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#### TOWNSEND.

Center.  
Frank Temple, of the U. S. S. Florida, is at home on shore leave.

The ladies of the M. E. church held a successful fair, supper and entertainment on Thursday afternoon and evening at the church vestry. There was a fine display of useful and fancy articles, home-made candies, etc. The supper was well patronized and the entertainment in the evening was in charge of Wilbur Scales and was very pleasing to the audience. Mrs. Annie Farrar had charge of the Bingville orchestra, which was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

**Death.**  
Ebenezer Estes, a well-known resident, aged 80 years, 6 months, 10 days, died on Wednesday evening at eleven o'clock at his home on Brookline street after an illness of ten weeks with heart trouble.

About fifty years ago, while mining in Nevada, he was the victim of a cave-in which left him in a crippled condition. About twelve years ago he suffered a shock and has been in feeble health since, receiving the tender ministrations of his faithful wife and members of the family.

The deceased was born in Bethel, Me., the youngest member of a family of ten children, moving to Townsend at the age of twenty-one, and with the exception of four years in Nevada as a miner, has always made his home in Townsend, where he has a large circle of friends. He followed the occupation of coopering, being employed by the late Walter Fessenden, U. S. Adams and B. & A. D. Fessenden.

In 1857 he married Miss Ellen Hildreth and they have always resided in the family home on Brookline street. Besides his wife and two children, Gilbert P. of Townsend, and Mrs. Fanny M. Streeter, of Waltham, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Abbie Dunham, of Bryant Pond, Me., who is ninety years of age.

The funeral will be held from the home on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in charge of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., and Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Congregational church, of which he was a member.

**Harbor.**  
E. B. Smith, of Waltham, is a guest at A. W. Gray's.

The family of Engineer Condon, consisting of a wife and three children, arrived at the Harbor on Wednesday evening and will occupy the lower mill tenement.

Mrs. Harry Bryant, who has been visiting in Boston, returned to Maplewood cottage on Thursday.

On Thursday afternoon, A. W. Gray shot an unusually fine fox measuring over four feet. During the hunt Mr. Gray came across the remains of a deer that evidently had died from wounds received during the hunting season last fall.

Last Tuesday afternoon the As You Like It club held an enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. B. C. Cummings. The dining-room was handsomely decorated with Xmas greens and bells, suggestive of the rapid approach of the holiday season. The chief literary feature of the afternoon was an interesting paper by Miss Hester Burdett on Titusville, which for many years was the home of the author. After the serving of refreshments the club adjourned for two weeks.

Harold Gray, who is a student at Lawrence academy, while riding on horseback to school on Monday morning narrowly escaped a serious accident. The fall of a heavy book bag from the saddle caused the horse while loping to stop suddenly, thereby throwing the rider. Gray struck the frozen ground on the back of his head. In falling one foot caught in the stirrup and twisted him backward. When Gray recovered consciousness he found the horse had dragged him but a few feet and it is owing to this fact that his injuries are not more severe. Had not the horse manifested unusual intelligence the result would have been disastrous. A severe wrench, resulting in a lame back and neck, are the worst features of the fall.

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**WESTFORD.**

**Center.**  
 Miss Edith Forster is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents in Toronto, Canada, and on the return trip expects to visit Montreal.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. William C. Roudenbush. The president, Miss Loker, presided, and Mrs. Wallace conducted the devotional service. The subject for the afternoon was "Fifty years of freedom," in charge of Miss Mary P. Bunce. Miss Bunce read a finely prepared paper showing the progress of the negro race along all lines since their emancipation. Mrs. Roudenbush contributed some of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems suitable to the subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth have installed a telephone in their new home this week—31-4.

Rev. David Wallace was in attendance at the postponed autumn meeting of the Middlesex Agricultural and Perseance Union at Maynard on Wednesday of this week, of which organization he is secretary and treasurer.

Edward M. Abbot, on a recent hunting trip to the Austin Corbin game reservation in New Hampshire, brought home as a trophy of his trip a fine specimen of a wild boar and has had the same suspended on J. Herbert Fletcher's store piazza for a number of days.

Schools closed this week Friday for the Christmas vacation, the academies plus one week at the Frost school children two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth enjoyed a combined business and pleasure trip of several days to Philadelphia last week.

**Runaway.**  
 The big Standard Oil team from Lowell which makes its weekly visit to Westford on Wednesdays with three big horses attached, had a bad runaway accident on Wednesday afternoon about one o'clock. The team was a little later than usual getting to the village and had stopped at J. Herbert Fletcher's store to deliver the supply of oil. While the driver was inside the leader of the horses started. The next moment the wheels of Fletcher's store were being ordinarily have their noon feeding and probably they were impatient for their dinner. Getting started with no one to direct them, they took flight and started to run. Just beyond Wright & Fletcher's the wheels collided with a telegraph pole, the driver's canopy and seat being torn off.

The horses plunged ahead down the Graniteville road, gathering a frightful momentum as they went. Coming to one of the bad turns below Arthur E. Day's, the tank upset, throwing the horses down. Dr. Wells, when he saw the runaway go round the Graniteville road corner, hurried after them, but the wheels gathered in the driver of the team. When they and Mr. Day arrived the horses were down and struggling and it seemed as if one of the horses must have bones broken and be seriously injured.

With some quick hard work, the creatures were extricated and gotten to their feet and fortunately all three were without serious injury. Help was summoned from Lowell and late in the afternoon the horses were started back for Lowell. Much gratitude was expressed for two things—that the three fine horses were not killed or badly injured or that no other teams were in the way, especially on the somewhat narrow Graniteville road.

**Presentation.**  
 Immediately following the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church last Sunday a pretty little ceremony took place when the Rev. Grace Lambert Kenney and Mr. Kenney were presented with a chafing dish with tray, a silver service of four pieces and a set of teaspoons, all the articles being of most approved pattern and design. Mrs. Kenney has been the church organist and pianist for the past two winters and it was as a token of appreciation that these gifts were presented. To take to their new home as a reminder of the Westford church friends. The recipients were taken much by surprise, but their very genuine and pleased appreciation left no doubt in the minds of those who had planned and carried out the presentation that it was very successful.

**Boy Scouts.**  
 The Boy Scouts held a most successful supper and entertainment on last Friday evening at the Congregational church vestry. An appetizing supper was served to which a full attendance was present. The young ladies in charge who served the supper for the scouts were Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland, Katherine and Margaret Sullivan, Pauline Wallace and Pauline Dole. Miss Sutherland, in behalf of the committee, wishes to thank the townspeople for their generous contributions. Rev. David Wallace was the presiding officer for the evening and the speakers were Mr. Truby, scoutmaster of the North Chelmsford troop, and Clarence Bacon, also of North Chelmsford. They both told of how they studied for their merit badges and of the good work done by the Boy Scouts of North Chelmsford, and gave the Westford boys an invitation to visit them.

Dr. C. A. Blaney gave the boys a talk on first aid to the injured, which was very practical and instructive, and at the close of his talk questions were asked and answered. Scoutmaster Alfred Tuttle conducted a roll call and each of the boys responded with song, speech or story. Other speakers of the evening were Principal Roudenbush of the academy, William DeRoehn, assistant scoutmaster of Graniteville, and last, but not least, the boys' genial friend, John P. Wright.

**Tadnack Club.**  
 The regular meeting of the Tadnack club on Tuesday afternoon was held in the Unitarian church parlors. The subject for the afternoon was

"Our home interests," the pervading thought being emphasized from the following sentiments from Robert Louis Stevenson: "We thank thee, Miss Hickey, of the academy, for a finely rendered selection on the home from Richard Wagner's 'Around the fire-side'."

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Lucian Ames Meade, who gave an address on "The Peace Movement." Mrs. Meade is a pleasing and logical speaker and ably presented her subject. At the close of the address club tea was served and a social hour enjoyed. An invitation was read from the Fitchburg Women's club inviting our club to visit them on December 31; also, one from the Ayer Woman's club inviting five of our members to a musicale given by their club also on December 31, which was accepted.

At the next meeting of the club, December 30, "Playgrounds" will be the subject and Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, ex-supervisor of the Lowell playgrounds, will be the speaker of the afternoon.

**About Town.**  
 The new law passed last winter relating to the compensation of the state, to prove its wisdom in the killing of the horse of Loren A. Griffin, so ordered by George T. Day, inspector of animals. Under the new law fifty dollars is the maximum amount to be allowed as compensation by the state, the horse to have been worth not less than a year. The only defect in the law is the law grading of maximum award of fifty dollars. At the present rating of horses fifty dollars would come close to the level of minimum. The law, as tried out in Maine, has been conducive of stamping glanders as undesirable when compensation is allowed. When not allowed they drive and work the same as long as authority will allow and keep in the shade as much as possible.

Augustus F. Whidden, as landscape manager for the summer home of Miss Ella Wright at the old Levi T. Fletcher homestead on the Lowell road, is busy repairing the old woodshed and clearing up brush. This summer residence is becoming one of the beauty spots in the hollow of the Brookside precinct.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rapsion, living in the John H. Decatur cottage on the corner, received the sad news of the death of their son, who was killed on a freight train at Wakefield.

Miss Susan McGlinchey, of Westford Corner, while gathering laurel on Sunday picked a Mayflower in full bloom.

**Center.**  
 The Crescent orchestra will give a friendly dance and social, and good time at Marshall's hall at Westford Corner and West Chelmsford line on Saturday evening, December 20. The time will commence at seven and time will end at eleven. Electric light and dance for the night. Chelmsford, Lowell, Graniteville and Forge Village.

The funeral of Lorenzo N. Fletcher, whose recent death has been noted, took place from his home at the corner of Oak Hill and Groton road, on the corner of the First Baptist church of Lowell, conducted by services. Floral contributions by friends and relatives were in sympathetic taste. Mrs. F. L. Roberts, of Lowell, sang tenderly "When the angels have rolled away." "Beautiful of somebodies" and "The Christian's good night." The bearers were relatives, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Henry Fletcher, Judson and Warren Sweetser. Burial was in Fairview cemetery beside the kindred dust of several generations.

The William P. Proctor Lumber Company of residential Dunstable and Industrial North Chelmsford, are cutting a large lot of pine lumber near the head waters of Nabasset stream. Their saw mill lumber yard business at North Chelmsford is doing splendidly, the first time since it opened business in the village.

The Nabasset school, with its attractive new coat of white paint and the green setting amidst the forest, makes a pleasing contrast.

Christmas tree exercises at the Unitarian church next Tuesday evening for children and other folks. Exercises will be liable to commence at about 5.30. Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and Miss A. Mabel Drew have charge of the funds contributed at the collection last Sunday and will likely be discharging agents.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher gave his fine illustrated lecture on Panama, including the dug-out for water connections at the village church, North Chelmsford Monday evening. It certainly is a fine talk which Mr. Fletcher gave at his recent trip. Mrs. Nettie Roberts, of Lowell, in favor of the Chelmsfords, assisted in the entertainment by her popular solos.

John Adams Taylor, professor of English at the University of North Dakota, has started on his long trip to be present at the wedding of his brother, William Reuben Taylor, at St. John's Episcopal church in Framingham on December 23. Prof. Taylor will be best man. George Howard, of Bound Brook, N. J., also arrives this week for the wedding of his brother-in-law.

**Wedding.**  
 Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker have received in a recent letter the news of the marriage of their niece, Miss Elsie Claribelle Coffin, of Berwick, Me., to Roland Lougee Hurd, of Skowhegan, Me. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Coffin, of Berwick. The ceremony was performed by Elder F. M. Dana, conference president of Maine, who performed the impressive and beautiful marriage service of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. No costly jewels or rare gems bedecked the occasion, but the bible injunction of inward goodness and not the outward show was carried out. The esteem of their friends was tangible in useful gifts.

Both are well-known young people, receiving their education in the public schools of Berwick. Afterwards Mrs. Hurd took a year's course at Thayer college, one of the large schools of the denomination, where a person can be fitted for every vocation in life. She is pleasantly and appreciatively remembered by friends in Westford and the Stony Brook district, in particular being a frequent visitor for years at the old Walker homestead, where she displayed much talent as reader and singer at neighborhood parties. How clearly and fondly the writer recalls the inspiration of those gatherings.

Mr. Hurd took a course at the Melrose sanitarium, where he filled many responsible positions, but he preferred the outdoor life as the factor for his health. They will reside in Northern Maine, where Mr. Hurd has charge of a farm of 2000 acres owned by Harvey Eaton, a well-known lawyer of Waterville. Mrs. Hurd is the granddaughter of Mrs. Clara Walker Littlefield, of Fitchburg, once well-

known scholar and teacher in the Stony Brook school.

The bride was modestly attired in a beautiful dress of white point de esprit lace with satin ribbon trimmings and long chiffon veil. She carried a bouquet of the ethereal innocence and purity, white carnation pinks and spring fern, the bridal veil being caught up with the same. The bridegroom wore the conventional suit of black. William Howe, of the Portland telephone office, was best man, his wife, Mrs. Martha Howe, of the State Sabbath School secretary, was bridesmaid, and Miss Jennie Bates, of the conference staff, was maid of honor.

**Graniteville.**  
 Mrs. Kernahan, wife of Rev. A. E. Kernahan, pastor of the M. E. church, with her baby boy, are ill with a light attack of scarlet fever at their home in West Graniteville.

Several of the youngsters enjoyed the first skating of the season last Sunday at Tonole park, on West street. This pond covers a small area and is usually safe during the winter as the water at this season is hardly ever over four feet in depth.

Ralph Tonsignant, a former resident here, now employed in a garage in Haverhill, has been a recent visitor in this village.

All the school in this village were closed on Friday for the annual two-weeks' Christmas vacation.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a very successful sale and entertainment in the church vestry on Thursday of last week, both afternoon and evening. The affair was largely attended and a quite a neat sum was added to the church treasury. Many were present from out-of-town.

**Accident.**  
 Nelson Provost, the junior member of the firm of Blodgett & Co. grocers, met with a serious accident here on last Monday afternoon. While delivering goods on Fourth street, near the home of William Welsh, the horse attached to a delivery wagon suddenly took fright at a dog nearby and plunged quickly forward. Mr. Provost, who was riding on the horse, was thrown from the wagon, striking heavily on the road ground. The horse in his mad flight ran over a newly sown field, thought he was struck with the flying hoofs. A crowd soon collected and Mr. Provost was taken to a nearby short distance away. Medical aid was at once summoned and Dr. W. H. Sherman, of this village, and Dr. O. V. Welch, of Westford, were soon in attendance. After a careful examination it was found that Mr. Provost had received a compound fracture of the leg and also a severe fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. The patient is in a very serious condition and his friends are anxiously hoping for his complete recovery.

**TOWNSEND.**  
**Center.**  
 At the meeting of Phoebe Weston Farmer Tent, D. of V., Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected to the office for the ensuing year, the last two being elected to fill resignations: Flora I. Atwood, s. v. p.; Ellen Howland, s. v. p.; Elizabeth Blodgett, pat. inst.; Mary Parker, trustee No. 3.

Eben Estes, an old and respected citizen of this town, who has been a patient in the hospital for some time at his home on Wednesday evening, Mrs. Estes leaves a widow, one son, G. P. Estes, of this town, and a daughter, Mrs. Fannie M. Street, of Westford.

Mrs. Henry Cowdrey passed away at Worcester on Tuesday after a lingering illness. The funeral was held at Townsend on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Cowdrey leaves a husband, Henry Cowdrey, of this town, and two daughters, Mrs. Inez Richards and Mrs. Florence Whitney, of Athol; also a sister in Marlboro and other near relatives in the vicinity of Athol, Orange and Gardner.

**Monday Club Meeting.**  
 The Monday club enjoyed their meeting this week at the Reading-room in West Townsend. The guests were Louise Tenney and Mrs. Iva Worcester, who both acted as hostesses and entertainers. It was an all-day session, the ladies carrying their work and enjoying a social time. At noon there was a delicious repast served consisting of cold meats, chicken, soups, mince pie, cheese, coffee and many tempting dainties. A Christmas pie was a feature of the dinner and joke gifts were exchanged. The members, which caused no end of merriment. Christmas customs were described and the reading of the Christmas dinner speeches and readings by Mrs. Evelyn Warren and by Mrs. L. O. Barker were enjoyed. The place cards at the table and all join in thanking the hostesses for their generous entertainment.

**West.**  
 The Ladies' Liberal Aid society held a very successful Christmas sale at the Reading-room on Wednesday evening of December 16, a goodly number being in attendance and the sum of about fifty dollars added to the treasury as result of the sale. A bountiful supply of home-made candy and food, aprons, fancy articles, etc., and the parcel packages in charge of Miss Agnes Thompson went with a ready sale, and the ice cream in the skillful hands of Mrs. Alexander Reed was well patronized. The fancy work tables were presided over by Mrs. J. Lee and Mrs. R. S. Fly, candy, in charge of Mrs. Charles B. Stickney and Miss Emma H. Adams. The aprons were made by Mrs. Winfield Union and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns. The booths were tastefully arranged and prettily decorated and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed both afternoon and evening.

Alluding to the recent bereavement and ill health of Mrs. F. D. Parsons, the children's Christmas tree, given by Mrs. C. S. Homer, of New York, will be under the charge of Miss Alice Seaver and Miss Lena M. Thayer. The tree will be held at the Reading-room on Wednesday afternoon, December 24. On account of the extra number of pupils in each school the primary school will be entertained from two until three o'clock, and the grammar school pupils from four until five o'clock.

Hubert McNair, of Josselynville, has accepted a position in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, is spending a few days at the home of her son, Edward Patch, of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds and infant, from Ludlow, Vt., are in town, and Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville.

William Barnaby was injured quite badly while at his work Wednesday, breaking his finger and meeting with other mishaps. He was taken to the office of Dr. H. B. Boynton and is reported as recovering quite rapidly.

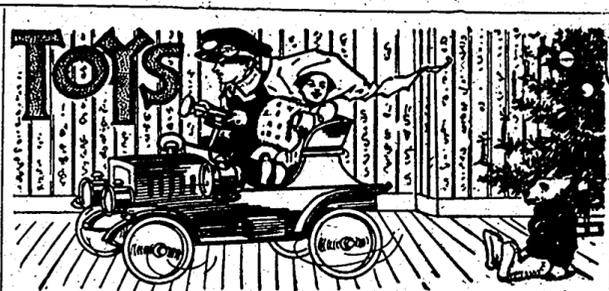
Everett W. Seaver has been quite ill at his home in Boston and has given up his position with the telephone company of his sister, Mrs. C. A. Marshall, of the center, for the present.

Rev. Hans H. Rohrdash, a native of Berlin, Germany, will supply the Baptist pulpit on Sunday, December 22, in a very versatile young man, having been educated in Germany, England and America, an accomplished musician as well as a smart preacher and doubtless will draw a large audience.

Miss Ada Clarke has closed her cottage in Main street and will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Patch.

Mrs. Charles Barrett, from Worcester, is visiting Mrs. Angela Walter, of Bayberry hill.

Miss Grace Thompson is enjoying the Christmas holidays at her school in Dover, N. H., ending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch.



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 Ranges, Sad Irons, Beds and Hammocks. 5¢ to \$1.00  
 Carriages, Chairs, Chair Swings, Trunks. 25¢ to \$1.50
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 Road Carts, Buckboards, Sulkeys, Automobiles, Hook and Ladders, Fire Engines, Trains, Coal and Dump Wagons 5¢ to \$1.00
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 Tea, Kitchen, Pastry and Wash Sets. 10¢ to \$1.50  
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 Alger, Castlemont, Ellis and Miscellaneous Stories. 25¢ each  
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- STATIONERY, CALENDARS, DECORATIONS**  
 Fancy Boxed Paper, regular and children's sizes 10¢ to \$1.25  
 Local View and Fancy Calendars. 10¢ each  
 Christmas Cards, Tags, Booklets, Seals. 1¢ to 10¢  
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 Candy Boxes, Wreaths, Snow, Garlands, Tree Ornaments, Candles and Holders, Santa Claus Masks and Bells 1¢ to 25¢

- CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.**  
 Berry, Cake and Chocolate Sets. 89¢ to \$3.00  
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 Marmalade Jars, Vases, Trays, Etc. 10¢ to \$1.39  
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 Glass, Punch, Water, Wine and Berry Sets. 59¢ to \$4.49  
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- NOTIONS**  
 Plain, Fancy and Boxed Handkerchiefs. 5¢ to \$1.00  
 Purses, Handbags, Pocketbooks. 5¢ to \$1.98  
 Comb Sets, Barrettes, Back and Side Combs. 10¢ to \$1.25

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- MISCELLANEOUS**  
 Phonographs and Records  
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 Clisbee's 40c. lb. box Chocolates. 29¢ lb.  
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A Special Orchestra has been secured for the Show. Doors open at 2.30. Show at 3

**Collector's Notice**  
 Will all the tax payers of and for the Town of Groton settle their 1913 tax promptly so as not to embarrass me in my duty.

Your attention is called to the following vote passed at the Annual Meeting, April 7, 1913:  
 Article 6. Voted that all single poll taxes be collected before the first day of September and all other taxes on or before the first day of November, and that interest at the rate of six per cent per annum be charged and collected on all unpaid bills after that date.

WILLIAM A. WOODS, Collector of Taxes for the Town of Groton 4115\*

**MY SPECIALTIES**  
 RIGHT DOWN TO ROCK BOTTOM PRICES  
 Apple, Peach, Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees, Strawberry Plants, Shrubs, Shado and Ornamental Trees California Privet  
 A few more of those standard Pear Trees left at 25c. each. Try a dozen of the J. H. Hale Peach and make a fortune. 3m13  
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**FRESH KILLED HEAVY CHICKENS FOR XMAS—25c.** do not draw; 25c. do draw. JAMES F. CULVER, Telephone 14-11, Ayer, Mass.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.**  
 To all persons interested in the estate of THEODORE P. CARR, late of Ashby in said County, deceased.  
 Whereas BESSIE S. CARR, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-ninth 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 allowed.  
 And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week for the successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day at least before said court, and by mailing to each known person interested in the estate seven days at least before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**The Osteopathic Method of Treatment is now represented in Ayer by DR. WHITAKER**  
 an assistant of Dr. Ellis of Harvard and Boston  
 Dr. Whitaker has a temporary office at the home of Howard D. Bowles on Highland avenue, Monday and Thursday Afternoons two to five o'clock. 13

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 CARLEY'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET  
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**CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHS A SUGGESTION**  
 Why not have Portraits of yourself for Gifts to friends. Nothing better. Let me make a name for you. Telephone, write or call for a sitting. 3m4  
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**LIVE POULTRY WANTED**  
 I can use any amount of Fowl, Roasters and Broilers for market, and any of the American varieties of pure bred pullets. Drop me a postal or telephone what you have and team will call.  
 O. B. OLSEN,  
 Townsend Harbor, Mass.  
 Telephone, 52-12 Pepperell.

**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 JAMES W. FREEMAN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.  
 Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES H. MILLER of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third 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 of the above publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day at least before said court.  
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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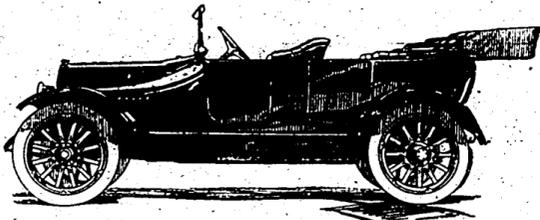
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**NOTICE.**  
 The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Room on Monday, January 5, 1914, at ten o'clock A. M. to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.  
 HENRY A. HILL, Cashier,  
 Townsend, Mass., Dec. 11, 1913. 4114

**Christmas Plants**  
 AT FELCH'S GREENHOUSES, AYER  
 Try Felch's Food for House Plants For Sale by Grocers

**NOTICE.**  
 The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer will be held at their Banking Room in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 12, 1914, at one o'clock P. M. for the purpose of acting upon the following business:  
 To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.  
 CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier,  
 Ayer, Mass., Dec. 10, 1913. 4114

Studebaker 1914



The Studebaker "FOUR" Touring Car \$1050, F. O. B. Detroit

The Studebaker "FOUR" Touring Car is an electrically lighted and started five-passenger automobile. The \$1050 price alone, however, does not begin to indicate the car's real value, for its mechanical qualities are quite as satisfying as the price.

The motor is especially powerful, so that the car responds instantly to acceleration. For the same reason, and because of its light weight in proportion to its power, the "FOUR" is a very unusual hill climber. The long stroke motor is efficient at all speeds, silent, vibrationless and very economical in gasoline and oil consumption.

The rear axle is of the full-floating type, with all parts completely accessible. There are nine Timken bearings in the transmission and drive unit, and two Timken bearings in the hub of each front wheel.

And best of all, the "FOUR" is equipped with a long tested and exceedingly efficient electric system. A push of your heel starts the motor; a touch of a button lights the lights.

Studebaker-Wagner two-unit electrical system. Electric generator at the left of motor, driven by a gear in mesh with the cam shaft gear. Starting unit on the right side of motor transmitting starting power to the crank shaft by the simplest type of gear reduction and roller chain. Starting unit remains stationary when the car is running, thus saving all unnecessary wear and tear on the starting mechanism. The generator and starter are placed where they are perfectly accessible for inspection and care. All wires are protected in steel conduits. A low voltage, high amperage battery of the most compact type is used.

Control

Left hand drive with control levers at the right hand in the center of the car, permitting unobstructed entrance and exit from both sides.

Dash Equipment.

Speedometer, battery indicator and oil sight feed placed on a mounting board in the center of the dash in unobstructed view of the driver, and lighted by a dash lamp. Carburetor adjustment and ignition switch convenient to the driver's hand.

In appearance the new Studebaker "FOUR" fills the eye. It is a big, handsome car, with plenty of room for five passengers. The seats are deeply upholstered; the paint and finish exceedingly handsome and durable.

The equipment, as in all Studebaker cars, is thorough—Studebaker-Wagner electric starting and lighting systems. Gray and Davis lamps. Stewart-Warner magnetic speedometer. Ventilating, clear and rain vision windshield. Electric horn. Silk Mohair top, top boot and Studebaker Jiffy side-curtains furnished with touring cars. Extra quick detachable, demountable rim mounted on tire carrier at rear of body. Complete set of tools. Tool box and batteries most conveniently placed. Running boards clear with new design of aluminum treads.

From every standpoint—comfort, durability, economy, appearance, efficiency—the Studebaker "FOUR" is a car to be sought for and purchased, because in its field it has no equal.

Table listing car models and prices: "FOUR" Touring Car \$1050, "SIX" Touring Car \$1575, "FOUR" Landau Roadster \$1200, "SIX" Landau Roadster \$1950, "SIX" Sedan \$2250.

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AYER, MASS.

Sale of Hats



All Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at greatly reduced prices.

SPECIALS

Table listing hat specials: \$2.50 Velour Hats, 15¢ per yard Black Taffeta Ribbon, Fur for Bands.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Herbert F. Taylor, formerly superintendent of the Shirley Industrial School for Boys, now superintendent of several schools, has accepted a position as superintendent of schools at Niagara, N. Y.

A false alarm called out the fire department on Wednesday evening at 7:30 to Ballou hill, evidently the work of boys.

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day about noon from the effects of gastric ulcers. Miss Wajda, whose age was twenty-one years, was employed in the carding room of the Johnson cordage works and worked up to the closing hour last week Thursday evening, returning to her boarding place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Korkac in her usual good health, but after the supper hour was stricken with pains which increased in severity as the evening passed, and at nine o'clock Dr. Thomas E. Lilly was called into the home and prescribed for her, diagnosing her case as gastric ulcers, and found it necessary to administer two hyperdormics to relieve the intense pain. At 10 o'clock the following morning Dr. Lilly was again summoned to attend her and found her condition more serious and made arrangements shortly for her removal to the Clinton hospital, where she died a few hours later.

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are invited. It is requested each person bring a present valued at ten cents to exchange on Wednesday evening, December 24.

Mrs. Edwin Shattuck, formerly of this town, but now of Nashua, is very poorly and is nearly blind. She, with her husband, have been members of the U. C. G. C. many years. If any member of this order, or any friend member of the Sunshine club or any one who would send a word of cheer or card this afflicted one would appreciate it very much.

Mrs. Grace Campbell and Mrs. Estella Hughes visited Mrs. Minnie Shattuck at Pepperell last week who was confined to her bed with a bad knee. The Brookline friends hope to see her fully recovered soon.

Mrs. Arabella A. Gould is quite poorly and taking a rest from her work at the home of Mrs. Fernando Shattuck.

Judge E. E. Parker and Mrs. Parker, of Townsend, visited Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza J. Parker, of Lowell, in town last week.

Mrs. Laura Webber, of Gardner, Mass., has been the guest of Miss Mabel Ruppel.

Mrs. Grace Campbell was a recent guest at Millford.

At the grange meeting last week only a part of the officers were elected several are to be elected at the next meeting.

Successful Festival. Wednesday of last week was a perfect day and the evening could not have been better, while all roads led to the Daniels academy building, where the annual under the auspices of the ladies of the Methodist society was held.

Orville D. Fessenden was president of the evening. Mr. Johnson, of Pepperell, entertained with his entertaining pictures; several vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Mabel Brackett, of Townsend, and her sister, Mrs. Annie Boutell, of this town, they responding to hearty encores.

Miss May Pease was accompanied, Mrs. Brackett at the piano and L. Powers, with violin, furnished music for marching. The candy booth was a picture, formed by the work to represent an arbor covered with vines of trailing roses of pink with electric light bulbs making it very beautiful.

The Misses Blanche Fessenden, Mabel Popple, Lila Barnaby served the sweets. Mrs. M. Gilson and Mrs. Elva Goy attended the apron and fancy goods booth which was neatly trimmed in red and green and tinsel birds. A quilt from this table was disposed of for fifteen dollars.

At about ten o'clock supper was announced as ready and a good number were escorted to the banquet hall where a feast was spread for a king. Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley were in charge and spared no pains to make it a success. Those who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Augustus Gould, Mrs. Myra Stanley, Mrs. Estella Hughes and Mrs. Susie French.

Herbert Stanley, Mrs. Nellie Duprey, Miss Ethel Taylor poured the coffee and served at the tables.

Those who served in the kitchen were much pleased with the improvements. In years gone by the food, wood and water have been carried up two long flights of stairs and the lights were anything but nice, and when they came to step from outdoors right into the kitchen and find a pantry with the food, plenty of wood in the box and water by turning the faucet, it was very different. Then at night when the electric lights were turned on it was complete and the ladies who do the work surely appreciate this nice hall, and those who help these improvements possible for the town should receive our everlasting thanks. The kind and obliging janitor, Harry Marshall, must not be forgotten, ready to assist in any way he can.

WESTFORD. Forge Village. The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company will run on Wednesday, December 24, a car from North Chelmsford to West Chelmsford at 10:50 p. m., and from North Chelmsford to Ayer and way stations at 11:20 p. m. An extra car will also be run from Forge Village to North Chelmsford at noon on Saturday, December 20.

Daisy Precious who has been quarantined at her home with scarlet fever, is now able to sit up and is doing well. On account of this case Cameron school was closed the latter part of the week for fumigation and reopened on Monday.

Harry Nesmith, tree warden, with his men are at work on the brook tail moth nests throughout the village.

Miss May Lord, of the South Framingham hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Leonard, last week.

Little John Roberts, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts, is now quarantined at his home with scarlet fever.

The Ladies Sewing Circle held their meeting in recreation hall on Thursday afternoon.

Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. F. M. U., held their last meeting of the year on Monday evening in Abbot hall. An amount of business was done before the meeting adjourned.

Services will be held on Sunday at St. Andrew's mission at 4:30 in the afternoon. Sunday school at 3:30.

Cameron school closed on Friday for the Christmas vacation and re-opens on January 5.

The many friends of Mrs. Nelson Prescott will be pained to learn that she is at the Lowell General hospital, where she is to undergo an operation.

The annual Christmas tree exercises of St. Andrew's mission was held in Recreation hall on Tuesday evening. An especially attractive program was given and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. A sketch entitled "Santa in southernland" was given by the younger children of the Sunday school which met in the afternoon. These children have been rehearsed by the organist, Miss Sarah Precious, and Miss Emily Collins. The older children, under the direction of Miss Theresa Lowther, gave a varied program which proved most interesting.

The principal attraction laden with gifts and goodies, for all, donated by the boys of Grotton School.

George Gower, who formerly was employed by the Abbot Worsted Company as fireman, but who has been working in North Chelmsford, has returned to the mill and is now living in Graniteville.

STOMACH TROUBLES DISAPPEAR. Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ill disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not believe a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool, of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. At all Druggists; H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

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Saturday, December 20, 1913.

### GROTON.

**News Items.**  
Dr. S. G. Underhill, it is said, is about getting through at Lawrence Brooks.  
Miss Maggie Hart, training for a nurse at Lowell, was in town for the day Tuesday.  
Miss Ruth Blood, who came home from Fitchburg, Normal after the quarantine was removed in her case and the others who had scarlet fever, is not gaining strength as rapidly as her parents and friends could wish.  
Frank A. Torrey has been on the sick list this week unable to attend to his business, but is recovering.  
The annual Christmas party given by Groton School to its employees and their families was held Wednesday evening and as usual was an event giving much pleasure.  
Groton School closed this Friday for the holidays.  
Lawrence academy closed Tuesday for the Christmas vacation.  
Miss Mary Woods is with her sister, Mrs. Thomas McGuane, at Boston.  
Born on Sunday, December 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hinchman of Groton School.  
Dudley Phelps Moors died in Charlestown on Friday evening, December 12, following a shock. Final services were held in the First Baptist church at Charlestown on Monday and the burial took place at Groton. He attended school at Lawrence academy in 1865 and was a son of the late Charles Henry Moors of Groton.  
The Neighborhood club, which met with Mrs. Chestina Rork last Wednesday afternoon, had a delightfully Christmas and cordial air pervading it. After the usual quotations and business meeting there was music from the Victrola and vocal and piano selections from Miss Lillian Tuttle. Proceeding to the dining room a tastefully laid table, having a small Christmas tree with candles and other decorations occupying the center, met the eyes. Christmas napkins were laid for use and a most dainty and wholesome spread whetted the appetites of all. There was grape juice, chicken salad, rolls with delicious home-made butter and several kinds of cake to which all did complimentary justice, after which followed the club song and the leaving for the several homes.  
The next meeting of the Groton Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon, December 28. Principal A. J. Clough will be the speaker in the current events department.  
George Shattuck Lewis, a broker of New York city, spent the day Wednesday on a visit to his cousin, Miss Susie H. Shattuck of Baddacook farm.  
Mrs. George H. Woods returned on Monday night from a several days' visit to her sister, Mrs. Torrey, in Brookton.  
The Congregational and Unitarian churches will hold their usual Christmas festivals on Wednesday evening, December 24.  
Thomas McDermott, superintendent of the leatherboard mill at West Groton, has hired the Daniel Livermore house on Court street. He will move from Powder House road in the near future.  
At the grange meeting on Tuesday night the third and fourth degrees were worked, after which a bountiful

supper was enjoyed. Following this reports of the state grange meeting at Boston were given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown. The meeting was favored with the presence of some fifteen visitors from the neighboring granges.  
There will be a Christmas concert this Sunday evening at the Baptist church and on Wednesday evening, December 24 there will be the Christmas festival.  
Last Saturday Miss Fannie E. Woods, when in Boston, took the opportunity of listening to a talk by the noted Italian Madame Montessori, telling of her celebrated methods in the primary and kindergarten age. Miss Woods was pleasingly impressed with the lecture and her methods.  
James W. Kaddy, butler at William P. Wharton's, gave himself the exercise of training a colt of Mr. Wharton's last Monday morning. The young creature was frightened by a passing train and the driver was thrown and badly hurt. Dr. Kilbourn attended the case, took Mr. Kaddy to the Burbank hospital at Fitchburg, where the X-ray was applied. One rib was broken and the collarbone in two places, beside bruises and scratches to the head and face. It will be a matter of some six weeks before Mr. Kaddy, who is at home, will be able to be about his duties again.  
Mrs. James Lawrence gave a lunch last Saturday afternoon to the sixth form, Groton School, to the masters and their wives and some other friends. Among the latter were Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence. In all there were about sixty to the lunch.  
There was a good attendance of members at the E. S. Clark W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon. A very enjoyable and successful sale followed the business meeting. The sale was held to add something to the treasury which needed to be replenished.  
On Sunday evening, December 28, at seven o'clock, in the auditorium of the Congregational church, the cantata of "Holy night" is to be given by a chorus of sixteen voices. The program is as follows:  
Prelude: bass solo and chorus. "And in that day," Wyman Gibson; quartet. "There shall come forth," Mrs. Gibson, Miss Tyrell, Mr. Hodgman, Mr. Tyrell; quartet and chorus. "Silent night," Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Gleason, Wyman Gibson; contralto solo. "O blessed town of Bethlehem," Miss Tyrell; tenor solo and chorus. "Glory to God in the highest," Mr. Gleason; quartet. Doretha Gleason, Clarissa Cobern, Richard Lawrence, Mr. Knapp; soprano solo. "Star of the earth," Hazel Gibson; men's chorus. "Quest of the wise men," solo by Mr. Tyrell; final chorus. "Blessed be the Lord God," Silvia Lawrence, Mrs. Grant Shattuck, Richard Lawrence, John Gay.  
The musical program for "vespers" at the Unitarian church, December 21, will include the following selections:  
Organ prelude. "There were shepherds," violin duet. "Andantino from quartet," recitative and aria. "This day is born a Saviour," unison chorus. "Nazareth," chorus and solo. "Te deum," violin duet. "Andante," solo. "How beautiful upon the mountains," solo and chorus. "Ring out wild bells," two Christmas hymns with violin. "Hallelujah chorus," organ postlude.  
The choral numbers will be sung by a choir of fifteen voices, the instrumental selections will be played by the Misses Lawrence, violinists, Mr. Tyrell, trombonist, and Miss Lowe, organist of the church. Mr. Cressey will speak on Christmas themes. The

service is at five o'clock and the public is cordially invited.  
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas of Ayer were up Thursday to visit A. W. Shattuck's family and to attend the sale held by the Baptist ladies in the lower town hall during the afternoon.  
Miss Beatrice Sutherland of Westford, coming to attend the grange on Tuesday evening, remained to visit Miss Hattie Woods for the remainder of this week.  
The talk given by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe before the Woman's club on the afternoon of December 12 was especially interesting as Mrs. Shaw spoke of her own grandmother, Julia Ward Howe, for whom she was named. Mrs. Shaw told of some personal habits and characteristics that have not been generally known. Interesting facts in the life and character of the author of the immortal "Battle hymn of the brave" are always of interest to American women.  
Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell returned Thursday noon from attending the funeral of her father, Gideon Hawley, whose death took place at his home in Chicago on December 7. The interment was in Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Hawley spent last summer with his daughter here in Groton, leaving for his home in Chicago last September. He was eighty-six years old and until he was eighty continued as engineer on the Lake Shore railroad, being as far as known, the oldest engineer in the world.  
S. P. McKean, Chicopee row, is having a piazza built on his house.  
The Baptist church held a successful food and apron sale in lower town hall on Thursday afternoon and evening.  
The Juanita club will hold its second social dance in town hall on Friday, December 26. Dancing from eight to midnight. The club wishes to assure the public that they have done everything to give them a good time for the evening. Matrons have been secured for this dance besides the usual floor director and aides. There seems to be no reason why this dance should not be a success.

lower town hall on last Monday evening and organized the Groton Bird club, practically along the lines of the Meriden (N. H.) Bird club. The meeting was called to order by Wm. P. Wharton, who asked for votes for a chairman of the meeting. Rev. P. H. Cressey was unanimously chosen and on taking the chair asked Mr. Wharton to read from a report which he had, the constitution and by-laws of the Meriden Bird club. Mr. Wharton read them and with a few changes to suit local needs, they were adopted to serve the purpose for the Groton Bird club.  
It was then moved that a committee of three be appointed by the club to withdraw and bring in eighteen names from which twelve were to be selected for a board of directors, the six persons having the most votes to serve for two years, the remaining six for one year. Mr. Cressey named Rev. G. M. Howe, F. Lawrence Blood, and Wm. A. Lawrence. They retired and shortly brought in a list from which the following officers were elected:  
William P. Wharton, pres.; S. W. Sturges, Miss E. S. Hill, vice pres.; Miss Ruth Gerish, sec.; Miss Mary Lawrence, treas.; Rev. P. H. Cressey, R. H. L. Andrews, Miss Susan P. Hill, ex. com.; board of directors—Wm. P. Wharton, S. Warren Sturges, Dr. Wm. M. Tyrrell, Miss Elizabeth S. Hill, Miss Mary Lawrence, Miss Ruth Gerish, two years; Rev. P. H. Cressey, Mrs. C. Z. Southard, R. H. L. Andrews, R. H. L. Andrews, Miss Susan P. Hill, Miss Clara L. Hutchins, one year.

**Clipping.**  
The following was taken from the Sunday American of December 13:  
The other day Mrs. James Lawrence the club with her daughter, Mrs. "Nana" Emmons, of Hingham, where they had been lunching, when the former looked especially smart. She wore a gown of black and white striped broadcloth and was remarkably plain, it having little trimming other than the bands of soutache braid on it. She wore a small English walking hat trimmed in quantities of black ostrich plumes. Mrs. Emmons, who had just returned from Paris a few seasons ago, has become decidedly blonde, was in a wonderfully smart creation of black and white checked goods, the coat of which was trimmed in black braid and the white lace bodice she wore had quantities of Irish lace trimming it. Her furs were a set of French lynx in large barrel muff and wide collar which fell in shawl effect well over her shoulders nearly to her waist. Her coat was very large, of black velvet trimmed in numerous black ostrich feathers. I could not help notice how dainty her feet looked in a pair of patent leather low shoes with huge buckles of cut steel and high French heels.

**AYER.**  
**Annual Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the Ministers' Union was held in the lower town hall on Tuesday. The meeting was called to order at ten in the morning by Rev. W. J. Batt, of Concord Junction, the recording secretary. The subject of the morning session was "Do our churches need a different type of minister," which was generally discussed. The afternoon session which began at two o'clock was open to the public and several attended.  
Rev. A. F. Newton, of Leominster, presided. Rev. William J. Batt, cor-

responding secretary, gave his report, supplemented by a history of the ministers' union since its foundation here in November, 1894, to the present time. The meetings with but few exceptions have all been held here since the beginning of the union. The report was a most interesting one and was unanimously accepted.  
Rev. C. O. Cook, of Greenfield, who was to speak for the special meeting of Methodists in Indianapolis, Indiana, recently held, was unable to be present, but an able substitute, Rev. Mr. Ford, of Greenfield, took his place. Mr. Ford made a particularly interesting and timely address, the key note of which was that all christian bodies should come together and use their tremendous collective influence in facing the crisis which all thoughtful persons admit is now confronting the world.  
Rev. J. B. Kettle, of Leominster, who was a delegate to the Kansas City council, was obliged to leave before the time set for his address on that meeting and Rev. H. L. Packard, of Littleton, spoke in his stead.  
It was voted to give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. William J. Batt, the corresponding secretary of the union, for the great interest that he has ever shown in its welfare. The vote was unanimously and willingly given.  
The meeting closed by the giving of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Lancaster. Lunch was served in the lower town hall at one o'clock. A fine bouquet of flowers was sent to Rev. Richmond Fisk, of this town, who was unable through illness to be at the meeting.

**Death.**  
Mrs. Mary E. Burns died at her home on Williams street Monday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia. She was a native of North Chelmsford, where she was born on May 12, 1846. She was married to Thomas Burns in 1872, and afterwards came to Ayer, where they have made their home ever since.  
The funeral was held from her late home on Wednesday morning and was largely attended by relatives and friends. A requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church at ten o'clock by Rev. Fr. Lynch. After the mass Mrs. Lillian Moore effectively rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." As the remains were being borne from the church the choir rendered "Nearer my God to thee."  
The bearers were Patrick Keating, Thomas F. Mullin, John H. Hooley and John E. Danton, all of Ayer; James J. English, of Boston, and Arthur T. Devlin, of Lynn.  
The interment took place at St. Mary's cemetery, Rev. Fr. Lynch performing the committal service. There were a number of fine floral pieces.  
Mrs. Burns leaves her husband, Thomas Burns; three sons, William R. Burns, John H. Burns and George Burns, who is at present interested in railroad construction work in Virginia and West Virginia; three daughters, Madeline Burns, Etta Burns and Mrs. Redmond Lynch, Mrs. W. M. Cornfield and Mrs. Thomas Shea, of Lowell, and two brothers, John McCoy and James McCoy, of North Chelmsford.

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These officers of Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E. were elected at the last regular meeting: M. F. Fitzgerald, w. p.; C. R. Johnson, w. v. p.; W. F. Fitzgerald, chap.; James J. Horan, sec.; W. J. Donlon, treas.; P. A. Parker, g. J.; T. Sherman, o. g.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, trustee 3 yrs. and physician.

At the last meeting of Harbinger Lodge, K. P. these officers were elected: James King, c. c.; Walter C. Winslow, v. c.; Roland Seabon, p.; Levi B. Tuttle, m. w.; Alfred E. Oikie, m. a.; Charles W. E. Force, k. r. s.; Oscar C. Rand, S. W. G. D. Danforth, m. e.; Walter Downing, l. g.; Charles Harris, o. g.; L. B. Tuttle, trustee 3 yrs.

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George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., elected these officers at the last meeting: Hiram S. Clark, c.; Henry Leavitt, m. e. c.; Hiram Phillips, J. v. c.; Henry C. Sherwin, qm.; Augustus Lovejoy, s.; Stephen N. Lougee, chap.; Charles E. Craig, officer of the day; J. Everett Woods, o. g.; Ellexia D. Martell, trustee 3 yrs.; Daniel H. Dickinson, George C. Puffer, delegates to state encampment; Sanford B. Preble, W. H. Cram, alternates.

Howard J. Nutting, who has been sick for several months, a part of which time he has spent at his old home in Greenville, N. H., has returned to Ayer and is now working as a mechanic at the Ayer Tanning Co.

Deputy Grand Warden Warren L. Preble and Mrs. Preble attended a class initiation of the N. E. O. P. at Clinton last week.

The following officers of Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, were elected at their last meeting: Mrs. Emma B. Blood, m. e. c.; Mrs. Laura Briggs, c. s.; Mrs. Charlotte O'Clair, e. l.; Mrs. Elizabeth Tweedie, m.; Mrs. Lucy Prescott, m. l.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, m. r. c.; Mrs. Lucy Morse, protector; Mrs. Mary Howarth, g. o. t.

Recent visitors in town included Hiram Kelly, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford, of Dorchester; at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Griffin; Miss Florence M. Watson, of Fitchburg, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Watson.

The barber shops will close all day Christmas day. They will be open the night before until twelve o'clock to accommodate their patrons.

The condition of Edna Blood, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Blood, is improving. She is suffering an attack of pneumonia.

Samuel S. Chesborough, a former resident of Ayer, was the plaintiff in a suit of \$7808 in the superior court at Manchester, N. H., last week. The defendant was the K. of C. Manufacturing Company, of Henniker, N. H., which was for years located here on the site of the present H. H. Sawyer Company. The suit was brought on the ground that the plaintiff, Mr. Chesborough, was injured by the falling of an elevator of the defendant company upon which, while on duty on August 23, 1912, he was riding. The falling of the elevator was due, according to the plaintiff's declaration to a defect in the cable controlling it.

Don't miss the special moving picture show at Page hall, Ayer, Christmas afternoon. A special orchestra has been secured, and there will be special singers. Doors open at 2:30. Pictures at three o'clock sharp.

Robert Murphy's Sons Company have placed a new and attractive sign in front of its electric show-room in Carley's block.

There will be service and Christmas sermon at St. Andrew's on Sunday at eleven in the morning. Sunday school carol practice at twelve. On Christmas eve a carol Christmas tree service will be held at five o'clock for the Sunday school children. Christmas day service of holy communion in the morning at eleven o'clock.

Miss Emma Elizabeth Tenney extends to everyone interested in music a cordial invitation to attend a talk by Mrs. Evelyn Fletcher-Copp on "Music as an art on the radio," to be given on Tuesday afternoon, December 30, at three o'clock in Hardy's hall. Mrs. Copp is called the "Frobel or Montessori of music," as she is the originator of the Fletcher music method for children.

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening these officers for the coming year were elected:

Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, w. m.; Eil W. Carley, w. p.; Mrs. Grace A. Lentz, m. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Ellebourn, sec.; Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, treas.; Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, con.; Mrs. Alma L. Brown, asso. con.; Elisha D. Stone, trustee 3 years.

The installation will probably be on the fourth Wednesday of January.

On page seven will be found an interesting letter written by Fred Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows, of this town, sent to his brother George.

A good-sized number of local railroad men went to Fitchburg last Monday evening to attend a meeting arranged by the officials of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company in the interest of the "Safety first" movement which is now the slogan among the principal railroads throughout the country. The idea, as the words naturally suggest, is to eliminate danger as far as possible in the running of trains, always bearing in mind that the first and most important duty of the employees is to see that safety is the first thing to be considered. To this end committees are chosen from the different departments and these are supposed to report to the officials of the company anything likely to cause accidents that come within their observation.

The physicians in town are endeavoring to formulate an idea of the needs of the contemplated new hospital, especially the fitting up of the interior for the care of patients. Until this is done the committee will be unable to give any definite idea of what will be done regarding the building of the hospital. With this knowledge the committee will be able to make a definite announcement and its plans will be made public. The progress is, of necessity slow, which in the end is the wisest thing to be done to follow. The committee is

still holding meetings which require a good deal of time and effort, but as yet no definite information can be given out regarding the work of building the proposed hospital. When such information is obtained the public will be given the facts.

Charles E. Rowley, d. d. g. m., of Fitchburg, together with F. W. Baker, d. d. g. m., of the same city, paid us a visit to Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., at its meeting last evening. Five candidates were initiated. The first degree was worked on Tuesday evening.

Miss Alma Bowles, teacher of the seventh grade school, recently refused an offer to be positioned in the Revere public schools with a salary of \$400 per year. The position was offered Miss Bowles by one of the principals who came here for the purpose of engaging her for the place.

George B. Turner, the dry goods merchant upon his return from Boston on last week Thursday night, slipped and fell while going in to the middle entrance to the subway and received a severe cut on his knee. He is able to be about.

Joseph H. Hannon, who has been conducting a barber shop in the American house building is going to move into the Public Spirit building in the quarters recently vacated by Thomas E. Whitaker, jr., electrician.

The remains of Bridget McNiff, of Worcester, were brought here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery on Wednesday. She was a sister of Michael McNiff, of this town.

John Hickey concluded his duties at Brown's lunch cart on Thursday evening.

The resignation of Rev. Richmond Plisk as pastor of the Unitarian church was read in church last Sunday. It is to take effect on January 1st, after four years of service by this able pastor will be completed. He has been feeble for some time and is now cared for by a special nurse.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended at the Mount Temple in Boston last Saturday afternoon. Dr. Maria Montessori, the famous Italian educator.

A special convocation of Baneroff Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, December 23. Work—Royal Arch degree. Lunch will be served.

Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., elected these officers for the coming year on Wednesday evening: Mrs. Nellie Kelleran, n. g.; Mrs. Leona Yates, v. g.; Ralph O. Jenkins, sec.; Mrs. Ella G. Hovey, treas.; Mrs. David Young, trustee. During the evening the degree was worked. Guests were present from Middlesex lodge of Groton and Mary Livermore lodge of Shirley. Refreshments were served.

There was a sale of candy, calendars and holders in the seventh grade room of the high school building on Wednesday afternoon. The work was done by the pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. There was received \$16.17, which will be used toward the purchase of a Victrola for the schools.

The art class of the Woman's club met on Thursday evening with Miss Esther Stone. The program included these numbers: "Memphis art," by Miss S. Adelaide Blood; "The early Egyptian kingdom," Miss Stone, and "The pyramid builders," Mrs. Susan M. Hovey. Refreshments were served during a closing social hour.

The literature class met with Mrs. Clara F. Hill on last week Friday afternoon. The program was a continuation of the study of Galsworthy.

The restaurant at the railroad station entered by thieves on Tuesday night and a quantity of cigars and a very small amount of money was taken. Entrance was gained by a rear window. On the same night an attempt was made to rob the telephone booth in the waiting-room next to the restaurant, but the thieves were evidently frightened away. An investigation showed that one of the screws of the metal box which contains the money was removed.

State Officer Edward McCarthy, of Worcester, was in town on Thursday afternoon to the Harvard Shaker village, where he investigated the fire which burned the house of A. J. Lovell last week.

A small sum of money has been found by Chief Beatty which the owner can have by calling on him.

A party of friends of Miss Stella M. Taylor gave her a surprise on Monday night at her home on Shirley street. In behalf of the party Miss Eva Waterman presented her with a handsome silver pocketbook, which was very thankfully received. Lunch was served and a social time followed. Among the party were friends from Ayer and Shirley.

An open meeting will be held in Eagles' hall, West Main street, on Friday evening, January 2, under the auspices of the American Federation of Railroad Workers. All men who work on the railroads, such as engineers and helpers, blacksmiths and helpers, trackmen, round-house men and maintenance of way employees are eligible and are invited to attend.

Chiefs Beatty of Ayer and Montie of Pepperell were in Boston this week working up cases that may lead to the recovery of goods stolen in both towns a few weeks ago when several stores were broken into. Two of the men implicated in the break in Geo. H. Brown's store several weeks ago, have, it is learned, been found and are now in jail, one at Fitchburg and the other at East Cambridge, where they are serving time for other offences and as soon as they are released will be re-arrested for the local break referred to.

Boston and Maine workmen are excavating for new railroad scales which will be located just below Flanagan's crossing, near the Stony Brook main line track on the southern division. The old scales on the side-track of the Fitchburg division near Spaulding's pond, so-called, are to be removed.

Mrs. O. J. Fairfield of Littleton will occupy the pulpit at the Unitarian church next Sunday morning.

Lynman J. Taylor, car inspector at the Union station, was a delegate of the Car Workers' Union at Boston last week, a meeting being held there in the interest of the "Safety first" movement. Mr. Taylor has been appointed a member of the "Safety first" committee for a period of six months, beginning December 11, as a representative of the local car inspectors by F. H. Flynn, superintendent of the Fitchburg division.

Mrs. W. H. Landry, who was taken suddenly and seriously ill a week ago Monday, while busy with her household duties, is much better and able to be out. Mrs. Frank Pierce was most kind and went every day to visit and assist. Mrs. W. E. Brooks, of Somerville, stayed several days with her sister and left her much improved. It was a great disappointment to Mrs. Landry to be unable to assist at the schoolhouse supper for the first time since the association was organized.



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- Ladies' Umbrellas..... \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Cuff Links and Pin to Match..... 75¢ and \$1.00
- Gloves of all kinds..... 25¢ to \$5.00
- Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial..... 5¢ to 50¢
- Leather Suit Cases and Bags..... \$3.50 to \$6.00
- Men's Slippers..... 50¢ to \$2.00
- Ladies' Furfelt Slippers..... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
- Neckwear..... 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00
- Cuff Links..... 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00
- Mufflers..... 50¢, \$1.00
- Fancy Arm Bands..... 25¢ and 50¢
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Mrs. F. S. Pingrey and Mrs. W. H. Landry had a most delightful visit with Mrs. Horace Amnden at her present home in Lexington recently. They found her very pleasantly situated and in the midst of her neighbors. Her old home in Pingreyville is still for sale. Since Mr. Amnden's death she has decided to reside in Lexington and may resume her former occupation of nursing, in which she was deeply beloved and very successful. She left many sincere friends in this section who sympathized deeply with her in the loss of her respected husband and in her own illness which seemed at that time almost sure to prove fatal. Since her recovery she has won commendation and admiration from all who know her, by the brave manner in which she has borne her great sorrow, and the cheerfulness with which she faces the future.

Edward F. Robbins was given a surprise reception on Thursday evening on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday at his home, 111 Myrtle avenue, Fitchburg. He is a Littleton boy and could easily pass for twenty years less than his age. Mr. Robbins is employed at the Fitchburg jail in charge of the work-room and has had many interesting experiences during his long service there. As a deacon in the Highland Baptist church and a teacher of a large Sunday school class he is a valued worker and an untiring servant in christian service. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins (née Clara M. Pierce) are frequent visitors at his sister's, Mrs. James Nixon, in this town.

A meeting of the literature and library extension committee will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 30, at three o'clock with Mrs. Clara F. Hill.

The public schools closed this week Friday for the annual Christmas vacation and they will re-open on Monday morning, December 29.

An event of interest to music lovers will be the appearance of Fritz Kreisler, violin virtuoso, and Julia Culp, Dutch lute singer, in a joint concert under the auspices of the Fitchburg Smith College club in Fitchburg, January 8. It is expected that a large number from this locality will take advantage of this exceptional opportunity. A limited number of tickets may be secured by applying to Mrs. Harry E. Fisher before January 1.

At the communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons held Monday afternoon the work was the Fellowcraft degree. There was present a very interesting visitor, Sergeant Warren C. Barnaby of the U. S. marine corps, who is a member of Cavite lodge, No. 10, of the Philippine Islands. Sergeant Barnaby is a graduate of Townsend high school and married a Townsend lady, Miss Minnie Copeland. He has been stationed in the Philippine Islands and at Guam for several years and related many interesting incidents connected with his stay in the island possessions of Uncle Sam. He is at home on a sixty-day furlough and has promised to attend the next meeting of St. Paul lodge in January, if possible.

Francis Guthrie, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Guthrie, is getting along nicely from the effects of a broken leg which he sustained last week at his home on Prospect street. The little fellow was running in the house and stumbled at the time of the accident, breaking the left leg above the knee. Doctors Sullivan and Priest are in attendance. The young patient will be confined to the house for about six weeks longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord of Sullivan, Me., are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George L. Osgood, coming last week.

The features for the moving picture show this Saturday evening will be "Where women go on the warpath" and "The redemption of Railroad Jack," a thrilling recital of railroad rescue and others of intense interest. The new curtain was used for the first time Wednesday night and there is a great improvement in the pictures which are shown to fine advantage by the new arrangement.

Earl H. Farnsworth of Pepperell has purchased the house and a large plot of land, which is known as the Gilson place on the Littleton road from Albert M. Phelps, who reserves the woodland, selling the rest of the property. The transfer of the property was made through the real estate agency of E. H. Bliss. Mr. Farnsworth is now living on the place with his family.

James P. Nutting died at his home in Greenville, N. H., Tuesday night, after a lingering illness. He was born in Mason Center, N. H., September 3, 1832. He leaves two daughters and two sons, one of the latter being Archie W. Nutting of this town. He is also survived by his wife and several brothers. The funeral was held from the late home of the deceased this week Friday afternoon.

Two new cases of scarlet fever were reported to the board of health Friday, both school children. They are Susie McQuarrie and Annie Luddington.

Tufts College Glee and Mandolin club which was to appear here under the auspices of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., on January 6, is indefinitely postponed.

Death. Mrs. Stella F. (Atherton) Stone, wife of Elisha D. Stone, died very suddenly on Friday morning, December 19. She was taken suddenly ill about 10 o'clock and died about nine from the result of a shock. Thursday afternoon she was out riding and in the forenoon was about the business part of the town and retired in her usual good health that evening.

Mrs. Stone was a most estimable woman and had a large acquaintance in town and in Harvard. She was born in Still River March 25, 1858, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Atherton of that town and her marriage took place on twenty-nine years ago. She has resided in this town ever since her marriage.

Mrs. Stone is survived by her husband and her daughter, Miss Esther Stone, and a brother, Fred L. Atherton of Clinton. She was a charter member of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., and attended the meeting of that chapter on last Wednesday evening.

The funeral will likely take place on Monday afternoon, December 22, with services at her late residence and burial will be in Bellevue cemetery, Harvard.

ughly tried out, has been disposed of, but he simply wanted to show his wheel and explain its principles to some of his friends.

The principle is pneumatic and not spring, and is believed to be the only one of that principle in the world, for there is nothing in the patent office at Washington like it. Within the rim of the wheel, which will be made of metal and hickory, are three pneumatic bearings, and the wheel itself has a solid rubber tire at the rim. Mr. Trayne claims for the wheel that there is a perfectly distributed pressure, which gives the desired resiliency without a single chance of tire trouble.

As soon as some of the wheels are made at the Ayer shops, a Ford car will be equipped with four of them, and the car will then be started on a trip from Ayer to the shops where the Ford is made. This test is expected to be made by the Raymond Auto-Wheel Co. to fully bear out the claims made for the wheel.

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Other Ayer news may be found on page four.

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Thomas F. Mullin

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Richard Freeman, of Buxborough, charged with the larceny of a dog, the alleged property of George Yapp of Littleton, failed to appear Thursday morning when the case was set for trial, and will appear later if he can be found.

District Court.

Daniel Daley, of Westford, was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbance of the peace in that town last Monday morning. Officer Brooks told of being called to the house where Daley was found breaking dishes and making a general disturbance. The court ordered the case continued for a month.

A resident of Nashua, N. H., bearing the alleged dignified name of Medrick Dubois, while looking for a place to sleep on Tuesday night, met Constable Taylor, who escorted him to the municipal lodging house, where he spent the night. While waiting to have the complaint of vagrancy against him disposed of Wednesday morning in court he quietly left the court-room and made his escape while Chief Beatty was in the clerk's office, having a complaint made out. The chief telephoned Chief Riley, of Groton, who captured the fugitive there and he was once more in court on Thursday morning. Dubois was found guilty of the charge of vagrancy and preferred against him and his case was placed on file.

Clipping.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel of December 17:

John H. Trayne of Groton, well known in this city, was here, today, with a patent office pattern of a non-pneumatic automobile wheel which the Raymond Auto-Wheel Co. is now engaged in manufacturing in the shops of the Chandler Machine Co. at Ayer. Mr. Trayne is confident that his new wheel, for he is president of the company making the wheels and owning the patent rights, will solve the greatest automobile problem, that of tires.

Mr. Trayne was not here to sell stock, for all the stock that is to be sold until the wheel has been thor-

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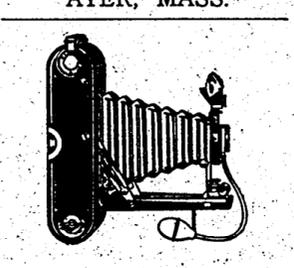
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Saturday, December 20, 1913.

### PEPPERELL.

#### About Town.

Rev. P. R. Stratton went to Worcester Tuesday to attend the convention of the Methodist Brotherhood now being held in that city. There was a special session for the Methodist ministers in the afternoon.

Mrs. Julian Shattuck was called to her old home at Wellsville, N. Y., last week, by news of the illness of an aged aunt, who formerly resided with her. She is now recovering and will remain until after the holidays.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton, Thursday afternoon, plans were made for the annual Christmas reception which will be held at the town farm the week following Christmas day, as usual. Any articles suitable for gifts will be gratefully received by the committee appointed by the union, the chairman of this committee being Mrs. Matthew Lane.

Harry Loring of Elmira, N. Y., is visiting in town at the home of D. Hutchinson. Mr. Loring will be remembered as the grandson of John Loring, who kept the store at the Center about seventy years ago.

A chimney fire in the Milan house on Thibault street on Friday night of last week, about seven o'clock, caused an alarm to be sounded from the bell, which brought out several members of the fire department with fire extinguishers. These quickly got the fire under control and without much damage to the property. The house is now the property of Edward Goggin and is occupied by the Archambault family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams welcomed a son into their home on Main street on Monday, December 15.

Mrs. Chester Parker and Mrs. Forest Winch spent Monday in Nashua doing their Christmas shopping.

Miss Helen M. Robbins closed her first series of dancing lessons on Monday evening, December 15, with a social dance in I. O. O. F. banquet hall. Pupils and friends numbering about sixty attended and report a jolly, good time. Miss Anna Thayer was pianist. Miss Robbins is now opening her school again Monday evening, January 5. Further announcements will be made later.

Election of officers took place at the meeting of the U. O. G. C. held at their room on Monday evening, as follows: Rufus Merrill, n. c.; L. G. Robbins, s. r.; Miss H. L. Lawrence, k. r.; George Jenks, t. r.; O. Nash, w. p.; Mrs. O. M. Nash, w. i. g.; Mrs. George Jenks, h.; Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, ad. 1 yr.

J. A. Lawrence has purchased the small block recently occupied by the fruit dealer and damaged by fire, which adjoining ninety-four years, and is putting it in repair for occupancy.

Edward Robbins came from Boston on Saturday last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Florence Robbins, before leaving for Pasadena, Cal., where he has accepted a position as chauffeur at the London hotel at that place. On Sunday afternoon, in company with his mother and Mrs. Frank and Carroll Robbins, he visited relatives at Smith's Village, N. H., going with Ray Willoughby by automobile. He left town for his journey on Monday morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth, going fell Tuesday afternoon while performing her duties as housekeeper for Ray Harris, on Leighton street, and broke the bone of her hip joint. Dr. Heald was summoned and she was made as comfortable as possible, but at her advanced age, ninety-four years, recovery is likely to be very slow. Miss Canfield, the nurse, has been with her and her neighbors have been in attendance both day and night, as everyone feels much sympathy for the aged woman, who has always been so courageous to perform her daily work in spite of increasing physical disability. Her sons at Newton were notified and came Wednesday and arrangements were made for her care and comfort.

It is understood that Worcester Bros. of Hollis, N. H., have purchased the property known as Huff's mill, at West Hollis, of E. E. Tarbell.

Howard Willoughby caught one of the fingers of his left hand in the planer at the Nashua River Paper Mill on Tuesday, taking off the entire end to the bone. The injury was dressed by Dr. Lovejoy and the injured man will take an enforced vacation of a few weeks.

Thomas Parker and little son Nathaniel of Nashua were in town Saturday calling on relatives and friends.

Miss Fannie Tower is acting substitute teacher at Pine Orchard school for the past few weeks.

Miss Ruth Wilson of Townsend street is working in C. A. Swasey's variety store during the holidays.

The L. B. society held their annual Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles in the vestry of the Congregational church Thursday afternoon and evening, December 11. An excellent supper was served to a goodly number in the evening and much enjoyed, the chairman of the supper committee being Mrs. Charles Miller, assisted by Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Qua and Mrs. Abble Woodward.

The household goods of Rev. R. W. Drawbridge started from here by auto train to Belmont on Wednesday of this week.

The Hardscrabble Whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nutting on Townsend street, Friday evening, December 12. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Bartz and Mrs. Gaskill. The booby prizes by Mrs. Gaskill and James Attridge. An oyster supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Nutting to their guests.

Mrs. Edward S. Duffey went to Putnam, Conn., on Saturday last week to spend a week with her husband, who has resumed his work there.

A Christmas concert will be held in the Congregational church on Sunday evening, December 21. The music is being prepared under the direction of Miss Fannie Tower.

Russell Davey is attending school at Groton and clerking at the store of A. J. Saunders & Son after-hours during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kilne and Mrs. Frederick Lane, all of Fitchburg, made a flying call on Mrs. Matthew Lane and others on Thursday noon on their way to Milford, N. H., by auto.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and Marshall Meriam went to Belmont by auto on Wednesday to look after the disposition of Mr. Drawbridge's goods. They returned on Thursday, bringing also Miss Mae Meriam from her duties at Mt. Ida school, Newton, for the holiday season.

Miss Margaret Boynton came from Mt. Holyoke school Thursday to spend the holidays with her mother.

Miss Alice Deware has not yet left town, contrary to the report of last week, and is undecided when she may again join her brother's family in Quebec.

Rev. and Mrs. Drawbridge intend to go from here to visit relatives in New Hampshire for a short rest before going to their new home.

The remains of Miss Hannah Griffin were brought here from Somerville Tuesday on the one o'clock train. She was the sister of Mrs. Richard Drumm of this town and formerly resided here. Since she has been in failing health she has been at the Little Sister's home at Somerville, where she passed away. She was born in Ireland ninety years ago. Her funeral was held at nine o'clock Wednesday morning at the Catholic church in this town and interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Miss Bessie Farley is at work in the office of the Nashua River Paper corporation.

Mrs. Harry Powers of Brookline, N. H., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willey, on Franklin street, where she recently underwent an operation. She is recovering from the same at present writing.

Mrs. James Attridge and Miss Elizabeth Hall are assisting at the store of A. A. Tarbell during the rush of holiday trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge are expected home from New York to keep the Christmas holidays at their home on Hollis street.

Donald Jacobs is at home for the Christmas vacation from Waterville, Me., where he has been attending Col. university. He is assisting in the store of Lane Bros., which has taken on its usual holiday look, being very nicely trimmed.

The musicale held under the auspices of the Woman's club on Saturday afternoon, December 13, at Prescott hall, was only fairly well attended, owing very poorly advertised as an open meeting. The opera talk given by Havrah W. L. Hubbard of the Boston Opera company with Floyd M. Baxter as pianist, was very unique and enjoyable. He gave the outline of the "Tales of Hoffman" and a brief history of the "Secret" of Suzanne with musical illustrations by his pianist. It was a very pleasing entertainment, but not a financial success.

Christmas eve, Wednesday, December 24, a tree with Santa Claus in attendance will be arranged at the Methodist vestry for the members of the Sunday school and any others who will come in with them.

Miss Claire Hickey, teacher at Groton street school, will visit her sister in Boston during the vacation, and Miss Viola Russell will go to her home in Maine.

Gerald Shattuck is expected home from Dartmouth for the holidays on Saturday.

Death. Alden K. Shattuck, a former resident of this town, passed away at his home at Wellsville, N. Y., on Saturday, December 13. He had been out of health since last summer and his decease was not unexpected.

The deceased was a native of Pepperell, the son of Timothy R. and Mary Emeline Kendall, of Dunstable, and was born in the house at Hovey's Corner, still belonging to the family. He was married to Mrs. Susan, in 1875, at Annetta, N. Y. They resided in that state for a few years, then came back to his native town. With the exception of a few years at Sunapee, N. H., they have since resided

here. Mr. Shattuck was a shoe maker by trade, and worked for years in the shop of Leighton Bros. After this was discontinued in town he found employment at Natick, although his family remained here. About two years ago he removed to Wellsville, N. Y., with his wife and two daughters.

They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom, with his widow, survive him. There are six sons—Sydney, who resides at Nashua, N. H.; Gilbert, who resides in New York state; and Julian, Jasper, Otto and Sherwood, who reside in this town. The daughters living are Mildred and Doris. Lila and Inez (Greenlaw) passed on to the other life some years ago. He is also survived by two brothers, Nelson, who resides in New York, and George H., of this town; also, by one sister, Mrs. Henry Woodworth, who resides in the old home place at Hovey's Corner.

Services were held at his late home on Monday and the body was brought here for interment on the four o'clock train Tuesday. A short service was held at the home of his son Julian at East Village, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. P. R. Stratton officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Reception. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge has severed his connection with the Congregational church in this town, delivering his last sermon Sunday morning to a well-illuminated and crowded congregation. A reception was given the pastor and his wife in the vestry, where a large crowd gathered to wish them Godspeed in their new field of labor, and to bid them adieu.

Mr. and Mrs. Drawbridge received their friends in the ladies' parlor, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. As a remembrance of the church they were presented with a nickel, dime and even pennies, filling a handsome little sweet grass basket, which was intended for Mrs. Drawbridge.

There were many present from the other churches in town, showing the esteem in which they were held. Several musical selections were rendered during the evening, including violin solos by Miss Helen Lovejoy, songs by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, a piano duet by Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Tarbell and two selections by Mr. and Mrs. Drawbridge. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

During the seven years of Mr. Drawbridge's pastorate in town he has made many warm friends not only in the church but as a citizen and will be greatly missed.

Methodist Church Notes. "The star of Bethlehem" will be the subject at the Methodist church Sunday evening, December 21. The subject, "Alaska," illustrated. Please notice the change from the regular day.

At seven in the evening there will be a Christmas concert by the Sunday school. An excellent program is being prepared with a large amount of special music than usual by the members of the school.

Studies upon the bible and the apostles will be given Sunday from twelve to one o'clock.

The bright hour service of the Epworth League will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "How can I make a better Christmas for those who have made many Christmases glad to me?" Leader, L. T. Wilson.

The Tuesday evening service at 7.30 o'clock will be a study and teacher training class at 8.30.

West Groton. Mrs. Irene Delaney was in town on Tuesday last, bringing her two children who are boarding at the home of their uncle, G. S. Woolaver.

Miss Bertha Bixby recently spent several days with her sister, Mrs. McCurdy, of Dorchester.

Mrs. F. L. Blood, who has been in the care of a trained nurse for several weeks, is reported as gaining slowly.

David Thompson, of Mattapan, son of A. H. Thompson, was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington was quite ill the first of the week.

The grammar school closed on Friday for its usual two-weeks' Christmas vacation.

The village Christmas tree will be held as usual at the hall on Christmas eve. An entertainment by the children will precede the distribution of gifts.

Sunday, December 21, is forefathers' day and it will be especially noticed by the pastor in his morning service.

At the regular meeting of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., on Thursday evening three members were initiated, Carl Strand, George Lee Bixby and Arthur Hatfield. Following the initiation an oyster supper was served with cake and coffee.

E. A. S. Fair. The L. A. S. fair held on Thursday and Friday of last week was a very unusual success. The various tables and booths were simply but tastefully decorated with crepe paper of appropriate designs and Christmas greens and wreaths, brightened by brilliant, glowing ornaments. On the right were seen the postoffice where the Misses Tarbell and Harrington distributed letters, postals, special deliveries, etc., to all who produced postage the apron booth, presided over by Mrs. Ernest, Mrs. Strang and Mrs. A. L. Harrington; the candy table, noticeable for its beautiful chrysanthemums, where Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Briggs disposed of thirty-one dollars' worth of delicious home-made sweets; the fruit table, where Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Wright displayed many articles of use and ornament and gained thirty-two dollars as a result of their sale. At the front of the hall Mrs. G. G. Harrington and Mrs. E. Bixby found ready customers for lettuce, cream, and other delicacies. Both president and Mrs. Hallett and Mrs. Parker, with their young assistants, Irene Bixby and Robert Bates, found no difficulty in disposing of pecks of peanuts and quantities of popcorn. The entertainment closed at the first day's sale has already been described in a previous issue.

On Friday evening the supper tables in the lower hall presented a festive appearance, each bearing a small Christmas tree as a centerpiece and otherwise decorated in honor of the coming holiday. The dainty rose favors at each cover, greatly enhancing the beauty of the tables, were manufactured and presented to the supper committee by Mrs. J. T. Shepley. The efforts of the chairman were most ably seconded by her corps of assistants, Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. L. G. Strand, Mrs. F. E. Harrington, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Wright. When on the following day the ladies met for the disagreeable "aftermath," the necessary labor was made lighter by the knowledge of a net gain of \$136. The president and directors would take this means of thanking all those who gave such ready and successful assistance, without which no great degree of success would not have been possible.

Improvement Society Meeting. The Improvement society held its seventh regular meeting on Tuesday evening, December 16, at the home of the president being necessarily absent, G. H. Bixby occupied the chair. Mrs. C. E. Bixby, having resigned her position as secretary, Miss Bertha Bixby was elected to serve for the remainder of the year. The closing of the year was in charge of the officers who had planned to continue the line of thought introduced at the last meeting. Speakers had been appointed on definite subjects and all responded in a most gratifying manner.

G. I. Woolaver gave an interesting paper on "Rent from a landlord's

point of view," followed by one by C. R. Dudley on "Why I changed from tenant to owner." W. V. Bixby followed in a talk on "The kind of a house the laboring man in West Groton should build. The three ladies congregated and sang at the Central hall for a Christmas tree and celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be present, and a Christmas pantomime will be given. Parents and friends are welcome.

The auditorium of the Unitarian church has been effectively decorated with green for the Christmas season and services. The Sunday school will meet at 10.30 next Sunday for the morning service. Special music will be given by the choir and Miss Mildred Morgan, soloist. Rev. D. E. Child will preach on "The star of the east and the west." A wonderful sentiment attaches to this great festival of the Christian church, and all who can and will attend the service in the evening. The church has some thing which money cannot buy. The trustees and pastor have extended a cordial invitation to the Congregational society to join in this or any future service, as circumstances may allow.

News Items. Kent T. Royal is expected home this week Saturday from Colby college for a two weeks' vacation.

The class fraternity of W. P. I. of which Henry Royal is a member, give a house party to their lady friends this week. There is to be a dance party on Saturday evening to which the Misses Harriet and Margaret Thayer are invited guests.

The next lecture given by the Warner fund is to be on Tuesday evening, December 23, by Herbert W. G. Subject, "Alaska," illustrated. Please notice the change from the regular day.

S. Henry Waters, master of Harvard grange, attended the meetings of the State grange held in Boston last week as the official delegate from the local grange. Mr. Waters enjoyed his trip and was very much impressed with the work of that body. On Wednesday evening the sixth degree was conferred on a large class, Mr. Waters and A. C. Fuller taking this degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Atherton received word from their son, Percy Atherton, that a daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Atherton at their home in Boston on Friday, December 12.

The ladies of the Benevolent society of the Orthodox church will hold a sale of hand-made fancy work at the residence of Dr. H. B. Royal on Saturday afternoon and evening, December 20.

Miss N. T. Hartsorn will close her school with a reception and dance at town hall, Harvard, on Thursday evening, January 1. Music by Enterprise orchestra.

Serenade. The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McMahon, West Bare hill, was the scene of a serenade on last Saturday evening. About two hundred people were present from Boston, Weymouth, Lynn, Albany, N. Y., Marlboro, Hudson, Littleton, West Acton, Concord, Sudbury, Bolton, Boxborough, Fitchburg and Harvard. Refreshments were served by William Smiley, of West Acton, caterer. Music was furnished by Hurley's orchestra, of Boston, three pieces, and Smiley's orchestra, of West Acton, three pieces. The evening was enjoyably spent by dancing, singing and games. The homes of William Roche and William Ford were the place appointed to congregate before the final dash. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon received them at the door and a general good time followed, long to be remembered by all who were present.

Intermission was called at 10.30 o'clock and Mr. and Mrs. McMahon were presented with a handsome couch and a purse of money, the presentation being made by O. A. Fairbank of this town, which was fully received and appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, who responded in well-chosen remarks and thanked those present for their kindness in remembering them. After a most enjoyable evening the guests were up with best wishes for the happy couple.

Harvard Choral Union. The meetings of the Choral Union are being held regularly each week. The choir is growing in number and a concert begins to be something of a near future. It is the plan now to give a concert during the month of January or early February. Mr. French has put "before the chorus some very attractive music and a first-class concert will be put before the public at the proper time.

Owing to the fact that next week is to be holiday season, the next meeting of the union has been put over until Monday evening, December 29. The officers of the union wish to urge upon the public-spirited citizens interested in the vocal training of our young people the fact that financial assistance is absolutely necessary if this work is to continue. Certainly no achievement in our young people adds so much to the comforts of the home as voice culture and its results. It is not necessary that one should be a singer in order to become a member of this organization. Interest in the same is sufficient. Send your best wishes to the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Cleaves, or hand the same to R. A. Reed at the store.

Unitarian Services. At the Unitarian church, Sunday, Christmas service at 10.45 with Christmas sermon by the pastor; at twelve, Sunday school, Christmas lesson. Men invited to remain to take up with the pastor the discussion of the single tax.

Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment in the town hall Wednesday evening. The musical program for the morning service will consist of the following numbers: "While shepherds watched their flocks" and "Silent night," rendered by the chorus choir. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock there will be a union vesper service with the following program: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," "Silent night," Holy night," "The first Noel," introductory sentences, minister and choir; prayer; anthem, "Bethlehem"; scripture reading; anthem, "The sound of the Christmas bells"; address by C. S. B. well; anthem, "Christmas"; hymn; benediction; organ postlude.

H. W. C. At the Harvard Woman's club on December 15, while the ladies were busy with their needles, the following well-arranged and admirably carried out program was presented: Piano duet, Mrs. Alice Cleaves and Miss Ella Cleaves; "The status of the other woman," a paper prepared by Mrs. Sarah S. Platt, read by Mrs. John Bigelow; vocal solo, Mrs. Carl Haskell. "The present condition in Mexico," the subject chosen by the current events committee, brought out a variety of opinions from Miss S. L. Pollard, Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Miss S. A. Davis, Miss E. M. Kilburn, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. Etta Ripley, Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Alice Bigelow and Mrs. Ella Willard. This was followed by a piano solo by Miss Dorothy Bigelow. The hospitality committee then made everyone feel at home and a happy hour was spent over the tea cups.

January 5, three o'clock in the afternoon at Odd Fellows hall. The time and place of the next meet-

ing of the club. This is to be an open meeting, free to all, and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear David Snedden, ex-commissioner of the Board of Education, speak upon the subject of "National education."

Clipping. The following was taken from the Sunday American of December 13: Miss Martha Thorndike, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thorndike, summer residents of this town, is coming in for her share of social attention this week. Her dance given on Thursday night at the Thorndike town house on Marlboro street, Boston, called out the usual fashionable coterie of debutantes.

Pretty Alice Thorndike, who is one of the important buds of her season, of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thorndike, gave a dance at her home on December 16. The Thorndike house includes the houses at Nos. 22 and 24 Marlboro street, and gives ample room for the usual variety of entertaining which they are doing this season. Miss Thorndike is an especially charming girl, makes friends readily and holds them fast. I saw her one evening recently at a dance when she certainly looked the part of the ball. She was dressed all in diaphanous white with a cluster of deep roses at her girdle. So sweet and girlish did she look and so charming were her manners that one couldn't wonder at the way the young men crowded around her.

Still River. Next Sunday morning will be observed as Christmas Sunday and the children of the Sunday school will have exercises suitable for the day and the pastor will give a short sermon especially for the children. There will be no evening service as this society has accepted an invitation to attend and assist in the union service at the Unitarian church in Harvard. Christmas eve there will be a tree and exercises in the chapel. Mrs. Walter Haskell, Mrs. S. B. Haynes and Mrs. Eleanor Haskell are the committee in charge. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, as it is a village tree and let all come and bring presents.

Word was received of the death of Ernest Cheney at the home of a cousin in Marion, Ohio, Tuesday. Mr. Cheney was well known in this village, living here several years as a boy. He was a steam shovel engineer by trade and two years ago went to South America on a contract work. Last spring he came home a very sick man and although he went to the hospital to visit his relatives in Ohio, he was taken worse and died. He leaves a father, Royal Cheney; three sisters, Miss Adah Cheney of Southville, Mrs. Charles B. Keyes of Springfield and Mrs. Arthur Cheney of West Acton, of whom have the sympathy of their Still River friends in this bereavement. The burial will be at his birthplace home in Washington, N. H.

Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth was taken seriously ill with a heart trouble on Saturday and at this writing is a very sick woman with almost no hope of recovery. Her three daughters, Misses Minnie, Grace and Edith of Boston, Malden and Springfield have dropped their school duties and are with their mother.

Henry Hoar had his old horse, "Billie Buster" laid away Thursday. He had Billy for a good many years and he had got so that he couldn't eat hay, so he was mercifully put away from suffering.

Mrs. Littlefield was called to Winthrop Tuesday on account of the death of a mother.

On account of ill health G. W. Haynes has given up the carrying of milk between his home just over the line in Bolton and Still River station for the winter and Joseph Corey is doing the work.

John Sprague of Shirley has been the guest of his children in Still River a few days this week.

Boxborough. Death. Silas Henry Hoar died at his home last week Friday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Princeton, N. H., ninety years ago. His father was Harry Hoar and he was connected on his mother's side with the Whitcombs and the old Prentiss family of Boston. When a young man he came here as a blacksmith and married Lucy Wetherbee. They lived at the Wetherbee home, and he carried on the blacksmith business for himself for several years, later giving up his attention to the large farm. He was a man of deep attainments, a fine grandfather and five great grandchildren, one older sister, Mrs. Sarah Warren of Littleton, who was able to be present at his funeral.

The last services were held at the house on Monday, conducted by Rev. F. H. Viets. Loving hands placed beautiful flowers on his casket and on his face was the look of one who was glad to be at rest.

News Items. At the last meeting of the grange the following officers were elected for the coming year: Charles Richardson, m.; George Richardson, o.; Mrs. Geo. Burroughs, l.; Luther Furbush, st.; Waldo Livermore, ass't. st.; Arthur Nelson, ch.; Miss Phyllis Nelson, ham treat.; Mrs. Ada Durkin, s.; Carl Swanson, g. k.; Maria Steele, c.; Hazel Morse, p.; Elsie Graves, f.; Mabel Wetherbee, ass't. st.; Ethel Mead, pianist; S. B. Hager, ex. com. After the election of officers the gentlemen gave their part of the complimentary entertainment. Arthur Nelson gave a humorous character song, Robert Cunningham played several piano selections and the two-act farce, "The Little red man," given by Arthur Nelson, Charles Sherry, George Richardson, completed the program. The judges awarded the victory to the men and the ladies will have to furnish a supper.

Will Goodearl spent Sunday with his parents in East Boston.

Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester is giving a series of four lectures on current literature before the Woman's club of West Acton. The first of which was given last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. Ada Durkee attended a meeting of local librarians at the Concord library last Tuesday afternoon.

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the church on Wednesday evening to which all are invited.

The schools closed this week Friday for two weeks' vacation.

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