

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE All Advertisements Appear in All the Ten Papers We Publish

GROTON

Due to the scarcity of ammonia, which goes to make up a part of the process of making artificial ice, it looks as though the rivers are to come to the owners of this winter, for great activity is predicted in ice-cutting, and man goes back to Nature for his product.

Mrs. Sawyer, mother of Mrs. Millard Sawyer, was the guest of Mrs. George Mason on Christmas day.

The girls' knitting club of the high school has finished 21 sweaters and 4 mittens for the Red Cross this term.

The music section of the Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. George E. B. at 7:30, to begin on a cantata to be given in March before the Woman's club. A large attendance is desired.

The usual Christmas festivities of the Baptist church were observed on Tuesday evening with a good program was much enjoyed by all, which consisted of recitations by the children choruses, a Christmas reading by Miss Jackson, vocal solo by Mrs. Stevens and Bertha Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Swallow spent Christmas with friends in Peppercorn.

Miss Annie Cullen, who has come to Groton as its district and school nurse, has begun her duties in town and will endeavor to have a card call her at any time.

Word has been received from Stanley Sawyer that he has been elected to the position of corporal in the 10th Cavalry, the temperature being far different from that in New Rochelle, N. Y., where he was stationed, in Texas it is very warm.

William Hurton Robinson is directing a large choir that is to sing at the dedication of the new tabernacle in Ayer on December 30.

Miss Mary McPartland was a recent guest of N. R. Graves of Shirley Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson are enjoying a visit at the home of their son, William Patterson, and family, at North Doherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox of Springfield, Vt., visited Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mrs. F. C. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox left here Sunday morning for Danversfield, where they spent their Christmas vacation with their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton's sister and daughter, who have been east on an extended visit with relatives, returned to California last week.

Edward Atken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atken, is at home on his Christmas vacation from Hanover, N. H., where he is a student at Dartmouth college. He expects to return on January 8.

The community Christmas tree which was lighted at eight o'clock Tuesday evening was beautiful in its colorings of red, white and blue lights, together with the brilliant star which ornamented its top.

Miss Helen Gay, who is attending the Bridgewater Normal school, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gay.

Services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday, Arthur S. Burrows of Boston, preaching, which will be the morning service, subject for the evening, "Old year wishes."

Mrs. Charles Harrington has been confined to the house with the grippe and bronchitis, and is not yet able to be out.

The Groton School boys left on last week Friday morning for their homes to spend the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert spent the Christmas holiday in Wallingford, Conn.

Miss Nellie May Parish, who was reported in these columns as being ill, is improving.

The sewing school closed last week Friday with the usual Christmas tree and gifts for the children.

Robert Forbes has returned to Groton and is working for H. M. Adams.

Miss Helen Forbes, Alice Molson, Marguerite Leonard, Helen Gay and Maria May were all home for Christmas.

Mrs. Francis Lawrence entertained her sister over the week-end and holiday.

Christmas eve being stormy and very slippery the community singing was not entered into by as large a majority as it otherwise would have been.

Sergeant Charles R. Woodley and Corporal H. B. Smith left Thursday night for Montreal, after spending the holiday and calling on friends, having to report at 8:30.

Christmas passed off quietly in this village. Mrs. Joyce entertained her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kenney and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin, Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce, of Boston.

John H. Sprague entertained his daughter, Mrs. Broome, and daughter, and the Misses Nollie and Margaret Neyland, of Bellows Falls, Misses Grace and Edith Farnsworth, of Haverhill, and Springfield, and their niece, of Worcester, were with their father, Dea. M. A. Farnsworth.

Warren K. Harrod, of Worcester, is at home for the vacation.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Biggs on the holiday; Mr. and Mrs. John Healey entertained his daughter, from Lowell; P. W. Bateman and sister Eliza dined with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hays; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sprague, entertained her aunt, Mrs. Eliza Stone, of Boston.

Morrill Sprague is at home from his studies at Andover for the holiday vacation.

Fred Healey, who enlisted in Lowell, and examination was unable to pass and so was rejected, arriving home on last Saturday. He was disappointed that he could not serve in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haskell entertained Mr. and Mrs. William B. Haskell, Miss Eleanor Haskell and Mrs. Charles Haskell dined with friends in Clinton; H. D. Stone and family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gale, of Harvard.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse visited relatives in Groton on Christmas day; Mr. Arthur Holland in Jamaica Plain over the holiday.

Mrs. Joyce, who has been living at the old Hutchinson place, and whose son is in the army, sold her house, 150 Westford, by auction on Monday and has gone to live with friends in Ayer.

The Massachusetts fuel administration has fixed the prices of coal for Harvard, thus the local fuel prices are as follows: Egg \$10.35; stove \$10.60; chestnut \$10.65. These are the maximum prices.

IS REAL AMERICAN WONDER Newly Examined Glacier in an Unexplored Region May Be Biggest in the Rockies.

We had reached a point of vantage whence we could overlook the whole of the unexplored region of the Rockies from Laurier Pass on the south to the Liard region on the north. No great secret could be concealed from us.

There could be no doubt about it. For a long time I had realized that it would require a good-sized rock mill to grind up enough silt to color such a big stream as the Quadacha, but where was a mill big enough for the job?

BEAUTY IS NOT LOVELINESS Women May Possess Both Qualifications, but a Combination is Rarely to be Found.

"Beauty," at least as distinct from "loveliness," is a big word, writes Margaret Steele Andersen in Louisville Post. It has a certain spendor, it has a certain amplitude.

White-Breasted Nuthatch. The familiar winter bird, the white-breasted nuthatch, is the champion "steepjack" of the world, says an exchange. It can travel headforemost down any tree trunk in the forest and can perform other dizzy gymnastic feats with astounding ease.

SWISS UNIVERSAL TRAINING At the age of ten every Swiss school boy begins his program of physical training, consisting of gymnastics, calisthenics, and other exercises.

Sea-Lion Performers. Any boy who has gone to a circus knows what remarkable "stunts" sea-lions can perform—human beings can't do some of them.

Historic Pennant Sold. An interesting relic was sold in Glasgow the other day. It was the old yellow silk pennant of the Earls of Marchmont, on which are the St. Andrew's cross, the lion rampant, and other heraldic devices.

Snakes in Australia. Australia is said to have about 100 species of snakes, three-fourths of them venomous. The big pythons and rock-snakes are harmless, but as one travels across the various tropics southward the dangerous varieties increase in number, and in Tasmania all are venomous, though only five are really deadly.

The Boston Store GEO. B. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. Sale of Shirt Waists HEAVY MADRAS, FLANNEL AND LINGERIE WAISTS MARKED DOWN

Silk Stripe Flannel Waists—High or Low Neck styles; regular price \$2.39; marked down to \$1.79. White Madras Waists—In High and Low Neck styles, long sleeves, pearl button trimmed; regular price \$1.25, marked down to 95¢.

Geo. B. Turner & Son Seven Passenger Studebaker FOR RENT Claude C. Farwell Telephone 22-2 GROTON, MASS.

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New Optical Service I have recently installed a MODERN GRINDING PLANT which enables me to render quicker and better service in making new glasses and replacing broken lenses.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Protestant Episcopal "Opposite the Subway" REV. ANGUS DUN, Vicar Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 Holy Communion, 8:00 First Sunday of month Holy Communion, 10:30 Third Sunday of month

FOR SALE A nice ten-room House and Barn on the hill; steam heat; fine location. They are not too plenty at this time, and if you are intending to get a home call and see me.

Smoke We want you to know that we keep everything for the convenience and comfort of the smoker. Not only the choicest line of Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco, but

WILLIAM BROWN DRUGGIST Groton, Mass., Dec. 28, 1917. 117

WESTFORD The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney Westford, has been filed in the East Cambridge probate court.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sherwin entertained her family, the Whitwaters of Groton, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harrington were surrounded by a merry company on Tuesday. At the Christmas dinner covers were placed for twelve.

Miss Evadne Harrington left on Wednesday for a visit in Worcester.

Miss Grace Bixby of Lincoln is visiting here during Christmas week.

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Services will be held in the Baptist church at 10 A.M. on Monday, December 31, 1917, in the forenoon...

The installation of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. officers will be held in the hall on Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 2.30 o'clock...

A party of nineteen were entertained at Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Flaggs...

Earl Hodgson is laid up as a result of an accident at Phelps sawmill last week...

Harlow & Parsons cut their usual supply of ice this week at Flanagan's pond...

John H. Pender has enlisted for service in the aviation corps and is attending school at the aviation camp...

A number of soldiers from Camp Devens marched through the town on Monday evening...

Prof. Fred Barry, of Columbia university, New York city, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry...

Miss Gladys Briggs ended her duties as bookkeeper at Charles E. Perrin's plumbing shop last Saturday evening...

Miss Annie Cullen has been appointed a nurse in the hospital which is being conducted by Miss Towle...

John McDonald received word a few days ago that Mrs. Hennebury, his sister and one son and a daughter...

Thomas P. Mullin has sold the Gerlach house on Weston street, and is occupied by Frank Willis...

Private Leroy C. Smith of the sanitary detachment of the medical corps and Miss Amy Estelle Louise...

The schools will reopen next Wednesday morning after the Christmas recess.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday, January 2, the program will be given by the topics of the day...

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moses arrived in town Thursday night from the west on a visit to Mrs. Moses' parents...

When the car reached a point about half a mile from Spencer it jumped the track and struck the tree...

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Brown, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown...

All special trains on the Boston and Maine railroad which have been on the schedule for several months...

Albert S. Blood, police officer, captured two escaped inmates of the Shirley Industrial School for Boys...

The local members of the legal advisory board, whose duty it is to help those called for the draft...

Michael J. Carey and Charles A. Mullin were drawn as traverse jurors at the home of Mr. Philip G. Thayer...

Miss Anna G. Taylor, a school teacher in North Wilbraham, is spending the holiday vacation at the home of her parents...

Frank Dickerson, who appeared before the district court Wednesday on complaints of breaking and entering and larceny...

Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaPointe left Boston on Wednesday for St. Petersburg, Fla., for the winter...

All railroad men serving as soldiers at Camp Devens have been ordered to be returned to their former occupations by the government...

The dedication of the new officers' recreation house on West street takes place this Saturday afternoon...

Of the many families represented in the military service this section of the family of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davenport deserve favorable mention...

Notice was posted Sunday last calling the regular annual meeting of the First Unitarian Church of Ayer...

Mr. Peter Tarbell, one of Ayer's most prominent citizens, and for fifty years a resident of this town...

At the other masses mementoes were given the adults. The altar was finely decorated with flowers...

For several years Mr. Tarbell served as a director of the First National Bank of Ayer and for many years preceding his death...

joined Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., in September, 1846. Later he joined Freedom lodge in 1846...

At a meeting of Robert Burns lodge on Tuesday evening, June 28, 1910, Mr. Tarbell was presented a veteran's jewel...

In politics Mr. Tarbell was always a stalwart democrat. He cast his first vote for James A. Blaine in 1860...

The deceased leaves a son, Abel Putnam Tarbell, of Manchester, N. H., a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, December 28, at 1.30 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. J. W. Thomas...

Clipping. The following is taken from the Shoe and Leather Journal of December 15, published in Toronto, Canada:

Many friends in the shoe trade will learn with deepest regret of the death of one of our best citizens...

A few years ago he and George H. Ferguson, western Canada representative of Clark Bros., St. Stephen, N. B., organized the firm of Murray's...

The decoration of the altar was made with simplicity. The altar was flanked by short spruce trees...

The pastor is pleased to hear that the West Act Baptist Sunday school of Littleton has raised the sum of \$125.00 for Armenian relief.

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the board, the chief had not the slightest suspicion of the "conspiracy" which was being formed...

Solomon Koski of Shirley was found guilty Wednesday morning of assault and battery on his wife and was given a suspended sentence to the state farm...

Unitarian Church Notes. Sunday services—10.45, regular offices, morning prayer and sermon...

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asked that their gratitude be expressed to the children for their little gifts and for the real Christmas spirit that they had created.

There was a family gathering of more than twenty at C. T. Wetberber's home on the holiday, comprising the children and grandchildren.

It is a very rare occasion when the chief has any thing "pu over" on him, but in this instance he was obliged to repeat the regular one given by his friends...

The case of Eli Marco, who was charged with larceny, was continued until Wednesday, January 2.

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Cash Discount Store. Now that the time for giving is over, women are beginning to think of something for themselves. January is one of the best months of the year in our...

H. H. Proctor AYER, MASS.

with his son and wife at Jamaica Plain. The Jesse Dodge family enjoyed the Christmas hospitality extended by the P. Donlon & Co. family...

LEGAL NOTICE. All milk bottles with the following names: B. H. Tyrrell, Charles M. Raddin, Thom & Eldridge, Groton, Mass.

NOTICE. After January 1 I shall not deliver any more ice. KENNIE P. FLETCHER, 3w15, Groton, Mass.

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DRUG STORE AYER. The price is 1c each \$1.00 per hundred.

TOWNSEND

Center. David G. Howard, lieutenant of the Junior grade at Annapolis, spent the week-end at home with Mr. Howard at the home of Rev. L. Struthers...

Townsend has gone over the top in the Red Cross Christmas membership drive with flying colors, and has secured its quota of 150 members...

A family gathering was held on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuckney on Townsend hill...

Christmas guests were entertained at the home of Frank Barber, Townsend hill, and at Vernal Barber's...

Miss Ruth Morse has returned with her sister, Mrs. Robertson, to Woburn, where she will spend the remainder of her school vacation.

The Townsend Hill library has recently received from the Agricultural college interesting literature on home economics, etc., which can be read at the brick college on the hill...

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "The dividing of the waters."

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Townsend has again responded nobly to the call for a friend of need, the sum of \$206.88 being contributed for the sufferers in the Red Cross disaster at Haiti...

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They called the elevated stretch just north of Eidsen 'Hungry Hill,' and it was not a misnomer. Certainly there were hungry people there...

Eidsen was not a manufacturing town, but ten years back a rascally promoter had raided the place, plausibly affecting to turn the busy wheels of industry and bring trade and profit to the wealthy citizens...

The old investors refused to put in another dollar. The plant was locked up and the workmen were left stranded. Some of them sought work elsewhere...

Hungry as were the denizens of Hungry Hill, they were not too famished to ignore an unfortunate human derelict who drifted their way one cold wintry evening...

Mrs. Martha Boyd was a buxom, heartsome creature whose husband had died, leaving her with no means. The neighbors had clubbed together and had gathered up enough to start her in a very limited grocery business...

Matt Waldron, rover, half-tramp, was cared for pitifully. He told Mrs. Boyd he was homeless and had seen better days. So he was given a room in the house and became a fixture in the business...

Matt took a vast interest in all the poor souls about town. He tidied himself up at his best. There was a meeting of the selectmen at Eidsen and before them he appeared in all his glory...

And now Matt Waldron, the rooustabout, the ne'er-do-well, began to develop. His backer was a methodical old man who left the direction of affairs to Matt, to whom he had taken a great fancy...

The machinery was ordered, the old plant renovated. Gangs were sent down the river to cut the material needed, a flatboat purchased to float the finished ware to market and first ten, then twenty and finally fifty hands were employed at good wages at the plant...

"Mr. Waldron, you're a regular magician!" declared the widow, as Matt showed her over the plant, alive with the buzz and bustle of practical industry.

"And what is that?" she inquired, as with shining eyes Matt took up a black clumsy lump from his office desk.

"New luck, grand luck, Mrs. Boyd!" proclaimed Matt, with an exultant ring in his tones. "Coal, tons of it, thousands of tons. By accident in digging a well I struck a vein ten feet down on the factory grounds. Hungry Hill is a vast coal bin and we're rich—my partner—the whole community—for all shall share in the fine fortune a kind fate has sent to us..."

It was true, and Hungry Hill blossomed from idleness into industry and from penury into opulence. And all joined in giving Matt and his bride a grand ovation after Mrs. Boyd had said "Yes."

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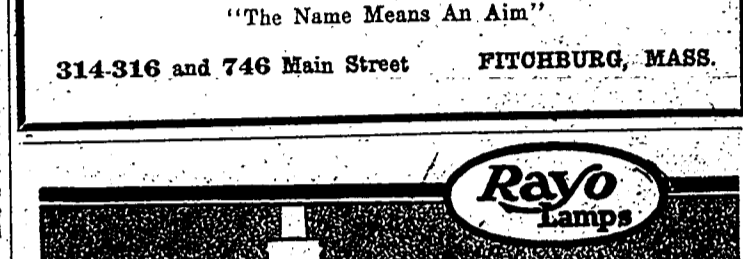
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