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Model 39, Body-Touring type with fore doors. Wheel Base, 116 inches. Tires, 36 x 4. Cylinders, four, 4-1-2 x 5. Splittorf Magneto and dry cells. Price, \$1850.

Model 38, Same as Model 39, only Roadster type. Seats two persons.

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We are now ready to show you an unusually fine lot of Stylish Suits and Overcoats made for us by Schaffner & Marx for the coming season.

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HANDSOME STYLISH OVERCOATS cut in the latest smart designs and made of newest fabrics. They come in the rich mixture and stripe effects in a variety of colors. They are cut full and long and are made with the new convertible collars. When the weather is cold and stormy you button the collar snugly up under the chin, when pleasant you turn your collar down and wear it in regular overcoat style.

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MEN'S FANCY OVERCOATS

\$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.00

YOUTH'S FANCY OVERCOATS

\$8.47, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

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\$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

Fur Coats

A big line of Fur Coats of every kind. Just what a man who drives or runs an auto ought to have. Our prices are below the market value and are really splendid values for the prices asked. Every coat is a selected garment and is guaranteed in every way. They come in Dog Skin, Cub Bear, Galloway, Horse and Coon skin.

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Coon Skin, Selected Coats, good colors, \$65.00 and \$75.00

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We have an immense line of Coat Sweaters for Boys and Men, and for Women and Children. All the popular colors and many are genuine bargains at the price asked.

Men's—79c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00, \$4.00.
Boys'—79c., 98c., \$1.50 and \$2.50.
Ladies'—\$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
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Horse Blankets and Robes

We carry the famous and well-known line of 5A Blankets. A very large line to select from.

Stable Blankets, \$1.00 to \$3.00
Street Blankets, 2.00 to 5.00
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Men's and Young Men's Suits

Our display of Fall and Winter Suits will please you. We are showing the new things for the season. The fabrics are of the best materials and the makes are among the best in the land.

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The most complete line of heavy underwear to be found in this section. It includes all the well-known makes in wool and fleece-lined.

Men's Double Breasted Fleece, High Rock make, extra heavy-weight, we are offering at same old price—no advance—they are worth 75c. per garment. Our price 50c.

Men's Fleece-lined, single breasted 50c.
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Men's Woolen Underwear 50c. to \$1.50
Boys' Fleece-lined 25c. and 50c.
Boys' Woolen 50c.
Men's Union Suits \$1.00 to \$3.00
Boys' Union Suits 50c. to \$1.00

The next meeting comes on December 8, subject, "Household economics," by Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman. The place of meeting will be announced.

Sentenced for Assault

Joseph Menucho, an Italian residing on Tinker hill, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction at the Ayer court last week Friday morning, for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Menucho worked as a section hand on the railroad and boarded with an Italian known as Tony. Menucho came home on Sunday evening of last week and started in to abuse Tony and his wife. Finally pulling out a razor, he attacked Tony's wife, but after a hard struggle he was ejected from the house.

Forrest Hooper was sent for, but before he arrived Menucho made his escape. Constable Hooper finally laid a scheme to get him to return to Shirley last week Thursday and upon his arrival he was placed under arrest and spent over night in the lockup, and his conviction followed.

Bowling

Ayer bowling team came to Shirley on Tuesday evening to play the regular scheduled game listed in the Trolley league series and Shirley won out by capturing every point in the contest, taking three straight and the highest total pinfall. The first string was a close one, and was won by the narrow margin of two pins, Shirley rolling 436 as against 434 for Ayer.

On the second string both teams scored lower than on the first, Shirley registering 430 as against 411 for Ayer. The third and last string was recorded for Shirley with a total of 422 as against 418 for Ayer, which gave Shirley a total of 1288 pins as against 1263 for Ayer.

Day of the Shirley team was the high individual roller of the evening, scoring 274, closely followed by Collyer, who rolled a total of 271. Reynolds was high for the losers with a total of 269, and Robbins was the lowest bowler, scoring 225. Collyer and Fitzgerald were the only players who reached the century mark in a single string. This is the first game won by Shirley in the Trolley league series so far this season. The summary:

SHIRLEY.			
Burrill	81	56	83-250
Cook	89	83	78-251
Collyer	85	109	86-271
O'Sullivan	88	77	77-242
Day	92	84	98-274
436 430 422-1288			
AYER.			
Robbins	65	79	81-225
Reynolds	81	84	71-246
Day	87	83	80-260
Reynolds	89	91	89-269
Fitzgerald	102	74	87-263
434 411 418-1263			

The new Y. M. C. A. bowling team of Fitchburg, that met defeat recently on the Shirley alleys, secured their revenge on Tuesday evening, when the Shirley team visited Fitchburg and was defeated on the association alleys by the Y. M. C. A. quintet, which captured two of the three strings and excelled in total pinfall 1239 to 1220. The victory of the Fitchburg team was due chiefly to the good rolling of Fales, who turned in two strings over the century mark and a three string total of 305. LaRose was high roller for the losers with a total of 254. The score:

Y. M. C. A.			
Perry	68	78	96-242
Bingham	84	79	79-242
Hardy	72	75	75-219
Lord	73	79	79-231
Fales	96	105	104-305
393 416 430-1239			
SHIRLEY.			
McGinnis	74	96	78-248
Bastion	78	71	77-228
LaRose	90	83	81-254
Trembley	81	80	79-240
Gately	83	80	87-250
406 410 402-1220			

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

A minstrel show will be staged at I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening, November 22, by the boys of the Industrial school, under the direction of U. H. Barrows, leader of the Industrial school band, for the benefit of the baseball team. Sale of reserved seat tickets at the store of Brockelman Bros. on Saturday, November 19, at one p. m. sharp.

Albe Annis has been draw on the jury and will report for duty at the superior court, Cambridge, on next Monday.

Charles Petersen is equipping his home with a fine new bathroom.

Mrs. Nellie Ford has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. John H. Logue.

Mrs. Sarah J. Warner, who makes her home with Mrs. Arthur E. Felch of Harvard road, quietly observed her eighty-first birthday on Thursday, November 17. Neighbors and friends who knew of this fact called during the day to extend greetings. Mrs. Felch, who has always been very kind to Mrs. Warner, was busy during the day assisting in every way to make the occasion a pleasant one for Mrs. Warner.

A Very Interesting Meeting.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening in the church vestry. A fine supper was served at 6.30 under the direction of the committee—John M. Stevenson, chairman, John M. Leopold, Oliver W. Balcom, J. Walker Ward and Russell Miner.

At the close of the supper hour, the president, Elmer H. Allen, presided, and the routine business of the Brotherhood was disposed of. The sad death and loss to the Brotherhood of Melvin W. Longley was then sadly related by the president, when Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, representing the committee on resolutions on the death of Mr. Longley, read the following which was unanimously adopted:

That in the death of Melvin W. Longley, the Brotherhood has lost a member

who by precept and example lived a true man's life. We feel we can best honor his memory by emulating his example. To all that was good he gave his greatest endeavors. That this tribute to his worth be given a place on the records of the Brotherhood and a copy of the resolutions sent to his family.

Elmer H. Allen, Joseph H. McClellan and Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, committee.

The president then introduced as the speaker of the evening, W. J. H. Nourse of Worcester, who accompanied the expedition to the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum, Africa. Mr. Nourse was interesting and he thrilled his hearers through and through as he related that famous trip up the Nile to Khartoum, only to arrive one day too late after a year of hardships and sufferings in making the trip. It was one of the most interesting of Brotherhood have ever been privileged to listen to.

Recount.

As a result of the recount of the ballots for congressman in the fourth district in this town last Saturday afternoon, Mitchell made a net gain of two votes for the regular term. Three ballots which had been counted for Wilder were thrown out and one which had been credited to Mitchell was also declared improperly marked. There was no change in the count for the short term. The vote as it now stands in this town is: Regular term Wilder, 107; Mitchell, 79; unexpired term, Wilder, 107; Mitchell, 77.

The recount was made by the board of registrars. Wilder and Mitchell were each represented by attorneys.

Alliance Meeting.

It was a Julia Ward Howe afternoon at the Alliance meeting held at the home of Miss Agnes M. Holden on last week Thursday. There was a good attendance and some fine quotations on the subject were given. The chief paper was a very sympathetic sketch of Mrs. Howe's life by Dr. Ellen E. Schenck, who was personally acquainted with her. Others gave personal reminiscences which were of interest. The meeting closed with singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

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We shall be ready to receive Apples on Monday, Sept. 26, and would call your attention to the improvement recently made whereby 10 wagons can be unloaded at one time without delay.

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Saturday, November 19, 1910.

WESTFORD.

Center.

The stores of Wright & Fletcher and J. Herbert Fletcher will close hereafter at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings as well as on Thursday evenings. The townspeople will bear in mind that as soon as the evening mail is sorted and delivered on these evenings the stores will be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and their little son John of Concord, N. H., have recently enjoyed a few days' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard.

Mrs. William Sutherland's many friends are glad that she has recovered from her recent serious illness.

Albert Waller, who came east and spent the summer with his parents, has returned to San Francisco, Cal., where he has a good position as an electrician with a telephone company.

Edward Hamlin is able to be out and at work again after being disabled several weeks with a badly injured eye. While cutting glass a silver flew and struck the eye ball. Later a bad abscess formed, causing much pain and inconvenience and the care of a Lowell eye specialist.

Miss Grace Lumbert returned last week from Littleton where she has been in her professional capacity and went the following day to Oxford, to be gone several weeks.

A recent enterprise of the ladies of the Congregational church was to supplement the work of the faithful janitor with general cleaning day. Paint, windows, etc., received some thorough attention and Eliot Humiston demonstrated the efficiency of his new vacuum cleaner by going over the entire surface of the church carpet, removing a great amount of fine dust.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright have entertained as their initial guest in their new home, Mrs. Wright's father, Cyrus Hosmer of Wakefield, for several days.

Through the courtesy of Superintendent L. H. Cushing of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co., the Westford patrons are not to be debarred from all evening service between the Centre and Brookside. Mr. Cushing has arranged with the selectmen to have a late Saturday night car from Brookside to Westford Centre, the fare to be twenty cents for the round trip to Brookside. This plan is to be put into operation for the first time this Saturday evening, November 19, and if \$2.00 can be realized for each round trip it will be continued in operation.

Mrs. John B. Fletcher has closed her house and gone for the winter to stay with her niece, Mrs. Edith Fletcher, of Wilson of Chelmsford.

The old First Parish church is completing its improvement by installing the town water supply. The house occupied by Mrs. Lillian Lumbert was also equipped in like manner last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth went to Cambridge last Saturday for the Dartmouth-Harvard football game and afterward went to Winchester and spent Sunday with the Henry Hildreths.

The Thimble club met with Mrs. William L. Woods in her pleasant new home on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and true to its name the members carried thimbles and worked on window draperies for their hostess.

The total eclipse of the splendid harvest moon on Wednesday evening was much appreciated by the interested ones. The fine copper tints were particularly in evidence.

The newly-installed telephone service for the south part of the town is completed and the following families are enjoying the service: Mrs. Sarah J. Drew, A. H. Burnham, Augustus Bunce, C. H. Bicknell, George A. Kimball, D. J. McLeod, Harry L. Nesmith, Fred H. Shary, James D. Wilson, T. A. E. Wilson, Erving C. West. The line for the Angus McDonald and David Desmond families will soon be completed and ready for use.

The official census figures, which have just been announced by the census bureau at Washington, give the town of Westford a population of 2,851, a gain of 227 people in ten years, the population in 1900 being 2,624.

A new basketball team has been organized by the academy students under the direction of Principal Coggeshall, which promises well for an interesting schedule of games.

Obituary.

It was with a feeling of genuine sadness that the announcement went through the community on Monday of the death of Harwood Wright. Mr. Wright was advanced in years and had not been in good health for a long time and for the last six weeks had been confined to his room with heart trouble. Saturday he had suffered a bad attack but had rallied somewhat, and at the last he died peacefully.

Nahum Harwood Wright was born in Littleton, September 15, 1831, being the fifth child in a family of eight children of Ezekiel Conant and Susan Stevens Wright. He was educated in the public schools of Littleton and Lowell. In early manhood he was for a number of years an engineer on the Boston and Lowell railway, as it was then called. During this time he met with a serious accident which nearly cost him his life, but after recovering from this continued in that capacity for about a year when he took charge for a number of years of the milk car which at the present time is managed by the D. Whiting & Sons Co.

Mr. Wright was afterward associated with the late Arthur Wright in the grocery business at Graniterville

and later with the late Sherman D. Fletcher and his son, Sherman H. Fletcher, which for many years has been the firm of Wright & Fletcher. Mr. Wright's son, Harwood L., having succeeded him in the partnership when he retired a few years ago.

Mr. Wright has lived for the past forty years at Westford Centre. He has filled many offices of trust and responsibility; that of selectman, and for twenty-three consecutive years held the office of town treasurer, resigning in 1909, when his son Harwood L. succeeded to the office.

Mr. Wright was a member of William North lodge of Masons and also of the Pilgrim Commandery of Knights Templars of Lowell. He was married in 1857 to Miss Abby Livingston, who died January 24, 1896.

He is survived by two sons, Henry M. Wright of Quincy, principal of the English high school of that place, and Harwood L. Wright of this town, who succeeds his father in the firm of Wright & Fletcher; also, one grandson, Livingston Wright.

Mr. Wright was a man of sterling integrity in all his dealings, of innate courtesy and genial kindness, leaving to those who come after him a blessed heritage of upright manhood, and to the community a keen sense of loss for a good man gone from their midst.

Tadmuck Club.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club met in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. This change of meeting place was for the availability of a piano for the musical numbers on the program that had been prepared. The program for the afternoon was the first in the series for the winter's special study of Spanish North America and was "The Aztecs and Montezumas," with Miss Edith M. Lawrence as chairman. It took more than an unfortunately chilly vestry to cool the appreciation of the excellence of the two papers prepared, the first by Miss Lawrence on the Aztecs, and the second by Miss Bertha H. Norris on Montezumas. From a wealth of material Miss Lawrence and Miss Norris had culled the salient features of interest concerning these early dwellers of Mexico and their customs and their kings Montezuma first and second.

The program was pleasingly interspersed with solos by Miss Winifred Burnham and Miss Adith Carter, accompanied at the piano by Miss Julia Fletcher.

Miss Lawrence had tastefully decorated the rooms with yellow chrysanthemums and greenery. Rev. Mr. Bailey who exchanged with Miss Lawrence will give his afternoon "The minister in fiction," on February 21. It was fitting that Tuesday afternoon's subject should come as an introductory number to the season's study.

At the next meeting, November 19, Miss Edith Foster will continue the subject with the special topic, "Cuba and her neighbors under Spanish and American rule." Mrs. Oliver Wellington Priest of Portsmouth, N. H., who sang so charmingly for the club last afternoon will be the vocalist of the afternoon, and the meeting will be held at the same place as on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas F. Fisher of Lowell has been admitted into membership in the club and Mrs. Fred A. Sweatt of Forge Village has had her name placed on the waiting list for the first vacancy.

Forge Village.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 4.15 p. m., Sunday, November 20, instead of 4.30 p. m., the usual hour in the past.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, the new pastor of the Mission, was in the village during the week, making calls on his new parishioners.

Batters have been put up for four new cottages on Union street, to be built by the Abbot Worsted Co.

Ground has been broken and cellar being dug for the building of a house on the land recently purchased by Midase Canton on the same street.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon, and after the usual routine, a dainty and most enjoyable luncheon was served.

The engagements are announced of the following young ladies of this village: Miss Janie Cotterill to Albert E. Jones of Worcester; Miss Rene Northrup to John Morton of Lowell; Miss Elizabeth Orton to Ephraim Vicars of Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Lucretia Reed and her sister, Mrs. Mary L. Drake, visited friends in Beverly today.

Mrs. Miller received word on Friday of the death of her sister in Lawrence. Mrs. Miller is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Death.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Kavanaugh, wife of William Kavanaugh, took place on Friday morning of last week, from her home on Bradford street, at 8.30. A high mass was celebrated at St. Catherine's church at nine o'clock, and Rev. M. E. Doherty officiated. The choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sang the Gregorian chant. At the offertory, the choir sang "Pie Jesu," and as the body was borne from the church, sang the "Te Deum." Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

The bearers were John McNiff, Thomas May, James May, James Burnes, William Venn and Thomas Finn. A large number of friends and neighbors were present at the church.

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About Town.

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Mrs. Leonard Walker of Groton was a recent guest at the old stand-pat Walker homestead on Main street.

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Charles W. Whitney on the Lowell road has disposed of his milk route at West Chelmsford to William C. Edwards, Peter Lull and others.

With favoring moons and stars, winds and roads, the fair of the old First Parish church last week Friday afternoon and evening, moved right along to \$212 net profit point, which helps much towards much. Rev. L. H. Brickshorn, a farmer minister, was present at the fair and was much shaken by the tokens of unforgetting associations. The Rosindale orchestra of Lowell did much lively work with musical instruments, and youthful townfolk did much lively work of a pretty twirl in answering it.

C. R. P. Decatur, as per order of the school committee, has moved the furnace in the Stony Brook school to the Nabnasset school. Better move the windows also. It will save much target shooting with the stones, accompanied by the small boys. Bang, bang are the windows now, nice little row.

Frederick A. Snow of West Chelmsford, of chilly name and genial fame, has added the telephone as an entertainer. This, with the recent baby carriage entertainer, makes life very much awake and desirable. He is now equipped to receive messages and interpret them in terms of business, pleasure or duty.

It would blend with the Thanksgiving spirit at the annual appointed day next Thursday, if our remembrance was not all turkey for home consumption: Let the tariff come off for the day.

Parkerville and rural suburbs are still without rapid transit, but the newly-installed telephone provides them with rapid means of talking and thirteen families have gone at it on line thirty-six.

Prices are tumbling, but the tariff is not. How is this? Come explain politicians.

Death.

Many residents in town will be saddened to learn of the sudden death in New York city, of Mrs. Isadore F. Virgin. She was the wife of Rev. Samuel H. Virgin, D. D., who for many years was minister of the Congregational church in Harlem, N. Y. For many years their summer residence had been in West Chelmsford at the homestead of her father; the late William Blodgett, and where about ten years ago they built the spacious new house. In the delightful summer days they were almost daily seen on the wooded roads of Westford by trout brook and lake.

Mrs. Virgin leaves besides her husband, two children, Dr. Fred A. Virgin of New York city, and Mrs. Miriam V. Ravee of Cambridge, who is the wife of Rev. Vincent Ravee, formerly of the village church at West Chelmsford; also, three grandchildren, Vincent, Catherine and Nora Ravee.

The funeral and burial took place on Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Auburn. Several of the old resident families of West Chelmsford were present. She was in her sixty-fifth year. The home, village and church life of this rural community are mutual mourners as they were mutual by influence.

Recount.

The board of registrars met on Monday evening at the selectmen's room to recount the votes for congressman from the fourth district and senator from the seventh district, as petitioned for by disappointed candidates. George T. Day and Charles L. Hildreth represented Mr. Wilder and Lawyer O'Sullivan of Lowell represented Mr. Mitchell. In the senatorial count, John A. Healey of Graniteville represented candidate Kiely of Lynn and the board of registrars represented candidate Bennett of Saugus. The recount revealed no material change from the returns of the election officers. Both candidates for congress lost one vote each for the long term. By recount Wilder has 194 for the long term and 195 for the short term; Mitchell has 144 for the long term and 159 for the short term. Lawyer O'Sullivan contested eight votes for Wilder. The recount for senator, the returns of the election officers was confirmed.

An Old Historic Church.

The dedication of the memorial window to be placed in the First Parish church, the gift of Col. Edwin D. Metcalf, in memory of his mother, will take place on Sunday afternoon, November 27, it being the anniversary of the organization of the church and ordination of the first minister, Rev. Willard Hall, November 27, 1727. This old historic church with its gilded spire ever pointing towards greater light, has stood the ebb and flow in the problems of faith, discipline and finance. "And having done all, stand." Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston, of fragrant Westford academy memories, will give the address. The choir are rehearsing special music and will be assisted by Alfred E. Prescott of Boston. Col. Metcalf will also be present and add to the effectiveness of memories tribute.

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No More Ashes To Lug

No clumsy pan to spill dust and dirt on the kitchen floor.

The Glenwood Ash Chute

solves the problem. It is located just beneath the grate and connected by a sheet iron pipe straight down through the kitchen floor to ash barrel in cellar. No part is in sight. Not a particle of dust can escape. Just slide the damper once each day and drop the ashes directly into the ash barrel. This is only one of the splendid improvements of the new plan

Cabinet Glenwood

This Range can be had with Elevated or End Gas Range Attachments or if gas is not desired, with Large Copper Reservoir on the end opposite fire box. It can be furnished with fire box at either right or left of oven as ordered. It Makes Cooking Easy.

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which included a few of the townspeople. A goodly number were also present from out-of-town. The merry party broke up at a late hour. The newly-wedded couple will make their home in Taunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Shea of Manchester, N. H., were visitors in town last Sunday.

Miss May Warren of Cambridge was a visitor last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ida M. Warren.

Arthur E. Felch of Harvard road has installed electric lights in his home.

John Pomfret of Hudson, was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret, last Sunday.

Following the usual custom, Rev. J. H. Cote is making his annual visits at the homes of his parishioners, commencing last Sunday afternoon and continuing his visits every evening this week. While visiting Fr. Cote accepted offerings toward the church debt.

The population of Shirley according to the last census is 2,139.

George Leger and George Dugas of Fitchburg were visitors at the home of Philip Leger last Sunday.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, where she has been in attendance at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, as a delegate.

Miss Emma Knowles spent last Sunday with Miss Liberta Kolowrath in Littleton.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff, who has been confined at home for the past two months with sciatic rheumatism, seems to have had a very slight change for the better.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker started for Washington, D. C., on Tuesday to join her husband.

The George Wilson family will soon vacate the cottage they moved into on Lancaster road as the parties who purchased the Thomas Hazen farm want the cottage for their hired man.

Miss Mabel Hazen, who is teacher of Latin in New Haven, will be at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Arthur Jubb was brought home on Wednesday. Mrs. Jubb's case is hopeless, being pronounced incurable.

A rubber coat, boots and hat belonging to the gate tender, Joseph Provost, were taken from the flag shanty in Depot square sometime during Monday night. Mr. Parmenter, who tends this crossing, says by mistake the door was left unlocked, thus giving the thief easy access. There is no clue as yet as to who did the trick.

Walter Rogers of Tennessee, and John Mohaffey of Georgia, students at Harvard college, were guests of Eugene N. Livermore on Sunday. It was their first visit to New England village. Both of the young men are graduates of Piedmont college, Demorest, Georgia.

Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday, November 20, at 11.15 a. m. Mr. Cooke will also preach the sermon at the five o'clock union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church on the same date.

The Shirley Oracle has eight times the circulation of any other paper in the town of Shirley.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—Children's Sewing. E. J. BRICK, Leighton Street, East Peppercell, Mass. 1110.

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NOTICE—49 Horse Blankets at cost for next ten days only. Concord, Express and Democrat Wagons, Canopy Top, Surrey and Top Buggies, Double Team Harness and Harness of all kinds, Robes, Whips and Horse Goods, 1 Double-runner Express Pump, Single Belcher, Etc. F. B. FLECH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Ayer, Mass. Tel. 84-2, 1110.

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Special Priced Decorated Dinner Set, 112 Pieces, was \$15.00, now \$10.00

Covered Vegetable Dishes 50c., 69c. and 89c. each
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 Sauce and Oatmeal Dishes 5c. and 10c. each
 Tumblers 2 for 5c., 5c. and 10c. each
 Carving Sets, 2 pieces 39c., 69c. and 98c. each

Kitchen Supplies

Special Priced Blue, White-Lined Berlln 14 qt. Sauce Pots, were \$1.75, now \$1.20

Reed Roasters \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.40 each
 Sheet Iron Roasters \$1.00 each
 Chicken Pie Pans 18c., 25c. and 50c. each
 Silver Steel and Turquoise Blue Enamel Stew Pans 30c., 35c., 40c. and 60c. each
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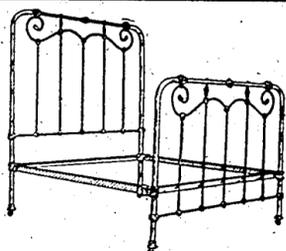
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Dover	11:15 pm
Exeter	11:30 pm
Lawrence	11:45 pm
Haverhill	12:00 am
Lowell	12:15 am
Andover	12:30 am
Amherst	12:45 am
Ayer	1:00 am
Worcester	1:15 am
Arrive New York City	12:25 am

EASTBOUND	
Leave New York City	11:40 pm
Arrive Worcester	12:00 am
Lowell	12:15 am
Amherst	12:30 am
Andover	12:45 am
Haverhill	1:00 am
Lawrence	1:15 am
Dover	1:30 am
Exeter	1:45 am
Kennebunk	2:00 am
Biddeford	2:15 am
Portland	2:30 am

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The Congregational Brotherhood observed ladies' night, Friday evening, November 11. About forty were in attendance, including several invited guests. A tempting oyster supper was served. Rev. Charles E. White of Amherst was the guest of honor and gave an inspiring address, taking for his subject, "The advance of the water wagon."

During the past week hunters' licenses have been issued to Rollo Austin, George Farwell, Grover C. Farwell and Harry Burton.

Mrs. Whittaker of Madison, Me., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frances Emery.

Clarence A. Hobart of Nashua is spending a few days at the W. A. Hobart cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish have entertained Mrs. Charles Wheeler and grandson Harold of Amherst, Harry Gerrish, Mrs. George Felch and Mrs. Peterson of Ayer.

Miss Marion A. Stiles spent the week-end and Sunday at home from Nashua.

Miss Gertrude Willey and Harry S. Powers spent Sunday at the Powers homestead.

Hillcrest is closed for the season and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence are at Boston for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yarrick are at Waltham for the winter.

One of the driving horses owned by Walter E. Corey, stepped on a nail and has been suffering with a severe lameness.

Mrs. Adelaide Markham Bean and Miss Helen Cairne of Methuen have been guests of Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse.

The young people of the Methodist society gave the comedy of "Brother Josiah" at the town hall at Hollis on the evening of November 11, meeting with success.

Our enterprising farmer, Freeman E. Wright, won three premiums at the New England corn show at Worcester on Thursday, November 10. He secured the first premium for ten ears, the second premium for ten ears, and the third premium for one ear.

The Loyal Workers met at the Seaver homestead on Wednesday afternoon, November 16, and sewed for the children of Deibert Porter. At the previous meeting there were fifteen in attendance and a large amount of work was accomplished.

Roman catholic services were held at Tarbell's hall on Sunday morning, Rev. Fr. Marshall of Milford officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Cochran announce the marriage of their daughter, Lulu Minnette, to Joseph L. Gifford on Friday, November 11, at Wollaston, Mass.

Mrs. Emma Valedge and daughter Ruth, are at Rockland, Mass., to remain until after Thanksgiving.

An institute for teachers in the elementary schools, under the direction of the State Department of Public Instruction, was held at Tarbell's hall on Friday, November 18.

At the Sunday morning service at the Methodist church, the rite of baptism was conferred by Rev. James N. Seaver upon Clayton Truell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Truell; also the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barker and Miss Helen Pratt. Miss Helen Pratt and Charles Fagan united with the church in full profession. Communion was observed at the evening service. District Superintendent R. T. Wolcott officiating and preaching the sermon.

Representative elect, Edward C. Tucker is the son of Joseph C. and Mary Campbell Tucker, and was born in Brookline, July 1, 1848. He attended the public schools in Brookline and Boston, Lawrence academy, Grotton, Mass., and Bryant & Stratton's business college, Boston. In early manhood he was employed in the wholesale department of Jordan, Marsh & Co., Boston; also, associated with his father in the grocery business on Blackstone street, Boston. For the past forty years he has resided at the Tucker homestead at Brookline. He has served as selectman, town clerk, supervisor and held several other town offices. He married Ella Wade of Boston and they have one daughter, Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy, Mass.

Grange.

Wednesday evening, November 9, was an evening with the "Stewards," at the local grange. Deputy Fred Dudley of Hollis was in attendance and inspected the grange. The following program under the direction of Mrs. Ella Rockwood, assisted by Frank E. Gilman and James Gilson was finely presented:

Vocal duet, Misses Ethel and Maud Taylor; sketch, Alfred S. Barnaby; Chester Barnaby, James Gilson; vocal solo, Freeman E. Wright; readings, Mrs. Russell, Frank E. Gilman, Mrs. Lucretia Martin.

Mesdames Ella Rockwood, Bessie C. Hall, Della Hall, Winnie Nye, Ellen Sweet, Mrs. Stanley, Mildred Gilman and James Gilson, attired in costumes of "the ancient days," mystified all when they attempted to guess their identity. Miss E. May Pierce presided at the piano. Lunch was served. Several patrons from Mason were in attendance.

Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Adella E. Whitcomb on the Milford road on Wednesday afternoon, November 9, when her daughter, Harriet M., was united in marriage to Harry M. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall. Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiated, using the double ring service. The bride and groom were unattended and stood in front of a bank of evergreen and Christmas ferns during the ceremony. The rooms were decorated with beautiful ferns arranged very artistically. The bride was attired in a dainty gown of dotted muslin. Refreshments were served by Miss Grace Whitcomb and Miss Myrtle Whitcher. Only the near relations of the bride and groom were in attendance. They will be at home after January first, at 52 Winter street, Fitchburg.

The bride is the daughter of the late Eddy S. Whitcomb and Della Baldwin Whitcomb, and has spent most of her years in Brookline. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall and has a responsible position in the office of the Simonds Saw Co., at Fitchburg. Both are popular young people and their many friends wish for them a bright future. They were the recipients of many gifts.

LITTLETON.

The Littleton Historical Society.

This society held its annual meeting at the library the evening of November 3. F. B. Priest, positively declining to serve as president, Joseph A. Harwood was chosen to succeed his father, the late Herbert J. Harwood, president from the formation of the organization in 1896, and always its faithful and devoted leader.

The society was glad to retain, as vice-president, Mr. Priest, who has held that office the same number of years as the former president. Other officers of the society were re-elected.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, Rev. Wm. C. Brown opened an informal conversation in regard to a possible 1914 movement for an increased local civic interest.

The succeeding discussion by Messrs. Patch, Brown and Harwood was thoughtful and interesting. No attempt was made to decide the advisability of such a proceeding or how it could best be planned and carried out, but interchange of thought concerning things progressive is always stimulating and helpful to those taking part in it.

The next item of interest was the reading by Mr. Patch of a letter from the late president of the society to Miss Sanderson, one of the trustees of the library, relating to the removal of the historical cases from their present position to the reading-room.

After some explanation and discussion it was voted to expend a sum not exceeding forty dollars to aid in the purchase of suitable supports for the same when removed.

Mr. Harwood, who consented to act as historian for the coming year, reported many items relating to local conditions of atmosphere, agricultural progress, value and amount of crops, fruit, especially apples, with other points of interest.

Owing to some delay in the early part of the evening, the somewhat extended discussion of the 1914 movement and the interest in other topics the village clock was on the point of striking eleven as the meeting somewhat hastily adjourned.

Among the gifts presented to the society were the following: Whetstone of Indian make, found on Indian farm at Fort pond, given by E. A. Robinson. A paper on Halley's comet of 1835, with other reminiscences, written and presented by our valued townsman, Osman Ewings, in his ninety-third year.

Ancient copy of a petition, dated 1735, "To ur. very good Lord Henry, Earl of Lincoln, auditor of the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, for payment of a certain sum to the Provost and Fellows of Eaton College," given by Mr. Goodspeed, Boston.

Letter from Dr. Samuel A. Green of the Massachusetts Historical society to Hon. C. A. Patch, acknowledging with thanks receipt of three copies of "Littleton Records," which the town of Littleton had voted to present to him, given by Mr. Patch for the selectmen.

Celebrated.

The fifth anniversary of Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was celebrated last Monday evening in a rather unique manner, each member receiving a postal card on Monday morning saying that it was essential that he should attend the meeting as it was very important. This was signed by one of the members and a postscript added by D. M. C. The members turned out in large force. The member who sent out the cards purposely avoided his lodge associates during the day to avoid being asked several questions. When called to account during the evening, the only explanation he could offer was that a committee would arrive on the 9:20 train and that the members were asked to stay at the close of the meeting to meet that committee, adding that they would not regret it.

Word was later received that the committee had arrived and would be pleased to see the members downstairs. So the Odd Fellows marched in single file, each curious to know what kind of a committee it was and what its business could be.

The company was led into the dining-room, and the members were speechless to find their wives, whom they thought they had left safely at home. Before them were tables spread with a bountiful harvest supper, consisting of beans, ham and other cold meats, various kinds of cake, pies and fruits. It is needless to say full justice was done to the good things provided.

On the center table was a large birthday cake lighted with five colored candles, one for each year. After the tables were cleared, speeches were

the order of the evening and before adjournment a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies. If you should ask an Odd Fellow what "D. M. C." means he would say, "Don't miss coming." The members vow that they will never say again that a woman cannot keep a secret. Never again.

SHIRLEY.

Memorial Service.

Last Sunday evening in the Congregational church a memorial service for Melvin W. Longley was held and there was a large attendance. Those who took part were Revs. A. A. Bronsdon and H. A. Bridgman, D. Chester Parsons and Walter E. Mellish, who spoke in praise of his honorable life and his manly traits of character.

Order of service: Hymn, "My faith looks up to thee"; scripture, Psalm I. Rev. A. A. Bronsdon; solo, "The hills of God," Mrs. Harry Collier; prayer, Dr. Bridgman; remarks, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, D. Chester Parsons, W. E. Mellish, Rev. H. A. Bridgman; letters read from Miss Helen M. Winslow of Cambridge, C. F. Edgarton of Concord; hymn, "The Lord be with us"; benediction, Dr. Bridgman.

Following is the letter from Miss Helen M. Winslow: "I am glad of the opportunity to express my appreciation of Mr. Longley's sterling character, and of my sense of the loss of such a man as he is to the town of Shirley. As I saw him at the Centre, helpful to everybody, interested in everybody and everything that contributed to the public good, I used to wish that the good old title of 'squire' had not gone out. He was the embodiment of the best that the old-fashioned title stood for. Genial, kind, gracious, sympathetic, he filled the post of general adviser and sympathizer to all his neighbors, whether they were well-to-do or poor. Since they could not call him 'Squire Longley,' they called him 'Melvin,' in the spirit of brotherhood and affectionate human friendliness, which he embodied more truly than almost any man I ever knew. He was the dignified personification of a fine old type of New England citizen, which the more's the pity for us all, seems to be passing. There was scarcely another man in Shirley whose loss would be so universally felt as Melvin Longley. Shirley Centre, particularly, has lost its best exponent, and one of its best citizens. We, in our poor, short human sight are to feel that he was called before his work was half done. But I believe in the following words of Victor Hugo, and that they apply with peculiar aptitude to Mr. Longley. Says Victor Hugo: 'When I go down to the grave I can say like many others, I have finished my day's work. But I cannot say, I have finished my life. My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight; it opens on the dawn.'

"It is only in the light of such words as these that we feel that we can be reconciled to the loss of so good a citizen as Mr. Longley."

From Mr. Edgarton's letter: "It is a gratification to me to express my appreciation of and respect for the honorable life of Melvin W. Longley, and the many traits of character which were so fully exemplified in his daily life and contact with men and things at all times, in all places, and under all conditions."

"I had the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship all my life, and during these many years have always felt an assurance, a confidence, a positive knowledge that his words, his influence, his sympathy and his support could invariably be depended upon for any worthy cause, or for any movement for the benefit and uplift of humanity, of morality, or of town, state or nation, and their institutions."

"His life, and the liberal need of respect and reverence which has been paid to his memory is a telling and effective example to the young and to all, of the value and reward of such a life."

"His high moral character, rugged honesty, energetic and laborious life may well privilege him to be classed among those whom custom has taught us to reverence and look upon as the 'bone and sinew of the nation.'"

"Peace be to his ashes, and strength and comfort to those he has left behind."

Among those present at the service from out-of-town were: Henry A. Ware of Brookline, Edward Tolman of Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy and W. L. Humes of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prue of Leominster.

Resolutions.

At a regular meeting of Shirley Grange, No. 254, Patrons of Husbandry, the following resolutions were unanimously accepted and adopted:

Whereas, our loving Father in Heaven has thought best to remove from us our late Brother, Melvin Whittemore Longley; and

Whereas, we all feel it our duty to express a deep and lasting appreciation of his many virtues; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Shirley Grange, No. 254, Patrons of Husbandry, that while we bend in deepest grief to the will of our God and Father, we cannot but most sincerely mourn the irreparable loss of a Brother whose place we can never refill;

Resolved, that in the death of Brother Longley, our Grange laments the loss of one who has ever been of inestimable value to the Grange as an officer and a Patron whenever he could be of service to the sick, to the needy and whose love for his fellowman was ever extended to all in need of sympathy or financial assistance;

Resolved, that in all his official duties in Town or Grange, he has shown himself as a true American and a most worthy Patron;

Resolved, that this Grange express to each and all his family our heartfelt sympathy and love in this their greatest affliction, and humbly pray that our Heavenly Father will ever guide and protect them all;

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be printed in Turner's Public Spirit, a copy sent to the family, and a copy placed on the records of our Grange.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. C. Parker, for the Grange.

Items of Interest.

The medical profession of the world is still handicapped before the scourge of infantile paralysis. This statement was made last week Thursday night at the meeting of the Chicago Neurological society by Dr. H. E. Robertson, assistant professor of pathology in the University of Minnesota. "We are up against it," said Dr. Robertson. "We have not been able to cultivate the germs in laboratories. We cannot learn anything from animals. We cannot even diagnose the disease, because the first certain symptom is the paralysis of the patient. This disease attacks the strongest and most active children. It is not confined to infants. Many victims are adults. The high fatality is caused by reaching the acute stage in three or four days. Up to that time the symptoms might indicate any infectious malady. There are no definite symptoms and the first warning the practitioner has is the paralysis of his patient."

New Advertisements

NOTICE OF HEARING.

The Ayer Electric Light Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires in the following named streets and highways of said town, viz:

Six (6) on Third Street; two (2) on Maple Street; five (5) on Church Street; two (2) on Pearl Street; two (2) on Howard Street.

Said locations to be in accordance with drawing filed herewith.

Ayer Electric Light Co.,
C. B. Spring, Supt.
Ayer, Mass., October 15, 1910.

Board of Selectmen.

November 8, 1910.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ORDERED: That a public hearing be given in the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer, at Seventy-three o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 23, 1910, at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard; and that the petitioner give notice thereof, by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News newspapers published in said Ayer, and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing, at least three days before the same to the owners of real estate along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct said line, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Elisha D. Stone,
Frank S. Pierce,
John M. Maloney,
1110
Selectmen of Ayer.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TOWNSEND NATIONAL BANK, AT TOWNSEND, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$255,010.96
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	36,393.81
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	40,172.20
Checks and other Cash Items	2,241.19
Notes of other National Banks	3,502.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	1.89
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$8,439.00
Legal-tender notes, \$100.00	16,439.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$459,761.05

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	26,307.57
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Dividends unpaid	27.00
Individual deposits subject to check	213,426.48
Total	\$459,761.05

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AYER, AT AYER, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$438,581.64
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	\$6,497.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	85,773.64
Notes of other National Banks	1,415.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	39.46
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$21,141.15
Legal-tender notes, \$100.00	28,141.15
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$661,448.29

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	43,983.99
National Bank Notes Outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	546.37
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	34.25
Due to Trust Companies	19,037.67
Dividends unpaid	40.00
Individual deposits subject to check	472,045.57
Demand certificates of deposit	3,262.26
Certified checks outstanding	1,956.18
Cashier's checks outstanding	416.00
Total	\$661,448.29

I, HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventeenth day of November, 1910.

Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
Howard B. White,
O. W. Mead,
Oliver K. Fessenden,
Directors.

GROTON.

Wedding.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on last Monday evening, November 14, at the home of the groom's brother, Kenneth Graham near the Groton school, when Angus Graham and Miss Anna Swackhelmer were united in marriage.

Entertainment.

The Odd Fellows' entertainment on last Wednesday evening was well attended and the consensus of opinion seems to be that no better entertainment of its kind was ever given here.

The opening number, "Dad is a grand old man," was a little unusual in style and elicited hearty applause.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The Gamma Beta society at its last meeting debated the advisability of electing United States senators by popular vote.

Friday, November 11, Principal and Mrs. Clough entertained the school with a few invited guests at their home, Brazier house.

Vesper service will be held at the academy on Sunday, November 20. Principal Clough will be the speaker.

Today the football team plays its last game of the season, playing Worcester classical high. It has played games with the following teams and won in all but one: October 1, Cambridge Latin, won 23 to 0; October 8, St. John's Preparatory, lost 0 to 5; October 12, Groton school, won 11 to 0; October 22, Lowell high, won 13 to 0; November 5, Allen school, won 18 to 0.

The academy boys claim that the game with St. John's Preparatory was lost by unfair treatment of the umpire and the opposing team, and they have tried to get the school to play another game with officials who knew the game, and would give both parties a fair deal, but have failed in their efforts.

The schedule is now being prepared for the baseball season. Manager Hayden has already booked some strong teams. The academy hopes to have as good a team, if not better, than last year, and the public may be assured that they will see some fine games on Shumway field.

The four Chinese students who entered the University of Illinois from Lawrence academy, are all doing sophomore work. They have received high praise for their good preparation.

Eleven fowl were taken without leave or license from James W. Wilson's farmhouse last week Thursday night.

The beautiful eclipse of the moon on Wednesday night was enjoyed by Groton observers as well as thousands of others.

Henry Fitzgerald is making cement sidewalks and other improvements and repairs at his place on West street.

George L. Smith of South Groton was given a genuine surprise on Wednesday evening, November 16, that being his sixty-third birthday. Between thirty-five and forty friends assembled for the good time, and brought with them a nice Morris chair for a birthday present.

Miss Mary Woods, daughter of William Woods, was operated on Sunday for appendicitis. Miss Woods came home from Brighton that day and went directly to the hospital. The case being urgent. She is doing well.

Mrs. E. C. Williams and Mrs. J. F. Peabody have returned from their visit to Fitch's Bay, Canada.

Ralph Whitney, who was operated on for appendicitis at Groton hospital some six weeks ago, has returned to his father's home in Harvard. He went last Sunday by auto with his attending physician, Dr. H. B. Priest.

George Scott, patient at the Groton hospital, was operated on for abscess in the back on Tuesday. This was a result of the shooting. He is at present resting comfortably.

Mrs. Daniels of Fremont, N. H., was a guest of Mrs. Woolley last week, and while here enjoyed meeting with Groton grange on Tuesday evening.

William Boynton, who came to attend the funeral of his grandmother last week, returned to Dartmouth college on Monday night.

Members of Groton grange are rehearsing for the four-act play, "Liberty corners." Some very good and experienced local actors are to be in the cast.

Rev. George M. Howe and Myron P. Swallow were delegates from the Congregational church here, to attend on Tuesday, November 15, the recognition service of Rev. Joseph B. Kettle as pastor of the Orthodox Congregational church at Leominster.

The first snow flakes of the season fell last Saturday, followed by quite a flurry on Sunday.

Charles H. Berry visited relatives in Rye and Portsmouth, N. H., last week. During his absence his granddaughter, Mrs. Lucy Mansur McLaughlin came over from Nashua and kept Mrs. Berry, her grandmother, company.

Mrs. Myra Wetherbee, who has been a guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods for the past two weeks, leaves next Monday for Chester, N. H., where she will spend Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Leon Bowers.

Miss Lora Sherwin has been visiting her friend, Miss Eloise Eaton, in Nashua, and on Wednesday left to attend the wedding of her cousin, Alden Sherwin, of West Townsend. The marriage of Mr. Sherwin took place at the home of the bride, Miss Helen Troupe, at Quincy.

The Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian church will hold a fair in town hall on Thursday, December first. The sale will open in the afternoon, and there will be aprons, fancy goods, candy, cake and ice cream on the different tables.

Leslie White, an employe of the Tree Expert Company, working on the Riverdale farm trees, was taken seriously ill last week Friday with an attack of appendicitis, but has recovered sufficiently to be out again and has not as yet undergone an operation.

Mrs. Wallace Brown was recently called to West Acton by the illness of her father.

Mrs. William Williams has moved into the upper tenement of Jerome C. Shattuck's house on Elm street.

Barbara Louise, and Charles Harland, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Raddin, were christened at the Groton school chapel at 12.30 o'clock last Sunday. Besides the parents, the sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Harrington.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., of Groton school, sailed on Wednesday from Boston, going abroad, this being Mr. Peabody's Sabbatical year.

James F. Wilson, a cousin of Mrs. Mosely Gilson, who has been spending the summer at her home, returned to Chicago on Friday.

The play to be given at the Ladies' Alliance fair on the evening of December first, is "Prof. Baxter's great invention." It is said to be an excellent play. Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce of Shirley takes a prominent part.

Groton grange visited Westford grange by invitation on Thursday night, and furnished a part of the entertainment.

Martin Brennan has moved into Patrick Crowley's house on West street. Mr. Crowley has gone to New York to stay with his son, P. H. Crowley.

The Brown Loaf club met, having a very pleasant time, with Mrs. Mosely Gilson on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Whitehill read something original and interesting on "Cheerfulness," and the social hour was one of good cheer. Refreshments served by the hostesses were very nice and appetizing, and much enjoyed. The next meeting, coming in four weeks, will be with Mrs. W. H. Whitehill.

Mrs. Washburn of Ayer is a new patient at the hospital this week. She underwent a surgical operation and is doing well.

George Ellis of Nevada, was an over Sunday guest of his uncle, Mr. Bowles, superintendent of the town farm. Mr. Ellis has just completed a tour around the world.

Coming on Friday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Baird and child of Weymouth, spent the weekend and Sunday with Mrs. Baird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacCherie.

Mrs. E. P. Shores, with little daughter Winifred and her mother, Mrs. Powers, returned last Monday from a visit to Bennington, N. H., and Lynn.

Frank Brown of Sheldon, Vt., visited relatives here last Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday enroute to Florida, where he will spend the winter. He was accompanied on his southern trip by Elmer Small of this village.

J. T. Shepley returned last week from a business trip to Sheldon, Vt. He was accompanied by Mrs. Shepley, who had joined him for the last ten days of his stay. Since reaching home, Mr. Shepley has taken a bicycle trip to Woburn. During the season he has covered nearly four thousand miles on his bicycle and intends to achieve that record before the season ends.

Frank Powell has left the papermill and returned to the leatherboard mill.

H. E. Kemp's new house on the back Groton road is an attractive tenement, outside and inside. There are rumors that more houses are to follow.

West Groton lost another of its young ladies, temporarily, when Miss Edna Bowles started on her trip to the far west last Tuesday. Miss Bowles will visit relatives in Nova Scotia for an indefinite period, going directly from that place to Vancouver, where she expects to remain with an aunt for a year at least, and possibly longer. Miss Bowles will be greatly

missed, not only in her home, but in the village as well, where she has many friends. Her sisters, the Misses Alma and Dorothy, spent Sunday at their home.

Master Frank Humiston of East Jaffrey, N. H., who has passed through here several times on horseback rides to Boston, leading a second horse, was a visitor last Friday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Martha T. Bell, remaining till Sunday. For a lad of his age, Master Humiston's management of horses is remarkable.

The West Groton Whist club organized last evening with a membership of about twenty, with a possibility of more. The first meeting was held with Mrs. H. Snodgrass. The winners were: Mrs. A. W. Lamb, first of the ladies, scoring forty-two points; Miss Elsie Tarbell, second; L. G. Strand and James Hill, each securing thirty-seven points, were tied for first place; W. G. Proctor of Townsend Harbor, second. The club will hold its next meeting on November 28, with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will move from the boarding house at Vose to the tenement in J. H. Hunkins' house.

HARVARD.

Will Prohibited.

The will of Prof. Selah Howell was filed in the probate office on Friday of last week. His son, Fred B. Howell is named as executor. The testator lived in West Roxbury.

To his three children, Fred Bardwell, Fanny Edna and William Westcott, he leaves a number of books as souvenirs of the happy days of their childhood, saying, "when we read them together—the books to be apportioned as they may agree."

"The Rollo books I give to one of my children who has the most children. If none of them has children, which God forbid, the Rollo books are to be divided equally among the joys of my life," said Fred, Fanny and Will.

The testator gives \$500 in trust to Dr. William H. Westcott of North Chatham to furnish a period of rest and recreation every summer to persons needing it but unable to pay for it.

A Success.

The annual church fair given by the Orthodox society was a success. About \$230 will be the net results, which is very pleasing to the ladies. More than the usual number ate supper while the sales upstairs were not quite up to last year. Mr. Dill took the matter of supper in hand and everything was as near perfection as an experienced hand like Mr. Dill's could make it. The various tables all deserve mention.

The entertainment given at 8.30 was a play in three acts, entitled, "Alice in Wonderland," and given under the personal supervision of Miss Gladys Hildreth, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Telling. The costumes and make up were elaborate and presented a good deal of hard work for those having the matter in charge. The play itself took the house extremely well, the fact that it is so very popular just at present in social circles adding very much to its success here.

Narrowly Escaped Serious Injury.

Dr. Royal narrowly escaped serious injury on Sunday last. While returning from a call on a patient in Boxborough and near the residence of John Sherry, he suddenly came face to face with a large touring car running along at good speed. The road was narrow and the doctor had his choice of driving over the wall or colliding with the auto. The horse which is a spirited animal, chose the first course before the doctor had fully made up his mind what to do. The result was that the doctor found himself in the road behind the auto, his carriage pretty well demolished, and the horse out in a neighboring wood lot.

The auto party stopped and assisted the doctor to recover possession of the horse, which they left at a neighbor's, and then brought the doctor home after being assured that nothing worse than a good shaking up and general bruising would result.

Grange Meeting.

Harvard grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening and a very interesting and instructive meeting it was. Visitors were present from Marlboro, Bolton and Lancaster. Under the meeting came the regular annual exhibit of field corn. There were several individual exhibits all worthy of mention. The prizes were awarded to: Benjamin Keyes, first; John Harlow, second; Frank Pettin-gill, third. The judges were Elmer D. Howe of Marlboro, a past state-master, Arthur Whitcomb of Bolton, and Charles L. Wilder of Lancaster.

The entertainment was opened with a song by Miss King, pastmaster Howe of Marlboro then took the floor and treated the patrons to one of his always interesting and witty talks. Next was a recitation by Sister McClintock of Lancaster, followed by a reading by Sister Harris. Brother Casady, overseer of Lancaster grange, closed the entertainment with a very interesting talk on character study as revealed by phrenology. Mr. Howe acted as a model study and kept things moving by his humorous comments as his traits of character were exposed. Supper was furnished by the men's supper committee in the lower hall of beans, hot rolls, coffee, pastry and fruits. The next regular meeting will be on December 6, and will be the regular election of officers.

To the Editor:

It would appear from an article taken from the Worcester Telegram and published in your last issue by request, that in a recent affair involving the school committee and the janitor of the Centre school building, the majority of the committee were acting under some pressure not in fair faith for the good of the school system. It might also be said to appear that by impressions of the recent town meeting that the word of two was not as good as the word of one. The majority of your committee accepted the defeat of the town all the more pleasantly from the fact that while there were about 213 citizens present, over 180 were not regarded as voting. That it appears also that

there are still persons who, exulting over results, refuse to drop the matter, and has forced your committee to make a statement of facts, purely in self-defense, that the burden bearers of the taxpayers, ourselves included, may realize just the position of the "disgraced (?) majority" of the said committee.

Your committee are elected to serve, not personal needs, but the school, your children's welfare, your interests financially that for every dollar you appropriate for us, you shall have a full one hundred cents value in results. It is not by this article designed to avenge ourselves of the several false and unjust charges, but we want fair play and we feel confident that the majority of the citizens of Harvard are willing to give that to us.

On the records of your school committee, under date of July 30, 1910, is this:

"Voted, To engage Nell T. Hartsborn as janitor of the Centre school building."

That there were strong protests and suggestions made at this meeting, and before the vote could be carried, is a matter which the majority clearly recall. It is not, however, on record, therefore, we eliminate it.

During the month of August, and after the painters had finished the schoolrooms, the janitor was requested by that member of the school committee having the building in charge, to clean the windows preparatory to the opening of school. She objected on the ground "that it wasn't a woman's work and that she had cleaned them in the spring."

If this had been a first offense it would probably have been overlooked, but coming as it did in the face of her appointment, under strong protest, it meant "the last straw," and your committee promptly took action.

After school opened on August 29, complaints were made of the discipline in the basement during noon recess and the abuse of certain children while eating dinner, so marked, that in one instance the parents refused to force the attendance of the child.

Personal investigation by a member of the committee showed that the janitor was not on duty during the noon hour, the time given to our teachers to eat a lunch.

Investigation also showed that the stack heater, the key to our system of ventilation was not in operation during any of the visits of this member of the committee.

The majority of the committee felt that there was neglect of duty and on Tuesday, September 13, her suspension from service was ordered to take effect on September 17. Not, as has been reported, "one short week after," or "before she had done any work," but seven weeks after.

So far as your committee was concerned, the affair was settled. Before taking final action, it might be well to say that counsel for the town had told a member of the committee that the committee had a perfect right to do as they did and that there could be no legal claim for services not performed, that compensation ceased with dismissal.

That the town did not have the courage or inclination to support the committee in a perfectly sound case, is not the fault of the committee and they should not be blamed for that, and let it be known right now, that just so long as this present committee continues to hold office they will continue to keep right on in their work for the interests of the common good of the school system, regardless of race, religion, social, family or other prejudice. Turn them from office when the time is right and the interests of the schools demand it, but don't allow personal prejudice to poison your minds so that you forget the real issue—the duty of the committee and the good of the schools; but give your committee what they have always given to you, and the children you entrust to their care—a square deal. H. B. Royal, A. T. West.

News Items.

Richard Savare of Pennerell is staying at H. F. Whitney's for a few days.

Mrs. Fiske Warren gave her first of two teas in honor of her debutante daughter, Rachel, and her niece, Margaret Fearman. Her pretty home on Mt. Vernon street, Boston, was filled from 4.30 to seven, on Wednesday. The second will be on Wednesday, November 23, and on December 5, Mrs. Warren gives a dance at the Somerset.

Mrs. Alice Bigelow is at the Memorial hospital, Worcester, where she has been operated on for appendicitis. It was not a bad case and she is doing well with all prospects for a speedy recovery.

Ralph Whitney arrived home on Sunday last from the Kibbourn hospital at Groton. He has lost considerable flesh but otherwise is feeling first-rate and gaining every day. His friends are glad to see him with them again.

On Thursday evening, November 24, the Chemical Company will hold their annual ball at town hall. Music by McNally's orchestra of Hudson, six pieces. Refreshments will be served. Dancing from eight to one. This has always been one of the most popular dances of the year and the management will endeavor to keep up the reputation.

Still River.

The Harvard society of King's Daughters, met at the chapel of the Still River church on Wednesday and sewed for the coming King's Daughters' fair. There were eleven from Harvard and eleven from Still River. Each brought lunch and the Still River members served coffee.

Work is progressing slowly on the work on the new railroad bridge, but it is hoped that soon the machinery will be set up and in operation, and then work will be rushed and a large force of men will then be employed.

Officials of the Boston and Maine railroad were in Still River buying land along the side of the track, where it was needed for the new double track, which will probably be put in before many months.

Mrs. Sarah Scales received word of the accidental death of her only brother in Illinois on Wednesday.

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LADIES' SWEATERS.

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LADIES' SWEATERS.

Crimson, plain and fancy weaves at

\$2.25, \$2.69

INFANTS' SWEATERS.

White and colors at

50c., 89c., 98c.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford visited relatives in Fitchburg over Sunday.

Members of the Ladies' circle are busy preparing for their fair which is to be held in the town hall on Friday evening, December 7.

Gus Wetherbee has returned to Warwick for the winter.

Leo Cunningham has been having quite a serious time with bronchitis. All the schools closed on Friday for a week's vacation.

One of the most enjoyable programs of the season was presented at the grange on Friday evening, November 11, for musical night, under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Robbins. Cornet, baritone, violin and harmonica solos, readings, vocal solos, selections by the male quartet and the grange orchestra, musical charades and a musical romance were among the attractions. Owing to the large class waiting for admittance the colonial evening, November 25, has been given up to confer the first and second degrees.

Miss Jennie Stone of Wendell, has been visiting Mrs. Ernest Barreau. Votes for congressman were recounted on Wednesday evening and no change was made in the count for the long term, but Mr. Wilder lost two votes on the short term.

By the census returns we find that the population of Boxborough is 317, which is one more than by the census of 1900. We are glad to note that the smallest town in Middlesex county has held its own, while some larger ones show a marked decrease.

Will W. Losaw came on Thursday to spend the Thanksgiving session with his parents.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

A minstrel show was given by the boys of the Industrial school, in lecture hall on Wednesday evening for the amusement of the boys at the school. A few invited guests were present. This show will be staged at the O. O. F. hall on next Tuesday for the benefit of the baseball team.

Edwin H. Conant is confined to his home with sickness for a week past.

Miss Mabel Perry was visiting in Lawrence last Saturday and Sunday.

Centre.

Mrs. Albert Sherman is very ill with a serious throat trouble.

The intermediate and primary schools closed on Friday for Thanksgiving and will reopen on Monday, December 5.

Mrs. Charles Stevens, with daughter May, are to spend Thanksgiving with relatives in Providence.

Altrurian.

The regular meeting of the Altrurian club was held at their room, November 7. The president, Mrs. M. W. Hazen, opened the meeting at three o'clock and the secretary gave the

minutes of the last meeting. Two new members were admitted to the club, Mrs. Farnsworth of the Centre, and Mrs. Dora Wilson. The committee on Jellies requested that all Jellies be sent in early that they might be packed on Monday and sent to the Parker Memorial for distribution among the sick before Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Merriman, delegate to the federation meeting at Cambridge, November 8, gave a glowing account of the program of the day; also, of the great pleasure derived from attending these meetings. The president also attended the meeting and expressed her pleasure of listening to the gifted speakers. The subjects for the afternoon were: "Prevention and fighting of fires in cities, New York as a type" by Mrs. Martha P. Cooper; "Fires in forests, Maine as a type," by Mrs. Clara H. Miner, both excellent and interesting papers. After singing a club song, meeting adjourned for two weeks.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Rev. P. G. Favor is secretary of the committee in charge of "The exposition of missions" to be held in Boston next spring. The item in some way was published Missouri! Instead of missions last week.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence goes to Wakefield today to spend Thanksgiving and will return home in a week or two.

The fair held by the United Workers of the Congregational society on last Wednesday afternoon attracted a good number of customers and netted a very fair sum, \$110 and over, besides adding to the social assets of the season. The following entertaining program was well given in the evening: Piano duet, Miss Sanderson; selections, Eugene Steeler; illustrated readings, Miss Maud Mitchell, assisted by several of the young people; vocal solos by Miss Davis, accompanied by Miss Tenney.

Mrs. Ida Felch Dixon of Lowell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Leroy Jewett.

Sherman H. Jewett's grandson, Alva Jewett, has gone to Rutland sanitarium to combat the much dreaded disease, tuberculosis. He is now nineteen years of age, and as he was a member of the senior class in the Boston English high school, was nearly ready to begin his life work. It is hoped that he may not have long to remain in Rutland since the disease seems only in the early stages.

Fred A. Hoamer has made some progress this last week, and can now bear his weight on the sprained ankle.

Mrs. Arthur W. Drew continues to improve and sits up a few hours each day.

It is reported on good authority that Dr. Faine of Harvard has rented the vacant tenement in the Dr. Phelps' house.

Mrs. MacMurtrie is entertaining a cousin from Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown have gone on a vacation to Moosehead lake.

AYER.

Deserted His Family.

Patrick Flynn, aged twenty-nine years, of Groton, Shirley, Leominster and Fitchburg, was arrested in that city on Saturday, by Inspector Thomas J. Godley, charged with the non-support of his wife and four children at Groton. The case was investigated by Arthur H. Taylor, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and then turned over to the local inspector for the final work. It is alleged that Flynn, who lived at Leominster at one time, moved to Shirley, where he decided to quit his family and wander by himself. It is said he sold the household goods to a Shirley man and then departed. When the purchaser went to take possession of his furniture and house he found the wife and four small children occupying the place. They had no money and no place to go, so the purchaser generously permitted them to remain there. A complaint was made to the state authorities and the investigation resulted in the arrest. Flynn was taken to Ayer. Saturday night by Chief P. J. Beatty, and appeared in court Monday. The alleged desertion took place over a month ago, but Flynn hasn't been at the paper mill, where he was arrested, much over a week.

Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses H. Barrows, 59 Pleasant street, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday, November 15, when their oldest daughter, Violet Ruth, was united in marriage to Norman Elwood Beers of Lakehurst, N. J. At eight o'clock in the evening, to the music of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," played by the bride's brother, Fred Barrows, the bridal couple entered the parlor, preceded by the bride's little sister Florence, who acted as ring bearer. They were met by Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk of the Unitarian church, who performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family only. At the conclusion Mendelssohn's wedding march was played. The bride wore a handsome gown of taffeta silk with lace trimmings. Mr. and Mrs. Beers started Wednesday on a wedding trip through New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. On their return they will reside with the bride's parents.

Harvest Supper.

The harvest supper at the Sandy pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening was a splendid success in every way. The food was excellent, and there was an abundance left over. The attendance was the largest, and the evening was said by many, to have been the most enjoyable of all the good times yet held there. The new kitchen was used for the first time and was a great convenience to the ladies. This kitchen has been made by moving the woodshed forward on a line with the main building, and adding six feet in width to the size of the shed, connecting it with the schoolhouse, the whole being shingled from the roof to the ground. A new floor was laid and three windows put in. A former teacher of this school, well-beloved by her pupils, but too modest to have her name mentioned, donated a sum of money which provided a stove, and John Wright contributed a large table. David Millett of Littleton planned the addition to the shed, and worked three days on it. The rest of the carpenter work has been done by F. S. Pingrey and W. H. Landry. A new flag pole has been placed on the building, and is also the work of Messrs. Pingrey and Landry. The proceeds of these suppers goes to defray the expense of repairs and to furnish such things as are needed, to be used in social affairs. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pingrey, Mrs. Emma Nixon, Mrs. Horace Amsden, Miss Cora Brown attended to the kitchen end of the supper, keeping the waiters supplied with hot coffee, baked beans, brown bread, rolls, cold meat, salads, pies of all kinds, etc., while Mrs. Estelle Landry, Mrs. Jennie Leahaey, Mrs. Jennie Nixon, and Miss Mary Wright served the patrons of the tables. After all had satisfied their hunger, Mr. Landry called upon Mr. Donlon to address the company, and as usual, he responded in a happy manner, approving, and suggesting, and helping in every way possible to preserve the old building with all its pleasant associations. Mr. Donlon has been most active and helpful in all that has been accomplished thus far. He called on Mr. Pingrey, who came in from the kitchen to speak a good word, as he always does, for the preservation of the school building, hallowed as it is to him, by precious memories. Others who had a word to say were Mrs. Lucie Richardson, who also read an amusing poem; E. W. Carley, Fred W. Hosmer, Mr. Dawson and Mrs. N. P. Smith. Music was contributed by Mrs. Carley, Miss May Baker, Garfield Hazard, and Fred Hosmer, and old-time songs were joined in by all present. An attempt was made to dance the Virginia reel and a quadrille, which afforded great fun, but the floor is so uneven that it is almost impossible to dance on it. A new floor is one of the necessities of the near future and after that, a steel ceiling is hoped for. An important meeting at the junction called away several of the members of the association early in the evening, among them O. K. Pierce, Mrs. A. A. Fillebrown and others, but a large crowd remained for the nine o'clock car. The burden of preparing suppers of this kind falls on the few, but they cheerfully render their services and are deeply grateful to all who contributed food, money or assistance. There are other good times in prospect, during the winter season, and it is hoped that they will all be as generously patronized and as heartily enjoyed as the harvest supper of Tuesday evening.

William H. Mullin.

I knew him well, man and boy, all his life I observed him from his cradle to the grave. I knew his father, Peter Mullin, before him and recalled the borrow in this community at his untimely and tragic taking off, intensified as it was by the fact that an attempt to rescue a fellow workman was a contributing cause. Billie, as he was familiarly and affectionately known, came into my office as a law student in 1886. During the last twenty-four years of his life I probably knew him better, and perhaps enjoyed his intimacy, confidence and sympathy more than any one outside of his immediate family. Than him no person I ever knew displayed a higher and keener sense of honor. His integrity developed with his years; to question his word never occurred to anyone who knew him. His honor was instinctive, and supplemented a high degree of physical and moral courage. Loyalty, without jealousy, without envy, were to him second natures. His cheerful, sunny, buoyant disposition was a great factor in standing off the serious ailment that fastened itself upon him. I was perhaps somewhat influential in having him go to Arizona, where the dry climate checked the inroads of the disease and co-operated with him in his struggle for life. I saw him twice at Williams, Arizona, in 1908, and was gratified at the indications of his physical improvement. But the old ailment had weakened his heart and handicapped him in the strenuous struggle of life. A more noble hearted, unselfish boy never lived. In mourning his departure, his friends have the consolation of remembering his cheerful smile and genial comradeship, which are the best heritages it is the lot of human kind to leave. George J. Burns.

News Items.

Hartwell Kidder moved into his new house on Fletcher street on Wednesday and he and his family are very comfortably situated in their pleasant home. Rev. C. H. Covell of Worcester, father of Mrs. J. W. Thomas, died on Monday, November 14. Married in Ayer, November 12, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, at the Baptist parsonage, Clyde M. Stetson, and Miss Mabel I. Pratt of Littleton. There are many in town who will regret to learn of the death of Samuel Beard, this week, at his home in Winchendon. He lived in early life at Sandy pond, and attended the school in that district. Mrs. Lizzie Hazard went to Salem on Thursday morning to spend the winter with her brother, Thomas Waterman. Mrs. Lydia Durgin of Philadelphia is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. K. Pierce. The twenty-second annual party of the Hartwell hose company will be held in Page hall, Thanksgiving night, November 24. Music by Collins' orchestra of Marlboro. This is the same orchestra that gave such excellent music last year at their party. The George J. Burns hook and ladder company give a social dance in Page hall on Thursday evening, December first. Music by Thayer's orchestra. An inventory of the books in the Ayer library is to be taken, no books will be issued after November 23, until same is completed. All books outstanding are to be returned before December 1, as the library will then be closed until further notice. Rev. R. A. Green, D. D., pastor of First Universalist church of Lowell, will preach at the Unitarian church in exchange with Dr. Fisk at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve m. Y. P. R. U. at seven p. m. Fred W. Hosmer, leader. Rev. Dr. Green will speak on "The successful business man's creed." Business men should hear this address and see if they recognize the creed. The recount in the Wilder-Mitchell congressional contest here, Monday night, resulted in no change. One ballot was protested by Wilder and two by Mitchell. Harriet H. Wheeler of Nashua observed her ninetieth birthday on October 31, and is in very good health for one so aged. Miss Wheeler has been a frequent visitor at the home of J. H. Whitcomb of this town. Freeman Palmer, whose left foot was severely crushed some ten weeks ago, while pushing a knuckle coupling in place, returned from the Massachusetts General hospital last week Tuesday, where he has been since the accident for treatment, and is about with the aid of crutches. More than one surgical operation had to be performed and it was with difficulty that his foot was saved from amputation. As it is he will be several months before he will be able to bear his weight on the injured foot. J. A. Hersey of Mattapan, who left here forty years ago, was in town last week. While here he worked for Charles Parsons in his blacksmith shop, where Timothy Cleary is now located on Park street. Mr. Hersey married a daughter of the late Calvin Fletcher, who moved from here to Nelson, N. H. Born in Ayer, November 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wetherbee of Pearl street. The little girl is named Clarence Edna and tipped the scales at eight pounds. Mrs. William D. Taylor of Groton is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Wetherbee, to remain for a few weeks. Rufus B. Richardson of Woodstock, Conn., visited his brother, J. H. Richardson, on Washington street, last Saturday and Sunday, returning to his home on Monday in his automobile. Mr. Richardson was tutor of Greek at Dartmouth college, University of Indiana and Yale college, and had charge for eleven years of American School of Archaeology at Athens, Greece, and supervised the excavations at Corinth and other places in that country. After graduating from college he taught the high school in Chicopee. The parishioners of St. Mary's church will hold an autumn entertainment and sociable in Page hall, next Wednesday evening. On Tuesday evening the Ayer bowling team went to Shirley and played the Shirley team in the scheduled game in the Trolley league and were defeated by all four points. The Shirley team scored 1,288, and the Ayer team 1,264. It was the closest and hardest fought match of the league.

The high bowlers were Day with 274, Colyer 271 and Reynolds 269. The single string honor went to Fitzgerald of the Ayer team with 102, and Colyer of the Shirley team had 100.

Born in Ayer, November 16, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Perone. Hon. John J. Mitchell, democratic candidate for congress in the fourth district, spent \$136 in his campaign, according to returns he filed with the Secretary of State. He didn't have his leg pulled as his contestant admitted he had. Before the nomination Wilder expended \$7,310 and got it, Mitchell none.

To show how popular Hon. John J. Mitchell is, several lawyers are giving their services free in the recounting throughout the fourth congressional district.

Mrs. Charles L. Washburn, who went last Monday to the hospital at Groton and underwent a surgical operation, is doing nicely.

Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth was taken ill from a severe cold a few days ago, and in her condition did not rally from it, and gradually grew worse. Friday afternoon she was very low and no chance for her recovery. About two years ago Mrs. Farnsworth had a paralytic shock, the left side being affected, from which she never recovered.

The latest from the recount for congressman of the fourth district is that the Hon. John J. Mitchell has twenty-six more than William H. Wilder for the short term and that Wilder is ahead for the long term.

Patrick Donahue, section boss in the railroad yard here, met with a serious accident on Monday forenoon. While cutting a rail, a piece of the steel flew off and lodged in his right eye. Dr. Hopkins was called and he went with him to the eye and ear infirmary in Boston on the next train after the accident. He was operated upon soon after he reached the infirmary and the steel removed. It is doubtful if he will recover the sight of the eye. He is still at the infirmary.

Michael Connors on last Monday, a little before noon, met with a serious accident while picking up a cant hook, used in loading of logs, the log team horses started and on attempting to escape being run over he was caught between the wheels and the skid and two of the smaller bones of the ankle of the right foot were broken and otherwise injured. As soon as he was conveyed to his home on Park street, Dr. Cowles was called and set the broken limb, placing it in a plaster cast. It will be some time before Mr. Connors will be able to be about.

Mrs. Avander H. Blood of Pepperell is now a resident of this town, coming here a couple of weeks ago to take charge of the house for Augustus Lovejoy, and will remain through the winter.

Miss Emily Crafts of Waltham, was stricken with paralysis the early part of this week and there is very little hope of her recovering for one of her years, over seventy-five. Miss Crafts taught school here several terms in a schoolroom on East Main street, in a building near the store of A. A. Fillebrown, in the years 1864 and 1865, before the town was set off from Groton. The building was afterward destroyed by fire.

Miss Charlotte Sanderson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Sanderson, observed her thirteenth birthday last Monday in a quiet way.

The real estate, machinery, stock in trade, fixtures, etc., of the New England Paper and Stationery Company is advertised to be sold by auction on Tuesday afternoon, December 13, at two o'clock on the premises.

Deaths.

Harriet M. Churchill, who died last Wednesday morning in Waltham, where she has been a resident with her daughter Augusta, for upwards of twenty years, was a former resident of this town and her husband, A. W. Churchill, who died years ago was for a time a clerk in the store of Harvey A. Woods and afterwards he had a milk route in town. There are a few of the elderly people in town who remember well, Mrs. Churchill. She was born in Littleton eighty-five years ago, and was buried in the family lot in the cemetery in her native town on Friday afternoon. Her father, John Mason Porter, was one of the early settlers in this village in the early fifties.

News was received here on Monday forenoon of the death at Winslow, Arizona, of William H. Mullin, a former well-known lawyer of this town on last Sunday. Mr. Mullin attended the public schools here and graduated from the high school. He afterward studied for the legal profession at Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated. For years he had an office in Pepperell. About three years ago, failing health compelled him to leave for a more even climate, in the hope that his health would be restored. Since he left here he has lived in Arizona and although at different periods since his stay there, he improved somewhat, the benefit was not of a lasting nature. The remains were prepared for burial and are now on the way here, where the funeral will take place. Mr. Mullin was esteemed by many friends, both in the legal profession and elsewhere, who were much grieved to learn of his untimely death.

Painful Accident.

Thos. W. Silliker, superintendent and chauffeur for Walter H. Roberts of Malden, who bought the S. N. Lougee farm in Harvard last spring, had a most painful accident while returning from Malden on Thursday night. A short distance from Boxborough, near the residence of Mr. Chester and about three miles from Harvard Centre, in the woods, his car came to a standstill. When he got out to see what the matter was, it suddenly started again, crossing a culvert with a bound, knocking over a three hundred pound stone and pinning Mr. Silliker between the machine and a tree, going a distance of about twenty-five feet, where he laid from ten o'clock Thursday night until six o'clock on Friday morning, when he was found by a boy on a milk wagon, who had to cut his clothing before he could help him out. He was taken to the farm in Harvard, where Drs. Cowles and Royal

made him as comfortable as possible, finding that he had a broken shoulder, collar bone and rib, while the other shoulder was badly dislocated and a blood vessel ruptured in the head. At the time of writing he is suffering excruciating pain.

Mr. Roberts came up from Boston as soon as he received word of the accident. Mr. Proctor went after the automobile on Friday morning and towed it to his garage. It was somewhat damaged to an extent of two or three hundred dollars.

A. W. C.

Last Wednesday afternoon was club birthday at the Woman's club and the occasion was heartily enjoyed by the large number of ladies present. After transaction of business an hour was spent socially, many of the ladies responding to an invitation to bring their sewing. It was a pleasant sight to see so many sitting around the hall, chatting and laughing over their work. Our president was at her best, flitting here and there, with a smile and kind word for every lady. Choice refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Estella Farnsworth and Mrs. Belle M. Osgood acting as hostesses. Miss Etta Green and Miss Bertha Sherwin furnished delightful music on the piano through the hour which was highly appreciated. After refreshment a laughable farce in one act was presented by Mrs. Eva P. Richardson, entitled "No men wanted," with the following cast of characters: Elizabeth Ramley, Miss Martha Wilson; Isabel Granger, Miss Gladys Moore; Prunella Ambercrombie, a colored maid, Miss Marjorie Armstrong; scene, the bachelor girls' apartments. The young ladies were very charming, all taking their parts well, and each receiving deserved applause.

Obituary.

Mrs. Rebecca Sanders died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Stevens, 48 Mt. Vernon street, Fitchburg, on Thursday noon, November 10, at the age of 86 yrs., 6 mos., 24 days. Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, at the house, Rev. Mr. Thomas of Christ church, officiating. Committal service was at Woodlawn cemetery, Ayer, on Monday noon, read by Rev. Mr. Bumpus.

Mrs. Sanders had been a resident of this town for fifty years at her home on Washington street, and before her marriage to Edwin Sanders, was a successful teacher, in what was known as District No. 12, Groton Junction.

Mrs. Sanders was born in Turner, Me., the daughter of Hira Bradford and Rebecca Dillingham. Hira was the son of Jesse and Jesse the son of Ezekiel, who migrated to Maine, from Plymouth colony, and was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford. She was educated in the schools of her native town and taught there eight years, having as a pupil, Ex-Senator Eugene Hale, then a lad of a dozen years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. G. E. Stevens, Miss Agnes Bradford Sanders, and three grandchildren; Gertrude, Edwin, Dorothy Stevens; also, a brother, William Russell Bradford of Roxbury, two sisters, Mrs. B. S. Kelley, Mrs. Charles Foss of Winthrop, Me.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by William Wright of Ayer.

Ministers' Meeting.

There was a meeting in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon of the Middlesex Ministers' association and Rev. Adams of Concord Junction was moderator.

An able exegesis of the word "Kosmos," was read by Rev. J. B. Kettle of Leominster. Sermon passages were given by Revs. Wood and Viets. A review of Dr. Devine's book on "Misery and its causes," was read by Rev. David Wallace. At 1.30 a special session of the committee on ministerial standing was held. Rev. Albert F. Newton was unanimously elected chairman of and clerk of the committee for the ensuing year. Rev. David Wallace was voted in on letter from the "Monadnock association of New Hampshire." After discussion it was decided that sub-committees were not required.

District Court.

Joe Menucho, charged with assault and battery at Shirley, November 6, Toney Melisi, complainant, was in court on November 11, and on trial was found guilty and committed to the House of Correction for six months.

Lawrence Holbrook and Harry A. Whiting, both of Westford, juvenile offenders, charged with delinquent malicious mischief, were examined before Judge Atwood, November 12, and defendants were adjudged delinquents and thereupon were placed on probation until May 13, 1911, upon payment of expenses taxed at \$3.65 each.

W. W. Whitney of Nashua and C. A. Dane of Lowell, for violation of motor vehicle law at Pepperell, November 6, were in court on November 14, and on trial were found guilty and fined ten dollars each. November 15, notice was sent to highway commissioners.

Frank Connor, Joseph Connor, Thomas O'Malley and Charles E. Daniels, all of Ayer, charged with assault and battery at Ayer, were summoned to appear in court on Saturday morning, November 19. It was a knife affair, and in the quarrel Joseph Connor got cut in the left eye lid while trying to separate them.

Church Notes.

Tomorrow will be observed as Harvest Day at the Baptist church. Harvest sermon at 10.45 a. m. Sunday school at twelve m. Harvest concert by the Sunday school at 6.30 in the evening.

At the First Congregational church Rev. Mr. Pach will occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. The theme of the morning sermon will be "Thanksgiving," and that of the evening service, "The weightier matters of the law."

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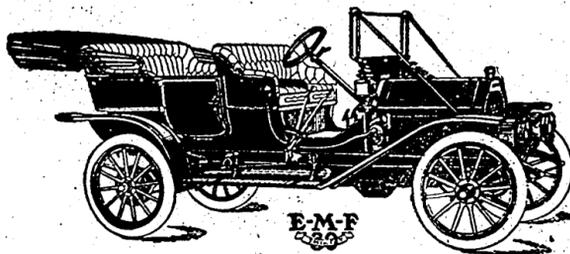
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TOWNSEND.

Centre.
Miss Bertha Warren was taken to the Burbank hospital on Tuesday, when an operation was performed upon her for a tumor. She was comfortable at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bliss visited friends in Waltham this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner left on Tuesday noon for their winter home in Orlando, Fla.
Miss Eva Smith of Boston was a week-end guest at Milo Spaulding's.
Miss Cora Weiss of Jamaica Plain was a recent guest of Miss Bessie Eastman.
District Deputy F. E. Flarity inspected the Hopkinton grange on Tuesday evening of this week.
The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of candidates at the grange on Monday evening. The first degree was conferred by the regular officers and the second by the gentlemen's degree team, Galen A. Proctor, master.
Miss Bessie McGuire, Harry Spaulding and Fred Davis of Boston were at their respective homes over Sunday; also, Clifford Bliss of Boston and Mrs. Able McNeil Shirley of Lynn were week-end visitors at their relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I., were at George Gates' this week.

Teachers' and Parents' Meeting.
An interesting teachers' and parents' meeting was held at the high school rooms on Tuesday afternoon. The grammar school sang two songs. E. J. Haynes spoke for the school and teachers, and Mrs. Abbie Barber and George L. Whitcomb spoke upon what the parents should expect of the school and teachers. Mrs. Evelyn Warren spoke upon how the child should be taught to use the library. In closing there was a solo by Stella Farrar and light refreshments were served. Another meeting may be held later.

Reception.
Quite a large crowd of baseball fans and those of the baseball loving public gathered at Memorial hall on last Saturday evening to witness the presentation of the season's prize silver cups to the winners on the baseball team. The meeting was presided over by R. T. Eldridge, president of the T. A. A., who introduced the secretary, T. E. Flarity, as the toastmaster of the evening. Mr. Flarity, in a genial and pleasing manner presented the cups to the winners, with appropriate remarks to each player and as they arose to receive their cups, each got a good rousing hand-choer.
"Old Whit," the veteran captain, succeeded in capturing two of the cups, including the much prized one for the best general average. Eastman, the crack batsman, carried off three, Steve Keefe, the natty little catcher from the Harbor, was accused of "stealing" more bases than any man on the team and besides winning this cup, also took the one for the second best batting average. Rodney Lancy and Harold Parker received the sacrifice hit and best fielding average cups, and the cup for the largest number of two-base hits went to Robert J. Teehan, the popular centre fielder, who was unable to be present, to the regret of his many friends.

Manager Fessenden was complimented upon his successful management of the team for the season, and responded by thanking the association and players for their part in aiding him.
Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley of East Boston, who came up especially for the occasion, which was very much appreciated by all who know how much Mr. Woolley has done for the team and how much he wishes it to be a success.
Remarks were made by various members of the association and the evening closed with a reception held by the ball team, which was followed by dancing. Nilo Proctor kindly giving his services as pianist.

Club Union Entertainment.
A crowded house greeted the members of the Club Union at their entertainment at Memorial hall last week Friday evening. The entertainment was given in three parts. The first was a laughable playlet, "A thief in the house," given by Lawrence Morgan, A. N. Fessenden, William Crombie, Superintendent E. L. Haynes and James Dodd.
The stage never looked prettier than it did in this play when it represented the den of two young bachelors, one of whom was very much in love. This part was admirably taken by William Crombie, who brought the house down in his telephone act. Lawrence Morgan made an ideal dorky "mammy," and the few pedler and private detective changed places before the play finished, the Jew being the real detective. James Dodd played his part as chum finely and also received a hearty encore on his solos later in the evening.
The music by the quartet consisting of Mervin Hodgman, Walter Wilder, James Dodd and Ashbel Streeter, was also greatly enjoyed. The ladies outdid themselves in the mock trial "The pursuit of the parson." Mrs. Emma Josselyn made a decided hit as the judge, as did both Mrs. Florence Fessenden and Mrs. Abbie Barber as attorneys. The defendant, Mrs. Higley, as "Dotty Develin," was acquitted by a fine jury of ladies dressed in mannish attire. The rest of the court officers and witnesses were dressed in a burlesque of the present fashion, and wore their skirts hobbled and sported immense hats.
The entertainment was a financial success.

Interesting Discourse.
The Monday club met with Mrs. Helen Potter Fessenden this week and the chief guest was Eben Francis Thompson of Worcester, who gave a very interesting discourse upon "The authorship of Shakespeare." Mr. Thompson summed up the points from both the Baconian and Shakespearian points of view and recently while abroad, where he studied into the subject, he had the good fortune to obtain a fac-simile copy of some records lately discovered which bear the signature of William Shakespeare, as a witness on some suit held at that

time. He also had a large gold ring which was made as an exact counterpart of Shakespeare's signet ring.
After the address the company were served with a delicious lunch, Mrs. Burton Potter of Worcester serving the salad and Mrs. Carrie Doane acting as pourer. They were assisted by Misses Ruth Warren, Maud Hyde and Alberta Barber.

West.
Clarence A. King and Miss Alba Parker, both of Townsend Centre, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, by Rev. S. D. Ringrose on last Tuesday evening.
Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son Roger, left Wednesday morning for a visit to her home in Troy, N. H., where she will remain until after Thanksgiving.

Miss Isabelle Bellur is recovering from an operation upon her throat performed at the Nashua hospital a few weeks ago.
Miss Grace Thompson substituted in the grammar school last Wednesday during the absence of Miss Sprague, who attended the Troupe-Sherwin wedding in Quincy.

I. P. Sherwin & Co., have a live turkey fattening in their store to be given to the one coming the nearest to a correct guess on its weight. Each purchase of twenty-five cents worth of goods entitles the purchaser to one guess on the weight. The presentation takes place the night before Thanksgiving.
The venerable Deacon L. F. Wood was tendered a birthday reception in the Baptist vestry on the evening of Wednesday, November 9, the occasion of his ninety-fourth birthday. A number of his friends and neighbors were present and he responded in a remarkably clear and pleasing manner, and one of the features of the evening was the reading by Mrs. Fred A. Patch of an original poem written by the aged man only a few years ago.
Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet in the vestry at six o'clock and will be conducted by Miss Alice Seaver.
Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby held Unitarian services in Seminary hall last Sunday afternoon.

At the recent business meeting of the L. L. A. S. the following officers were elected: Mrs. Edwin Streeter, pres.; Mrs. Alexander Reed, vice pres.; Mrs. E. J. Lees, sec. and treas.; Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. A. Reed, Mrs. E. J. Lees and Mrs. E. T. Davis, work committee.
Miss Emma Adams, who has been visiting her sister in Providence, R. I., has returned to her home.
Edward Patch of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Josselynville.
Mrs. Rowan Allen and little daughter from Groton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Robert Kaddy.
Frank Hamilton of Webster has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens.

Mrs. Mary Davis has been visiting at the home of her brothers, Everett Bruce and L. O. Bruce, the past week.
The regular weekly meeting of the West Townsend Men's club was postponed till Tuesday evening, November 22, on account of the L. B. B. fair.

The friends of Mrs. C. E. Streeter, who is seriously ill at her home here, gave her a postal shower last Sunday on the occasion of her birthday, and she received one hundred and thirty cards, coming from friends in all parts of the country, and among the entire number there were no two alike.
Quite a large number from this village attended the citizens' meeting in the interests of the public schools held in the high school room on Tuesday afternoon and a very interesting meeting is reported.
Winifred Reed of Boston is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, for a few days, suffering from a severe cold.

Miss Bell, who is employed at the Belgrade Rug factory, is boarding for the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly in Josselynville.
Fred A. Patch, who has for many years been the janitor at the Baptist church, has resigned his position and Charles Hodgman has taken his place.
Miss Abbie Green from Josselynville is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bruce of Boston.
George Mills of Ashburnham is visiting at the home of his uncle, William Mills of Josselynville.

A Successful Affair.
The annual sale and entertainment of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society was held in Seminary hall on Tuesday evening of this week and was a very well attended and successful affair. The entertainment consisted of the two-act farce, "Our church fair," which was well acted by twelve young ladies, and selections by the West Townsend male quartet consisting of Walter Wilder, Mervin Hodgman, James Dodd and Ashbel Streeter, with Miss Emma Adams as accompanist. The tables were well patronized and nearly all the articles on sale were disposed of. The mystery boxes in charge of Mrs. Louise McElligott, and the ice cream and cake in charge of Mrs. Patch and Mrs. Tucker were cleaned out early in the evening and the candy table in charge of Mrs. Charles Hodgman and Stella Tucker was well patronized, as well as the fancy articles and aprons in charge of Mrs. Sawtelle, Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Hodgman. One of the prettiest features of the fair was the fruit and vegetable table which was tastily arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Evans from the sale of which a goodly sum was realized.

Wedding.
The marriage of Alden P. Sherwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin of this village, and Miss Helen Troupe of Quincy, took place on Wednesday evening, November 16, at the home of the bride's parents. The double ring service was used, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, pastor of the Baptist church in this village, while Carl B. Willard, a schoolmate of the groom, acted as best man. Only a few intimate friends and the members of the family attended from here, those being: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin, Ivers P. Sherwin, brother of the groom and wife, and Mrs. R. S. Ely, his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman, and Miss Blanche Sprague. Mr. Sherwin has been for a number of years a clerk in his brother's store and has a host of young friends here, who offer their hearty congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness. The young couple, after a brief honeymoon, will reside at the new house recently erected by Mr. Sherwin on Bridge street.

HOLLIS, N. H.
News Items.
The young people of the Brookline M. E. church, presented the three-act comedy "Brother Josiah," in Hollis town hall on Friday evening, November 11, which they presented in Brookline the week previous, with the same cast of characters. The parts were well taken, and the play entertaining. The audience was not as large as it might be, but those who were in attendance were repaid.
Mrs. George Stickney of Waltham, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin.
Misses Olive and Ida Clement are attending a business college in Boston.
The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss Jennie Hale on Thursday afternoon. The following program was carried out: Current events given by Mrs. Hazard; a paper, "The reign of terror," by Miss Eaton; reading by Mrs. Brown.
C. J. Bell, who has been buying apples all the fall, has made his last shipment. He has shipped seven thousand and two hundred barrels from various points.
Perley Lund has gone to Nashua to work in a garage there during the winter.
The Hollis W. C. T. U. met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Nellie Hardy. Amendments to the constitution was adopted. Delegates to the December convention of the county are: Mrs. Nellie Hardy, Mrs. Jason Reed, Mrs. Elsie Hayden. Voted a donation for county almshouse work; also, for Mercy Home. At the executive meeting the following were appointed superintendents of departments: Evangelistic, Mrs. Lucy Brown; Sunday school, Mrs. Clara Walsh; literature, Mrs. Mary Hildreth; lumbermen, Mrs. Belle Moore; medal contests, Mrs. Nellie Hardy.

A supper, sale and entertainment was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Charitable society in the town hall on Wednesday evening, November 16. The entertainment consisted of music, a duologue, "Cheerful and musical," by Miss Emma Van Dyke and Miss Minnie A. Bancroft, and a comedy, "A case of duplicity," by Miss Clara E. Smith, Miss Daisy Woods and Frank Ellsworth. Fancy articles, books, aprons and home-made candy were on sale. Supper was served from six to eight o'clock in the lower hall.

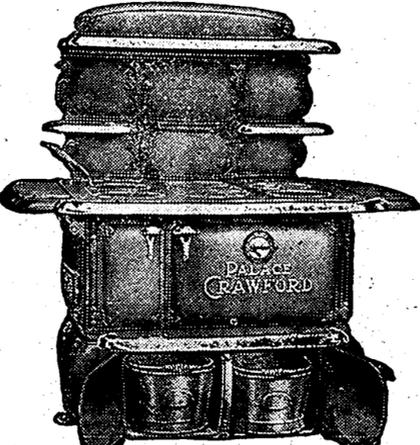
Items of Interest.
Old-age pensioners are more numerous in Ireland than in any other part of the United Kingdom. The local Government Board of Ireland has been looking into the situation, and has made a report. "Assignments of farms have become so numerous since the passing of the old-age pensions act," the report says, "that practically all the small farmers when they attain the age of seventy make over their farms to their sons and claim a pension, believing that it was the intention of the act that seventy years and an exemplary life were the only conditions to qualify for pension if the difficulty in regard to means could be overcome."

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to EDWARD H. WALKER of Townsend in said County, Middlesex without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of November, 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to LETTIE B. NICKERSON of Townsend in said County, or to some other suitable person.

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

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate not already administered of GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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TRAPPERS, ATTENTION—H. A. Goodrich, the veteran fur dealer, is still buying raw furs. He says he will pay an extra price for prime Mink, Fox and Muskrat skins if sent by express or brought to him at 53 Highland Avenue, Fitchburg, Mass. 219



Good Form

Correct stationery is one of the signs of a well bred woman, as all will agree, for any person receiving a note from a total stranger judges according to the writing paper used, and if any thought of future acquaintance is given one is prejudiced for or against. Among women one knows already that stationery is always taken as an evidence of bad taste, aside from the etiquette.

Just as much thought should be given to the selection of correspondence paper as is necessary when buying a hat. Indeed, many of the same elements are contained in the former—for example, size, shape and color. Extremes must be avoided.

Two sizes of paper should be in every one's desk—large sheets for letters and small "billets." It is called, for formal notes. The latter is the smallest of the several sizes made for women and is reserved exclusively for invitations, acknowledgments of the same or other formal communications. It varies little, if at all, from year to year and is six and a quarter inches long by four wide.

Square envelopes are undoubtedly always best for all social correspondence. Long ones, which were a fad a few years ago, have been again displaced, as they should be, for oblong is exclusively for business use. Square rarely, if ever, is so employed. The use of the latter, then, in social writing is to keep business and social matters divided even to the eye.

Vivid colors in writing paper are never permissible, although occasionally employed, but a woman choosing it will always be rated as "freakish." Colored inks must be avoided. Purple will always be used, but it is faddy and not as conventional as black or green that is so dark it appears black.

You Won't Be Popular if You Do This. This is an age when time is money, but too much time thrift, like too much money hoarding, is deteriorating to character. When you short cut at the cost of good breeding it is time to draw a sharp and sudden halt.

It is folly to laud the good old times at the expense of the present. There is no leisure today for grandiose periods and much palaver, and it is not certain but there is a gain in sincerity thereby. What we have to say we say in as few words as possible and are done with it.

The danger mark is in making the words too few—short cutting our appreciation and thanks. The telephone and printed forms make it fatally easy to be bad mannered.

Our parents would not need jobs about short cuts after a visit or house party. For them it was a "bread and butter letter" or being consigned to the hopelessly rude class.

The girl of today thinks she has done her duty if she calls her hostess up in the course of twenty-four hours to tell her what a "peachy" time she had. She does this calling not alone to hostesses of her own age, but to older women.

It is convenient, it is time saving, it is far too customary, but it is not good manners. Hospitality demands the courtesy of a gracious note if it be but overnight. The punctilious girl writes her hostess if she has but spent the day or lunched with her in the country.

Courtesy is not old fashioned, and the girl who tells you, "No one bothers to be so fussy these days," may consider herself up to date, but her hostess thinks her rude. Nor does she think her less rude because she accepts excuses in lieu of a note.

Bad Manners.

Complaints are common of the lack of manners in the young man of today. In most instances this may be traced to want of training in early youth. You cannot begin too soon if you want to make your son a gentleman in the best sense of the word. From babyhood teach him to give in to his sisters because they are girls and need consideration. If he pulls their hair or kicks them—for, alas, small boys are often bullies—never pass over such an offense. Do not allow any rudeness or disrespect. Demand courteous treatment, make him bring you a chair, open the door when you leave the room, walk on the outer side of the pavement, and, in fact, behave to you as he will to other women in the future.

Origin of the Word Etiquette. The French word "etiquette" really means a "label" or "ticket." How, then, comes it to denote "conventional forms of ceremony?"

It is said that a certain Scottish gardener in charge of Louis XIV's garden at Versailles was very much put out because the courtiers walked over his beds. To keep off these trespassers he placed labels or tickets—"etiquettes"—at various spots, with instructions as to the proper paths. At first the haughty courtiers did not deign to notice these placards, but a hint from higher quarters that their walks in future must be within the "etiquettes" compelled their obedience. Thus, according to the story, originated our present use of the word "etiquette."

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by **FANNY F. BLOOD** who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of November, 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 hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on the day, at least, before the day of said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
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Luck Did It

By RUTH GRAHAM
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Johnny O'Neil and Kitty Bowers were two young things who loved each other and wished to marry. But Johnny, who was but twenty years old, had nothing laid up, and Kitty's father didn't purpose to support his daughter and her husband too. So he forbade the match. Philip Bowers was a farmer who prided himself on having made himself comfortable by hard work and good judgment.

"You've got to begin," he said to his would-be son-in-law, "the way I began. I was a farm hand, and of every dollar I earned I saved a half. When I got a small lump together I loaned it at a big interest till I'd got enough together to buy this farm, part cash and part mortgage. I had to live close to pay the mortgage, but I did it, and now I'm prosperous."

"Didn't luck have anything to do with it?" asked Johnny.
"Not a bit. Never had any luck in my life. What I've got I've made in spite of luck."

Johnny asked Kit to meet him out on a projecting corner of her father's farm to talk matters over. They chose this spot because it was far from the house and they were not liable to interruption there. It was an unproductive piece of ground that had been tacked on to the farm in order to sell it.

Johnny and Kit looked at the situation and saw no comfort in it. John had no one to help him, and Kit knew her father too well to expect any help from him.

There was not \$20 to be scraped together between the two. Kit said she would wait, but John, who was an impatient fellow, didn't wish to wait. He said that to go about the problem of life as Mr. Bowers proposed would be impossible to a man of his disposition. He told Kit that he would go out into the world and do what he could. She could wait for him or not, as she chose. If he had any luck he would come back and claim her; if not, she might marry some one else in case she got a good offer.

Kit bade him goodby with streaming eyes and went home, while he stood looking after her. When she reached a point where she would pass from his view she turned, threw him a kiss, which he returned, and then she disappeared.

The only consolation Johnny had was his pipe. He took it out of his pocket, filled it and sat down on the ground for a smoke. It was one of those warm sultry days that sometimes come just before the collapse of summer. Johnny sank lower and lower on the ground till at last he was sprawled at full length. Then he turned on his side with his nose not two inches above the earth.

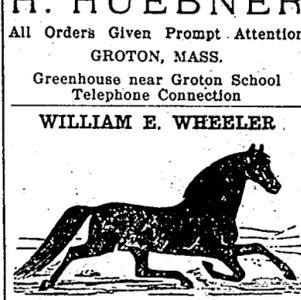
"Some one," he said to himself, "must have spilled kerosene here. I can smell it." He put his nose flat down on the surface and sniffed. The odor was unmistakable. He moved a short distance, sniffed again and got the same odor. After testing several locations he found that the odor was strongest where he had first smelled it, but it was so scattered that it could not have come from the overturning of a can of kerosene. Johnny had discovered coal oil on Mr. Bower's ground.

That night he returned with a spade and dug a hole where he had first detected the odor. The deeper he dug the more perceptible the odor. When he was satisfied he filled the hole, obliterated the marks of it and went away.

A few days later Farmer Griggs, owning land adjoining the Bowers farm, dickered with Bowers for the corner of the farm on which John and Kitty had parted and bought it for a song. It was deemed to Griggs, who deemed it to John O'Neil and a man he had induced to advance the money for its purchase. One morning Mr. Bowers saw preparations for boring on the property he had sold. He was much interested. All day he could hear the noise of the boring. Then there was a stopping of the work for two months, at the end of which time it was recommenced. After several of these stops, covering a period of nearly a year, Mr. Bowers heard something that astonished him. Rushing out to where the men were boring, he saw a stream of oil shooting up toward the sky.

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Saturday, November 19, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

News Items.

On Saturday, November 19, between twelve and 12.30, there will be a test alarm from box twenty-five at Blake's mill; box twenty-nine, Groton street; box thirty-four, Pleasant street, and one box each Saturday at the same time until the boxes have all been tested.

William H. Mullin of Ayer and formerly in the law business here, died in Arizona last Sunday at the age of forty-three years. He was widely and favorably known.

Many familiar faces from out-of-town were seen Saturday and Sunday, returning to their employment on Monday—Thomas Cuniff of Boston, Miss Gladys Williams, Miss Shattuck and F. W. Ames, Adam Nicols and John Shottmiller of Nashua.

Charles Gage and Eben Phillips have returned from a trip to Montreal. Pepperell's population has fallen off greatly the past decade. The census returns as published in several papers, gives Pepperell in 1900, 3,701; and in 1910, 2,953, a loss if correct, of 748.

Our chief of police set a trap for speeding autos and caught two on last Saturday, W. W. Whitney of Nashua, and C. A. Dane of Lowell. Both were fined in the Ayer court, ten dollars.

Elinor E. Handley is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Harry Murray is supplying at E. E. Tarbell's store.

An enjoyable event took place at the pleasant home on Oak Hill street of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pelton, one of our Grand Army veterans, on last Saturday afternoon. The members of Mr. Pelton's family, one half-brother, and two half-sisters arrived from Leominster with congratulations for his seventy-fourth birthday which occurred on the Sunday following. Relatives in the neighborhood joined the party during the evening. Refreshments were served by their genial hostess. In the interchange of reminiscences from "Auld Lang Syne," the hours passed most happily, all uniting in wishing him many more such anniversaries.

There was a narrow escape from fire at the home of W. E. Pierce, North Pepperell on Tuesday. Early in the morning Miss Bertha Pierce awakened and thought she smelled smoke. She had noticed it late the previous evening, but did not think it anything out of the ordinary. When she woke up in the morning about three o'clock, she called her uncle and it was discovered that a smoldering fire was in the woodbox. It was quickly extinguished by a hand chemical, and a big blaze narrowly averted.

The Congregational, Methodist and Unitarian churches will hold a united Thanksgiving service on tomorrow evening at seven o'clock. This union service will be held in the Congregational church. Revs. R. W. Drawbridge, A. W. N. Nelson, and D. R. Child will conduct the service. Rev. A. W. N. Nelson will deliver the sermon. Special music has been arranged. Chorus by a united choir, and certainly it is expected to be a treat throughout.

Thomas Lavalley spent Sunday afternoon with a friend in Groton.

H. F. Hobart succeeded in capturing four more foxes last week. A certain hunter, bold and lucky, spied a fat, sleepy coon in a tree on Hog hill and emptying both barrels into the beauty, which dropped like a meteor, but when looked for had hied away to a safe retreat and our darling boy rubbed his eyes in wonder.

Miss Nellie Attridge visited friends in Groton last Sunday.

The recount in this town for congressman in the fourth district was completed by the registrars on Monday evening and resulted in a gain

for Mitchell of one vote for the long term and a gain for Wilder of one vote for the short term.

The paper contest supper was held in the vestry of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, and was well patronized, resulting in a good profit for the church work, and an excellent supper for those who attended.

Mrs. L. E. Starr has been busily engaged with work in the Groton grange, which is to stage a play with local talent.

Files An Attachment.

The Holbrook Marshall company of Nashua, N. H., has filed an attachment at the registry of deeds in Fitchburg against Bridget Ayers of Leominster, who with a number of others, is a defendant in an action of contract, in which the ad damnum is \$2,000. The writ is returnable in superior court of Middlesex county on the first Monday in December.

Other defendants named in the suit, according to the writ of attachment filed there, are: Patrick W. Flynn, John Sullivan, Dora A. Banoroff, Horace Robbins, Luther H. Williams, Thomas F. Graham, Michael J. Dowling, John Tierney, John McGrath, James F. Mackey, Charles B. Sylvester, Lucy A. Perry, George A. Mahoney, and Kate Halley, all of Pepperell, and Patrick Kane of Groton. The writ is from the office of Attorney C. F. Worcester of Ayer.

Deaths.

Samuel P. Bancroft dropped dead in the office of Dr. F. W. Lovejoy on Tuesday morning, November 15, about nine o'clock. Mr. Bancroft had been in poor health for over a year with heart trouble and last winter pneumonia added to his serious condition. This summer he has been in better health than for some time.

Samuel Parker Bancroft was in his seventy-first year, a native of Pepperell, was one of the best known and most successful farmers of his day. He was known throughout New Hampshire and Vermont as a cattle buyer in the days when choice herds were driven over the road to Brighton. He was a G. A. R. veteran, and had served as a sergeant in the Sixth N. H. regiment, and received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Bancroft was married twice, his second wife, Mrs. Dora (Williams) Bancroft, now living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Williams. He leaves two children by his first wife—F. S. Bancroft of this town, and Miss Isabelle Bancroft, who has kept house for him and cared for him throughout his illness.

During his lifetime Mr. Bancroft held many positions in the town and state, as superintendent of roads and as cattle inspector, giving thorough satisfaction to all. It is understood that on the state house records his services as inspector stands second to none.

The funeral was on Friday from his late home in North Pepperell, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating, and at the grave by the G. A. R. Interment was at Walton's cemetery.

The funeral of Oscar Batty was held on last Monday from his late home on Leighton street. He passed away the previous Saturday morning. He has not been in the best of health for some time, but his death came unexpected. He was a member of the G. A. R., and is survived by his wife and two daughters. Rev. A. W. N. Nelson officiated at the funeral services. Many floral tributes covered the casket. He was seventy-five years of age, a native of New Brunswick, but has been a resident here some forty-one years.

Deceased.

The new reading-room was dedicated informally last Tuesday evening at the room in the Tarbell street school building. The committee in charge were disappointed in many features scheduled for the program. But the numbers which were rendered were enjoyed by all and reflects much credit on those who favored as well as the committee. Miss Mamie Heinz rendered a piano solo; Miss Elizabeth Reagan favored with several choice vocal selections; Miss Beatrice O'Connell gave a treat of the latest popular songs, and her sister, Miss Mamie O'Connell played the piano; Miss Gertrude Nokes' piano selections were selected and she also played during the corn march and the waltzing. E. P. McCord recited "The lessons," and by request prefaced the recitation with a few remarks of the object and the privileges of the reading-room, particularly to those who find it difficult to go the one and one-half miles to the town library. Rev. D. R. Child, the treasurer, spoke, stating the great good this work was capable of and solicited the aid of all, that it might be a continued success. After another solo by Miss Reagan, the corn march was announced, led by Mrs. W. M. Blood and E. P. McCord. Owing to the small space all who desired could not get into line, but over eight dollars was dropped into the basket which was placed in the center of the room. Dancing was enjoyed to a late hour.

The room is to be open for public use on Tuesday, November 22, and thereafter every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday evenings. A great number of books, magazines, etc., have been received and to Mr. Aldrich, acting under the direction of Mr. Peabody of the Groton school, two large boxes of these were received.

New Telephone Line.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company are constructing a new line on Nashua street as far as the residences of Absalom Lawrence and town assessor, H. F. Lawrence. This requires one hundred poles which are now set. It is understood the completion of these contracts is partly due to the work of E. P. McCord, while with the telephone company. It is expected the work will be soon commenced on another new line to begin at Oak Hill street and extend as far as the residence of Frank Slocum and to include the pumping station, which has always needed a phone.

About Town.

Francis, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chase of Nash-

ua, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua to be operated on Thursday for a sudden attack of appendicitis.

W. A. Kemp, Frank Bennett and Silas Nokes have gone to Warren, N. H., on a few days' hunting trip.

It is reported that Charles E. Boynton is about to leave the employ of P. J. Hayes, where he has served as a clerk for some time.

Mrs. Agnes Kibble of Somerville, with her youngest child is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tarbell's.

The young men of Pepperell Centre have rented a room in the building adjoining P. F. Sullivan's blacksmith shop, to be used as a clubroom. As yet no name for this club has been decided upon.

Mrs. Burrage, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Taft, for several weeks, left recently for a stay in Derby, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. William O. Taft left town on Tuesday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taft, for their home in East Brantree, Vt.

An extremely large dog, called a great Dane, found its way into town from Lowell on Wednesday. He appeared to be sick and was reported by Lucius Wilson to A. A. Lawrence, who investigated and decided to have him put out of the way on the day following, but the dog died during the night. It is supposed that he was run over by an automobile, or possibly had some form of paralysis.

Gleanings.

Helen E. McCormack left town on Monday for Madison, Me., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. William P. Outton.

John Frossard returned from a successful business trip this week. He went as far south as Piedmont, Va., stopping at different places enroute, and to the western part of New York State, being away about two weeks.

Mrs. J. Jackman and Allan McCormack of Fitchburg were week-end visitors at the home of their parents in this town, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McCormack.

Minot Blood of Boston was here on Thursday night and received the third degree in the I. O. O. F.

Joseph Lapp of Fitchburg is at work in the blacksmith shop of A. G. Pike.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck of High street is sick and confined to her bed, but is slightly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash spent Sunday in town as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason.

Mrs. J. Andrews of River street returned home this week, from Nova Scotia, where she went about four weeks ago to attend the funeral of a brother. Mrs. Andrews visited a sister in Stoneham while away.

Joseph Lavalley and family have moved into the house on Mill street, recently occupied by Mr. Mayhew.

John Gilman of Boston is a guest of M. C. Gilchrist of High street.

Mrs. Joseph Donnelly and Miss Marguerite have been recent visitors in Lowell.

Mrs. Henry Bailey of Crescent street has been quite ill with acute indigestion.

Miss Adah Whitney of Hollis street, spent Sunday last with her cousin in Nashua.

The new superintendent of the Nashua River Paper Co., has rented the house on High street recently occupied by Mrs. Sarah Shattuck.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck has moved to Nashua, and will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Cummings.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell post-office for the week ending November 11: Jos. Amero, Mrs. Gilmore, A. G. Tarbell.

Centre.

The Woman's club will give the concert promised the public on Monday evening, November 21, in Prescott hall. This concert is open to the public and promises an evening of more than usual interest. The music will be given by the Weber male quartet and the readings by Miss Gladys Sprague. Don't forget the date, November 21.

The vaccination of the pupils in the public schools is nearly completed. Parents, physicians and teachers have aided the committee in complying with the law in a spirit very gratifying to the committee.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather on Thursday evening, a large and appreciative audience greeted the ladies and gentlemen of the Friendly society, First Parish, Weston, who gave a fine comedy, entitled "Mollen-trave on women" for the Ladies' Social circle of this town. It was a finished and artistic piece of acting, from beginning to end; quite out of the ordinary, abounding in wit and ludicrous situations which the audience received with great enthusiasm. The highest praise is heard on all sides—"Nothing in town so good for years"—"The best acting by amateurs ever seen," etc.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held in the Baptist church on next Thursday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. H. L. Packard, pastor of the Congregational church will preach the sermon.

The senior class of the L. H. S., assisted by a few of the lower classes, will give a drama entitled "Spodunk emporium," at town hall, November 29. The play was written by Rev. H. B. Drew and the cast is at work under the direction of the author, and Principal Backus.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houghton of Chicago were over-Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Houghton.

The removal of the Misses Emma and Georgia Whitcomb from the farm at the Center where they had lived for some twenty-five years and which was sold per order of the mortgage at public auction several months ago, was of absorbing interest to many neighbors and other townspeople the first three days of this week. J. H. D. Whitcomb, present owner of the farm, with several helpers assisted the Misses Whitcomb in moving their large store of valuable furniture, vehi-

cles, and almost endless other goods to their new home in the W. H. Tenney house near the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Daddman of Gardner, a former housekeeper for the late Henry Ramsdell, has been a guest at Dr. Murray's this week.

George Mitton, one of the large owners in the Jordan, Marsh Co., with a party of five others enjoyed his annual hunt in town recently.

Clyde Stetson and Mabelle Isabelle Pratt were married at Ayer on November 12, by Rev. J. W. Thomas.

The frame of J. H. Kimball's new barn is up and boarded.

Supt. Frank H. Hill attended the convention of New England school superintendents in Boston last week Friday.

The watering trough near Wm. H. Tenney's has been moved across the road and in its former place is to be a triangular green. This is the work of the Improvement society, which is constantly adding to the general appearance of the town by such improvements.

Miss Mary Hayes of Waltham was an over-Sunday guest at Charles L. Smith's.

Improvement is the order of the day at Osman Needham's. A bay window, a bath-room, a new pantry, and an extension to the barn make a grand transformation.

One of the best strips of road in this vicinity is that of asphalt and gravel just completed on Great road from Nagog lake to the entrance to Cyrus Pickard lane. It is sufficiently pliable to make travel easy for horses, smooth and practically free from dust.

Miss Jennie Stone of Wendall has been visiting this week at J. P. Thacher's.

Rev. H. L. Packard and Dea. J. W. Thacher were recently chosen delegates to attend the recognition services for the new pastor of Leominster Congregational church.

Hugh McDonald and William G. Brown have been drawn on jury to the criminal court in Cambridge which is to try Miss Hattie LeBlanc for the murder of the Waltham laundryman.

We are happy to note the election of Hon. Frank A. Patch to the office of associate county commissioner.

Tuesday evening, November 22, Gen. William A. Bancroft of Boston, will speak on "Boston Elevated," before the lyceum in town hall.

Mrs. Harriet Porter Churchill of Waltham, formerly of Littleton, passed quietly away into her last sleep on Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held at her late home on Friday noon and the remains were brought to Littleton in the afternoon for burial beside those of her husband in West-lawn cemetery. Mrs. Churchill was born in Littleton eighty-five years ago last January, and always kept up her interest in the town and its people, coming to see her relatives and other friends as often as she was able.

Among the pleasant remembrances which Dea. J. W. Thacher received on his eighty-first birthday, recently passed, was a precious water color painting of his grandfather Thacher's house in Biddeford, Me. Here the illustrious ancestor, George Thacher, settled in 1728, and in the humble but beautiful home entertained General Lafayette on one of his visits to this country. Mr. Thacher was a member of the first, second and third congress, and established for himself a reputation that makes any souvenir of himself and his home most highly prized among his descendants.

Back-log Club.

The twenty-ninth season of the Back-log club opened last week Thursday evening with the much anticipated banquet in the dining hall of the Unitarian vestry. A social hour with the payment of annual dues was followed by the request of President B. F. Jacobs for the company to form in line which he and Mrs. Jacobs led to the spacious dining-room in the lower compartment of the vestry.

The number of persons present was very good considering the unfavorable weather, but somewhat smaller than usual. In no particular was the banquet inferior to those of well established fame in previous years. This important feature of the occasion was in charge of the club officers.

Mr. Jacobs in his brief address, pleasantly alluded to the success of the club in its long history, extended his thanks to those whose able and willing support had made his duties and responsibilities a pleasure during the last year and looked hopefully into the coming season. He presented as the toastmaster of the occasion, one who by nature and experience stands in the front ranks of the office, Nahum H. Whitcomb.

Mr. Whitcomb was at his best and drew freely from his exhaustless vein of wit and fitting stories as he introduced the following speakers: "The school," F. H. Hill; "The church," Rev. O. J. Fairfield; "The world," Rev. Bradford Leavitt; "My little town," Miss S. F. White; "How to do it," Rev. W. C. Brown.

A survey of the above names and subjects is convincing evidence of a substantial and entertaining program. Interspersed among the speeches was the singing of the usual selections—"Auld Lang Syne," "America," and "Till we meet."

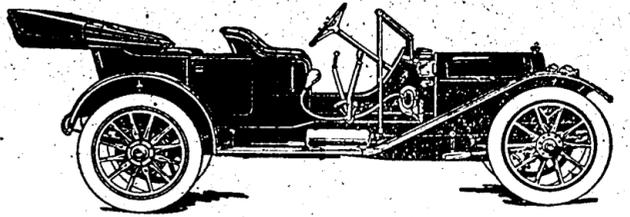
The Back-log calendar for 1910-11 were distributed and revealed many attractions for the new season.

L. W. C.

Mrs. Walter Scott Carr, the speaker scheduled for the Woman's club last Monday was unable to be present on account of sickness, and Rev. O. J. Fairfield kindly consented to furnish the entertainment for the afternoon.

After the usual business was dispatched Mrs. Annie C. Smith gave a good account of the state federation meeting held in Cambridge, November 2, presenting a resume of different addresses and laying special stress on the magnificent tribute to Mrs. Julia Ward Howe by Mrs. May Alden Ward. Mrs. Frost, president, calling upon the vice-president, Mrs. Charlotte Tenney, to take the chair, sang with fine expression the beautiful solo, "My dear," Miss E. E. Tenney accompanying her at the piano. Mrs. Alice Hartwell Smith's name was proposed for membership in the club.

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Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, the speaker of the afternoon, gave a synopsis of the new drama, "The chalice," by Edmund Rostand, author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," the play that has won universal praise and strong enthusiasm among critics and lovers of the stage. In "The chalice" Mr. Rostand has returned to the days of Aristophanes and the Greek drama by introducing on the stage the animals, birds of the barnyard and the forest, making a great hit in the theatrical world. Mr. Fairfield read the play in part, giving a very good idea of the entire drama which he hoped his audience would read for themselves in its completeness. The book which contains it has been added recently to our library. The stage setting and make-ups were faithfully portrayed by the speaker and various explanations were given which combined with the readings made an entertainment both instructive and very pleasant.

Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. H. F. Proctor were chosen a committee to conduct the sale of Christmas seals handled by the state federation, the proceeds of which are given to the various instrumentalities devoted to the prevention of sickness and the promotion of health.

New Advertisements.

District Court of the United States For the District of Massachusetts.

In the matter of NEW ENGLAND PAPER & STATIONERY COMPANY, Bankrupt.

To Henry E. Warner, Esq., Referee in Bankruptcy:

And now comes J. Duke Smith, Trustee of said bankrupt, and says that the assets of the said bankrupt consist of real estate, machinery, stock in trade, both finished and in the process of manufacture, fixtures, book accounts, etc.; that it may be advisable to sell the whole or any part of the said assets at public or private sale.

Wherefore he prays that he may be authorized to sell the whole or any part of the said assets at public or private sale.

J. DUKE SMITH, Trustee.

The foregoing petition having been duly filed and having come on for hearing before me, of which hearing ten days' notice was given by mail to creditors of said bankrupt, now, after due hearing, no adverse interest being represented thereat, it is ordered that the said trustee be authorized to sell the bankrupt's estate specified in the foregoing petition at public or private sale, keeping an accurate account of each article sold and the price received therefor and to whom sold; which said account he shall file at once with the referee.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1910.

HENRY E. WARNER, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Under and pursuant to the authority and direction of the foregoing order and subject to the conditions therein set forth the Trustee will sell at public auction on December 18th, 1910, at two o'clock P. M., upon the premises of the bankrupt company in the City of Ayer, Massachusetts, all the real estate of the New England Paper & Stationery Company and the buildings thereon situated.

The real estate to be sold comprises all the right, title and interest of the New England Paper & Stationery Company and of said Smith as Trustee as aforesaid in and to the parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated, bounded and described as follows:

As shown on a plan filed in the Land Registration Office a copy of which is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the South Registry District of Middlesex County in Registration Book Two (2) with certificate number 442. Bounded Southwesterly on the Northerly line of Groton Street by two lines measuring together one hundred fifty-five and 8-10 (155.8) feet; South-easterly on land of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad six hundred twenty-two and 2-10 (622.2) feet; Northerly on land now or formerly of John G. Park two hundred seventy-three and 65-100 (273.65) feet; Northwesterly on land now or formerly of Bridget E. Toohy sixty (60) feet; Northerly again on the same by two lines measuring together one hundred and fifty-four (154) feet; Westerly line of which was formerly the easterly line of an old County Road thirty (30) feet;

Southerly on land now or formerly of Thomas F. McDonald one hundred and 5-10 (120.5) feet; and Westerly on said McDonald land, land now or formerly of Michael Kellher and land now or formerly of Annie Farwell by two lines measuring together three hundred ninety-five and 22-100 (395.22) feet; being the same premises the title to which is registered in the name of the New England Paper & Stationery Company as shown by Certificate numbered 467 issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex dated the twenty-first day of July 1902.

Said premises are subject to two mortgages: one for three thousand dollars (\$3000) to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, being document No. 2338 registered November 18, 1905, as shown by Certificate numbered 467 in Registration Book No. 4, Page 169, issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge as above; the second for thirty-nine hundred dollars (\$3900) to the Merrimac Paper Company, being document No. 3748, registered April 9, 1908, as shown by Certificate numbered 467 in Registration Book No. 4, Page 169, issued under decree of Court of Land Registration at Cambridge, as above. Said premises will be sold subject to said mortgages and the interest due thereon and to all other incumbrances.

Six hundred dollars (\$600) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid when papers are passed. The sale is to be made subject to confirmation by the Court.

J. DUKE SMITH, Trustee New England Paper & Stationery Company, 84 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, November 10, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$141,080.72
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	76.13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	93,992.22
Banking house, fixtures and furniture	810.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	39,419.10
Notes of other National Banks	200.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickel and Cent pieces	25.04
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$4,253.70
Legal-tender notes	11,350.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$343,706.91

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Earnings and Taxes Paid	7,010.41
National Bank Notes Outstanding	50,000.00
Dividends unpaid	258.00
Individual deposits subject to check	232,438.50
Total	\$343,706.91

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventeenth day of November, 1910. George C. Tarbell, Notary Public.

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