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LITTLETON.

Accident.

On Wednesday afternoon, as Fred A. Hosmer and family were enjoying a ride on New Estate Road, their pleasure suddenly gave place to alarm Mr. Hosmer's young son Augustus, was taking a lesson in driving and was taking a lesson in uriving and accidentally pulled the wrong rein near the fork of the Lactart and New Estate road. The horse responded quickly, upsetting the carriage and throwing out the occupants, and running a considerable distance. Mrs. Hosmer was much bruised and Mr. Hosmer was pretty well shaken up. The children were little injured, if at all. The carriage was badly dam-

Grange.

The grange meeting last week Wednesday, was thoroughly enjoyed by the good number in attendance. The program arranged by the younger brothers of the organization, consisted of singing by the quartet and chorus, solo by Ernest Robinson, reading by Henry Works, and an amusing pie and doughnut contest. The next meeting, which comes the first Wednesday in December, will be devoted to the annual business and election of officers. Many from the local grange plan to attend the state grange meetings in Worcester on December 12, 13 and 14. This grange will give a drama as soon as the necessary preparations can be made.

Again Frustrated.

jingling sound that issued from the dining-room, and being further assured of the presence of robbers, gave an alarm of the danger, and immediately set to work barricading the up-per halls with chairs and other available furniture. In the meantime, Mr. Slade's son-in-law, Judge Fitz, returned home and entered the front door, whereupon the scoundrels, who had helped themselves to a generous sup-ply of silver, deposited it in coats and were on the point of carrying off their prize, took to their feet, rushed through the back door and were soon out of sight and sound

The amazing fact is that the very same attempt was repeated on the following night, and again Judge Fitz returned at midnight, as before, scar-ing the culprits, whose purpose was second time defeated. Wakefield residents are much alarmed over the boldness of these rascals.

Returned from His Trip.

Arthur W. Drew, who has been traveling in the west and visiting relatives there, returned on Sunday morning after an absence of six weeks. He was accompanied from Minneapolis by his brother. Charles Drew, of Bangor, Me., who is visiting here on his way home. The brothers visited two sisters and two brothers living in Minneapolis, and Arthur Drew continued from that city to Seattle, Wash., where he was the guest of another sister, and other relatives. This was the first time Mr. Drew had seen the rest of the family since his western trip of thirty years ago. He expresses much interest in the lumber regions of the northwest, for opening in December. Particulars particularly in Washington, where he will be given by asking R. A. Reed,

thriving city of Victoria, B. C., and noted the fine buildings constructed in English style of architecture. From Seattle he went by hoat to San Fran-cisco, a distance of eight hundred miles, which required nine days. Two weeks ago last Sunday he enjoyed bathing with hundreds of others in the warm waters of the Pacific ocean. He saw large quantities of Tokay day and, if possible, attend the Yalegrapes, which men were shoveling Harvard game today.

out of cars like coal, the same to be converted into wine. He was pleased with the groves of orange, fig and English walnut trees, and acres and

acres of tomatoes in California.

The irrigated territory west of the Rockies, the rough mining country reach in Colorado and the Dakotasthese and numerous other wonders of the west, were objects of great inter-est in the range of the travelers' vision. Mr. Drew has spent a pleas-ant vacation and seems benefitted in health by the change.

Many of the out-of-town people will return next week to spend Thanksreturn next week to spend Thanksgiving around the festive board of
the ancestral home. A few of the
Littleton people will go away for the
holiday. At Mrs. John W. Adams'
home there will be the usual gathering of children and grandchildren, and
Mrs. Adams' two sisters, the Misses
Porter, of West Acton, making a
company of sixteen. J. W. Ireland
will entertain his children and grandcompany of sixteen. J. W. Ireland will entertain his children and granddaughter at his home on Harwood avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, and Miss Julia S. Conant will dine at N. B. Conant's. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant expect their children and grandchildren living east. At A. T. Kimball's there will be the usual gathering of brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, and Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Tuttle of Chelman. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuttle, of Chelms-Boston papers report a recent bold ford, cousins, and a Wellesley mate attempt at robbing at the home of D. L. Slade, the spice king in Wakefield. about seventeen in all. At W. E. Cowhere Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, of Lit- nant's, the sons and possibly some of tleton, figured as the heroine. In the their school friends will celebrate. house were Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Slade. Mrs. Mary J. Priest will be surrounda man of ninety-one years, a young ed by sons, daughters, grandchildren boy, and a maid. About midnight, and others to the number of the numbe the number of twenty or more. Charles L. Smith will preside over a family of thirteen.

Capt. William H. Sawyer will spend the day with niece, Mrs. E. H. Brenan. in Ware, and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son Heywood go to Somerville where they are to enjoy the hospitality of their cousins, the Fred Parkers. C. A. Kimball and family will join the reunion at Capt. Palmer's in Groton: Mrs. Clayton Hartwell and two sons will be the guests of Haywood Hartwell in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McDonald moved

Miss Miriam Cash entertained a

lads and lassies last week Friday af-ternoon, in honor of their oldest son Clifford, who observed his eighth birthday. The children enjoyed many games and a generous serving of delicious ice cream and cake. Among furnished no end of amusement and fun for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed joined an out-of-town party at the opera last

HARVARD.

News Items.

The choral union now is an assured fact, and plans are well under way saw a tree stump that measured nine- who is manager. Since the opening teen feet in diameter. From this tree of the studio here for voice culture by Mr. Lyon, interest in the possibili-Mr. Drew spent a few hours in the ties of song has revived. We have a good field to work with among the younger voices of the town and it is a pity that more has not been done in this line. It is sincerely hoped that the interest already started will continue to grow.

Henry Dickson went to Medford this week Thursday to visit with Charles A. E. Clarke. He will stay over Sun-

with its large mills in operation, the marvelous achievements of railroad engineering skill, extensive fields of corn stretching as far as the eye can

Thanksgiving.

News Items.

into their new home last week

party of ten schoolmates and other friends at her home in Newtown last week Friday evening. Entertainment consisted of games, followed by one of Mrs. Cash's good suppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yapp pleasanty entertained a party of thirty young the gifts received was a goat, which

Saturday evening.

son, Asa A. A. Hersom, who survive her, both of Roxbury.

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Willie King is to spend the winter with his grandmother, Mrs. Benjamin Houck, so as to be nearer his school during the cold weather, and also as companion for his grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ripley enter-tained their son, Lewis Ripley, over-last Sunday. Mr. Ripley is working in Worcester.

Winnifred Bryant, of Oxfordville, N H., is at home for a few days.

Charles Tewksbury, of East Bare hill, is visiting this week with rela-tives and friends at Colebrook, N. H. Warren H. Fairbank is enjoying himself for a few weeks, having been drawn as juror at the court now setting at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Molina Elwell is staying with her sister here. Miss Emily E. Hildreth, during the absence of Miss Della Clough, who is visiting with her relatives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Last Monday and Tuesday Mrs. Carrie Nourse entertained as a guest her daughter Lena, of Hudson.

Mrs. Lillian Cleaves visited Fitchburg Normal school with her sister, Miss Viola Parker, who is a student there on Wednesday last. Mrst Cleaves was formerly a successful teacher and enjoyed the visit to the normal school very much.

William H. Savage passed the eightieth milestone in his life on Wednesday, November 22. Although in declining strength, due to his years, Mr. Savage is still in good health, and takes his daily walk to the store and postoffice. His daughter, Mrs. C. W. Green, and his son, Frederick S. Savage, and several of his grandchildren called on him at his home durang the day ing the day.

Schools close on Wednesday next for the rest of the week.

Wallace Bryant, of Boston, was a week-end guest at the home of E. F. Houghton, staying over Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Stokes, of Waltham, is visiting for this week with her mother. Mrs. L. A. Crandall, East Bard hill.

Victor Gebo is working for George Bagster for the winter.

Jerome Callahan is working for S M. Farnsworth for the present, at his farm on Oak hill.

For other Harvard news, see page

Grange.

The grange held a regular meeting on Tuesday evening last. Although booked for degree work, this was necessarily laid over, and the evening was devoted to the discussion of the benefits to the nation of equal suf-frage to men and women. Music was also on the program and well ren-dered. The discussion was rather warm at times, some of the ladies taking the negative, while on the other hand, several of the men were in favor of suffrage. Although no vote was taken, the general sentiment seemed to be that while women was equal in every way and competent to vote, yet the influence on her moral and home life would be away from those finer points and qualities which in her life make the woman, the mother, in every and the truest sense of the word. The next meeting, to be held on Tuesday evening, December 5, will be the annual election of of-Visitors were present from Bolton and Lancaster granges.

Adeline E. Maynard, a daughter of Arabella and Emery Perry, who was a professor of music, was born in Millburg, Mass., January 16, 1824, at an early age went to Worcester to live, and for many years sang in Edward Everett Hale's church in Worcester. She was married at Worcester on June 21, 1849, to George C. Maynard, of Sterling, who died at Arlington of July 11, 1866. There were six chil dren, three surviving her-George C and Arabella Folsom, of Harvard, and Louise C. Hersom, of Roxbury. She has living a brother, Charles C. Perry, of Harvard, two sisters, Jennie L. Jackson, of Charleston, S. C., and Louise C. Hovey, of Roxbury.

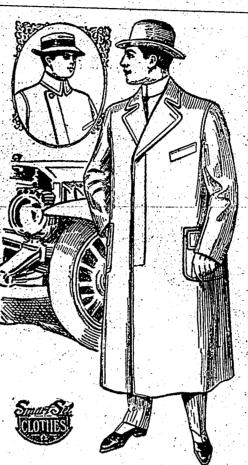
Most of her years were passed in Boston and vicinity, was a member of Francis Gould Woman's Relief Corp. Arlington. She became a special aide to Woman's Relief Corns on July 15, 1910, and was a charter member of the Building Fund association of Arlington, and a member of the Whisteria club of Boston. She died on November 17, and the funeral was at her daughter's. Mrs. George A Folsom, in Harvard, November 19, at leven o'clock. Burial was at Shirley There is also one grandson, May nard P. Hersom, and one great-grand-

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Saturday, November 25, 1911. WESTFORD.

From the Hamburg-American steamship headquarters in New York, come this week word of cable dispatches from the S. S. Cleveland, making an around the world cruise, of the safe arrival and departure from Suez and a voyage of three thousand miles through the Red Sea, the Gulf of Arden and the Arabian Sea to Bombay with its million inhabitants. The dispatches state all well on board and the trip proving delightful. This is tive and negative again. of interest because it includes Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur, wi M. Elizabeth Whitney, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright of Westford and

Miss Harriet Hodgman, of Cambridge, has been renewing her many Westford associations, the guest of Miss Emily F. Fletcher, this week. Miss Hodgman was a guest of the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall.

George W. Heywood, with a long time experience with attacks of illness, has not been well this week. Mrs. Abiel J. Abbot is in quarantine

at her home with an attack of diph-theria. At this writing reports are favorable and the attack-under good control.

J. Henry Colburn has broken ground this past week for the erection of a house for a home for him-self and family on the lot purchased by him, between E. J. Whitney's and the townbouse. Needham & Fletcher, of Littleton, will frame in the house and Mr. Colburn will keep busy with the inside work during the winter.

A pleasant home with all modern improvements is planned.

Miss Edith A. Wright is acting as the church organist at the Congrega-tional church during Miss Lumbert's

Very favorable reports come from Miss Grace Lumbert at the Lowell General hospital, where she underwent a serious operation on Thursday of last week.

A pretty dancing party was held on last week Friday evening at the town hall in charge of the academy students It was largely attended and the Colonial orchestra, of Lowell, furnished the music for dancing from eight until twelve o'clock. During intermission refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Blodgett. The matrons were Mrs. Lizzie G. Hamlin, Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and Mrs. Frank Furbush and the young ladies in charge, Misses Lena Clement, Catherine Connell and Alice Gilson.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Dexter Coggshall, of the academy. met last Saturday afternoon at the academy gymnasium for basketball.

At the regular meeting of the grange on Thursday evening of last week, it fell to old standbys to furnish the en-tertainment at the lecturer's hour, namely singing by E. G. Boynton, reading by S. L. Taylor, and a paper on "Every-day English," by Mrs. L. W. Wheeler. Applications for membership were read by the secretary.

A coming event is a play in pepara-tion under the direction of the overseer, Mrs. Clara Greig, with plenty of fun and some good talent. The next fun and some good talent. The next meeting, December 8, will be the election of officers for the year, and every

member is urged to be present.
Dr. O. V. Wells was to have given his paper on "Epochs on medical history," recently so well received at the was detained from doing so at the last minute, but may present it at some future meeting.

Tadmuck.

F. Hildreth, vice president, had ing his h the charge of the afternoon's program. The subject was the second in the progress. season's special topic for study and was "South American cities." Miss Hildreth had chosen Montivideo in Uruguay, and gave an interesting sketch of this progressive South American city; also, one of La Plaza in Bolivia, and a brief one of Tripoli.

Miss Hildreth illustrated her talk with some good views.
Under the charge of the committee

Long gave one of his masterly word pictures of the old Thanksgiving and the new. This was followed with the closest attention.

A pleasant letter from the Little ton Woman's club, was read by the secretary, inviting the members as a dial hospitality was accepted and the secretary instructed to convey their acceptance and appreciation of the Littleton club.

The names of Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher, Miss Gladys Fletcher and Mrs. Perley E. Wright were accepted

into membership at this meeting..
The next meeting. December 5, will be one of the club's pleasant diver gences from the regular topic, and will be "Sam Walter Foss-poet, philosopher and preacher," in charge of Rev. David Wallace.

About Town.

Miss Belle Walker entertained Mrs. Seth Walker and two children several days last week. Rev. Seth Walker moved his family recently to Stone ham from Chelmsford.

About twenty-five neighbors and friends surprised themselves last Sat-urday evening by husking about forty bushels of corn and surprising the conveyed to their home where they division at Smith college. Lucy is

Sargents at their farm, the Edwin are making as speedy recovery as Heywood place. Red ears were everywhere quite active, and Houghton Oszood was one of the many recipients of what red ears promise. Re-freshments and games kept the gathering in an unfaltering attitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Taylor have been visiting at the old homestead on the Lowell road, corner of Stony Brook. He has been working for the Boston and Maine railroad for about thirty years, and resides at Woodsville, N. H.

The next meeting of the Middlesex North Pomona grange will be held at Chelmsford Center on Friday, December 1, at which meeting the annual election of officers will occur.

Joseph T. Richardson has moved his family from the Deyeil place on the Lowell road to the O'Brien cottage on the Providence road.

The old West Chelmsford debating society, so long dormant, is likely to feel the stir of young blood through the efforts of Harold Fletcher, the eldest son of Councillor Fletcher, and the society will thus be charged with the enthusiasm and courage of youth to get back to the position of affirma-

C. R. P. Decatur, who has been ill, is again more like "Vill."

LITTLETON.

Annual Banquet.

The Backlog club opened its thirti-eth year with the annual banquet last week Thursday evening. After the assembling of club members' and guests in the auditorium of the Unitarian vestry, the company of one hundred and fifty persons repaired to the dining hall under leadership of President and Mrs. B. Frank Jacobs The banquet room was festooned with evergreen and the long tables with savory delicacies looked inviting.

President Jacobs pleasantly opened the literary part of the festivities by a welcome speech in which he expressed his gratification with the loyal service of all club members this last year and the high degree of success made possible through their combined and harmonious efforts. He then pre-sented the toastmaster of the evening, Benson B. Priest, who was received with hearty applause, and graced the office which he so happily filled. Rev. P. H. Cressey, who came from

Groton with Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Priest, responded to the toast, "The guest." Mrs. J. M. Hartwell's sub-ject, "The log of the Backlog," gave well improved opportunity for a review of club interests and achieve ments of the past thirty years. H. Malcolm Priest responding to "The effete east," gave delightful glimpses of his trip abroad this last summer in company with members of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. "The golden west," was vividly depicted by Harry S. Barker, who spoke from the wealth of recent travels and experiences. "The school abroad," was discussed by Principal Bates Stover, who gave a verbal reflection of his educa-tional work in the Philippines. Rev. Harrison L. Packard responded to "Our neighbors," and "The last word," was given by Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield. All the speakers gave delightfully entertaining contributions to a much en-

joyed program.

The club calendars were distributed. They contain the usual attractions in charge of various committees. The next announcement is that of the Thanksgiving ball to be given on November 30, in Littleton town hall. Salem Cadet orchestra has been gaged for the evening. This a leading social event of its kind that always take the nature of a reunion of home people and their out-of-town relatives who return in large numbers for the

Progressing Rapidly.

The work on the Dr. Phelps house is progressing rapidly. The founda-tion has been completed and the carpenters are busy. Mr. Phelos, of Vermont, is supervising the reconstruc-tion, and working with the carpenters. As stated in this column last week, the house is to be made into two separate tenements, with modern improvements, including hot and cold water, bathrooms, etc. There will be new windows throughout the house, and a new door and porch on the side facing the library. Fresh paint will be applied inside and out, and the rooms will all be newly papered. Two At the meeting of the Tadmuck furnaces will be installed, one for club on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Ella each tenement. Mr. Phelps is making his home with W. H. Davis. while the repairs and remodeling are in

The Lyceum.

Miss Ellen Paine Huling of Cambridge, interested her audience at the lyceum last Tuesday evening, by the easy conversational style in which she spoke of her observations in Labra-dor and the educative experiences that she faithfully narrated. To illuson preliminary exercises, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth read a Thanksgiving article by John D. Long, on which Mr. Long gave one of his masteria. ed on the platform. Miss Huling spoke in high terms of the effectual missionary labors of Dr. Grenfell and other workers among the people of Labrador. At the close of her lecture the speaker exhibited many curios, explaining their use and further reveal-ing the life and character of the inclub to their neighborhood meeting teresting natives. Miss Huling was on Monday, November 27. This cordial hospitality was accepted and the whom she formerly attended Radcliffe college:

anto Accident.

Mrs. Webster Robbins of East Acton, well known in this town, had a narrow escape in an auto accident last week Sunday night as she was returning home with her son and her daughter. While riding at a fair rate of speed, the son, Raymond Robbins, ost control of the machine, probably through the loss of a nut from the steering gear. The auto plunged down a twenty-foot embankment, immediately turning turtle and quickly righting itself. The occupants were thrown far apart, and although somewhat bruised, escaped critical injuries. Mrs. Robbins, who met the worst fate, suffered from a fractured ankle and Miss Robbins has several bad cuts

J. H. Whitcomb has returned from a ten-days' trip to the Maine woods, and Fred C. Hartweel from the wilds of New Hampshire, each bringing valuable trophles of the chase in the nature of deer. Mr. Hartwell was located twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad station, and found the passage through the woods so impeded by the deep snows that he cut short his intended march and came home to Littleton last week Friday.

Mrs. George A. Gardner, of New Bedford, came to town last week Friday and pleasantly surprised her mother, Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitcomb, on the latter's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb entertained a few friends at a dinner party given at their home in Newtown, this week Thursday.

Rev. A. S. Woodworth, of Lowell has declined the invitation to become pastor of the Littleton Baptist church. Daniel Fletcher, of Boston, was in town last week, looking after his farm interests.

Mrs. Mary Hibbard and baby, of Ayer, have been visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ireland, this week. Mr. Hibbard was also a guest over Sunday.

N. B. Conant is building a garage

for his new automobile. An addition of several men to the Italian crew engaged in digging and laying pipe arrived in town on Wednesday forenoon. The work is advancing well towards the Common. and some of the men are digging the trench on Foster street.

The Alliance meets with Mrs. S. E. Abbot next week Friday, from 10.30 a. m., to 3.30 p. m. Mrs. Marv J. Priest will discuss the religious news.

The next number slated for the Woman's club is a neighborhood meeting, to be held in the Unitarian vestry on Monday afternoon, November 27. Responses are expected from West Concord Woman's club, Tadmuck club of Westford, Altrurian club of Shirley, West Acton Woman's club, and Ayer Woman's club. There will be a tea in charge of Mrs. Annie C. Smith and Mrs. Hattie W. Robinson

The C. E. subject for tomorrow evening is "Echoes of peace and bless-This will be a Thanksgiving meeting.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard 'will preach a Thanksgiving sermon tomorrow morning. In the evening he will give another address in the series of great religious leaders, taking for his subject, "Jonathan Edwards and the great awakening.

Last Sunday evening, Supt. Frank H. Hill's address on "Honor thy father and thy mother," was given before a large and deeply interested audience at the Congregational vestry. Words of approval and high commendation were heard from all whose privilege it was to listen to Mr. Hill's logic and practical suggestions.

A garage and an automobile near Lake Nagog, the property of Mr. Roberts, of Chelsea, a summer resident occupies one of the cottages, were destroyed by fire last week Friday night. The cause is unknown. Littleton bells were rung and help was summoned by telephone, but on account of the long distance to the fire, but few men responded to the call, and conditions proved beyond the control of those who tried to help.

There has been a report that the Jason Fuller farm in North Littleton has been sold, but the present occupants of the place deny it.

Ralph Hill and his sister, Miss Eleanor, and Miss Jennie Sawyer, attended the drama, "That rascal Pat," given by the Universalist society in

South Acton last week Friday evenin-Charles Yapp, of Newtown road, is building a foundation for a new shed. which may be used for a garage.

The school savings system, which went into operation last week Tuesday, has been received with interest and enthusiasm of pupils, teachers. parents and friends. the four hundred and seventy pupils in the grade schools have become depositors, making a larger percentage of depositors than many other towns have. In three rooms, nearly every pupil now holds one of the little bank books, and the amount of the deposits has been thus far equally encourage

Littleton readers were glad to note the resolutions on the death of our townsman, James McNiff, which were printed in the Ayer column of last week's paper.

Edward McNiff is working as local lineman, making repairs and re-adjustment of telephone wires. Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield exchanged

pulpits with Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton last Sunday. Hermann Newmann has disposed of his personal property at private sale and plans to move with his family to

Mansfield, Ohio, next week. About Town.

The ladies of the Unitarian society have voted to pay for the putting in of water and set tubs in the parsonage of the society.

Last Monday, in Webster, N. H., Miss Ethel B. Walker was married to William A. Cloues, son of the former Baptist minister here, who performed the ceremony. He holds a position in the Lyndon institute at Lyndonville, N. H., where they will live.

The Guild meeting will be a Thanks giving service in charge of Mrs. N. H.

The annual Thanksgiving ball held under the auspices of the Backlog club will be given on Thursday evening in the town hall, music being furnished by the Salem Cadet orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith are the committee in charge.

The Mission Study of the United Workers will hold its December meeting with Miss Florence Wilcox on

Wednesday afternoon, December 6. Miss Lucy H. Robbins, daughter of

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well-known here, and is a daughter of P. S. Whitcomb. T. William Hanson, the long and trusted man of D. G. Houghton, by his will, left \$500 to the King's Daughters' circle, which Mr. Houghton has just turned over to the circle.

Miss Mabel Sargent has resigned her position as teacher at the West school, for a private school with only

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HERBERT V. HILDRETH. and thirteen others.



On the foregoing petition it is hereby ordered that a public hearing be held at the Town Hall, Littleton, on Wednesday, the sixth day of December, next, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., and that due notice thereof be given by publishing this petition and order thereon in the Littleton Guidon, and by posting copies thereof at said Town Hall and the Post Office at Littleton and Littleton Common, ten days, at least, before the date of said hearing.

WALTER H. TITCOMB, GEORGE H. BARKER,

Selectmen of Littleton. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 23rd, 1911.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of JOHANNA F. CROWLEY. late of Groton in said. County. deceased: Whereas, PATRICK H. CROWLEY 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 twelfth day of December A. D. 1911, 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

you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivoring a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by nublishing the same once in each week, for three successive week, 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. Witness, Charles J. McIntire. Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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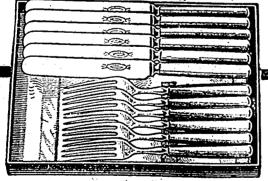
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TOWNSEND.

West Townsend.

Miss Chase, from Waltham, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Mor-

Miss Ella Flanders, of Franklin, N H., has been a recent guest of Will-Schools will close next Wednesday until the following Monday for the

Thanksgiving vacation Mrs. Ord, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. George Thorn-

ing, has been spending a few weeks in Nashua, N. H. Mrs. Allison is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mervin

William Reed, formerly of Fitchburg, who is now with his family oc-cupying the Benjamin March farm, is driving the meat route for Robert Bros., of Ashby, for the winter.

C. B. Stickney has returned from his hunting trip to New Hampshire, having killed a deer, as did each of the other members of his party.

Thomas Woodman, who has been driving the milk wagon for Walter Weston, of Josselynville, has given up his situation and entered the employ of Clarence Stickney.

Miss Mildred L. S ever. of Nashua, N. H., spent Sunday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver. Mrs. Fred Coburn, who has been

spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, has returned to her home in Lowell. Ralph H. Willard, of Boston, spent Sunday at his home here, and Edward Patch, from Boston, was at his home

in Josselynville over Sunday. Mrs. Marcellus Hodgman of Greenville, N. H., is stopping at the home of her son, Marvin Hodgman, for a few

Mrs. Sarah Hodge returned Monday evening to her home in John Camp-bell's tenement on Elm street. Her niece, Miss Emily Orr, wha has been visiting relatives in Lynn, has taken

remain there for the winter. Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son, Roger, visited friends in Greenville, N. H., Tuesday.

a situation as housekeeper and will

Mrs. F. A. Patch of Josselynville has been spending a few days this week with relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

G. A. Seaver has been enjoying brief vacation from his duties in Boston and was at his home here the first

George Hayward of Bayberry hill returned from a hunting trip Monday with a good-sized deer, which he had killed.

The L. L. A. S. are preparing for their annual sale and entertainment which will be held in Seminary hall in a few weeks.

Mrs. Charles B. Stickney is enjoying a brief vacation with relatives in Boston and vicinity and Miss Mabel Thompson is assisting at the home of Mrs. Oren Lawrence during her abscence.

Eighteen were present at the weekly cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Miss Maria B. Wiggin Wednesday evening. The meeting was in charge of Walter E. Wilder of Josselynville, who spoke on "Christian riches." The folding Estey organ and the Chapman-Alexander books were brought from the Baptist vestry to be used at the praise service.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach from his pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday on a theme appropriate to the Thanksgiving season and the Y. P. S. C. E., which is consecration service, will be in charge of Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

The Men's club met as usual at the reading room on Tuesday evening to discuss current events and held a very interesting meeting, held in an in-formal fashion as the president is out of town.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence and took up the reading of the "Work in Japan." under the charge of Mrs. S. D. Ringrose. At the close of the program a light lunch was served.

(lub Meeting.

On Thursday evening of last week, at the reading-room, the Ladies' Study club held their fortnightly meeting fit charge of Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, chairman for November Seven were present and the meeting opened with quotations to which all responded, and current events, in which Mrs. G. A. Seaver reported for which Mrs. G. A. Seaver reported for China, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Mrs. J. F. Thompson for Italy and Turkey, and Mrs. Barker gave a brief account of the success of the Woman's Suffrage mevement in the west.

The last reading of the Merchant of Venice was given, the parts being taken as follows:

Taken as follows:

Portia, Mrs. Charles B. Stickney:
Shylock and Lorenzo, Mrs. L. C. Barker: Antonio and Launcelot, Miss Alice
Seaver: Nerissa and Stephano, Mrs.
George A. Seaver: Bassanio and the
Duke of Venice, Mrs. Fred A. Patch
Jessica and Solarino, Mrs. Joseph
Thompson, and Gratiano, Mrs. Albert
H. Wilson.

The next play to be taken up will be Macbeth, the first reading to be in charge of Mrs. G. A. Seaver, on Thursday afternoon, December 7, the meetasy atternoon, December 1, the meeting having been postponed a week on account of Thanksgiving. Mrs. Stickney retiring from the chair, Mrs. Albert Wilson succeeds her for the month of December, and Mrs. G. A Seaver was appointed third chairman

Mrs. Levi Hill of Boston has been guest at Mrs. Albert Fessenden's. A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farrar on Thursday morning, November 16.

James Brogan, of Ashland, N. H. was in town last week looking after the interests of his brother, Daniel Brogan, who went to the Soldiers home in Chelsea, recently, but who has come back again for a while.

Charles Howard went to Worcester last week to see his brother David play on the Worcester Polytech foot-

entertainment in the evening consisted of music and readings and a social time wound up the evening.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church had a supper and en-tertainment in the vestries last week Friday evening. The supper consisted of scalloped potatoes, corn, etc. The supper con-

beans, coffee, pastry and cake. The Spurgie Misner has been summoned home to Nova Scotia by his parents who are ill.

Rev. Waldo Burgess of Shelbourne is at home on a two weeks' vacation, which he has had to take on account of throat trouble. His tonsils were removed this week.

W. F. Rockwood, Elmer Wallace and Arthur Huse have returned from their hunting trip with others from the near towns. They captured seven deer near the Connecticut lakes in New Hampshire.

The Phœbe Weston Farmer tent. D of V., cleared \$102.20 on their recent fair, which was very gratifying to the management, who did everything in their power to make the affair a suc-

Monday evening, November 27, will be observed at the grange by having an old-fashioned country "skewl" with a spelling match and dinner pail The meeting will be in charge lunch. of the lecturer, Icea L. Cowdrey, and there will be a five-cent fine for those appearing without a dinner pail. Stories of school days by the members are to be in order and old time songs are in charge of Emma F. Seaver.

The Monday club will meet this coming Monday with Mrs. Florence Fessenden. Subject: "Motor trip in England and Scotland," Mrs. Fessenden, Music by Mrs. Moore, of Quincy

Harry Winchester and Hallet Misner have moved from the Holdens into Albert Turner's house for the winter, and are very comfortably situated in their new quarters.

Lieut. A. F. Patterson, of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Winton, has been making a brief visit at his aunt's, Mrs. Frank Greenleaf's, where his family has also been staving. He left for Galveston, Texas, on Thursday, where he is stationed, and his family will join him in about two weeks.

There will be an entertainment at the M. E. church on next Tuesday evening, according to reports this

The Townsend A. A. has chosen Wednesday evening, the night before Thanksgiving, for the public reception and presentation of the prize silver cups to the winners among the base-ball boys. Everybody is invited, and after the reception there will be a so-

To Be Given.

The Indian drama, "Morg Megone," which has been dramatized from Whittier's poem, will be presented by the senior class of the high school at Memorial hall on Thanksgiving night This promises to be a rare treat and the story is out of the usual run of drama's generally presented. The tickets will go on sale at C. W. Hil-dreth's store, Monday afternoon, November 27, at one o'clock. The poem deals with incidents in the French and Indian wars in New England and is full of interesting scenes throughout, and the play thrills with the excite-ment of those times. It is understood the cast are doing great work at rehearsals.

Reception and Presentation.

There was a special meeting of the T. A. A. on last Saturday night, and among other business transacted it was voted that Manager Fessenden and T. E. Flarity be a committee to act with the official scorer to aid in figuring out the baseball averages for the year. It was also voted to give a public reception and presentation in Memorial hall in honor of the baseball players, along the same lines as the one held last year. The cups will be presented at this time to those having the best averages. The following committee of four were chosen formal fashion as the president is out of town.

The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I way A. Lawrence and took up. nounced by the committee very soon.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Etter Millett, who has been for the past three months in town, has closed his work here and gone to Welfville, N. S., where he has a position as re pairer in a mill.

Miss Jennie Faulkenham, of Braintree, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinsman here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingman, of West Falmouth, are guests this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Powers, who have been employed by H. F. Whitney at the farm during this season, have closed their contract here and gone to their home in Leominster.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, of Leominster, and for many years a resident here, visited about town on Monday and Tuesday, staying with her sister. Mrs. J. G. Hapgood.

Wedding bells struck for one of our young townsmen on Thursday of last week, when Arthur J. Whitcomb, of Harvard, and Miss Myra Burnham, of Bolton, were united in marriage. Rev.

no deer have been reported shot by local sportsmen. A large buck, weighing 250 pounds, was killed on Monday in Shaboken district and expressed to Townsend. There were also three deer reported killed on Oak hill and carried out toward Hudson and Bol-

Miss Mary Davis returned home from Littleton, N. H., on Saturday last. She came in company with her uncle, Alex Duff, of Vermont, visited for the week at the home here of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davis.

W. F. Dickson secured two buffalo coats sold last week at Boston by the quartermaster of the U. S. army. He is elated with his purchases. coats are first-class in every particu-

On Sunday last, Rev. L. D. Cochran, of Bolton, preached at the Unitarian church. His sermon was a powerful one and listened to with strict attention. Herbert A. Thayer sang a tenor solo, which was very beautifully rendered. Tomorrow, Rev. George Jones will preach as usual and Miss Mildred Sanders of Ayer will sing.

On Friday evening. December 1, Marshall Darrach will give a read-ing under the auspices of the Warner lectures. The subject will be "Comedy of errors."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagerty, of Hudson, spent Sunday at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. T. Mongov-

in, on Bare hill. Mrs. Clara Spencer, for many years a resident here, visited this week at

the home of Miss Susie Davis. Miss Clara E. Sears closed "The Pergolas," her beautiful summer mansion on Prospect hill on Tuesday last. and went to her winter home in Bos-

Annual Dance,

On Thursday evening, November 30 the chemical company will give their annual dance party at the town hall. The services of the Salem Cadet orchestra, Jean Missaud, leader, have been engaged for this party. There will be a short concert program, consisting of the following numbers:

Selection, "The spring maid": inter-mezzo, "Hula, Hula": solo for cornet, selected, Nelson T. Bernier; overture, "Trumpeter of the fort."

The members of the company intend to make this party the best dancing party of the year and cordial-ly invite all to attend. The refreshments will be in charge of A. T. Ripley, foreman. The decorative committee is headed by Messrs. Kerley and Morse. Music is in charge of A. T. West. Everybody will be welcome and will be given and the second second will be second. and will be given a good time at this

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A. D. 1903, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of
Deeds in book 3077, page 207, will be sold at Public Auction upon the premises below described on Monday, the Eighteenth day of Pecember, A. D. 1911, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises con-veyed by said mortgage deed and

therein described as follows: "A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, containing Three Quarters of an acre of land, be the same more or less, situated near the Fitchburg Railroad Depot, in that part of said Shirley known as Shirley Village, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Southerly by said Railroad Com-pany's land; Westerly by land now or formerly of R. M. Priest and Alvah A. Warner; and Northerly by the road leading from said Depot to Shirley Centre, so-called."

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Surviving administrator of the estate of said Bartholomew McGrail. November 24th, 1911.

Harvard, and Miss Myra Burnham, of Bolton, were united in marriage. Rev. L. D. Cochran, of Bolton, performed the ceremony. Both of the young people are very popular and well-known here, being members of the grange. The bride is a niece of Orin A. Fairbank of this town. They will make their home for the present, at least, with the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Whitcomb.

William J. Kerley was in Worcester on Saturday last, with the idea of seeing the football game between the Holy Cross and the Worcester Polytech teams. Owing to the condition of the field the game was postponed until this Saturday.

Miss Marjorie Shea, of Charlestown, was a guest over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford, at West Bare hill.

Most of our juvenile hunters were up bright and early on Monday last, ready and waiting at vantage points for the rising of the sun and the supposed slaughter of deer that was to accompany it. Toward sundown, and later, the sportsmen returned minus the game. Up to this writing

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Saturday, November 25, 1911.

GROTON.

Clipping.

The Groton relatives and old friends Dr. H. F. Williams, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be interested in the fol-lowing clipping from the Brooklyn

Daily Eagle, of Friday, November 17: A "shower" yesterday afternoon was the scene of a new engagement an-nouncement. The "shower" was a silk stocking shower, given at the home of Miss Alline Williams, 416 Grand avenue, in honor of Miss Florence Morrison. In the midst of it, suddenly, Miss Williams announced her engagement to Richard Hamilton Torrey, of 506 Clinton avenue. About thirty girls were there to con-

Miss Williams is yet another of the extremely pretty girls of society to become engaged this fall. She is very known on the Hill and Park slope, being the younger of two daughters of Dr. Herbert F. Williams, who for many years lived on Gates avenue. Miss Williams was one of the famous class of 1910, Packer. Her elder sister, Miss Isabelle Williams, recently married John Thurlow. Mrs. Daniel T. Merritt, of Grand avenue, is her

Mr. Torrey is seldom called anything else than "Ham," or, at the most, Hamilton Torrey. He is a son of Mrs. William S., and the late Dr Torrey, and has a sister, Miss Jean-Torrey. He has been a good deal of a figure in the social world of late, was graduated from Lehigh university two years ago, and is a Squadron C man.

Tools Recovered.

One day, about three weeks ago, when Darwin P. Keyes was cutting brush along the highway near the old Culver place, it rained so hard he was obliged to quit and go home. Before leaving he carefully hid his tools as he had often done before, in a safe place in an adjoining field. The next day proved too rainy to work but on the day following he returned to finish cutting the brush, but his tools were nowhere to be found. He was obliged to return home, but afterwards borrowed some, and so kept on for several days, when it occurred to him to place the matter before Chief Riley. The policeman heard Mr. Keyes' story and went to work, traced the missing tools and got them. He notified Mr. Keyes a few days ago to call at his headquarters at the selectmen's room and he would give him his tools, which was accordingly done. Mr. Keyes is pleased to get his tools back and to give Mr. Riley the credit for it.

W. R. C. Meeting.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. enjoyed an unusually interesting meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when four new members were initiated and after the exercises a time of social intercourse hold their election of officers on Tuesday, December 5, and Mrs. Lovejoy citizens how much he regretted the invited the E. S. Clark corps to attend disappointment which was the first that meeting. It was therefore voted of its kind in these free lectures to by the E. S. Clark corps to hold their occur for the past sixteen years. meeting on Monday afternoon, December 4, in order to give any member the opportunity to attend at Ayer on December 5. The names of the four new members who were initiated on Tuesday afternoon have been given before in this column.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lewis, cf West Upton, were in town on Monday. Mrs. Lewis called on a number of her old neighbors when here.

J. F. Culver was seen by some one driving along the road on Tuesday carrying a deer on his shoulders. An inquiry showed that Mr. Culver was about to dress the deer for some one at Groton School, who had received it as a present from a friend. The deer was shot in Maine.

Mrs. Jane Clark is taking Mrs. Lizwhile Mrs. Floyd is at her own home on Shattuck street, near Baddacook.

Mrs. George Francis Bancroft had ae misfortune to break her leg while walking along a street in Boston last week, and is there at the City hospi-The bone broken is the one between the thigh and knee.

Workmen are laying a face wall Lawrence Brooks farm, near Birch hill.

The eye trouble with which James Bywater has been suffering, is glaucoma. Dr. Nutter, an eye specialist, from Nashua, was called in consultation on the case. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. H. Frazec, of Elm street, was operated on Tuesday at Groton hospital for appendicitis.

Harold Hamlett Woods and Carl A. P. Lawrence, students at Dart-mouth from Groton, came to their homes here Friday night and went to the game from here Saturday. The prevailing preference as expressed in town was largely for Dartmouth. The score of 5-3 in favor of Harvard was not a bad defeat for ing. the losing team which put up a fine

Among those who went from Groton to the Harvard-Dartmouth game last lin of Swampscott. Saturday were: Miss Famile E. Woods accompanied by F. A. Woods Woods, accompanied by F. A. Woods on Sunday, were guests of their sister; been made sharers in the spoils of the woman question was finally settled and Kendal Pierce of Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Bliss. They were accomponance on the spoils of the woman question was finally settled.

Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Dr. W. A. Gobie, William H. Boynton, Louis H. Sheedy, Harry L. Bruce and John McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Greene and Miss Perry, instructors at Lawrence academy, also Ernest Palmer, George Cameron, Prescott Williams, Charles Burke, David Miller, five academy boys. Harold Bigelow Woods, a graduate of the high school, went from the Worcester Polytechnic to the game.

The Misses Lottle and Inabelle Woods have bought out Mrs. Caroline Conant, milliner in Pepperell, and will do business at the old stand.

William N. Souther left for Sanibel Island, off the west coast of Florida, on Thursday. Mr. Souther has spent winters for several years at this place. He went by rail to New London, Conn., thence by boat to New York city, taking a boat at that city for his destination.

Everett F. Nutting took his father Harry E. Nutting, William Gale and Henry Erving in his auto to Harvard on Tuesday, where the four went hunting for deer. Henry Erving was the successful one of the party. He got a young buck weighing about 225

Mr. Headle, assistant station agent, is soon to get through his work. This is one of the many changes being made among the employees on the

The Groton Historical society have just possessed themselves of an old wooden clock, made in 1815. It is one of the tall, old-fashioned grand-father clocks, and was made in Groton by E. Patch. It came from an antique store, of which the owner was selling out the goods.

Mrs. William Charlton, with her infant daughter, is visiting her relatives in Chelmsford.

The Pleasant street bridge is again used by the public, although not yet quite finished. A large number of teams and men are at work grading and digging down the bank to make the roadbed wider.

F. Greene is working in West Gro-

ton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osgood, of Champney street, left on Thursday for a stay with friends in Ashby. Mr. Osgood's health is much improved and it is thought that this change will

prove to be further beneficial to him. Mrs. Grace Wilson and son Paul. are away from their home for the winter, both being employed in the same department store in South Framingham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins have arranged to leave for their winter stay at Pasadena, Cal., and will go on December 9.

The outside jacket, which belonged to Mrs, Edwin A. Shattuck, and was taken from the dressing-room of Grange hall during a session of the W. R. C. last month, was found done up in a paper and left by some one in the kitchen of the hall this week Tuesday afternoon, when there was a meeting of the W. R. C.

Rev. H. A. Cornell was called to Providence, R. I., on Friday afternoon, to attend a funeral, There will be no services at the Baptist church on Sunday forenoon, but in the evening the services there will be conducted by Revs. G. M. Howe, and P. H. Cressey. It will be a union Thanksgiving service of the three churches.

Mrs. Mapp, from Buena Vista, Va., coming last Tuesday, is visiting her Torrey. aunt, Miss Rebekah Mapp, néé Miss Beatrice Bennett, is a sister of James T. Bennett.

There was a good-sized audience took place. Ice cream, cake and hot cocca were served. Mrs. Nina B. Friday evening to listen to the lecture in the Luther Blood course by assembled in the town hall last week department executive committee, was Donald B. McMillan, but as the operpresent and spoke to the ladies assem- ator showing the stereopticon views bled, who numbered about thirty-five had failed to appear, the lecture was The G. S. Boutwell W. R. C., of Ayer, postponed. Frank Lawrence Blood, esq., who presided, told his fellow citizens how much he regretted the occur for the past sixteen years.

The operation on Mrs. H. Frazee, Tuesday, at the Groton hospital was performed by Dr. Kilbourn, who found fifty gallstones to remove besides the appendix case. Dr. Priest etherized.

There is but one of the children in the McGovern family who has scarlet fever and that one is doing well.

Mrs. Headle of Pleasant street has the measles.

Groton people hear that F. A. Milan of Pepperell secured a deer in Harvard a few days ago. It is understood that he is the same young man who captured a dear in Groton several months ago.

The Baptist Sunday school is preparing to send a barrel or more of country produce next Monday to the Baptist Bethel in the northend of Bos-Mrs. Jane Clark is taking Mrs. Liz-ton, as a Thanksgiving offering. Con-zie Floyd's place at Miss Parmenter's tributions will be received at the church, either on Sunday, or on Mon-

day morning.

Lottie D., and Inabelle Woods have purchased the millinery business of Caroline A. Conant. East Pepperell, where they will continue the business at the old stand. Conant's Block, Main street, and will carry a full line of choice millinery, fancy goods and notions. They will have a mark down sale of trimmed hats, beginning on Monday, November 27.

West Groton.

Andrew Jarvis has suffered for some weeks with a badly sprained and bruised foot, the injury having been caused by a cow which had become untethered.

Mrs. John Dugan of Leominster, with her little son Raymond and Mrs. P. J. Madigan of Fitchburg, were guests of their sister. Mrs. G. G. Harrington, on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sleeper and little child of Walpole were guests of their brother, Earle Sleeper, during several days this week. They were accompanied by a friend and the gentlemen found entertainment in hunting. Mr. Sleeper was successful in shooting a deer.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Cat- after leaving the highway killed a fine

Mrs. E. B. Branigan, Miss Edith panied by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bartlett. The gentlermen, with R. W. Bliss and his son Robert, spent Monday deer hunting in Lunenburg.

Early on Saturday morning Dr. Kilbourn was hurriedly summoned to Mrs. Surett. Prompt treatment gave relief and report pronounces her bet-

We regret to say that the statement made two weeks ago with regard to the closing of the mills on Sunday was not correct. The mills are doing the usual Sunday work. The presence of the inspector on one Sunday and the closing of the papermill on Sunday of the following week gave rise to the report which has no foundation in fact.

The West Groton A. A.'s met on Wednesday evening and reorganized their baseball team for the coming season with George G. Harrington manager, and Roscoe Ferden, captain.

Entertainment and Dance.

On Friday evening of last week a well-filled hall greeted the appearance of C. Everett Wallace of Waltham, who entertained under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., M. U. His selections were mostly of a humorous nature and were given with a vim and spirit that captured his audience, particularly the children. An especially interesting feature of the entertainment was the demonstration of ventriloquism, a puzzle to some of the younger people. The best number on the program was. "The volunteer or ganist," as written and recited by the late Sam Walter Foss. The dance which occupied the later evening hours was well patronized and fully sustained the reputation gained by Squannacook lodge.

WESTFORD.

Forge Village.

Miss Emily Collins celebrated her birthday anniversary at her home on Saturday evening. A most delicious supper was served, after which music and games were enjoyed.

On Sunday evening, at St. Andrew's mission, Rev. A. L. Bumpus will conduct services at 7.30 o'clock.

The many friends of Mrs. George Cougle will be pained to hear of her serious iliness at the home of relatives in Bridgeport, Conn., where she and her husband had gone for a vacation.

Daniel Bennett, of Worcester, re-cently visited his brother, Joseph Bennett, of Pleasant street.

Mrs. David Lord attended the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cope, of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, of Granite-

Tickets are out for the concert and dance to be held in Abbot hall on Friday evening, December 8, under the auspices of Loyel Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. A fine program has been arranged and a good orchestra has been obtained for dancing.

TOWNSEND.

Townsend Harbor.

Miss Myrtle Gray and Miss Barnes. eachers respectively of the Townsend and Harbor schools, visited Fitchburg schools on Wednesday.

The first of the week, Harold Gray was a guest at the course dinner given by one of the young men at the Center.

During the past week Frank Conant and Galen Proctor have been busy the village with their sawing outfit.

The danger of collision between teams and automobiles has been largely eliminated by the cutting away of trees and bushes around the curve of the highway between the Old Homestead and Seven Pines.

Mr. Dana, who has been making reon the old mansion during the past summer, returned to his home in Vermont on Thursday. Next spring Mr. Dana rather expects to resume work in this viliage again.

One evening this week, Will Cooper killed an exceptionally large skunk in his henhouse.

On Wednesday evening, in honor of her birthday, Mrs. T. Harvey was given a surprise party by the members of the Monday club.

The first of the week, Mark Lead-better bought two pigs in Lunenburg. On the way home one of them escaped Although reports of a pig at large have been heard from several quar ters. Mr. Leadbetter's efforts to re capture it thus far have been in vain.

Mr. Smith and son Ray, of Waltham, were guests at Adney Gray's this

The As You Like It club held a delightful meeting with Mrs. Jones on last Tuesday afternoon. The princi-pal event was an old-fashioned quilting, following which were refresh-ments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Leadbetter.

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Ludicrous Situations.

Since sunrise last Monday morning Lunenburg wood has been a favorite rendezvous for hunters. No serious accident has been reported, although there have been some ludicrous situ ations. One young man on entering the wood had the good fortune to come within easy range of a hand-some buck, but was so excited he was unable to shoot. At another time several hunters somewhat weary from their fruitless search, sought diversion by firing at a target. The noise of the shooting brought in other sportsmen from all directions eager to have a hand in what they imagined to be a fine killing of deer. Among the successful hunters is Willard Gray, who in less than fifteen minutes lin of Swampscott.

doe. Through the generosity of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Bartlett, coming Gray, his less fortunate friends have

A Singular Dress Parade

A Story of the Future By SADIE OLCOTT

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It was in the year 1920 that the matter of woman's suffrage came to a head, woman agreeing to accept all duties of citizenship the same as men.

A battalion of volunteer infantry was organized by the government as an experiment, under command of a major. Trouble began as soon as the matter of uniform came up for consideration. The brunettes strove for a deep red with black facings, while the blonds favored either pale blue or pink. The matter was voted upon. and, the bruneftes being in the majority, the red won. A pattern for the suit was adopted, the trousers being very full and reaching only to the knee. Since the first decade of the century, when women began to wear hats of different shapes, independence in this matter had been continually growing. It was therefore found impossible to agree upon a uniformitati and each woman was permitted to wear any shaped head covering she pleased.

The members of the regiment were ordered to rendezvous in camp. The quartermaster, a man who had been charged with the work of establishing the camp, provided only such equip ment as he had been used to providing for men. During the morning of the date of assembly the women soldiers came flocking in, the quartermaster receiving them and instructing them in the uses of the equipment What was his consternation to see vans. wagons, carts, without limit drive up loaded with trunks, valises and other articles of baggage. The hat boxes alone, most of them prodigious, occupied more space than the belongings of a regiment of men.

He telegraphed at once for 500 hos pital tents, which gave each woman one for her baggage. Fortunately the tents arrived while the weather was yet fine, and no damage was done by exposure. A dress parade was ordered for 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and peo ple flocked in from city and country to see this popular military ceremony. When the call sounded and the line was formed it was plain that much must be done for uniformity. Here and there a blond had disregarded orders and had her uniform made of pink or blue. Some who were what is commonly called spindle shanked had

their trousers made to reach the foot. But the greatest irregularity was in the hats. There were small inverted sugar bowl hats. Chinese conical hats. hats with enormous crowns, hats with small crowns, hats with brims as large as cartwheels. Then there were feathers plucked from every bird from the humming bird to the ostrich. The government inspector from Washington put on a pair of spectacles, and as he cast his eyes along the line his brow darkened. But he had orders from the inspector general not to be too rigid with the battalion, which from the nature of the case needed a great deal of latitude.

The troops having been brought to an open order and a parade rest, he walked down the front of the line. At the first glaring breach of uniformity reached he made a few remarks. He did not repeat them. The soldiers whose apparel he had found fault with began a defense, which lasted fifteen minutes and was not even discontinued when the inspector moved

As he passed along at the rear his position might be noted by the woman he was behind putting her hand to her back bair.

Having gone through the inspection perfunctorily he assumed his original position, and the major commanding was directed to put the battalion through the manual of arms. Her first order was "Attention," the second "Shoulder arms!" At the latter order every musket went up and every hat of extra size was knocked off and rolled on the ground. A brisk breeze blowing at the time carried many of them away, rolling them over the parade ground.

The situation was very embarrassing to the commander. How to get the hats back on the women's heads involved a puzzle. To break ranks during a dress parade would be unmilitary, yet the hats could not be permitted to remain the sport of the wind. There were boys looking on who might be hired to chase them and pick them up, but only the women knew their own hats. The crowd looked expectant. There were some jeers. The inspector stood in a soldierly attitude. with arms folded. Decisions among soldiers cannot be long delayed, and the major was forced to act.

"Stack arms!"

"Break ranks and chase hats!" There was a scurrying over the field by women who were fat and women who were lean, tall women, short women-indeed, all shapes. The fat ones fell on their hats and crushed them; the tall ones on stooping to pick up their property were knocked over by the short ones.

Finally the hats were recovered, the women "fell in" and the ceremony pro-geoded. When the band paraded the drum major, who had been selected, of course, for her height, produced a very marked impression on the spec tators. Her headpiece, the size and shape of a flour barrel, was surmounted by a plume resembling a column of smoke. Indeed, those who gazed upon It were obliged to look at the sky as

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AYER.

Prospect of New Industry.

Our citizens will be gratified to that the management of Chandler Planer Company has secured a contract with Meteor Automobile Company, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., for a line of work that promises to de velop into a very important local industry. Negotiations have been under way for several months, and work will be started next week on two cars which are expected to be ready for the New York Automobile show

financed by New York capitalists, who are planning to build the highest grade, and one of the highest priced cars on the market. A staff of expert engineers has been engaged on the plans for over eleven months. The shop work will be under the super-vision of Alfred C. Marr, of Springfield, who comes here from the Palmer-Singer Company. He arrived in town on Wednesday and is now engaged in laying out the work, which will be vigorously pushed. Mr. Marr will be the representative of Meteor Company on the job. The other oper-

atives will be local machinists.
Unless some defects, which call for considerable modification in the design is disclosed in the building of these first two cars, ten cars will be started as soon as these are tested out, and it is hoped that one hundred cars will be built here in the course of the coming season.

This work is not to interfere with the planer business, which has been, and, in common with all machine tool business, continues to be very dull. On his recent trip, Mr. Burns visited shops in the country, and reports that he saw more Chandler planers, that had been installed in the past two years, than he saw of any other make that as a shop force is cut down, the Chandler planers, which in many shops are the only planers that

Just at this minute the planer business is looking up at the Chandler shop. Orders have been received for two planers from railroad shops. One was sent in without even asking the formality of a bid, while the other won out after sharp competitive bids. Chandler Planer Company is possibly the only planer builder that has not cut prices since the panic. Aside from the planer business, several important contracts are being figured

Every one who is in a condition to observe, appreciates that general industrial conditions are very bad. Matters have gone from bad to worse, since the panic, and the chance of any considerable revival during the next twelve months are exceedingly re-

Burglars broke into the drug store William Brown early last Saturday morning, entrance being gained through the door at the rear of the store. The moulding around one of the panels of the door was removed. burglars evidently thinking that with this work done, the panel could be easily removed. When they found this could not be done a hole was cut through the panel and enough of it broken away to enable them to put an arm through and push the cross bar and bolt on the door aside. A fur-lined overcoat, the property of Mr. Brown, was taken, together with about eight dollars in money and some chocolates which were taken from the front window of the store. The burglars apparently overlooked a lot of full boxes of cigars and other articles of value which must have been directly within sight as they passed through the store.

Ministers' Meeting.

The Middlesex Union Ministers' association met on Tuesday afternoon in this town. Rev. Mr. Covell, of the Rollstone church in Fitchburg, read the principal paper of the meeting, his topic being "The problem of the pastor's calls. This exercise was commented upon by Messrs. Loomis of Ashby, Trowbridge of West Groton. Packard of Littleton. Drawbridge of Pepperell, Struthers of Townsend, and others. Dr. Chalmers, of Fitchburg, presided.

Especial notice was taken of the very interesting celebration of Mr. Tewksbury's twenty years as pastor in Concord, which has lately occurred Next after Mr. Tewksbury, although at some distance, came Mr. Howe of Groton and Mr. Newton of North Leominster, both of whom pass their decade mark this year.

Mr. Newton began his ministry in Townsend, where he served from 1877 to 1882, when he commenced his very notable ministry with the large church in Marlborough. Both of these pastors, commencing their present work nearly at the same time, have filled a large place in our local religious his-tory, and the entire association would gladly aid in marking the honor which has come to them in so long

a ministry with their churches. The meeting was obliged to adjourn extension." Saturday at 3.45 p. m., early and postponed the remainder of the parish room, Dickinson's block. the docket until the January meeting.

The entertainment consisted of sketches, readings and music by "The players," comprising Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Finch and Miss. Edith Rhetts: former well-known citizen, who died a Lactart and New Estate road in Pintwelve. Harvest concert at 5.30 p. in.

Part of the program was a domestic comedy entitled "A happy pair." The sketch gave Mr. and Mrs. Finch ample opportunity for the display of their dramatic talent, and the audience fully appreciated the finished performance.

Readings; both classic and humorous, were given by Mr. Finch and he received hearty applause. The program concluded with an excruciating funny little playlet, in which Mr. and Mrs. Finch showed rare versatility and humorous skill, provoking constant laughter from the audience

Miss Edith Rhetts, a concert pianist of note, was a fine addition to the program, and her numbers were the perfection of musical skill. The sextet selection from "Lucia," played with the left hand, was an example of her remarkable mastery of the keyboard and was a magnificent piece of execution. The piano used was from the warerooms of J. J. Barry & Co.

Alliance Entertainment.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance held a very successful entertainment in their vestry on Thursday evening. The occasion was the opening of the time ago. The prize, a China marmalade mug, for the largest amount secured, went to Mrs. H. A. Bixby and her mother, Mrs. Hall. In connection with the party was held a sale of home-made candy, in charge of Mrs. Annie Phelps, Mrs. Fred Morrison and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin. Part one of the entertainment was musical and included the following:

Plano solos, Miss Ada May Parker of Leominster: vocal solos, Frank E Harlow, of Shirley, a former resident of Ayer; selections by the Trio, Messrs Lougee brothers and Fisher. These artists all responded to encores.

Part two was the presentation of the farce, "How the story grew," by Mrs. George H. Hill, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. L. H Cushing Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. A C. Perkins, Mrs. C. E. Sherwin and Mrs. H. A. Bixby.

District Court.

Milton A. Robbins, of Littleton, appeared before Associate Justice Ma Mills, deputy fish and game warden eighteen of the principal railroad of this town, who testified that while about his duties near the Harvard and Ayer line, he heard shots. Suspecting that they might be hunting deer this side of the Ayer line, and of planer sold in the same period. The prestige of the Chandler planers is which is against the law, he waited daily enhanced. The hard times have till three men approached from the direction from which the shots were seed that Mills ordered them to stop. consequently in Middlesex county, which is against the law, he waited fired. Mr. Mills ordered them to stop, a command which only Robbins obey planer operators remaining, gravitate ed, the other two unknown men have ing fled. The question which the court had to decide was whether or not the hunting, if any was done by the defendant, was done in Middlesex or Worcester county, where the law is not in force this week. Sufficient evidence was introduced so that the court was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the offence was committed in Middlesex county, and discharged the defendant.

The case of David Baker, who was convicted of maintaining a common nuisance in the district court a short time ago, and fined fifty dollars, came up in the superior court at East Cambridge on an appeal on Wednesday. Through his counsel, Thomas F. Walsh, of Fitchburg, he pleaded not guilty. Later he changed the plea to nolo contendre and the above fine was imposed and paid.

Surprise Party.

A party of friends made an unexpected call on Mr. and Mrs. Watson at the Bishop farm on Thursday evening, the occasion being in the form of a surprise party to them, as they are about to leave town. Harry E. Woods made several trips with his automobile to convey the people to and from the scene of the party. Those who went carried a box lunch. Prizes were given for the most comical costumes worn, Mrs. L. E. Canning winning the first, and Lewis G. Saboll the second prize. After partaking of lunch there was dancing and a general good time, the party breaking up about two colors. breaking up about two o'clock, after spending a delightful evening. Mr. and Mrs. Watson were presented with a fine chafing-dish as a mark of esteem from their friends.

Basketball Games.

The management of the Civic gymnasium has arranged for two basketball games for Thanksgiving after-noon in the town hall. The teams that will compete are the Fitchburg Scholastics, composed of the best players in this and last year's high school teams, and the Civic gymnasium first flye; and the gymnasium second and the Ayer high school teams.

The Fitchburg Scholastics is one of the fastest teams in the state, and no doubt a good game will be the result of the meeting with the local team. The first game will be called at 3.45 o'clock. Reserved seats will be on sale at the drug store of William Brown.

Another event of interest is the cross country run which will start in front of the townhouse at eleven o'clock. The route will be from Main to Washington street, to Washington court to Pleasant street to Main and East Main streets to Harvard road to Sandy pond road to East Main street and to the starting point. The first prize will be a silver cup, the second a combination hair brush, and the third a gymnasium suit.

News Items.

Miss Houghton, secretary of domes-tic missions of the Woman's Auxiltic missions of the woman's Auxiliary will address the members of both auxiliaries of St. Andrew's church on "Woman's work in church extension." Saturday at 3.45 p. m., at

The property, known as the St. Ca-Entertainment.

The second entertainment in the Middlesex Country club course was family, has been sold to John Keegan, given on Tuesday evening in Page son of Owen Keegan although it will hall, before an appreciative audience, be some time before the papers are The entertainment consisted of sketch passed. For a number of years be-

number of years ago. Mr. St. Catarina greyville. Mr. Hosmer's young son land suitable for tillage and pastur- rein. The horse turned sharply, up

at the University of Maine, was one of the star football players in the and Mr. Hosmer badly shaken up. college team that won the championship of Maine this tall. He was the carriage was badly damaged. unanimous selection for right tackle on the All Maine team. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, of this town.

Hartwell hose company will give its wenty-third annual party in Page hall on Thanksgiving night, November 30. Music by Collins orchestra of Marlboro.

Gov. Foss appointed Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley of this town to the position of medical examiner for the tenth Middlesex district in place of Dr. William N. Cowles, who has resigned, the appointment being sent to the executive council on Wednesday. Under the rules governing appointments, it Mrs. E. will lay over for a week, when it will evening. be acted upon by the executive council.

Huntley S. Turner and R. P. Lougee, of Ayer; also, Gardner P. Willey and Charles Bartz, of Pepperell, attended a session of Aletheia Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. at Worcester on Monday, November, 20.

The Littleton Woman's club extends a cordial invitation to the members of the Ayer Woman's club to attend a neighborhood meeting on Monday af-ternoon, November 27. All who can accept this invitation will please give their names to Mrs. Mary J. Farr before Saturday afternoon, November 25, so that she may inform the Littleton club how many to provide car-riages for from the station to vestry.

The executive board of the Ayer Woman's club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, on Friday afternoon, December 1, at three o'clock. The president invites the members of the board to bring their work and spend a social hour after the meeting.

loney on Tuesday morning, charged with violation of the deer hunting block affords an excellent opportunity law. The complainant was James I. for breaks, which can be done without detection. The doors of most of the entrances to the rear part of the stores are covered in, which makes them still more inviting for burglars to work at their leisure and with success.

> Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, chairman o the department executive committee, visited the Woman's Relief Corps of Groton on Tuesday afternoon, and addressed the ladies assembled.

> The Woman's Relief Corps hold their election of officers on Tuesday December 5, and the W. R. C. of Groton have been invited to visit them.

According to unofficial records there were 156 deer killed in Worcester county during the first three days of the open season.

Last Sunday evening, the members of the Y. P. R. U. enjoyed a meeting of unusual interest in the address of Rev. Dr. Fisk, who gave his experiences in Williams college, over fifty years ago. It was during the presidency of the noted Mark Hopkins, and James A. Garfield, afterwards president of the United States, was a student there. Miss Doris Fletcher was the leader and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin was pianist.

The members of the Woman's club who attended the meeting of the forestry committee held with the chairman, Mrs. Nina H. Beverly, Monday night, had a very interesting and profitable evening. There was a general discussion of trees, the moth problem, and Mrs. Beverly gave a talk on "Mu nicipal forests," which was entertaining and instructive.

The annual fair of the M. E. church will be held in the town hall on Thursday, December 7. Sale will be open at three o'clock. A clam supper will be served at six o'clock. Entertainment in the evening by Waltham

Miss Grace Bartlett, of Fitchburg. a former linotype operator in this office, and for some time an operator in a printing office in Boston, was taken ill last Tuesday and is at present in a hospital in Boston, where she went for treatemnt. She is very comfortable and her recovery is expected.

Miss Bartlett is a daughter of H. C. Bartlett, of Fitchburg, a printer.

Past Commander James Smith, of Leominster, inspected Capt, George V Barrett camp, S. of V., on Thursday night. The evening was a most en-joyable one. Remarks were made by several of the local and visiting members of the order. A collation was served, followed by an informal social hour. The annual election of officers of the camp will be held on Thursday evening. December 14. A full attendance of the members is re-

The open season for hunting deer in several of the counties of the state began on Monday morning and ends at sundown tonight. Worcester county is one of the territories where the hunting is allowed. On Monday morning, it is said there were 168 hunters went up through the new railroad yard across the line into Harvard, which is in Worcester county. Among those who are reported to have shot deer, are William J. Pelletier and Benlamin Davenport, and others from out

William H. Reynolds is one of the jurors in the Beeks murder trial, which is being heard in the United States circuit court, Boston, this weel before Judge Putnam. Thursday night the jury returned a verdict in the second degree for the murder of Alexander Allen last May at the Charlestown navy yard.

The condition of Howard Downing. who was severely injured here two weeks ago, is reported as slightly improved, although not yet out of danger. He is allowed by the doctors at the hospital to read the pa-pers, which he was unable to do un-til Wednesday of this week since the accident. This is regarded as a hope-

While Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Hosmer and family, of Littleton, were out driv-

conducted the barber shop now occu-pied by Joseph C. Anno. Besides the house there is quite a large piece of driver accidentally pulled the wrong setting the carriage and throwing out Hartwell Bigelow, who is a student the occupants and running quite a The children escaped unhurt. The

The new standpipe will be tested next week. Owing to the unfavorable weather for painting the outside of the tructure, that work will probably be deferred until warm weather.

Rev. Horace F. Hallett, formerly of Aver, and for the past twelve years pastor of the Congregational church at Ashfield, has resigned his pastorate in the latter town to accept a call to a church in South Stanstead, P. Q. Mr. Hallett was pastor of the local Congregational church for several years up to July, 1899, when he left here for Ashfield

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Noddin on Wednesday

The train due here at seven o'clock in the morning, and known as No, 50 eastbound, was delayed by a slight freight wreck in the East Fitchburg yard on Tuesday morning. The passengers who usually take that train were obliged to wait for the 7.55 train, which was the first train through the blockade.

Walter W. Manning, formerly of Ayer, and now of New York city was in town last Saturday on his way to Roston on a business trip. While here he called upon friends and then went to Boston. He attended the Harvard-Dartmouth football game at Cambridge last Saturday afternoon.

Twenty-one candidates were initiated at the McKinley chapter, O. E. S., on Wednesday evening. A fine harvest supper was furnished by the gentlemen. A very large number were present and all were well pleased with the supper. The meeting lasted until after midnight, and the chapter is in a very flourishing condition

A machine for stamping mail was placed in the postoffice on Thursday. which will save time and labor over the previous method of doing the work by hand.

Some person or persons attempted

to break into the stores of Miss Millie Beverly and George S. Poulius & Co., sometime during Friday morning, but evidently were scared away. Mrs. Josie Morgan has closed her

house on East Main street and for the winter will make her home with her brother-in-law, Augustus Lovejoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clarke, of Grove street, left last Saturday for Lowell on a visit for several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Graham Whidden. Mr. Clarke is not very well and it is hoped that the change will be of some benefit to him.

E. A. Glenn left on Friday morning for Tarrington, N. Y., to attend the funeral of his brother. Mrs. Mary Hammond. of Somerville.

who has been visiting Mrs. Lillian Harrington, left on Tuesday for her Joseph H. Mullin, while at work at

Sandy pond icehouse on Thursday, met with an accident. The ice hook another man had, who was working with him, slipped in some way and entered the fleshy part of Mr. Mullin's left leg above the knee, to the bone. Mr. Mullin is confined to his house and the ugly and painful wound was dressed by Dr. Hopkins, who is caring for him. He is doing nicely.

These members of the Woman's club accepted the invitation of the Fitchburg Woman's club and attended the meeting given in Wallace hall Wednesday afternoon and listened to

Wednesday afternoon and listened to the address on "The drama league": Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, Mrs. Isalsy Beckford, Mrs. Susan M. Barker Mrs. Mary J. Farr. Mrs. Nellie Fox. Mrs. Nina H. Beverly, Mrs. Clara F. Hill. Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Mrs. Sadie Bennett, Mrs. Nina B. Lovelow Mrs. Estella Farnsworth, Mrs. Almira M. Sargent and Mrs. Annie Phelps.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by auction on December 1, at one o'clock p. m., all the personal inoperty of the estate of Asa S. Burgess, corner of Lawton street and old Groton road. Letters remaining at the Ayes bost-

Letters remaining at the Avoffice for the week ending Novel John Liston, Joseph McCauley Nickerson, Thomas Turner, Vellet, Mrs. Minnie A. Walker

The Ladies' Aid society of the tist church will hold a sale and in the lower town hall on December E. Gilman, who has had conside experience as a photo artist, and open the studio in Carley's but up one flight. His advertisement another column on this page.

Caryl D. Haskins, son of the late John F. Haskins, who was a number of years ago a resident of this town. died at Salt Lake City, Utah, last Saturday of pneumonia. The deceased was one of the most prominent elec-trical engineers in the United States, was the inventor of the auto-dirigible torpedo and other electrical appliances for use in times of war, was regarded as an authority on coast defense and torpedo warfare, and had written many articles on electrical subjects for technical journals. He served throughout the Spanish American war in the submarine mine de partments along the Atlantic coast. The funeral was held at Schenec-tady and burial was at Waltham.

Moving Pictures.

The features for the moving picture show this Saturday night are "By the aid of a lariat," and "A romance of a Dixie belie." Jack O'Brien, of Boston, will be the singer of three of the latest illustrated songs. The management of the moving picture show are to give two exhibitions a week-Wednesday and Saturday nights, until further notice. For next Wednesday evening, they have secured a drama, "Foul play," which is over three thousand feet in length, taking up three reels. This is one of the best and latest pictures that Edison ever produced, and has been in such demand that the management had a very hard time to get it. There will be two other features in addition to these three reeks.

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W. L. Preble, superintendent and choir leader. Mrs. Carrie Lowell, organist. At seven o'clock, there will be a union Thanksgiving service, with a program as follows: Brief invocation by the pastor: singing by choir and congregation: reading of governor's proclamation: scripture lesson by Rev. P. E. Secrest, of the M. E. church; prayer, Rev. J. E. Whitley, of the Congregational church; sermon, Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., Unitarian church; thank offering: singing, "My country 'tis of thee'; benediction, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, rector of St. Andrew's church on

Services at St. Andrew's church on unday: 10.45 a.m., morning prayer nd sermon. Sunday school at twelve 'clock.

Unitarian church service at 10.45 a. n., Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Julion Thanksgiving service at seven clock in the evening at the Baptist

On Thanksgiving day, the service a St. Andrew's will be at ten o'clock a m.. morning prayer and sermon. Members of other churches are invited.

SHIRLEY.

The Altrurian club held their fourth meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Congregational vestry. The president, Mrs. M. M. Nickless, opened the meeting at three o'clock. Report of the last meeting was read and accepted.
Miss Grace M. Kilburn, delegate to
the Haverhill federation meeting. gave an excellent report of the work of the day. The president then introduced Guy Richardson, of Boston, secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who spoke very eloquently on "Kindness to animals," to the club members and friends; also to a large number of school children who had been invited to be present by the committee in charge.

Six ladies attended the federation meeting of the Fitchburg Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon and were highly entertained by an address from Frank Chonteau Brown on the Drama league and its relations and possible service to clubs and club wo

The Littleton Woman's club extend ed a cordial invitation to the Altruri ans to attend a neighborhood meeting en Monday afternoon, November 27, All who intend to accept the invitation will notify the secretary before Saturday afternoon.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—Bay Golding, five years old, sound, extra gentle, good on the farm or logging. Weight 1450 bounds, I guarantee him in every way; also, Grade Ayrshire Heifer in fine condition, due next June. Pips all ages—Boars. Sows and Shoats. THOMAS DOLE, Groton, Mass.

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News Items.

Mrs. C. F. Libble is planning to devote considerable time to her work elocution and has already formed a class in Harvard.

Mrs. Albert Littlefield and Miss Susie Littlefield enjoyed a trip to Framingham on Friday of last week. Mrs. R. Y. Nelson spent last Satur-

day and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Amy Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libbie have been in Boston with Mr. Libble's mother. While there Mr. Libble attended the Mystic Shrine, of which he is a member. Saturday night they attended, the Symphony concert, and one evening was devoted to "Every woman," at the Majestic; another to "Pomander walk," at the New Plymouth. These with the home entertainments gave them a most delight-

Mr. Viets went on Friday to visit his father in Suffield, Conn. Mrs. Viets will have charge of the services on Sunday morning, when she will give an account of the interesting meetings of the New England Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions, which she attended in Norwich, Conn., when she went as a delegate.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. F. Libbie entertained Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Rice and Mrs. Rice's brother, Mr. Gledhill

Little Mildred Gartner mourns the loss of her playfellow, a big Newfoundland dog, which was run over and killed by an auto last week Fri-

Nelson A. Cobleigh shot a dee weighing about 184 pounds, and "Alec" Masters killed one weighing 245 pounds in Harvard this week.

Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee entertained an auto party of relatives from Somerville last Sunday.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is seriously ill and under Dr. Royal's care. At the special town meeting called on November 20, it was voted to con-

tinue the musical instructions for the school children, and that they should have the use of the town hall without Charles E. Sherry was chosen moderator.

The church will hold its annual fair on Friday, December 1. There will be a supper followed by a miscellaneous entertainment and an address by Albert Conant, of Littleton, of his travels in the west.

Mrs. Harry Adams is entertaining her friend, Miss Helen Sturtevant, of

LUNENBURG.

The Y. P. S. C. E. last Sunday evening was led by Mrs. John Davidson, who gave a most interesting talk upon the topic of "Missions in South America." Many others also had items of interest, and altogether combined to make this one of the most interesting and profitable meetings of the

James Starr and Earl H. Farnsworth, of Pepperell, are driving a well for Emerson Baker upon the lot recently purchased by him of Edwin S. Marshall. They have gone down about thirty feet, but have not yet found water in any appreciable quan-

James Hildreth met with quite a severe accident recently. While riding upon a load of barrels, it was, in some unforeseen manner, overturned, throwing him to the ground with great force. He received quite a severe scalp wound and was seriously bruised and shaken up. He is now confined to the house with a prospect of remaining there for several days

Hunters in great numbers have been scouring the woods for deer, and occasionally their efforts have been crowned with success. On Monday afternoon, two men drove into the Center with a fine one in their wagon, which was the target for many adyoung and old. Quite a number have been slain, but we have not the names of the hunt-

Miss Nannie Litchfield is confined to the house by illness and is under the care of a physician.

Miss Lizzie Howard has returned to her home in town after having visited friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity.

John H. P. Brown, whose death occurred on November 10, at his home in Shirley, was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Lunenburg many years. Always bright and cheerful even under the most adverse circumstances he won the esteem of plies were furnished. He is now eyery one. His patience and forti-tude during the very painful loss of one eye, and the consequent affection since 1879, only to be rejected. of the other, with all the pain and suffering that came with it, were most commendable, and all feel that a good man has gone from among us. family have the sincere sympathy of all who know them.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Florence Frost, of Pittsfield, le., is the guest of Mrs. Richard Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Mark ham, of Reading, have been guests of Mrs. James Nelson Seaver.

Mrs. Stella Boutelle, of Nashua, has been the guest of Mrs. L. P. Peabody at the Elmwood.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence and son James, of Pepperell, have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist church on Sunday evening. It will be a union service,

Mrs. Julia M. Gillis, widow of the late Henry Gillis, died on Wednesday, November 15, at the home of William French after an illness of several veeks, aged sixty-eight years. The funeral toook place at the Congrega-tional church at Milford, on Friday, November 17. The W. R. C., of which she was a member, attended. Mrs. Gillis was a resident of Milford for several years, but during her sojourn

in town had made many friends. Mrs. Horace Nye has been detained at home by illness.

Mrs. John Hildreth, of Nashua, has

been the guest of Mrs. J. A. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence have gone to Boston and Hillcrest is closed for the season.

Horace Nye, of Keene, N. Y., is at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hall. Mr. Nye has recently been appointed to the responsible position of superintendent of the county farm at Whalomsburg, N. Y.

Henry A. Hall, Somerville, Elmer V. Wallace, Walter F. Rockwood, Charles Stickney, H. A. Huse, Towns Will Kemp and Silas Nokes, Pepperell, have recently enjoyed a week's hunting at Pittsburg, N. H. They report the capture of eight deer.

The Monday club met at the home of Mrs. Katherine Taylor on Monday afternoon. A reading was given by Mrs. Martha Pierce; vocal duet, Mrs. Lizzie Maynard and Miss Ethel Taylor; recitation, Miss Velma Taylor. Tempting refreshments were served by the hostess. It was one of the happy events of the week.

Miss Mildred Gilman leaves for Florida this week.

Death.

Miss Dorcas Foster, daughter of the late Abel Foster, died at Fitchburg, Friday, November 17, aged seventyfive years. The funeral took place of Monday and burial was in the family lot at the West cemetery, Eugene Bingham, Augustus Tufts, Charles Scripture and Edward Scripture serving as bearers. Mrs. Mary Scripture. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Scripture. Edward Scripture, Charles Scripture, Edward Scripture, Charles Scripture, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bingham, of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tufts, Mr. and Mrs. Case, of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tarbell, vof Lyndeboro, accompanied the body to its final resting place. Prayers was offered at the grave by Rev. Warren L. Noyes. A profusion of beautiful blossoms bespoke of the love of many friends: sweet woman worthy of the name of Dorcas.

Three sisters-Mrs. J. A. Hall, of Brooklin Mrs. Mary Scripture, of Fitchburg, Mrs. Lizzie Foster, of Pepperell, and several nephews and nieces mourn her loss.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Willoughby whose home is in Hudson, have come to Hollis to spend the winter with Mrs. Josie Maxwell.

Mr. Dees, a student in the seminary at Cambridge, Mass., occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Davis.

Notice was given last Sunday that the pastor would deliver a Thanksgiving sermon next Sunday. The men and boys are especially invited to be present.

Hollis grange conferred the third and fourth degree on several candidates at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, followed by a harvest supper.

Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Bell. Twenty-one ladies were present. The club voted to appropriate the money given for guest night towards the memorial for Mrs. Levi Abbott. The roll call at this meeting was Japanese anecdotes given by the members present which were exceptionally interesting. After roll-call a naper was given by Miss L. M. Stratton on "Industrial Japan." This was followed by a paper by Mrs. Dudley on "Commercial prospects of Japan." After a short intermission for a social time, Mrs. E. K. Jewett gave a paper on "The Sunday newspaper."

The New England Homestead publishes the list of prize winners at the New England fruit show held in Boston last month. Among them we note: New Hampshire man first in the interstate contest consisting of one hundred boxes and twenty barrels of apples. Best display of apples, containing two barrels, two boxes and ten plates, C. E. Hardy, of Hollis, third; also, second for best barrel of Bald-wins. Mr. Hardy won third for best box of Baldwin apples; also, third for single plate exhibit. In less common varieties Mr. Hardy won first and second on Fallawater; second on Porters, and Pound Sweets.

Items of Interest.

A claim of \$1000 brought against the state of California by A. G. Lafferty of Humboldt county for supplies furnished during the Indian wars in 1851 is soon to be paid, a bill providing for the payment having just been passed by the legislature. Lafferty was twenty-one years old when the sup-

While William J. Gillingham of Easton, Md., was celebrating his ninety-second birthday anniversary at his home on Monday, his grandson, E. Mcneal Shannahan, challenged him to a game of duckpins. Mr. Gillingham promptly accepted the challenge and with four generations as witnesses beat his grandson in two games out of three at a local alley. He rolled 83, 75 and 67.

New Advertisements.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of CLEMMA J. BLOOD late of
Groton in said County, deceased:
Whereas, FANNY F. BLOOD the executrix of the will of said deceased,
has presented for allowance, the first
account of her administration upon the
estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a
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December A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock
in the forenoon, to show cause, if any
you have, why the same should not be
allowed.

And said executrix is ordered to
serve this citation by delivering a copy
thereof to all persons interested in the
estate fourteen days at least before
said Court, or by publishing the same
once in each week, for 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 sail
known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said
Court.

Court.

Witness Charles J. MoIntire, Esquire,
First Judge- of said Court, this sixteenth day of November in the year
one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3t11 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

She hadn't gone a quantification when, as she crouched
her face, she was struck
limb and knew no more.

Thanksqivino



"For the sunshine and the rain, For the dew and for the shower, For the yellow, ripened grain, And the golden harvest hour, We bless Thee, oh, our God!

"For the heat and the shade, For the gladness and the grief, For the tender, sprouting blade,
And for the nodding sheaf,
We bless Thee, oh, our God!

"For the hope and for the fear, For the storm and for the peace, For the trembling and the cheer, And for the glad increase, We bless Thee, oh, our God!

"Our hands have tilled the sod, And the torpid seed have sown; But the quickening was of God, And the praise be His alone. We bless Thee, oh, our God!

Winnie's Thanksgiving

By Danald Allen



F I was a girl, I wouldn't go walking too far," said old Uncle Robert, as a girl of twenty passed him on her way down to the gate of the farm house.

"And why not?" she asked, as she almost came to a pause.

"Well, according to my idea, it's going to rain and snow and blow and hail, and when the storm does break, she's going to be a buster."

"I wanted to go to the postoffice to mail a letter."

"It's three miles there and back. and if I was you I'd put it off. Mebbe somebody'll be passing that you can send by. Tomorror's Thanksgiving, you know, and we are going to have the awfulest, biggest, nicest dinner anybody ever sat down to. It's in your honor, you know. There'll be a turkey, a duck and a chicken; there'll be cranberry sass, pumpkin pies, currant jell, sweet cider and apple dumplins; there'll be-"

"I think I'll just walk a little ways, anyhow," said the girl, as she opened the gate and passed down the highway toward the village and the railroad depot. "And if you come home as wet as a

hen don't say I didn't warn ye. It's going to come, and it's going to be Half an hour later a middle-aged

woman with a motherly face and voice came out on the steps and

"Pa, do you reckon it's goin' to storm?"

"Sure as ducks." "Where's Minnie?"

"O, she's gone for a santer. I give her warning. What's she wantin' to mail a letter for? I hain't mailed a letter nor got one in twenty years. and I guess I'm about as well off as must folks. I was going to ask her but forgot it."

"Don't you ask her a word abou it," cautioned the wife as she came down to him. "I guess Minnie's got something on her mind, but it hain' none o' your business."

"Something on her mind, eh? That's funny. Didn't know that girls ever had anything on their minds except new clothes. Is that why she come Visiting us all of a sudden?"

"None o' your business! I guess my own sister's daughter can come and see me any time she takes a notion, and that without writing ahead What's on her mind, as nigh as I can make out, is about a young man. They are engaged, and they've had a falling out, and she's sorter run away from him to find out if he really cares for her."

"And she's got scared about it and has written him a letter to tell where she is?" queried the husband.

"Go on! It's probably a letter to her ma, though I didn't see it nor ask. I hope she didn't start for town. It's going to storm for sure, and there hain't but one house on the road where she could find shelter. Look down the road and see if you can see her.' "Can't see hide nor hair of any girl,"

reported Uncle Robert after going out to the highway and taking a long look. An hour later, with both uncle and aunt fldgeting about their girl visitor. the gray afternoon had become twi light. In 15 minutes there was cold rain and lively hail, and Uncle Rob ert was blown into the kitchen.

Miss Minnie had reached town and mailed her letter and started back again when the storm broke. Before it came she thought she could make out a human figure on the road ahead of her, but wasn't sure.

The very first gust picked her up and turned her around and deposited her under a roadside tree. She remained there until the gale began to whip the branches off, and then let go her hold and ran for it.

She hadn't gone a quarter of a mile when, as she crouched and covered her face, she was struck by a falling

It was the dim sight of the girl and he scream she uttered when hit, that sent the man who was clinging to the roadside fence back into the highway. He bent over the unconscious form and picked it up and staggered back to the fence and followed it until he saw a

light and found the gate of a farmhouse. His lusty calls for help soon brought out a man, and the senseless burden was carried into the house and received by a woman.

"I don't know who she is, but I found her in the road," explained her rescuer. "There is blood on her hair, and I think she was struck down." "We'll do all we can," replied the

man and woman together, "but you mustn't look for much. We are mighty poor folks. We hain't got no camphor nor whisky, and as for getting a doctor out from town-it can't be done tonight."

The girl was carried into the only bedroom and laid on the only bed, and when her wet clothing had been removed and she was between sheets, the woman got a cloth and a basin of water and washed away the blood and whispered to the stranger: "I don't think she's bad hurt. She's just fainted away with the scare of it.

to go to sleep, and she'll be all right in the morning." "Do you think it's some young lady from the village?" asked the stranger of the farmer as they talked in whis-

When she opens her eyes I'll tell her

pers in the outer room. 'No, I don't reckon so. I reckon it's that new girl that arrived at Turner's a few days ago. I saw her going towards the village two hours ago.'

"Arrived at Turner's! Say, man, are you sure? Is it a strange girl to the neighborhood?"

"I've heard say it was Uncle Bob's niece, and that she come from the city. What ails you, stranger? Does this storm upset you?"

It wasn't the storm. Percy Kincaid had quarreled with the girl he loved and had asked to be his wife. It was about nothing, almost, as most lovers' quarrels are, but pride on either side held off a reconciliation until the lover finally learned that Miss Minnie had gone on a journey and left no word for him.

She was going to spend Thanksgive ing week in the country. Within two days she had relented; within three he was making every effort to locate her, that he might patch up a peace.

He had succeeded. He was going to throw himself on her mercy and ask Uncle Robert for a place at his Thanksgiving table.

The storm grew fiercer as the night advanced. When another day came even the cattle could not face the storm nor man move from his door. It was Thanksgiving day. At Uncle Robert's there was a feast to be spread;



don't believe they'd eat a single mouthful."

at Bradley's there was hardly better

than poorhouse fare. But the victim of the accident was no longer in bed, and the rescuer no longer cared about the weather, and

the farmer folks looked at each other and smiled and whispered: "Even if we had turkey and cranberry sauce I don't believe they'd eat a single mouthful. They've just sorter

found each other and are tickled to death." And when at last they could make their way to Turner's, and Uncle Bob stuttered and Aunt Harriet cried for joy, Miss Minnie asked in a way that was almost heartless:

"Why do you take on so? I never had such a lovely Thanksgiving in all my life!"

Henor Belongs to Pilgrim Fathers.

Long before the advent of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts all rituals contained expressions of gratitude to God for his mercies. In that of the Church of England special prayers were provided for the Sunday service. This service, however, must be carefully distinguished from the Thanksgiving day of the Pilgrim fathers. Failure to make this distinction has led to the groundless claim that the Popham colonists were "the first to keep Thanksgiving day" in America. The service at Monhegan, on which this claim is based, was the regular Sunday service of the Church of England; and while it had an element of thanksgiving, the day can in nowise be regarded as a Thanksgiving day as that term is understood. Cotemporary evidence refutes all claim to the con-

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Friday evening, November 17; high-class entertainment was given at the town hall, "A cruise of the yacht Ma Belle in song and story," illustrated by two hundred pictures. The songs were by the Mozart Ladies quartet, of Boston, and were well worth the admission, Altogether it was a most delightful way in which to spend an evening. No one can af-ford to miss such a rare treat. The town Improvement association arranged for this number.

Rev. B. H. Weston exchanged pulpits on Sunday with Rev. Mr. Brown of Tyngsboro.

Miss Susie Dickinson is recovering from her late illness. Miss Dorothy is a victim of mumps.

SAVED MANY FROM DEATH.

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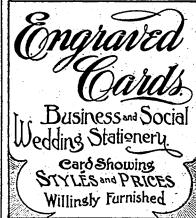
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News Items.

Thanksgiving union services will be held in the Congregational, church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting on Monday even-

ing, November 27. The R. H. club held its regular meeting last week with Miss Mary Badstubner. The evening was pleasantly spent, and at the close of a short business refreshments were served.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon at the parsonage on Wednesday evening.

About a dozen of the ladies of the Altrurian club went to Fitchburg on Wednesday afternoon in response to an invitation from the Woman's club of Fitchburg.

Charles Haskins, Joseph Casavoy, Clarence and Fred Sanderson each shot a deer this week. Fred Sanderson is only fourteen years of age.

Edward T. Davis shot and killed a deer he discovered in his orchard eating his young apple trees. Albert M. Dickson still continues to

improve at the Faulkner hospital in Jamaica Plain. He is now fully able to sit up in bed unassisted. Miss Rose Buckheim has been con-

fined to home this week with sickness. The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges netted about \$150 on their fair and dance last week. Mrs. Annie I. Banks, with daughter,

Mrs. Ida M. Warren, have moved this week into the house on Main street, wacated by the Wallingford family, who have moved back to Waltham. The George H. Wilson family have occupied the house vacated by Mrs.

John Pomfret of Hudson and George Pomfret of Waverley, with son Stanley spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Harold' French, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end in town.

Willie Connors, of Boston, spent the week-end at home with his mother and sister. Misses Gladys, Bertha and Jose

misses Gladys, Bertna and Jose-phine Love of Concord were week-end visitors in town. Miss Gladys, however, remained this week visit-ing friends here.

Harry Prescott, of Westford, spent the week-end in town.

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William A. Deland, auctioneer, will sell by auction, on Wednesday, November 29, at ten o'clock, three lots of woodland in the westerly part of Shirley, near the Shirley and Lunenburg town line, belonging to the heirs of William R. Neat.

Large Class Initiated.

Thirty members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., with fourteen candidates, went to Clinton last week Friday evening, making the trip by special electric car. The party arrived in Clinton shortly before eight o'clock, where about seven hundred workmen from lodges located in central Massa chusetts formed into line and headed by Pigeon's band of Clinton, with the grand lodge officers in the first division of the parade, marched to the new Clinton town hall. Colored lights along the route of the parade, with banners representing the different odges, made the scene a very imposing and effective one.

The grand lodge officers upon entering the hall were received by a special committee and escorted to seats in the balcony. As soon as the formal exercises of the evening openthe committee in charge of the grand lodge officers escorted them to the stage where they were introduced in form and were given a grand ovation by the army of home protectors

in attendance. Sixty-one candidates were then brought from the banquet hall and initiated into the mysteries of the order by the full staff of the Clinton degree eam, the work being very elaborately executed, and was most certainly the special feature of the evening. Following the initiatory exercises, refreshments were serv quet hall and speeches were made by the grand lodge officers, which included D. Chester Parsons of Shirley, advisory counsel of the grand lodge This is the first of two class initia

tions to take place in this district during the winter and was a pro-J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., won the block and gavel offered by the committee for obtaining the largest number of members, the conditions being that the reference of the conditions are conditions. number of members, the conditions being that the prize should be awarded pro rata according to the membership of each lodge, J. C. Ayer lodge has now a membership of 107.

The prize will be presented sometime in the near future by the grain lodge officers, when the officer will be

lodge officers, when the affair will be made one of special significance and go on record as a banner night for J. C. Ayer lodge of Shirley.

Well Attended.

The fair, entertainment and dance held under the auspices of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and Mary A. Liver-more Rebekah lodge in Odd Fellows' hall was a social and financial success. The fair opened at six o'clock last week Friday afternoon, the hall being decorated with bunting and evergreen. The tables were in charge of the following:

Candy, Miss Irena A. Churchill; fancy work, Mrs. Ida M. Warren; flower. Miss Evelyn C. Miner; vegetable, Miss Etta M. Holden; food, Mrs. Rena L. Elsner; advertising, Mrs. Mamie A. Gately; fishpond, Miss Emma Knowles.

The tables were very liberally patronized by the large number of people who attended, about everything being sold. However, what remain-ed unsold was disposed of quickly by

During the evening, James A. Burns, traveling passenger agent of the Cunard Steamship line, gave a very fine lecture on the growth and development of steamships and ocean travel, with especial reference to the Cunard line, illustrating same with stereopticon views and was immensely enjoyed, and proved to be a treat out of the ordinary, being decidedly instructive and fascinating. This end-

ed the program for Friday.
Saturday evening the festivities commenced again with a dance, musio being furnished by Johnson's orchestra of Leominster, the hall being well filled with dancers and spectators, Ice cream and cake was on sale, the demand being so great that the supply was soon exhausted.

The committees from both lodges, consisting of the following, are to be congratulated on the successful termination of the fair and dance:

Fair committee—Miss Irena Church-ill; Mrs. Ida M. Warren, Miss Etta M. Holden, Mrs. Mamle A Gately and Mrs. Rena L. Elsner. Dance committee James L. Hol-land, Philip Hocquard, Eddle S. Bak-er and Frank Harlow

The funeral of William M. Williamson took place on Wednesday after-noon from his late home, Rev. Allen Bronsdon officiating Mrs. Harry Collyer and Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook "Nearer my God to thee. The pall bearers were Granville Fairbanks, Oliver W. Balcom, Albert Brush and William H. Wilbur. Burial

was in the village cemetery. Mr. Williamson was fifty-four years of age and had been a resident of Shirley for three years, coming here from West Groton. He was born in Jordan River N. S. He died last Sun-day in the Worcester insane asylum. where he was taken two years ago, when he became demented. About a year ago he escaped from the asylum and walked to his home in Shirley. was returned to the asylum by the officers of that institution. He followed the occupation of woodchopper for a livelihood.

And now my story is ended, I bid you all good-night, And hope that we shall meet again To burn our shining light.

Besides a wife, Mr. Williamson leaves a step-son, who was present at the funeral, and three brothers and a nephew, who live in Nova Scotia.

Center.

Rev. A. J. Rich, of Belmont, will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday, November 26, at 11.15 a. m.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Grout. The next meeting, on Saturday, December 2, will be held with Grout. Miss Myrna Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden spent several days last week with their son, Frederick Holden, at Shrewsbury. J. Walker Ward returned home last week from St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, where he underwent an oper-

ation on his nose. His condition is much improved. The Matrons' Aid met last week for their regular meeting with Mrs. Alice Cummings. A special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ardie A Adams on Monday afternoon to com-

plete the arrangements for the annual fair, dance and entertainment on Friday. John W. Farrar and Mrs. Minnie Hodgman were united in marriage at Pomfret, Vt., last week. They returned home on Friday after spending a week with Mrs. Hodgman's sister at Pomfret. Mr. Farrar intends to move

to Vermont as soon as he disposes of his grocery business Ruby T. Crockett, of Fitchburg Business college, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, at the North

Harry N. Brown spent Sunday with relatives in Lowell. Rev. William Ware Locke, a prom-

inent settlement worker, of Boston, conducted the services at the First Parish church on Sunday morning. Mrs. John H. P. Brown and son

N. Brown, have moved to the house of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farns-worth, at the North, for the winter. Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, at the North, visited in Boston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson moved this week from the house be-longing to John W. Farrar, at the North, to the home of Mr. Moore on

Mrs. Delia Gogan, who has been employed by Miss Elsie Kirby, left last week to join her husband in Boston. Rev. A. L. Bumpus preached a very interesting sermon on "Short cuts,"

at Trinity chapel on Sunday after-Miss Woodhead and Miss Chilton Winslow visited in Boston the latter

part of last week. Miss Bessie Ross, who was formerly in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman, spent a few days this week with them.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattle P. Holden.

Edward Farnsworth is making ex tensive repairs to his home at the

The telephone of F. A. Wyman has been removed for the winter.

The boys' basketball team has been organized and has began practise in a part of the barn belonging to Miss Elsie Kirby. An opportunity is to be given the smaller boys to play in the afternoon. A movement has also been

started to organize a basketball team

among the girls at the Center. A small, but interesting meeting was held on the afternoon of November 16, at the residence of Mrs. Hills in Lunenburg. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, the paper prepared by her for the Alli-ance was read by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edward E. Edgarton The subject of the paper was "Francis Parkman," and it was a carefully prepared and very enjoyable piece of work. At the next meeting, on the afternoon of December 16, there will be a paper by Miss Agnes M. Holden, entitled "The story of Arcadia." The

place of meeting will be announced. Original Poem.

The following poem was composed and read by Mrs. Alice E. Cummings at the meeting of Shirley grange held on November 7:

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The story of our meeting
In a plain and simple way,
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First, I must tell you Where the meeting was that day. It was with our Worthy President, Mrs. Homer, by the way. We all had busy fingers, And thinking heads, as well.

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Is to have a table there.
And the brothers will furnish products
At this little Matrons' fair.

We hope to swell the treasury And be as rich as Jews, By selling apples, eggs, potatoes And second-handed shoes.

This, added to our income, Of our sisters' careful plans, Will surely make us wealthy If we follow their commands.

Then we marched through the parlor
With fair Ora's light step glee,
Till we came to the dainty goodles
Which we were all bleased to see.

These being Hallowe'en dainties,
They sprang a big surprise
By placing little date mice
Hitched up beside their wives. Before each sister's teaplate, Right near the pumpkins grinning. Oh! didn't we have the mostest fun Over those things a singing?

Oh! don't be frightened sisters,
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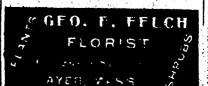
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Saturday, November 25, 1911.

Items of News.

An old-fashioned lyceum, as a town factor, is being arranged to take place on Friday nights, alternating with the grange evenings.

Mrs. Ida Plummer is much better having been under the doctor's care Lyman Robbins has moved into the

tenement on Pleasant street recently vacated by John Coffey. J. L. Dudley, of Hartford, Conn. spent the latter part of the week with

his sister, Mrs. A. H. Drury, returning on Monday. The Gayety club will hold a sun

light dance on Thanksgiving after-noon, and in the evening at Lawrence

A. H. Harris and family will spend Thanksgiving at his old home in South Merrimack, N. H.

Miss Evelyn Farquharson, who has been boarding with Miss Edith Mason, returned to her home in Dorchester on Saturday

The annual Christmas sale of fancy and useful gifts by the Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church, will be held in Central hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 6. Supper and entertainment Thursday evening, De-

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Unitarian church Appleton at twenty-five cents for a special season ticket. Single tickets of ad-Sunday next at seven o'clock. Rev R. W. Drawbridge will preach the sermon and the service will be conducted James Sutherland and Rev. D. R. Child, a chorus from the three A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Mrs. S. L. Elberfeld of Charlestown, N. H., has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Child.

Earl Farnsworth, who gave a very satisfactory milk test at grange hall, was kindly loaned the testing machine by the Vermont machine company, for which mention is made.

There is to be a dance on Friday night. December first, at the Oak Hill improvement society hall with Thayer's full orchestra. The comhayer's full orchestra. mittee have made extra exertions to have a good time for all who come. Mrs. J. Idella Ward fell last week

will make her lame for some time.

Harry Wentworth, who has been in the employ of the Nashua River Paper Corporation, has given up his Mise Annie Mae Shaw, who has been

quite ill, has improved so as to be

able to take short walks in the open The ladies of the M. E. church are planning to have a chicken pie supper

early in December. M. L. Bartlett returned from the

hospital on Sunday.

Arthur McGrath is home from his trip to New York city.

Mrs. Jennison, of West Brookfield

is a guest of Mrs. P. J. Hayes. The next meeting of Acoma Rebek

ah lodge will be held on Tuesday evening, November 28. It will be guest night, and each member invites two guests. The evening is in charge of the entertainment commit-

Pepperell Woman's club celebrated kindergarten day on Tuesday after-moon, November 21. The, program was in charge of Mrs. Charles B. Taft, who acted as teacher. A regular kindergarten program followed with march and games, and kindergarten songs. The young pupils were

very active and the real class-room spirit prevailed. Dainty refreshments were served by the members of the kindergarten class. It was a very enjoyable affair and seventy-five were present.

Fred B. Ross is spending a week in Bennington, N. H.

Bennington, N. H.

Lottie D. and Inabelle Woods have purchased the millinery business of Caroline A. Conant. East Pennerell, where they will continue the business at the old stand, Conant's Block, Main street, and will carry a full line of choice millinery, fancy goods and notions. They will have a mark down sale of trimmed hats, beginning on Monday, November 27.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending November 20: Brontslar Brsosonski, Sadie Cofflin, Mrs. Lizzle Haines, Mrs. Ann. Horan. C. L. Jewett, Mrs. P. Jewell, George Merchant, Jack Tuttle, Eddie Wells.

Mrs. Appleton reports her trip south as most interesting and instructive. While in Washington she visited the Building of Republics, which is very complete, and the Patio in center of building gives one a fine idea of South America, as most generally buildings are provided with the acquisition which lends a charm. The receptionroom, finished in Oregon spruce, is worthy of especial notice, and the entire building all one could desire as Pan American.

An especial exhibition of rare paint-ings at the Corcoran art gallery gave great pleasure to Mrs. Appleton, who is much interested in art. The two weeks spent entirely in Washington was filled with most enjoyable events. The other visits were very agreeable

Should be Well Patronized. The D. A. R. bazaar, to be held in

Boston on December 7 and 8, in aid of Massachusetts Historical society, for new building to be erected corner of Somerset street and Ashburton place, Boston, Prudence Wright chapter will serve at the pillow and cushion table with Fitchburg, Leominster, Shirley

and Natick chapters.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton, chairman of the group, asks all those interested to send pillows, cushions, money or food to her home on or before December , to be packed and sent to Tremont Temple. Boston, where the bazaar will be held. Food for the lunch table may be sent on the morning of De-

This is a good cause and should be patronized by the people realizing the value of our historical library. where people from all parts of our country, especially, given valuable information. Tickets may be obtained of Mrs. E. R. Richardson, regent of Prudence Wright chapter, or of Mrs. mission at the door are ten cents. Tables are arranged for all sorts of wares and presided over by various state D. A. R. chapters: We solicit a liberal patronage.

A Success.

The reading room food sale Thursday, November 23, resulted in what was expected of it. The table with pies, canned goods, pickles home-made candy and fruit was well patronized. Should anyone have the following

magazines they are needed to complete volumes: Review of Reviews January, 1909; American Magazine September, 1909; Review of Reviews March, July and November, 1910. There are several volumes of magazines that will be bound as soon as the money is at hand above the run-Friday at the foot of High street and ning expenses to do so. Will some sprained her ankle very badly and one having either of the following magazines give them to the reading room after they have read them: St. Nicholas, Railroad Magazine. Good Housekeeping and Country Life. This does not mean that the other magazines are not read but that there are not near enough magazines to go the rounds. A clock would be very acceptable if anyone could spare the timepiece.

D. A. R.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., met at the chapter house on November 16, holding an executive board and chapter meeting. Mrs. Appleton; Miss Jordan and Miss Eleanor Lawrence served as hostesses. A large number of guests were present. Mrs. Leon P Richardson gave a very interesting talk on Panama and the city of Guatamabo, which greatly pleased those present. Refreshments were served. The chapter house is reported in good order with everything in proper place for the winter. The next chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16, at Mrs. Elmer Weston's when Mrs. Walter Drury will give a paper on "The Boston tea party," or something interesting for the occasion.

Current Events. Among the recent visitors in town of all in this great trial.

were Misses Irene and Kate Foley of West Newton, at J. J. Monteith's; Elmer Shattuck, of Concord Junction, at his old home on Oak hill; David Reed, of Milton, at Mrs. M. E. Reed's on Main street; Miss Fannie Tower, from Mt. Holyoke, at the home of here-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower; Ernest Hartwell and Mrs. Hart-well, of Groton, visiting friends; Leslie Reed, of Boston, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Reed.

Miss Gladys Shattuck, daughter of Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck, High street, who has been on a visit with her uncle, Arthur Bush, of Wakefield, for two or three weeks, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Caroline A. Conant has sold out her millinery business to the Misses Inabelle and Lottic Woods of Groton, who took possession last Tuesday.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church the pastor will preach a Thanksgiving sermon. There will be special music.

The Epworth league service will be at five o'clock and there will be no service at seven o'clock.

The study class of the Ladies' Social circle, a branch of the Woman's Alliance, will meet with Mrs. M. E. Reed on Main street, Friday afternoon, December first. Mrs. N. W. Appleton will give a report of the Unitarian conference at Washington

It is said that H. G. Newells, of Mariboro, that furnished such excellent music for the Oddfellows' ball, has been engaged for the coming fire men's ball.

Miss Gertrude Nokes is enjoying trip to Laconia, N. H., where she is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bessle Allen has closed her house on Elm street for the winter and on Monday last started for St. Louis, Mo.

Russell Shattuck of Worcester was in town over Sunday visiting relatives and friends. --

Frank Small of Fitchburg visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, last week, coming to attend the I. O. O. F. ball.

Mrs Kate Duplan and Miss Anna Sartelle visited the Rebekah lodge in Groton last week Friday night to attend an initiation.

Henry Wentworth has left the employ of the Nashua River corporation and a number of employes, both men and women, were laid off last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bean spent a few days recently at the home of their son, H. J. Bean of Boston. Mrs. M. E. Swasey, who has been

quite sick with acute indigestion, is better and able to be out again. C. A. Parker visited his son, Sher-

man Parker, in Fitchburg, recently. D. W. Hazen has bought the "Lew Dudley house on Pleasant street, occupied by John Duby.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson has enjoyed a visit from her mother, Mrs. E. Woodward of Milford, N. H. Marion Bartlett, who underwent a

surgical operation at the Massachusetts general hospital, Boston, last week Monday, has returned to town and is doing nicely.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting on Friday of last week. Mrs. Alfred Boynton gave a report of the recent county and state conventions. Mrs. Llewellyn True, superintendent of the mothers' department, told of the work that had been done in that line during the quarter. A report of the work done among the soldiers and sailors was also given. Mrs. Apple ton told in a very interesting way some of her, experiences during her recent trip to Washington. She also spoke of the temperance work reported at the Unitarian conference at Washington, as having been done by the temperance society connected with that organization. Refreshments were

Death.

Mrs. John Lyrigh, who was Annie Horan, died of aberculosis on Sunday, November 19, at her home on Mill street. Besides her husband she leaves three small children and an aged mother. High mass was said at St. Joseph's church on Tuesday morning. There was a large display of flowers. The employees of the Pepperell card shop, where the deceased had worked for a number of years previous to her marriage; also, the Ladies' auxiliary of the A. O. H., of which she was a member, sent beau-tiful floral tokens of love and respect The bearers were Stephen West

James and Joseph Attridge and James Attridge. The Interment was in St. Attridge. The Joseph's cemeters.

HARVARD.

Still River.

Rev. L. H. Morse has had a sister from Newton visiting at the parsonage a few days this week.

Henry Haynes, just over the Bolton line, is very poorly, and his sor Frank, of Pepperell, is at home caring for him.

Mrs Eleanor Merrifield is visiting her sisters in Winchester.

Last Sunday, Ralph H. Whitney, of Worcester, brought Mrs. Haynes to her Still River home in his automobile from the Memorial hospital.

Miss Ethel Parker has gone to Southern Pines for the winter. She was at this place last winter and received so much benefit that she goes Mrs. A. W. Robinson had a sister

from Lawrence with her on Tuesday Mrs. Josephine Whitney, of Worcester, was at her summer cottage in Still River: on Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Raymond, of Charles town, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs H. D. Stone last week.

Word was received on Tuesday o the death, on Monday, of Mrs. Will-iam J. Harrod, of Waverley, at a hospital in Waltham, as the result of an operation two weeks before. Mrs Harrod had many friends in Still River, where she used to visit with Mr. Harrod, before the death of her father, James Harrod, several years ago, and he has the sincere sympathy



O turk, you who strutted the summer away. Abundant attention you're getting today, We praise you beyond all the bird or fowl kind; Our feelings to you are with favor inclined. We thanks, too, give for you, O creature of pride. And all the fruits of the season beside. Though slighted you were, in the days that are past, Attention long due you are getting at last.

-Arthur J. Burdick, in Sunset Magazine.





say so. Thanksgiving is only halfthanksgiving till it blossoms into expression. Learn a lesson from the noble-hearted Indian, in whose vil-

lage the missionary, passing through, had left a few pages of the gospel in the Indian tongue. Our Indian read and rejoiced. Measuring the missionary's footprint, he fitted it with magnificent moccasins, and traveled 200 miles to give them to the missionary as an expression of his graftitude. Thus the missionary was enriched by the present, but the Indian was enriched by the thanksgiving.

The best thanksgiving is a happy heart. Blossoms mean nothing on a dead stick. Once when the czar visited Paris the ingenious French, it being winter, fastened to the bare boughs of the trees innumerable paper flowers, very pretty as a spectacle, but valueless unless it is rooted in daily life.

Train yourself to be grateful for the common blessings. There had been a great cotton famine in Lancashire, England. For lack of material to work upon, the mills had been idle for months, and there was great distress among the operatives. At last came the first wagon-load of cotton,

YOU are grateful, the earnest of returning opportunity to labor. With what new eyes did the people look upon that commonplace material! They met the wagon in an exultant procession. They hugged the bales. At last, moved by a common impulse, they broke out in the noble hymn, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." There are in every life a thousand blessings, now little noticed at all, of which if we were deprived, their return would be welcomed with equal transports.

But the going does not excuse us from the sending any more than sending excuses us from going. If giving still went by the rule of the tenth, as in the scriptural days, then ten average Christians could anywhere constitute themselves into a church and support a pastor; and twenty could support both a pastor and a mission-

No work is done at its best until it is done in an atmosphere of thanksgiving. Beethoven understood this. He had his plane placed in the midvery unworthy as a symbol, since they dle of a field, and there, under the were false. Our praise will be quite smiling sky, with birds singing around him, flowers shining and grain glistening in the sun, the musician composed some of his great oratories. Few of us can take our work into the fields, though all of us would carry lighter hearts if we would live more out of doors; but we can all of us surround our work with cheery atmosphere which our Father has breathed into all his works.





HANKSGIVING day stands out by itself on the calendar. There is no other day with so many delightful associations and tender mem-

ories, no day upon which the heart so spontaneously pours out its grateful tribute to the Father above for all his goodness through the year. And this applies equally to ourselves as a nation, as communities and as individuals. For peace within our borders, for generous harvests, for the health and welfare of our communities, we owe to God a debt of love and gratitude which finds expression in prayer, praise and the festivities appropriate to the annual festival of Thanksgiving. We are usually so much engrossed with the active business of life as a nation that we leave too little time for reflection on the divine goodness; yet every day we are surrounded by blessings. the store, the office, the workshop, we are still the objects of his wondrous bounty and care. Whatever re- ever watching to do us good.

verses we encounter, he enables us to overcome them. So, while the passing year has had its sorrows, we feel that the joys have outwelghed them, and that we are still God's debtors in thanks for multitudinous blessings. Let us show our gratitude for all of these mercies by reaching out a helping hand to others who have been less fortunate than ourselves. Romember the poor at Thanksgivingthe sick, the destitute, the hungry, the unemployed. In every community there are those to whom a kindly word or a generous hospitality would bring a real touch of the spirit of the festival. Pass on your blessings. By so doing, you will make your own heart the lighter, your own home the brighter and your own Thanksgiving table more enjoyable to all who sit around it.

Thank Him for All.

"Giving thanks for all things unto God."-Eph. v. 20.

Thanksgiving is the mark of a truly religious man. If we are always begging God for his mercies without expressing to him our sincere gratitude. we become selfish in our demands. God delights to impart his mercies to us, but he also takes pleasure in our gratitude to him for his benefits. Only an appreciative heart is able to fully enjoy God's unfailing goodness. It is certain that the more we try to Sleeping and waking, on the farm, in praise, the more we will see how our path and our daily way are beset with mercies, and that the God of love is

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