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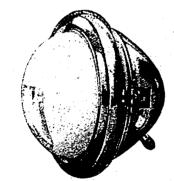
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hoped that all will enter into the spirit of the occasion. Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Manch ster. N. H., will speak on home industries of the women in the West Indies and exhibit some of their work. Mrs. Jones will furnish music and Mrs. Lois Gregory and assistants will have charge of the Misses Sonderson and Kimball Misses Sanderson and Kimbal will act as hostesses.

Miss Emma Lund, of North Little-ton, has been on the sick list, but at last reports was convalescent.

Norman Bonnell visiter his aunt, Miss Ocenia Bonnell, in Melrose, Sat-urday and Sunday.

The public is reminded of the con-The public is reminded of the concert to be given on the evening of December 14 in the town hall under the auspices of the Choral society. The artists will be Miss Nina Fletcher, violinist; Mrs. Helen Pratt Kelley, soprano; Miss Marion Caulkins, contralto, and Prof. John Craig Kelley, plano accompanist.

Lyceum.

Lyccum.

The hall was filled to the extent of its capacity Tuesday evening by eager listeners who hoped for much and were not disappointed. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, lyccum president, announced that it was the eighty-sixth year since the organization was formed and the members listened to the reading of the lyccum preamble which he repeated. After announcing the speaker for the next entertainment he introduced Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston, ex-congressman and ex-mayor, very pleasantly, referring to former distinguished lecturers on this platform who afterward became governors and suggested that the same might

form who afterward became govern-ors and suggested that the same might also be true of the gentleman whom he presented.

The audience greeted Mr. Fitzger-ald cordially as a former townsmar-and distinguished statesman, and gave ald cordfally as a former townsman and distinguished statesman, and gave him the most courteous attention throughout the evening. "New England and its possibilities," the subject of his discourse, might have been "Littleton and its possibilities." The speaker gave a friend to friend talk that was replete with reminiscences of boyhood days here, experiences in public service, and helpful suggestions that should furnish food for thought that ought to make for a better and bigger Littleton. His discussion was chiefly along the line of farming. He would have our hills become the grazing pastures for many cattle and sheep. He would have the dairying, orcharding, gardening, etc. conducted by the most approved methods, and the farm products carried by automobiles to the neighboring cities where the producer and the consumer could meet in municipal markets and mutually benefit each other. He believed that Littleton could make much more of itself than it is now doing and attract to its inviting locality many people who would appreciate the opportunities it now offers. Spirit is what we need, let "Forward Littleton" be the slogan.

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Not infrequently he reminded his former townspeople that their population has decreased one in ten years. The ex-mayor was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his discourse and expressed repeated pleasure when he announced that by request he would sing "Sweet Adeline." Mrs. John H. Kimball kindly consented to accompany him as planist and Mr. Fitzgerald sang his favorite song to the great delight of his audience, and received so enthusiastic an applause that he responded with an encore in his characteristic gracious manner. After responded with an encore in his char-acteristic gracious manner. After-wards the audience sang "America" at his request. Mrs. Fitzgerald and his sister accompanied the distinguish-ed gentleman to Littleton in his automobile and all were the guests of Mr and Mrs. B. F. Priest.

A Step in the Right Direction.

A real community enterprise was undertaken this week by the direction of the Improvement society into which our citizens from all the churches and many of the non-church going people with with which the undertak our citizens from all the churches and many of the non-church going people entered with spirit into the undertak-ing. Early Monday morning men ar-rived with horses, ploughs, scrapers, etc., and as soon as the plan was made J-M

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The Alliance had a large and very helpful meeting last week Friday afteronon. Several matters of business received attention. Mrs. W. Channing Brown announced that contributions of old kid gloves would be very gladly received by the for the Red Cross society to be used in lining coats for the members will be held on Monday evening. December 19, a Christmas tree will be held at the common on Christmas eve, Friday. December 19, a Christmas tree will be a brief, crisp, exercise lasting to our courts and penal institutions. All are welcomes on Friday evening. December 24, in the vestry, with an entertainment prepared by the young people, and a concert by the choir the Sunday ovening following, with a "white gifts for the king" exercise as its prominent feating not over fifteen, or at most, twenty minutes, for all the, people.

This winter, as formerly, three union services will be held under the direction of the local pastors, the first on Sunday evening in the Unitarian church in charge of Rev. H. L. Caulikins, pastor of the Baptist church. The speaker of the Baptist church, Tho speaker of the evening will be lowed the pastors of the Baptist church. The speaker of the evening will be lowed the pastors of the Baptist church. The speaker of the evening will be lowed their mental than the month of the condition of the baptist church. The speaker of the Baptist church will be last the pastor of the Baptist church. The speaker of the evening will be lowed their mental whist party in the town hall.

Monday afternoon, December 13, the Woman's club will hold the annual "all name." The ladies are expected to carry their sewing and it is duringle of the month of the month of the comparation of the form Michael and the comparation of the first on the first of the words as probation officer for Michael and the form of the month of the comparation of the first of the words and lives, become revealers of that truth. The Unitarian falth, he believes, through its freedom, its month of the

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

SUGGESTIONS FOR

Gifts that are Practical and Have Lasting Value

Our store is a Christmas Store now-full of Gifts suitable for a Man's or a Boy's Christmas. Anybody looking for a Christmas Gift for "Him" can find any number of choice and practical things that will be appropriate and sure to be appreciated. Also, many things like Slippers and Umbrellas for "Her."

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	6 in Handsome Christmas Box
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,	Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors	\$1.00 to \$7:00
	Boys' Coat Sweaters, all colors	50¢ to \$4.00
1	Women's Coat Sweaters	\$3.00 to \$6.00
	Girls' Coat Sweaters	\$1.50 to \$2.50
1	Children's Coat Sweaters	50¢ to \$1.50
-	Children's Combination Sets-four parts	\$3.50 to \$4.50

en's Cape Gloves, unlined, for dress wear.... \$1.00 to \$2.00 len's Cape Gloves, lined, for dress wear..... \$1.00 to \$2.50 en's Mocha Gloves, fleece lined 50¢ and \$1.00 ten's Mocha Gloves, Silk or Knit lined..... \$1.50 to \$2.50 Ien's Mocha Gloves. Hare and Squirrel lined \$3.50 to \$5.00 ien's Mocha Gloves, Lamb's Wool lined..... \$2.50 and \$3.00 den's Working Gloves and Mittens..... 25¢ and 50¢ Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 25¢ and 50¢ Men's Fur Gauntlet Driving Gloves..... \$1.50 to \$5.00 Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens 25¢ and 50¢ Boys' Leather Gauntlets, lined and unlined 50¢ Children's Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 15¢ and 25¢

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MEN'S HOSIERY FOR CHRISTMAS Fine Cotton Hose in Black or Colors, four pairs in Christmas Box 50¢ Tripletoe and Strong Hose, Silk Lisle, in Black or Colors, four pairs in Christ-Everwear Hose, Guaranteed six months, six pairs in Christmas Box..... \$1.50 Silk Hose, in Black or Colors, two pairs in Christmas Box \$1.00

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in a Christmas Box Mackinaw Coats for the Boys

Pair of Arm Bands and a pair of Garters to match

FURNISHING	GOODS	DEPARTMENT

OUR	FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT
25¢	BATH ROBES. Makes a most desirable Christmas Gift. He will appreciate one
50¢	NIGHT ROBES. For Men. are made of fine cotton domet flannel
50¢	PAJAMAS. For Men or Boys, made of cheviot or domet flannel \$1.00 and \$1.50
1.00	SUSPENDERS. A great variety of styles, each pair in a handsome Christmas box
50¢	JEWELRY. An excellent assortment of Cuff Buttons and
1.00	Cuff Buttons
31.00	The well-known Leonard Watch for Boys, in Silver and Nickel, guaranteed for one year 984
25¢	SMOKERS' SETS—Called Sport Set \$1.50

UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CAPS AND TO	Ųυ <u>r</u> ia
Men's Cloth Caps	50¢ to \$1.00
Men's Fur Caps \$2	2.50 to \$5.50
Boys' Cloth Caps	25c and $50c$
Boys' Toques	25¢ and 50¢
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to \$3.00	Suit Cases, made of Japanese Matting
to \$4.50 ¢ and 75¢	Hand Bags, Leather \$3.00 to \$8.00 School Lunch Boxes for Children 25.

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WESTFORD

While George Kimball was bringing the school children to school Wednes-day morning the horses became con-fused and frightened by the electric car and an auto of the Lowell Telecar and an auto of the Lowell Tele-phone Company approaching at the same time near the academy. The horses backed down across the cross-ing and snapped the pole to the wagon putting it out of commission for the time being. Fortunately no one was injured in any way. The telephone men were busy cutting away one of injured in any way. The telephone men were busy cutting away one of the maple shade trees that was in poor condition.

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon at Li-brary hall, "Book reviews" will be the program for the afternoon which promises much in the capable hands of Miss Sarah W. Loker and Mrs. Helen K. Frost. There will be a social tea in charge of Mrs. A. H. Suth-

The new arrangement for the music at the Congregational church has got a good start these last two Sundays with Miss Hazel Hartford at the or-gan and Mrs. Charles H. Wright lead-ing the choir. The choir rehearsals are held on Saturday evenings at 7.30 are held on Saturday evenings at 7.30 o'clock. At the morning service last Sunday Mr. Wallace gave an excellent address on "The supreme book." At the close of the service the communion service was held and three new members were added to the church, one by letter and two on confession of faith. In the evening a lecture was given by the pastor on "Everyday life in Japan," with seventy beautiful colored views, illustrated with the church according to the colored views. with the church stereopticon. Some of the pictures were very beautiful, especially those portraying the natural beauties of Japan. There was a large attendance present.

The Congregational yestry, supplied with parlor games of various kinds, is open every Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.30, under the supervision of the

H. Bert Walker's many friends are glad to hear that he is resting as comfortably at the Lowell General hospital

George Whitney, who was so seriously injured recently in Lowell by falling, into a sidewalk bulkhead, which had been carelessly left open and unguarded, is reported as doing as well as can be expected.

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its fine descriptions, its vivid enthusiasm, his enlightening explana-

We read in a recent Lowell daily of a description of the food in the ter-rible Andersonville prison in the great war of the rebellion which we quote in these days when war is so much in these days when war is so much in mind. The description is as follows: "This bread, of which there were not more than four mouthfuls, was:a day's rations for a prisoner in Andersonville during the civil war. It was brought home by Samuel Hutchins of the 39th Massachusetts Volunteers. The bread was made of corn
cobs which even cows or horses will Grange meeting last week found the
tires of their auromobile cut when
starving men of the Andersonville they left the hall to go home. The
stockade." This is of interest because same thing occurred at the time of Rev. A. W. Remington at the Conins of the 39th Massachusetts Volun- erous throat. the Mr. Hutchins mentioned was the late Samuel Madison Hutchins of

Maines of the day will be given by Dr. George M. Twitchell, editor of the Maine Farmer, and one of the extensive and intensive farmers of the state. The morning subject will be "The man and the soil." Dinner at noon by the ladies of the Congregational church Music by the Middlsex Traing School band of North Chelmsford. The following will be after-dinner speakers: Rev. David Wallace. Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn, Hon. Edward Fisher. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and others not yet listed. In the afternoon Dr. Twitchell will speak on "Wanted—a vision." Let the town wake up. farmers and all else and others and give the doctor a vision of the largest at greet him-lt wonderfully in the impressiveness of the "vision."

The T. I. A. R. F. O. M. club, which interpreted reads "There is always room for one more," will give a social reception in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Saturday evening.

A. F. Conant has been confined to his home with a severe cold. He is improving.

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At the last meeting of the Grange the lecturer's hour was in charge of Mrs. Clara Greig and Mrs. Jennie Hartford. They planned high aims, but owing to forgetfulness with some and break-down spectacles with others, everything did not reach the point planned for, but what did reach that point justified the push of the comber 16, the lecturer's program reads, "How far have we the right to make civic improvements and bind future faith that comes at command, and from the Shirley Oracle

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The Brookline (N. H.) Beacon
The Hollis (N. H.) Homestead

Ciub of youthful hopes invites everybody to this opportune opportunity.

At the last meeting of the Grange of Mrs. Drand Mrs. Clara Greig and Mrs. Jennie had a class social on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. George A. Cook, which she kindly lent. Various games occupied the time and refreshments of candy, fruit, cakes and ice cream concluded a very happy occasion. Principal Greenfield and Miss Thornell were unable to be present. Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject Sunday morning will be "The faith that comes at command, and the faith that responds to a summons," from the text "I stand at the door and knock." The evening meeting of the Same?"

Christmas entertainment in charge of Mrs. Frank W. Bannister, for which the Grange voted five dollars' worth of cash.

The ald John Marrison place at the

The old John Morrison place at the the old John Morison place at the headwaters of Keyes' pond, and re-cently owned by Horace E. Gould, has been sold to James Pickings, of Slab City, said city being a part of Chelms-ford and Tyngsboro suburbs.

Forge Village.

Miss Helen Lord, who is quaranteed at her home with scarlet fever, is somewhat improved. Miss Lord recently graduated from the Framingham hospital as a trained nurse and had come home for her Thanksgiving vacation. She was taken ill during her visit here. Her many friends are honing for a speedy recovery. hoping for a speedy recovery.

On Sunday services will be held at the mission chapel at 4.30 in the afternoon A very interesting service is promised. A pleasing feature will be the singing of well-known hymns by the congregation, assisted by the yested choir. Holy communion will be administered be administered.

The choir of St. Andrew's church is receiving instruction in Christmas music under the direction of Miss Mary B. Raynes.

The Young People's Social club held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on last Thursday evening. Miss Edith M. Foster had charge of the basketry work done.

John Gray, the well-known telegra-pher, has been transerred to the Gran-iteville station.

The pupils from this village who are attending Westford academy, are now being conveyed to and from school in the electric cars of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, through the courtesy of the school committee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael were guests Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Bicknell, of Somerville.

William Hosmer is now at the Boston General hospital, suffering from injuries received by being run into by an automobile while visiting in Bos ton last Saturday

Graniteville.

Miss Harriet Moran of Nashua, N H., has been a recent visitor here. open every Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.30, under the supervision of the pastor.

Al Bicknell, who with Mrs. Bicknell, is spending the winter with their married daughter in South Royalston, was in town last week.

Mrs. Ivan L. Kenney and Miss Laura Lumbert have been visitors this week at Mrs. Lillian Lumbert's.

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H. has been a recent visitor here.

At the regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held on Thursday evening of last week, F. G. Sullivan, chief ranger, presided, and the meeting proved to be highly interesting. The question of appointing a nominating committee for the purpose of bringing in a list of candidates to be voted for at the next meeting, was suggested at this time. The next meeting will be held December 23 for the election of officers.

fortably at the Lowell General hospital as can be expected, considering what a very sick man he has been. If no new complications set in his convalescence is expected to make good progress.

Edson G. Boynton, of Medfield, was present at the meeting of the North Middlesex Fomona Grange last week Friday, for a short time greeting Westford friends.

George Whitney who was the first time greeting the election of officers.

The children of St. Catherine's Sunday school have already begun recises that will be held in the church as usual this year. This work is being done under the supervision of Miss Catherine Conley and Miss Mary F. Hanley, assisted by the other members of the Sunday school teaching staff.

of Concord, N. H., has been a recent

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E.

News Items.

About Town.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society will hold the first farmers' institute of the season at the town hall on Wednesday. December 15. The address of the day will be given by Dr. George M. Twitchell, editor of the Maine Farmer, and one of the extenpunish the guilty and make an example of them. Whoever you are, bear this in mind, we have a court, a Dinner at noon by the judge and a reformatory near at hand congregational church, and you may try that funny act once Middless Traing School Chelmsford. The fol-

Sherman L. Whipple, of Boston, has four sheep in the U.S. quarantine that arrived last week.

The tickets for the Choral society concert are on sale at all the store in town.

Through the efforts of the Cente school pupils, their teacher, Miss Cornwell, and their parents, money has been earned for a Victrola, which arrived last week.

ing at seven o'clock will be the first of the series of union meetings planned for the winter by the three resident ministers of the town.

Just 200 years ago, on December 3, 1715, the name of this town was changed from Nashoba to Littleton changed from Nashoba to Littleton by act of the great and general court. The young people's meeting in the Unitarian vestry Sunday evening will have the event in mind as the topic is one of local interest, "Littleton 1715-1915." The hour of meeting will be at six o'clock so that all may join in the union meeting in the auditorium of the church at seven colocks. um of the church at seven o'clock

The "mystery supper" has lost none of its attractiveness on the young people demonstrated Tucsday evening in the Baptist vestry. Every-thing was out of the usual order, from thing was out of the usual order, from the waiters in disguise to the mysteriously printed menu, and the price of exit instead of admission. The curious orders served by the waiters provided a continuous sensation of amusement during the supper hour, which was followed by an excellent program of music and readings as follows: Piano solo, Miss Elsie Whitney; readings, Miss Ruth Sawyer; solos, Miss Clara E. Bussey; piano solo, Miss Olive Flagg; solos, Whitney Caulkins; duet, Mrs. Cora Hager and Miss Bussey. Miss Ruth Robinson presided. The waiters were Misses Nina Dennison, Beatrice Woodbury, Elsie Whitney and Esther Robinson. A change in the Sunday evening

A change in the Sunday evening order of service in the Baptist vestry has been made as follows: The young people's meeting at 6.30, followed by people's meeting at 6.30, followed by a general song service at 7.15, closing with a brief sermon or address by the pastor, emphasizing the great teachings of the present Sunday school lessons. The topic next Sun-day evening will be "Have the proph-ets anythings to say to us."

We regret that half a column of We regret that half a column of Littleton items in some way became side-tracked last week and reached the printer's office Saturday morning, two days after they were forwarded from the Littleton office.

the winter, working for the interest of the Bates-Mitchell piano firm. He comes home every other week to look after his farm interests.

Henry Works who Henry Works, who has been home

for a few weeks, will return in another week to his navy service. He expects a promotion at that time. Mrs. W. E. Conant spent the first of the week with his son Halph's family in Newton.

C. A. Kimball attended a Phillips-Exeter alumni banquet at the Har-vard club house in Boston on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robbins, of Pingreyville, have closed their house News Items. or the winter and gone to Canton to C. P. Dick spend a few months with Mrs. Roboins' brother.

Grange.

The Grange meeting on Wednesday evening of last week was the center of attraction. The local organization was well represented and there were was well represented and there were many visitors from Harvard. West-ford. Ayer. Acton and other nearby towns. The third and fourth degrees were exemplified, the regular officers conferring the fourth, and the ladies

Miss Madeline McDonald of South Westford has been a recent guest of Miss Helen Furbush.

he moved to Milford. He was express messenger for years on the Milford branch but had to give up his position on account of ill health almost a year.

LITTLETON

News Items.

L. W. Chase is very busy filling orders for laurel and henders for christmas. Mrs. Chase is assisting in the making of wreaths.

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Mrs. Charles Hone. Christmas.

Mrs. Charles Hunt, of the West village, who has been threatened with pneumonia, is dressed and about the house again. Irving Hunt is also improving. He has had a very treached ferings were many and beautiful. Mr. Hall leaves a widow and two daughters.

and were present at the installation of Rev. A. W. Remington at the Congregational church.

William Shattuck is having electric

Miss Margaret Wilkins left last veek Thursday for Southern Pines, C., where she is to be employed for the winter.

Edward Peirce was a visitor in Fitchburg last week Thursday. Herbert Corey took a business trip Boston last Saturday.

Last week Tuesday the Loyal Work-ers met at the home of Mrs. John Whitcomb. The gathering was a small but enthusiastic one and while the members plied the needle their host-ess entertained them with selections on the graphophone. The next meeting will be held December 14 at the home of Mrs. Mallie Gilson.

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ville to extend her congratulations. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and refreshments were served during the afternoon. She received many birthday gifts.

Mrs. Alpha Hall spent last week Wednesday in Fitchburg visiting her son, Harry Hall. Willis Burns and family and Bessie

Wheeler were guests last week Friday at the home of Silas Wheeler. Miss Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles last week entertained their nephew, George Abbot of New

Delna Taylor, accompanied by his two children, Minnie and Carl, drove over from their home in Fitchburg last Saturday and spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb. Charles Beals of Milford has been in town the past week deer hunting. George Fairbanks of Leominster was a visitor in town last week Tues

LUNENBURG

day.

C. P. Dickinson has a fine new Hud-son limousine and Sidney H. Francis a new Maxwell runabout and also a new Paige touring car.

Mrs. J. E. Longley received a fall last week Friday which broke some of the bones in her left wrist. A visit to the Burbank hospital and an X-ray photograph revealed the extent of the injury and the fracture was reduced and a plaster cast or splint adjusted, which it is believed will hold the injury are the second of the injury was the second of jured parts in place until time is given for healing. As it is Mrs. Longley is now a one-handed person, and like Pollyanna she is glad that both wrists

outly injured recently in Lowell by talling into a sidewalk bulkhead, which had been carelessly left open and unguarded is reported as doing as well as can be expected.

The music committee of the Tadmuck club wish to call attention of its members to the coming of Leo Ornstein, the young Russian pianist and composer, to Lowell Sunday afternoon, when at Celonial hall at 3.15 he will give a piano recital. While his program will include a few examples of the extreme modernists, it will consist largely of piano classics that have met the lest of time and approval.

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The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. Church met with Mrs. Turner on the degree staff conferring the fourth, and the ladies' for healing. As it is Mrs. Longle is conferring the fourth, and the ladies' degree staff conferring the fourth, and the ladies' conferring the fourth, and the ladies' degree staff conferring the fourth, and the ladies' for healing. As it is Mrs. Longle where the compact as the compact and may be found at the form and approval.

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nion.

Mr. Francis was then re-elected as clerk for the ensuing year and the eath of office was administered by Justice E. C. Smith. Mr. Francis then proceeded to take records of the meet. The treasurer read his monthly and also his annual report, showing that his receipts arounted to ing that his receipts amounted to \$1018; the expenditures, including \$1018; the expenditures, including \$100 for church repairs, \$1614, leaving a balance of four dollars. There are some bills due, including a note of \$175, which amount to \$411.29. The report of the executive committee

and the report of the executive committee was then read by Norman G. Bigelow.

Mrs. William Harley, secretary and treasurer of the Ludies' Sewing circle, gave the balance in the treasury of \$15.97. Various sums have been paid gave the balance in the treasury of \$15.97. Various sums have been paid toward the paster's salary, repairs, etc. Mrs. Harly also reported for the Sunday school, the number in membership being the same as last year, the average attendance being fiftynnine, and the average collection fifteen cents above that of last year. The receipts were \$17 and expenditures \$45, leaving a balance of \$32. Two members of the Sunday school have a record of perfect attendance, Edward S. Francis and Master Carlton B. Lancey, there being a wide difference in their ages. The cradic roll, Mrs. S. U. McIntire, superintendent, reported, twenty-eight names Mrs. Ellen S. Parker gave a good report for the home department; Hoyt Barter for the C. E. society; John H. Davidson for the auditors and S. U. McIntire for the collector.

collector.

The reports all read and accepted the election of officers by ballot was then taken up with the following re-

Ing will be held December 14 at the home of Mrs. Mallie Gilson.

Edward Taylor and daughter Velma were visitors in Pepperell last week Monday.

John McPhail has moved his family from Somerville, Mass., here for the winter months.

Albion Stein and George Nye both captured a deer last week.

Last week Thursday Miss Blanche Hall entertained the Sunbonnets at her, home in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Hadley motored up from Somer
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Graves, Blanche E. Lancey, music com.; Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. Lilla King of Whalom, Miss Elizabeth Alexander, re-ception and calling committee.

Rev. Robert A. Bryant having ten-dered his resignation, to take effect the last Sunday in December, he was invited to reconsider his decision and invited to reconsider his decision and remain with the church until spring, but Mr. Bryant said the arrangements were practically made and he did not think it would be wise to change them. It was then voted to accept his them. It was then voted to accept his resignation and the free use of the parsonage then offered him in which to store his household goods until spring should the weather be unfavorable for moving at the first of January. A committee on pulpit supply was then chosen as follows: George C. Jewett and Norman Bigelow, two deacons, and Edmund S. Francis, clerk.

L. W. C.

About sixty members of the Wo-man's club gathered at the beautiful home of Miss M. A. Abercrombie on last week Friday and listened to a nome of Miss M. A. Abercrombie on last week Friday and listehed to a very interesting program in charge of Mrs. Ellen S. Paker: subject, "Then and now." Very entertaining papers were read by Mrs. Wiley of Whalom. Mrs. Harrington. Mrs. Mary Ewing. Mrs. Ellen Parker, Mrs. A. K. Francis, Miss Mae V. Estabrook, Mrs. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Loren Brown. Music was interspersed with the readings, including a "Medley of old songs," instrumental, Miss Abercrombie, and a vocal duet, piano accompaniment, by Mrs. C. E. Weods and Mrs. L. H. Brown. Tea and cakes were served by the hostess, completings one of the most enjoyable meetings one of the season: On account of the community Christmas tree and the preparation necessary to complete a fine program for that there will be no other meeting of the club until some time in January.

time in January. New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—11 and 14 weeks old White Pigs, \$3 and \$4 ench. L. E. STANLEY, South Brookline, N. H. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of WILLIAM H. MANS-FIELD late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs, all persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

FRANCIS G. HAYES, Adm.

817 Barristers Hall, Boston, Mass. November 30, 1915.

November 30. 1915.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of LOUISE F. DURKEE late of Littleton in said County, deceased.
Whereas GEORGE C. DURKEE the administrator of the estate of said deceased, whereas GEORGE C. DURKEE the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-second day of December A. D. 1915. at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a coppthereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same one in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

nine hundred and fifteen.

W. E. ROGERS. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SUSAN P. SHATTUCK late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JAMES F. SHATTUCK of Boston in the County of Suffolk and ALBERT MILO SHATTUCK of Worcester in the County of Worcester in the County of Worcester without giving a surety on their bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of December A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire Prist Judge of said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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HARVARD

News Items.

There will be a business meeting of the Unitarian church parish at he church on Tuesday evening, Deember 14, at 7.45, to which all members are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

Mrs. B. J. Priest, in accordance with her custom, will hold a sale of fancy work at the home of Mrs. Fred Wetherbee on Saturday afternoon, Decem-

Dadmun & Maynard will present the third installment of the "Neal of the navy" series at the movies this Saturday evening. They will also put on "The conversion of Frosty Blake." "When breezes blow," a one-reel com-edy, and others. The "Seeing Ameri-ca first" views are really something beautifully instructive.

The next meeting of the class for the study of parliamentary law will be held at the Hapgood Memorial room on Monday afternoon, December 13, at 2.30 o'clock. The fifth and sixth chapters of Mrs. Shattuck's manual

The grammar school is headquarters for the sale of Red Cross seals. Please let them know how many you would like and, they will gladly supply you. They want to sell many more more than last year.

Look out for the special moving picture show Christmas night at the town hall.

The Grange held one of the best meetings of the year on Tuesday even-ing. The subject given for the lec-turer's hour was the "Old farmers" almanac, and proved a very pleasant subject. The birthday anniversaries brought out much pleasantry. Those who found difficulty in finding any imwho found difficulty in finding any important event for their birthday were helped out by Frank Abbott and his ever-ready almanac. Mr. Mead gave what a farmer should do during April; May and June, and Mr. Thayer gave in a humorous vein the duties of the farmer from July first to September 30. Rev. A. C. Fuller gave a very interesting talk on the almanac and its various departments, and then read Interesting talk on the almanae and its various departments, and then read the characteristics of those born under the different signs as laid down by astrology. Music was furnished by the Misses Briggs, of Ayer, with piano, violin and cornet. Mr. West gave a vocal selection and Messrs. West and Campbell sang "The burial at sea," arranged for tenor and baritone, Miss Annie Reed, pianist. All report an exceptionally pleasant evening.

Successful Sale and Supper.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of Congregational church gave their annual supper and sale at the town hall on last week Friday under most favorable conditions. The tables were arranged in the center of the hall and were well filled with articles for sale. out. The entertainment consisted of the four-act comedy. "Me and Otis," and was given the heartlest applause from the opening lines until the drop. of the last curtain. Every character was exceptionally well taken and played at its best, which fact accounts for the success of the play.

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"Me," the part taken by Miss F. J. Amsden, was the lead and was given a splendid interpretation. A. T. West, as "Otis," the meek husband, was also a credit to the part. "Sammy," the hired man, carried out by Benjamin Keyes, was capital. A. S. Branson and James L. Peters, as the young men of the play, with Miss Marjorié Thomas and Miss Harriet Thayer, as the young ladies, furnished the plot and spice in their individual and finished way. Miss Dorothy Peters, as Aunt Sophronia, and R. A. Reed, as the dude, helped out materially in the completing of the comedy situations.

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The fair netted upwards of \$212 which is much in advance of that made in previous years. The ladies feel very much pleased with the success of this year's work.

H. W. C.

At the last meeting of the Harvard Woman's club there was a good number present to take advantage of the very instructive and enlivening leeture on Tolstoi given by Ansel S. Richards, principal of Bromfield school. The members all felt that this afternoon with Mr. Richards was one of the most profitable they have ever had the privileze to enjoy together. The lecture was knew without notes and handled in such a clever manner that the audience were entirely his from beginning to end. Mr. Richards spoke of Tolstoi as the greatest novelist in the world, stating Howell's opinion to be that in time. War and peace, one of his masterpleces and which took him three years to write, will be ranked with Homer's liiad. In the last chapters of this showl he came as near predicing the present war as anyone can predicit. Tolstoi was a man who dared to stand upon his own feet and say what he thought, though it mean persecution and enemies. Probably in all the church particular and the privaleze to stand what the hought, though it means the condition of the came as near predicits the present war as anyone can predicit. Tolstoi was a man who dared to stand upon his own feet and say what he thought, though it means the church grow and the privaleze to stand when he had a survivale to the present war as anyone can predicit. Tolstoi was a man who da

During the business session of the afternoon, Mrs. Herman Skillings. Mrs. Wm. Craggs and Mrs. Lawrence Parsons were elected members of the club. The next meeting will be held on December 20, when Miss Mary P. Abbot will speak on "Home and school life in Germany."

The following letter, dated San Diego, Cal., November 26, was received by A. T. West from F. S. Savage, Sr., concerning their trip across the country. The letter explains

the country. The letter explains itself:

Friend Arthur—Perhaps a little account of our trip across the country and what we saw on our first week here might be of interest to you. Will try in a small way to tell you what it means to eastern people to see so much in a short time of six days. We left Worcester on the Boston and Albany road, so we went through the Berkshire hills, a nice trip in litself. From Albany to Buffalo we traveled by night and from Buffalo to Chicago by day, and must say, truly, that the country over the Michigan Central railroad, through Ontario county, north of Lake Erie, was grand. It is one vast prairie covered over with nice farms and farm buildings. From Chicago to Kansas City, over Sante Fe road, we traveled by night, so did not see all the fine large farms that are located between those two cities. From Kansas City we went by the way of Hutchinson, Kan, to La Junta, Col.; from there to Albuquerque, New Mexico; from there to

to Grand Canyon, Ariz., when we stopped for one day seeing the wonder of the world. Will say that all the country from La Junta, Col., to the Grand Canyon, and from there to Needles, Cal., Just across the Colorado river, is all open ranching country. No fencing of any kind here to keep the droves of cattle off of the railroad tracks. We saw several large droves with from 1900 to 3900 head.

The Whiteface cattle, or Herefords, predominate, but we saw a great many black Angus cattle. The railroad kills a great many cattle each day, but they claim it is cheaper to pay owners for them than to build fences over such a vast open country. For example, on our trip from Williams to Grand Canyon, and back a distance of 126 miles, we counted twenty-three large steers that had been hit by the engine and left by the side of the track. I was told by the conductor that his road, the Santa Fe, averages from 100 to 200 a month.

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I cannot in words give you much idea of the Grand Canyon, but will give you a few statistics. It is one to one and a half miles deep; length of canyon 217 miles; average width of canyon 217 miles; average width of canyon 217 miles; average width of canyon 10 miles; width of canyon at Bright Angel hotel 12 miles, on account of the great depth it looks as if one could throw a stone across; average elevation 7000 feet; the Colorado river flows at bottom of canyon and is 100 feet wide, yet it looks only some four feet wide from top of canyon.

I forgot to mention that all the way through New Mexico and Arizona one sees a large number of water tanks on lat cars, just like the Standard Oil Company's tank cars, for the country is very dry. The railroads car it into a great many towns.

One ranch in Arizona we passed through had 136,000 acres and has a good many thousand pure blooded Hereford cattle. About half way from the coast for a number of miles between Los Angeles and San Diego we passed through a ranch near Occanside of 15,009 acres; this was a cattle ranch. We also passed through many sheep tranches. The Santa Fe road follows the coast for a number of miles between Los Angeles and San Diego, and we saw several thousand acres of lima beans. They tell me the moisture from the occan gives the crop enough water.

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The streets here are very wide; most of them are ninety feet, and sidewalks are twenty feet. The city has just completed a new pler at the foot of Broadway. It is 1000 feet long and 150, feet wide; two sidetracks from Sante Fe on each side of the pler. I went down the bay Friday. The boat stops one-half hour at Fort Rosecrans. The party is taken in charge by two of Uncle Sam's men and we are shown all over the fort, and they explain to us all about the large guns that protect the entrance to the harbor; 150 pounds of powder are used for one shot. There are 1500 soldlers there, On our way we pass by Uncle Sam's wireless station; also, the aviation field. Some fifteen or twenty aeroplanes are stationed there and any day one can go down to the pler and between the heurs of nine in the morning and three in the afternoon can serion one to three or four flying over the bay. I counted nine torpedo boats in the bay and one mother ship. She always follows with a load of torpedoes. There are three log rafts a year that come down the coast from Seattle. There is one in the bay now and is 500 feet long; there are 5,000,000 feet of lumber in her and it took 250 tens of chains to bind her together. We saw 20,000 tons of salt side, of the bay all ready for shipment. There are several salt beds near here. Most every day we see the large gunboats in the harder and some first-class armored cruisers. The San Diego left here this morning with 500 marines for Mexico.

The government has built a break-water on one side of the bay 11,000 feet long, costing \$1,500,000. They have just completed a fine state road from Los Angeles to this city, and a big dinner on their arrival here at the U. S. Grant hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton, Mrs. Nourse, Miss Louge and myself went out and called on Fred Blanchard. We found him well and very glad to ge

Tolstoi was a man who dared to stand upon his own feet and say what he thought, though it meant persecution and enemies. Probably in all literature there is not a man who has been so maligned and so misunderstood as Tolstoi—because it is the easiest thing in the world to scoff. In reading his works Mr. Richards would recommend to beginners. "Master and man," "What men live by" and "Where love is God is also."

During the business session of the afternoon, Mrs. Herman Skillings, Mrs. Wm. Craggs and Mrs. Lawrence Parsons were elected members of the last meeting of the Monday. At the last meeting of the Monday.

At the last meeting of the Monday class Mrs. J. B. Harlow introduced the subject of current events. Advance topics dealing with early English history were covered by Misses Bagster, Pollard, Jones. Farwell and Reed.

The special music at the Unitarian church will be given by a mixed quar-Rev. George A. Mark, of Tufts college, will occupy the pulpit. He will preach from the subject, "The goal of a religious life."

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 590, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908 Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 7579 has been lost and payment on the same stopped. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK

Sarah T. Tuten, Treas. Ayer, Mass. Dec. v. 1915. MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale conained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ray L. Meader to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated

son land to an angle in the wall; thence S. 73° W. one hundred seven (107) feet by said Richardson land to the road aforesaid; thence by said oad N. 12° W. one hundred fifty-five (155) feet to the place of beginning

Also another tract of land with all buildings thereon, situated in said

Ashby on the westerly side of the

road leading from said Ashby to Ash burnham and bounded as follows, viz Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof on said road at ar thence by said Robinson land N. 58 W. two hundred sixty-eight and 4/10 (268.4) feet, more or less, to an iron-Robinson land S. 31° W. ninety-four and 5 10 (94.5) feet, more or less to an old road; thence Northwesterly by said road two hundred eighty three (283) feet, more or less, to a stake at land formerly of one Towne; thence by said Towne land N. 35° E. by the wall two hundred eighty-five (285) feet, more or less, to a stake on the shore of Stanley Mill Pond; thence S. 61° 5' E. one hundred and twenty seven (127) feet, more or less, to a thence by the shore of said pond seven (137) feet, more or less, to a dam: thence N. 44° 24' E. thirty at said road from Ashby to Ashburn ham; thence S. 10° 20' E. by said road one hundred seventy-two and

and 8 10 (209.8) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two and 8/10 (2.8) acres. Terms: \$100 down at the time and place of sale and the balance on de livery of the deed within ten day: from sale at the Banking Rooms o

8 10 (172.8) feet to a stake at ar

angle in said road; thence S. 11° 43°

E. by said road two hundred and nine

said Bank, 298 Main Street, Fitch burg; Mass. The premises will be sold subject to any liens for taxes of FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Mortgagee. By WARNER M. ALLEN, Treasurer. Fitchburg, December 6, 1915.

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PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire

To the Board of Selectmen of th

Town of Aver. Massachusetts. Respectfully represents The Nev Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to construct a Mne of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 7 3. dated 12-4-15, proposed pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass achusetts.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone the town, and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and

along and across the public way or hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that it may b granted a re-location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such astaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 7/4, dated 12-6-15, proposed re-locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone fire and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal pur

ooses.
The following are the streets and nighways above referred to:

West Main Street, westerly from the B. & M. R. R. crossing, two re-local The New England Telephone and Tel

egraph Company of Massachusetts By GEO. H. DRESSER. General Manager. M. S. B.

Dated this sixth day of December

PETITION of the New England Tele phone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Elec tric Light Company for Joint or Identical Locations for Poles. the Board of Selectmen of the

Town of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Electric Light Company, tha they desire to construct a line of poles and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named, and to be owned and used in common by your netitioners.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they may be granted joint or identical location for and per and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as the busi ness of each of your petitioners may require, said poles to be erected sub-stantially in accordance with the planfiled herewith marked 9 1, dated 19 1-15, proposed joint pole line bet. Ayer El. Lt. Co. and N. E. T. & T. Co. Your petitioners agree to reserve

space for one cross-arm at a suitable point upon each of said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wire cipal purposes.

The following are the streets an highways above referred to: West Main Street from the Boston

Maine R. R. southwesterly, four West Main Street from the Boston Maine R. R. northeasterly, four

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts By GEO. H. DRESSER.

General Manager. M. S. B. Aver Electric Light Company, By L. WHITCOMB,

Superintendent. Dated this first day of October

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, December 6, 1915.

held on the foregoing petitions or Wednesday, the 22d day of December 1915, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall ir said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioners give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petitions and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News newspapers published in said Ayer at least seven days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notice of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way, upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

> JOHN D. CARNEY. THOMAS F. MULLIN, DOUGLAS C. SMITH. Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order there on. Attest:

DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Clerk.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Willow Road from State Road to the residence of Burton H. Allen, five poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By GEO. H. DRESSER,
General Manager.
M. S. B.

Dated this fourth day of December, 1915.

PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wires Re-Locations.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer. Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to re-locate a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary

DICCLAS C. SMILTH, CIETK.

2114 Selectmen of Ayer. Massachusetts.

Roddensex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of RANDALL M. ERVING late of Groton in said Court; of administration on the estate of said deceased to LIZZIE O. ERVING of Groton in the County of Middlessex, without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlessex, on the twenty-second day of December A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

Still M. S. B.

Roddens, S. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Groton in the court, of administration on the estate of RANDALL M. ERVING late of Groton in the Court of administration on the estate of Said Court of Middlessex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Cambridge.

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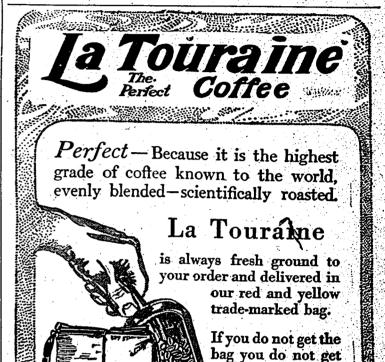
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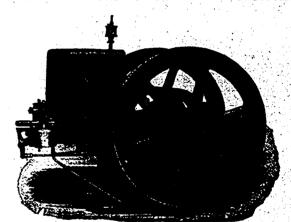
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News Items.

The December meeting of the Bird lub will be held in the lower town club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock. A lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on "Methods of increasing birds by artificial propagation and by reservations" will be given by Dr. George W. Field, chairman of the commission on fisheries and game. As this lecture should be of special interest to sportsmen and others who desire to see the partridges, quail, wild ducks and other game birds increased in numbers.

city on November 24, after an opera-tion for appendicitis a week before his death. His new home was in Wash-ington. It was his intention before taken suddenly ill, to join the Canadito organized Company C, and he became first lieutenant. In 1993 he was editor and manager of the Gallipolis Journal and was a clever writer. In 1995 he married Miss Sybil Blanc, who died in September, 1913. He is survived by his mother, sister and 800 He was the May the

reports critically ill with heart disease. A trained nurse is caring for her and a specialist visited her on Wednesday afternoon.

The village improvement section of the Woman's club meets with Mrs. W. H. Bruce on Monday afternoon at 3.30

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. elected officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday afternoon as follows: Miss Elizabeth Gibson, pres.; Mrs. Dora Putnam, s. v.; Mrs. Sarah J. Lucy, J. v.; Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, treas.; Mrs. Annie Smith, chap.; Mrs. Effic Harrington, con.; Mrs. Mary Messenger, g.; Mrs. Dora Putnam, delegate to department convention; Mrs. S. J. Lucy, alt. The joint installation with the E. S. Clark post will be at Odd Fellows hall the first Tuesday afternoon in hall the first Tuesday afternoon in

season here as he started early Tues-day morning to drive to his home in Southbridge, accompanied by his dogs.

cellence extended inrougnout the en-tertainment, which was under the charge of Mrs. Robinson. When each part was so well taken it would be difficult and unfair to particularize. The financial results must have been good, although as yet the figures are

The vesper service at the Unitarian the Vesper service at the Amarian church last Sunday brought out an unusually large attendance, testifying to the popularity of this form of Sunday service. It is always good to hear Mr. Billings of Groton School heart Mr. Rainings of Gradon School and the music was appropriate and beautifully rendered. Those who heard Mrs. Reed of Artington feel that they heard a beautiful singer who becought a message with her song. The work of the church quartet was also work of the church quartet was his here given. The musical program is here given. Organ prelude, "Evening song" by Widor, Miss Lowe; solo, "Eye hath not seen," from Gaul's "Holy City," Mrs. Reed; solo and "Holy Cry," Mrs. Reed; solo and chorus, "Jerusalem," from Gounod's "Gallea," quartet (solo by Mrs. Ames); solos, "In the golden evening," "Lead kindly light," Mrs. Reed.

After nineteen years of successful housekeeping Mark W. Shattuck is about to store his household goods.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Williams Thursday morning, December 9.

Miss Mary F. Torrey, of Ayer, visited her cousin, Mrs. Eva B. Taylor, this

Rev. Sherrard Billings spoke before the Board of Trade in his usual interesting manner on Wednesday evening. The report from Mrs. Bigelow on was that she was more com fortable than on Wednesday, but was

very weak. Mrs. Gardner Randlett is just about the house again after a severe illness. Her son-in-law, Robert Fletcher, is down with the grippe, while his chil-dren have the whooping cough, and Doris Randlett is at the hospital re-

covering from an operation. This makes in all quite a sick family. A physician was called on Thursday

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS daughter, Mrs. Ella Ladoo, of Leominster, who came over to see her mother, and while here, met with a fall, hurting her arm.

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The Alliance met with Mrs. Need-ham on Thursday afternoon.

Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, and will always be considered strictly confidental. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck, of Station avenue, has been a housekeeper and home-maker for the past sixty-five years, instead of nineteen years as given and feels that a vacuation will be welcome. She and her brother, C. B. Baldwin, are going soon to spend the winter with her daughter. Mrs. E. A. Armstrong, in Maplewood.

"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe.

All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, December 11, 1915.

GROTON

At the Grange on Tuesday evening the third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of cleven. The third degree was worked by the ladies' degree team and the fourth by the regular officers. A bountiful supper was served under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby. Several made remarks. There were 200 present. Visitors were from Aver. Peuent. Visitors were from Ayer, Pep-perell, Shirley, Lunenburg, Westford Littleton, Leominster, Acton, May-nard and Nashua, N. H.

A Sullivan family from Pepperell has moved to the mill neighborhood, Mr. Sullivan being employed at the mill.

iecture and others who desire to see the partridges, quail, wild ducks and other game birds increased in numbers. They are cordially invited to attend whether members of the club or not. About Town.

Charles W. H. Needham, born in Gallipolis, Ohio, forty-four years ago, a grandson of the late Col. Needham, died at Park Sanitarium in New York city on November 24, after an operation for appendicitis a week before death. His new how interested in the seeing the

The first of the series of teachers and parents' meetings will be held in the high school building on Tuesday afternoon, December 14, from four to five. C. F. Lyman will give the address and it is earnestly hoped that all who are interested in our schools will try to be present.

Mrs. Elizabeth Day Totten, of Reading, was the guest of Mrs. Allen Woods last week, coming to attend the Alliance fair, supper and entertainment of Thursday.

The two oldest children of Jerry Denahy are staying with their grand-mother while they have the whooping cough. Robert Fletcher's children are others who have the cough William McGrath returned to his home Sunday morning to find that his young wife had died and the funeral taken place during his absence. Robert Forbes is working in the

Shattuck store. A niece of Mrs. Solomon Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Jane Shattuck, of omerville, was brought here for Somerville, was burial on Sunday.

Grant W. Shattuck, feeling rather poorly, is away from store duties for anuary.

Mr. LaBonté has closed his hunting eason here as he started early Tueshis brother, Dr. Albert M. Shattuck, lay morning to drive to his home in southbridge, accompanied by his dogs.

der observation and treatment.

The Alliance fair of last week Thursday was all that could be desired. They have held a better. The collection of articles on sale was large and it creat variety, exceilent in kind and the patronage was generous The supper was under the charge of Mrs. Hodaman and that too was very satisfactory, nearly every seat at the tables being taken. The same excellence extended throughout the entertainment, which was under the charge in the tables and the patronage was generous town. Funeral services were on Montrolled. There were thirteen present town, with further services from the church in Malden, where Mrs. Murphy has made her home for the law of the Wednesday evening service will be "Gossiphing the great odventure." The subject for Sunday morning will be "God's reward for lays. She was born in Newfound, law." The evening's subject for Sunday morning will be "God's reward for lays." The evening's subject for Sunday morning will be "God's reward for lays. She was born in Newfound, lays. The evening's subject for Sunday morning will be "Gossiphing the great odventure." The subject and Mrs. Bartholomew Dunphy. Mrs. Murphy has made her home for the daughter. The Boy's Bible class of the Sunday for the tables being taken. The same extended throughout the enterty of the weeking with her daughter of Mr. The evening's subject for Sunday morning will be "God's reward for lays." The evening's subject will be "The evening's subject will be "The evening's subject for Sunday. The collection of the well on the "The great odventure." The subject for Sunday have also the week and the patronage was been in Newfound. The evening's subject for Sunday for the collection of the well o Mrs. Peter Fallon, and family of this school is town. Funeral services were on Monday from the catholic church in Green last ton, with further services from the church in Malden, where Mrs. Merphy formerly lived. The interment was in Malden. The grandchildren, Peter P. Fallon of New York city and Miss of the grandmother died and remained over the funeral. Two deathly soft the funeral. Two deathly soft the funeral were places also came to the funeral meaning and in were places and so came. the funeral. Two day deceased also came functal deceased also came to the funcial and a large number of friends and relatives met the funcial party on arriving in Maiden. The burnal was in Holy Cross cometery, Maiden, Many friends from Boston were at the grave, where the rites of the Cath-olic church were performed by Rev. Fr. Mathewson of Pechody, a former pastor of the family.

Helen Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Woods, of Willowdale, died early Friday morning, December 3, of diphtheria, having been ill twelve days. Her age was five years. The funeral was on Saturday, Rev. B.

heart disease and complications. was born in West Groton on November 2, 1847, the daughter of Ira and Elizabeth Fitch Dodge. Since the death of her husband, John M. Barr,











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CHRISTMAS SEALS, TAGS AND NARROW CHRISTMAS RIB-BONS FOR PACKAGES

3. Turner & So ported ill, possibly with the fever, are: Harvey Lawrence and Philip Lamb. The library is closed this week, owaiting to the prevailing illness. The play, "The village schoolma" and, "which was to have been given on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the L. A. society, was necessarily postponed, as both the Dodge and Wheaten families were represented in the cast. The Christmas sale was held as advertised on Thursday afternoon and evening. Comparative sales at the "" Pegiment; was killed at Dorchester Heights on October 22, 1776; 17 yrs. Pay abstract for mileage to and from Dorchester Heights and saddle, and putting a sack of hay behind on the branches. His home was in the cast part of Groton, and he was an from Dorchester Heights and sale allowance home; said Stone on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the L. A. society, was necessarily postponed, as both the Dodge and Wheaten families were represented in the cast. The Christmas sale was held as advertised on Thursday afternoon and evening. Comparative sales at the "" Sergeant Benjamin Presection of the stirrups of a saddle, and putting a sack of hay behind on the branches. His home was in the cast part of Groton, and he was a grand uncle of Zara Patch, who was the father of Mrs. Henry Whithing. (Cherub's head) Memento mori Here " Sergeant Benjamin Presection of the cast part of Groton, and he was and from Dorchester Heights and from Dorchester Heights and Stone of the cast part of Groton, and he was a grand uncle of Zara Patch, who was the father of Mrs. Henry Whithing on October 22, 1776; 17 yrs. Sergeant Benjamin Presection of the cast part of Groton, and he was a grand uncle of Zara Patch, who was the father of Mrs. Henry Whithing on Thursday and from Dorchester Heights and Stone of the L. A. society, was necessarily postponed as both the Dodge and Wheaten families were represented with mileage for eighty-two was the father of Mrs. Henry Whithing of Thursday and Franch Presection of Thursday and Franch Presection of Thursday and Franch Pre

Leader and Queen. He took back with him fifteen coon pelts.

Mrs. George Farker, of Mill street, is home from Roxbury. Mr. Parker works in the mill in West Groton.

The senior class of the high school with hold a dance in the town hall on Friday evening. December 17. Thayer's orchestra of Peppereil will furnish the mission.

A little dangebook with has been unsociated with work pertaining been associated with work pertaining to the Groton land, Mrs. Bar was a quiet, gentle lady, retiring, but kindly in all her work, and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. The final triumph of Christ's kingdom."

[2.30 o'clock, her pastor, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the home of Mrs. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the service and committal service at the service and committal service at the service and committee. for a number of years past she has been associated with work pertaining to the Groton Inn., Mrs. Barr was a quiet, gentle lady, retiring, but kindly in all her work, and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. The funeral was on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, her pastor, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating in a short, simple service and committal service at the grave. There was a wonderfully beautiful tribute of flowers. The interior of flowers. The interior of flowers and committal service and committal service at the chart is of immense value to the consequence of the lather and confidence of flowers. The interior of flowers and interesting. The greatest number of games will be given a turkey.

Harry Marchant has recently become manual training instructor at the school, the position which Mr. The play, "The village schoolmatics the Second and Third form classes in manual training twice a grave. The consideration of flowers. The interior of flowers. The consideration of flowers and interesting. The last named being quite ill. Others reported ill, possibly with the fever, are: Harry Lawrence and Philip Lamb.

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A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Thomas on Saturday, December 4. The little girl is Lamed Annie Adelaide Thomas.

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The Alliance fair of l

love." The evening's subject will be is also a graduate of the Monotype "The great solventure." The subject school in Philadelphia.

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The following are extracts from a

the boys on Tuesday evening at the parsonage. A fire was burning in the open grate, around which gathered nineteen boys. Many interesting tricks were played illustrating the power of the mind over the body. The lights the mind over the body. The lights were then removed from the room and in the glow of the camp-fire Mr. Tucker told several interesting stories.
This was followed by a short talk on the subject. "The greatest of all love."
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Groton School Notes.

Two of Groton School's 1916 rowing dates already have been arranged. Choate School of Wallingford, Conn., will make its first appearance on Nashua river May 15, and Phillips Exdied early Friday morning. December 3, of diphtheria, having been ill twelve days. Her age was five years. The funeral was on Saturday. Rev. B.

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News of the death of Frank Green was recently received here. He died race with Exeter last fall. Forty boys in East Walpole on November 30. He was well-known here and in West Groton, where he was employed as engineer in the mills. The family cott Peabody. Mather A. Abbott of the faculty is absent on his sabbatic occupying a house near the railroad brilder of Mashage of Mashage and Dr. Peabody will direct street and occupy an apartment business. occupying a house near the railroad cal year and Dr. Peabody will direct bridge, off Main street, going to the the work of the first and second crews, paper mill; at another-time on Hollis Last year's second crew was the street, and was living on Martin's strongest ever to represent the school. Pond road when they moved from so that several of its members are ex-Groton to East Walpole something less than two years ago. He leaves a widow and four children—two boys and two girls. The older ones attended and graduated from the high school. Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth (Dodge) Barr passed away on Saturday, December 4, after several weeks of illness from heart disease and complexition.

Soccer has been taken up seriously

chant is of immense value to the press. He has had a great deal of ex-perience in printing. Before coming Groton cemetery.

Baptist Notes.

Mr. Tucker's subject for Sunday morning will be "God's reward for press and a great deal of experience in printing. Before coming to Groton he was in the Harvard University Press at Cambridge for a number of years, and there he had complete charge of all the monotypes. He

> The following are extracts from letter written to Rev. Endicott Pea-body by Marshall O. Roberts, captain in the Waleh Guardet

I went out to Belgium last October and was shot through the lungs at Ypres. I was then A. D. C. to the governor of Maita (when I was passed fit for service: for three months.

In May I returned to England, transferred to the Welsh Guards as a captain, and went out to the front with my new regiment. After nearly three months out there I have been invalidable below. Nothing services but in

You will be grieved to hear that poor Randolph was killed at Loos, gallantly leading his platoon. He was in my company, and we often talked of the old school, though he was at Greton long of the company. Groton long after me.

Note—The person spoken of a

Randolph is Arthur B. Randolph '01 Mr. Roberts will be remembered by the older members of St. Andrew's the older numbers of St. Andrew's church, April as the giver of the brass

Walter Lewis, who moved from Townsend to Vose last week, is located in the double apartment house above

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce and family have returned from Townsend to Mair street and occupy an apartment in the old schoolhouse building, now owned Geo. H. Blxby.

Announcement was made in this column last week of the visit of G. I. Woolayer of New Jersey in West Gro-This was a case not of mistake identity, but of confusion of names by the informant. The visitor was Mat thew Robinson of Fitchburg.

There has been much sickness among the children of late—colds, sore throats, etc.—which in some cases has developed into a mild case of scarlet fever. In the extreme light ness of the cases has lain the danger, as mischief was done before the disease was recognized. The children Soccer has been taken up seriously ness of the cases has lain the danger, at the school this fall for the first time. Eighty students are participating in the game and five clevens how in quarantine are: Ruth and have been formed. The captains are Helen Blood; daughters of Mr. and ering from an operation. This a flour and grain dealer of Nashua. Willett. Zabriskie, F. MacVeagh. Mrs. F. L. Blood; Mary Elizabeth Washburn and A. Ashburn. The Dodge; children of the Allen, family; William Souther's to see their with her relatives in Groton, where tributed in order that the contests V. Bixby; and Geraldine Wheaten, the

ed in the cast. The Christmas sale was held as advertised on Thursday afternoon and evening. Comparatively few visitors were present, yet the sales at the various tables placed about thirty-five dollars in the treascol. William Prescott's regiment: ury. Supper and continuation of sale on this Friday evening.

The L. A. society will hold a business meeting at the church on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

The Intermediate department Tarbell school, taught by Miss Law-rence, numbers 39 pupils, three more than the room is supposed to accommodate.

West Groton News.

George Rowe is moving his family from Claremont and is to occupy one of the Blood cottages on Main street.

Revolutionary Soldiers.

Ephrium Nutting was a private in Capt. Asa Lawrence's company in Col. William Prescott's regiment. He enlisted on April 25, 1775; travell 35; time of service 98 days. He was given

Jacob Patch is on the matter foil of the several persons that marched from Groton to headquarters in Cambridge on April 19, 1775, on the alarm under the command of Josial Sartell, captain. He was corporal; miles, 70;

Nathaniel Stone, Jr., was in Capt. John Minot's company in Col. Dike's

company's return dated October 6, 1775; reported killed at Bunker Hill. He was the son of Hon. James and Susanna (Lawrence) Prescott, and a Susanna (Lawrence) Prescott, and nephew of Col. William Prescott.

Isaac Dodge was second lieutenant in Capt. Joseph Moor's company. Col. William Prescott's regiment; muster roll dated August 1, 1775; en-gaged May 10, 1775; service, 2 months Mrs. Wilder Blood is confined to her home with pneumonia. Her mother is caring for her.

and 23 days; also, company return dated October 6, 1775; also, petition addressed to the council, dated at combridge. October 28, 1775, signed by Col. William Prescott and Lieut Col. John Robinson, asking that said caring for her.

are chance to pick off a German. One German sniper was recently giving a lot of trouble. Officers with glasses tried in vain to locate him. The Indian came along and without saying a word to any one was seen to fire at a big tree. Down fell the sniper carried for her. Dodge and other officers belonging to Col. Prescott's (10th) regiment, who had served as commissioned officers from the formation of the army receive commissions; ordered in council.

Mr. Lewis and family of Cape Corn-

er have moved into one of the Paper company's houses at Vose.

Lawrence Cronin is confined to his home with quinsey sore throat.

Miss Ruth E. Kane has returned from a very pleasant visit with relatives in Milford, N. H.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in town.

Raiph Harrington entertained a number of men friends on Saturday evening at his camp, "Bide-a-wee."

Mrs. Andrew Taylor and little number of men friends on Saturday evening at his camp. "Bide-a-wee."

Mrs. Andrew Taylor and little daughter Florence have returned to their home here after a four months' usit with relatives in Nova Scotia. Mr. Taylor has returned from Claremont, N. H., and is again in the employ of Hollingsworth & Vose.

George Rowe is moving his family from Claremont and is to occupy one of the Blood cottages on Main street. regiment; muster rolls for September, 1778, January, 1779, dated Camp Providence; reported confined in November, 1778, deserted on January 22 1778.

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Simon Patch, son of Ebenezer Simon Patch, son of Ebenezer and Sara Patch, born on July 11, 1749, was brought home on a litter from White Plains, N. Y., a distance of nearly two hundred miles, accompanied by his elder brother. The litter was made by fitting the butt-ends of

A REAL INDIAN IN EUROPE.

The best recent Canadian incident from the front relates to a full-blood-ed Indian in the Canadian Infantry Battalion who is a marvel with his He has a telescopic sight attached to his rife and goes about as he likes. He is a most silent man, talking hardly to any one. He wanders about the trenches and walts for a chance to pick off a German.

failed to discover.

He told me he put a little nick in the stock of his rifle every time he was sure he had killed a German. I saw thirty-eight nicks on the stock.

With gleeful countenance he said he was just about to add two more nicks. For some unaccountable reason this Indian never fires twice at the same man. If he misses his mark he wii not fire again, and lets the man alone.

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Saturday, December 11, 1915.

AYER

News Items. William H. Priest, who was recently committed to the Worcester state hos-pital for observation, died at that institution Wednesday night, aged seventy years. Death was due to a comenty years. Death was due to a com-plication of diseases. Mr. Priest was born in Marlboro. He came here over a year ago from Winchendon and has lived at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Nutting on Fletcher street until he went to Worcester. He leaves, two sisters, one in Winchendon, and another in the west. He had no other

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Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood intend to leave on a western trip next week. They will visit Mr. Atwood's brother, John H. Atwood, in Kansas City. Mo., formerly of Ayer, who is one of the leading lawyers in the west. Later they will visit in California and many other points in the far western country. They expect to be gone several weeks.

The choir of Groton School will render a special musical service at St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening at 7.20 o'clock. An offering will be taken toward upholstering the wooden kneeling benches. All visitors will be welcome. The morning service will be at eleven o'clock, as usual.

The town authorities had cut down on Monday a large elm tree that stood in the middle of the sidewalk in front of the Hartwell house on Washington street. It was partly decayed. Howard P. Fletcher was taken last with an attack of tonsilitis

which laid him up for several days. Harbinger lodge, K. P., at its last convention elected the following of-ficers for 1916: J. W. R. Scaborne, c. c.; Chester P. Perrin, v. c.; O. Hart-weil Kidder, p.; W. C. Winslow, m. w.; C. W. E. Force, k. r. s.; Oscar C. Rand, C. W. E. Force, K. r. S.; Oscar C. Rand, in. of f.; J. C. Davenport, m. of e.; Joseph Howarth, m. at a.; H. B. Spencer, i. g.; C. A. Harris, o. g.; A. E. Ojkle, trustee 3 yrs.; James King, g. l. rep. 2 yrs.; O. C. Rand, alt. rep. 1 yr. The year just passed has seen many difficulties straightened out and the ledge to the principal shape for the many difficulties straightened out ain the lodge is in spiendid shape for the ensuing year. A large volume of busi-ness has been transacted and never in the history of the lodge has frater-nalism been so prominent. The officers have done a great work and they have at all times had the hearty support of the members. A prosperous year is opening to the lodge in

Mrs. B. T. Larrabee was called to New Ipswich, N. H., Wednesday, by the serious illness of her father, James

The slippery sidewalks are with us The slippery sidewalks are with us again and attention is called to the fact that they must be kept in a safe condition for travel by the abutters, be they occupants or owners of the property. This is a town by-law. The suggestion has been made that if the first snow or ice were cleared it would be easier to keep the walks in good condition for travel than if the snow and ice are allowed to accumulate.

The case of William Taylor, of

The case of William Taylor, of Ayer, for violation of the liquor law, which was appealed to the superior court, is slated for trial at Cambridge

on Monday. Thirty-five members of the Ayer Grange visited Groton Grange Tues-day evening, where the third and fourth-degrees were worked on a class

of candidates.

The arrangements for the military drill and entertainment to be given by Harbinger lodge, K. P., in the town hall on Thursday evening. December 16, are completed. The entertainment promises to be the best and most unique ever given in town and well worth attending. In addition to the prize drill, which will be given by two crack teams of the uniform rank of the order, which is a good show in itself, there will be an entertainment given by Washington Coles, the famous blind impersonator and ventriloquist.

Inspector Paul H. Weinert of the state highway commission, of Boston, was in town this week Friday afternoon looking over the scene of the automobile accident of two weeks ago when Miss Alberta Goodnow, of Lunenburg, was seriously injured. Chief Boatty accommanied him.

nenburg, was seriously injured. Chief Beatty accompanied him.

Ayer defeated Townsend high school football team at the town park last Saturday afternoon in a game that was a walkover for the home cleven, the score being 64 to 0. The visitors were clearly out-classed from the beginning of the contest and at no time was the Townsend team within even striking distance of their opponents goal. The Ayer team made almost all their gains by using the forward pass which netted them large gains in every attempt. The contest was cleanly played and there were but few fumbles on either side. The stars of the game were Hurley, MacDonnell, Preble and Anno of the Ayer team. The Townsend team, despite their handlcap, played a plucky up-hill contest until the last point was made. A good sized crowd watched the constrainment of california, was introduced by the president, Mrs. Fisher, and gave an interesting paper upon "The Unitarian pilgrimage to California," after which she was given a vote of thanks. The next number was a pleasing vocal solo. football team at the town park last A good sized crowd watched the con-test in spite of the decidedly cold at-mosphere. This contest was the last of the season for the Ayer team.

Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Everett, who had been visiting relatives and friends in town for a few days, returned to her home last week Friday.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has returned com a visit to Newburyport and Bradford.

Thomas Kenney, no regular home applied at the police station last Sat-urday for assistance. He told Chief Beatty that he had undergone a seri-ous-coperation some time ago and had not entirely recovered from its effects.



With only two weeks' time to do the Christmas shopping our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas Gifts. What is more practical and more appreciated by the men and boys than some article of wearing apparel? Our Christmas Goods are all in, the newest styles and patterns in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Slippers. Come in while the variety is good and let us help you make your selections. Here are a few suggestions:

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Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$22.00
Mackinaw Coats	\$5.00 to \$8.50
Bath Robes	\$3.50 to \$6.00
Men's and Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas ,	50¢ to \$5.00
Men's and Ladies' Slippers and Moccasins	50¢ to \$2.00
Bags and Suit Cases	\$1.25 to \$6.00
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Braces in Christmas Boxes	25¢ and 50¢
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Men's Japanette Handkerchiefs, initial	10¢ and 15¢
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with initial	25¢ and 50¢
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A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at 7.39 o'clock. Business-annual communication and election of officers.

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A pitiful case was brought to the attention of Chief Beatty last Saturday night, when three children, whose ages ranged from eight to twelve years, were taken in charge by the chief. They gave their names as Atwood Burnham, 10, Arthur Burnham, 8, and their sister Marion, 12 years of age, who were living in Townsend as state wards. They ran away from there early Saturday afternoon with the intention of walking to Boston, their former home, and had reached a point near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stone on the Harvard road when Mr. Stone's attention was directed to them by the little girl crydirected to them by the little girl cry ing. After investigating the matter, Mr. Stone kindly took them, into his house, where they were cared for. Chief Beatty was notified and had them returned to Townsend. They suffered considerably from the cole and their long tramp. The children board with Theodore Morse on Towns

An alarm from box 14 at 9.52 Tuesday morning called out the fire department to a slight blaze in one of L. W. Phelps' houses on Forest street occupied by an Italian family. The all out signal was blown before the

stove.

Charlie Chaplin, in his best two-reel comedy. "Shanghaied." will be the headliner this Saturday evening at the moving picture show. "A daughter of Edith," in two parts, "The hand of Cain," a one-reel drama. "The black and white snowball" and "The pipe dream." the last two farce-comedies, will make up the balance of the big bill. Next Wednesday evening another "ripper." Madame Olga Petrova, the brilliant dramatic actress, in the five-part sensation. "The tigress," will be shown—a powerful, soul-stirring story of a once pure woman driven to a life of lustful revenge by the treachery of a Russian count. For Christman afternoon and evening.

Alliance. The December meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Perkins on Thursday af who was a delegate to the convention in California, was introduced by the president, Mrs. Fisher, and gave an interesting paper upon "The Unitarian pilgrimare to California," after which she was given a vote of thanks. The next number was a pleasing vocal solo. "Somewhere a voice is calling," rendered by Miss Mona T. Kittredge, who responded, to an encore with "A dream." During the social hour which followed delicious refreshments were

Beatty that he had undergone a serious operation some time ago and had not entirely recovered from its effects. He wished to be sent to some state institution where he could be treated as he had no money or friends with which to get to a regular hospital. Kenney said that he had worked at his trade as an iron moulder in various places, hut was forced to give up work last Thanksglving because of poor health. Through the overseers of the poor he was sent to the state hospital at Tewksbury.

Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, of Somerville, visited friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy attended the funeral of W. C. Burpee in Hollis, N. H., last week Friday afternoon.

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1. L. Brown, Ayer

The case of Commonwealth vs. Beck, in which the defendant was charged with the illegal sale of liquous which was continued until last Monday morning for a decision, was decided in favor of the commonwealth by Judge Atwood. The court, after announcing its finding of guilty, asked Thomas F. Casey, of Fitchburg, and Frank A. Torrey, of Groton, counsel respectively for the defendant and prosecution, if they desired to say anything regarding the disposition of the case. Both replied in the negative. The court then stated that if the cause of the town of Groton, where the alleged illegal sale was made, the court would place the case on file provided such a disposition was agreed to by Counse! Torrey for the defendent was guilty of the defendent was guilty of the offense government. The court stated that if was willing to do this because Beck evidently did not intend to break the law.

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Mr. Torrey agreed to this, but Mr. Casey, after conferring with his client. stated that the latter wished the case to go to a higher court for a decision. Thereupon the court imposed a fine of \$190, to which an appeal was taken. Beck was ordered to recognize in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the January session of the superior criminal court. Ball was furnished. The two employees of Beck, Pirone Rosetti and August Watkus, of Fitchburg, were held on the same charge and their cases were dismissed by the court after taking action on Beck's case. Mr. Torrey agreed to this, but Mr.

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the money for the goods was passed.

The counsel for the defence showed that Beck, his client, had received pay for the liquors in Fitchburg, and that this payment constituted a legal sale; that the place of delivery had no bearing on the sale of the goods as the sale was made in the place where the money was paid. The disposition of the case hung on the point where the sale was consummated.

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the sale was consummated.

The cour: prepared a written declision, after a thorough survey of the law and authorities bearing on the case which was read. The main underlying point to be decided was members of George S. Boutwell post, badly cut and he received a severe

Joseph G. Edgerly, of Fitchburg, a former superintendent of schools in that city, and a widely known educator, was the speaker at the meeting of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening. The subject was "The value of organized effort." Mr. Edgerly handled his subject in a very able way and held the closest attention of all throughout his address. The least of procuring this exhibit was first conceived by past commander. James J. O'Brien. I will be address. A few years ago the post discussed the matter of procuring some sort of amemorial for its members. Variational deals were expressed as to the project and finally it was agreed to adopt the idea of Mr. O'Brien. With throughout his address.

The power that results from united and intelligent action, the speaker said, is the greatest that can be exerted and will accomplish wonders. This applies to all sorts of organizations be they civic, religious, political or otherwise. To bring about organized effort a better understanding between people is necessary. Mr. Edgerly laid emphasis on the fact that misunderstanding is the cause of prac-The case, which was reported in this misunderstanding is the cause of pracpaper in the issue of November 27, is the first in its present form to go before a higher tribunal for a decision.

Many able lawyers disagree on it some taking one side, some the other. A brief review of the case may make the point in dispute clearer.

A brief review of the case may make the point in dispute clearer. not only removes misunderstandings, but more closely unites the members in a powerful organization. This can

of George S. Boutwell post.

A few years ago the post discussed the matter of procuring some sort of a memorial for its members. Various ideas were expressed as to the project and finally it was agreed to adopt the idea of Mr. O'Brien. With him on the committee were past commanders E. D. Martell and Henry C. Sherwin. To Mr. O'Brien, however, is given the credit of making the collection. The work was undertaken by given the credit of making the collection. The work was undertaken by him four years ago and has just been finished. There was a vast amount of labor in correspondence and in getting the photographs and cards in shape. The result is that the post has a collection of which it is well pleased. Many of the members have had and now have relatives and friends who will be glad to embrace this opportunity to view the exhibit. tunity to view the exhibit

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The membership of the Alliance now numbers forty-seven. Mrs. Mabel Turner was elected a member at this meeting. There were tempty-three members present and four guests.

Makan Talenejety and John Haldo, of Westford, were found not guilty of assault and battery last Saturday morning and they were discharged. The complaint against Steve Kowaik, of Westford, for the same offence, was dismissed. The court proceedings the three above-named who are Poles and others of that nationality were indirectly concerned in the scrap. It is payment constituted a legal sale ground and others of that nationality were indirectly concerned in the scrap. It is payment to a delivery the work and others of that nationality were indirectly concerned in the scrap. driver was violently thrown out of the wagon onto the roadway. The horse and wagon still kept going, the animal being found later in the evening in Harvard Center and the wagon near

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shaking up. No serious results are expected to follow his injuries.

George Gibson Puffer, one of our oldest and much esteemed citizens, died at his home on Williams street Thursday forenoon at 11,30 oclock. Death was due to yalvular heart dis-

ease.

Mr. Puffer was a son of Josiah Puf fer and Emeline Page and was born in Westminster on October 23, 1838. He was educated in the public schools of that town and brought up on his father's farm. Later he went to work for the Greenwood Wright Chair Co.

moved to Ayer, where they made their home. He was one of the oldest members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., in Ayer, in which organization he held various offices, including that of trustee, which place he filled for eighteen years. Mr. Puffer came from German stock and was a lineal descendant of George Puffer, who settled in Boston in 1639. The original surname was spelled in German Pougher; later it was called Puffer.

The deceased leaves one daughter, Miss Mabel E. Puffer, and three other relatives, Mrs. Otis D. Goodwin of Swampscott, Henry Blood of Hollis, N. H., and Dr. George W. Blood, a noted surgeon, of Fall River.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from the house at two o'clock. The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will attend in a body. The interment, will take place in Woodlawn cemetery.

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\$2.00 50¢ to \$1.25 Ice Skates Hockey Sticks 5¢ to 50¢ Flexible Flier Sleds

\$1.00 to \$3.50 50¢ to 85¢ Paris Sleds Food Choppers \$1.00 and \$1.25 Bread Mixers Mop Wringers **\$1.25**

Clothes Wringers \$2.50 to \$4,50 \$1.50 and \$2.00 Ash Cans 35¢ to \$2.25 Ash Sifters Pocket Knives 25¢ to \$1.00 Sad Irons, set of three \$1.50

Electric Flat Irons Pyrene Fire Extinguishers \$7.00 50¢ to \$1.25 11c. lb. Driving Lamps \$1.50 and \$2.50 Iron Vises 75¢ to \$2.25

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SHIRLEY

News Items. The Men's club of the Universalist church held its regular meeting on Monday evening in the church vestry, twenty-three members being present. The sum of five dollars was voted for the Shirley hospital board.

There will be an entertainment in St. Anthony's church Sunday evening. December 12, by the children of the parochial school, for the benefit of the church commencing of th church, commencing at seven o'clock.

Richard F. Weeks, while at work his father's mill Monday morning. accidentally fell through a grate and broke a rib on his left side which will compel him to eliminate strenu-ous work for a few weeks.

There was a good attendance at the firemen's ball given in Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evening. The grand march was led by Russell C. Jones and Miss Flora Shephard.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant spent the week-end and over Sunday at their daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Pevear, Swampscott.

Mrs. Joseph C. Provost was ope ated upon for a growth on the side by Dr. Samuel J. Mixter at the Eliot hospital, Boston, Tuesday, The growth had assumed the proportions of a good-sized tumor. Mrs. Provost ral-lied nicely from the effects of the operation and the attending physicians predict her quick recovery.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday evening in the church vestry. Supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock. At eight o'clock the meeting will be open to the public when S. Thompson Blood of Concord will entertain. All those whose privilege it was to see and hear Mr. Blood the last time he was in Shirley were delighted with his representations and sketches. and sketches.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening when officers for the ensuing year will be nominated. A good attendance is requested.

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The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, Center road, nineteen members being present. A sum of money was voted for the Shirley hospital board and also the Thorsby institute of Alabama. Mrs. John G. Conant was elected a life member of the American Woman's Missionary G. Conant was elected a lite member of the American Woman's Missionary association. The members of the circle will meet again on Wednesday. December 15, in the laddes' parlor of the church at three in the afternoon.

At the Congregational church on Sunday evening the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture on Mexico, which promises to be of more than

Mrs. Martha A. Holden, who was stricken with a slight shock the first part of last week, is improving nicely. The Dunham family of Littleton ha rented the house owned by James H. Gately, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Baker.

The King's Daughters held their regular meeting on Wednesday even with the Misses Annie and Nina

Holbrook.

The sale, supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was well attended. A goodly number sat down to supper and the many attractive articles on sale were generously patronized. Mrs. Barker, of Ayer, gave a brief-talk on Rarker. Of Ayer, gave a brief-talk on Ralph Bush and Carl B. Willard, camp council. Barker, of Ayer, gave a brief-talk on California, which was followed by a social hour.

Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hersom was the scene of a large N. Hersom was the scene of a large gathering of young people last Saturday evening, the occasion being a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Hersom in honor of their daughter Frances, who had that day reached her eleventh year. The event was one to be remembered. A ver-ie and pleasing feature was th large birthday cake, which, when cu displayed innumerable favors. Games and delicious refreshment

music and delicious refreshments made the evening joyful.

Mrs. Arthur Hersom, grandmother to Frances, assisted in the receiving of the party. The young hostess was the recipient of many useful and dainty gifts, which included a birth-day book, which enrolled the name of each guest as the evening's festivities dray to a close. At ten of clock ities drew to a close. At ten o'clock the guests went to their homes, taking happy remembrances of eleventh birthday celebration of Frances

Those present were Mrs. Fred D. Weeks, May Clark, Ruth Whitaker, Ernest White, Kenneth Clark, Halph Hersom, Earl Pomfret, Louis, Harold, Clifton, Balph and Eva Clifton, Clarence Hooper, Alice McDevitt, Poris and Ethel Knowles, Celia Hodgman, Buth Manual Charles, Manual Clifton, Carlotter Charles, Company Company, Com Ruth Hooper, Anna Fisette, May Stebbins, also Mrs. Stebbins Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. C. Clark and Mrs. Mc-

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Balph I. Evans have moved from Center road into their newly built home situated beyond the home of William Jubb.

Miss Carrie Bradford visited her sis-ter, Miss Vera Bradford, in Boston last week.

Little Almeda Freeman, who was recently run into by an automobile, sustaining a broken nose and severe cuts and bruises, is reported to be getting along nicely.

J. Edward Adams has given up his J. Edward Adams has given up nis position in the printing department of Whitney & Company, Leominster, and has accepted another position in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have moved from their home on Center

road to Charlestown. The next meeting of the Girls' Sew ing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, Decem-ber 11, at the home of Mrs. Charles E Bradford.

The selectmen at their last meeting did not grant the petition of the Shirley Electric Company to locate poles Clark, Hazen, Lawton roads on their way to West Groton, but held it over, it is understood, on account of the objections of the abutters.

Rev. Hugh R. Davidson, of Cambridge, will supply the pulpit of the First Parish church on Sunday morning at 11.15. His subject will be "Re-

ligion is life." Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett an-

nounce the engagement of their daughter, Merle Altie, to James Mc-killup, of Boston. Mr. McKillup is a student at the Gordon bible institute.

M. A. Fair.

The Matrons' Ald society held its annual fair, entertainment and dance in the town hall on last week Friday

Mrs. G. F. Buxton, Mrs. A. G. Dunn fancy articles; Mrs. William Wilkins Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth, mystery Mrs. David Marsh, ice cream; Mrs Luther Holden, food; Miss Mary Mc. Partlan, candy. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson had charge of the quilt and shawl for which guesses were sold. Luther Holden won the quilt and William Jubb won the shawl. In the evening a short entertainment wa given consisting of cornet, violin and piano selections by the Misses Briggs, of Ayer, and a farce. "The difference in clocks," by George F. Buxton and Miss Mildred Evans. Following the entertainment an auction sale of th entertainment an auction sale of the articles left over was held, Lester Holden acting as auctioneer. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing with Mrs. Farnsworth, Miss Briggs and Miss Helen Wood

taking turns at the plane.

Mrs. Frank P. Baker died Sunday afternoon, November 28, at North-ampton. She will be well remember-ed as Isabella Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner, of this Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner, of this town, being born on August 10, 1873, in Townsend, and educated in the Townsend schools. In 1894, she went to Manchester, where she lived for twolve years. She island, the Mantwelve years. She joined the Man-chester Congregational church and was a member of the standing committee of the church. She was an active worker in the C. E. society and the Sunday school. On Christmas day, 1906, she was united in marriage

TOWNSEND

to Frank P. Baker, of Chesterfield, in which place she has since lived. She was a member of the Chesterfield Congregational church, secretary of the W. C. T. U. and lecturer of the Grange.
The funeral was held on last week

Wednesday morning at the Congregational church, Chesterfield, Rev. M. T. Anderson, pastor of the church, of

if T. Anderson, paster of the church, of-ficiating.

Besides her sorrowing husband the deceased leaves her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner, of Townsend Harbor; three sisters, Mrs. Charles E. Munroe of Beverly; Miss Lillian A. Warner of West Boylston, and Miss Melora E. Warner of Worcester.

Last Saturday afternoon the three state children, Marion Burnham, aged 12, and her two younger brothers, Atrood and William, who were boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Morse, on with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Morse, on Wallace hill, decided they would start Boston way to see their grandmother. They walked to Ayer and in the early evening were traced there and found by the local and Ayer police. The children were returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morse.

At the meeting of the Phoebe Wes-ton Farmer tent, D. of V., Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: Pearl Woods, p.; Flora Watkins, s. v. p.; Evelyn Sanders, j. v. p.; Elnora Smith, treas.; Ellen Richards, chap.; Mary Taylor, pat. inst.; Hattie Cook, Margaret Wilson, Lillian Floyd,

J. v. c.; John J. Harvey, sec.; Robert G. Fessenden, treas.; Frank W. Brown, Ralph Bush and Carl B. Willard, camp council.

On last week Thursday the pines on the Methodist hill received a trimming and thinning out of the lower branches. The public were pleased to observe the improvement, but on the following morning they sadly regretted that some one, without authority, had cut down some of the innest growth of trees on the grounds. Chief O'Brien was called and upon investigation George W. Woods confessed he was the guilty party. Chief O'Brien then conferred with the trustees of the Methodist church and it was decided to place the lad on probation under the care of the pastor. Rev. E. C. Charlton, to whom he spromised to report regularly.

At the union meeting held at the Methodist church last Sunday evening Dea. Frank Proctor of the Walnut avenue Congreational church. Roxbury, occupied the pulpit and addressed himself as very much pleased. Miss Van Dyke was for a number of years proofreader in the office of the Manchester Mirror. The Nissitistic Camp-fire Girls went for a long hike last Saturday afterportional giving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haynes are entertaining Mr. Haynes' sister, Mrs. Mary Lane, of Saginaw, Mich. Mrs. Lane will make a several-weeks' visit, calling on old friends.

Judge Worcester and wife, Miss

Mrs. Elmer Willace, Miss Bertha Spaulding, Miss Clara Sheldon and Miss Helen Dobson attended the an-nual supper and fair in Ashby 18st week Friday evening. The party were actio guests of Miss Dobson. Miss Sheldon was one of the characters in the play, "The two puddifoots" given

evening entertainment For the convenience of ny many Townsend friends I will be pleased to show them a fine line of watches, rings, chains, plus, etc., sterling and plated silverware, at Park Hotel, Townsend, every Tiesday P. M., until after the holidays. Frank L. For the convenience of my many Townsend, every Toesday P. M. until after the holidays Frank I. Willoby, Jeweler and Optometrist Telephone 36-22.

Foster Hamilton, of Josselynville, has accepted a situation in Kittery, Me., where his family expects to join him in a few weeks.

Rev. Joseph MacKean was called to Townshend, Vt., Tuesday, to attend the funeral services of a friend and former parishioner. Owing to his absence the regular weekly prayer meeting was postponed from Thursday, to Friday, evening Friday evening.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity and attended the graduation of a young friend from the Emerson School of Oratory. Perry Sawtelle has been on the sick

F. H. Ormsby, of Winthrop, was in town on Wednesday, and George Warden, a former resident here, has called upon friends in town the past

Alice Seaver is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Rebecca Kaddy has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Stearns, of Josselynville, after a few weeks' visit with relatives.

afternoon and evening, and a good sum was realized for the treasury. The tables in the afternoon were in charge of the following: Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mrs. A. W. Wood, aprons;

the L. B. B. S., and the tree is to be procured by James and Richard Rusk and the committee in charge of program and decorations is Perry W. Sawtelle and the teachers.

The Ladies' Literary and Social ircle were entertained on last week circle were entertained on last week Friday by Miss Mary A. Taft, of Lowell, a member, who is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton. Owing to the absence of the president, Mrs. Charles Stickney, Mrs. Albert Wilson presided. The next meeting will be entertained by Mrs. Boynton and the topic will be "Alice and Phebe Carey."

W. A. Boutwell received the sad news last Saturday of the death of his sister in Barre, Vt.

New iron hand rails, painted black have been added to the new cement steps at the Baptist church, which adds much to their appearance. Mrs. Lillian Marshall, of Nantasket,

has been a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith. Miss Agnès Thompson has accepted a position in Fitchburg for the pres-

D. Henry Boynton returned the latter part of last week from a week's vacation.

At the business meeting in connec tion with the church covenant meet-ing on last week Thursday evening, Mrs. Fred A. Patch was elected as a Christmas committee and it was voted to hold the week of prayer the first week in January.

Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the The annual business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the home of the president, Ian Rusk: on Monday evening and the nominating committee reported the following officers and committees: Ian Rusk, pres.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, v. p.: Mrs. Abbott Hodgman. sec.; Warren Elliott, treas.; Alice Seaver, pianist: Georgiana MacKean. asst. pianist: Warren Elliott, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Gladys Rawson, Marion Boutelle and Oren Powers, Marion Boutelle and Oren Powers, lookout com.; Mervin Wares, Alice Seaver, Stella Tucker, Charles Hodg-man and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hatha-way, prayer meeting com.: Mrs. R. S. Ely. Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Agnes Ely. Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Agnes Thompson, Abbott Hodgman and Ken-neth, Reed, social com.; Rev. Joseph MacKean, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Mrs. Warren El-liott and Mrs. Herman Lawrence, missionary com.; Alice Seaver, Lena Thompson, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and Ian Rusk, music com.; Miss Estella Tucker, Richard and James Rusk, Mrs. Amos Jodery and Clarence Jodery, flower com.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Charles F. Worcester passed away on last week Friday morning after a long illness. He was born on September 7, 1872, the son of Samuel Worcester. He graduated from Hollis high school in 1890, one of a class of nine. He is the first one of that class of nine. He was the first one of that class of nine. to pass away. He married Florence A. Tenney in 1900. The funeral serv-ices were held at the Worcester hometrustees.

The Coopers' International Union announce their annual concert and ball for January 29 in Memorial hall. At the meeting of the Anson D. Fessenden camp. S. of V., held on Monday the South cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife father and mothers and two daughters. Misses Elizators and two daughters. beth and Helen; and a son, Franklin

On Tuesday evening there will be

Judge Worcester and wife, Miss day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful. They were very sorry that it was not a perfectly clear day, but the view was beautiful.

harvest feast enjoyed by all. Mrs Herold E. Hardy resigned from the other of Ceres and Bertha Clinton was elected in her place for the ensuing year. Mrs. Ralph Herrick has been vear. appointed as assistant lecturer by the becturer-elect, Mrs. Walter Flanders. The program for the evening was as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. Walter Flanders: readings, Mrs. Marcellus Powers, W. L. Marshall and Mrs. Fred B. Wheeler; plano solo, Mrs. George A. Ladd. Mrs. Fred Muzzey and Mis Ella Farley had charge of the sup per. The next meeting will be per. The next meeting will be a Christmas meeting and there will be a tree in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shattuck.

As far as is known only one deer has been killed so far, and that by William H. Lund.

Charles Ober, of Nashua, has sold his milk route. Frank Hardy and Edward Hills were, at last reports, picking oranges in Courtney, Fla.

Miss Grace E. Marshall is in Nashua for an indefinite stay, probably for the winter. Mrs. Charles P. Brown and daugh-ter Evelyn left for Winthrop, Me., on

Tuesday. About Town.

The Economic club will meet with Mrs. Abbie Gates on Tuesday after noon, December 14

The body of J. C. Boutwell, of Mil ford, was brought to town on Wed-nesday, and buried in the North ceme-tery. Mrs. Boutwell is a cousin of Mary S. Hildreth and she has other relatives here also. Silas M. Spaulding, who has been

ill and confined to the house for sev

eral days, is reported as being some better now. has week and a party from Nashua shot one in Warren Colburn's lower field.

John Nute, from East Jaffrey, was in town last week and visited at Francis A. Lovejoy's, where his little daughter Althea makes her home.

The teachers in all the schools, except the high school attended a teachers' meeting last week Friday and the schools in town were closed for the

The carpenters at George Frost & Sons' finish their work there this week after making many fine improvements about the barn and buildings during their stay.

Mrs. Lewis G. Woods expects to go oon to the home of her daughter Daisy in Amherst.

William W. Worcester and wife recently visited relatives in Gloucester, Mass. They called on his aunt, Miss S. Alice Worcester, who is in a very critical condition. critical condition.

Mrs. Flora Ord expects to go to Florida for the winter and work in a Dorothy Farley has been stopping with Miss Clara Smith for the past

The town basketball team went to Amherst last Saturday evening and were defeated by the score of 20 to 12. They made the trip in Smith's

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock holders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 3, 1916. at ten o'clock A. W. to choose a Roard of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

C. B. WILLARD, Cashier, Townsend Mass., Dec. 6, 1915. 4t14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of GEORGE WASH-INGTON STUART late of Ayer in said

ested in the estate of GEORGE WASH-INGTON STUART late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FLORA M. STUART of Bridgewater in the county of Plymouth or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby efted to appear, at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least hefore said Court, and by mailing a copy of said citation to be one day at least hefore said citation.

be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing a copy of said citation to the next of kin of said decased, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

2014 W. E. HOGERS, Register. FRANK S. BENNETT

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To the Board of Selectmen of Pep

Respectfully represent the Shirley Electric Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including other necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heat, and power upon, along and across the public ways known as River Street, South Street, Canal Street and Shirley Street as shown upon the plan herewith filed Wherefore it prays that after due

notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain

poles and wires together with such

sustaining and protecting fixtures as

said Company may find necessary said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan herewith Your petitioner agrees to reserv one Gain for cross arm at a sultable point on said poles for telephone, fir and police signal wires owned by the Town and used for municipal Your petitioner further agree ces. that, should occasion arise by reason of the widening of said roads or pub lic ways or the moving of a building over or along said public ways it will upon written request of the Board of Selectmen, remove such poles as said Board shall designate, to such loca tion or locations as shall be mutually decided upon by said petitioners, and Board of Selectmen.

SHIRLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY. By Thomas E. Whitaker. Treasurer. Shirley, Mass., Nov. 29, 1915.

In Board of Selectmen



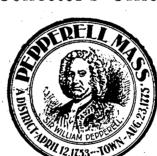
Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 30, 1915. On the foregoing petition it is or dered, that a public hearing be held n the Town Hall on Monday, December 13, 1915, at 7,30 P. M., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard.

And the Clerk of Board of Select men is ordered to send by mail, postage prepaid, notice of said hearing to all owners of property, owners abut ting on said ways as determined b the last assessment, seven days at least before the time of said hearing Given under our hands the 39th day of November, 1915.

WALTER H. DRURY FREDERIC H. PARKER.
J. GARDINER WILLEY.

A true copy. Attest: J. GARDINER WILLEY, Clerk of Selectmen.

Collector's Office



East Pepperell, Mass.,

December 1, 1915. The owners and occupants of the ollowing described parcels of real estate situated in the Town of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town of Pepperell by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof will be offered for sale by public auc tion at the Collector's Office, 27 Aldine Block in said Town of Pepperel said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged:

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following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may

ome before the meeting. CHARLES A. NORMAND. Aver. Mass., December 11, 1915

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court To the devisees under the will an all other persons interested in the es-tate of JESSIE KNIGHT late of Towns tate of JESSIE KNIGHT late of Townsend in said County, deceased.
Whereas, BRYANT WALKER executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution

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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. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to know cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said pelitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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York.
This hospital has seventy-five beds and is only three miles from the present firing-line. During Von Glück's drive towards Paris it was occupied by the Germans for six weeks. As the winter approaches the demands on the hospital are enormous, for a depot the hospital are enormous, for a depot is also conducted for the distribution of clothing and food to the refugees and convalescents through the whole of northern France. Therefore, all kinds of men's, women's and children's garments, canned goods, groceries and hospital supplies will be gratefully received and forwarded to have been applied by the American Mrs. Depew through the American Clearing House by Mrs. Stowe Phelps, 161 East 74th street, New York city.

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1915.

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1915.

I hope you will see that the last drive did not specially affect us, although all was ready. Still for three weeks we have had sixty-four patients and the last week has been particularly hard on one's heart-strings.

Last week we had in four terrible cases—two fractured spines, one arm amputation, a horrid wound in the shoulder. All have been decrated. The arm man is a wonder and will be out of bed shority. The two spines Mr. Stanley operated on most marvelously and one will now get well—but the other, a young man of twenty-four, a novice of the Capuchin (a priest)—or all the men I have seen suffer he is the most like a saint of any human soul I have ever seen. I wrote to the stene with most like a saint of any human soul I have ever seen. I wrote to the remost when most important to be telegraphed for, and for once there was humane feeling shown, and they are coming tomorrow if he passes this night.

Last week one poor chap died and his young wife got here twenty-four hours later. There have been nothing but incidents like this in the past week—even the weather has been horrible. Today Mr. Stanley gave the convales. There have been nothing but incidents like this in the past week mental in the baracque (barracks or annex) a treat of cigars and tisane (a mild drink), as a lot are leaving tomorrow; that was a gleam of sunshine.

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Weenseday, November 270.

I was interrupted yesterday. To continue my talk—it was supendid of Missend over the two nurses for whom in the case of the series of t

The following clipping, taken from ment for her recent threat trouble he San Francisco Examiner of No- which is much improved. the San Francisco Examiner of November 13, concerns Mrs. C. W. C. Tabor, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Merrill Lovejoy:

Mrs. C. W. C. Tabor, whose husband is leader of the council of Lawrence in the control of Lawrence in the control of the council of the counci band is leader of the council of Daw-son, is here for the winter. She rez-istered yesterday at the Plaza. She said: People out here do not seem to have the proper impression of life in what they are fond of calling "the frozen north." Our social life in Dawson is really wonderful. All the world comes to Dawson in search of new sensations, and we meet people there whom we could never come across otherwise. Women in Dawson dress. in the latest extreme styles.

In summer Dawson always has a good stock company. In winter the society women get up amateur plays. which often are improvements on the which often are improvements on the silly, sentimental ones of the stock companies. We only have daylight from ten o'clock in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon, but in summer we enjoy daylight tens on our veerandas at midnight or at two o'clock in the morning.

News Items.

Sydney Tower has returned from Boston, where he has been employed by the Winton Company, and will as-sist during the hoildny season at the store of Tower & Cook.

The position of janitor of the grammar and high school buildings was not accepted by Donald Rivers, and Wardell Parker is acting as janitor for the remainder of the school year.

touched.

Mrs. F. B. Simmons went to Hudson Thursday to visit her mother.

Mrs. Henry, who is employed there.

Letters received from Miss Elsie Northrup states that she is yet in

Washington, D. C., with Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, their journey south to Flori-da having been delayed by illness of

Miss Evelyn Flood, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Murray, returned to Cambridge Mon-day, going with her brother, Joseph Flood, who came for her by auto, ac-companied by Miss Katherine Murray.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey has been quite il the past week with bronchial rouble and under the care of a phy-dician at her home. Her sister, Mrs. sician at her home. Gilson, has been with her part of the week.

The small house on the South road which in years past was used by the late John Lawrence for the manufacture of candy and sugared flagroot, has been undergoing repairs. Mr. Kendall, of Townsend, has added a his root and condensed.

Miss Nettie Kimball drove to Groton Sunday in company with her friend, Miss Madeline Murray, to visit her sister, Mrs. Walter Dodge, and also her five-weeks' old nephew. Charles Willard Dodge.

tery to the unknown dead.

Ingalls Kittredge has been confined

Wednesday for examination and treat

Mrs. William Beers entertained on

of her former Camp-fire girls from South Athol, Miss Phelps, over the week-end and Sunday.

The members of the Village Aid so-clety will hold a business meeting with Mrs. Charles Heald on Saturday, December 11, at three p. m.

Mrs. Lucy Page arrived home last Saturday from a two weeks' visit including Thanksgiving, at Pawtucket R. L. visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. T. Greenhalge, and her son, George Page. Mrs. Greenhalge accompanied Page. Mrs. Greenhalge accompanied her on her return and remained durwith all the "chic" of Parisiennes, ing this week at the farm. On Saturday she goes to Wellesley at attend a function at the college where her daughter, Miss Helen, is a senior.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wyman of Orange were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenks the first of this week. Frank Tierney and family have moved from Mill street into the Davis house on Nashua street.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence and niece, Mrs. Carl Lawrence, visited their relative, Mrs. Flora Hardy, at Hollis, N. H., last week.

Some sprays of trailing arbutus were picked recently by a lady residing in the western part of the town and just before the snowfall on Wednesday of this week quite a quantity of large buds were also picked and are developing in a close for Shape

Concerning the amount of damake date announced. December 18.

done in Tarbell's block last week by the overflow of the pipes, it seems it company have been running a line was magnified in the first report, as Mrs. Mault states her stock was unpower station on Mason street, which

Charles Lorden has taken a contract it logging on a woodlot below East Froton station and near the Tyngsoro line, which will last through the winter.

Miss Ruth Tucker goes to West Acton this week Friday afternoon to spend the week-end with Miss Har-rington, a former teacher-here. C. D. Gilman, freight clerk at the

loston and Maine station, Worcester Kendall, of Townsend, has added a hip roof and made a very quaint little cottage of it, and proposes to occupy it.

Miss Nettle Kimball drove to Const. Eleteric lights have been installed t the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. (ash, Park street, the work being

Nash, Park street, the work being done by the Shirley Electric Company vorkmen under the supervision Charles H. Bartz, of Ayer. Mrs. Thomas Byrne came from

Derry, N. H., Monday with her son Leslie for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Graham, River Judson Willoughby and family, in-cluding Ray from Boston, motored to Manchester, N. H., Sunday, to see his sons, and from there to Raymond, N. H., to visit relatives of Mrs. Willough-

William Drummey returned from New York city on Wednesday after a visit of a few weeks with

Charles Messer, of Nashua street, is out again after the incipient attack of appendicitis he suffered last week. He has given up his logging job for the winter, however.

Mrs. Lucretia Spaulding came from Worcester on business last week and visited her old neighbors over Satur-day and Sunday.

relatives.

An audacious attempt to secure a ride home at any cost was made here on Tuesday evening by two fellows from Hollis, N. H. They accosted William Attridge as he was putting up Attridge Bros. team for the night at the home stable on Brookline street, asking him how much he would take to carry them home to Hollis. He went into Mr. Tarbell's residence to telephone his brothers at the store and discovered, when he went back to tell discovered when he went back to tell them the decision that the fellows had left, taking the team with them. At-tridge Bros. store was immediately telephoned again and with two autos pursuit was made. Joseph Attridge followed one trail up Brookline street and James Attridge with Chief Andrews went up. Hollis street, Thinking they might succeed in getting across the state line before he could overtake them. Chief Andrews notified the

chief of police at Hollis to be on the lookout for the team.

Chief Flagg responded driving this way. The auto containing Attridge and Andrews overtook the follows with the team just over the line and

Officer Flagg was soon on the scene. The team was not injured, although the horse was rather sweaty and Mr. Attridge chose not to make any charge against the ones who had taken his team, as they offered to pay any damages and would probably not have committed the deed if they had not been intoxicated. The owners of the team generously chose also to with-hold the names of the Hollis parties, judging they were given a good les-son by the manner in which they were brought to account by Chief Andrews. Basketball.

The first public game of the high school basketball team was played with the Milford high school team at Prescott hall on Friday evening. De-cember 3. There was a full house to witness the game, the balcony, stage and all the room that was available for seats on the main floor being tak-en, the center of the floor being devoted to the players. The home team was composed of Flora Boynton, cap-The home team was composed of Flora Boynton, cap-tain, who served as right forward; Edith Palmer, left forward; Olive Lewis, left guard; Grace Haggerty, right guard; Marion Thompson, first center. The referee was the princicenter. The referee was the principal of the Milford high school, Mr. Pomerov, who has also been the

Pomeroy, who has also coach for the Milford team. Although the Peppereil team were defeated by the Milfords, the score being 12 to 1, the referee stated, after randparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitney, of Concord, N. H.

Roy Fisher and Walter Reed, having linished the work of connecting in the Greenville contract, have been in ducker to improve their opportuni-

Following the game the young people enjoyed dancing until 11.20, the music being furnished by Anna Thayer, pianist, and Thomas Sullivan, vio-A table of home-made candy in

charge of the young ladies of the high school had good patronage. The Pepperell baskethall team go to Hollis on Friday evening, December 17, to play the Hollis high school team in the town hall.

Service Extension School. The week of the Extension Service School of the State college at Am-herst, which came to a close on Fri-day afternoon, December 3, was an

epoch in the agricultural and indus-trial annals of the town. Last spring, following the work of the demonstration of community planting by an Am-herst student, on Gustaf Anderson's farm, the movement toward a Service Extension School was instigated by Oscar Anderson, instructor at the Purdue university in Illinois. Communications passed between him and the professors in charge of this description. partment at Amherst. As it was manifestly impossible for Mr. Anderson to attend to the promotion of the work here these communications were forwarded by him, finally, to one of the citizens, whom he judged might be interested. He in turn judged the work could best be accomplished un-der the auspices of the Grange, and turned over the pamphlets and other matter bearing on the subject to O. M. Nash to bring before this assembly.

ing in the western part of the town and just before the snowfall on Wednesday of this week quite a quantity of large buds were also picked and are developing in a close jar. She announced her intention of sending the blossoms to President Wilson as a boutonniere on his wedding day, but thinks now they will fade before the date announced. December 18.

Linemen of the Shirley Electric company have been running a line this week from the mill to the new power station on Mason street, which is to supply the power to fill the new standpipe on Townsend street.

Mrs. Ivan Parker went to New York Monday, where she will probably re-Arthur Carter and Chester Parker, personal advertising and soliciting: E. H. Bliss, provide for lecturer's entertainment; Charles M. Blood, John B. Lewis and Mrs. Minnie L. Greene, rooms and equipment; P. J. Kemp, sec. and treas. No one being secured who would act as president the work of this office fell to the publicity committee, and the success of the undertaking is largely due Mr. Nash, who performed his manifold duties with

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, who returned to their winter home in Boston soon after Thanksgiving, spent the week-end and Sunday at their summer residence in town. meek-end and Sunday at their summer residence in town.

Edward Johnson has recently completed the wiring of the residence of Robert Coy and his sister, Mrs. Woodward, on Pleasant street, for alacted.

were offered at the men's course and fifty-seven at the women's course; also, there were fifty-six single ad-mission tickets sold during the week

at the two places.

On the first afternoon, which was On the first afternoon, which was very unpleasant, there was an attendance of forty-two at the women's course, and about the same number at the men's. The ticket takers throughout the week were Mrs. O. M. nroughout the week were Mrs. O. M. Nash at the vestry for the women, and A. P. Wright at the Grange hall for the men. The daily attendance ranged from 26 to 58 in numbers at the women's course and 24 to 48 at the men's. The towns of Groton, Ayer, Townsend, Lelesster and Petersam were represented in the registranam were represented in the registra-

This was the first school of this sea on. It is understood that in the four This was the HIRE school of this sea-con. It is understood that in the four years this school has been in existence Pepperell is the second town where the attendance of the pupils of the nigh school at the service school was

nigh school at the service school was not encouraged and allowed.

At the women's course Miss Com-stock showed a comprehension and versatility which rendered her lec-tures both entertaining and helpful o all who attended. She enlarged on the program, also, by holding a mother's meeting on Wednesday eve-ning, addressing them on sex hygiene. Both Miss Comstock and Miss Sayles were appreciated, as shown by the fact that the women chose a commit tee on resolutions, which were hearti-ly endorsed by all attending. The committee were Miss Mary L. P. Shat-tuck, Mrs. L. E. Starr and Mrs. Min-

The electric apparatus furnished for the use of the lecturers by the Shirley Electric Company was much appreciated.

An equal degree of enthusiasm for the lecturers and the subjects was

An equal degree of enthusiasm for the lecturers and the subjects was displayed at the men's rooms. A committee of F. T. Wright, E. H. Bliss, Arthur Carter were appointed who presented a set of resolutions which were adopted by the assembly and tendered a vote of thanks to the lecturers. Prof. E. D. Waid, R. W. Rees, A. G. Lunn and W. F. Turner. The work of Mr. Turner was supplemented by Mr. Stanford, of Kennébunk, Me., a practical farmer, and much liked by the patrons of this school.

A continuance of this extension school, in the form of a course of evening lectures, is already being talked of, as the outcome of the present satisfaction among the members

One of the features of the week, which should not be omitted in this mention, were the lunches served at Grange hall by the District Nurse association. They were well patronized as shown by the receipts of overtwenty dollars, and were a necessary, pleasant adjunct. The amount of about fourteen dollars, which was taken over and above the expenditures of the school, was also turned into the treasury of the District Nurse. One of the features of the week nto the treasury of the District Nurse

vomen's department was made mani fest by a meeting held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. M. Gage, Jr. At the suggestion of Miss Comstock six 'ladies were named to form groups of about fifteen ladies in their locality and continue the work commenced by the instructors. These were Mrs. Leon Richardson, Mrs. Paul Maxwell, Mrs. C. M. Gage, Mrs. Albert Parker, Mrs. Minnie Greene and Mrs. L. R.

Mrs. Richardson takes the section Mrs. Richardson takes the section about her home in the western part of the town, and without any special canvass had at the commencement six applications. Mrs. Maxwell takes the Oak hill section and has her fifteen members in advance. Mrs. Greene takes the section about Park street; Mrs. Parker, East village; Mrs. Harris, High and Pleasant streets, and Mrs. Gaze, the Center and Main street. Another meeting will be held Another meeting will be held to arrange details and plan the out-lines to be followed.

Church Services.

a committee of men will receive their commissions for the canwass. In the afternoon they will go out, two by two, and try to make a short visit on each family in the parish, if time allows. The committee will return to the church for supper, and at the evening service will report results. This method has not been tried before in town, but has been very successful, both socially and financially in other places.

places.
At both the church services and the Sunday school a special offering will be taken for the Christmas fund for the war children of Europe. This offering will take the place of the one usually taken for our own Christmas, as the school has voted to share its Christmas with the needy and destitute children across the sea.

Sunday December 19 will be obe.

Sunday, December 19, will be observed as Christmas Sunday. There will be a strong service and the story "The light of the Christmas candle" will be given that evening in the church. There will also be an entertainment in the vestry the night before Christmas.

At the morning service at the Methelist church the pastor will take for odist church the paster will take fo his theme "Individual accountability. In the evening, at seven o'clock, his subject will be "There is a greater ex-cellence in ordinary things than w-sometimes see."

The Sunday school meets at noon and he Junior league at three o'clock. The Epworth league will hold their regular service at six o'clock, Leaders Misses (fludys and Della O'Neal. The subject, 'The promise of heaven." There is to be a social and business meeting of the Epworth league this week Friday evening.

week Friday evening.

The contest in the Sunday school was brought to a close last Sunday. The enrollment in all departments now numbers 219. The "Blues" won in the contest by twenty members. One member of the "Blues," Miss Della O'Neal, secured thirty-eight new members, the largest number recorded. According to agreement the "Reds" will give an entertainment to their opponents who won early in January.

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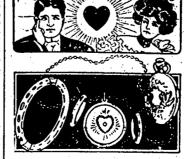
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Whereas, E. ALONZO ELOOP recurtor of the will of said deceled. has
presented to said Court his person for

tor of the will of said decreated her presented to sell at private said in accordance with the offer named in seld petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts legacies and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-second day of December A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourtien days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three subcessive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. Mointre, Emerical to the court of said Court, this there in the past of the said court, the same one in each week for three subcomes and court and of the said court.

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Frank A. Woods, master of the Grange, and his wife; Miss May Park-er, lecturer, and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity will attend the meetings of the

tate Grange on December 14, 15 and

At the Congregational church on

At the Congregational church of Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers will have as his subject "What two men received from the church." C. E. topic in the evening "Reasonableness and value of the C. E. pledge."

A good number were present at the syster supper served in the Methodist

oyster supper served in the Methodist hall by the Brotherhood on Tuesday evening. The lecture at eight o'clock by Dr. Charlton on the subject "Adrift and at anchor," was appreciated and enjoyed by those present. In earlier years Dr. Charlton followed the life of a sailor and his lecture contained many interesting incidents and observations stored in his mind during that period of his life.

Dr. Charlton's subject for Sunday, morning at the Methodist church is "First things first." Epworth league evening topic "The promise of heaven." Leader, Miss May Parker.

The next meeting of the Monday club will be held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fessenden with Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. Carrie H. Doane as hostesses.

The afternoon's program will consis of a musicale in charge of the host-

At the next meeting of the Towns-end Hill Improvement society to be held the last Thursday in December.

end Hill Improvement society to be held the last Thursday in December, Mr. Kline, of New York, will be the speaker of the evening.

Mrs. Susie Campbell Truell and her two children are suffering an attack

Mrs. Thirza Fessenden leaves next Tuesday for California, where she will spend the winter in Pasadena. Her sister, Miss Angela Boutelle, will

spend the winter with cousins in Lan-

The Townsend band announces a concert in Memorial hall, new year's

The Wide-awake club will meet a

the Congregational parsonage on Sat urday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

The annual Christmas

The annual Christians (1) after-noon and evening in Memorial hall under the auspices of the labes of the Congregational church, was one of the most successful of the fairs held. At

tractive booths were arranged about the hall, decorated with the bright

the hall, decorated with the bright colored tulips, yellow jonquits, laurel and hemlock. The Datch scheme of the decorations were the result of the skillful work of Mrs Annie Bliss, L. B. S. president, and Mrs. Mary Norris.

The various committees and friends

provided a liberal supply of article

provided a liberal supply of articles for the booths and practically everything was sold. About 160 were served a bountiful supper in the banquet hall from six to seven o'clock and a large audience was present at the evening's entertainment which consisted of a peddlers' parade by twelve of the young people in costume appropriate to their trade. Each peddler cried their wares by story or song with Miss

to their trade. Each pendier cried their wares by story or song with Miss Evelyn Wyeth as plane accompanist. The playlet, "At the Junction," portrayed the dilemmn of passengers stranded at a rural railroad station.

and the funny experiences with the station agent who claimed to be every

thing from an agent to justice of peace. The characters were imper-conated by Frank B. Higgins, Hattie

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PEPPERELL

News Items Other Pepperell items will be found

on page seven. Thomas Oulton, of Amherst, N. S. has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. D. Withrow, Park street, the past week. He left here on Thursday for New York, where he has accepted a

The stock of Tower & Cook recently damaged by water, has been taken into the store of E. E. Tarbell to be dis-

At the meeting of the Men's club of the First Parish to be held on Monday evening at eight o'clock, the speaker will be Robert H. Spalve of the ex-tension service of the State Board of Education, who will take for his sub-ject "New plans in education." The young men who are seniors in the high school are specially invited to at-tend this meeting at the Unitarian

The Oak Hill Improvement society are to hold an entertainment to raise funds for a Christmas tree for the children on Saturday evening, December 18, at eight o'clock. The entertainment will consist of a farce entitled "Frank Glynn's wife," and music and other attractions. There will also be a sale of food. Segure your mileage from the "traveling salesman," who will be about town this week and attend.

Edith Hatherly came home from

Edith Hatherly came home from Fitchburg this week to spend Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs.

At the Christmas fair to be given by the L. B. S. of the Methodist church in the church hall next Wed-Mrs. Georgianna Kimball has been entertaining her son, E. L. Kimball, and wife, from Boston, this week. entertaining her son, E. L. Kimball, and wife, from Boston, this week.

Rev. D. R. Child attended a meeting of the Unitarian club, of which he is a member, in Boston, Wednesday evening, returning Thursday.

Death.

The death of Miss Anna Tarbell occurred on Thursday morning at her charge of the general mention of the cast: W. H. Scales, Frank E. Higher Mills of Miss Anna Tarbell occurred on the cast of the cast: W. H. Scales, Frank E. Higher Mills of Miss Anna Tarbell occurred on Thursday morning at her casilence of her father.

home at the residence of her father, Alden A. Tarbell, the result of a second shock which took place on Monday. She suffered a shock on Monday, October 4, since which time she has been under the care of a physician, who gave no encouragement of curred on Thursday morning at her home at the residence of her father. cian, who gave no encouragement of her ultimate recovery. Although there was a slight rally after about ten days she has since become steadily weaker. The annual the state of until the end came.

until the end came.

Although not a native of Pepperell she has resided here for many years and has many friends and acquaintances among the patrons of her fathances. often assisted as clerk. She will be much missed in the home, where she has been housekeeper and home-maker for her aged father and her brother all these years. Her nearest sur-viving relatives are her father and her

be held at her late home on Sunday, afternoon, Rev. William H. Beers, of the M. E. church, officiating. Interment will be in Worcester on Monday in the family lot, beside her mother.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tomlyn were over Sunday guests of relatives in Bos-

On last Saturday evening there was a delightful evening at whist at Edge-wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams, host

A heating system is being installed by B. C. Cummings at Willowbrook. Under the auspices of the Sunday school Christmas will be observed at the parish building with appropriate

Among those who took advantage of the M. A. C. extension course in Pepperell were Ralph Blake and

Miss Myra Mooras, who has been visiting friends in Boston and vicinity. returned home on Monday.

Fitchburg recited a three-act drama, entitled "In the vanguard," written by Miss Katrina Trask, and also recited the poems; "The statue of peace" and "The call to arms" in a very entitusiastic manner, and all were charmed with the pleasing personality of the young lady. Mrs. Woodward, of Fitchburg, was also called upon to young lady. Mrs. Woodward, of Fitchburg, was also called upon to give an interesting talk of the work of the Fitchburg club. Mrs. Edith Wash-burn, of Tennessee, was invited to add a few remarks to the afternoon entertainment, and the meeting closed with the singing of "America." LITTLETON

Fitchburg recited a three-act drama

News Items. Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb expects her daughter, Mrs. Lovejoy, and children

men present. Walter Sargent, formof art in the public schools, was one of the speakers.

Miss Annie Denison, of Hillsboro, K. H., has been the guest of Mrs. F. C. Hartwell, C. W. Perry is spending few weeks with his daughter, Mrs.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens enjoyed a week-end and Sunday visit with her daughter and family in Marblehead. Postmaster McDonald urges the public to mail Christmas gifts early have them securely wrapped, and the address of the sender plainly written on the outside of the package.

We regret that the announcement of the Alliance food sale at Mrs. A. W. Knowlton's residence on Friday of this week was among the items that strayed out of the usual course and reached the printer's office too late for publi-cation last week. The committee, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Harry Hume and Mrs. Austin Kimball, have labored faithfully for the success of the sale and most of the ladies to whom they applied for contributions responded cheerfully and generously, and we hope a good sum was realized.

Rev. J. C. Alvord entertained his Sunday school class at the parsonage Friday evening. A social hour, games and refreshments constituted a pleas ant program.

Next week Wednesday afternoon the Philathea class will meet with the the Philathea class will meet with the teacher. Mrs. Alvord at the parsonage to celebrate the first anniversary of its reorganization under the new name. Mrs. Henry C. Rolfe of Concord is expected as a guest of honor and will ive an informal talk.

The Congregational church choir is practising special Christmas music for December 19.

A committee from the C. E. society A committee from the C.L. society was chosen to take charge of the Christmas decoration of church and vestry, consisting of Fred Cook, Mrs. Perfey D. Smith, Mervin Webster, Miss Miriam Conant. After completing the work of decoration the com-mittee and their assistants will hold a social.

Henry Works returns within a few days to his studies and training in the army department of the United days to his studies and training in the army department of the United States with the promise of promotion. The pupils at the Center school will hold a candy sale in their room next Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 to three Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth have been enjoying a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Hildreth Reed. ock. They hope to complete the for full payment of their Vic-

In the evening a choice entertainment was given, including a piano solo. Miss Carolyn Conant; vocal solos, Miss Bussey, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. K. Houghton; select readings, Miss Dryar, from the Curry School of Expression, Boston. Miss Dryar was a stranger to Littleton audiences, but proved very popular. Her selections were unusually good and her personality very pleasing. She B. S. president, and Mrs. Mary Norris. In keeping with the decorating scheme the ladies were all in Dutch costume and wore the Dutch cap headdress. marked adaptability. Miss Bussey, always a favorite with the Littleton people, was in good voice and sang exceedingly well. Her accompanist also was at her best and played with her accustomed grace and sympathy Miss Carolyn Conant, an amateur ar-tist, played with good expression and accurate time, promising much for her future in music.

As To Preparedness.

Preparedness is about the most live ly topic of the season and one with which the incoming congress will be called on to wrestle and we opine that there are merry times ahead. Almost anyone will admit that a reasonable preparedness is to be desired, but the question of what reasonable prepared. less consists is one that will bring many lively discussions both in congress and outside.

a different proposition and sort of lets

the cat out of the bag as it were. Advocates of a great big navy say we ought to have at least forty warships of the dreadnought type and or course a full compliment of smaller vessels to supplement them which seems like a somewhat ambitious pro- on Billy Sunday.

ernment with the immense amount of

As to the matter of invasion. It would seem to one not carried away with the war fever that this country is safer from outside interference than it has been in a hundred years.

Surely the nations of Europe have all the war business at home they can attend to at present and it looks very much as though they would none of them be in shape to start a war of conquest on the United States when the present war is over even if they desired to do so. It would seem they desired to do so. It would seem it they would one and all have their fill or fighting and would require quite a good many years to recuperate sufficiently to be able to start anything new in the line of war of conquest.

Mrs. L. A. Shedd.

Mrs. Gertrude F. Sanderson attended the State Federation art department meeting of Woman's clubs in Boston on Wednesday, and reports a program full of information and inspiration to the large company of women present. Walter Saverage working the working the statements Congressman Garatner and other orators of his class as to our utterly helpless condition are unusually helpless condition are wonder in the enquiring mine as to what has become of the hundreds of millions of dollars that we have expended on our navy in recent ture.

dreds of millions of dollars that we have expended on our navy in recent years. If after this liberal expenditure we have, as these gentlemen maintain, almost absolutly nothing to show for it, wherein lies the encouragement to a further expenditure of two billions as proposed?

What is the need of such haste when there is no war cloud in sight?

Officers of high rank in the navy have publicly testified that the Panama canal or any of our scaports can be effectively defended by forts, mines and submarines without the use of a single dreadnought and the time the allied fleets have had trying to force a passage through the Dardanelles goes far to prove the soundness of that testimony.

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Dreadnoughts are expensive luxur Dreadnoughts are expensive luxuries and it would seem that the money would go much further in purely defensive work if put into land defences and mines. If, however, we propose to enter on a program of expension and conquest forty dreadnoughts would probably be needed, but we fancy that sort of a policy would be hardly popular at the present time. The subject is too big for a single article and in our next we will consider who the main supporters of the program of preparedness are. V.T.E.

HARVARD

John Madigan has been engaged by the school committee to carry the pupils of the North Still River district to the Center school, Mr. Cleaves having resigned the position.

Mrs. Ruth McCrillis, of Bristol, N.
H., formerly Miss Ruth Clay, was a
guest last week with Mr. and Mrs. P.
O. Dickson.

An exhibition and sale of Mrs. Fiske Warren's collection of war posters and relics in aid of the Belgian refugees was opened Thursday night at Copley was opened Intring in the event; which is being conducted by prominent women of Greater Boston, will be open free to the public from ten in the morning to six in the evening on Friday and Saturday. The proceeds will be utilized for enlarging and maintaining the ma chine-knitting industry in London for the Belgian refugees.

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An Interesting Lecture.

A rather small number was present at the town hall on Wednesday, even at the town hall on Wednesday, even ing to hear L. B. Wickersham, of Ohio, in his lecture on "Daydream". Linwood Richardson has returned to listen for an hour and forty minutes to this wonderful and with the sond his flock of ten fine birds and Mrs. Whitcomb dressed and cooked one for the family dinner.

Annual Sale.

The United Workers of the Congressing at their way at the result of the congruence of the congru

sandwiches, cocoa, cake and little pies ly vesper service and missionary meeting at the evening a choice entertainment was given, including a piano so which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Emma J. Parker and daughter Ethel went to Boston on Monday for a stay.

Mrs. Clara Brown has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell B. Willard a few days this week.

A carload of hay was shipped from he Scorgie place here to his home in lambridge this week.

Mrs. William W. Viles returned from her trip to Maine on Tuesday.

BOXBOROUGH

church last week Thursday evening.

A supper, consisting of a variety of escalloped dishes, many kinds of pies and coffee, was served under the supervision of Mrs. Maria Whitcomb. The entertainment opened with several selections by the Grange orchestra, Mrs. R. Y. Nelson and Mrs. George gress and outside.

Our president has laid down the proposition that as a nation we should be prepared to resist invasion while certain enthusiastic advocates of preparedness have declared we ought not only to be prepared to resist invasion, but also to protect our commerce in but also to protect our commerce in all parts of the world which is quite was added to the treasury.

Mrs. B. C. Steele entertained the Missionary circle on Wednesday af-ternoon. Those who attended the ex-ercises at the church last Sunday eve-ning had the pleasure of hearing an address by Mrz. Page of South Acton LADIES' AND MEN'S

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Miss Mabel Wetherbee is spending

vacation from farm duties and

Waldo Livermore is taking his an

will be in Watertown till after the holidays. Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is again on the sick list.

he week in Boston.

OVERSHOES

The Handicraft club sale of fancy articles at the library will be open two more Saturdays. On the last day food, candy, etc., will be on sale with games and dancing in the evening.

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Mrs. Louisa Priest, reached her
ninety-second birthday on Wednesday.

During the past year she has had the
unusual experience of cutting ten new
teeth and the process has given her
considerable trouble, but her birthday
found her in excellent health and spirits and greatly enjoyed and appreciatad the areasy empenylyances she reed the many remembrances she re-ceived. She also played and won a

The pastor will preach in the Baptist church Sunday morning at 19.45 on "Business success and soul failure." Sunday school at twelve. Evening song service at seven o'clock; subject of sermon, "The wreck of a soul."

At the recent fair of the five Aye mention should have beer made of the Perry orchestra, which generously contributed music during the second evening. Those thus assisting in so enjoyable a way to the

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Longley and their daughter, Miss Edith, attended the sale, supper and entertainment on Wednesday evening in the Universalist

gentlemen's prize to James King, and consolation to Charles Harris. Lunch was served. Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., elected officers Thursday evening as follows: H. C. Harlow, com.; J. M. Boutwell, S. v. c.; J. M. Dolloff, J. v. c.; Frank Mason, p. i.; E. E. Sawyer, treas.; H. E. Evans, sec.; Thomas J. Ryan, g.; John Craig, c. b.; S. B. Dickerman, chap.; Elliott Barrett, i. g.; Leon Downing, o. g.; J. W. Wentworth, E. B. Harlow, Frank Mason, camp council. The S. of V. will meet Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at G. A. R. hall to attend the funeral services of George Puffer, All members are requested to be present.

The foundation is being built for an addition to the George H. Hill house on Washington street. The addition is for more roomy quarters for Dr. Buikeley and for Henry A. Hill, who occupies the upper tenement.

It is not generally known the number of stores there are in Ayer—six grocery stores, 3 meat markets, 3 furniture, 3 milliners, 3 plumbers, 3 tailors, 3 barbers, 2 druggists, 2 clothing, boots and shoes, 3 jewelry, 2 dry goods, 2 periodical, 2 restaurants, 2 shoe repairing, 2 laundries, 2 fruit, variety store, grain, harness and baker. There are 4 dentists, 4 printers, 2 lunch carts, 3 garages, 3 blacksmiths, monumental shop, 3 boarding houses. We are well stocked with 8 lawyers, 8 clergymen, 4 physicians, 3 undertakers and Chief Beatty, and 2 livery stables. The other businesses—tanning, preserving, cutlery, saw mills, It is not generally known the num-

tanning, preserving, cutlery, saw mills telephone, electric light, 2 street rail ways, machine company. There are fifteen place in town where cigars and tobacco are sold.

The show windows of our many stores who carry holiday and other goods suitable for gifts are attracting considerable attention for the fine disconsiderable attention for the fine dis-play. Ayer is a great center for trade as we have many large and attractive stores carrying a great variety of goods equal to those you find in towns much larger than this. Every effort is being made by our townmen to make this holiday season one of the best and most inviting to the many people who make their purchases here

Miss Mildred Sanders will take the leading part in Mozart's operetta "Bastleu and Bastienne," which will have its first performance in this country Friday and Saturday evenings of next week in Jordan hall, Boston. The operetta is in charge of Clayton Gil bert, head of the dramatic departmen at the New England Conservatory at Charles Rennett of the faculty has ar ranged the music for this occasion.

generously contributed music during the second evening. Those thus assisting in so enjoyable a way to the pleasure of the large crowd were Mr. and Mrs. Perry. Frank A. Harmon and George Barrows.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker gave the story of the Unitarism pilgrimage before the Universalist church in Shirley Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Longley and their daughter, Miss Edith, attended the sale, supper and entertainment on the sale, supper and entertainment on the sale, supper and entertainment on the sale, supper section of the sale. requested to be present Sunday

Wednesday evening in the Universalist church in Shirley.

There will be a memorial meeting for Miss Edith Cavell at Steinart hall, 162 Boylston street, Boston, this week Saturday evening. It is an open meeting of the Speakers.

George W. Cook, of 175 Nichols by Street, Everett, is very anxious concerning the whereabouts of James A. Craig, formerly well-known in this town. He had a residence in Granville, N. Y., but when last heard from September 17, 1914, he was in Keene, N. H., and wrote his sister, the late Mrs. Cook, that he was going to Barres. Vt., and would write her when he reached there. Mrs. Cook died on June first. Any news of Mr. Craig, would be gratefully appreciated by Mr. Cook, at the above address.

A very pleasant whist party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. Craig well-known of Mr. Craig and Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Craige an

reached there. Mrs. Cook died on June first. Any news of Mr. Craig would be gratefully appreciated by Mr. Cook, at the above address.

A very pleasant whist party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wallace, West street, on. Thursial day evening. The ladies first prize was awarded to Mrs. Joseph Howarth, consolation to Mrs. McDonald; first in Leominster Tuesday evening.

John Craig Kelley, teacher of the violin and piano, will be at Miss Coté's, Washington street, next Saturday evc-

ning. Mrs. Lester H. Carew returned to her home at the Hillside from Groton hospital with her new born baby girl last week Wednesday. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Division 7, A. O. H., elected these officers Tuesday evening: Joseph J. Foley, pres.; John F. Ryan, v. p.; T. J. Ryan, treas.; D. H. Walsh, f. s.; John O'Neill, r. s.; Martin McGuane, sen.; John Skerrett, s. a.

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brother Louis, above referred to, and a brother, Henry F. Tarbell, all of this Services, which will be private, will

Mr. and Mrs. John Dustin will oc-

George Cummings. Mrs. Ralph Blake will entertain the As You Like It club on next Tuesday

SHIRLEY Altrurian.

Clark and Elwin Swicker.

Spaulding.

The Altrurian club held their reg-The Altrurian club held their reg-ular meeting on Thursday afternoon. It was peace afternoon in charge of Mrs. Martha J. Conant and Mrs. Louise M. Butler, commencing with music, Mrs. Emma Horton at the plano, followed by roll call responded to by peace quotations. After the business hour Miss Beatrice Green of

Christmas Cifts

News Items. Mrs. Dolly Howard, with her five-year-old son, from Bolton, spent the week-end and over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haskell.

and Mrs. Bert Haskell.

Work on the state road will be completed for the season this week. The road is practically finished from the town to the residence of A. H. Turner. With the opening of good weather in the spring it is planned to carry the road as far as the corner near Mark Farnsworths.

Loby Medicar has been engaged by

Mrs. Sarah C. Scales has gone Whitman to visit relatives. A. A. Hutcherson, H. D. Stone and C. H. Haskell went to Clinton on Wednesday evening in Mr. Hutcherson's new auto to attend a Masonic meet-

The ladies' circle held a successful entertainment in the vestry of the church last week Thursday evening.