded to build a nest in my room, fixing it firmly to one of the venetian blinds over the window. The eggs were duly hatched and the young birds fledged. On taking down the empty nest I found it to be practically armored, the outer part being composed almost entirely of rusty nails, woven in among the hay. On counting the nails I found that no fewer than sixty-six had been used, besides some wire and pins taken from my dressing table. The bird was about the size of a robin and very tame.

My Dog Curl.

I have a little curly dog
As black as black can be,
And when I go about the farm
Curl always goes with me.

We caught a muskrat in a trap
Down by the willow fence.
We sold the skin and had a treat
With what we got—ten cents.

They asked if I would sell my dog
And take his skin off too.
I said no one would skin my Curl,
Not ever, if I knew!

ROOTS FOR THE STOCK.

They Are Considered Best as Succulent and Supplementary Feeds.

The average farmer pays little or no attention to roots, but they are worthy of some attention, for they stand high as succulent and supplementary feeds. You cannot value roots solely by the nutriment they contain. They aid in digestion and assimilation of dry food and contribute to the healthfulness of all animals so fortunate as to get them. If fruits are of value, if not a necessity, to men, then roots and grasses have a place in feeding farm animals.

Carrots may be fed to horses and sheep, sugar beets and turnips to dry cattle and lambs, and dairy cattle and hogs relish them all. To withhold succulence, nature's great provision for thrift and health, is to lessen profits.

Carrots are slightly harder to grow than beets, but they are the best feed. Sow the seeds in rows about two and one-half feet apart. The rows should be ridged slightly, as this facilitates their culture. It is better, perhaps, to sow rather thickly, so as to insure a good stand. When the young plants are a few inches high harrow the ground with a light harrow for weed destruction and for thinning purposes. It will require only a hasty going over to put the carrot patch in shape to destroy weeds and leave the plants six to eight inches apart. A horse cultivator will complete the work. The large stock varieties are, of course, to be preferred to the fine grain—the garden kind.

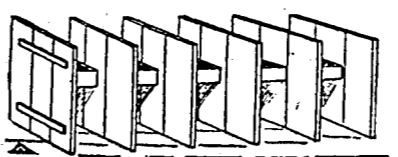
Turnips are cultivated in the same way, but they come later in the season. The Swede variety should be selected. Turnips may be sown broadcast, but for large yields the row method is preferred. Mangels are grown with the least difficulty, but they are not so good as carrots or turnips. For sheep roots are almost indispensable.

FEEDING PENS FOR CALVES.

Suggestion For One That Can Be Easily Constructed.

It is necessary in raising calves to have a good, serviceable feeding pen. A prominent stockman makes the following suggestion for one that can be constructed easily and cheaply: First make four or more little plank troughs of the size desired. Then nail together several boards to make a partition. This should stand higher than a calf and be a little longer. Make five of these partitions, all the same size.

Nail one of the troughs in position in convenient drinking distance for the calf from the floor, against one of the partitions. There should be at least six inch partition boarding in front of the trough. Nail the end of the trough against partition. Then nail on another partition and another trough against that until all partitions and



POSITION OF THE FEEDING PENS.

troughs are used. There should be a partition on each front end. This provides stalls and troughs for four calves. It may be made larger or smaller if desired. The stalls should be large enough to admit the calves without allowing them to turn around and high enough to prevent stealing or interfering with their neighbors. This arrangement will prevent their sucking each other after eating, as they can be left in the stalls until the milk taste is out of their mouths. It is a good idea to halter break calves when they are small and easily held.

Remedy For Scours.

A stockman says he has saved several valuable calves that were down with the scours by taking a teaspoonful of wheat flour and giving a tablespoonful every minute. He repeated this two or three times a day before feeding and diminished the feed one-half until the calf got well.

THE SWINEHERD

Young pigs should be taught to eat early. Then one can gradually increase the grain ration and keep their development at a high standard.

Cheap Ration For Brood Sows.
A cheap and at the same time substantial ration for brood sows at the present price of feed is a mixture of half corn and half bran and shorts.

The Curl in the Pig's Tail.

The curl of a pig's tail is an indication of good health. When the curl begins to straighten out look for disease and give medicine or a change of food.

Good Feed For Hogs.

It has been shown by careful experiments that four and one-half pounds of potatoes when cooked are equal to one pound of cornmeal for fattening.

Get Rid of the Brutal Hired Man.
Watch the hired man when he is tending to the stock. If he is rough and brutal you can well dispense with his services, for the animals will not thrive under his care.

Uniformity in Swine.

The herd of swine should be of uniform color and the lots of swine for market should be of as near uniform size and shape and color as possible. The packers pay more for this kind of hogs.

TOOTH CLEANING ADVICE.

How to Prevent the Accumulation of Tartar With Little Trouble.

Thoroughly cleaning the teeth once a month will do much to prevent the accumulation of tartar and keep them white and sound. For this purpose powdered pumice should be placed on every washstand, with the definite knowledge of the harm it can do if used too often, for applied frequently it will wear away the enamel. There is absolutely no danger of this, however, if it is not put on oftener than once a month.

To give this treatment properly a wooden stick like that used on the nails is necessary, and 5 cents' worth of pumice, powdered, is, of course, an essential. A bit of absorbent cotton improves the application, and a few drops of lemon juice are better than water.

That the work may be done to best advantage a person should stand before a mirror. The cotton, a mere wisp, must be twisted about the end of the stick, which is then dipped into the lemon juice. From that it is stuck into the pumice and rubbed directly upon the teeth.

It is useless to rub the centers of the teeth, for, almost without exception, they are white. It is on the edges, the sides and the tops at the gums and next to the other teeth that tartar and discolorations accumulate, and so it is these places that must be whitened. The stick, constantly put into lemon juice and pumice, should be confined to those regions as near the gums as can be without loosening the flesh. It must be understood that if this cleansing is done carelessly the gums will be loosened from their places and a diseased condition result.

When all the teeth have been rubbed in this way a careful rinsing must be given the mouth, as the teeth should not be brushed immediately. Rather should a weak solution of lime water be used, for lime counteracts the effect of acid. When all the grains are removed a soft brush may be applied, taking care that all cracks between the teeth are cleaned.

Nothing will do more to prevent the accumulation of tartar than the continued use of lime or soda water. The latter may be mixed as required, a teaspoonful of the bicarbonate to half a glass of water. After brushing the teeth at night the mouth must be rinsed with either of the preparations counteracting the effect of acid juices upon the enamel. It may be used also in the morning.

BABY'S OUTFIT BOX.

How to Make a Pretty Receptacle For the Infant's Clothes.

In order to make a baby's box get a clean, strong wooden box from the grocer, if possible one with a hinged top, or put the top on with two small hinges. The box should be about three feet long, two feet wide and two feet deep. Line it with unbleached muslin first, then with a pretty flowered denim. The inside of the lid should first be covered with muslin, then with denim, and a strip eight inches wide may be put on to form pockets to hold the articles of the baby. The outside of the box may be covered with denim or matting.

If you cover it with denim pad the top of the box well and it will make a comfortable seat. Fasten the covering on with brass headed tacks and get two brass handles for the ends of the box. The baby's slips may be kept in the box, its basket and other things. A strawberry crate makes a pretty box for holding a baby's outfit. Take a smooth new crate, paint it white or pale blue and line it inside with either blue gingham or white cambric. The lid of this may be finished inside with pockets and cushions outside. This box will not gather as much dust as the other one described and for that reason may be preferred.

How to Make a Hanging Bookshelf.

To make a hanging bookshelf cut three boards ten inches wide and two feet long. Bore a hole in each corner of the three boards, also in center ends, size of the cord which is to pass through them. Use eight yards of cord. To put the shelves together pass the cord through the holes and tie a good knot under each hole so that the knot will not slip through. Get the knots in just the right places to have the shelves hang even. Begin tying at bottom shelf and go up and around. The shelves are nice if stained with mahogany or cherry color. After stain has dried varnish.

How to Keep Fruit Cake Moist.

To keep a fruit cake moist fill the hole of the cake with brandy and cover the entire cake with paraffin paper. If the cake has not been baked in a turk's head mold, the liquor can be poured over the surface before the oiled paper is put on. When there is sign of drying out more of the brandy can be added from time to time. This treatment actually makes a fruit cake better at the end of a year than when first baked. To depend upon time alone for improved flavor means certain disappointment.

How to Train the Eyebrows.

Eyebrows may be trained more readily than is generally thought. If thin and scrawny, make it a matter of routine to rub olive oil into them thoroughly each night. Persistence is the price of success. If the hairs of the eyebrows do not lie smooth, gentle brushing with the use of sweet oil will soon coax them into order.

How to Check Severe Coughing.

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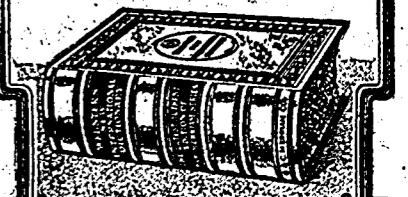
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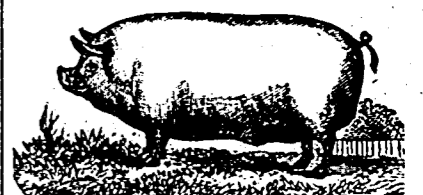
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CZARINA VERY ILL.

Empress of Russia Said to Be Failing Steadily.

Advices received from Europe are to the effect that the czarina of Russia is very ill and that the gravest fears for her complete recovery, mentally and physically, are entertained by the members of the Russian imperial family. At present the czarina is at Livadia, on the coast of the Crimea, and the members of her family have been summoned there. The czarina's trouble has been diagnosed as neurasthenia. It is said that she has suffered from attacks of melancholia that end with a storm of tears and leave her exhausted almost to the point of semi-consciousness. These attacks have grown in frequency since the birth of



her son five years ago, and their effect is plainly recorded in her physical appearance. Her anxiety concerning the life of the heir apparent, many attempts to kill him having been discovered in time to prevent a tragedy, has brought about the sad mental condition of the royal mother.

The czarina was married to Czar Nicholas II., emperor of all the Russians, in November, 1894, just after his succession to the throne. She was before her marriage Princess Alexandra Alix, daughter of Ludwig IV., grand duke of Hesse, and was born on June 6, 1872. Five children—the Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Marie and Anastasia and the Grand Duke Alexis, the heir apparent—have been born to her.

A Matter of Manners.
In a recently published letter of Lafcadio Hearn he says of his cook: "He wears a mask of happiness as an etiquette."

Rather a new idea this.

To most of us frankness in any form and under any circumstances seems to stand out as among the most prominent of the cardinal virtues.

The idea of appearing to be cheerful just for the sake of manners is entirely foreign to our occidental minds.

To the orientals this might do, but here in America etiquette consists in using the right fork for the oysters and in knowing when to wear a dinner coat and when to appear in full dress. That's all. One may wear the expression of a storm cloud, and if you pay your dinner calls on time your etiquette is saved, only now they are saying that even dinner calls are going out of fashion.

The Japanese conception is rather an artificial one, you may say. Perhaps it is, but just a little more of this sort of artifice wouldn't hurt any one.

In Japan it seems even the cook feels called upon to observe the etiquette of a cheerful mien.

In this country we recognize this obligation to strangers.

To wear the mask of happiness as an etiquette just for one's own family would be considered an obligation which it were totally unnecessary to assume.

Why not adopt the oriental custom in its entirety?

Points For Mothers.
One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters.—George Herbert.

You can do anything with children if you only play with them.—Prince Bismarck.

Happiness! I regard it as the most sacred right of youth.—Solange, Daughter of George Sand.

We become chiefly what we are more through others than through ourselves.—Max Muller.

It rests with each of us to make as much of ourselves as could be made out of the stuff.—Jean Paul Richter.

How can one expect a child to be truthful when he sees how servants—yes, often parents—practice deceit?—Max Muller.

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In Deer Fork Canyon

How a Man Helped to Save His Enemy's Life.

By ADDISON HOWARD GIBSON

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In the maroon haze which always in the late summer enwraps the rugged slopes of Deer Fork Canyon Faith Austin was gathering wild red raspberries.

A young man in miner's garb who was prospecting behind the bowlders on the opposite slope saw her and had just made up his mind to cross the stream that zigzagged down the canyon and join her when he saw a man swinging along up the trail toward her.

"It's Nick," he said to himself. "I had forgotten for the moment what he told me last night. I meant then to leave the canyon at once, and I must, for I can't bear to stay and see her throw herself away on such a fellow as Nick Sanders." And Howard Olney turned and walked away that he might not witness the meeting between the two.

The girl did not need to turn her head to know who was coming. There was an unmistakable individuality in the shuffling steps, and recognition brought a look of annoyance to her face as she continued her work.

"Pickin' berries, be you, Faith? You're lookin' sweet as a injun' pink. What's the use of your workin' so hard for them boarders when you know I'm ready for you?" he asked.

"But you ought to know by this time that I'm not ready for you," she flashed back.

The man reddened to the roots of his sandy hair, but, controlling his anger, replied:

"I've got enough to keep you from slavin' here, boardin' miners, as you're doin'." There's no use in your stayin' single for Howard Olney. He left for good this mornin'. He's goin' to keep books for Mr. Owen, the superintendent of the High Tone mine."

The telltale color mounted to Faith's cheeks, but she bent forward to capture a refractory vine, thus hiding her face from her companion.

"You think I'm not good enough for you," he went on, as she took no notice of his insinuation. "You think Olney's better'n me 'cause he's been a schoolmaster back east and can use lots of grammar. But if you'd lived in the same shack with him, as I've done, you'd know he's not such a saintly galoot as you think he is. It's no man that'll turn his back on the girl as loves him and go off courtin' Superintendent Owen's daughter," he finished contemptuously.

Faith faced him with flashing eyes. "Nick Sanders, you're worse than I thought you were! Howard Olney took you into his cabin and nursed you through a spell of fever when nobody else would, and now you try to injure him behind his back. That's your gratitude!"

His eyes fell beneath the withering scorn of hers. Of the allusion to herself she took no notice, but she could not help resenting the slur put upon the man she loved.

"You've no call to fire up on Olney," he said maliciously. "He's above courtin' a girl who makes her livin' cookin' for miners. Besides, he's in love with Daisy Owen, and she's struck on Olney's good looks. It's bound to be a match."

Faith again bent over her berry picking that her tormentor might not see the effect of his words. She had heard through her mother's boarders about Miss Owen's wealth, beauty and accomplishments and realized that she was a mere nobody compared with the superintendent's heiress. What right had she to hope that Mr. Olney would ever love her? Still, the mocking tones stung her keenly, and her basket being filled, she said goodbye and hurried away up the rocky trail that led to a dingy, weather worn cabin half hid by the bowlders and evergreens surrounding it.

Faith and her mother were alone in the world. About a year before her father had been killed by an explosion in the mines. It was Howard Olney, a young schoolmaster from New York, turned prospector, who had risked his own life to recover the body. They could never forget this nor his untiring kindness, during that time of bereavement. It was he who had encouraged them to go on with the regular routine of life, and from this sad period Faith dated her love for the young man. He had a shack two miles down Deer Fork, and most of his days were spent prospecting.

Soon after Sanders suddenly returned, having been away several months. He had been "speculating," he announced, and had brought back some money. Nick had known the family in Indiana. In fact, he had accompanied Mr. Austin to Colorado. He was a crafty, shiftless fellow and did not make friends among the miners. Indeed, so unpopular was he that when stricken with fever shortly after there was no one to care for him except Mrs. Austin until Howard, to relieve the overburdened woman, took the fellow home with him and nursed him back to health and strength. Had it not been for jealousy he would have been grateful as one of his selfish nature could be.

Meanwhile Faith had wandered down the canyon, unconsciously taking

the trail over which her lover had passed an hour or two before.

"I will give up thinking of him," she said, stooping to gather a spray of wild columbine. "I won't let his going away without even saying goodbye worry me. Mother must not see that I care, for of course she'll hear that he's gone. I'll pick some flowers as an excuse for coming and go home and live my life without him. A woman's heart must be strong for endurance."

Suddenly a wild cry burst upon her ears.

"Help, help!"

The girl listened with bated breath. It did not come from the direction of the mining camp. Still, it might be one of the men had wandered down the gulch and met with some accident.

Again the call came, wild and agonizing, as though face to face with a terrible doom. This time she located the cry.

"Some one has fallen into the old shaft!" she cried, running swiftly in that direction. This "old shaft" led to what had once been a promising mine, but a subterranean stream that rose mysteriously and at no regular period rendered it so unsafe that it had been abandoned, and no one who knew of its treachery dared venture into the shaft.

Almost breathless, Faith gained the mouth of the mine and, dropping on her knees, peered down into the dark depths below. The black sullen waters of the rising stream boiled and hissed among the jagged rocks and crevices, lashing madly the legs of a man who stood insecurely on a narrow ledge fully halfway down. He was clinging in terror to a jutting rock above him, which threatened every moment to give way. It was a perilous, an awful situation, and the girl shuddered as she gazed, while in the white horror drawn face returned to hers she recognized Nick Sanders.

"For God's sake, Faith, try to help me out of this!" he screamed.

"I'll try, Nick!" she called back.

But how was she to do it? She looked about hopelessly; then her eyes fell upon a large coil of castoff rope near the broken windlass. She caught it up eagerly, and, lowering one end to Nick, she said:

"Tie this around you under the arms."

He did so and felt himself being slowly drawn upward. Such was his peril that he could not realize that the girl's hands alone were not strong enough to pull him to the top. He did not know that another had also heard his calls for help and had arrived just in time to aid in the rescue. When almost up a blow on the head from a shelving ledge rendered him unconscious for several minutes.

When he came to himself he was lying on the bank of Deer Fork, and Faith was bathing his face. Hearing Howard Olney's voice, he kept his eyes closed and listened.

"I'm glad I was in time to help you save him," the young man was saying. "I was on my way to see you, Faith, to say goodbye before leaving the canyon. But at first I thought I would go away without, but I couldn't. I felt that I must look upon your face once more before I gave you up to him."

Nick heard the tremor in Olney's voice that told of the emotion he was endeavoring to control.

"Just once more, Faith," he went on. "I should not go if you could love me, but I know how it is. You have known Nick all your life. In the delirium of his fever I learned how much he loved you, and afterward he told me that you loved him in return. I will get come between you, Goody, dear one. Remember I helped save him for your sake."

There was intense pain in the tones, and as he turned away Faith gave a quick sob, and Nick felt a hot tear fall on his face. But the girl made no effort to detain the man she loved. One word would have called him back to her side, yet her lips seemed paralyzed. She knew that he loved her and was going because he believed she loved another; that she would never see him again and her old lonely life would go on unbroken, unbrightened by him. He was slipping away from her forever, still she could not utter a word.

And Nick knew, too, that if Olney went now his own chances of some time winning Faith were better than ever.

"Hold on a minute, Howard!" called the rescued man, sitting up.

"What is it, Nick?" asked Olney, turning back, though he did not trust himself to look toward Faith.

"Come up nearer. I've got something to tell you both, and you don't know how hard it is for a man to call himself out loud and right before two good folks he's been a wrongin', a onery big liar," said Nick. "But that's just what I am—a onery big liar. I lied to you about Faith's lovin' me, and then I lied to her about your leavin' Deer Fork to keep accounts for Mr. Owen just because you were in love with his daughter. I'm a low lived devil, but when I was down in that ole shaft a-facin' death I made up my mind if I ever got the chance I'd be a better man. Now that you two have saved my worthless life and have given me the chance I asked for I'm goin' to begin with you and Faith by settin' you right. You love each other, and I want to see you happy, so my lies ain't standin' in your trail any more."

"Maybe you wonder how I happened to be down in that old mine. You remember that Swede who got a pile of gold and some nuggets stole from his cabin over on Firecheck creek? Well, I am the thief, and I hid it all down in that shaft, where I knowed nobody would dare go pokin' round. I went down, atmin' to git part of it to swap off, and that water ris right up like a avengin' angel. I hain't got the makin' of half a saint in me, but I'm goin' to tote back that stuff where I got it from and strike a new trail up the canyon of life."

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Whereas, FREDERICK W. DALLINGER, administrator with the will annexed, 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 whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same on each day 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 in furtherance thereof to deliver to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth a copy of said citation fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness: Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January, 1910, at nine o'clock, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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TIME TABLE.
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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—5.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—1.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Melrose to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.30 p. m. until 9.55 p. m. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—5.32 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.32 p. m. until 9.52 p. m.) Sundays—5.20 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.20 p. m. Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.30 a. m. and every 30 mins. days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 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—3.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.45 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.58, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—11 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—8.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.15, 7.30 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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First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 5.18 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6.32 a. m. then thirty-three minutes past every hour up to and including 9.33 p. m. The 10.33 p. m. and 10.48 p. m. cars from Lowell for Ayer leave North Chelmsford at 11.18 p. m. due at Ayer at 11.58 p. m.

Sundays.
First car from Ayer at 7.05 a. m. last car from Lowell 7.33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9.33 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster. Last car from Lowell 10.33 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11.05 p. m. due at Ayer at 11.50 p. m.

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PEPPERELL.

Center.

The item in last week's column on Mrs. Ruth Carter was incorrect. Mrs. Carter died on the 6th and was buried on the 7th. She was in her eighty-sixth year. She had heart disease and had kept her bed for a year or more.

Mrs. Melville Gaskell has recovered from her recent illness and is about her household duties as usual.

Mrs. Edwin Colburn of West street, who was thrown from her team, thereby injuring her leg, is recovering.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence, the nurse, has left L. P. Shattuck and is now at the home of William E. Chapman, Shirley street, where a member of his family made its appearance last Monday. Mr. Shattuck is still on the road to Wellville.

The Australian pheasants have made quite an appearance lately. They have been in the vicinity of the cross road, on Townsend street, the past week, and the blue jays, wood-peckers, sparrows, nut hatches and chickadees afford considerable amusement as they hover about, where they find food, coming and going all day long in the same vicinity.

The Pepperell Women's club held a very interesting meeting at Central hall on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. P. J. Hayes read a paper on civics. Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson related many instances in the life of Florence Nightingale, who was made famous by her work in the Crimean war, and who was really the pioneer in woman's work in the army. Miss Margaret Boynton rendered very finely a piano solo. Mrs. C. S. Denham read an interesting paper on forestry. Mrs. Drawbridge, Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Mary Wood sang together. The next meeting will be held in Odd-fellows' hall at Saunders corner, on February 2.

Rev. Dudley R. Child spoke last Sunday in the interest of child labor, by request from the society of prevention of cruelty to children, taking his text from Zechariah 8th, 5th; "And the city shall be full of boys and girls, playing in the streets thereof."

Mrs. Child has been to visit her mother, who has been seriously ill. She returned the last of the week.

S. Thompson Blood, officer at the Massachusetts reformatory, is enjoying a vacation of two weeks by traveling. He intended visiting New York, Philadelphia, York, Pa., and his native town, Hagerstown, Md.

Edward Bailey of Hamilton, and Miss Bernice Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chase, were united in marriage on Saturday evening, January 15, by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge at the Congregational parsonage. They will reside in South Braintree as formerly.

The study class of the L. S. C. branch of Woman's Alliance will meet on Friday, January 28, at half-past two p.m., with Mrs. E. B. Heald. Paper on James Freeman Clark by Mrs. Addison Woodard and hymns by this author read by Mrs. N. S. Shattuck. Current religious news by Mrs. D. R. Child.

East.

Station Agent A. H. Harris is interested in poultry, and, as many know, has exhibited at many of the shows recently. He has entered a contest to secure a breeding pen of high-class birds, and he bids fair to secure one of the prizes.

Mr. Dole, who has been so ill at L. C. Blood's, is much improved and able to sit out for short periods, and Mrs. Timothy Fletcher is improving from her illness.

The snow has hampered the icemen a lot and considerable extra work has been made necessary, but more people than usual are filling their icehouses.

Allan McElhinney is again at Lynn for a short stay. He was obliged to undergo another operation on one of his eyes on Tuesday of last week. Reports are that the operation was not as painful as previous, and the afflicted organ is not causing the pain it has at previous operation. His large poultry plant is in charge of his nephew, Charles Wass of Lynn.

Winifred Boynton is home from Worcester Polytechnic institute for a few days.

The Hartford Fire Insurance Company has sent to Ingalls Kittredge, their agent in this town, a handsome gold pencil, commemorative of the company's one hundredth anniversary.

Frank Smith returned Thursday from the poultry show at Derry, N. H., where he has several exhibits of his white Plymouth Rock fowls. He captured first and second on two cockerels, and sold one of these for a good price. He also won recently second and third prizes at the Manchester show. A. H. Harris won first and second on his Barred Rocks at the Manchester show. Both these men have exhibits at the North Adams show.

Rev. Putnam Webber, who has been pastor of the M. E. church here for the past four years, stated in his pulpit last Sunday that he would close his labors here with the coming conference, to be held in Westfield, Wednesday, April 6, and that he would take another charge at that time. This announcement was a surprise to his congregation, and the news will be received with regrets by all, for he has not only endeared himself to his con-

gregation, but proved himself a citizen of the highest type. His interest in the welfare of his congregation has been keen and heartfelt, and his interest has always been alert for the social betterment as well as the spiritual welfare of the town, and he has achieved unusual popularity throughout.

A second meeting will be held at the residence of Rev. R. R. Child on Sunday evening, January 23, at seven o'clock, to perfect the reorganization of the Babidge guild. There was a large number present at last Sunday's meeting and much interest was manifested.

Bellamy's, the Square Deal Daylight store, announce a further slaughter in prices, beginning January 22. See their advertisement. In addition they announce their intention to fit out the best equipped, best stocked store in northern Middlesex.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hazel Ames, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ames of this town, to Dallan Monk of South Braintree.

A number of the young folks who drove to Groton to attend the fireman's ball last Friday, were obliged to wait until morning to get home, as the roads were badly drifted at midnight.

Thayer's orchestra played at Tyngsborough the same evening and did not arrive home until about four o'clock, Saturday morning. The double team of E. S. Durant had to come in a walk almost all the way through the deep snow.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last Saturday evening by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge at the parsonage, when Miss Bernice Y. Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Chase, and Edward Bailey of South Braintree were married. Miss Gladys Williams, cousin of the bride, and Miss Hazel Ames were the only guests. They enjoyed a reception and lunch served by Mrs. E. A. Williams, aunt of the bride. They returned to their new home in Braintree Monday morning.

It is understood that some changes are being made by the water commissioners in the staff of necessary employes. It is stated that Frank Slocomb of Hollis is to succeed Mr. Blake as engineer at the pumping station, and that Mr. Blake is to handle the work which Mr. Bannan has got into shape and system.

W. C. T. U. will meet at Mrs. H. C. Thurston's, Main street, Wednesday, January 26, at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance is requested as business of importance is to be considered. This is by order of the president.

Elmer Foss and his friend, Charles Chatman of Lynn, who is visiting him, had poor luck fishing a few days ago, having got only five pickerel.

George S. Day, the milk dealer, has had a hard fight to save one of his team horses, which has been sick for over two months with lockjaw, but the horse has shown a decided improvement the past few weeks, and is beginning to look slick and fat. Dr. F. A. Davis had charge of the case, and it would seem that he could be termed a specialist, for this is the third case of this kind in town which he has succeeded in curing, and most cases were caused by nail wounds.

The hand chemicals put out a stubborn chimney fire at the residence of F. H. Whitney, South street, Thursday morning. Mr. Whitney discovered it about 7:30, and asking central to summon aid, he did what he could himself to prevent the woodwork from catching fire. The Hayes' farm being the nearest point where fire department extinguishers are stored, Messrs. Edward and Thomas Hayes were quickly on the scene, and Mr. Whitney having got the ladders all ready, quick work was done.

In Prescott hall, Tuesday evening, January 25, at eight o'clock, a lecture will be given under the auspices of the Woman's club. Subject, "Latest news from Mars," by Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd. It is a public lecture and everyone is invited. Mrs. Todd occupies a unique position in science. She has aided her husband, Professor Todd, in many of his travels to all parts of the earth, and besides being the only white woman ever in many of these places. She is distinguished as a writer on these matters.

Mrs. Esther Shattuck, who has been so ill with pneumonia, is surprising her friends by a steady recovery.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will hold a food sale, Friday afternoon, January 28, at three o'clock, at the home of Mrs. David Cuthbertson, corner of Mill and Main streets.

Angus Cuthbertson and family have moved to Fitchburg, where they lived through the summer. Mr. Cuthbertson having accepted a position in one of the large mills there.

The fireman's ball is to be next Friday evening in the opera house. Splendid music is to be furnished by Nevers' Second Regiment band of Concord, N. H.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church held their annual election of officers, Wednesday, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. I. J. Rowell, pres.; Mrs. J. Andrews, vice-pres.; Mrs. G. V. Pierce, sec.; Mrs. D. E. Weston, treas.

The District Nurse is surely forming the character of success, with \$425 subscribed. A public meeting is called for next Monday evening, January 23, in Saunders' hall, to form a permanent association.

Mrs. Amos J. Saunders, who has been ill with bronchitis for a few weeks at the home of her son, J. A. Saunders, High street, is reported improving.

Mrs. A. T. Stewart is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Marston and family, at Melrose.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Pepperell Card and Paper Co. was held at their office, Wednesday, January 19, and the following officers were elected: Waldo Spaulding, pres.; Rainford Deware, vice-pres. and treas.; Archibald G. Pike, clerk; Rainford Deware, Waldo Spaulding, Fitch D. Chandler, directors. A dividend of six dollars per share was declared on all stock outstanding, payable February 1.

From present appearances the bal masque that the George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Co. are to conduct on Tuesday evening next at Ayer town hall is due to be very successful, as many have already made known their intention of being present.

Advertise in the East Pepperell postoffice, January 17. E. Frank Jacobs, E. R. Mountain, A. Welch.

The card of thanks in another column is to rectify last week's error.

The telephone directories are being distributed to subscribers. If you do not get one, kindly tell central.

Has Done Good Work.

Characteristic politics that seem to about hit, a peculiar condition which has shown its existence after the two large snow storms just ended, but one only has to travel over the streets to appreciate that for the quantity of snow and the peculiar condition of extensive roads, our present superintendent has done good work, and perhaps many do not know that he has had to contend with unbelievable opposition. In many districts the road remained unbroken until Sunday, as it is understood those who usually use their teams to plow out would not do so. And teams which did other districts had to be sent to these. It reflects on the town and not on our man in charge of the work. He was elected by a very large majority and may he always be right, but right or wrong he should not be hampered in executing the necessary obligations of the town. This diffidence of spirit is not true of the entire town, for in many sections the streets were placed in splendid condition a few hours after the storm ceased, and the sidewalks were passable early.

About Town.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, January 27, at 2:30 o'clock. Business meeting at three o'clock prompt.

Elmer Foss has returned home from Swampscott for the balance of the winter. He has held the position of chauffeur for Mrs. Phillips of that place until the close of the season. Since arriving he has resumed his work on wireless telegraphy. He already has an aerial shaft which when completed will be about eighty feet high.

John Keegan of Bellamy's New London store is in charge during the absence of Mr. Reynolds for a few days.

Lane Bros., the well-known clothiers, offer unusual bargains at their ten days' sale.

E. A. Williams, Park-st., has had a telephone installed in his residence.

A lot of young ladies and gentlemen from here attended the coopers' ball at Townsend, Thursday.

Stenstream & DeLoid have an attractive line of a new style oil or gasoline can. Read their advertisement.

Last week Thursday evening, while Fred Bancroft was out on his route delivering bread, he received a painful injury to his shoulder. Something gave way about the sleigh. In jumping to catch the horse, Mr. Bancroft slipped and fell, striking his shoulder against the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and their children of Boston have been visiting his brother, P. F. Sullivan of Townsend-st., the past week.

Born Monday, January 17, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Chapman of Shirley-st.

LITTLETON.

Back-Log Club.

The whist party of the Backlog club was held with Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell in their beautiful new house on King street, last week Thursday evening. One hundred and three members and other guests enjoyed the hospitality of host and hostess, who took this occasion for a house warming that was delightfully complete in every particular.

At the close of the card playing fees were served with cake and fancy wafers. The evening passed very quickly and the good old-fashioned singing that was suggested for the concluding feature of the evening entertainment had to be indefinitely postponed. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell, and the president announced the next number on the Backlog schedule as the drama of January 27 and 28.

News Items.

Henry Ramsdell recently entertained at his home Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Stuart, and Mrs. M. A. Miles of Boston, who had very lately arrived from an extended trip through the west, where she visited her daughter in Salt Lake City. Dinner was served and an enjoyable time was spent. Miss Esther Ramsdell furnished music for the party. The hostess, Miss Susie Wood, in her agreeable way made the occasion very pleasant for all.

The Complimentary Ball club has met and elected for officers Charles F. Johnson, pres.; Karlton Priest, sec. and treas.; J. H. D. Whitcomb, music committee.

Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb of Somerville is visiting at her son Nahum's in Newton.

Mrs. Mary Kimball Harlow is reported convalescent.

The Knights and Ladies of King Arthur's Court were treated to a sleigh-ride to Groton last Wednesday night by Nahum H. Whitcomb. They were entertained at the Groton Inn.

The Lincoln class of the Baptist church invited the Sunday school to a sleigh-ride followed on their return by an oyster supper in the vestry last Thursday night.

The Farther Lights will meet next Wednesday evening with Miss Annie Godfrey.

Don't forget the food sale at the Baptist vestry this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There will be also a table of valentine post cards.

Thursday evening the Woman's Bible class enjoyed a pleasant social hour and supper at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Frank E. Briggs. Mrs. Favor was their guest of honor.

Orthodox Church News.

The pastor will preach a sermon Sunday morning upon "The mission of the christian church and the message of the modern church minister." In the evening he will speak upon "The demands of the christian life."

Monday evening Rev. Paul G. Favore preaches the sermon at the Methodist Church in Somerville, where Union Evangelistic services are to be held for three weeks under the direction of the Chapman Alexander evangelists, Rev. A. S. Gray, D. D., being the leader of the campaign.

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\$10.00 Suits \$6.66 \$12.00 Suits \$8.50 \$15.00 Suits \$10.00
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One week from next Sunday four persons will unite with the church. By letter, Friend A. McMurtrie. On confession of faith, Mrs. Friend A. McMurtrie, Miss Evelyn Wellesley, Henry Works.

Tuesday afternoon a council of ministers meet to discuss the pastor of the Congregational church.

SHIRLEY.

Entertainment. The Newton Sunday quartet will give its popular concert under the auspices of the Phi Beta class in the Baptist church, Monday evening, January 31.

This entertainment has been given with great success in Chelsea, Wakefield, Littleton and in the First Baptist church, Boston. So highly were the people pleased in the last two-mentioned places that they requested return concerts. The boys' voices blend with remarkable sweetness and melody, and the selections are both classical and of a mirth-provoking order.

Besides the quartet numbers there will be solos by the lyrical tenor, Mr. Covell; also the rich baritone, Mr. Thomas and the deep and mellow bass, Mr. Bassett.

Readings will be given by Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Bassett. Mr. Drew of Littleton, who sang in the quartet last year, will be present to assist in the concert.

If you wish to hear good music and enjoy a hearty laugh, come and hear the boys.

TOWNSEND.

Center. A fair night and good sleighing ushered in the eighth annual concert and ball given by the Cooper's Union, C. I. A., Thursday evening, at Memorial hall. Harry E. Brigham's orchestra gave an excellent concert from eight to nine, after which dancing was enjoyed by a large party. A cold meat and oyster supper was served in the banquet hall at intermission. The grand march was led by Robert Cope-

land and Mrs. G. P. Estes. It was the largest party for several years.

A sleighing party from Lunenburg enjoyed a good time and supper at the Park hotel, Wednesday night, and another one is on Thursday's schedule.

One of the small Merrick twins is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Colby were called to Dunbarton, N. H., by the death of a relative this week.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. George A. Ladd is serving as petit juror for the January term of the superior court, held at Manchester.

C. F. Worcester, who has been in poor health for several months, left home last week for Florida, hoping the change of climate will restore him to his usual good health. He expects to remain some time with his uncle, Charles H. Worcester, who resides in Florida permanently.

Mrs. Perley A. Powers received a telegram, Friday, a. m., January 14, notifying her of the sudden death of her father, Mr. Andrews of Meriden, Conn. It is only six weeks since Mrs. Powers' mother passed away while visiting her daughter in Hollis. Mrs. Andrews retired for the night in her usual health and expired suddenly before morning. The father returned to his home at that time and followed his wife in this short time. Dr. and Mrs. Powers went to Meriden at once. Mrs. Powers' many friends deeply sympathize with her in this double bereavement.

Rev. C. H. Davis, who has taken quite ill two weeks ago, has not yet fully recovered his usual good health. He is suffering from a bad throat, which makes it very difficult to speak in public. Notwithstanding this difficulty he gave an able sermon last Sunday, but was assisted in the opening services by Deacon F. A. Lovejoy.

C. J. Bell, C. E. Hardy and G. F. Hills attended the Farmers' Institute, held in Exeter, January 13, under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture.

Items of Interest.

"Conditions are changing fast in the Near East," writes Consul-General Rayndal from Beirut. "Within the memory of Americans still living in Beirut this city could not boast a single window pane. Beirut of the present age has modern palaces, colleges, newspapers, post and telegraph services and street lights. Twenty-five years ago there was not a single carriage in Beirut, and the ladies made their afternoon calls mounted on donkeys. Today there are six hundred licensed victorias in Beirut, besides numerous private vehicles, including some automobiles, electric street cars and railroads."

The tobacco grown in the United States is of two general types or classes: (1) Cigar tobacco and (2) chewing, smoking, snuff and export tobacco. In 1908 something more than 150 million pounds of cigar tobacco was grown in the United States and nearly four times the amount of the other types.

In 1801 there was in Europe only twenty-two cities which had more than 100,000 inhabitants. These were London, Dublin, Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Vienna, Naples, Rome, Milan, Venice, Palermo, Madrid, Barcelona, Lisbon, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Copenhagen and Constantinople. Two only of these cities had more than 500,000—London, 950,000, and Paris, 600,000. Naples came third, with 350,000, and Vienna fourth, with 230,000.

The immigration increase at Boston this year, over last, has been heavy. The alien arrivals numbered 55,131 as compared with 32,659 a year ago, or a gain of 22,472.

The sending of the young women of China to foreign countries for their education is sure to bring about in due time a wonderful change in the home life of China, for they are sure to bring back with them broader ideas of its duties, and of the place of woman in the nation's economy.

The imports for the port of Boston for the week ending December 31 were valued at \$2,196,872. Exports for the same period were valued at \$1,324,416.