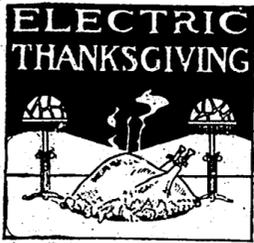


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HARVARD.

News Items.
The subject for the next regular meeting of the grange to be held on November 18 is "Thanksgiving in song and story." Music in charge of Miss Edith Dudley.
Mrs. Frank E. Whitney, of Kenmore, N. Y., is visiting this week with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haskell.
Bromfield school interclass basketball games continue. The game on Friday last resulted in the Sophomores winning from the Blue team by a score of 3 to 2. On Monday last the Freshmen White team won

from the Sophomore team by a score of 3 to 2.
The Evening Whist club met at the Hapgood memorial on Tuesday last for general business and election of officers. The officers elected were Mrs. J. E. Maynard, pres.; Miss Helen Barnard, vice-pres.; Miss Helen Dickson, sec.; Mrs. H. H. Gale, treas. It was voted to hold six evening parties at the I. O. F. hall and also that a lunch should be served on the evening of the third party and a banquet on the evening of the last party.
The Warner lecture committee presented Seumas MacManus in his lecture entitled "A merry ramble round Ireland," as the first of their course

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on Friday evening of last week. A large audience greeted Mr. MacManus and they were in no way disappointed in their expectations of an interesting and instructive talk from a man who knows. His views were very beautiful, recalling pleasant memories to those who were familiar with this romantic old country.

Isaac P. Baker, assessor and tax collector, spent last Monday at the State House, Boston, in the interests of the town looking up holdings in corporation and bank stocks.

Announcement cards are out for Miss Mary Gertrude O'Flynn and Thomas Joseph Faherty, who are to be married at St. John's church at Worcester on Monday morning, November 24, at nine o'clock. Both young people are well-known here, Mr. Faherty especially so, having spent many of his summers here while a student and instructor at Holy Cross college. After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Faherty will reside at Worcester.

There will be worship in the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Rev. C. S. Bodwell, pastor-elect, will preach the sermon from the subject "Thyself." Miss Elvira Scorgie will sing "Fear not ye, O Israel" by Buck, and a part of the chorus choir will sing the beautiful angel trio from the oratorio of Elijah, "Lift thine eyes." Mr. Bodwell requests that the people remain after the service for an informal conference.

Henry Crossley is visiting for a few days this week with his niece, Miss Lola Bemis, at Worcester.

Books are out for a three-act comedy to be given in connection with the church fair annual by the ladies of the Congregational society. The cast includes some of the best talent in the society and the play will certainly be well worth seeing.

The members of the chemical company have bills out for their annual concert and dance to be given on Thanksgiving night at the town hall. Music will be by McNally's orchestra, six pieces. This is a benefit dance for the treasury of the company. All come.

Still River.

Mrs. William H. Gerrish and daughter called on friends here on Tuesday. Mrs. Gerrish, as a girl, used to live a good deal with Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Atherton (she was Hattie Hayden then). Her daughter is fourteen years old and Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish have a son Hayden fourteen months old.

Mrs. Adeliza Turner returned from a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atherton, at Holyoke, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson moved from their cottage to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sarah C. Seales, Monday.

Ruth Willard is quarantined with other students at the Fitchburg Normal school on account of an outbreak of scarlet fever at the school, and her Still River friends are especially anxious. Ruth took care of one of the victims that was carried down before it was known to be scarlet fever.

Mrs. R. P. Seales entertained the Birthday club at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mabel Sprague entertained her cousins, Misses Helen, Elaine and Edith Arey, of Salem, over Sunday.

Miss Mary Cummings, of Leominster, called on Still River friends on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Rose Howard, Mrs. Alice Haskell and Mrs. Hattie Stone attended the State King's Daughters' convention at Fitchburg on Tuesday.

C. J. Merrifield dug 2140 bushels of fine potatoes this fall and has sold them all at an average price of ninety cents per bushel. If the season had not been so dry he says he would have raised nearly 5000 bushels.

Seventy-seventh Anniversary.

Monday was the seventy-seventh birthday anniversary of Luther Willard, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrifield, arranged a surprise party for him and invited relatives to supper in the evening. There were twenty-one that sat down to a beautiful supper of oyster stew, rolls, tea, coffee, pie, assorted cakes and fruit and ice cream. At the close of the eating a platter was placed before Mr. Willard and he was requested to open the packages that were on it. One was a box containing seventy-seven large peppermints, another a red bandana handkerchief "for Sunday use only," and a pair of solid gold cuff links, the latter from all the guests. The company then went to the parlor and music was enjoyed. At the supper table were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Haskell, (Mr. Haskell was sixty-seven years old the same day), Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stone, Mrs. Anna R. Flinders, F. W. Bateman, Miss Eliza A. Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harrod, Miss Alice M. Harrod, Abel Willard, Miss Blanche Willard, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hayes, and a son of Mr. Merrifield from Maine, who arrived that evening to visit his father.



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WESTFORD.

Center. Rev. William Anderson occupied the pulpit Sunday morning at the Congregational church and gave his hearers an excellent sermon upon "Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God." This is Mrs. Anderson's home church and interest was felt in the service and it was to be regretted that the hard rainstorm kept many at home. The girls' vestal choir sang a beautiful anthem, "Somewhere it is always morning," Miss Lillian Sutherland sustaining the solo part. At the last communion service at this church, November 2, Mrs. Sarah Whitney and her three daughters, Misses Ethel, Estella and Minnie Whitney, were received into membership by letter from the Advent Christian church of Lowell.

Workmen have been busy on the house recently taken possession of by the Edward Fishers, thinning out the tangle of vines and shrubbery surrounding it which is conceded as very much of an improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland were guests last week at Mrs. Walter E. Vickery's silver wedding anniversary in Chelmsford.

The young people are planning a dance for next Friday evening at the town hall under the auspices of the Westford A. A. The Crescent orchestra will furnish the music.

Master Morton Seaver is shut in from his usual boyish activities with an injured knee, hurt while playing with the other boys.

Miss Evelyn Hamlin has been spending the week at home from her studies at Fitchburg Normal school, the school being closed for that time on account of contagious sickness.

C. Willis Hildreth has been busy with helpers clearing the leaves from the common and our tree-lined main streets, giving them a much neater appearance.

Mrs. Albert W. Heywood gave a very pretty birthday party for her little daughter Alice on Friday, November 7. It was the little lady's third birthday anniversary and guests invited were Roger H. Hildreth, Elizabeth Carver, Genevieve Blaney, Hazel Pond, Edna Hamlin, Ruth Lumbert and Kenneth Wright. Dainty refreshments and a birthday cake with candles had its place of honor.

There will be a musical and sale in the parlors of the Unitarian church next week Friday afternoon from two to five o'clock. Mrs. Herbert D. Foss, soprano, and Miss Thomas, violinist, both of Cambridge, will furnish excellent music. Home cooking, fancy articles and aprons will be on sale.

The members of the Y. P. S. C. E. gave Miss Etha Whitney a surprise birthday party one evening last week. It was Miss Whitney's eighteenth birthday anniversary and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by those present, which numbered about thirty. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The water has been shut off from the new drinking fountain to prevent pipes freezing during the cold weather and depending on the grade on the pump inside the town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Nesmith, of Westford grange, were among those in attendance at the sessions of the National grange at Manchester, N. H., this week.

Officers Elected.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church held an enthusiastic and well attended meeting at the vestry on Wednesday afternoon. It was a business meeting for the election of officers and committees for the winter socials. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. David Wallace, pres.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, v. p.; Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, sec.; Mrs. John P. Wright, Miss Florence Wilson, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Walter E. Merritt, Mrs. W. W. Roudenbush, directors; Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. C. L. Hildreth, Miss Grant, Miss Crocker, Miss Edith A. Wright, entertainers; Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Bannister, Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. J. E. Knight, supper committee; Mrs. George Kimball, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. H. H. Wright, Mrs. Bannister, Mrs. Hartford, calling committee; committees for monthly socials—Mrs. L. E. Atwood, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. McMaster, November; Christmas entertainment and supper for the children in charge of Sunday school officers; Mrs. J. E. Knight, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McMaster, January; Rev. David Wallace, February; Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. David L. Greig, Mrs. John P. Wright, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. March, Mrs. Edith A. Wright and Mrs. W. C. Roudenbush, April; Miss Hazel Hartford and Miss Hilda Isles and other young people, May.

Entertainment Course.

The following is the attractive entertainment course under the auspices of Westford academy at town hall, at 7.45 in the evening on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 9, Sydney Landon, character artist, comprising character sketches of great literary men, past and present, in costume. Humorous sketches of "Our folks at home" and "Man's peculiarities"—instructive as well as funny. Friday, January 16, C. Everett Wallace, entertainer, presenting humorous sketches, monologues, songs, banjo playing and ventriloquism. A lot of good fun all the time. Friday, February 20, Ray D. Newton, the mystic entertainer, comprising music, magic and mystery. Everybody kept alive and guessing.

Accident.

William E. Wright met with a sorry accident Tuesday evening about 7.30, when his comparatively new Universal three-ton auto truck was practically demolished by fire. Mr. Wright had started to take a party of strangers to Tyngsboro and had left the town hall with about fifteen or twenty passengers and was proceeding to Chamberlin's Corner to take on more people. When near the Charles Walker farmhouse something went wrong and flames sudden-

ly shot out from the side of the truck. Everybody dismounted in a hurry and it was seen at once that the fire was serious. The top seating arrangement was removable and that was taken off and the rear wheels and frame work were understood was saved, but the engine and front part of the car was consumed by the fire. A hurry call for help was sent to the village from the nearest telephone for help and was generously responded to, but there was little to do by the time help could get there.

The passengers who wended their way to their various homes were in very different mood from the laughing, singing group of a little while before out for a moonlight frolic and the lure of a pleasant grange meeting and turkey supper with a neighboring town.

Much sincere sympathy is felt for the energetic and enterprising owner of the truck. With it he had done a good season's work teaming produce to the Boston market and was planning to handle a large amount of apples this winter. There was an insurance on the machine, but whether adequate to compensate for corresponding inconvenience and disappointment is a question.

About Town.

Line thirteen of the telephone system, which is the Stony Brook line, was sent out for the count on Tuesday evening, just about the time the auto-truck gasoline tank cooled, and deprived many of supper. Please connect us, but not with the gasoline tank.

Daniel H. Sheehan has started up his woolen, cotton, cider mill combination located on Tadmuck brook.

Frank C. Drew is improving the attractiveness of his house and the Lowell road to the passer-by in those two coats of uncolored, unadulterated white paint. William H. Johnson has charge of the brush department.

The town is making itself feel the wisdom of the road money in filling the mud holes in the gravel on the Lowell road. Continuation to the Chelmsford town line gentlemen before you get out of wisdom and money for there are a few depressions that give the traveler a sense of precipitation before reaching double the number in Chelmsford.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of the general hostess, Mrs. Homer M. Seaver, last week Wednesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Janet Wright, as delegate to the state convention, gave an entertaining account. This was followed by routine business. A social hour and tempting refreshments by the hostess.

Westford Board of Trade was represented by invitation at the Lowell Board of Trade on Tuesday evening. The address was given by Franklin H. Wentworth representing the National Fire Protection association. He took for his subject "Fire protection." It is a little singular that this subject should be selected on the very evening that several members of the Westford Board of Trade were out burning auto bound for Tyngsboro and several other members of the Westford Board of Trade were waiting with "cold feet" at the corner of Lowell and Stony Brook roads for the Charles Pickering family.

The Charles Pickering family have leased the house recently vacated by the Edward Fisher family and will be new residents of the town. Mrs. Pickering will be remembered as Miss E. Taylor of the old Stony Brook school district, and one of the bright and genial associates of that past history.

Perley E. Wright has purchased an auto truck for apple transportation with reference to Boston market.

Charles W. Whitney has some fine home-grown raised colts that are visible in the pasture opposite the John H. Decatur residence.

Ancient Barbarism.

A few more "open seasons" like the present double-barreled shooting affair in hunting and there will be no birds or animals left on earth except cows and woodchucks. The public schools are encouraged to emphasize "Preservation of wild life" and the daily press and monthly magazines sound the same note, and about the time agitation for preservation seems to be building up we neutralize with the open season. We teach preservation and practice extermination. We still bear trade marks of our ancient barbarism in our indiscriminate gun habits. Our new friends, the pheasants, that add so much variety to life, and our old friends from tree to tree—the gray squirrel—that had begun to increase under the rule of "thou shalt not." We have got badly riddled in this enjoyable open season. Shoot away at us, men, annihilate wild life and stamp out the sentimental in nature and leave nothing on earth but finance.

Drowned.

A sad drowning accident in the canal at West Chelmsford occurred last week Friday while Walter Smith, aged seven years, was rolling a hoop with two other boys. In an effort to recover his hoop from the canal he fell in and was drowned. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, he came from England only a month ago and was stopping with his grandparents, Mrs. Amos G. Bilson. The parents had just gone to Northampton to secure work and the last words the mother were: "Now mother look after Walter and see that nothing happens to him for you know he is the only child we have left." Sad, sad indeed when this only child was drowned the afternoon of the day his parents left for Northampton.

His younger playmates, innocent and helpless, witnessed the drowning and somewhat disconnectedly gave the alarm. "Walter is floating down the canal." The alarm was late. The Boy Scouts of North Chelmsford were rallied to search the woods, thinking he had lost his way, as his companions did not give the clue until later. The boy was recovered on Saturday morning when the canal had been drawn down.

The funeral was held from the village church on Monday afternoon, Rev. E. P. Crawford conducting the service. The school children marched from the house to the grave and carried the different contributions of flowers. The bearers were schoolmates—Albert and Edwin Burne, Carl Haberman, Theodore Robarge, Arthur Sherman, Mavry Nelson. At the church the school children sang "Jesus lover of my soul" and "When he cometh to make up his jewels." Mrs. F. L. Roberts, of the First Universalist church of Lowell, always a favorite in the village, volunteered her services and sang "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "Let the little ones come unto me." Burial was in the village cemetery.

Forced to Return Supperless.

The moon, the weather and the roads invited a large number of Westford grangers to mingle with Tyngsboro on Tuesday evening. The auto-truck of William E. Wright was en-



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gaged for the evening. It was well loaded and loaded with what was residence on East Main street. The auto showed symptoms of illness and everyone was ordered off deck in the flash of a minute with some light connected with it. The truck was discovered to be on fire and in a few more twinkles of time the gasoline tank exploded and bruised the machinery in a thoughtless manner. The blaze went sky rocket high and threatened the Walker residence. Members of the Edward M. Abbot fire company were summoned and the flames were lowered in perpendicular height and horizontal spread. Fortunately everybody was on earth when the truck threatened to dispose of them. Thus caught the Tyngsboro turkey supper except to those who went truckless, which is better and safer than supperless.

Grange. The next meeting of Westford grange will be held on Thursday evening, November 20. The program calls for election of officers. This is an error and the error will have substituted for it "An evening in charge of past masters." They include J. Willard Fletcher, Walter J. Merritt, Edson G. Boynton, Leonard W. Wheeler, W. M. Wright, Frank C. Wright, Fred L. Fletcher, John P. Wright, Alonzo H. Sutherland and Samuel L. Taylor. A meeting was held at the residence of John E. Wright to arrange plans. Belle Harrington, Hill of Lowell, will entertain some of the time. When she is recovering to entertain again the ladies' quartet will be cream and other warm staff. The masters of the granges whose territory lines up in a perambulating way so as to touch Westford will be invited to be present.

Graniteville. The batters are now up for the new firehouse that is to be erected on land on Fifth street, opposite the Sargent school. This appears to be an ideal spot for the site, as it is centrally located and easily approached from all sides. It is now known at the present just when the work on the building will commence, for it being a town job there are certain formalities to go through concerning the title to the land, etc., before the contract will be awarded to the contractors and operations commenced.

The members of the Graniteville A. A. held a well-attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Monday evening with Edward Riney, president, in the chair. Business of importance was transacted and the entertainment committee reported much progress made on the form of entertainment which will present in the near future. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Henry Smith on Thursday afternoon and enjoyed a very pleasant meeting. The parishioners of the M. E. church held a pound party at the home of the pastor, Rev. A. Earl Kernahan on Tuesday evening and the affair was very largely attended. Mr. and Mrs. Kernahan, with an efficient committee of young people, made it very pleasant for all and the time was very pleasantly passed. The whole affair was voted a huge success and the contributions were very generous.

Henry Smith has recently purchased a new Metz runabout, having disposed of his Stanley steamer that he has been driving for the past few seasons.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held their regular meeting on last Tuesday evening.

Many people of this village are expected to take advantage of the open season for deer that commences next week and will continue for six days. It is needless to say that there will be more hunters than deer, as was the case last year.

Forge Village.

The many friends of Harry Lewis will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed at the Groton hospital, several days ago.

A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett on Sunday, November 9.

Mrs. Helen Taylor and Miss Annie Reynolds, of Lowell, attended the supper and concert at the mission house held last week Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shackleton left for New Bedford on Saturday, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. Walter Brooks, of Brockton, is the guest of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall for a few weeks.

Mrs. William Edwards, of Waltham, are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pyne.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanley, of Marlboro, with their little son, are visiting at the home of Mr. Hanley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley.



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Death. The many friends of Mrs. Mary Coburn, widow of the late Peter Coburn will be pained to hear of her death which occurred on Tuesday morning at her home on Union street. Mrs. Coburn has lived in this village for over fifty years and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a regular attendant, when health permitted, of St. Catherine's church, but for the past few years has been in a very feeble condition owing to her advanced age. Mrs. Coburn was a quiet, home-loving woman, and all who knew her or come in contact with her seemed to feel the benefit of her christian character. She will be greatly missed, as she was very well known by both the young and old alike.

Supper and Entertainment. The first supper of the season was held by the members of the Ladies' Sewing Circle in Recreation hall on last week Thursday evening and it proved a thorough success. The tables were very prettily arranged and an amount of dainty dishes were quickly consumed. A large number attended from Graniteville, including Rev. and Mrs. A. Carl Kernahan, pastor of the M. E. church. A very interesting and especially well arranged musical program followed. All the numbers were well applauded. During the evening Rev. Williston M. Ford, pastor of St. Andrew's mission, spoke on church unity and appreciated the presence of a fellow clergyman, Mr. Kernahan. Those in charge of the supper were Mrs. Richard D. Prescott, Mrs. Nelson Prescott, Mrs. David Lord, Mrs. George Sanborn, Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. Chester Blodgett, Mrs. Charles Blodgett, Mrs. William Blodgett, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson and Mrs. W. H. Eernald. The affair was for the benefit of the mission.

two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Simpson, of Boston, and Mrs. Elizabeth Spaine, of this village.

Whereas, EVA L. HOLDEN administratrix of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged by the real estate commissioner for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1913, 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.

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 ELIZA P. WILCOX, late of Littleton 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 FLORENCE J. WILCOX, late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of December, A. D. 1913, 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 seventh day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

3110 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH WEBSTER FLAGG, also known as LIZZIE W. FLAGG, late of Littleton 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 ELIZABETH J. ANDOVER in the County of Essex, 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 first day of December, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

3110 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of EMILY BYAM late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same to and prove them debited to said estate are called upon to make payment to

EMMA L. BYAM, Administratrix. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1913.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN CARNEY late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOHN D. CARNEY, 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-fifth day of November, A. D. 1913, 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 eighth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of EMILY HOLDEN late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, EVA L. HOLDEN administratrix of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged by the real estate commissioner for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1913, 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 eighth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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To the Advertiser—One paper in the home is worth a dozen on the highway. This paper is a home paper.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Alexander Bodah, between fourteen and fifteen years of age, ran away from his home on Monday and it is thought has gone to Holyoke. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bodah who reside at the Phoenix. The last his parents saw of him was when he left his home at the usual time on Monday morning to go to his place of employment at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Company. It was learned that the lad drew all the wages due him and boarded the 11.15 electric car for Fitchburg. He was located in Holyoke on Wednesday. His father went to that city and brought him home again.

The Shirley Industrial school football team was easily defeated by the Fitchburg high school team on the Circle street grounds, Fitchburg, last Saturday by a score of 33 to 0.

George E. Byram is confined to his home this week threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff again entered the new England sanitarium at Melrose on Tuesday to be treated for sciatic rheumatism. Mrs. Wolff has suffered considerable of late and it is hoped has taken the sanitarium treatment in the nick of time.

Mrs. Levi Landry and sister, Miss Lucy visited relatives in Lowell last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cormier and Miss Christine Gionet spent last Saturday and Sunday with friends in Roxbury.

Alex Bulger, who is suffering from the effects of tuberculosis, is now confined to his bed and seems to be gradually sinking.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden spent the week-end and over Sunday in Shrewsbury at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Harvey, of Ansonia, Conn., former residents of this town, spent the week-end with friends in Shirley.

Edonion lodge, I. O. O. F., netted about \$125 on their ball held last week Friday evening.

A number of the King's Daughters went to Fitchburg on Tuesday evening to attend the state conference at the Rollstone church.

A set of books was received this week Wednesday at the library from the Agricultural college. They include the latest and most authoritative ideas concerning farming. They are loaned to the library for a period of six months and will be gladly loaned to anyone interested.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., holds its first entertainment of the series of four Odd Fellows hall on Monday evening at eight o'clock. Don't miss it.

New telephones this week are John Conant, 32-3; Leonard Hooper, 35-2.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church held its regular monthly social, supper and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, a goodly number being present who appreciated the evening festivities. The following is the program of entertainment and committee: Vocal solo, Miss Agnes Lynch; duet, violin and piano, Miss Virginia MacElroy and Miss Sarah Stevenson; "Scrubtown sewing circle's" Thanksgiving, Mrs. Florence Ballou, Mrs. Inez Lynch, Mrs. C. H. Knox, E. Edgarton, Miss Mary Badstuber, Miss Hazel Ballou, Supper committee—Mrs. H. W. Evans, Mrs. Carrie Tilden, Mrs. H. Barnard, Mrs. Laura Ballou and Mrs. Lavone Edgarton.

A. A. Filbeck, auctioneer, will sell by public auction a lot of household goods belonging to Mrs. Dranville Fairbanks on Saturday afternoon, November 15, at one o'clock. Directly after this sale will be sold the household goods of Mrs. Williamson, in the Davis tinshop house.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The opening Wednesday night of the brotherhood of the Congregational church proved to be one of more than usual interest. A fine escalloped oyster supper was served at 6.30, under the direction of the following committee: Walter Knowles, Russell Palmer, Albie Annis, Henry W. Eisner and Leslie Wells. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Walter Knowles, Mrs. C. H. Miner, Mrs. Albie Annis, Mrs. Henry W. Eisner and Mrs. G. S. Wells. At the close of the supper hour a short business session was held. F. H. Fowler presiding. The old officers and committees were re-elected for another year.

The guest and speaker of the evening, Fred Deibert M. Staley, president of the college at "The spoken word," Trinity court, Boston, was then introduced and gave a splendid and interesting address on the subject, "The value of literary interpretation." Mr. Staley, during his address, gave many quotations and impersonations from many famous literary authors, which held the close and undivided attention of his audience.

At the close of his talk, along this line Mr. Staley touched on the subject of "Psychology of action," giving many pointed and interesting facts. He is an authority on this study and has written a book on it, which is now being printed. He closed his remarks by urging the members to stand together and be a force in the community, citing many potent facts on the value of church organization of the men for the moral and social uplift of the community. In short his address was one of the most instructive and enjoyable that the Brotherhood have ever been privileged to hear and at its finish was greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

A fitting vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Staley for his kindness in appearing before the club. A social hour followed when all present availed themselves of the opportunity of greeting the speaker of the evening. Thus closed one of the most profitable evenings ever spent by the Brotherhood.

Clipping.

The half tone of Miss Allison Winslow, adopted daughter of Miss Helen M. Winslow, the authoress, together with the following clipping was inserted in last Sunday's Boston American:

"The adoption of a child by a famous maiden woman—author was received in Boston by the arrival at the suffrage festival of Miss Marie Winslow of Shirley and her daughter," Miss Allison Winslow.

"I was lonely and felt that I needed some one to care for me," said Miss Winslow in telling her friends of the adoption of her daughter. "Fourteen years ago I decided to adopt a daughter of my own. Although a spinster, I have felt all the joy of being a mother. My adopted daughter has been all that a real daughter could be to a real mother."

"The daughter" is a charming girl of the blonde type. She is twenty-one and is very fond and proud of her author-mother. Like her "mother," she is an enthusiastic suffragist. Both

Misses Winslow presided over the autograph book stall at the suffrage festival.

Odd Fellows' Ball.

The ball held at Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evening under the auspices of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., was an event long to be remembered and was marked with splendor and enthusiasm. It was the opening night of the hall which has undergone extensive and much needed repairs and was the subject of favorable comment from the 400 in attendance. Newell's orchestra of Marlboro furnished the music and when the concert commenced at eight o'clock every available seat was occupied on the main floor and also in the balcony which has recently been one of the features that have been added during the time alterations have been in progress. It has greatly improved the appearance of the interior of the hall. A box office to the right of the main entrance gives the hall a cosmopolitan appearance and the three hundred non-collapsible seats designed and supplied to comfort has also supplied a much needed want.

The seating capacity of the main hall is 420 and the balcony sixty, making it possible to comfortably accommodate 480 and is most encouraging catering to the hall who are to be seen in the list of improvements also in the list of improvements when plays are being presented. The other essential features are the toilet rooms on the second floor, the new windows of the main hall and the new maple hardwood floor has greatly improved the enjoyment of the dances and the delicate shade of green which adorns the walls has given tone to the entire surroundings. The grand march was led by Earl C. Merriman and Miss Evelyn Miner.

The dancing was in the lodge room on the third floor about the parting of the substantial viands provided. Dancing held sway until two in the morning. A striking feature of the evening was the costumes of the ladies.

LUNENBURG.

News Items. In spite of the very disagreeable, damp, foggy weather and skies overcast with threatening clouds, a goodly number of earnest workers with their tools and shovels, met at the Marshall park last Saturday prepared for the work, which at once proceeded to do most valiantly. Stones were picked up and drawn, filling up the hollows, brush and about all that can be done to make the road practically finished on that day. Dinner was served in the grove as planned, as it was too damp and chilly to sit under dripping trees for the noon day meal.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Keese, who a few years ago was a resident of Lunenburg and owned two pretty cottages here, but who removed to Ashburnham to give her children the privilege of attending school at Cushing academy, has sold her real estate in this town with the expectation of making her home in Ashburnham. One cottage on Hancock street, was sold to Mr. Alexander, of Fitchburg, and now the other one situated on Massachusetts avenue has been purchased by A. C. Ferry, of Fitchburg, who will make it his home and expects to occupy it about December 1st.

It is reported that William J. Aker has sold his residence in the center of the town with 2 1/2 acres of land to Mrs. Grace E. Bacon, who expects to occupy it as soon as Mr. Aker and family can give possession.

A very enjoyable husking bee was held at the home of W. H. Lowe on the Townsend road last Saturday evening and about one hundred bushels of corn with enough red ears to make it interesting were husked, at which a fine supper was served and garnished a general good time enjoyed by all.

Miss M. Eldora Jones left town on Monday for Newburyport, where she plans to spend the winter.

The grange observed past masters' night on Wednesday. During the twenty-five years since its organization the grange has had twelve masters, as follows: James J. Owen, 1888, 1889, 1890; John Woodredge, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1899, 1900, 1904; John H. Witherell, 1893; Edwin S. Marshall, 1895, 1896, 1898; James L. Harrington, 1897, 1898, 1899; Philip Gilchrist, 1901, 1902, 1906; Fred E. Hadlock, 1903; Arthur Q. Emerson, 1908; Edgar E. Rines, 1909; M. Warren Sterlin, 1910; Arthur W. Rockwood, 1911; William A. Warren, 1912, 1913.

The Epworth League held a meeting at Herbert O. Mead's on Monday evening.

LITTLETON.

News Items. The Fitchburg Normal school has been closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever. Miss Miriam Cash, of this town, is at home sick with the fever.

Hugh McDonald, A. H. McDonald, William Tobin, J. H. Remick and James Neagle attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus at Ayer on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. James W. Ireland has been visiting her son Harry and wife in Gardner.

J. H. Whitcomb, conductor, and his nephew, Douglas Whitcomb, have gone to Maine on a hunting trip.

Mrs. Lawrence and friends were the guests of Lieut. G. N. Barker at Annapolis on last Saturday and attended the football game between the naval academy and Bucknell State college. The former played all around the Bucknell team and won by a score of 38 to 0. Washington, Annapolis and all the naval dignitaries, including Admiral Dewey, were present. The view from the field with its environment of noble buildings was an inspiring one, and included the nearby shores of lovely Chesapeake Bay, filled with sloops, steamers and boats of all description, and standing bravely up in the foreground was the captive Spanish galleon, the Albatross. No one can faithfully describe Annapolis. It must be seen to be appreciated. How Littleton farmers would laugh to see the Maryland soil.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The Woman's club held the third meeting of the season on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Packard, vice president, presided in the absence of Miss Emma Tenney, who was obliged to be out-of-town. A few matters of business received attention. Mrs. Lawrence was chosen delegate to the National Conservation Congress that will be held in Washington, D. C., on November 18, 19 and 20. Miss Grace Davis, in excellent voice, rendered a pleasing solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Alice Fruty.

The scheduled speaker, Mrs. Josephine Hayward, who is traveling in the south, was obliged to cancel her

engagement and Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield kindly consented to address the club on "The two Brontës, Charlotte and Emily," giving much of their personal life, their characters and more of their literary merits as revealed through their authorship. Mrs. Fairfield's paper was ably written and delivered and the audience in turn was pleased to give Mrs. Fairfield a rising vote of thanks for her great favor.

Baptist Notes.

The plans for rally day at the Baptist Sunday school met with a very gratifying response in both numbers and interest, despite the heavy rains. The songs had been selected by ballot three weeks previously. The exercises opened with a fitting address by the superintendent. As the purpose was mainly to awaken renewed interest in the school, its work and needs, the various departments were represented in a statement by the primary department of three grades and five classes sang a dainty motion picture and two recitations. "It couldn't be done" and "Cheer up, sonny" were given by the little folks.

For the intermediate department of two classes, the Franklin class of ten boys read in concert the first psalm. The senior department of four classes recited in concert a bible verse connected by one who had been a member of the school for forty years. The rally closed with a three-minute summary of the day's temperance lesson, a charge to the officers and teachers, a pledge of service for the coming year by the whole school, and the song that had received the largest number of votes "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

Miss Eleanor R. Edwards on Sunday visited the Baptist and Congregational churches as the representative of the Massachusetts Bible society, speaking before a large assembly of both churches. While here Miss Edwards was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Caulkins and Miss Elizabeth Houghton. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of this society to purchase bibles and bible literature at cost. Miss Edwards is at present engaged in making a religious census of the city of Lowell.

At the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church Miss Eleanor R. Edwards, evangelist, delivered an excellent sermon on "The bible, the book of power."

The Woman's Mission Circle will meet with Mrs. Hiram Sauler next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. A question and answer contest on the material in Burmah will be the main feature.

Mellen's Revelation.

The new book of revelation by Charles S. Mellen, and published in the Boston Sunday Post of November 9, makes most interesting reading, especially for those who have been in doubt as to whom we were indebted for the control of our railroads.

Mr. Mellen's testimony proves from an authoritative source that even the president of a great railroad system like the New Haven is as much the servant of the financier who controls the purse string as the humblest office boy and that the bulk of magnificent salaries he receives was not for material service he rendered but for the dirty work he had to do and the cursing he had to take from an angry public in consequence, for he himself says no man can earn more than \$25,000 a year.

The abuse and vilification he had to take to shield his bosses and which they no doubt richly deserved was undoubtedly worth the other \$50,000 a year if it had not had a long way toward substantiating the statement that has found its way into print that less than a dozen men control practically all the railroads in the country.

Of one thing we may be fairly certain, the government operation of these would be mighty few \$75,000 presidents to pay out of the earnings, and the occupations of the gentlemen of Wall street who so profitably manipulate railroad stocks would be what we would benefit the users of the railroad.

Though there is nothing particularly new in the revelations of Mr. Mellen, it is somewhat startling in coming from one who has been so long on the inside and has had such perfect facilities for accumulating correct information, and it ought to attract the attention of the public even if it was set up on the same page with the football news. There is surely much food for thought in the article. V. T. E.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

All persons are warned against trespassing, shooting, trapping or fishing on my premises. All such will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. GEORGE F. STONE, Littleton, Mass.

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We take this opportunity of sincerely thanking kind friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and after the death of our loved one, Richard Elmer. We shall never forget the beautiful floral tributes and the sympathy and practical offers of assistance that was manifested so practically to us in the hour of our grief and sorrow, and which helped to sustain us in life's darkest hour. We wish to kindly thank any and all who helped or offered assistance in any way to my wife.

Mr. and Mrs. George Devarney, Shirley, November 12, 1913.

THE MAN WITH THE SUIT CASE

A Story For Thanksgiving

By MARTHA V. MONROE

"Jim, I heard you are going to be married."

"Where did you hear that?"

"Oh, I heard it a month ago! I think it was on Thanksgiving day. I dined with the Atwaters. They said Clara Webster was just the girl for you, you being impulsive, she steady and cautious."

"Did they say that?"

"Yes."

"Listen. I have a little story to tell you. On the very day, Thanksgiving, that these persons were attributing these traits to us a little drama was being enacted."

"My friend Billy Smithson invited Clara and me to spend the Thanksgiving week end at his house in the country, which he opened for the occasion. The affair was got up to celebrate our engagement, for Billy is an old chum of mine, and his wife is an intimate friend of Clara's."

"Clara and I were to go up on the train together, but just as I was about to leave the office to call for her a job came into the office which nobody but I could do, and I was obliged to remain over till the next day. I telephoned her to go on and I would arrive the next day. I reached the house the next afternoon to find the guests gone out on an automobile ride Billy had got up for them. There were three carloads, and they were not to return till 7 o'clock. About 6 I dressed for dinner and was going downstairs when I met a man coming up with a suit case in his hand. Presuming he was one of the guests who had just arrived, I went on down into the library, thinking no more about him and amusing myself till the auto party returned."

"This was the evening before Thanksgiving. The next day we were getting ready for the feast when Clara took me off into a quiet corner and said to me:

"Will, I have a very unpleasant communication to make. On returning from the auto ride yesterday several of the girl guests missed articles of jewelry. Several boxes in which the jewels were kept were found in the closet in your room."

"Naturally I was a bit upset by this information, but the principal cause was that Clara didn't say this with my hand in hers or her arms around me, but sitting apart, and instead of adding that she felt just absolutely confident that I was not a thief she looked very gloomy and waited for me to say something."

"Clara, I said astounded, 'do you mean to say that you have the slightest suspicion that I stole these jewels?'"

"It is the bounden duty of every one," she replied, "to consider an accused person innocent until proved guilty. And as your fiancée I feel obliged to do what I can to influence the others to give you every opportunity to clear yourself."

"It was not so much the position in which I was placed that troubled me as the snapping of the cord that bound me to Clara. In a twinkling my feelings toward her were changed from attraction to repulsion. And yet what fault could I find with her? What right had I to expect her to believe me innocent in face of such proof against me and before I had brought forward any proof in my favor? She was simply acting on that trait in her character for which those persons you have mentioned on that very day were giving her credit."

"This change in my feelings toward her for awhile overrode every other. Then the gravity of my position rushed upon me with full force. But what could I do? Ignorant as I was of how the jewelry boxes got into my closet, I didn't see that I could do anything but leave the house."

"I went to Billy, who begged me to stay, saying that there was some mystery about the matter which he hoped would be cleared up, but I judged that he didn't know what to make of the matter, and at last he agreed with me that I might as well go. On passing out, Sue Wentworth, who, since her father's failure, has been making her own living by teaching school, came out of the drawing room into the hall and said:

"Mr. Thruston, this idea of your having stolen jewels is absurd. There are a hundred suppositions that can be made, each more likely than what appears on the surface. Some one stole the jewels, took them into your room temporarily and threw the boxes down there. That's one!"

"There was something in her hypothesis that brought back the man I had seen going upstairs with the suit case, and it solved the problem for me, for it occurred to me that I had not seen him since. But this was nothing to me compared with the comfort I derived from Miss Wentworth's faith in me. I just put my arms about her and hugged her."

"She, backed by my statement as to the man with the suit case, changed everything. All came to me and begged me to remain. I did so and was treated cordially by every one. Since then some of the jewels have been recovered in possession of a thief, who confirmed my theory of their loss."

"And how about your engagement?"

"Oh, I'm engaged, but not to Clara. She has too much caution for me. I don't think I need it, notwithstanding the opinion of your friends."

"To whom are you engaged?"

"To Sue Wentworth."



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Saturday, November 15, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items.

There are so many cases of scarlet fever among the girls students of the Fitchburg Normal school that the school is closed to the girls, who have been sent to their homes excepting those too ill to go.

Dr. Green is in New York this week as a trustee of the Peabody fund. He is stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Putnam and daughter, of Medford, and Amos B. Putnam, of Boston, proprietors of "The Putnam," were in town last week Friday and Saturday, coming in their auto, and were guests at Groton Inn.

The Ayer Woman's club will give a pop concert in town hall, Ayer, on Wednesday evening, November 19. Admission 25 cents.

The following clipping is taken from the Boston Traveler of November 10.

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facts concerning Columbus day, one of our recent holidays. This was by Mrs. Marlon Sargen and Miss Addie Black read a story. The usual appetizing refreshments were served, all joined in the club song and the meeting closed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sawyer, Mrs. George Woods, Miss Hattie Woods, J. P. Fitch, Eber J. Keirstead, Mrs. Blanche M. Brown and probably others whose names we have not learned, all members of Groton grange, attended the meeting of the National grange at Manchester, N. H. on Thursday.

William Lackey, one of the workmen at Groton School, is laid by from work, ill, it is reported, from diphtheria.

The little boy in the Maglinski family, the younger brother of Rosie Maglinski, who was taken down with scarlet fever some weeks ago, died on Wednesday and was buried the next day. It was a very bad case.

Dr. Green is in New York this week as a trustee of the Peabody fund. He is stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Putnam and daughter, of Medford, and Amos B. Putnam, of Boston, proprietors of "The Putnam," were in town last week Friday and Saturday, coming in their auto, and were guests at Groton Inn.

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West Groton.

Ten of West Groton's ladies attended the Unitarian social and supper in Groton on Wednesday and reported a very enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday Mrs. E. K. Harrington and Mrs. Matthew Robinson shopped in Boston. They were joined by Mrs. C. L. Roy, Mrs. Percy Briggs and Mrs. W. F. Lane who went on a later train for the evening.

On Thursday evening a number from this village attended the social and supper at the Groton Congregational church. Among them were Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. Isabel Wiggins, Mrs. F. E. Harrington, Mrs. G. W. Harrington and the Misses Bertha and Ruth Bixby.

Mrs. Clinton Boutelle is reported as quite ill and in the care of her physician.

Dr. Kilbourn is in attendance upon Mrs. Arthur Pierce, who is suffering from the grippe.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, who has been in poor health for some time, is at present confined to the bed. Mrs. Jennie Hemenway, of Groton, is caring for her.

Dorothy Thompson is at Groton hospital, having recently undergone an operation for the removal of adenoid and tonsils. The case was unusually severe, necessitating still other surgical treatment of the throat.

The Camp-fire Girls and Boy Scouts are preparing for a demonstration at the grove in the future.

Fred Bouselait is erecting a dwelling house on land purchased of A. H. Thompson, fronting Mill street, but on the farther side of the railway.

The L. A. society held a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting on Thursday afternoon. As the next regular meeting would fall on Thanksgiving day, it was voted to hold the next meeting on Thursday of the coming week with Mrs. A. W. Lamb, of Groton, as the guest.

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to give up the National grange meetings in Manchester N. H., this week, and on account of a death in the family Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Barrow were unable to attend the meeting.

An enthusiastic audience greeted Rev. E. S. Weirs at the lyceum on Tuesday evening. As Mr. Weirs had already delivered two lectures in town during the last year the Littleton people knew what to expect and were in no particular disappointed. Mr. Weirs spoke on "Co-operation," giving its more recent introduction and progress in the United States.

Mrs. Joseph Walnwright is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Portland, Lowell and other Maine towns.

Charles F. Johnson is adding to his house a west piazza with cement floor.

High School Drama. The senior class of the Littleton high school is presenting "The country minister" in the town hall on Friday evening, November 21, at eight o'clock. The usual admission will be asked. Tickets at Conant Company's store, Littleton Common, and at J. P. Thacher's store at the station. The following is the cast:

Rev. Ralph Underwood... Leonard Roberts Gregory Heath... Arthur Roberts Jud Pardee... Warren Hartwell Timothy Hod... George Hartwell Deacon Potter... Jack Hardy William Henry... Alton Hunt Tom Sparrow... Warren Moore Helen Burleigh... Evelyn Kimball Jerusha Jane Judkins... Olive Thacher Granny Grimes... Lillian Robinson Fanny, a maid... Elsie Whitney

Music will be furnished between the acts and at the same time candy will be on sale.

Deaths. Mrs. George C. Durkee died at her home in Newton on Wednesday evening, November 12, from the effects of apoplexy. R. T. Barrow will accompany the body to Highgate, N. H., where the interment will be made today. Mrs. Durkee was Louisa Reynolds, of Covington, N. Y., where she was born on June 6, 1835. Her age was 78 years, 5 months, 6 days. She had lived in Groton a few years. Having come here from Vermont when she was well advanced in life her acquaintances were confined chiefly to those of her own household and neighbors, as she was unable to mingle with society in Groton. It is spoken of as a woman with pleasing personality and genial companionship, a home-loving and home-making wife. Mrs. Durkee is survived by her husband, who is one of the older residents of Littleton.

The long, painful illness that has been fought with many valor by James Lawton terminated in death at 10:30 o'clock, Monday, November 12. Subjected to repeated attacks of pneumonia, Mr. Lawton courageously passed through a succession of trying ordeals with a determination to conquer disease, but his vitality was gradually reduced through the fatal invasion of cancer, and death came as a well-earned rest. Funeral services were held from his late home on Goldsmith street on Friday afternoon, Rev. Paul G. Favor, of Somerville, officiating. Interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

Mr. Lawton was born 36 years, 3 months and 9 days ago in Trenton, N. J. He was the son of Henry C. and Anna Ainsworth Lawton. For several years he had lived at the Common and was employed as weaver in the webbing factory. Three years and a half ago Mr. Lawton married Miss Elizabeth Callahan, of this town, and shortly afterward they went to Mansfield, Ohio, where they remained for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Lawton returned to Littleton, and this has since been their home.

Mr. Lawton had a bass voice of pleasing quality and previous to the loss of his health sang frequently in public. He was a member of a popular male quartet that has given its services many times in church and entertainments.

Mr. Lawton enjoyed the comradeship of many friends. His character and reputation were without blemish, and among those who knew him best he will ever stand as an example of the highest type of manhood.

Besides a widow he leaves a little daughter and a sister to mourn his untimely death.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell his stock on Monday evening, November 24, at 10:30 o'clock, to settle the estate of the late George H. Hayward, North Reading, twenty cows, farming tools, hay, etc. Also, Saturday morning, November 29, at nine o'clock, positive sale of farming tools, wagons, harness, hoes, and household goods, property of Henry M. Pratt, Concord.

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GARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank all our friends for the many kind words of sympathy expressed for us in our recent great loss.

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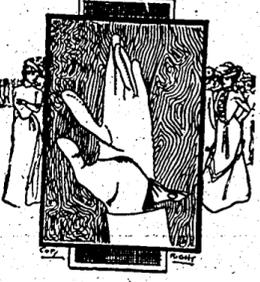
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Frank B. Priest has sold his Tenney house next the Unitarian church to Charles Watts, of Holliston, formerly of Littleton. Mr. Watts will occupy the house himself.

The Congregational prayer meeting was held at George A. Cook's on Friday evening.

Frank Farmer has had a fine display of fruit in the apple exhibit at Horticultural hall this week and won several prizes.

The annual Thanksgiving ball will be given by the Backlog club in the town hall on Thursday evening, November 21. Dancing from eight to one o'clock. Fogg's orchestra, of Brockton, five pieces, will furnish the music.

Nathan Hartwell, of Somerville, has been visiting his uncle, N. H. Whitcomb.

Mrs. Mary Warren Sartell, of Chelmsford, was recent guest of her aunt, Mrs. John A. Kimball, of Littleton.

The second entertainment of the new season to be given by the Congregational club is slated for next week Tuesday evening, when an interesting program, consisting of shadow pictures, will be given. A small admission fee will be charged.

Fred S. Kimball has installed a motor to pump water in place of his windmill.

The ladies' degree staff will work the third and fourth degrees on the new grange members next Wednesday evening. The supper, which usually follows the conferring of degrees, will be served first and the hour will be 7.30.

There will be no meeting of the Guild tomorrow evening at the Unitarian church, the members and their friends being invited to join in the neighborhood meeting at Ayer at six o'clock at which Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty, of Boston, will be the speaker, her subject being the spirit of youth. It is hoped a good number of our people will be present to hear this interesting and enthusiastic speaker.

The Ayer Woman's club will give a pop concert in town hall, Ayer, on Wednesday evening, November 19. Admission 25 cents.

The schools will be closed on next Friday to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the teachers' convention in Ayer.

Supt. Frank H. Hill went to Boston yesterday to the meeting of school superintendents.

On account of Miriam Cash's sickness, Mr. and Mrs. Cash were obliged

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Saturday, November 15, 1913.

AYER.

At the meeting of Ayer grange which came on Thursday, November 20, important changes in the by-laws are to be voted upon and it is hoped that as many members will be present as possible.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, November 17. Work—E. A. degree.

There will be a regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter on Tuesday evening, November 18. Work—Mark Master Mason degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

George S. Boutwell W. R. C. will have its inspection on Tuesday evening, November 18, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Refreshments will be served.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, November 24. Work—M. M. degree. Lunch will be served.

H. J. Webb has received word from the board of registry in optometry that he has passed a successful examination and is entitled to a certificate of registration.

The regular annual union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Congregational church on Sunday evening, November 23. Rev. Clyde L. Nevins, of the Methodist church, will preach the sermon.

A. A. Fillebrown, H. S. Turner, Dr. E. B. Butterfield and Geo. H. B. Turner, with Charles F. Johnson, of Littleton, attended the official visitation of Harry G. Pollard, of Lowell, district deputy grand master of the 12th Masonic district and suite, to Corinthian lodge, of Concord, Monday evening, November 10, going by auto. George O. Fillebrown was also present.

St. Paul lodge of Masons has its official visitation of the district deputy grand master, Harry G. Pollard, of Lowell, and suite, Monday afternoon, November 17. Banquet at one o'clock. Work—Entered Apprentice degree.

On Friday evening, instead of the usual prayer service the pastor will be tendered a reception at the Congregational church. The subject will be "Encouragement for the discouraged." Sunday school follows the church service. All invited. Y. P. S. C. E. at 5:45. Subject "Temperance Facts and Figures." Leader, G. Pollard. Children's evening worship at 6:30. Subject, "Chapters from the lives of great reformers—Bernard of Clairvaux."

Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, attended the conference of the state superintendents at Boston this week Friday.

Mrs. Hattie Thayer, formerly the proprietress of the Hillside boarding house, and who for some time past has been living at Townsend, moved here on Tuesday and plans to open the well-known place the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence attended a meeting of Middlesex Rehoboth lodge at Groton last week Friday evening, when several candidates were initiated.

The business men having stores in Page block are to have electric lights installed in the block which will be kept lighted all night. This, it is thought, will tend to prevent breaks from being committed as they have in the past.

The feature picture at the moving picture show this Saturday evening will be "The skitator in the block" in two parts. The management also makes the important announcement that the first of the series of "Who will marry Mary?" pictures will also be one of the best pictures on the bill for this Saturday night. This story, and in pictures is the most interesting one and must be seen to be appreciated. It is therefore very important to see the first picture, if the connected story is to be seen. This story is the sequel to the "What happened to Mary" series given here some time ago. Altogether it will be a first-class show.

Moy Yon, of Milford, N. H., was in town on Monday. He has sold his laundry in that town where he has been for four years and has purchased a laundry in East Boston, where he has two laundries employed. Moy Yon was the first Chinaman to start a laundry in town about thirty years ago and ran it successfully for three or four years. It was located in the basement of the Public Spirit building.

Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley, of Grove Hall, will speak before the neighborhood meeting of the Y. P. R. U. in the Unitarian church on Sunday evening. Her subject is "The leadership of youth." The Unitarian church, Groton and Pepperell will be guests.

Rev. Richmond Flisk and his daughter, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, attended the Unitarian Missionary conference on Tuesday, November 11.

Miss Adelaide Blood and Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the Art conference of the State Federation at the Art Museum in Boston on Tuesday.

At the morning service at the Unitarian church on Sunday Dr. Flisk will give the sermon on "It is he that hath made us, and not ourselves." Sunday school at noon.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy attended the publication conference of the State Federation of Women's clubs at the Vendome, Boston, on Thursday.

The Current Events club, with invited guests, had the pleasure of listening to the interesting story of the trip to Panama given by George H. Brown on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. George G. Osgood. The talk was illustrated with pictures taken by Mr. Brown during the journey and souvenirs of places visited. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Brown for a very enjoyable evening.

At the Unitarian Social Gathering held with Mrs. G. P. Beverly on Tuesday plans were made and committees appointed for the annual fair to be held in December.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker spoke before the Shirley Alliance Thursday on the Buffalo conference.

Married in Ayer on November 9 by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Abraham

O'Clair, Jr., and Miss Mary E. Leahy, both of this town.

A social club has been formed by some of our young men for the "civic welfare of the town." The officers are: Walter Carrigan, pres.; Chester P. Perrin, v. p.; Alton Washburn, sec.; Hartwell Kidder, treas.; Hartwell Kidder, Wesley W. Brown, Ruel P. Scruton, John F. Lynch, trustees. The quarters of the club, which are on the top floor of Phelps' block, are attractively furnished. The meetings are held every night and oftener if necessary.

The marriage of Miss Annie Margaret Fillebrown and Levi Phelps Moore will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Fillebrown, Grove street, on Wednesday afternoon, November 19, at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Richmond Flisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church, will perform the ceremony.

The much needed improvement in being made in front of Public Spirit building and L. B. Tuttle's store by putting in a paved gutter by the town. Under the old conditions the horses hitched there were continually making havoc in the earth with their feet spraying large holes, which had to be filled often with gravel by the town laborers.

S. Bassett Dickerman, who recently sold his milk route, has entered the employ of George H. Brown as a clothing salesman.

The recount of the ballots cast by the registrars of voters for county commissioner resulted in no change, each candidate receiving the same as credited to him by the official count at the state election on November 4.

The boiler in the basement of the town hall has been condemned by a state inspector. A new boiler has been purchased of Scannell & Wholey of Lowell, and will displace the old one which has been taken out. It will be placed in position at once and will be ready to furnish heat for the Wagon club pop concert which will be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, November 19. In the meantime oil and wood stoves are being used to keep the rooms which are permanently and near permanently in a sanitary condition as regards temperature to insure the comfort of the occupants.

James J. O'Brien, cattle inspector, attended a meeting of the state inspectors in the State House, Boston, on Friday of this week.

Mrs. Addie Balch Russell, formerly of this town, who with her husband has spent several years in mission work in the Philippines, will speak in the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday school will be held at noon. Praise service at seven o'clock in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rymes, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Mrs. James I. Mills and Walter C. Winslow attended the meeting of the National grange at the Auditorium theatre, Manchester, N. H., Thursday and all received the seventh degree, the highest in the organization. All report a splendid time.

Almon Shuman of Brookline, N. H., moves into the tenement in Joseph W. Bulkeley's house, Washington street, this Saturday.

Several members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., attended the annual picnic at Fitchburg Monday evening, given by Post 19 of that city.

The Northwest Middlesex Teachers' convention will be held here on Friday, November 21. The morning session will be held in the high school room and the afternoon meeting in the Congregational church. Among the noted speakers that are expected to be present are Dr. Snedden, Henry Turner Bailey and William Orr of the state board of education.

Ayer Junction Aerle, F. O. E., will hold a social dance in town hall, Ayer, Friday evening, November 21.

Hartwell hose company will hold their twenty-fifth annual party in the town hall on Thanksgiving night, November 27. Music by Poole's celebrated orchestra of Boston.

On Saturday afternoon, November 29, at two o'clock, A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by auction on the premises on the southerly side of Prospect street, Ayer, a lot of land with a cottage house on same, containing six rooms, land is 78x120 and has one lot of land adjoining same. For particulars inquire of Thomas F. Mullin.

Undergoing Repairs. The repairs to the building to be used by the feculose company, formerly known as the New England Paper and Stationery building, are about completed. There is, however, much work to be done inside before the firm is ready to do business. A number of large vats made of re-inforced concrete are being built for containing the product of the company. These vats are very strongly made and so constructed as to successfully resist the action of the chemicals which will be put in them. In order to have the vats of equal temperature, while the outer walls tend to keep out the cold air, the cement walls and bottoms are strengthened by steel rods which are laid in the cement. This construction is something new.

The building is being painted and everything about the place will be in first-class condition before the company is ready for business, which will not be for several weeks at least. The J. W. Bishop Company, of Worcester, has charge of the entire work of repairs, painting and interior work.

Surveying Proposed Railway. Surveyors have been at work during the past week going over the line of the proposed electric line from Groton to Boston. This line has been talked of for several years and a preliminary survey was made some time ago. It is looked upon by street railway men as an excellent paying proposition and it would not be surprising if the work of construction would be started at any time. Incidentally such a connection would mean a through fast electric line from Fitchburg to Boston, the cars coming into the former city over the Fitchburg and Lowell and Fitchburg and Leominster roads. The proposed new line will start from the Fitchburg and Lowell electric road at the schoolhouse at the Willows in Ayer and run through into Park square, Boston, over the Boston Elevated Street Railway tracks. The distance is thirty-five miles and the proposed time from Ayer to Boston is one and a quarter hours.

Inquest. The inquest in the death of William T. Reynolds of Somerville, who died here as the result of a railroad accident here on the morning of October 29, was held in the district court room this week Friday morning, Judge Warren H. Atwood presiding.

The first witness was medical examiner, Frank S. Bulkeley, who stated that he was called to the scene of the

accident, which was at a point between Flanagan's and Lapointe's crossings on the west bound track of the Boston and Lowell railroad on the morning of October 29. From his examination of the body he thought the young man might have been dead from two to four hours before his arrival. The doctor also stated that he feared was caused by a hemorrhage following the amputation of the leg by the cars. In the pockets was a receipt from a Boston clothing firm and a small amount of money. The identity of the young man was learned through the receipt and his father was notified.

Thomas F. Mullin, court officer, was the next witness. Mr. Mullin told the court of the investigation of the case by request of the court and showed a plan of the ground about which and at which the accident happened. The witness also told of going to Somerville and interviewing persons connected with the case and of summoning Christopher Eustis of Somerville.

Christopher Eustis of Somerville proved to be the most important witness of the day as through him the mystery of the accident and the resultant death of young Reynolds was cleared up. Eustis stated that on the night before the accident that he in company with James Leahy, another Somerville young man, and William T. Reynolds, who met with the fatal accident, met and after being for a short time together, the trio decided to go to Syracuse, N. Y. They went to the East Somerville freight yard and boarded an oil tank car on a west bound freight, which left sometime between eleven and twelve o'clock, the exact time being unknown to the witness. After the train started all three rode on the end of the car in a standing position. After a time Eustis sat down and fell asleep, leaving his two companions standing. When Eustis awoke Reynolds was missing.

According to calculations and from evidence presented Eustis must have awoke about the time he left Ayer, as he stated that he had been awake five minutes before the train reached Fitchburg. He did not know the names of the places he passed through as it was very dark and he was unfamiliar with the territory between Boston and Fitchburg.

Miss Agnes Reynolds of Somerville, a sister of the dead young man, told of her brother leaving home on the night preceding the accident, after supper, which was the last she had seen of him alive.

C. E. G. Conner, conductor of extra freight train No. 2668, who discovered the body, said that his train arrived in Ayer from Boston at 5:50 on the morning of the accident. While the freight crew was about its work of unloading the train, he saw the body lying at the point previously described. He at once notified medical examiner Bulkeley and had one of the crew stay with the body till that official came. Witness said that the train left Boston between 2:30 and three o'clock a. m. on the morning of the accident. Mr. Golland told the court that it was his opinion that young Reynolds came to his death by being thrown between the cars after the train had started following a stop for a signal which was set against it.

The evidence showed that the young man had an excellent reputation and was well liked by everybody who knew him.

A letter received from his employers by his father speaks in the highest terms of the young man and conveys the sympathy for the sudden bereavement.

At the conclusion of the evidence the hearing was adjourned, the court reserving its decision.

District Court. James J. Lee and Charles Richardson, both giving their residences as Wakefield, were found guilty of vagrancy Thursday and their cases placed in the hands of the sheriff to be returned to their homes at once. Both defendants were young fellows who had evidently left home for what they considered a good time and reached here by freight early Thursday morning.

Leonard A. Bowler was found guilty of drunkenness and for disorderly conduct in a street railway car Wednesday morning and placed on probation for one year.

Wedding. A pretty wedding was solemnized at a high mass at nine o'clock, Monday morning, November 10, at the immaculate Conception church, Lowell, when William Auclair, of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Margaret McCarron, of Waverly, formerly of this town, were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Sullivan. Charles McCarron acted as best man and Miss Grace Bradley as bridesmaid. The bride was attired in a blue charmeuse gown and wore a picture hat and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid was also attired in a blue silk gown and wore a picture hat.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. M. Bradley, of Waverly. The happy couple left on the midnight train for New York city, Montreal, Canada, Troy and Brooklyn. The newly-wedded couple received many handsome gifts consisting of silverware, cut glass, china and linen. Their first friends met them at the hotel after April 1. Guests were present from Littleton, Lowell, Ayer, Groton, Boston, and Northfield and Nashua, N. H.

St. Andrew's. The annual parish meeting was held at Groton School Monday evening, November 10, when Rev. Fr. Sullivan presided. The meeting was held in Ayer in time for a short service at 7:30 in Groton chapel. A business meeting was opened in Gardner hall where reports from the treasurers and officers of other organizations were read. There followed an election of wardens, vestrymen and delegates for the coming year. Refreshments were then served during the reading of two clever dialect stories. The following are the officers elected:

Judge George A. Sanderson, senior warden; E. H. Hickey, junior warden; George A. Cook, Jr., D. Chester Parsons of Shirley, Dr. Austin Peters of Harvard, William Burnett of Forke Fitchburg, Elmer E. Wilkins and Harry N. Brown of Groton, Groton, clerk; Bertson Williams, treasurer; Bertson Williams, S. W. Sturges, Groton, delegates to diocesan convention; Dr. Austin Peters, Miles Collins of Groton, and Dr. Charles Parsons, delegates to the archdiocesan at Lowell.

Members of other churches and especially those who do not attend church regularly are earnestly asked to attend service at St. Andrew's at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. The sermon will interpret the prophet Jonah so largely misunderstood by christian people today. Come and strengthen your belief in the Bible as God's word and hear the real story of Jonah.

On Friday evening members of the parish will be welcomed at the Shirley vicarage.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. E. Wood, of Brockton, were guests this week at the Shirley Inn.

There will be a public meeting held at the Engine hall on this Saturday evening to discuss ways and means for raising funds to secure a permanent bed for the town of Shirley at the Clinton hospital.

William Lougee is confined to his home, threatened with appendicitis. Mrs. C. R. White holds her dancing class this Saturday afternoon at one and three o'clock.

The Altruistic club holds its regular meeting on next week Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in their club-rooms.

Horace H. Rowell, of California, has arrived at the home of his niece, Mr. Myra Ely, for an extended visit. The Myra Ely club will give a pop concert in town hall, Ayer, on Wednesday evening, November 19. Admission 25 cents.

Center. The Matrons' Aid society held a very enjoyable meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George H. Farmer at Woodsville. Eighteen members were present.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye and daughter, Miss Hazel Mackaye, who have been spending the summer at their cottage on Parker road, left on Wednesday for New York, where they will make a short stay before going to Washington, D. C., for the winter.

Miss May Frary of Swampscott, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, at Woodsville.

Raymond Bradford, of Cambridge, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Raymond Sleeper is quite ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Sleeper, of North Andover, and is under the care of a physician.

Mrs. C. E. Bradford spent the first of the week visiting friends in West Acton.

Mrs. Etta Derby, of North Leominster, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden, in West Acton. Mr. Derby is in Boston with a truck load of apples for the apple show.

Miss Edith Frary, who has been employed at the home of Mrs. Wildman, left on Monday for Lynn, where she has obtained a position.

Henry Crowe, at Woodsville, is substituting as engineer for a few days at L. J. Farnsworth's mill at the North, in place of H. N. Brown, who is attending the meeting of the National grange at Manchester.

The children of the Center schools will give a play in the town hall on Saturday evening, November 15, under the direction of the teachers. Refreshments will be served. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of new records for the school Victrola.

The Girls' Sewing Guild was pleasantly entertained last Saturday by Misses Pauline and Priscilla Sweetser.

The next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, November 18, will be open to the public and will be in the charge of the Matrons' Aid. It is expected that "The old maids' convention" will be given. Refreshments will be served.

At last Shirley Center's electric lights are beginning to materialize. The work of digging the holes and setting the poles has been completed and has extended to a point between the homes of A. B. Cram and C. K. Bolton.

Miss Allison Winslow returned home on Monday after spending several days in Boston and Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hallett, of Yarmouth, are at the home of Mrs. Mary Sleeper at the North, for the winter.

The well-horers at the home of Mrs. Grace Winslow have reached a depth of over one hundred feet, and will soon conclude their work there. They next go to the home of William Boutwell.

Surveyors are at work on Great road, surveying it from Woodsville to the Shirley-Lunenburg line, preparatory to building the remainder of the state road next year. The surveyors are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sweetser.

Robert H. J. Hildreth was among the delegation from Harvard who attended the Harvard-Princeton football game last Saturday at Princeton, N. J. The party spent Saturday night and Sunday in New York, returning to Cambridge late Sunday night.

Severals from Shirley are attending the meeting of the National grange at Manchester, N. H., this week.

William Wilkins, of Woodsville, attended the salesmen's banquet of the Grand Union Tea Company on Monday evening given by the general manager at the company's store at Woodsville. Elmer E. Wilkins and Harry N. Brown were among the specially invited guests. A turkey supper was served and a general good time was enjoyed by all. Mr. Wilkins has been very successful in his work for the Grand Union Tea Company, his standing in sales now being near the top of the list.

Rev. Lawrence Redfern of England will preach at the First Parish (Unitarian) church Sunday, November 16, at 11:15 a. m.

Vandalism. The summer home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham, of Revere, at Woodsville, was recently the scene of daring vandalism. Frank Kemp one day last week discovered the door of the house open and upon investigation found the house in a terrible condition. Furniture had been smashed, beds torn up, paint and varnish spilled on the floors, groceries scattered around, the whole house being in a state of confusion. As it is said that nothing was stolen the work is thought to have been purely vandalism. Mrs. Burnham has placed the matter in the hands of the local police, but up to the present the guilty parties have not been found. The damage will probably amount to several hundred dollars. It is not known exactly when the work took place, but it must have been recently, as the Burnhams spent their home about two weeks ago. One night recently some one broke a number of windows at the home of Oscar Haradon at the North, during Mr. Haradon's absence. It is thought that this may have been the work of the same parties.

BOXBOROUGH. News Items. A pleasant evening was spent at the church vestry last week Friday evening. After the regular supper very amusing shadow pantomimes were given with Mrs. Viets as reader.

Lawrence W. Pierce and Miss Lillian M. Huntington were married in Amesbury at the home of the bride's aunt on November 8. They are living

at Mr. Pierce's farm. The Kathans who have been living with Mr. Pierce have moved to Hudson, where they have recently purchased a large farm. Silas Hoar is very sick with but little hope of recovery.

Mrs. Irving Clark spent last week with her brother's family in Malden and while there enjoyed the theatre and many pleasant social events.

Bertha Livermore returned to her work in Boston this week after being at home for several days with an attack of neuritis.

Miss Fritchard and Miss Fuller, of Watertown were week-end guests at the Livermores.

Mrs. R. Y. Nelson is visiting in West Medford and will visit her daughter at Silver Hill before returning home.

Mrs. F. H. Viets is attending the missionary convention at Springfield.

Mrs. Leon Wetherbee spent Wednesday with friends in Boston.

Chicken pox is prevalent in district No. 3.

There will be a poverty party given by the Lone Star club in town hall on Saturday evening, November 15. Music by McNally's orchestra of Hudson. Prizes will be offered for the most poverty stricken costume worn by lady and gentleman.

Death. Mrs. Caroline Wetherbee died in Somerville last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond, with whom she had made her home for some time. She was a member of the Blanchard family that for many years has taken a prominent part in the affairs of this town and been noted for their shrewd business capacity.

One of the few remaining school-boys Mrs. Wetherbee, when she went to No. 3 school really poorly, fluently she solved all the difficult examples in the old Colburn's arithmetic and was a particularly bright pupil in all studies. As a woman she was much interested in financial affairs and current events, keeping up to the times in reading and was a most interesting conversationalist.

She was in her eighty-fourth year and was the last daughter of the Simon Blanchard family. She leaves one brother, John Blanchard, of West Acton; also, seven children—three sons and four daughters. Her funeral was at her daughter's home in West Acton on Sunday afternoon and was buried here in the South cemetery beside other members of the family.

TOWNSEND. Center. Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley, of East Boston, are at their summer home here this week superintending the painting of their house.

Miss Kellerman, of Havana, is spending a few days with her brother, the telephone inspector, at the Park hotel.

The funeral of Miss Margaret E. Donovan, an account of whose death has already been given, will be held from St. Bernard's church, Fitchburg, on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Miss Donovan was sixty-three years old and is survived by two brothers, John and Jeremiah, with whom she lived, and by three sisters, Mrs. Tracie Kane and Mrs. Ryan of Fitchburg. She was a native of Charlestown and has resided at the family home for many years, caring for the comfort of the family, and her gentle ways and many kindnesses will be missed by all who had the pleasure of being neighbors or friends.

Harbor. In view of the shortage of ice during the past season and also on account of the difficulty of a number of the families have experienced who depend on ice carts for their supply, Mr. Blodgett has already built a dam and is overflowing a small tract of land, thus making a pond from which he expects to cut sufficient ice to meet the demands of the village. Work will begin on the icehouse soon.

Word was received recently from Lynn that by the birth of a daughter, Dorris Phillips, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heywood Greene, Mrs. Harry Bryant has become a great-aunt.

Mrs. Greene was formerly Miss Gladys Hamm, and during her visits to her great-aunt, had made many friends in this vicinity.

Death. Last Sunday afternoon Kenneth, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paley, of South row, died of diphtheria. The previous Thursday Kenneth attended school as usual. One of the pupils, a young son of William Russell, who was in the same room in which Kenneth was enrolled, had developed diphtheria, considerable uneasiness was felt among the parents, the father of whom was keeping their child at home. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Paley remarked to friends that she also would keep her son from school and on Friday Kenneth remained at home. It was on this day that he was taken sick. Although on Saturday his condition was no better, still his condition was not considered critical. Saturday night and Sunday, however, he was a very sick boy and at half past three in the afternoon the end came.

Mr. Kenneth was a bright lad, overflowing with life and a boy through and through. In many ways his mind was developed in advance of his years. Although but nine years old Kenneth had shown so strong a tendency toward mechanic arts, that already his parents had decided to send him to a school of technology when he had reached a suitable age.

This fall, at the beginning of the school year, Kenneth received a double promotion. Last spring he began taking piano lessons and was making good progress. Mr. and Mrs. Paley have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. For the guidance of aviators a French aerial league will have the latitude and longitude of towns painted on the tops of gasometers throughout the country.

In Chicago there is to be built the world's largest and most unique garage. It will be built entirely underground, will fill the space under thirteen city blocks, and will accommodate 2000 cars daily. It will cost \$1,250,000.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

To the Editor: Included in a lot of second-hand books, pamphlets, etc., retailed at public vendue in Boston on November 13, was a copy of "Brookline—past and present." It brought \$1.50. The work is a paper-covered brochure which, according to its title page, was published in 1895, and is "By the author of 'The Hollis bible'." The place of its publication is not given. It is a square duodecimo, and consists of twenty pages, besides several unnumbered pages embellished with full-page illustrations. It is "Dedicated to my jolly friend, Thomas S. Hittiger, Esq., because he is such a (nice) man." The production is of a humorous and imaginative nature, after the style of Dietrich Knickerbocker's history of New York. What is the real name of the author, and what is meant by "The Hollis bible?" Observer.

New Advertisements. FOUND—A Watch and Fob Chain which the owner can have by applying to HOWARD B. WHITE, Ayer.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Mr. Kelley is suffering from a swollen vein in his leg and which is also inflamed, making it quite distressing.
Mrs. Hobbs, of Portland, Me., has returned to her home with her daughter after visiting several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Read.

Mrs. Ellen Lovejoy has gone to Cambridge, Mass., to spend the winter.
Mrs. Powers, of this town, has gone to Meriden, Conn., to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Bullock.

William Perkins, of Nebraska, is spending a few days visiting with relatives in town.
Scarlet fever has again made its appearance in town. Francis Morrill is the victim. He is not dangerously ill, but has a genuine case.

Daniel Goodwin spent Saturday and Sunday in town with friends. On Saturday afternoon the annual football game between the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Agricultural colleges took place in Manchester. Mr. Goodwin took part in the game. The boys from Massachusetts won by a score of 39 to 0. Among others who attended the game from here were Miss Mildred French, Miss Jennie Morrill and Charles Hardy. On their return home they were accompanied by Mr. Goodwin.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Arvilla Hardy. Quite a large number were present. After reading the minutes and current events, which created quite a discussion, a paper on "Social unrest and home-making profession" was given by Mrs. French and was listened to with much interest.

William Pierce has been quite ill for several days recently, going out for the first time about the middle of the week.

George Hills and family went to Worcester on Thursday to attend the great cow sale there. Mrs. Hills attended the sale and the family visited with Rev. C. F. H. Crathern and family.

Current Events.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Lund have been visiting in Nashua the past week.
The W. R. C. executive committee are preparing to present a four-act comedy drama entitled "The deacon's tribulations." This is a worthy successor to "The deacon," which was presented here a number of years ago by the same organization. This entertainment is for the purpose of increasing the church improvement fund and will be given in the near future.

Mrs. Walter Hayden was called away last week on account of the severe illness of her mother, who is in the hospital.

Mrs. Hattie B. Hayden has been assisting in the home of her brother, Walter Hayden, during the absence of his wife.

Mrs. Sarah E. Sullivan returned to Newton Highlands, Mass., on Tuesday after spending several weeks at William Saunders' while Mrs. Saunders visited in Pennsylvania.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. was held in Grange hall on Tuesday evening. The regular order of business was performed. There was not a very large attendance, as a rehearsal for the drama which the W. R. C. are rehearsing was in progress and several of the members are in the play.

The household goods belonging to Mrs. Jennie Parker were moved to Nashua on Wednesday afternoon in a large auto truck. Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Ennis are to occupy this place in the near future.

Mrs. Clara Blood, who has been doing so nicely at St. Joseph's hospital, is expected to reach home this week.

A basketball game was held in the town hall on Monday evening between the high school and a town team. The high school boys winning by a score of 27 to 13. The high school has a strong team this year, and with Reed and Spaulding in prime condition they expect to play Peterborough high at Hollis on November 21.

George A. Ladd returned home last Saturday night after making a short visit with his father in Lakeport.

Mrs. Arthur Stone is visiting in Waltham, Mass., with relatives.
Arnold Coolen expects to return on Sunday after a few days' visit in Boston.

Miss Lillian Lovejoy spent the week-end in Reading, Mass.

Mrs. Clara M. Smith, Mrs. Ella Parley and Miss Mabel Hincley were among those who took the seventh degree at the National Grange meeting in Manchester on Thursday. This is the highest degree that any member may receive.

Several people in town are gathering laurel and making wreaths for the holidays. A good many people from out-of-town also come here to gather it, coming in auto trucks and teams.
Mrs. M. J. Powers is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Bullock, in Wallingford, Conn.; also, her daughters Miss Helen and Mrs. Thomas McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh spent last week Thursday in Hudson with Mr. Walsh's sister, Mrs. William Blood.

Miss Florence Blood, of Hudson, spent a few days with her cousin, Miss Eunice Walsh, recently. They are both taking a millinery course at the Y. M. C. A., Nashua.

Edward Mace has purchased a farm in Billerica, Mass., and will soon move there.

Edwin Flanders, deputy sheriff, of Nashua, was in town on business Wednesday.

Sidney Wentworth laid down his suitcase last Saturday in the Nashua station and while he stepped out a few minutes it was taken. It was picked up later in the evening on the police street and was turned over to the police.

Miss Atwell, teacher of the grammar school, has changed her boarding place from the home of George Woodin to William Gates'.

Principal Sheperdson of the high school met with a slight accident on Thursday forenoon of last week while playing a game of football with the boys. He ran into a tree and was knocked down, and was unconscious for some time. He later went to his boarding place at the home of Miss Abbie Reed and remained during the afternoon. He resumed his school duties again on Friday morning and seemed all right again.

Verder Brothers have been packing and shipping a great quantity of their famous popcorn the past week. They raised quantities of it every year.

Several of the Odd Fellows in town went to Pepperell last week Thursday evening to witness the degree work.

A good many ladies were present at the Sewing Circle on Thursday afternoon of last week which was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Bell.

Miss Nellie Denaut has been assisting in the home of George W. Hardy.

Miss Florence Muzzey and friend, Miss Florence True, left town on Friday of last week after a few days spent in town.

Franklin Worcester bought the woodlot sold on Thursday of last week by William Hobart. This lot was a part of the Cassidy farm in the north part of the town.

Mrs. George E. Muzzey returned on Thursday evening of last week after spending a few days in Watertown.

Mrs. Rebecca Richardson, one of the oldest ladies of Hollis, enjoyed quite a long ride about town on one of the pleasant days of last week.

F. Childreth has recently had his store building occupied by W. A. Flagg painted. William MacMaster did the work.

Seventy-nine grangers from Hollis spent neighbors' night with Nashua grange at Nashua on last week Friday evening. A most delightful time was enjoyed by all. The program was fine and was furnished by Amherst and Hollis granges. A bountiful supper was served by the Nashua grange. Parties were conveyed by Ralph C. Herrick, Leo McEnnis, Harold Hardy, C. Fred Mead and a good many went in their own teams.

Daniel Goodwin, from Durham, spent Sunday at his home in town.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances spent the week-end at C. J. Bell's.

Mrs. Ellen Lovejoy is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Worner, before making her return to Cambridge to spend the winter months.

Several from town attended the Peabody auction in Brookline on last Saturday.

William Pierce has been on the sick list the past week.

Arthur A. Fields and family moved to Nashua, N. H., the past week and are going to reside on Lowell street for the winter.

Francis Morrill, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. George Morrill, was taken ill on last Sunday with scarlet fever. He had not been feeling well for a few days and did not attend school. It was thought to be a case of tonsillitis, but on Sunday it was pronounced to be scarlet fever. He is being cared for by Miss Grace Marshall and it is reported to be a light case.

Mrs. William Saunders returned on Monday evening from a lengthy visit with her sister and family in Pennsylvania.

Items of Interest.
At the eighteenth annual session of the National Association of State Universities at Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, November 11, Dr. Claxton in an address asserted that not more than ten percent of rural teachers were properly prepared for their school work.

Positive sale of cows, heifers, horses, hogs, hens, pullets and farming tools, the property of R. A. Ralph, Knollwood farm, North Wilmington, on Saturday morning, November 22, at ten o'clock. For particulars phone R. A. Ralph, North Wilmington, 53-2. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

SAVED HIS FOOT
H. D. Ely, of Bantam, Ohio, suffered from horrid ulcer on his foot for four years. Doctor advised amputation, but he refused and reluctantly tried Buckle's Arnica Salve as a last resort. He writes: "I use your salve and my foot was soon completely cured. Best remedy for burns, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds." Price, 25c. All druggists or by mail, H. E. Buckle Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Joseph LeCuyer to Shirley Co-operative Bank, dated April 20th, 1912, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2685, Page 535, and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, will be sold at public auction upon the premises, on Saturday, the Sixth day of December, 1913, at Two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, the said premises being described in said mortgage as follows:
A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situate in said Shirley on the northerly side of Maine Street bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises at a corner of land of Charles Hanson, thence North 3° 13' West 175 feet to a bound; thence South 65° 51' West 107.10 feet by land of George L. Davis to a bound thence South 3° 13' East 136.73 feet to a bound; thence North 85° 47' East 100 feet by said street to the point of beginning.
Being the same premises conveyed to me by George L. Davis by deed dated April 13, 1909, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3433, Page 384.
Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments; if any there be.
One hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.
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The circulation of our ten papers is to the effect that of any other paper circulating in the town.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y., Editor of the New York State Grange Review

GRANGE FAIRS.

Two Notable Ones Held This Fall in New England.

New England certainly "leads the world" in grange fairs. In many places these fairs take the place of county and town fairs and, in fact, are a good equivalent for the average county fair. They are managed by farmers, and there are no failures. Herein there may be a hint worth considering by the managers of county fairs—namely, to put farmers on their boards of directors.

One of the most notable of these grange fairs was the one held by the East Haddam (Conn.) grange, and the managers proved beyond all question that the raising of cattle and particularly of oxen is not a lost art. At this local grange fair 119 yoke of oxen were exhibited, whose value, reckoned at an average price per yoke of \$200, would make the string worth nearly \$24,000. Of course there were other departments than cattle at this fair, but this so far eclipsed all others and, indeed, surpassed most eastern state fairs in the exhibit of oxen that it becomes a noteworthy subject for comment. This fair, by the way, was the seventeenth annual exhibition of the East Haddam Grange Fair association.

At North Stonington, Me., another large grange fair was held. It was a three days' exhibition and is in reality the county fair, although strictly under the auspices of the grange. Here, too, 200 head of cattle were shown and lots of other stock. One exhibitor showed eighty-six varieties of apples, and one exhibit was much commented on because it took only 165 apples to fill a sugar barrel. They averaged twelve to the peck.

We cite these two fairs as examples of what granges are doing to place agriculture, or fairs as representatives of agriculture, at the front. Granges have also co-operated with the county fair associations in many towns instead of holding fairs of their own and always to the advantage of the fair. It is a good indication. The grange is primarily and in reality an agricultural organization, and whatever advances agricultural interests advances grange interests, and the converse of the proposition is also true.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Grange Scheme That Has Worked Out Successfully in Ohio.

The grange traveling library is a feature of education work in some states that is proving very valuable. Our attention was recently directed to such a library scheme in a county in Ohio where the various granges of the county have formed a library association, the officers of which are a superintendent of librarians and the librarian of each grange that owns a library. The libraries cost \$12 each, and each grange in the association has one library in its possession all the time. Each grange has control of its own library, can buy or sell books, provided the value of the library is not allowed to fall below \$12. It is the duty of the librarian to keep a record of the books, the cost of each volume and the number of times each book has been drawn from the library. On these various matters he reports to the superintendent of librarians every three months. It is the duty of the latter officer to present the subject of libraries to each grange in the county, asking those not members of the library association if they will purchase a library and become members, or, in case they are already in the association, if they will add new books to their library. Care is taken that there be no duplicates among the books. This seems to be a very feasible working plan for a grange to have the benefit of the reading of a large number of books during the year at a very slight expense, and it is to be commended to granges everywhere.

Moving Pictures For Farmers.
Until suitable moving pictures can be developed the stereopticon will furnish a very interesting entertainment for an hour in the grange. Such an evening is being followed in an Ohio grange, when the following, among other slides were shown:
Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith" (six slides); "The Bridge" (four slides); "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by the grange from the slides; "The Independence Ball" (six slides); views of Chicago's stockyards.

In all about fifty pictures were shown, which made a decided change from any program the grange had ever had presented. We pass the idea (which is by no means a new one) along with the suggestion that those granges that have never had such a program try it.

The Grange Fair.
The distinctively grange fair is coming to be a fixed institution in many states. The exhibits are confined to grangers, and small premiums are awarded. Indeed, in some sections the grange fair is really more of an agricultural show than is the regular county fair. It is, of course, of narrower limitations, but it affords a means of pleasant rivalry among grange members and incidentally is a means of advancing the agricultural interests of the community. Where there is a good grange agricultural show there is sure to be a live grange. The best grangers are those that are doing most for the community in which they are located.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.
The operetta "Little Bo-Peep" given by the grammar school students last week Friday evening at Memorial hall was finely presented and the children out-did themselves in their respective parts. The costumes were especially pleasing and the whole affair showed that much time had been spent in drilling the singers; also, in making the costumes and by the scholars themselves in carefully rehearsing their songs. Violet McKenzie was accompanied and Howard Morse gave the synopsis of the story before the operetta began. Irene McGuire made a very nice Bo-Peep and Oriole McKenzie sang finely his solo "Little Boy Blue." Others who sang solos were Miss Whitcomb and Mr. Walte. There were also duets and trios. During intermission between the scenes candy was sold by young ladies in costume carrying decorated baskets.

There have been two cases of diphtheria in town the past week and several cases of tonsillitis among the school children, the case of Fred Palfreyman's little 8 1/2-year-old boy resulting in death. The schools have been ordered closed for one week to await developments and to have the building. Mr. Palfreyman's little boy was taken sick the latter part of last week with what appeared to be a bronchial attack to which he has sometimes been subject, and the disease had made rapid progress before anti-toxin could be used to advantage. All extend much sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Palfreyman, it being their only child.

Melvin Davis is having his house painted a very pretty shade of gray. It will make a fine appearance when finished.

The personal property belonging to Ransom B. Adams, situated in the northerly part of Shirley, near the railroad line, will be sold at public auction on Tuesday afternoon, November 19, at two o'clock. Lawrence Morgan, auctioneer.

Walter F. Rockwood is enjoying a hunting trip with friends from Pepperell at Warren, N. H., this week.

William Russell's little boy was the first to come down with the diphtheria last week and had a very light case of it. There are no more cases reported as yet.

The burial of Fred Palfreyman's little son, who died on Sunday evening of diphtheria, was on Tuesday afternoon with prayers first at the house, Walter Wilder officiating.

The farce and other exercises which were to have been held at the grange on Monday evening had to be postponed on account of the furnishing of the school building in which the hall is.

A party of eight attended the grange celebration at Ashby last week Thursday evening and reported a very enjoyable time.

The next dancing school will be held on Friday evening, November 21, at Memorial hall.

Mrs. Mary Davis, of Forest Hills, is visiting at Mrs. Oren Bruce's; also, with other relatives in town.

Last week Friday, the Country club met with Mrs. Emma Powell and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with lunch served as usual. The topic of "England" is to be taken up this winter and Mrs. Annie Greenleaf read a very interesting paper on that subject. The next meeting is changed to this week Friday instead of two weeks from the last meeting and will be held at Mrs. Charles Adams's.

The townspeople were startled and saddened this week by the knowledge of the sudden death of Miss Margaret Donovan at her home on South row, Townsend, on Wednesday evening. Miss Donovan died of cerebral hemorrhage, an ailment which she contracted shortly after doing some trading at the fish cart and never recovered consciousness. She was a woman of exemplary character and of a kind and motherly disposition and made an excellent housekeeper for her two brothers, John and Jerry. They were a very devoted family and her place in the household cannot well be filled.

Death.
The body of Andrew Shattuck, of Reed's Ferry, N. H., late of Townsend, was brought here for burial on Wednesday afternoon, the burial services being in charge of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member. Since leaving Townsend, where he was last employed by Robbins Brothers at their meat market, he has been in failing health, although able to be about at Reed's Ferry, where he busied himself by doing a little coopering. He died from the effects of heart disease after an ill turn Sunday, and only survived his wife, the late Emma Shattuck, by eleven weeks.

Among those who came from out-of-town were Daniel Sullivan and Miss Grace Sullivan, Mrs. Ada Parkhurst, of Reed's Ferry; Bert Saunders, of Derry, N. H.; Mrs. Flora Shattuck Graham, of Greenville, N. H.

Mr. Shattuck was for several years proprietor of the Squannacook hotel at the West village and was a brother of the late George Shattuck, of this town, and he and his wife both have lived here more or less during their lives.

West.
Rev. Fred Robinson, of Worcester, occupied the Baptist pulpit as a supply last Sunday morning and evening, speaking in the morning on "The harvest time" and in the evening on "The voice of the physician." He also delivered a brief temperance address at the Brotherhood meeting in the vestry at noon, the Sunday school attending in a body. Mr. Robinson is a very eloquent speaker and is very popular at the church, and in spite of the inclement weather had a large audience at each service.

The Y. P. S. C. E. service was held in the vestry at six o'clock with an attendance of fifteen. The meeting was conducted by Miss Alice Seaver and the topic was "The Christian's home life."

Mrs. Hattie Blood has moved from the Tenney tenement on Main street to her Melvin's cottage on the edge of town, which she recently purchased and Mr. Melvin left this week for Ayer, where he will make his home with his niece, Mrs. Potter.

Alden Sherwin has been spending a few days in Quincy, returning Tuesday, accompanied by his wife and his daughter, who have been spending several weeks at Mrs. Sherwin's home.

The Ladies' Study club will hold their fortnightly meeting at the reading-room on Monday evening, the topic being "Religion and legends of Japan," in charge of Miss M. Ellinor Tower.

Miss Georgie Michaels, of Quincy, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin.

Edward Welch, of Rochester, N. H., and Miss Alice Welch, of Everett, N. H.,

been recent guests of their mother, Mrs. Mary Welch, at Mrs. Charles H. Morgan's.

Mrs. M. O'Connell, of West Acton, a former resident here, has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch.

Rev. Fred Robinson, of Worcester, was entertained at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, of Dorchester, spent the week-end with Mr. James A. Willard.

Marcellus Hodgman, of Greenville, N. H., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

Frank Hamilton, of Webster, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens Hill.

Miss Helen Plummer spent the week-end at her home in Somerville and Mrs. Fred Patch visited in the postoffice during her absence.

Miss Clara Hosley, of Bayberry hill, has been spending a few days with friends in Princeton.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence is visiting Mrs. M. O'Connell, of West Acton, and spent Wednesday in Boston.

Mrs. Kirby, who has been boarding at the Squannacook for the past few months, is spending a few weeks in Fitchburg.

The Ladies' Liberal Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Abel G. Stearns on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. One of the pleasing features of the meeting was the presence of the president, Miss Mary Street of Josselynville, who was carried to the gathering.

A little son was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckwith, of Josselynville, Saturday evening.

The business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the home of Miss Alice Seaver on Wednesday evening with ten present and was followed by a meeting of the social committee to discuss the postponed social which will be held the last of the month.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society will hold their annual fair and entertainment at Seminary hall on Wednesday evening, November 19. Some of the features of the sale will be a mystery table, a handkerchief table, home-made candy, fancy work and cream and cake. The program will consist of special music and a farce entitled "Pa's new housekeeper." A small admission fee will be charged.

Oren Powers has taken Matti Tumbar's place assisting Charles Patch at the stables.

Brotherhood Banquet.
The West Townsend Brotherhood held their regular monthly banquet at the Baptist vestry on last week Thursday evening in form of an oyster supper, served by the social committee in charge of Alexander Reed and the ladies in charge of Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Mrs. R. S. Ely. About fifty were present and the speaker of the evening was Rev. J. A. Walker, of Arlington, formerly of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg.

The president, Dr. R. S. Ely, presided over the meeting and several very pleasing solos were rendered by Robert Copeland, of the Center, Miss Emma Adams, acting as accompanist. Mr. Walker brought greetings from the former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, of Fitchburg, where he spent the day, and delivered a most profitable address on "The value of little things."

The guests of the evening, William Reed and Ernest Wilson, from Ashby, were also called upon for speeches, and remarks were listened to from Alexander Reed, of West Acton, Perry W. Sawtelle, Herman L. Stickney and G. A. Seaver, of this village, and Mrs. Kirby, from Boston, after which the affair closed with the singing of "America" by the audience.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
The grammar school will give an entertainment at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening, November 18. The proceeds will go towards purchasing some articles of furniture for the new schoolroom.

Mrs. Fernando Shattuck at South Brookline received her friends in honor of her eightieth birthday anniversary recently. Mrs. Minnie Ross, a daughter; Linville and Eldoris Shattuck, sons of Mrs. Shattuck; Mrs. Augusta Gould, a sister-in-law, with neighbors who called, made the day a memorable one for the aged one. Many pretty gifts and cards were received. Mrs. Shattuck is quite well at present for one of her advanced age.

Talk about improvements in Brookline—electric lights, sidewalks, etc.—it must be that farming is improving also when Samuel Fuller raised eight-pound beets. Mr. Fuller exhibited one a week ago that weighed eight pounds and also presented his neighbors with nice crisp lettuce grown in the open on October 28. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have always been congratulated on their fine garden, but the eight-pound beet beats them all. The vegetable was of fine grain and make a large crop of pickled beet.

On Tuesday evening, November 4, thirty members of Brookline grange visited with Hollis grange and had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale, Mr. Lejoij, of Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. George French, Mrs. Emma Seaver, of Townsend, were in town this week.

Wednesday, November 5, the Loyal Workers were cordially received and entertained at the home of their president, Mrs. Eliza Betterley, on Mason road. A good attendance and a pleasant afternoon with readings by Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Mrs. Susie French was enjoyed. Tea with cake and wafers was served at 4.45 by the hostess.

The following are wearing medals given by the Boston Journal as prizes for writing a story on the subject of "Why I think my teacher is the best in New England": Eva Corey, Elyna Ouellette, Frances Farnsworth, Grace Taylor, Charlotte Jensen, Rhea Brown, Willie Riordan, Wilfred Ouellette, George Stanley, Roy Taylor, Miss Porter, and O'Connell.

The Brookline friends of Augustus Wheeler, of Nashua, extend their sympathy to him and family in their affliction. Mr. Wheeler is suffering with a cancer on the lip, for which he has been operated upon, but it seems to do no good. His wife, one and all, wish he might soon recover from this painful illness.

On last week Friday Prof. George Cross gave his celebrated lecture on "Washington, the beautiful capitol of a great nation." A good audience was present. After the lecture a social dance was enjoyed.

About the same number as usual are employed in making laurel wreaths and festooning.

Mrs. Ethel Melves and daughter Lillian spent last Sunday in Boston with relatives.

Mr. Greenleaf, of Hollis, was a recent guest in town.

The auction at the Elmwood of the property owned by the late Mrs. Lucilla Feabody took place on last Saturday. The day was stormy and cold, yet a good many were present, and from nine in the morning until six in the evening O. D. Fessenden, auctioneer, sold a large amount of goods of all kinds. A half hour at noon for lunch and the selling was resumed. The Elmwood was bid off by Arthur A. Goss, of this town, and the sprout land in the western part of the town by Alpha A. Hall, of this town.

Fred Rockwood is in the hospital in New Jersey, having been operated upon November 10. He is expected to return to his home in about two weeks.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barber on Tuesday morning, November 11.

Cards and letters report Elbert Baldwin in good health in Spokane, Wash. They have had very little rain this fall in the section where he is located. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Richmond, former Brookline residents, are pleasantly located at Portland, Ore.

Entertainment.
All who are interested in assisting in an entertainment for the purpose of repairing and lighting the Methodist church are invited to meet at the vestry on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. A good number were present and it was voted to have a festival in the new hall on Friday evening, December 12. O. D. Fessenden was elected as chairman of the evening and the following committees were chosen: O. D. Fessenden, Elva Corey, Jennie Boutelle, entertainment; Misses Blanche Fessenden, Ethel Taylor, Mabel Peppie, Lila Barnaby, Clara Russell, of the Meade County table; Mrs. Etta Sweet and Mrs. S. French, fancy and apron table; Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley, supper, the committees to chose their own helpers. Herbert Corey, Harry Corey and one Gieson were elected to look after the sale of tickets, and Chester Barnaby as assistant in the hall and in the banquet hall.

LITTLETON.
News Items.
On Wednesday afternoon, November 13, Mrs. Edith Salter entertained the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church. The subject will be "A missionary contest," from missions.

The literary and library extension committee will hold a conference in the afternoon of the 14th at the Walnut avenue Congregational church, corner of Dale street and Walnut avenue, Roxbury, Thursday afternoon, November 20, at two o'clock. The program promised is interesting and will be given by every club and member upon presentation of card at the door with the name and club represented.

Mrs. F. E. Tenney, of Worcester, recently spent a few days with her husband's people in Littleton.

Mrs. William H. Tenney, who has been in the town for a month, is slowly improving.

George W. Whitcomb has moved into his new home at the Center, where he has made many repairs and improvements.

The dance given in the town hall by the high school juniors last week Friday evening gave an opportunity for a pleasant social and a royal good time. Thayer's orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Mrs. John Maleck and son John made a brief visit at W. H. Tenney's last week previous to their departure for their new home in Salt Lake City. Mr. Maleck presented Mrs. Tenney with a copy of Mrs. Katherine Laline's new book "Eve," just published this month.

Nineteen young people from the C. E. societies of the Baptist and Congregational churches attended the annual meeting in Concord, November 10, during the trip in a barge. Rev. Harrie W. Chamberlain, president of the State Union; Dr. McCluskey, treasurer, and Rev. Carl Stackman, secretary, were the speakers. Miss E. E. Tenney attended the supper given to the pastors and presidents of the local societies previous to the meeting.

Historical Society.
At the annual meeting of the Littleton Historical society, the former officers were re-elected. Joseph A. Harwood, who, although absent for a part of the year, keeps in close touch with the affairs of his native town, was re-appointed its historian and the care of the scrapbook was again entrusted Mrs. J. M. Hartwell. Two or three of these books are at the library well filled with many interesting records and mementoes.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, a very interesting and informal conversation followed, relating mainly to topics connected with the proposed celebration of the coming year of the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of this town.

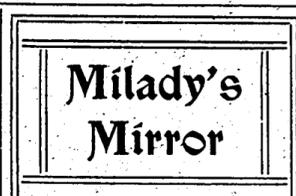
Permanent and temporary markings of old landmarks and places of historic interest were discussed; also, priority of erection of some of the old houses of the town. E. Frost, Rev. O. J. Fairfield and Hon. F. Patch were appointed a committee to locate places suitable for inscriptions or other marking and Mrs. C. A. Hosmer was delegated to write for the society a personal reminiscence in connection with Liberty square with such other related items as might be obtainable.

The conversation and discussion brought a closer realization both of the coming celebration and the gradual progress in the settlement of the town since the days of the "Nashobah Plantation" and the passing of the Indian reservation at Newtown into the possession of the pale faces of the new regime.

M. E. Somes presented to the society, through the secretary, a gambrel found on land formerly owned by Capt. Todd. The gambrel, often called gambel, was marked in cut letters "E. B. Todd 1832."

Mr. Patch presented for Miss Grace Marion Prue a clapboard taken from a house in Plymouth built in 1685, on the lot adjoining that of the Pilgrim John Howland. Miss Prue is a lineal descendant of John and Elizabeth Tilley Howland.

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Milady's Mirror

Sports Help Good Looks.
The best exercises for women, says a physical director in a girls' college, are those that are simply good fun and have no such special object as the winning of a match.

I would not for worlds forbid women to play games like tennis, hockey and golf, provided that they will not take them seriously.

The two essentials of any form of physical exercise are that it should be enjoyable and that it should be rhythmic. If you enjoy thoroughly, your muscles may get fatigued, but your nerve force will not get exhausted, and if the exercise is rhythmic, if it goes with a swing that brings every muscle of the body into play, then the fatigue will be that glorious, glowing lassness of body.

The secret of that swing, of that rhythm, is this: The body must move the limbs and not the limbs the body. Watch a fine walker, a fine oarsman, a fine jumper. It is always the body that lifts and impels the limb. There, indeed, you have the secret of grace in every action of life—you must make a gesture with your whole body; with your whole will.

A great weakness of golf, as of most other games played with a handle, is that the clubs must be swung on the right side of the body.

Instead of correcting the unwise preference we give to the right hand, such games accentuate it whereby one set of muscles (and one part of the brain) are developed at the expense of another, while the unvaried swing from right to left puts the body out of poise.

Hockey, too, has this fault (though its rhythm is more varied and continuous) and has the additional one of a low crouched attitude which cramps the organs and impedes the breathing.

Tennis is some ways finer. This more than any other ball game exercises every part of the body harmoniously. Its poses and gestures are many and varied; the player gets a quick eye; a lightning flick of the wrist, the instantaneous speed of a cat on the pounce, the power to hit with arm and body curled or far extended, and, if he will and is wise, he may hold the racket indifferently in his right hand or his left.

Unfortunately, though the rhythm is continuous, it is jerky, and, though the gestures are varied, few of them are noble—a tennis player rarely looks dignified—while, when the game is played well, the nervous tension (for women at least) is apt to be too great.

Fencing is too fine an exercise to be ignored. It gives sureness of poise, lightness of limb, grace of carriage and a quickness of eye and of wrist far greater than tennis gives. It commonly shares with golf the unwise preference for the right hand (though some are wise enough to fence with either hand), and it tends to overdevelop the muscles of the wrist and arm.

As to horse riding, there is no sport more exhilarating. There is nothing in motion more splendid than the free movement of the brave creature under you, his quick response to hand or foot, the mingled sense of hazard and security, the sense of being launched in air, the flashing picture of the way and the quick whistle of the wind.

But riding may be overdone, even by strong women. The woman who rides to hounds is a fine picture on horseback, but she is not always graceful on foot.

Brushing the Teeth.
In brushing the teeth use the brush downward for the upper teeth and from the gums upward for the lower teeth. By this method the bristles go between the teeth as well as over the front and sides. The teeth always must be recognized for what they are—valuable adjuncts to both beauty and health. Consequently no pains are too great to secure perfect cleanliness of the teeth and mouth. If there is too much acidity in the system the teeth will decay quickly and much suffering will be entailed. To counteract this an alkaline dentifrice should be used.

If the teeth are yellow or show discolored spots a little powdered pumice stone can be used. It should be slightly moistened so that it will adhere to the orange wood stick with which it is rubbed on the spots. After brushing the teeth an antiseptic mouth wash should be used.

Fat Women Must Avoid Tight Clothes.
The roly poly fat woman, short and dumpy; the very tall big woman who is fatter than she wants to be and all the other types of stout women are clamoring for the costume which will give them long lines. The well dressed stout woman learned long ago that if she would look her best she must avoid tight clothes. She must also ignore the costume that is conspicuous, whether it is the fabric, the color or the design which makes it so, says the Woman's Home Companion.

Soft materials which drape easily, striped fabrics where the stripe is not too pronounced and neutral colors are all things which the stout woman should consider in planning her clothes. Purple, navy blue, the darkest of browns and greens and deep toned tawpes are all becoming and appropriate colors for the very stout woman.



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Ayer, Oct. 25th, A. D. 1913.
Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction at my office on East Main Street in said Ayer on Saturday, November 22nd, 1913, at eight thirty of the clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest which George H. Blood and Emily C. Blood both of Groton in said County of Middlesex or either of them had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the 10th day of May A. D. 1913, at two o'clock and forty minutes A. M., that being the time when the same was specially attached on mense process, as the property of said Emily C. Blood, in and to the following described pieces or parcels of real estate, the record of legal title to which at the time of said attachment standing in the name of Emily M. Glass of Bradford, Mecklenburg County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Champany Street in Groton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone at the south-westerly corner of said premises; at land now or formerly of Alva Wright, thence northerly by said land now or formerly of Alva Wright two hundred seventy (270) feet to land now or formerly of Eugene Nutting; thence easterly by said land now or formerly of Eugene Nutting one hundred (100) feet to land formerly of George H. Blood; thence southerly by said land formerly of George H. Blood two hundred seventy (270) feet to said Champany Street; thence westerly by said street one hundred (100) feet to the bound first mentioned.

Be all of said measurements more or less, or however otherwise, said premises may be bounded or described, and being the same premises described in deed of Minnie A. White to Emily C. Blood, dated August 22nd, 1898, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 2747, page 59, said premises are also a part of the premises standing in the name of Emily M. Glass under a certain instrument dated November 28th, 1910, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3567, page 35.

ALBERT A. FILEBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
TO GEORGE C. JENNERSON the next of kin and all other persons interested in ELLA JENNERSON, WALTER W. JENNERSON and GEORGE HENRY JENNERSON of Townsend in said County of Middlesex, minor.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Court by HENRY H. JENNERSON of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, praying for the appointment of himself, or some other suitable person, as guardian of said minor.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of November A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed as aforesaid.

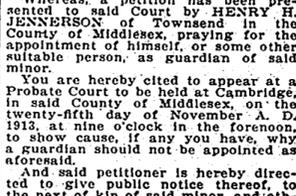
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof to the next of kin of said minor, and others interested, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Townsend Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering a copy thereof to the said GEORGE C. JENNERSON at least seven days before said Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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Saturday, November 15, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events. Mrs. Mary C. Henry is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Simmons, after assisting in caring for Mrs. Jerry Lorden during her convalescence from her recent confinement.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey is having her house painted the popular shades of light gray with white trimmings. C. M. Bolleg and assistants are the painters.

Lyman Robbins and wife are moving this week from their old home on Pleasant street to their new one in Dunstable. Their neighbors regret their going and Mr. Rowell regrets losing an honest, industrious clerk.

Frank Williams' family moved recently from their tenement over the blacksmith shop to one of Palmer's tenements on Main street.

E. F. McCord has severed his connection with the Mould Shoe Company. He recently returned from a business trip to New York.

George T. Greenhalgh, of Pawtucket, R. I., was in town at the Page farm last week and on Saturday went to Exeter, N. H., to witness a football game in which his son was interested. Mr. Greenhalgh is often in town and takes an active interest in farming. He has already twenty head of stock and recently added some fine registered Guernsey stock.

A. H. Harris captured two fine coon on the night of the 12th. They were on exhibition at the station the next day.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Gardner, came to town on Tuesday to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of Acoma lodge. She spent the remainder of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck, of Townsend, was in town this week as the guest of Mrs. Warren Blood and other friends, and to attend the anniversary of Acoma lodge on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ann Davis is quite low at her home at the East Village. The Rebekah lodge are sending some one to care for her during the nights, as she is one of their charter members.

Mrs. Herbert Raymond returned from a visit at Hopedale on Sunday. Ernest Nash, with his wife and daughter, visited at the home of O. M. Nash, Park street, over the weekend and Sunday. His aunt, Mrs. Nellie Plummer, accompanied them to Chelsea on their return for a short visit.

Edward Johnson has a plan to perfect the electric lighting arrangements in Railroad square, from Groton street to the river bridge, so that Peppereil can boast also a "white way." With this in view he has been interviewing all the merchants in this vicinity for contributions to aid in establishing the new system.

William Richards, the blacksmith, is in his shop again, having had to stop work about two weeks on account of the injury to his foot.

Mrs. Warren Blood has been entertaining Mrs. Melville Quackenbush, of Epping, N. H. Mr. Quackenbush was formerly in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad here, but now has a position as night operator at Epping.

A special meeting of the United Order of Golden Cross will be held in their room at the Methodist vestry on Monday evening, November 17. Grand Commander Powers, formerly of Cambridge, but now of Groton, will be present and also several members of Longfellow Commandery, U. O. G. C., from Groton. It is probable that a collation at Upton's may be in order during the evening if arrangements can be perfected.

Frank T. Wright, brother of Postmaster Wright, has moved to the new house he recently purchased of William Willoby, Park street. He is installing town water and intends making other changes. Mr. and Mrs. Willoby have moved into the Mary L. P. Shattuck house on Park street.

Mrs. Louis Shattuck is painting her house on Groton street, occupied by Mrs. Coffey and Richard Tumpey, W. E. Chapman has the contract.

Mrs. C. H. Beaulieu has rented her little corner store owned by J. A. Lawrence for an overflow of live and ten-cent goods.

It is understood that the insurance on the "Fitchburg" building, the fire dealer, which was recently destroyed by fire, has not been adjusted and that the state police were in town on Wednesday looking over the premises. The building, which is owned by John Bennett, is completely demolished inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chase, daughter Hazel and friend, Miss Lockwood, were recent guests in town, coming from Lowell in an auto recently purchased by Mr. Chase. He will be remembered as a former resident in town some years ago.

Mrs. H. F. Tarbell spent Friday of last week in Boston shopping.

George Keyes and family moved to Boston on Monday, where they have taken a residence for the winter on Chestnut Hill. As the residence of E. H. Baker on Keyes' hill is already closed for the winter, this leaves the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keyes the only one occupied in that vicinity.

Frank Goff, of Concord, has been in town the past week, occupying the quarters he built near his former residence on High street. He came for a little hunting with some of his old companions in the sport.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martin have been visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw, Pleasant street.

Miss H. L. Lawrence went to Chelsea on Friday of last week to attend a birthday anniversary of an aged uncle. She returned home on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Joshua Blood, a former resident on Park street, was in town last week visiting with her nephew in Connecticut.

Glen Upson has recently taken a week's vacation from his duties in the office of the Boston and Albany railroad, South station, Boston. He visited relatives in New York state, going as far west as Buffalo. This is the first vacation he has asked for since entering the employ of the railroad company.

Harry Shellington and wife, of Norwich, Conn., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike this week. Earl Farnsworth, of Norwood, was in town last week on business. Mrs. Farnsworth and infant accompanied him, making a flying call of one hour at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews.

John Frossard was in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday on business. The Odd Fellows' ball to be held in Prescott hall on Friday evening, November 14, promises to be more than the usual success if the plans of the committee are carried out. Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro, have been engaged to furnish the music.

The remains of John Gibson Shattuck were brought to this town last Thursday from Chicago. Final funeral services were held at Woodlawn cemetery, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating. Mr. Shattuck was the son of the late Putnam and Mary Shattuck, of this town, but for many years has been located in the west. He was seventy-two years of age.

Miss Blanche Suprenant arrived home from her trip to Michigan on last Saturday. On her way home she stopped at Troy, N. Y., to visit relatives there. We understand that she is ready to come back to New England, feeling satisfied that this section of the country is good enough for anyone. She can congratulate herself just at this time for having escaped the snow and blizzard that has been sweeping over the territory around the Great Lakes.

Miss Ethel Drown entertained a party of her friends on Monday evening at her home on Franklin street. About thirty were present and passed a very pleasant evening in various games and guessing contests. Refreshments were served to the guests and later the young hostess was given a surprise in the shape of a fine silver watch, as someone had discovered that the occasion was on the date of her birthday.

Early on Tuesday morning it was discovered that a chimney was burning out at the new Prescott hotel. The fire alarm system was found to be out of order and the whistle did not sound at all and the bell at the Center only half the time. Luckily the fire was easily distinguished before any damage occurred, as only a few of the firemen knew there was a fire.

Surprise Party and Shower. On Thursday evening of last week several of the members of the Epworth League and other friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Jullian Shattuck agreed to meet at a certain place and call upon the newly-married couple in a body. It was planned that since Mrs. Shattuck had been a resident of New York state previous to her marriage she might not know the full meaning of the old-fashioned surprise party with a "shower" attached. The hostess, however, proved herself equal to the emergency, announcing that she had participated in events of this nature, although in quite so prominent a manner. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. The "shower" consisted of anything useful or ornamental which the donor chose to select and the result was some very pretty pieces of china and useful kitchen articles. Games and charades made the evening pass quickly, refreshments of cake and cocoa were served and the company retired to their homes, leaving with their host and hostess many good wishes.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The twenty-fifth anniversary of Acoma lodge was observed on Tuesday evening, November 11. The hall was tastefully decorated in the colors of the lodge, pink and green, intermingled with silver trimmings significant of the occasion. The members of Groton and Townsend lodges were present by invitation.

The entertainment consisted of piano solos by Miss Adele Boynton, selections by the Verdi male quartet and the singing of songs by a reader, Miss Jessie Dell Lewis, also of Worcester. The Verdi quartet has already been before Peppereil audiences and therefore needs no recommendation, but on this occasion they were especially fine and were much enjoyed. Miss Lewis is a newcomer as an entertainer in town, but her selections and manner of rendering them were much praised and we hope to hear her again.

Refreshments of the past noble grands followed the entertainment, there being twenty-five present. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, the birthday cake for the lodge being a special feature. Through a huge dainty, ornamented with the lodge colors and silver, decorated with the correct number of candles, twenty-five.

One of the interesting features of the evening was the reading of the history of Acoma lodge by Miss Lydia Waite, who composed the same, as follows: Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight. Let us review again, just for tonight, scenes that have passed from our sight. Guiding our foot-steps on. We have gathered here tonight to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rebekah.

If the curtain of time could be rolled backward to November 13, 1888, a much different picture would be presented to us than is set before us tonight. At that time, in the Oddfellows' hall, Lawrence, Wood and East Pepperell, through the efforts of Brothers L. G. Robbins and George Jenks, Acoma lodge was instituted by Past Grand Sire and Grand Treasurer, Alfred S. Finkert of Worcester, a little band of forty-three making up the charter members. Of these, one hundred and sixteen, there would be, but nine to answer "Here."

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endeavor, always willing and fulfilling and accomplishing his task, he sailed through many troubled waters which he tried to beset the beginner, launching on a great work. Our present deputy, Sister Kate Dunlap, is the only member of this lodge who has twice been installed noble grand, being called upon to receive the remainder of the year 1901. Noble Grand Sister Sara Ryder resigning on account of ill health.

To Sister Effie Robbins, our secretary, we owe much for her faithful work and watchfulness over the records and property of the lodge. She has served us continuously for the past seven years.

To Sister Jennie McCullough Hazen and our present deputy, Sister Kate Dunlap, is afforded the honor of being the office deputy who have filled the office of deputy over a considerable period. We have always felt a deep interest in our neighboring lodges and a most cordial relation has always existed between us. Some of our fairest recollections are the visits to these lodges and it has always afforded us great pleasure to have them with us here.

On different occasions the lodge has been presented with gifts and offered its needs supplied. The Ready Workers' Sewing Circle, an organization consisting of members of Acoma lodge. To this society we owe our heartfelt thanks.

The home of Acoma lodge has been changed many times. From Lawrence block we shortly moved to the Tarbell block. This was our place of meeting for a number of years. From there we moved to the vestry of the Methodist church, and after a period of three months, on the evening of April 12th, 1904, we held our first meeting in this hall. We are especially proud of these rooms and to our brothers of Beacon lodge we are indebted for the many privileges afforded us and the countless kindnesses shown us and we trust in our humble way we have been able to show in a measure our appreciation.

In connection with this our twenty-fifth anniversary, we also tender a reception to our past noble grands, a custom which we have adhered to for many years and which is but a symbol of our appreciation for their untiring efforts in our behalf. The following are the names of those who have served this lodge in that capacity: L. G. Robbins, Kate Dunlap, Effie M. Robbins, Jennie McCullough Hazen, Marion J. Tarbell, Ella F. Stevens, Abbie M. Giddens, Carrie M. Harriman, May C. Kidder, Nellie M. Gutterston, Mary Heath Blood, Hattie L. Shaw, Sarah E. Ryder, Sara Blood Hillott, Helen M. Giddens, Carrie M. Harriman, Mary L. Blood, Ida E. Robbins, Gertrude L. Tarbell, Jessie C. Parker, J. Idella, William Annie, Lora, Lora Noble, Louise Dunton, our present noble grand being Lillian A. McWilliams.

Many other events that have occurred during the past twenty-five years might be recorded here, but the silent deeds of kindness that have bound us together in friendship, love and truth can only be recorded in the great book of life, by Him, whose ever watchful eye understands the ways of His children.

So in the years to come let us each strive to do our best, remembering— There is always a river to cross. Always an effort to make. Always a duty to do. Always a God to win. Any rich prize to take. Yonder the fruit we crave. Yonder the charming scene. But of these things I doubtled tide is the river that lies between.

'Tis weary watching wave by wave, And yet the tide heaves onward; We climb, like corals, grave by grave, Another hour, another day, We're beaten back in many a fray. But newer strength we borrow, And on our languid limbs tomorrow The rear shall rest tomorrow.

Church Fair. The ladies of the Methodist society will hold their annual winter sale on Wednesday and Thursday, November 19 and 20. The dates have been changed from those previously announced, November 20 and 21, so as not to conflict with dates of any other organization, and to give everyone a chance to attend the sale. Thursday evening, which promises to be unusually good.

On Wednesday evening at six o'clock a supper of the good old New England kind was served with Mrs. Jerry Annis as chairman. The menu consisted of hot mashed potatoes, cold meats, baked beans and brown bread, squash, pumpkin and apple pies, Indian pudding, English plum pudding and fruit and cream. The entertainment will be served at seven o'clock.

On Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock, the sale of fancy articles, aprons, food, candy, ice cream and mysteries will be open, to continue through the evening of that week. An entertainment will be held on Thursday evening also, commencing at 7.45 o'clock. There will be piano solos by Miss Adele Boynton and Gertrude Cherry, and a piano duet by Gertrude Cherry and E. Shepard; also, a vocal duet by Mrs. Louise Lawrence and Miss Alice Marshall.

Mrs. May Templeton Shattuck, who has but recently come among us, but whose reputation as a fine musician preceded her, has kindly consented to give two selections. The entertainment will conclude with a farce appropriate to the times. "When women vote," with the following cast of characters: Mrs. Jamieson, a suffragette, Mrs. Sue Doer; Helen her daughter, Miss Carrie E. Wright, a suffragette, Mrs. Elmer Weston; Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Stratton; Hannah, the maid, Mrs. Martin.

The whole affair is in charge of Mrs. F. B. Stratton, who is working hard to make it a success. The various tables will be in charge of the following ladies: Mrs. J. E. Andrews and Miss H. L. Lawrence, ice cream; Mrs. F. B. Simmons and Mrs. Fred Dunlap and Mrs. C. M. Gutterston, fancy articles; Mrs. Louise Lawrence and Alice Marshall, mysteries; Mrs. E. E. Handley and Mrs. W. G. Smalley, food and candy.

Grange Notes. An announced in last week's issue, a special meeting will be held by Prescott grange on Friday evening, November 21, when the third and fourth degrees will be worked on team candidates. The ladies' degree team, Mrs. Florence Kemp, president, will work the third degree, and the regular officers the fourth. A supper will be served in the banquet hall in charge of Mrs. George E. Shattuck, chairman. There will also be entertainment.

All trains led to Manchester, N. H., on Thursday as far as the local grange members were concerned, many going on the early morning trains to attend the National grange sessions now being held in New Hampshire. A train followed the 10.10 to Nashua, and this took many more from town, the three cars being fairly well filled when they reached here. Several intended taking the seventh degree, among them Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Ada Whitney, Mrs. F. B. Simmons, Miss Edna Kiltredge, Mrs. E. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blood, Mr.

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On Thursday, November 6, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterston, Mrs. Rolan H. Blood, Mrs. N. W. Appleton and Miss Marie Jordan attended the dedication exercises in Saunders theatre, Cambridge, of the flag staff in memory of the suffering and fortitude of the men and women of Cambridge in 1775-1783. An oration, "The history of our flag," was given by Hon. Curtis G. Wright, of the city by Mrs. Mary Isabella Gozzaldi and was accepted by the mayor in behalf of the city, after which all daughters were invited to the home of Mr. Gozzaldi to a reception of the very dainty lunch was served. This flag and flag staff cost \$7000 and was the work of the A. R.

Miss Blanche Suprenant returned last week from Bay City, Mich., where she has been visiting her brother. She also made a few days' stay in New York city on her journey home.

Leslie Darling, of Brookfield, was at his home on Main street over Sunday.

Albert Everts, of Boston, was a week-end visitor at H. O. Tower's on High street.

Roger Robbins, of Tufts college, was at his home on Elliot street a few days this week.

Miss E. Maude Davis left town on Monday for New York city, where she will resume her duties for the Church Press Company.

Irving Church has sold his racing horse, S. R. Max, to a party in Lowell. The horse was well-known in town as it had won a number of local races.

Russell Wright has returned from Valleyfield, N. H., and will resume his duties at the Peppereil card shop in the near future.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck, formerly of High street, now of Townsend, came the first of the week for a short vacation and to take in the festivities connected with the I. O. O. F. lodges.

Will some give the following books to the East Peppereil reading-room: "Inside the cup," "The Brewster boys," "The winning of Barbara Worth," "The call of the carpenter," "Miss Petticoats."

Miss Minnie Green and Miss Florence Kemp went on Thursday to Manchester, N. H., to the National grange to receive the seventh degree at the first class.

Mrs. Jennie McCullough Hazen, of Fitchburg, is spending a few days with Mrs. George Shaw.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Peppereil postoffice for the week ending November 10, are: Mrs. Clarence Perry, Ned Skinner, Herbert W. Wald.

The supper and concert of the Ladies' Social Circle at Central hall on Thursday evening of last week was a success in every way. The success in the presence of Mrs. Anderson, of Binghamton, N. Y., who came with her cousin, Mrs. Silas P. Shattuck, from Lowell, gave pleasure to many of her friends. A large automobile party from Lawrence also added to the interest of the occasion.

The annual Christmas sale of the L. S. C. Alliance Branch, will be held on Central hall on Thursday afternoon, December 4. A supper and concert will follow.

William Davis, who has been to the New Hampshire hills the past summer for his health, returned to his home on last week Thursday feeling much better.

Last week twelve members of the club from Leominster and Fitchburg, including Mrs. E. J. Darling, of Foster street is a member, came by auto and were entertained by her. A bountiful dinner was served at noon, after which the company engaged in games and cards. All expressed themselves as delighted with the visit, leaving a rousing vote of thanks for their hostess and hoping to come to Peppereil another year.

Emery J. Darling is at Newton this week, directing improvements in a paper mill as suggested by state inspectors.

Miss Katherine Spaulding of Townsend is visiting friends on Foster street.

Methodist Notes. Rev. George B. Dean, superintendent of the Worcester district, will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

At seven in the evening Rev. P. R. Stratton will give a picture sermon upon the subject "Invited to a throne" which will be illustrated with twenty-four stereopticon views. Three illustrated songs will be sung from the screen.

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six in the evening. Subject, "How can we know we are saved?" Leader, Miss Ethel Belyea. The Tuesday evening service will be held at 7.30 o'clock. The class for bible study and teacher training will take place at 8.30. The second quarterly conference will be held in the small vestry on Monday evening, November 18, at 7.45. This will be an open quarterly meeting and all the members and friends of our church are invited.

Acoma Lodge Anniversary. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organizing of Acoma lodge of Rebekah was held Tuesday evening, November 11, at I. O. O. F. hall in Saunders' block. E. Alonzo Blood of Townsend, who was their deputy, with his wife, together with the members of Middlesex Rebekah lodge of Groton, accepted the invitation extended to them. The regular business was carried forward followed by a reception to the past noble grands. It is a noteworthy fact that every past noble grand is living. Miss Adele Boynton gave an agreeable piano selection followed by a most pleasing concert by the Verdi male quartet and Miss Jessie Bell Lewis, reader. The talent came from Worcester.

The entertainment all repaired to the banquet hall and stood where the quartet chanted the lord's prayer. The most noticeable table in the room was the charter members, decorated in pink and green, and an immense five lighted candles, at the top of eight charter members, all that could be present, as some of the members are living entirely out of New England.

The entire evening was replete with pleasant recollections. The first child born to any of the sisters was Miss Gladys Shattuck of this lodge. After hours filled with joy, possibly the most impressive thing of the entire evening was the closing number, rendered by the quartet, "Silver threads rendered by the gold," in so touching a manner that from then on it had a new significance.

HARVARD. Congregational Church Notes. The theme of the pastor's sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be "Every man his price." After this service the Bible school will meet as usual in the vestry. Mrs. E. F. Houghton will have charge of the C. E. prayer meeting Sunday evening. The subject will be "Temperance facts and figures."

On Sunday morning at the Bible school session the usual annual distribution of bags and work for contributions for the work of the Little Wanderer's home will be made. It is hoped that parents will be interested with their children in this worthy cause.

The Woman's Benevolent society held its fortnightly meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The usual good attendance of recent months was kept up and further preparations were made for the coming annual fair.

The Women's Missionary society held their regular monthly meeting with Miss S. A. Davis on Thursday afternoon.

The Ayer Woman's club will give a pop concert in town hall, Ayer, on Friday evening, November 19. Admission 25 cents.

New Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS. I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the Chairman and other members of the Democratic Town Committee of Peppereil for the faithful and loyal support they have given me in the recent campaign and election; and to the voters of Peppereil, who regardless of party, have supported me so loyally at the polls, to them I extend my thanks, and appreciation of their confidence in me. I consider myself highly honored by this expression at the polls. I hope I may ever retain the confidence of my townsmen. I would rather carry my own town and lose the district than to win in the district and lose in my own town. PARKER J. KEMP. Peppereil, November 10, 1913.

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TWO RIVAL SYSTEMS. By EDNA WARFIELD.

Mr. Penfield was the proprietor and editor of a newspaper called the Union. He had his own notions as to how a newspaper should be conducted. His plan was to please as many persons as possible. Miss Williams was a "new woman" who was supporting herself by teaching. Mr. Penfield met her and was attracted to her largely on account of her force of character and intellectual abilities. Miss Williams was attracted to Mr. Penfield largely on account of admiration for a man in power, for he was a man of authority, having under him subeditors, clerks, printers, etc.

There are many kinds of newspapers as there are kinds of men. Mr. Penfield's policy was with a view to making his paper pay or what he considered the best method of making it pay. Miss Williams' idea of a newspaper was an intellectual engine to mold opinion. That is what she supposed Mr. Penfield's paper to be, because she supposed that to be what newspapers are for. They became engaged.

One of the triumphs of the Union was the election of the governor of the state, for it was generally conceded that the paper's brilliant advocacy of the governor's side and stinging condemnation of his opponent and his principles had secured the election. But when the campaign was over the Union returned to its independence, which meant that it was at liberty to please the greatest number, thereby securing the greatest circulation and consequently the greatest income from advertisements.

A question of moment came up. In which the governor took a decided stand. It was supported by many and opposed by an equal number. Miss Williams supposed that her lover would stand by the man if he thought him right and oppose him if he thought him wrong. One day an editorial appeared in the Union, written in the style of the editor in chief. It read as follows:

It is perhaps too early to discover whether the governor has acted wisely in the matter or whether he has been influenced by the highest motives, though there are those who will deny this, considering that his object is to fill his pockets. Even these will admit that his previous record has been free from making money by virtue of the official position he has held. There is but one charge against him that has never been satisfactorily answered, and this is balanced by many acts that have redounded to the welfare of the state. Those who support the governor's policy have the satisfaction of knowing that in the many important political questions with which he has been identified he has usually been right. Only in two cases has he been wrong.

When Miss Williams read this leader the blood came into her cheek and an ominous light flashed in her eye. Was this molding public opinion? She had not informed herself of the matter in question and, having no opinion on it, was free to be influenced by the man whose intellectual strength had won her. Great was her disappointment. Later in the day she took up the Sentinel, a paper that had bitterly opposed the governor's election, and read in an article a clear, logical argument as to why the governor was right on the question at issue and calling on all good citizens to support him.