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SHIRLEY.

Fatal Accident.

Savillion W. Longley was fatally burnt on Wednesday morning between the hours of seven and eight o'clock in his room on Maple street, where he and his brother Harriman keep house together, occupying the upper flat, George E. Harlow and family occupying the lower one. Savillion, who rooms alone, got out

of bed to blow out the light from a kerosene lamp which was his cus-tom to leave burning during the night, and in doing so the flame went down under the burner of the lamp, spreading in all directions, setting fire to his night shirt, which was in a moment all aslame, burning completely away from his body, leaving only the shoulders of the garment. The hair on his head was nearly all burned off and his face, body and legs from the hips to his knees were shockingly burned. The floor of his room scorched from the spreading

Mrs. Harlow was the first to give the alarm, going to the upper floor to the room occupied by her son Frank. About the time she discovered there was smoke in the house she heard the faint outcry of Mr. Longley and immediately gave the alarm. Mr. Harlow and Harriman, brother of Savil-lian, reached the unfortunate man's together and were horrified at

what they saw. ful condition of his patient and upon Burial will be in the family lot at his advice a trained male nurse from Boston was sent for who arrived in the afternoon. It was found necessary to keep Mr. Longley under the influence of morphine. however, he was conscious part of the time, but a few hours before he died lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and remained so until the end came at four o'clock on Thursday morning, Janu-

Mr. Longley was the son of James Parker and Lucy (Chaplin) Longley and was born in Leominster in 1841. He came with his parents to Shirley when quite young and entered the public schools, graduating from the Shirley high school, which was then located at the Center. He commenced his business life as a traveling sales man for a wholesale druggist of Boston, which position he held for several years, and then became railroad station agent at Shirley, holding this

position also for several years.

Mr. Longley then accepted the position of beekkeeper for the firm of Orswell & Co. of Shirley, makers of cotton goods, and after a service of eight years resigned to accept a po-sition as office manager for the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. of Pepperell, which was a government conecrn. Mr. Longley also resigned this posi-tion after a successful term of eight years and returned to Shirley, accepting a position as bookkeeper for the Samson Cordage works, which position he held for a number of years, severing his connection with the cordage people to enter into the business of insurance, which he seemed to en-joy and also gave him the benefits of outdoor life, which was also beneficial to him from a physical stand-point at his time of life. Consequently he kept to this line of endeavor

until his death .

Mr. Longley was a staunch republican in politics, always loyal to his party and was an indefatigable worker at caucus and election times. He was bonored by serving his district as representative to the general court during the year 1910 and was a mem-ber of the committee on towns. He has also been one of the assessors of the town of Shirley for the past nine years and was also chief en-gineer of the fire department for three pears, besides serving in other ca-pacities in the interest of the town, being well informed on town affairs.

Mr. Longley was also a member of Fredonian lodge, I O O. F., joining by initiation August 2, 1883, and has the honorable distinction of being noble grand of his lodge for seven terms. His interest in Oddfellowship was very pronounced and he always took an active interest in the affairs of his lodge. He was also a member of King David encampment and the Canton Hebron P. M. of Fitchburg, and was a charter member of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge of Shirley, being instrumental in the organization

of the lodge.

Mr. Longley was known as the best statistician in Shirley. His faculty for remembering the dates of events in connection with his business, social and lodge life was remarkable. He was always straight forward in his dealings and uttered the convictions of his conscience at all times and places, never playing the part of the hypocrite. This quality of character won for him a host of life-long friends.

He was never married, but kept house in company with his brother Harriman Longley for the past twenty

The survivors are a brother, Harriman, and nephew Wade Longley, of Washington, D. C., who was sum-moned home to attend the funeral.

The funeral will be held this Sat-urday with services at the Universalist church at two o'clock in the after-noon, Rev. C. A. Knickebocker officiat-The pall bearers will consist of Dr. Lilly was immediately sent for his brother Odd Fellows, under whose and upon his arrival realized the fearthe Village cemetery Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will meet in the lodge rooms at 1.30 p. m., and march to the church in a body.

News Items.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Savillion W. Longley, the dance which has been advertised to take place in Odd Fellows' hall this Saturday evening, has been postponed until Saturday evening, January 20

There was eighty-nine licenses granted to hunters in the town of Shirley the past year.

Altrurian.

Rev. William Weare Locke spoke before the Altrurian club Thursday afternoon on "New America." It was very interesting subject. Mr. Locke referred to the Crow Indians under in-dustrial training and of their great interest in medicine; he also gave some of the signs they used in illustrating their stories. The program for the afternoon was in charge of Dr. Ellen F. Schenck, chairman, Mrs. Ida C. Wolff, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, Mrs. Mildred T. Grout, Mrs. Anna L. Cram. Mr. Locke was a fine, dramatic speaker and all enjoyed his discourse. At the next meeting Mrs. Ida Louise Gibbs of Waitham will speak on "The genesis of the flag." Mrs. Gibbs is said to be a fine reciter and it is hoped a

Congregational vestry, January 18, at 3.30. Business meeting at 2.30. TOWNSEND.

large audience will greet her at the

Townsend Harbor. Mrs. Knight and her mother, Mrs. Fletcher, returned the early part of the week from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Keefe have begun housekeeping in the Farrar house.

Frank Knight was called to Lowel Monday to visit his brother who is sick at the hospital in that city.

While in Fitchburg a few days ago Harry Knight called on George Adams, who several years ago kept the store in this village.

The As You Like It club met with its president, Mrs. Oliver Proctor, Clayton Brown, of Yarmouth, was last Tuesday. The following members the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell signed the new by-laws: Mrs. K. N. A. Willard over Sunday.

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Proctor, pres.; F. A. Conant, sec. and treas.; Frances J. Adams, Ida B. Brown, Frances J. Cummings, Mary S. Cruickshank, Hannah E. Gray, lecturer, Eliza J. Leadbetter, Amelia Morgan, Laura W. Smith, Bertha H. Taft, Mary E. Adams. An interesting literary and musical program was provided by the lecturer. vided by the lecturer. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Smith of Walnut Grove.

Mrs. Bryant, who has been awaiting the completion of repairs upon her house, is about to leave for Boston for the winter.

Frank Knight attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Queen, of Tyngs boro, Friday of this week.

Mr. Smith of Walnut Grove farm has an egg record for the month of December of which he may well be proud. From a flock of four hundred hens he gathered 2779 eggs. The highest price received was fifty-three cents per dozen.

The Krouch children at Mr. Hager's while sliding on a double runner re-ceived several bruises and scratches from which it will take a few days to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter spent a part of the holiday season at Dinglewood with Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran.

Surprise Party.

Last Tuesday evening the neighbors and friends of Gilman Conant gave him a surprise party in honor of his birthday. For several reasons it was thought advisable to observe the last birthday of his teens rather than wait till two years later. About seven o'clock Howard Doran called for Gilman to go rabbit hunting. They had barely left the house when guests be-gan to arrive and the young men were called back. This was the first intimation that young Conant had of anything unusual. His surprise was complete. Nevertheless his welcome to the numerous guests was no le-hearty on that account and he entered into the spirit of the occasion with all the zeal of a young man just nineteen and contributed very materially to the evenings' entertainment.

At ten o'clock the guests were invited to the supper room, where hot oysters, cake. coffee, etc., were served. Mrs. Jennie Searle, Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Conant, each made a birthday cake in recognition of the oc-casion. One of the cakes was placed before the young host as he took his place at the table.

Covers had been laid for thirty-one and each place was taken. Just be-fore the repast was finished there was a loud knock at the front door and a moment later a large box was handed young Conant, supposedly left by an expressman. An interested audience watched the young man as he removed the wrappings and examined the contents of box after box-each containing some joke-until he reached the last box of all, the one that contained a tangible expression of the affectionate regard and respect in signet ring together with a sum of money which will be expended for a

The party broke up at a late hour, wishing their young friend many hap-py returns of the day.

HARVARD.

Still River. Joseph Scott, of New York, spent Saturday and Sunday with Isaac H

Marshall.

husband, of Berlin, N. H., were guests of her parents last week. Two sisters of Mrs. Morse were

guests at the parsonage last week. Miss Mary Evans, of Boston, stayed with her aunt, Mrs. Scales, Mon-day night. Miss Evans was on her way to Herkimer, N. Y., where she is entering a fitting school for religious

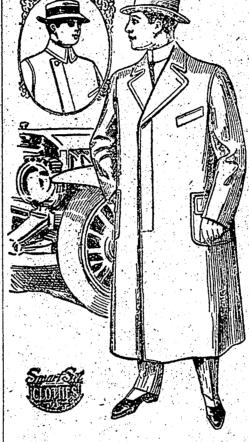
Tuesday, George H. Chase saw robin in the spruce tree in his yard The robin was singing as if it was spring.

Miss Flora Murchie has entered the Clinton hospital to train for a nurse Warren Willard started for Palatka Fla. Wednesday, for the winter.

Mrs. Alfred McClintock, while visit ing her mother in Lancaster on Saturday, had the misfortune to rur a sliver under the nail of one of her fingers, necessitating the services of a physician to remove it.

.The sociable last week Friday even ing was well attended and the play.
"At the junction," was well given.
and each of the actors did finely. The
principal part, that of station agent. was taken by Chester P. Willard, the other parts by Mrs. Fanny Haskell Miss Edna Flanders, Warren Harrod and Walter Haskell.

Mrs. Adeliza Turner attended the installation of the officers of the Ma sonic lodge in Ayer on Monday even



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WESTFORD.

Young people enjoying the holiday acation with Westford families have been Miss Dorothy Jaques and her mother at William Sutherland's; John R. Draper, of Auburndale, at H. V. Hildreth's; Wesley Hawkes, ir., of Malden, at A. W. Hartford's, and Livingston Wright with his parents, at H. L. Wright's.

It may be interesting information for the people of Westford to know the number of animals that are slaughtered in town. During the year ending December 31, there was inspected by E. J. Whitney, cattle inspector, after slaughter, 834 calves, 258 hogs, 33 cattle, a total of 1125 animals. Of these there was condemned for disease, 3 hogs, 4 calves

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church will take place next Monday afternoon at two o'clock. This will be preceded by a dinner at noon for the church members.

The last Sunday of the old year being stormy had its effect upon the attendance at the Congregational church, however, a good number were present morning and evening to hear Mr. Wallace's appropriate addresses. At the morning service Miss Edna Ferguson sang a very beautiful offertory solo.

The first snow storm of the season, coming the last day of the year, did not prove formidable to deal with. The branch line electrics made their regular trips. The small boys, the snow and sleds have made a happy combination for several days.

Miss Edith Forster has been enjoying part of her Christmas vacation from the Frost school with friends in Uxbridge, and Miss Clara Smith has been staying with Hopedale relatives.

Elmer Fletcher, of the firm of Needham & Fletcher, Littleton, has been busy this week with workman getting the frame up over the recently completed foundation for the new house J. Henry Colburn is building for himself and

Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher, Mrs. E. J. Whitney and Mrs. W. J. Merritt, who have all been on the sick list and un-der their doctors' supervision, are all improved. Mrs. John B. Fletcher, who has been ill with heart trouble for six weeks and in the care af a trained nurse, has had her outlook changed by being moved to a downstairs room. Mrs. Frances B. Prescott has been and is quite seriously sick and in the care of destar and nurse.

Mrs. Martha P. Cooper's many Westford friends learn with much concern and sympathy of her serious accident at Shirley last week They extend to Mrs. Cooper through these columns the very kindest and most sympathetic greetings.

John Feeney, jr., and Clyde Prescott went the first of the week to Amherst Agricultural college to take the ten-weeks' course in study provid-

A set of new views, mostly depicting Italian art are on exhibition at the

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Sweatt announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Marion, to Dr. James Dearborn Christie.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting at their headquarters on Boston road on Tuesday evening with full attendance. George E. Gould, acting as caterer, served a most appetizing supper to which full justice was done. The remainder of the evening was spent socially and in perfecting some details of the annual ball neld later in the

Rev. David Wallace went to West Hartford, Vt., this week to join his wife and daughters, and return home with them and also to be present at a large family reunion.

Tadmuck Club.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. It was the first meeting of the new year and the attendance was good. At the business session the secretary was instructed by the unanimous expression of the membership to convey to Mrs. Martha P. Cooper, of Shirley, a former valued member of the club, their very sincere sympathy to her on account of her serious accident and consequent illness.

The program for the afternoon was The program for the atternoon was one of the number of the season's special topic for study of South America and was "Chile—the land of progess," in charge of Miss Edith Forster and proved itself to be in very capable hands.

Miss Forster presented a very discerning and able paper of this long and narrow country in South America's western boundary. Climatic, in-dustrial, racial and political conditions were most intelligently portray-ed Miss Forster gave special emphasis to the importance of the extensive intrate mines which are the country's most important industry.

At the close of the program a delightful new year's surprise was prepared for those present. This was a chafing-dish luncheon. Shrimp wiggle, tea, cakes, olives and bon-bons were served, and a delightful social hour was enjoyed. Those who pre-sided over the chafing-dishes and dispensed this pleasant hospitality were Miss Forster, Miss E. Marion Sweatt, Miss Gladys Fletcher, Miss Eva Fletcher, Miss Mabel Drew and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilson.

The next meeting, on January 16 will be in charge of the president.

Miss Miss Loker, who will present.

Brazil—the wonderland." Tea will be gerred and the meeting will be in the Congregational church vestry.

The Westford Board of Trade met on Wednesday evening at the town hall with good attendance. The president, Edward Fisher, presided. It was decided that the entertainment committee, with the board of directors, hold some sort of entertainments before the end of February. Some discussion took place as to prospective playground or playgrounds for the members of Court Westford, M. The Westford Board of Trade met tive playground or playgrounds for Graniteville, results of which it is hoped will materialize later.

The committee for issuing a pamphlet reported progress and asked for Dudevoir, chief ranger, in the chair, an extension of time. It was voted It being the last regular meeting to of Trade of Greater Lowell, the president of this board to attend and be a member of advisory committee. Four new members were admitted.

Village improvement committee was asked to give a report on sidewalks at the next meeting. The board has at present a membership of sixty-two and the organization promises well for town betterment. The officers

Edward Fisher, pres.; P. H. Harrington, v. p.; Charles L. Hildreth, sec.; L. W. Wheeler, treas, and col.; Sherman H. Fletcher, Samuel L. Taylor, A. R. Wall, Edward Hanley and H. V. Hildreth, dir.

Enjoying Their Trip.

Recent communications from the Hamburg-American Line's S. S. Cleveland's cruise around the world, of which Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright are passengers, tell of their stay in the famous old cities of Hong Kong and The weather was rainy in Manilla. Manilla, but the tourists enjoyed the land excursions. Christmas day was appropriately celebrated on board during the passage from Manilla to Hong Kong, with Christmas trees, etc. We quote the following concerning their stay in the latter city:

"Special arrangements for the reception of the world tourists were made with the government of China, and all land excursions and sightseeing tours were carried out as planned and to the great satisfaction of the passengers. A garden fete was held in their honor by the governor. Beautiful weather. Temperature about sixty-six degrees."

About Town.

Farmers were seen ploughing at West Chelmsford last week Thursday on the line of the Lowell road. Now for early peas and potatoes next and ice cutting may come later.

The West Chelmsford Debating society will hold its next debate at Historic hall next Tuesday evening, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, "That life in the country is more favorable to human development than life in the city." Affirmative, Harold H. Fletcher, Samuel L. Taylor; negative, Samuel Naylor, Charles J. Martin.

William P. Proctor, of Dunstable, with sawmills and lumber yards at North Chelmsford, is cutting off a large pine lot between Nabnassett pond and Hillside cemetery. The teaming is being done by John Marinell, of North Chelmsford. This lot was formerly known as the Gardner letcher lot.

Mrs. Thomas Murray, on the Concord road, who has been seriously ill with double pneumonia, under the skillful treatment of Dr. Blaney, is gradually improving.

Albert A. Hildreth is busy sawing for the Stony Brook farmers with his new gasolene engine.

Mrs. Sidney Whitney, on the Lowell road, who has been seriously ill for a long time continues to fail, and her case appears to be hopeless.

C. R. P. Decatur, who has been suffering from rheumatism and heart trouble, is still confined to the house and much of the time unable to sit Dr. Wells is in attendance and although the case is a stubborn one he has succeeded in checking its crippling advances.

Seth Bannister has returned to his studies at Amherst college after his pleasant holiday vacation at his home on the Lowell road.

Clyde Prescott and John Feeney, jr. have entered the Massachusetts college at Amherst.

Harry Hartford leaves town Mon-day for Pineburst, N. C., where he has een engaged until spring, to umpire baseball games.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held next Friday evening. It will be an evening for debate.

Graniteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dudevoir welcomed a little daughter to their home on Saturday, December 30. The milk dealers in this vicinity have advanced the price of milk from six to seven cents per quart This

order went into effect on January 1. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Putney, with their two sons, Alfred and Willis, of Charlemont, in the western part of the state, have been recent guests of Miss Issie Paker. Mr. Putney is now su-perintendent of schools in Charlemont and other nearby towns in that dis-

Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a very interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening of last week, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Maria Wall, c. c.; Mrs. Edith Brooks, s. c.; Mrs. Lena Lerwith, rec. sec.; Mrs. Bridget Healy, fin. sec.; Mrs. Julia B. Wall, treas.; Martha Doucette, r. g.; Sophia Kowiick, l. g.; Mrs. Margaret McCarthy, i. g.; Mrs. Buckingham, o. g.; Mrs. Alice Gilson, trustee.

At a regular meeting of the members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held in their rooms on Tuesday evening of last week, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Thos. Hughes, pres.; Alfred Highes, v. p.; Wm. McCarthy; rec. soc.; Henry LeDuc, fin. sec.; J. A. Healy, treas.; Wm. L. Wall, Alfred Gagnon, Ralph Tousignant, trustees.

The members of this society are to hold a social dance in the near future. The members of the A R. Choate nose company held their regular meeting in Healy's hall on Monday ovening. Business of a routine order was transacted, after which a social hour

was enjoyed Miss Margaret O'Hara, of Concord, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Healy.

Mrs. A. R. Choate is on the sick list at her home.

The members of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a very interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday evening of last week, with Charles E. It being the last regular meeting to

duly elected to serve during the com-

Ing year:

C. E. Dudevoir, c. r.; Mrs. Julia B. Wall, v. c. r.; A. R. Wall, rec. sec.; W. L. Wall, fin. sec.; J. A. Healy, treas.; Miss Dora LeDuc, sr. cond.; F. M. Defoe, jr. cond.; R. J. McCarthy, i. s.; Joseph Wall, o. s.; Thos. Hughes, Wm. Ledwith, Miss Josie Provost, trustees; A. R. Wall, rep. to the annual convention; J. A. Healy, alternate.

All of the above-named officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the new year, which will be on January 11. The entertainment committee have promised to provide an interesting program at this time, so a very pleasant evening is looked for.

LITTLETON.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Priest leave their quarters in the Harry J. Smith house this week and go to Mrs. Mary J. Priest's for the brief remainder of their stay in town.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday after-noon, January 8. The study of Robert Browning, under the instruction of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield will begin on that date. Piano and vocal solos will be given by Miss Emma Tenney and Mrs. Cora Hager, respectively. The study of Browning will be continued on January 22, instead of the day indicated on the club calendar.

The subject of the C. E. meetings for tomorrow evening is "The christian virtues. 1. Courage."

"The congress of nations," scheduled by the committee on social evenings at the Congregational church, has been postponed six days. The entertainment will be given Tuesday evening, January 16.

Charles Yapp was last week drawn for grand jury which sits in Cambridge.

Miss Florence Whitcomb has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Heywood Hart-well, in Somerville, this week.

A recent communication from Rev. Herbert Caulkins, places the beginning of his pastorate in Littleton on January 21, instead of February 1, as he at first planned.

The Backlog club has decided to give as its dramatic entertainment for 1912, the three-act comedy, "The colonel's maid," by C. Leone Dalrymple, February 1 and 2. Miss Esther McEnnis, who has

taught in Ludlow for several years, has given her resignation to take effect immediately, in order to accept a more desirable position on the teaching staff of Malden. position on the David Millett's family is quaran-

lined on account of scarlet fever. As he children had not been in school for nearly two weeks when the disease became evident, and did not return at the beginning of the new term. here is little if any possibility of contagion among the school children.

Ralph Hill has been visiting friends in Maine during the greater part of his vacation, returning on Monday evening.

Robert Roberts has been a great sufferer from blood poison, which was caused by scratching his hand while preparing turkeys for Christmas customers. At last reports his condition vas improving,

Lucile and Hilton Page, of Dor-chester are visiting at Frank D. Lay-

has not been so fortunate as to find her pocketbook left at the postoffice a week ago. Judging from appearances, it was appropriated by some dishonest person.

William H. Davis has had a severe attack of lumbago, but is convalescent. Curtis W. Drew is suffering from lameness that necessitates considerable assistance. siderable assistance in his daily la-

Newtown night at the Backlog club is slated for January 11, and the alert committee announces as a leading feature of the program, the repitition of the graduating exercises of the 1855 class of Littleton female seminary so much enjoyed and anthusing inary so much enjoyed and enthusiastically applauded at the Baptist vestry a few weeks ago. The com-mittee feels that it is to be congratulated in securing the services of these capital entertainers and hopes to see a large audience of club members and other friends who may wish to

There will be no admission The Alliance will hold a food sale at the vestry on Friday afternoon, January 12, from 2.30 to four o'clock.

The Unitarian parish meeting was held at the vestry on Tuesday evening. Joseph A. Harwood was chosen mod-The former officers were for the most part re-elected: F. B. Priest, J. M. Hartwell and W. H. Titcomb, parish com: com.; D. G. Houghton, treas. The report of the treasurer made a good financial showing, as there is a bal-ance of \$130 in the treasury. Announcement was made of a thousanddollar gift to the church from the late Capt. William H. Sawyer, the interest to be used towards paying the

pastor's salary. A good number of the members of the United Workers attended the mission study held with Mrs. George W. Canney on Wednesday afternoon. The general subject of immigration was continued. Mrs. Elmer Fletcher read an interesting letter from her niece, Miss Gertrude Blanchard, now a missionary in China, clearly outlining present conditions in that country. Different phases and problems of immigration were ably discussed by Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton and Mrs. A. M.

Parker. Mrs. A. F. Conant led in the devotions and had charge of the program. Mrs. H. L. Packard offered the closing prayer, and the entire com-pany joined in singing America. The program was well arranged and full

of interest. Hartwell & Hosmer have presented heir friends with new calendars, according to their long established cus-tom. The picture this year is taken from the painting entitled "Leaving the hills," by Sherrin, and is in color-ing and artistic effect one of the pret-tiest and most pleasing of their al-ways attractive calendars.

Death.

The intelligence of Capt. William lenry Sawyer's death at his brother's (Orville Sawyer) home in Orange on Saturday, December 30, was attended by a general depression throughout this community. Mr. Sawyer had this community. Mr. Sawyer mad boarded the train, apparently in his usual health, but two days previous to his death, to attend the burial of a cousin in Motague. On his return he stopped at Orange for a short visit. and during the night experienced a severe shock, which was followed by two hemorrhages. He was found lying in bed unconscious at eight o'clock on Friday morning. Medical aid was immediately secured, and everything possible was done for the patient's relief and recovery, but the physician from the first gave the relatives very little encouragement. The decline was rapid, and within eighteen hours from the time his condition was discovered, his peaceful spirit has re-turned to its maker.

Services were held in Orange on Monday and on Tuesday, relatives accompanied the remains to Littleton, where the principal funeral was ton, where the principal funeral was held at Charles A. Kimball's resi-

Pleasantly Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Knights gave a very delightful "at home" to a hundred Littleton guests on new year's afternoon at their beautiful residence, The Overlook. Ideal at-mospheric conditions prevailed, and the mantle of shining snow that covered the earth and adorned the graceful birches bordering the driveway gave to scenic beauty all that could be desired. The Overlook is well named, for from its many windows one may behold a charming panorama

of diversified scenery.

The host was assisted at the door by Frank B. Priest, and the guests, after removing wraps, were invited to enjoy the view from various rooms in the house. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Knights and Master Knights, assisted by Mrs. Frank B. Priest and Mrs. Willard A. Munson, pourers, and Mrs. E. A. Cox, Mr. Munson, Miss Dorothy Priest and Roger Priest. Many of the guests were treated to a fine concert program by a music chest of superior quality. Not a few pieces from grand opera were among the choice selections rendered.

Prominent among the pleasures of the afternoon was the social reunion of old friends who are ever glad of an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Littleton people feel it a marked distinction to have such people as Mr. and Mrs. Knights establish a home in their midst, and fully appreciate the sincere and generous hospitality extended by the gracious host and hostess on Monday afternoon. The family will leave for the Brookline home in a few days, the young son returning to Mitchell school in Billerica, but we are happily informed that Littleton is to be eventually the winter as well as summer home of our very welcome friends.

Piano Classics Added.

For several years the trustees of the Reuben Hoar library have hoped to enlarge the musical department by placing upon the shelves, plano classics. It is now their pleasure to announce that the following are ready for distribution:

Piano Solo Louis DeSilvio is very happy in recovering his lost dog through the advertisement inserted in this paper a week ago. Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson has not been so fortunate as a large Liszt. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Liszt. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Liszt. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Chopin. Works complete, 3 vols. Greig. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Liszt. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Moszkowski. Album, vols. 1 and 2. Mozart. Sonatas. Nevin. Water scenes. Nevin. In Arcady. Nevin. Melodies. Schumann. Album

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Dvorak, A. Two silhouettes.
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Grondahl, A. B. Serenade.
Neupert, E. Spring song.
Paderewski, I. J. Melodies in B Major.
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Rachmaninoff. Romance.

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New Books Added. The following is a list of new books that have been added to the Reuben Hoar library, December, 1911: West in the East
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Uncertain Irene Brown
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About Town.

Mrs. Joseph Dodge visited relatives in Cambridge the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Brown of Medford made week-end visit with her sister, Mrs. Dodge.

Miss Fentrice Kerlin of Cambridge vas a guest of Elizabeth and Margaret Brown the past week. Joseph A. Harwood will conduct the

Juild on the subject of "Tak sponsibility," Sunday evening. Karlton Priest is taking the winter course of study at the Massachusetts

Agricultural college, Amherst. Rev. William S. Key, a Unitarian minister who is engaged in an interesting circuit missionary work in North Carolina among the whites, will give an account of his work at the morning service of the Unitarian church. Mr. Key preached in Little-ton several years ago before entering on the work and was much liked.

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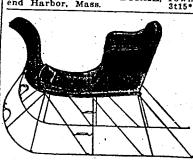
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TOWNSEND.

Townsend Center.

Charles Howard and a cousin from Hudson, who is visiting him had a narrow escape from drowning on Monday while they were skating on the river near the bridge. If both had not been good swimmers, the accident would have been serious, as the ice kept parting after the first break and they had to tread water and make their way towards shore through the breaking ice. Charles got in trying to help his cousin out, who momentarily became confused and was trying to break a path out, heading up the river. They luckily escaped with only a cold bath. Several onlookers badly frightened, but Charlie said he didn't have time to be frightened until it was over, and then he

The schools have started up again after the holiday vacation with the same force of teachers, except that Miss Myrtle Gray will teach at the Harbor school and the Townsend hill district will be supplied by Miss Baker, of Pepperell, who has been a successful teacher there for some

H. B. Hildreth received a telegram from Los Angeles, Cal., dated December 29, containing the sad news of the death of Henry Spear, our venerable fownsman, who only a few weeks ago left here to make his home with his brother at Los Angeles. Mr. Spear started forth with much hope to make the long journey alone. He caught cold and pneumonia developed, so. that he only lived about a week after he arrived. The remains are to be cremated and sent back here for

The next meeting of the Monday club will be held at Mrs. Ellen Howard's on Monday afternoon. Subject, "The Boy Scouts," by Mrs. Abby A. Barber. "Current events at home an abroad," in charge of Mrs. K. Flagg. "Current events at home and

Monday evening, January 8; T. E. Flarity, d. d., will install the officers of the grange at Odd Fellows' hall.

Joint Installation.

The Anson D. Fessenden Camp, S. of V., and the Phœbe Weston Farmer Tent, D. of V., held a joint installation at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday even-ing. Several sons from the Ayer camp were present. The sons were installed by Edwin E. Sawyer, of the Ayer camp, assisted by Bassett Dickerman, acting as guide, as follows:

Leon Z. Watkins, com.; Roy P. Brown, s. v. c.; A. L. Dow, j. v. c.; R. G. Fessenden, F. W. Brown, W. L. Bruce, camp coun.; T. James Harvey, sec.; C. B. Willard, treas.; A. N. Fessenden, pat. in.; John J. Harvey, chap.; F. W. Brown, color bear.; Harold Parker, guide; R. G. Fessenden, g.; G. C. Fessenden, plc. g.

The daughters were installed as follows by Mrs. Gertrude Holbrook Works, of Littleton, past department president, assisted by Mrs. Grace Wright, of this town, guide:

President, absent; Ella C. Wilson, s. V. p.; Effie M. Brown, j. v. p.; Hattle M. Smith, chap.; L. Elnora Smith, treas.; Hattle E. Cook, pat. ins.; trustees, No. 2, Mary E. Taylor, No. 3, Ellen J. Richards; Flor: Burgess, sec.; appointed officers: G. ace Wright, guide; Hattle E. O'Brien g.; Alice Bowley, Evelyn Sanders, Catherine Arlin, color bearers; Florence Gwinn, mus.

Mrs. Margaret I. Wilson, procedure.

Mrs. Margaret J. Wilson, president, Mrs. Margaret J. Wilson, president, and N. Blanche Shaw, trustee No. 1, were unable to be present and will be installed later by past president, Hattie M. Smith.

Officers Installed.

Walter E. Drury, d. d. g. m., and suite, of Beacon lodge, Pepperell, in-stalled the officers of the North Star lodge on Wednesday evening, as fol-

After the exercises a collation was in the banquet hall, and speeches were in order. Mr. Drury was assisted by Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, grand chaplain, of Shirley, and during the speech making Mr. Bronsdon gave an eloquent talk for the good of the order, which was much appreciated. All enjoyed a social time before departing for home

Wedding.

Rev. Waldo S. Burgess, pastor of the Shelbourne Congregational church and Miss Tillie Inwood Washburn, of Hartford, Conn., were united in marriage on December 27, at the Windsor Avenue Congregational church in Hartford, Conn., by Rev. Hugh Elmer Brown. Mr. Burgess is a Townsend boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burgess. He is a graduate of Boston university and also of the Hartford Theological school. He also went to Italy one year and taught English in the schools there, and has always been a thorough student in whatever branch of learning he undetook. He is now settled in his first pastorate and with the aid of his genial helpmate through life, it cannot help but be a successful one. They have the sincere wishes of all for a happy future.

West Townsend.

The work at the West Townsend granite quarries has closed for the present and a number of the ledge employees have left town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilder, of Josselynville, were called to Lowell on Monday to attend a funeral. Miss Belinda Jewett, who makes her

home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Far-well, is spending the holidays with relatives in Boston.

Warren Hadley, who has been visit-ing Dr. H. B. Boynton, returned to his home in Charlestown the last of

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman gave a birthday dinner at her home last week Friday in honor of her mother's (Mrs. L. A. Allison) seventy-fourth birthday, Parties were present from Greenville Ashby, Boston and this village, and a most enjoyable afternoon is reported. Mrs. Allison received a number of beautiful and useful gifts, as well as five birthday cakes, and the guests were presented with little jewel cases as souvenirs of the occasion.

During the heavy gales of last week Friday, a house, which is being erec-Devarney on the Fitchburg road by Mr. Crimer, of Fitchburg was blown down and entirely demolished.

Mrs. Fred Smith has completed her work at the Belgrade rug factory in Josselynville for the present.

Frank Farrar, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is able to be about again.

Miss Nancy Reed, of Cushing acad-my, Ashburnham, is spending a part of her vacation at her home here, and has been entertaining a friend from Vermont the past week.

Miss Blanche Sprague returned from her home in Readsboro, Vt., where she spent the Christmas vacation, on Saturday evening, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lena Sprague, who will spend the week with her.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Eliot, from Dorchester, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard, who returned on Saturday from several weeks visit to Dorchester O. B. Willard has also returned from the Center, where he has been board-ing during their absence.

William Wyman, from Lunenburg, is spending a few weeks at his home on the Fitchburg road.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver has completed her work in Nashua, N. H., and has been spending a few days at her home here before resuming her work in Bos-

Mrs. Horace Sanders, from New Ipswich, N. H., is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cutting, for the present. A very interesting meeting of the Ladies' Literary and Social circle was held at the Reading-room with Mrs. Fred A. Patch last week Thursday afternoon. Six were present and at the close of the program a social, followed by afternoon tea, was heartily enjoyed: The topic of the afternoon was "Tenneyson," and a sketch of his life and several of his poems were read by the members. A president for the ensuing month, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson, was elected and the topic of the next meeting will be J. T. Trowbridge. The place of meeting is not yet de-

cided and will be announced later. The total number of books from the library reading-room for the month of December was 209

Last week Friday, Mrs. Richardson, the mother of Mrs. David Bearard, of Josselynville, died very suddenly of pn umonia at the home of clatives. In Ashburnham, where she was spend-ing the holidays. The burial was in Fitchburg on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Richardson was in her usual health when she left here and the entire community was saddened by the news of her death, and much sympathy expressed for the daughter, who is stricken by this sudden shock.

The Men's club met and discussed current events as usual at the Readng-room on Tuesday evening.

Frank Connaghan, of Boston, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Daniel Coffey, Mrs. Coffey and children are now visiting in Meriden, Conn.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of lower Main street, was called to Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., the first of the week to care for Mr. Smith's mother, who is ill.

The L. B. B. S. held their regular monthly session with Mrs. Charles Hodgman. Dinner was served to sixteen at noon and at the afternoon business meeting, Mrs. Lucy A. Law rence was elected president in place of Mrs. Louise McElligott, who has

Miss Blanche Sprague entertained a party of young friends at the home of Mrs. Alexander Reed on Wednesday evening to introduce her sister who is visiting her. Music and games fice as president. were enjoyed ond refreshments were

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson an nounce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth G., to Roy E. Wright, of Fitchburg.

Bantist Notes.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening. His morning topic will be "God expects every man to do his duty," and in the even ing he will speak on "The conversion of a tax collector." The Y. P. S. C. E. Mook will Charles Hodgman and the regular monthly business meeting will be held at this time.

The monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon

The week of prayer has been ob-The week of prayer has been observed with special services at the Baptist vestry, the program being: Tuesday evening, Rev. A. L. Struthers, of the Congregational church at the Center; Wednesday, Rev. S. P. Robertson, of the Methodist church, Thursday evening, Rev. O. S. Hardy, of Bayberry hill, and Friday evening, Rev. Loomis, from Ashby.

WESTFORD.

To the Editor:

I am very much pleased with your way of giving the news of my old home town, Westford. It keeps one in touch also with much of the county news. In the December 9 number I get enough in the news from Westford, Ayer, Shirley, Littleton, Pepper-ell, Groton and many other places of my acquaintance to pay me well for my subscription for this year. When one is so far from his old home it is a treat to get hold of the old home news. But while you are freezing in Westford I am in my shirt sleeves at work picking lima beans in my garden and plenty of ripe tomatoes at hand waiting to be picked; also, raspberries, blackberries and strawberries. A word about those lima beans. They were planted the first of last May and have given me a large yield and reaped off a crop as late as October 20. Now the same vines are giving me plenty more green beans for Christmas. I am diggling sweet potathat weigh five to six pounds. I have dug a few that have weighed as high as ten pounds apiece, but during my absence last summer they suffered for lack of water.

HIRAM DANE, Glendora, Cal., Dec. 13, 1911.

To the Editor:

bla with double tracks is used by the with his plano solo, especially in the railroads as a connecting link with Portland, Ore., the Rose City of the northwest. A ferryboat is used for the people and traffic between the two cities. There is a garrison and soldiers

and going to other forts.

Clarke county, of which Vancouver is the county seat, is noted for its fruits, especially prunes. The climate is very agreeable, although the rainy season lasts about three months, ve it is not objectionable, but the heavy fogs from the ocean make the weather

ery dull at times. Our farm, although only ten acres is well stocked with prune and apple trees, and the land is easily cultivated. To us New England people the clearing of land all around us is very interesting. Many of the farmers use dynamite to blow the stumps then pull them up. On every side the stump fires hereabouts make a fine display on a dark evening.

MRS. W. E. PARSONS,

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kilbourn, of New York, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kilbourn, and sister Bessle over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lancey, of Wor-cester, and little daughter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lancey

Mrs. Mary LeRoy, of East Templeton, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Harvey D. Page.

Rev. A. T. Kempton preached a most excellent sermon in the Congre-gational church last Sunday morning for the close of the old year and the beginning of the new. His subject was "The old and the new," taken from the text, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore."

At the close of the young people's meeting on Sunday evening, Miss Jennie Ellis, in behalf of the society, presented the retiring president, Miss Nellie Jewett, with a beautiful bouquet of ferns, carnations and nar-cissus. Miss Jewett has held the of-fice of president for two years, in a most acceptable manner, and it was only because of the press of her many other duties that she was not reëlected for another year.

Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting and election of officers for the Y. P. S. C. E., was held in the vestry of the Congregational church on Friday Congregational church on Friday evening of last week, and officers Congregational elected for the year are as follows:

W. A. Warren, pres.; Lilla Lancey, V. p.; Jennie Ellis, sec.; Ruth Goodrich, treas.; Mrs. C. E. Stone, cor. sec. Committees. Prayer meeting—Miss Nellie Jewett, Mrs. Maud McIntyre, Mrs. Bertha Francis.
Lookout—Mrs. N. G. Barker, Bradford Kempton, John Glichrist, Mrs. Archibald.
Social—Mrs. C. E. Woods, Miss Ethel Emerson, Hoyt Barter, Mrs. S. H. Francis.

Music-Lilla Lancey, Pauline Cass, llen Jewett.

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Flower—Mrs. C. E. Brown, Doris Cooke, Ethel McAllister. Willa Harley. Missionary—Mrs. Davidson, Miss Estabrook, Mr. Litchfield, Mrs. Field. Calling—Mrs. C. E. Sands, Ellie Sands, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Kempton. Temperance—Ulmer McIntyre, John Davidson, G. A. Jewett, Mrs. J. E. Longley.

The retiring president, Miss Nellie Jewett, gave her closing address in which she very cordially thanked everyone for their support and the hearty cooperation during the two years in which she had held the of-

During the early part of the evening the society made fifty-two calendars for the people at the prison.

The following was taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel of recent date:

A resolution, demanding the removal of Dr. A. H. Rose as inspector of barns for the state, was adopted at a meeting of Massachusetts Cattle Owners' association at Worcester, last week Friday. Dr. Rose was formerly connected with the U.S. quarantine at Littleton. That part of the resolution referring to Dr. Rose is as follows: follows:

follows:

The Massachusetts Cattle Owners' association in annual meeting assembled, places itself on record as favoring all reasonable means to secure to the consumer clean, pure, wholesome milk. We believe in the careful inspection of the premises where milk is produced, and that the inspection should be continued until it reaches the table of the consumer. We believe that the present inspection service of Massachusetts is much of it unfair to both the consumer and producer, because many of the inspectors have so little knowledge of the conditions under which clean milk can, or should, be produced. We therefore urge that inspectors appointed by either the local, or state authorities, shall have a practical knowledge of the milk business.

We especially protest against the continuance of Dr. A. H. Rose as inspector of barns for the state and demand his immediate removal.

James L. Harrington, of Lunenburg,

James L. Harrington, of Lunenburg, who was reëlected secretary of the association, flayed the inspector without mentioning his name. He also urged the repeal of that part of the law which provides for the expenditure of three-fifths of the state board of health money for the inspection of

The meeting was addressed by Dr C. E. North, New York, who talked on reasonable production of milk for the producer and consumer. J. E. Put-nam, of Fitchburg, was elected a member of the board of directors.

LITTLETON.

Concert

The Dow Choral society, Miss Ida E. Dow conductor and Miss Gladys L. Gordon, planist, Mabel A. Auspach, soprano soloist, gave a concert in 20. Now the same vines are giving Faelton hall, Boston, Thursday evenme plenty more green beans for
Christmas. I am digging sweet potatoes from my garden at this writing
boat song," and Veazle's "Morning invitation," were rendered by the so-clety. The selections from the Mes-siah were preceded by a mixed program of voice and piano solos, duets, etc., by the pupils of Miss Ida E. Dow, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Jordan,

Among the best rendered piano se-lections was a group of four descrip-Vancouver is a very flourishing tive solos by Miss Madelin Millett, of owned by Newell Chester. City with an extensive water front on the Columbia river, on which a large and extensive shipping is done.

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of his rendering it. Two pleasing numbers were the plano solo by Miss Rebecca Millett, of Littleton, who played Kollings' "Fluttering leaves," in a are stationed here all the time, coming charming manner, and the duet "Flemand going to other forts."

dance," rendered by Miss Edna Hartwell and Norman Bonnell was a pleasant surprise to the friends of Miss Hartwell. Several Littleton people were present.

What Would Happen?

The smug conservators of the inerests of the wage earners alluded to n my letter of a couple of weeks ago know perfectly that their advice to economize will not be taken or they would not be so free to give it.

Let us consider for a little what would happen if say at the coming of the new year the wage earners should unanimously turn over a new leaf and practice the rigid economy neces sary to put by a part of a ten-dollara-week wage for a rainy day.

The point at which one would

naturally begin to practice economy would be to cut off all amusements as not absolutely necessary to the maintainance of life. Should the Should the wage earners do this with unanimity nine out of ten of the theatres and other places of amusement would have to close This of course would deprive the thousands who gain a livelihood by catering in various capacities to the wants of an amusement loving public of their means of subsistance and put them in the ranks of the unemployed. Baseball, football, summer esorts, agricultural fairs and hundreds of lesser schemes for entertaining the public for a consideration would very largely go out of commis sion for the patronage of the numerically small well-to-do class, who are above the rank of wage earners, would not be sufficient to keep all or more than a very small part of these en-

terprises going on a paying basis. If the wage earning class only spent money for carfare when it was absolutely necessary, half the electric railways in the country would be bankrupt in a year. There are also numerous lines of business that depend almost entirely on the patronage of the wage earning class to keep them going.

What, for instance, would become of the great chain of Woolworth five and ten-cent stores if the patronage of the wage earners was suddenly withdrawn. There would be nothing

to do but to close up.

The candy business is another industry that could not stand rigid economy on the part of the working class. Comparatively few stores would easily supply the economically inde-

pendent class. These are only a few of the lines of business that come first to mind that would have to succumb to a move of rigid economy. All lines of business would suffer a marked curtailment of output if we only bought the bare necessities of life and every such curtailment would add to the numbers of the unemployed, all ready too large, and if the economy continued things would go from bad to worse. The water would be squeezed from watered stock, paper fortunes would suffer an alarming shrinkage and shortly the well-to-do would find it necessary to practice some degrees of economy which would not be as nice as advising the practice for other people

However, there is no need for immediate concern, for even the com-mon wage earner likes to live as well as he can and does not yet under-stand why he should not take a moderate degree of comfort as he goes along, and therefore will continue to spend his ten-a-week more or less in more or less riotous living and take the chances.

It has been demonstrated beyond doubt a man can exist for a considerable time on bread and water and do a considerable amount of work at that, but most wage workers are per-haps foolishly notioned about adopting that diet. Some are so unreasonable as to think that the men and wo-

Until these are brought to under-stand that, as long as they do nothing but work capital is entitled to all the proceeds of their labor above a mere subsistance, they will continue to live as well as their wages permit and ignore the advice handed out by the apostles of high finance. V. T. E.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Grant, of Fitchburg have been visiting with the Withingtons.

Miss Mary Hager is visiting with a cousin in Brooks Station for a few

Miss Agnes Greenhalge, the teacher of No. 2 school, is quite ill, and the school is closed.

F. S. Brick is here for the week. Harry Wetherbee is serving on the grand jury this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hager are the parents of a baby boy born last week Misses Ethel Fowler and Doris

Palmer and Clarence Fowler, of Providence, have been visiting with Charles Richardson's family. Charles Cobleigh is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Cobleigh.

Robert and Eleanor Poland spent two days of last week in Roslindale. Mrs. Albert Littlefield's father. Charles Hemenway, of Framingham, recently had a shock, but is improv-

Misses Mabel Wetherbee and Mabel Lawrence went to Boston with the class from Littleton last Week Wednesday and saw the "Merchant of Venice." The former spent the rest of the week with relatives in Som-erville, and the latter with the Wilson family in Charlestown.

Miss Theresa McNamara was presented with an upright plane as a Christmas gift by her parents. Micheleus Angeloe expects to move from Littleton soon into the house owned by Newell Chester.

A long steel bridge across the Colum- of Littleton, also pleased the audience Ramus and daughter Helen, and Miss

Isabella Barnes, of East Boston: Dr. Harry R. Roberts, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Edgerly, Fred D. Maynard and Fred B. Maynard, Clinton Wetherbee and Miss Lena Tewksbury, of Harvard. A Dutch supper was served at twelve o'clock, and the party broke up at two o'clock with bells and horns, etc.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

At the annual church meeting held on January 1, the following officers were elected: L. V. Parkhurst, clerk; Anna L. Kendall, treas.; A. W. Swallow, J. E. Kendall, Martha J. Hall, G. A. Glover, Alice L. Butterfield, ex. com.; Mabel L. Parker, col.; Anna L. Kendall, dea.; Mrs. J. E. Kendall, aud.; G. A. Glover. S. S. supt.; M. L. Parker, asst. supt.

Prof. Alfred Fletcher and son, of Northampton, visited relatives and friends here for a few days recently. A new year's dance was held a the town hall on Monday evening.

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past the hour up to and including 19,50 p. m.

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Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m., then same as week days.

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Sundays—7.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6.55, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 1.40, 5.40 p. m.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Dr. D. R. Steere has sold his Isaiah Craigin, or Stiles place, on Chicopee row, to Charles B. Ogilvie, of Gardner. who takes possession April 1.

Mrs. Jane Clark has returned from Milford, N. H., where she had been during a recent illness of Mrs. Verena Adams Dugas.

Mrs. William Williams has moved from the tenement in Jerome C. Shattuck's on Elm street and gone into Mr. Hedles' on Pleasant street.

Marie, one of the younger children of H. Frazee's family on Elm street has the scarlet fever.

Fire bells sounded an alarm about five o'clock last Sunday morning, the call being from J. Denahy's house on Main street (south). The floor near the kitchen stove had caught from a spark or coal or over-heated range and quite a little place was burned The family and neighbors had it extinguished before the fire company had arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bancroft were up from the city last Saturday after-noon, Mrs. Bancroft visiting their cousin, Mrs. Rising, of California, who is at the Groton Inn. During the afternoon the general took them to

The vacation of the public schools closes with this week.

H. W. Mason, of the U. S. S. Idaho, writes that the ship sailed early Tues-day morning from the Philadelphia navy yard to join sister ships of the Atlantic fleet assembling at Hampton Roads. Then the fleet steams off to Guantanamo Bay. The spring prac-tice of the fleet in the West Indian waters, with Guantanamo as the base will last over two months, beginning on January 10. After that they come north to the southern drill grounds off the Chesapeake Capes for the regular battle practice.

R. B. Lewis, of New York city, a graduate of the class of '97, Lawrence academy, was in town last week calling on his former classmates, Lottie and Annie Floyd and Susie Shattuck. Mr. Lewis is now a traveling sales-man for a smelting and refining com-

The annual business meeting of the Groton Improvement society will oc-cur at the house of Mrs. Needham on Monday afternoon, January 8, at 3.30

Nita Huebner is spending one week of her varation in Clinton. While there she will attend the Clinton high

The Millard S. Sawyer family attended the installation of the officers of Shirley grange at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The installing of-ficer was Mrs. Rice, of Leominster. On Wednesday evening they attended the past patrons and their wives, in the installation of officers of Little- all about forty, at her home Wedneston grange, the installing officer being Mr. Tuttle, of Acton.

Miss Lena L. Tuttle spent last Saturday of her Christmas vacation visiting old friends and pupils of the Trowbridge school neighborhood. All were glad to see her again. One of the places where Miss Tuttle called was the new home of her former pupils, Paul Perrin.

The first meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will be held at Fitchburg, Thursday, January 18. The meeting will be opened at 10.30 in the forenoon. There will be the installation of Pomona officers, several of whom belong to Groton

The regular church social, with supper and entertainment, of the Congregational church will be held there under charge of Mrs. W. A. Brown and assistants will be at 6.30. The under charge of Mrs. W. entertainment under the charge of Miss Helen Belle Moore and Miss Marion Hart will follow at eight

Joseph Bateman, local state moth inspector, is cutting down the thick undergrowth of young trees on Main (north). This was greatly needed and is an improvement every

Miss Batcheler, teacher in the low er grade of the Butler school building has resigned to accept a better position in Beverly. It is rumored that Miss Mary Parker is to take her place.

Walter Fletcher was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week. He is getting along well

Mrs. William Williams, who has taken rooms at Mr. Hedlers' on Pleasant street, laughingly tells that this is the thirtieth time she has moved in the past sixty years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow and sis ter. Miss Charlotte Robbins leave next week Wednesday for their annual winter solourn at the south. The go to Eustis, Fla.

In speaking of the Christmas tree and other good cheer at the town farm on December 25, the item had the remark: "We believe this is the first occurrence of the kind in its Attention has been called to this and we are told that other Christmas trees and observances have been held there in previous years though perhaps not quite so much of

observance as this year's was. Rev. John D. Nutting, of Cleveland, Ohfo, secretary of the Utah Gospel Mission, spoke before the students and alumni of Boston University Theological school two or three weeks belongs to the same old Groton family of Nuttings, members of which have became eminent in church or educational work. Mr. Nutting said in part: "The report of the Mormon church for 1910, recites that seven'y converts in that year came from this

many parts of the city is being made, The Mormon work in Boston is being done insidiously, but none the less carefully."

Robert W. Bixby has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Mason and family this vacation and has considerable curiosity to see the new little brother who arrived at his home in West Groton on December 31.

Mrs. Emily Parker of West Boylston is a guest of Mrs. E. P. Shumway and attended the church dinner of the Congregational, church Wednesday. Her husband, the late Rev. W. W. Parker, was one of the former pastors of the church.

Harold Hamlet Woods returned to Dartmouth Thursday afternoon.

The next regular meeting of Groton grange will be held Tuesday evening January 9. A part of the program will be "New year's resolutions." Each member is expected to have something to say on the subject.

The Book and Thimble club meets this week on Saturday afternoon, instead of Friday afternoon, with Mrs. George H. Woods. Subject, "The Argentine republic." The last meeting was with Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst. Subject, "Brazil." The club is taking up the study of the South American

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perrin have moved into their new home, formerly the W. W. Ames place in the Baddacook neighborhood. The place, which was bought of Mr. Ames by W. P. Wharton, has been remodeled for Mr. and Mrs. Perrin's occupancy.

Lawrence acedemy opened Thursday after a two weeks' vacation.

This week sees the return of the college students and teachers have been at home for the holidays back to their school work.

The Brown Loaf club resumed its meetings last week Thursday, being entertained by Mrs. H. H. Gay. There was the usual sewing and social hour followed by refreshments served by the hostess, the whole making a very pleasant gathering. The next meeting s with Mrs. Samuel H. Raddin.

Miss Carrie Stevens of Somerville concluded her Christmas visit at P. J. Benedict's last Monday and Miss Irene Whitcomb, a niece of Mrs... Benedict. has returned to Pepperell after a visit to her aunt and family.

Roll Call.

The annual dinner roll call and business fleeting of the Congregational church passed off most successfully on Wednesday. It was one of the best attended harmonious and enthusiastic since their inauguration twenty-four years ago. Fourteen persons who were at that first meeting were there on Wednesday. There eighty that sat down to the bountiful dinner. The officers of the church and Sunday school remain as last year. A pamphlet showing the financial condition of the church, the benevolent contributions, the names of officers, etc., has been quite generally distributed among the members of the church and congregation.

Farewell Party. Miss Fannie E, Woods, retiring worthy matron of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., gave a good-bye party to her officers and their husbands and the past matrons and their husbands, day evening. A social time with progressive whist made the hours pass swiftly and pleasantly. Confectionery and fruit punch were enjoyed during the evening. The prizes to the whist players were won as follows: First prize to ladies, sterling silver O. E. S. souvenir spoon, Mrs. John Lentz: first prize to gents, sterling silver Masoric souvenir spoon, Robert Irwin; second pirze to ladies, O. E. S. brooch, Mrs. Ada Irwin; second prize to gents, O. E. S. stickpin, John Lentz; lady's consolation prize, O. E. S. hatpin, Miss Rebecca Pierce; gent's consolation prize, Masonic watch fob, won by W. A. Woods, but being in the family was

awarded instead to Frank S. Pierce. After the awarding, a regular elaborate course supper was enjoyed. Harold Hamlet Woods and Frank Archibald Woods acting as waiters. This supper was prepared by Miss Fannie Woods herself and showed conclusively that she can cook as well as

teach. As the hour of twelve arrived a telephone call summoned Johnson's barge in which they came to the door. The guests departing gave three cheers and a "happy new year" to their hostess.

Joint Installation.

The joint installation of E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. officers on Monday is pronounced one of the most enjoy able ever held. The work of the post and the W. R. C. was admirably don The speeches from G. G. Tarbell and other Pepperell comrades was tender and touching. Capt. Palmer was bright and enlivening as usual with his jokes and stories, and all spoke with feeling. Mrs. Parkhurst spoke of "the little brown button," which only the veterans can wear. She told its history to an interested audience in an nteresting way. The W. R. C. provided one of their very best suppers, which tells the story of how good it was. Eighty or more were present.

Joint Installation. The combined installation of the Grand Army officers of the E. Clark post and W. R. C., was held at grange hall on the afternoon of new year's day, commencing at two o'clock The G. A. R. officers were installed by G. G. Tarbell, of Pepperell, and those of the W. R. C. by Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, of this town, both of whom filled the office most efficiently. The work of the W. R. C. ladies was especially praised. Remarks were made by different comrades and also by Mrs. Parkhurst. A number of G. A. R. comrades from Pepperell were very welcome guests. At the close of the exercises a bountiful supper was served in the dining hall. The husbands of the W. R. C. members and wives of the G. A. R. were invited to be present to this enjoyable meeting.

Speakers of the House.

to-house canvass in house of representatives in Boston, of the outbuildings is entriely inad-

was a resident of Groton for more than ten years. He makes the fourth speaker of the Massachusetts house who has lived in Groton; and they were all lawyers by profession. Tim-

othy Bigelow and Luther Lawrence were both speakers of the house; and at different periods, while residents of the town, occupied the same dwelling house. Timothy Fuller, another speaker, was afterward a resident of Groton for some years before his death, which occurred on October 1 1835. He was the father of Margaret Fuller, Countess d'Ossoli. Governor Boutwell was, himself, once the democratic candidate for the speakership when that body met on January 6, 1847. John Quincy Adams Griffin, a former resident of this town, was member of the general court from Charlestown during the session of 1855, when he was the free-soil candidate for the speakership.

Historical Meeting.

The Groton Historical society met for election of officers on Tuesday evening, Rev. G. M. Howe presiding Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lawrence Park, and the reports from other officers followed. The names of four were offered for mem-bership. The various officers of last year were reëlected for 1912, and are n part as follows:

S. A. Green, pres.; Maj. M. P. Palmer, Rev. G. M. Howe, F. L. Blood, vice pres.; Lawrence Park, sec.; Miss Emma Blood, clerk; Miss Lillian Kane, treas, Michael Sheedy, aud.; Miss Georgianna Boutwell, his.; Mrs. G. H. Woods, cus. and chair, relic com.; J. H. Robbins, Mrs. C. E. Bigelow, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence and others, dir.

A few interesting articles given to the Groton Historical society from the late Mrs. M. M. Spaulding's estate are: An old-fashioned watch in a glass case, a framed picture of the late Dr. Miles Spaulding, on old glass canister which was given all of tea to Mrs. Spaulding's grandmother by a refugee from Charlestown when that place was set on fire in the revolutionary days, and a miniature of Dr Spaulding when he was a young man.

From the Boston Wobe, January 1 When the venerable Dr. Samuel A Green was mayor, resident Arthur visited Boston. A visit of the presi-dent of the United States to a city or town in those days was considered a more important event than it is today when the president is apt to drop in anywhere at any time for a short call. The mayor rode in the same carriage with the president and the two attended the Webster centennial with a delegation of the city government.

In their conversation Dr. Green recalled that the president was also a New Englander by birth. They compared notes and found that both were born in the same year, 1830, that Arthur weighed 228 and that the mayor tipped the scales at 229. These interesting co-incidents led to a more minute exchange of personal facts. Finally the president remarked that ne guessed they were about the same hight. The two backed up against each other before a mirror and it was found that there wasn't the thickness of a sheet of paper difference between them in stature.

Dr. Green recalled the incident the other day in talking over old times with a friend.

West Groton.

Mrs. Earle Sleeper and children returned on Saturday from a visit to her parents in Yonkers, N. Y.

A young lady in the family of Mr Hancock, who recently bought the Jenkins place in North Shirley, underwent an operation for appendicitis in Groton hospital last week and report says is doing well.

Provost Thompson has been quite Ill for a number of days, but is reported better.

John Johnson is confined to the nouse in care of his physician.

Charles Bixby, who has been in poor nealth for some months, has been advised by his physician to take a complete rest from his duties in the store Earle Sleeper is in his physician's care with a severe grippe cold.

Francis Moore and family are cupying the Henry Adams cottage on Main street.

An inmate of the town farm de through the medium of this naner, to express for himself and in pehalf of his companions an appre clation of the generosity and kindness of superintendent and Mrs. Trask at Christmas time.

Miss Ethel Reid, a teacher in Harvard, was a recent guest of her brother, Fred Reid. A brother and uncle and aunt of Mr. Reid were also guests

over the holiday. Mrs. Byron C. Bliss of Center Rutland, Vt., has recently been entertained at the home of her brother, R. W

Born on Sunday morning Decem-

ber 31, a son. Arthur Porter. to Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby. Born, December 31, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downs.

J. H. Hunkins is again in care of his physician, though able to be about the house. A liquid diet for the year is the latest prescription which he is

to follow. was summoned. Further particulars have not been learned.

Geo. S. Webber was unable to be a the store on Thursday.

Miss K. A. Tarbell was the victim of severe indisposition on Thursday. The Sunshine club will meet on Satúrday afternoon for its annual election of officers.

The roof is being placed upon the standpipe it is understood, the trenches are filled, and "plenty of water" will soon be no longer a dream, but an assured fact, for which we shall be decidedly grateful.

The installation of electric lighting n Squannacook ball is at last completed and the people of West Groton have been given an opportunity to note the effect. The result in the main hall, though simple, is in good converts in that year came from this Speakers of the House.

It appears also from their own Grafton D. Cushing, who was chodistributed. The stage, however, is urged.

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Wallace Flagg, of Chicago, returns

The lower hall is a distinct equate. lisappointment to many, and must be to all who care for a neat effect. The amount of light throughout the hall is the same as requested, but has not been arranged in accordance with the wishes of those using and paying for

Clipping.

J. T. Shepley sends the following clipping from the St. Albans Messenger, which refers to an employa of the Missisquoi Pulp Co.:

Sheldon Springs, Dec. 26.

Jerry Newell was found beside the tracks just after Saturday's five o'clock Central Vermont train, No. 52, left for St. Albans, with his right leg crushed and left foot cut off. He was bleeding frofusely. He was taken at once to the Missisquoi Pulp Company's boarding house and Dr. E. M. Brown and Dr. M. H. Powers, of Sheldon, were quickly summoned, but it was found that the unfortunate man had lost so much blood that it was impossible to save him. He died at 10.30. A wife and two small children survive him. It is thought that in the darkness Mr. Newell did not see the train in time to get off the track and he was struck.

Another item in the same paper ecords the sudden and tracic death by accidental poisning of another per son well-known to Mr. Shepley, that of Milan M. Perkins, familiarly known as "Miley," who for forty years has been a hack driver in Richford, becoming a familiar figure to all who frequent that place.

Roll Call Supper.

The roll call supper last Wednes. day evening in charge of a committee the Ladies' Aid society was well attended and was of the usual ex-cellence. The chapel was well filled for the exercises that followed. Of the fifty names upon the roll a good number responded to the call. A letter was read from Mrs. A P Blood, of the Deaconess Home, Haverill, who though not a member of this church has always shown interest in its wel A short synopsis of the year's work was given by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Trowbridge, and the nature of the various conventions, twenty-one in number, that he had attended as representative of the West Groton church. He then extended to his people a most cordial new year's greet-

Interesting reports from the various societies were given by their respective secretaries and treasurers. L. A. society, numbering twenty active and fifteen honorary members, reported \$363.06 taken in during the year, of which \$260 was given toward church expenses and parsonage debt. The payment of other donations and

expenses leaves \$12.80 in the treasury The Sunshine club have obtained \$37.68 and given nearly all of it to the Floating hospital and Seaman's Friend C. L. Roy was elected moderator.

Lee Bixby and Richard Lawrence were appointed tellers and the following officers were elected; ing officers were treated in G. H. Bixby, vice pres., clerk and treas. of the Christian Union so.; A. H. Thompson, col.; A. H. Thompson, C. L. Roy, Charles Bixby, asses.; E. K. Harrington, A. W. Lamb, Charles Bixby, trus.; Charles Bixby, A. W. Lamb, Clinton Boutelle, trus. Eliza Blood fund; Charles Bixby, S. S. supt.

Officers Elected. The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. M. E. Williams on Thursday for its annual election of officers. Thirvoting members were present Out of twenty active members half at least, by reason of poor health, distance from the village or pressure of home duties, are incapacitated wholly or in part from active work. Under existing conditions, therefore, election of officers was a somewhat difficult task. After casting many ballots, the following members, largely under protest, were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. A. W. Lamb, pres.: Mrs. H. Spaulding, v. p.; Mrs. Charles Bixby, sec. and treas.; Mrs. E. K. Harrington, chairman, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. L. G. Strand, dlr.; Mrs. H. Spaulding, chairman, Mrs. A. W. Adams, Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, llt. com.; visiting committee elected for the ensuing six months; for the sick, Mrs. W. F. Lane, Mrs. M. tor the sick, Mrs. W. F. Lane, Mrs. M. E. Williams in main village, Mrs. A. L. Harrington at ose: for strangers and those otherwise in need of sympathy or assistance, Miss K. A. Tarbell, Mrs. Charles Bixby; with these last committees, the pastor ex-officio.

The name of Mrs. Florence Briggs was proposed for membership. The members were pleased to ex

tend a cordial welcome to Mrs. G. H Bixby, who during the past six months has been unable to join them.. Bixby is still a semi-invalid, but it is hoped she will soon regain her forme health, and be restored to her usual activities in the society she has worked for and enjoyed since its inception

Installation.

Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M held its installation of officers on Thursday evening.. A. F. Bates was the installing officer, assisted by Eugene Sleeper. The following officers were installed: A. F. Bates, n. g.: R. W. Harrington, v. g.; E. K. Harrington, lec. mas. and chap.; Eber Kier-stead, elec. sec.; F. E. Harrington, war. Earle Sleeper, treas.-elect, was unable to be present.. The supporters Andrew Jarvis was taken ill on will be appointed and installed, if Wednesday evening and his physician present, with other officers, at the next meeting. The p. s. and trustee, H. .Spaulding, and Myron Swallow, respectively, continue in office. lodge accepted with regret the resignation of Charles Bixby as treasurer in which capacity he has efficiently served for some years. The condition of his health, however, made the acceptance imperative...

LITTLETON.

News Items.

On account of the funeral of the late Capt. W. H. Sawyer, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, the annual business meeting of the King's Daughters was postponed one week. Next Tuesday afternoon this meeting will take place at Mrs. William H. Davis' home at the usual hour. Important business will come before the circle and a full attendance of the members is



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E. A. Cox has been sick for several days and obliged to remain in bed. Joseph O'Banyoun, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. O'Banyoun, passed away last week Thursday morning after a sickness of three months. Funeral services were held at the home in South Littleton on Sunday afternoon, Rev. O. J. Fairfield officiating, and interment was in West-lawn cemetery. Neighbors and other friends attended the services and in many ways expressed their sympathy and high regard for the sorrowing

Mrs. Leander Fisher is reported sick with pneumonia.

Wallace Robinson has leased the town farm for a term of five years.

Mrs. George M. Lovejoy and son Joseph, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived at the home of her father, Peter S. Whitcomb, last week. Mr. Whitcomb is slowly convalescing, and at time of writing is able to sit up a little each

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball spent last Saturday with his brother Alonzo and Mrs. Kimball in Gardner. They report Mr. Kimball's health as apparently unchanged.

Mrs. Simon Hartwell (Lydia Tuttle) died at the home of her daughter in Acton Center early this week. She is the last member of the Nathan Tuttle family that lived for many years on the place in Newtown now owned by George H. Kimball. Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball attended the funeral of his aunt yesterday afternoon.

The installation of officers at the grange took place on Wednesday evenng. The installing officers were Mr. uttle, of Acton, and Miss Wright, of Westford. About one hundred perons were present. Among them were isitors from Groton, Acton and Westord. A ladies' trio rendered vocal selections. Ice cream and cake were served.

Several Littleton people attended the complimentary ball at Harvard on Thursday evening.

A very pleasant surprise was given to Curtis W. Draw last week on the evening of Mr. and Mrs. Drew's twelfth wedding anniversary. Relatives and neighbors joined in making the occasion a happy social event, and Mrs. Drew, who was allowed to share the secret, was prepared to carry out her part in the entertainment to the gratification of the guests.

Interesting Address.

Guest night was observed by the Woman's club at the Congregational estry last Monday evening. auditorium looked very inviting in its ecorations of hemiock trees and festoons of laurel and evergreen with red paper Christmas bells suspended at intervals from the festoons. Follow-a brief social the program of the evening was given:

The program consisted of a beauti-Wallace Flagg, of Chicago, returns ful clarinet solo finely rendered by soon to his work in the west. He has Eliot Young, accompanied at the plane

spent ten days or more with home by Mrs. Jessie M. Young, the recitation of Eugene Field's poem "Winkin', blinkin', and nod," daintily given by Mrs. Lillian M. Priest as an introduction to the song with music arranged by Ethelbert Nevin, and sung by the club quartet with obligato by Miss Ruth Prescott and duet accompaniment by Miss Olive Flagg and paniment by MISS OFFICE PROBLEM AND MASSET A. Heywood Knowlton. This was universally acknowledged by the large and admiring audience to be one of the most artistic productions ever given by local talent.

The president, Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, pleasantly welcomed the guests and presented the speaker of the evening, Harry W. Kimball, of Boston, field secretary of the Massachusetts Savings Insurance league, who gave an address of high educational and practical value, which appealed to the reason and common sense of his rapt audience

Mr. Kimball's subject was earner's insurance the way to social efficiency." He pointed out the fact that we are all, in a way, our brothers' keepers. We live in one of the greatest manufacturing states of the union, the state having the greatest foreign population. Hence our responsibility for the welfare of our brother men in need of advice and guidance. Industrial insurance, with its five thousand agents in Massachtsetts has offered to the wage-earner protection against the two contin-gencies of living too long or dying too soon, but that protection is a constant drain on the small wageearners' purse, costs more than necessary and admits of an inadequate cash value on the surrender of one's policy.

In view of these and other disadvantages to the wage-earners an insurance league was formed in 1907 to raise, as it were, a wall of protection for the masses of our wage-earners and give them an equal chance with the more intelligent business men. The outcome of this new organization was the institution of a life insurance department in three of the Massachusetts savings banks where the expense is the lowest possible and the advantage to the nolicy holder the greatest. It may interest our readers to know that Ex-Gov. William L. Douglas is the president of this insurance league and Ex-Gov. John L. Bates is first vice-president.

Many in the audience were interested in continuing the subject with Mr. Kimball in the social hour following the address. Ice cream, cake, and coffee were served by the high school senior girls. Mrs. Robert Roberts, the popular caterer, furnished the ice cream.

Items of Interest.

For arguing that our world is only one of many, Giordano Bruno was burned to death in 1600.

From a height of 3,000 feet a man in an aeroplane can see a submarine pliding eighteen feet below the water. Bamboo furniture is best cleaned by being washed with lukewarm water and salt, and afterward rinsed with cold water.

The circulation of our nine papers is ten times larger than that of any other paper circulating in the nine towns.

'Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, January 6, 1912.

AYER.

News Items.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian parish was held on Wednesday evening in the church parlor. Stanley Cotton was chosen moderator, and these officers were elected:

unese omicers were elected:
Arthur Fenner, clerk; George H. Hill, treas; Stanley L. Cotton, Mrs. Susan M. Barker and Dr. E. B. Butterfield, parish com.; Mrs. Barker, col.; Mrs. Emmis. Butterfield, asst. col.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Perkins, delegates to the A. U. A.; Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Ellen F. Kittredge, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. A. B. Fisher and Mrs. Charles E. Sherwin, mus. com. Reports showed affairs in good condition.

The Unitarian Sunday school gave Christmas con ert in place of the morning service in the church last Sunday. The program included the presentation of the new Christmas service prepared by Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, with solos and recitations by

We published last week twenty eight and one-half columns of local news from the several towns, and it was the largest amount of news matter ever before published in any paper in northern Middlesex.

Attention is called to the fact that the town by-law relative to the cleaning of sidewalks and making them in safe and convenient condition for travel has not been complied with by quite a number of those who are obliged to do this work after the re-cent snow storm. Unless the delinquents do their duty in this respect they are very likely to be hailed into Court to take the consequences as the police department is ordered to enfore this law strictly.

These officers of Ayer circle, Companions of the Forest were installed on Tuesday evening:

Mrs. Julia O'Meara, c. c.; Mrs. Kate Faley, s. c. c.; Miss Kate O'Neill, fin. sec.; Miss Minnie Murphy, treas.; Mrs. Maude E. Sullivan, rec. sec.; Mrs. Mac Cornellier, l. g.; Miss Jannie McGuane, r. g.; Miss Annie Hackett, i. g.; Miss Julia Murphy, o. g.; Mrs. Mary Barrett, trus. 3 yrs.

The installation of the officers was performed by Miss Margaret J. Murphy, deputy, assisted by Mrs. Mary

Benjamin Taft, who began his dutios as a member of the Middlesex county grand jury on Monday, was chosen foreman of that body.

Mayor Hardy, of Fitchburg, re-appointed A. Q. Thaver chief of police on Monday. This is Mr. Thayer's fourth appointment in Fitchburg, he having been chosen three times for the head of the police department by former mayor, M. F. O'Connell. Chief Thay-er was formerly chief of police of

A very small number attended the special town meeting on Tuesday night for the purpose of taking action on the laving out and accentance by the town, of the private way between West Main and Shirley streets as a public way. It was unanimously voted that such action should be taken and when so accepted and allowed by the town the new way will be called Rogers street. The new public street situated between the houses occupled by Patrick McGuane and James Curran. T. F. Mullin was moderator of the meeting.

Two cars on a west bound freight train were totally derailed and a third car had one set of trucks off the track, just west of the pumping station on the Fitchburg division about 7.45 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The two cars which were entirely off the track were somewhat damaged, while the third was not harmed. Although the wreck was a small one the east bound track was blocked for over three hours owing to the late arrival 7.45 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The three hours, owing to the late arrival of the wrecking train from Fitchburg, which failed to arrive here until about 10.30 o'clock. When the crew got to work the task of cleaning the tracks was quickly done.

Archie Messenger, formerly of this town, and an employee of Huntley S. Turner, is in Dallas, Texas, with "The girl of the golden wost" grand opera company. He writes that he plays the French horn with an orchestra of fifty, and nine foreign singers. The admission price there is five dollars a seat. This is unquestionably the most stupendous production of grand opera ever toured, requiring a special train of ten cars to transport the artists, chorus, musicians and vast equipment. They were this week in Los Angeles. Cal.

George C. Peterson, who was employed in the office of Huntley S. Turner for eight years, has secured a lucrative position as instructor of printing at the State Normal school at Fitchburg, commencing on January 15. a position for which he is well qualified to fill. Mr. Peterson came to town twelve years ago last October. and expects to move to Fitchburg with his family at the closing of the public schools next June, when his daughter May will graduate from the high

Frank Latman left on Friday morn-Rev. Dr. Fiske; who was taken ill ing for a few days visit with friends the Thursday before Christmas, and in Boston. He is a brother-in-law of Morris Kozlov, with whom he has made his home since he came here. from Russia a few months ago.

The Ayer Automobile Station ceived this week two carloads of 1912 models from the E-M-F Automobile

Company of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. John A. Potter, of West New-ton, was the guest of Mrs. W. Edward Murphy last Monday.

Engineers in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad are surveying the road bed between North Chelmsford and Ayer, which gives rise to the belief that the rumors of double tracking this section of the system which have been current may be fulfilled. The amount of traffic over this branch has increased to such an extent that such a move is not improbable.

Misses Madeline E. Donlon and Edna Brown left on Thursday to resume their studies at St. Elizabeth's college, Convent Station, N. J., after the Christmas vacation at their homes here,

C. E. Sprague has sold his farm in Harvard, a short distance from the Ayer line, to Mrs. Jennie Hobbs, of Fitchburg, who purchases it, it is said, for a summer residence, and it is her intention to make many im-provements before occupying. This farm passed into Mr. Sprague's hands

at the death of his parents, and it was the place where he was born. It is his intention to make his home for the present in Rochester, N. Y., and will leave in the early part of this

Edward A. Richardson, district depity grand master of District No. 60 O. O. F., installed the officers of Beacon lodge of East Pepperell on Thursday evening, January 4. He was accompanied by members of his suite from Ayer: M. B. Cole, marshal: R. H. Irwin, warden; G. C. Peterson, treas.; S. L. Cotton, chap.; H. W. Winslow, i. g.; J. L. Kennison, sec.; William A. Wright, herald.

Daniel James, a former resident of this town, was elected a member of the common council by a flattering vote at the recent election of Salem. and has been assigned to such important committees as streets, claims and shade trees, Mr. James left Ayer about seventeen years ago, and while never aspiring to public office before was successful in his first try:

E. H. Packard, traveling agent of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., was in town on Thursday morning visiting the local agents of the society in this and the surrounding towns. He urges the farmers and animal owners to look after the winter housing of ani-mals and give them plenty of warm bedding.

We print from 675 to 700 copies of the Ayer paper every week, which, with this large number, completely covers the town.

There will be a service of song a the Unitarian church on Sunday morn-

The Y. P. R. U. will meet at seven o'clock on Sunday evening. The leader will be Miss Eunice Sanderson There will be a paper on "Florence Nightingale," by Miss Martha Wilson. the sixth grade public school teacher.

The officers and past matrons of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., and their husbands, and the past patrons and heir wives, consisting of about forty persons went to Groton on Wedneslay evening through the invitation of Miss Fannie Woods, who is the retir-ing worthy matron of the chapter, who entertained them. A full account of the party will be found in the Groton news

At the opening of the state legislature at Boston on Wednesday, among the members who received appointments on committees were Senator Frank P. Bennett, ir., of Saugus, who was appointed on the ways and means committee of the senate and also on the joint standing of committees of roads and bridges and street railways. Representative Edward Fisher, Westford, was re-appointed to the house judiciary committee and on the joint standing committee of bills for the third reading. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Fisher represent the seventh Middlesex senatorial and the eleventh representative districts respectively, which districts include the town of

Ayer. James W. Henry, son of the late Andrew Henry, for a number of years engineer of the passenger train from Aver to Greenville, died recently at his home in Los Angeles, Cal.

On Wednesday afternoon was guest afternoon at the Ayer Woman's. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Plano duet, Miss L. Etta Green and Miss Bertha Sherwin: vocal solo, Reg-inald MacDonnell, Miss Green, accom-panist: readings from the "Weaver of

The literature committee will hold meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at three o'clock, at Mrs. Clara Hill's. Readings from "Cricket on the hearth." All club members are invited.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Eliza Parker on Saturday afternoon, January 12, from three to five o'clock.

Miss Eleanor M. Weber was to have ommenced teaching at her school n Orleans last Monday, but was preented from going, and in her stead furnished a substitute for this week. Next Monday she starts in to teach.

The sewing school will reopen in the town hall on Saturday afternoon at 2.30. Scholars are requested to bring their books.

Mrs. Hiram K. Slayton, of Hudson, better known as Miss Clare Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Perry, who was married here on Christmas day last, was taken to the Clinton hospital last Sunday evening, where she was operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was very successful and she is getting along nicely. She and Mr. Slayton had just returned to Hudson from their wedding journey, where they intend to make their home, when she was taken

Rev. Dr. Fiske, who was taken ill which resulted in an attack of pneu monia, is a very sick man and his chances for recovery are not very encouraging.

Henry Spencer, son of William G. R Spencer, came to town the latter part of December from Spokane, Wash, where he has been engaged in the railroad business for the past two years. He expects to remain this way for a couple of months and likely longer.

An operation was performed on Mrs Charles Webber on Wednesday by Dr. Mixter, of Boston, who was assisted by Drs. Hopkins and Cowles. Mrs. Webber is a very sick woman,

John Kuchta, of Shirley, was found guilty of assault and battery last Monday and he was placed on probation for six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Bennett ex pect to have their new house on Washington street completed inside so as to move into it the latter part of next

The entertainment at the Sandy Pond schoolhouse last week Friday evening was well attended and was an enjoyable affair. The program consisted of a paper by Mrs. Lucie S Richardson, music and games. Miss Corá Brown had charge of the party.

Those who attended the complimentary ball at Harvard from here on Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Dwinell, G. H. Brown, Misses Caroline and Mary Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. P Lawrence, Herbert Proctor, Miss Grace Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wy man, Mr. and Mrs C H. Farnsworth Miss Madaline Whitney, Mr. and Mrs H, L. Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy.

The house occupied by George Miles at Ashby was searched for intoxicating liquors last Saturday by Constable Carl Svord, Nothing was found.

Miss Margaret E. Sullivan returned to her duties as school teacher in Oak-land, R. I., on Monday. Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Sullivan, returned the same day to Harrisville, R. I., where she is also teaching.

C. A. McCarthy, M. J. Carey and M E. Markham, members of the A. O. H., attended the large class initiation held by the order in Fitchburg last Sun-

E. A. Smith, for forty-seven years employed by Fitchburg and Boston and Maine railroad companies, resigned on last Saturday. Mr. Smith was widely and favorably known among the railroad men. At the time of his resignation he was assistant superintendent of the eastern section of the intendent of the western section of the road, who will have charge of the vhole Fitchburg division.

Herbert Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hardy, left on Monday for Los Angeles, Cal., for an extended stay. Before returning he will visit other points in California and the west.

C. H. Hardy started moving into his new quarters on Central avenue today.

The alarm from box 16 shortly after twelve o'clock last Saturday was for a small grass fire on the shore of Spaulding's pond just below Love joy's cooper shop. The fire was put out by the people living in the neighborhood before the arrival of the fire men. No damage.

The newly elected officers of Har binger lodge, K. P., are as follows: M. W. Sargent, c. c.; Charles Webber, v. c.; Waldo Blood, p.; Charles Harris, o. g.; A. E. Oolkle, i. g.; S. I. Reed, k. r. and s.; O. C. Rand, m. w.; Andrew Murphy, m. f.; J. C. Davenport, m. e.

Edward E. Sawyer, commander of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V assisted by S. Barrett Dickerman, installed the officers of A. D. Fessenden camp in Townsend on Tuesday even ing. Carl S. Proctor and John C. Day enport comprised the remainder of the party which went from here,

The officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will be jointly installed on next Thursday evening in Grand Army hall. The usual supper will be served at the Unitarian vestry at six o'clock.

The moving picture show this Sat-urday night is to be featured by "The little Injun," "The battle," "Too many engagements," "His sudden way," and "A western heroine." E. Lowdin, of Boston, is to be the singer. These attract large audiences and are

very interesting and instructive.
Unclaimed letters in Ayer postoffice
Jan. 1: T. Cross 3, Frank Fitzgerald 2,
Susie A. Flynn, Miss Pansy Lyle. At the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor will preach a new year sermon at 10.45 a.m. Sunday school will be at twelve. Praise and evangelistic meeting at seven in the brening.

Annual Meeting.

* The annual business meeting of the Baptist church was held on Thursday evening. These officers and committees were elected: J. B. Washburn clerk; Mrs. Carrie Lowell, treas.; W L. Preble, S. S. supt.; H. H Pillman asst supt; W. L. Preble, J. B. Wash-J. W. Thomas, W. L. Preble, J. B. Washburn, Mrs. A. D. Scruton, Mrs. W. L. Preble, stand, com.: Mrs. Georga Felch, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Lowell, visit. com.; Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Lowell, Mrs. Alta Hollis, music com.; Mrs. Jennie Chaffin sec. and treas. S. S.; Mrs. Affic S Washburn, supt. cradle roll; Mrs. A D. Scruton, Mrs. Howard Nutting, Mrs Alta Hollis, J. B. Washburn, H. A.

Downing, baptismal com. Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the board of trade for the election of officers was held on Wednesday evening. These officers were elected for the coming year:

year:

E. A. Richardson, pres.; G. H. Brown. G. H. Hill, vice pres.; T. F. Mullin, rec. sec.; J. J. O'Brien, fin. sec.; Frederick Whitney, treas.; G. H. Brown, Eugene Barry, J. M. Maloney, C. E. Sherwin, J. P. Mullin and C. H. Hardy, dir. These committees were chosen: Town affairs—T. F. Mullin, F. S. Pierce, C. H. Hardy, J. M. Maloney, A. M. Phelps. Manufacturing—Frederick Whitney, G. L. Osgood, F. S. Bennett, Eugene Barry, H. S. Turner.

Mercantile affairs—J. P. Mullin, W. A. Wright, A. E. Lawrence, C. E. Sherwin, E. B. Harlow.

Public buildings and parks—Dr. W. N. Cowles, Dr. E. B. Butterfield, L. A. Carman, F. C. Johnson, Dr. F. S. Bulkeley.

ley.

Statistics and information—E. E. Sawyer, G. H. Hill, L. H. Cushing, L. K. Clark, J. L. Kennison.

William Brown, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, E. W. Carley, S. L. Cotton, J. M. Maloney were also chosen an entertain

ment committee.

Peace and Unity Club.

- The forty-eighth emancipation con-cert and ball given by the Peace and Unity club on Friday evening in the town hall, attracted a good sized audience of colored people and their white friends, who attended in large numfriends, who attended in large numbers as usual. The concert consisted
of selections by the orchestra, violin
ital invested, \$550,727; value of stock
solo by Mr. Portuando, blarinet solo,
and materials used, \$314,900; wages
trio for violin, cello and piano. The paid \$162,788; ware-earners, 321; val-Majestic trio of Boston made the hit us of product, \$670,300.

of the evening and responded to sev eral encores. Their singing and playing were very good. The members of the trio are John R. Kingsbury, banjo and mandoline, first tenor; George A. Tolliver, banjo, mandolin, second tenor, and James Mackey, guitar and baritone. Roswell H. Hazard, of Worcester. who was engaged to deliver the introductory address, failed to ap-

After the concert the grand march was formed, which was followed by dancing until the early morning. The dance order comprised thirty-six numbers. Supper was served in the lower town hall at intermission. A. J. Chester was floor director, and was assisted by C. C. Harris and the fol-lowing aids: S. Monroe, S. Brown, Winfred Hazard, J. J. Monroe, F. P. Lew. Bovel's orchestra, of Boston, furnished music for the evening.

Gymnasium Notes.

Owing to the high school senior class dance coming on Friday night, together with the fact that several of the players on both the Ayer and Civic and high school are on the sick list, no basketball games will be played this week.

Fitchburg Normal school team will be the next attraction, playing the local team on Saturday, January 13. The Normal team has organized a fast team, having several men who were stars on various high school teams, so the game promises to be a fast, in-teresting and close exhibition.

Following the Normal school game a strong schedule has been arranged with at least one game a week until the closing game and exhibition the first of March. The schedule is subject to slight changes, but as now arranged is as follows

January 20, Worcester Scholastics: January 25, Lowell Independents; Jan-uary 27, Fitchburg Normal school at Fitchburg; February 3, Leominster ritchburg division. His successor is high; February 8, Fitchburg Independent of the western section of ruary 10, Leominster high at Leominster; February 17, Centralville; February 22, Greenville; March 1, Greenville at Greenville; March 8 or 9, exhibition by gymnasium classes and Leaders' Corps of Fitchburg Y. M. C.

> A number of games have been ar ranged for the high school team, in cluding two with Leominster high 2d, two with Fitchburg high 2d, and a return game at Fitchburg with the Employed Boys' class.

> This means a busy basketball season from now on. Although the first team has lost several games they intend to lose but few more, even against the strong teams that are on the schedule. Fitchburg Y. M. C. A. which won from the locals, is fast developing into one of the fastest teams in this part of the state. They doubled the score on Greenville, always one of the best in New Hampshire, and then journeyed to Portland, Me., and won, so the local boys need not be ashamed

Installed.

Mrs. Ella D. Rice, Pomona of the state grange, assisted by Mrs. E. M. Smith, both of Leominster, installed the officers of Ayer grange on Wednesday evening. After the installa-tion exercises lunch was served and an informal social hour spent. Mrs. Rice congratulated the members of the local grange for the progress they have so far made, and the general condition of the organization. marks were made by visiting grangers present, the State of Maine being represented by one of the speakers. Two applications for membership was received. These officers were installed: ceived. These officers were installed:
.H. W. Robbins, m.; W. C. Winslow,
o.; Margaret Rand, lec.; Leroy C. Smith,
stew.; F. T. Auld, asst. stew.; Mrs.
Emma Wood, chap.; Augustus Lovejoy, treas.; Chester P. Perrin, sec.;
Harvey Winslow, g. k.; Miss. Grace
Dottridge, Ceres; Mrs. C. E. Stone, Pomona; Miss Martha Wilson, Flora:
Mrs. W. C. Winslow, I. a. s.; Eli W.
Carley, 1 yr., Berton Williams, 2 yrs.,
John L. Kennison, 3 yrs., ex. com.

Alliance Meeting.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance Susan M. Barker was chosen delegate to the meeting of the New England Associate Alliance at West Newton on January 18. The cheerful letter and postoffice mission committee reported some progress. Mrs. Kittredge read the recent Sunday school appeal "\$12,000 and why." A message of sympathy was sent to Rev. Dr. Fisk, the pastor, who is ill. Mrs. Barker read selections from "Word to work," and an article from the Christian Register, "The story of a face." Refreshments were served during a so-cial hour by Mrs. Barker, assisted by Mrs. Kittredge, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher and Miss Mona Steadman.

Another New Plan.

The following is another new redistricting plan as arranged upon by the congression redistricting committee at their last meeting.

Butler Ames' district—The Ames'

district, as now practically decided upon, stands: Lowell, Dracut Methuen Andover, Tewksbury, Wilmington, Reading, Woburn, Burlington, Billerica, Bedford, Concord, Lincoln, Carlisle Chelmsford, Tyngsboro, Westford, Littleton, Acton, Maynard, Stow, Hud-son, Northboro, Berlin, Bolton, Har-vard, Boxborough, Ayer, Shirley, Gro-

ton, Pepperell and Dunstable.
Wilder's district-Cong Wilder's district is changed radically. After creating the city of Worcester district he is given the rest of the Worcester county, except the towns put in Ames' district - Northboro, Berlin, Bolton and Harvard-the towns of Holland Wales, Brimfield Monson and Palmer in Hampden county, Prescott and Greenwich in Hampshire county, and New Salem and Orange in Franklin county. It makes a much better dis-trict geometrically than either the present fourth or the one mapped out wo weeks ago.

Town Industry Census.

From the natinal census of 1910, based on figures of 1909, the information following is in relation to towns in this vicinity:

Groton total: Establishments, seven; capital invested, \$849,870; value of stock and materials used. \$470,574; vages paid, \$109,967; wage-carners, 151; value of product, \$715,040.

Shirley total: Establishments, nine; capital invested, \$1,272,101; value of stock and materials use, \$799,130; wages paid, \$228,513; wage-carners, 533; value of product, \$1,627,427.

Acton total: Establishments, 16; capital invested, \$703,246; value of stock and materials used. \$256,876; wages paid, \$109,177; wage-earners, 213; value of product, \$574,212.

Townsend total: Establishments, 11; capital invested, \$455,688; value of stock and materials used, \$187,258; wages paid, \$1,191,933; wage-earners. 268; value of product. \$410,012.

Masonic Installation.

The yearly installation of the officers of Caleb Butler lodge occurred on Monday evening at which about one hundred and fifty persons were present. The banquet at seven o'clock was served in caterer Bigelow's best manner and was a delightful fore-taste of the other things to follow.

The lodge was opened by the re-

tiring master, George O. Fillebrown; who welcomed the guests and intro-duced Worshipful Brother, Ira G Dwinell, as the installing officer of the evening, under whose direction the marshal, Worshipful Brother, Edward A. Richardson, presented the newly elected and appointed officers. The following were installed for the year 1912:

W. L. Preble, m.; W. H. Fairbank, Harvard, s. w.; B. H. Hopkins, j. w.; G. H. Bixby, West Groton, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; S. N. Lougee, chap.; E. A. Richardson, marsh.; P. R. Andrew, s. d.; J. W. Brown, j. d.; H. E. Evans, s. stew.; F. Ruso, j. stew.; C. E. Perrin, s.; E. B. Harlow, org.; H. E. Sanderson, tyler.

During the exercises of installation and after, the University male quartet, of Boston, assisted by Miss Edith Arey, an accomplished and most pleasing reader, rendered a program of unusual excellence. The quartet was made up as follows: Leon E. Baldwin, first tenor, leader and manager; Russell T. Hatch, second tenor Arthur K. Bayley, baritone; Fred H. Lawton, basso, and the concert program follows:

"Comrades' in arms" ... Atkins
Encore, "Miss Capaline,"
Quartet
Reading, "Miss Civilization," R. H. Davis
Encore, "I dunno,"
"On the sea" ... Buck
Encore, "The ark." Buck

Mr. Baldwin
"Sunset," (by request)...Van de Water
Quartet

All the numbers were pleasing and were well received by the audience.

Among the guests were Daniel W. Mason, of Ayer, master of St. Paul lodge, with lady, and Lawrence Morgan, of Pepperell, senior warden of

St. Paul lodge, and lady. The impressive presentation of the services of installation by the installing officer and the delightful con-cert program, with the presence of the ladies made this an occasion which will be recorded as another of those long to nights" at Caleb Butler lodge.

Clipping.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel of

The arrival of the new year has probably brought more changes to the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad than has ever before been effected at one time, throw, ing hundreds of train men out of worl and completely revolutionizing the system of handling freight matter all over the entire division, while the control and direction of the division passes out of the hands of Superintendent A. S. Cheever and Assistant Superinmet on Thursday afternoon at the tendent E. A. Smith into the hands of home of Mrs. J. W. Kittredeg. Mrs. J. D. Tyler, of North Adams, superintendent of the western section of the Boston and Maine for many years.

The eastern and western sections of the divisions are to be consolidated, as far as their management is concerned, and all of the train despatch-ing for the entire division is to be done from Boston. Over fifty regular freight trains have already been laid off, a complete new system of operating frieght traffic has been put into operation, switching and shifting eliminated and many switching crews discharged all over the division, while many more trains are scheduled to be removed in the near future.

The most drastic action is that of reducing the number of regular freight trains on the main lines of the division from fifty-six to one, which is for perishable freight matter only, running each way between Boston and Rotterdam. All of the other freight trains will run as extras, only when there is enough freight matter to justify the making up of a train and sending it on its way.

WESTFORD.

Forge Village. -

Services will be held at St. An rew's mission on Sunday afternoon at 4.30. Sunday school at 3.30.

Robert McArdle, of Manchester, N H., has returned home after a most pleasant visit at the home of his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett, of Pleasant street.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday after-Charles Flanagan has returned from

trip to Gardiner, Me. Cameron school reopens on Monday morning for the winter term

Mrs. Coburn, of Union street, met with a severe accident at her home last Saturday morning when she slipped and broke her wrist while fall-ing. Owing to her advanced age, Mrs. Coburn's injury is doubly painful. Dr Sherman, of Graniteville, is in attend

Miss Abbie Splain spent the firs of the week at Belmont, visiting rel atives.

Anthony Martin, while out driving

on Sunday afternoon sustained a co pound fracture of the leg near the ankle, owing to the horse he was drivng suddenly becoming unmanageable. throwing Mr. Martin to the ground. Mr. Martin will be laid up for several weeks as a result. Dr. Sherman of Graniteville, assisted by Dr. O. V. Wells, of Westford, attended the injured man at his home.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUX SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kingcreditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of NIKOLAS FAFOUTIS late of, Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANTHONY L. BENACHI. of Boston in the County of Suffolk or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex. On the twenty-ninth day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January in the year one thoursand and tweive.

3t17 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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News Items.

Carl Moore, of Lowell, was a guest the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Weeks.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., have elected these officers to serve during the year: J. Edwin Pomfret, n. g.; J. C. Beach, v. g.; Geo. W. Balch, sec.; Geo. F. Buxton, treas.; W. H. Wilbur, trus. 3 yrs., H. H. Lynch, 2 yrs.

C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will install newly elected officers on Monday evening, January 8. Members of the grand lodge staff will be present. collation will be served and the evening promises to be a pleasant one for the members.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge holds its annual leap year party this Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster will furnish music Refreshments will be served and late cars will run to Ayer, Leominster and Fitchburg.

Mrs. Sandy Gionet was taken last Thursday to Clinton hospital where an operation was performed for internal

The Samson Cordage Works' band are planning to hold an entertainment and dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, January 22, for the benefit of the band. J. Albert Dear-don, Ezekiel Wilson and Harry Collyer have been chosen a committee to direct the same.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the week-end with friends in Worcester.

Miss. Gladys Love, of Concord, former resident, is spending a week or so in town visiting friends.

Frederick W. Holden, bookkeeper of the Fitchburg Safe Deposit and Trust Company, has been elected by the bank officials as assistant secre-

D. Chester Parsons, advisory counsel of the grand lodge, and Harry O. Bangs, members of J. C. Ayer lodge, attended the grand ball of the A. O. U. W., held at Horticultural hall, Boston, on Monday evening: Mr. Parsons was a member of the reception com-

The Ladies' Aid society of the Uni versalist church will hold a food sale in the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at four o'clock.

Annual Roll Call and Dinner.

The Congregational church held its annual roll call and dinner on Wednesday afternoon in the church vestry. A bountiful dinner was served at 12.30 A bountiful dinner was served at 12.30 under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, chairman, Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. Della Marshall, Mrs. Walter Knowles and Miss Emma Knowles. About seventy sat down to dinner. At the close of the feast Pays A. Despute the control of the control of the feast Pays A. Despute the control of the c of the feast Rev. A. A. Bronsdon was chosen moderator. The clerk, Miss Mary A. Park, called the roll and the usual appropriate responses were given with many letters being read from absentees. The reports of the following officers were then read and

Miss Mary A. Park, clerk; Miss Altie Howe, asst. S. S. supt.; treasurers, Elmer H. Allen, parish: Leonard Hooper. C. E. S.; Mrs. H. W. McCoy, King's Daughters; Joseph H. McClellan, church brotherhood; Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, ladles' circle.

The reports of these officers showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. A practical and interesting address was then given by the pas-

address was then given by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, taking for his subject, "Charm and claims of the church." The following officers were then elect for the ensuing year:

Miss M. A. Park, clerk; Elmer H. Allen, S. S. supt.; Altie F. Howe, asst. S. S. supt.; Harding M. James, church com. 3 yrs.; Harding M. James, Elmer H. Allen, John G. Conant, Joseph H. McClellan, ushers.

Congratulations Extended.

Stephen P. Cary, a veteran of the civil war, reached the seventy-ninth milestone in life's journey last Sunday and during the day received many callers who came to extend greetings and congratulations. Mr. Cary was also the recipient of many postcards from friends far and near which made the day one of pleasant memories for decided upon.

"Grandpa," as he is usually known and called by his large circle of Shir- joyed the excellent skating last week ley friends. Mr. Cary was born in on Frank J. Lawton's meadow. Shaftsbury, Vt., in 1832. When the Horace Harris returned on Mo war broke out he enlisted in the Fourton Mr. I. T., after a two-weeks' to M. I. T., after a two teenth Vermont regiment and was assigned to Company K. Mr. Cary's wife died about six years

ago, and since that time he has made his home with Mrs. Charles Wilson, where he has been tenderly cared for and enjoyed all the comforts of home. A number of G. A. R. comrades also called during the day, which made the day of special significance to Mr.

of recovery and Mr. Longley died on Thursday morning, January 4, at four

It was a most unfortunate affair and has cast a gloom over the entire town.

He was seventy-one years of age.

C. E. S. The C. E. S. of the Congregational church elected the following list of officers at their business meeting last

Sunday evening, to serve during the current year:

Current year:

Leonard Hooper, pres. Miss Nina M. Holbrook, v. p.: Miss Mary A. Park, rec. and cor. sec. and treas: Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, organist.
Committees. Lookout — Mrs. Harry Collyer, E. H. Conant, Miss Bessie Dadmun, Miss Nina M. Holbrook.
Prayer meeting—Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Mrs. Harding M. James, Joseph H. McClellan.
Social—Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Miss Flora Shephard, Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Bianche Wells, Miss Jessie Love, Miss Bianche Wells, Miss Jessie Love, Miss Bissonary—Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, Stanley G. Wells.
Flower—Miss Mary A. Park, Miss Gladys Phelps, Miss Sarah S. Stevenson, Miss Esther Harris, Miss Gladys Annis.
Calling—Mrs. Richard Pomfret. Mrs.

Annis.
Calling—Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs.
J. Albert Deardon, Mrs. Andrew H.
Phelps.
Ushers—Willard Knowles, Chester
Hooper, Leon Jones, Harry Annis.

Shirley Center.

Arthur Moulton of New York is visitor this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline are making a short visit and a half ago, being the oldest man in town. Mr. Holden has never made their home on Hazen road.

Robert J. Evans, together with Stan ley F. White of the Village, attended the annual reception and ball given by the Zeta Phi fraternity of Fitchburg high school in Wallace hall Fitchburg, on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. Sturgis of Groton School preached a sermon appropriate to new years on Sunday afternoon at Trinity chap-el. On Sunday afternoon, January 7, Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton School will supply the pulpit.

Mrs. Morse at the East was removed to the Groton hospital last week, where she underwent an operation on Wednesday, which proved successful. She is doing as well as can be ex-

pected. Robert J. Evans returned to Bow doin college Wednesday after spending a two weeks' vacation with his

mother, Mrs. John W. Evans. Frank Kemp and son Harold and daughter Madeline of Woodsville were guests of Mr. Kemp's brother, Harry Kemp, of West Groton, last week.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel met on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Henry F. Grout. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Ruth M. Graves on Saturday afternoon, January 13.

J. Otis Evans left on Thursday of last week to resume his duties with the Pennsylvania Gas Coal Co., in whose employ he was at the time when he was shot by a striker last summer. Mrs. Evans will remain here with her father, Sidney A. Carter, until spring, when she will go to join her husband.

Christine G. Longley returned to Wollaston on Wednesday to resume her studies at Quincy Mansion school.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey and daughter Grace of Fitchburg and Miss Winnie Ryder of Leominster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. arey last week.

Mrs. Charles H. Andrews at the North spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie S. Hargraves, at Townsend Center.

Mrs. Henry Farrar at the North is visiting this week with friends in Lunenburg. Nancy Southers and Mildred Mann.

who have been spending a few weeks with Mrs. William Wilkins at the East, returned this week to the school for the deaf and dumb in Beverly.

Harley Illsley of Lakeville, N. S., and Ernest Illsley of Leominster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves, Saturday.

It will be of interest of friends of Miss Hazel Mackaye to hear that she is playing the part of "Judith," in the play, "In his house," which is being presented this week at the newly opened Toy theatre in Boston. Miss Mackaye is the sister of Percy Mackaye, the poet and playwright.

Miss Lottie Bohanon returned Wednesday to Boston university after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley. Edward Moulton, who is assisting

Ardie A. Adams in the extermination of the gypsy and brown-tail moths, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Amos Farrar at the North has obtained a position in Leominster.

The following returned to school at Fitchburg on Tuesday: Hazel Cummings and Thomas H. Evans, at Fitchburg high; Marion L. Holden and Ruth M. Graves at Fitchburg State Normal, and Ruby T. Crockett at Fitchburg Business college.

Mrs. Henry L. Farnsworth moved this week from her home at the East to Ayer. It is reported that Leander Bowles, of Lunenburg, has leased the basket shop for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. William Wilkins spent Saturday in Beverly and Boston.

The Matrons' Aid held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Luther Holden. The next meeting place has not yet been

Horace Harris returned on Monday to M. I. T., after a two-weeks' vacation.

The general grocery store is again in the hands of John W. Farrar. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter left town the first of the week following the foreclosure of the mortgage held by Mr. Farrar, but have until the first of March to redeem the business.

John W. Farrar has moved his meat market from the store to Alvin Law-ton's slaughter house.

Arthur R. Holden returned to Middlebury college on Wednesday, after ten-days' vacation spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden. Rev. William Ware Locke preached

a new year's sermon at the First Parish church on Sunday morning. Robert H. J. Holden returned to Cambridge on Tuesday to resume his

studies at Harvard university. The dance which was held in the town hall on Saturday evening under the management of the young people of the grange, was a decided success A good number were present from the

village and West Groton. Music was by the local orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves received a visit Wednesday from Mr. Graves' youngest brother, Edward Graves of Lakeville, N. S., who with

his wife is on his wedding tour. Sixtleth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Holden, of Shirley Center, quietly observed their sixtieth marriage anniversary on Monday, January 1, and both are in the enjoyment of good health. They were unexpectedly the recipients of a silver loving cup from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray, who was their nearest neighbor this summer, and are at present spending the winter in Brookline. The aged couple are occupying the house they moved into when first married. Mr. Holden is the possessor of the old man's gold-headed cane, which came into his possession a year a practice of using tea, coffee, spirit-

Rachael Carpenter returned home uous liquors or tobacco. He has not on Sunday after a week's visit with taken medicine of any kind, nor had relatives in Jamaica Plain. a doctor during the past fifty years.

By Request.

By the request of many friends, Mrs. Alice E. Cummings has consented to have her original poem printed in this paper, which she composed and read for Shirley grange, memorial evening, May 16, 1911, in honor of the deceased brothers and sisters, which

deceased bis as follows:

MEMORIES

In casting our memories backward, To our order whon it begun. We miss the fraternal handelasp Of those resting under the sun. As we stop and think,

Just how happy we were the
With all so gay and jolly,

When we really first began. were then.

In our order to gather from the North, south, east and west, In the little town of Shirley, Just as good as the rest.

Then we looked with great pleasure For the friends that were so dear, For their pleasant, happy greeting Always met us with a cheer.

Our meetings were year.

Our meetings were very pleasant When all was joy and mirth, Our members did assist us For just what they were worth, Some of those fond patrons
Are many miles from here,
Others have passed onward.
Their memories we hold dear.

In their departure, we suffer Irreparable loss, but find Comfort in the remembrance Of the cheerful words they cast. We shall miss their cheery greetings
And inspiration of good will.
They have left an influence behind
them
Which will follow us onward still.

Those patrons numbering four.
That we shall see with us no more.
Were called away without delay
In running months by four.

They are resting now from care
And strife, with others gone before
We cannot wish them back to life,
To pass through death once more. Others have turned backward From the sacred pledge they took While those remain and those We gain are written in our book.

We gain are written in our bool
The principles of our order
Are A number one, if we
Wander from its teachings,
Then our troubles have begun.
We are trying to do our duty,
The little faithful band,
To better man and womanhood,
Just as the Lord commands.
When storms

When storms and tempests rages,
As the heavens clouds the same,
Let us crowd it back with sunshine
For after clouds, sun shines again we have grown so much th

stronger, Which well pays us for the strife But it is struggle, struggle, struggle, All through this earthly life. When our work here too is ended, And we rest beneath the sod, May we have the germ of life Which goes back to our God.

Laurels then will be placed around us Which speaks louder than words can tell
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mrs. Grace Gould and family have returned to Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Mrs. Exzilda Ouelette has gone to work at the Elmwood for Mrs. L. P. Peabody. There will be a social dance in

Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening. Music will be by Johnson's singing orchestra of Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. Celia Powers has been visiting

n Boston the past week. A large number attended the grange on Wednesday evening of last week. A good time was enjoyed by all. A large Christmas tree was upon the stage, loaded with gifts for everyone. Games and marching was enjoyed, music being furnished by Louise Bragg, piano, Alfred Barnaby, cornet and Frank Bailey, trombone. William and Frank Bailey, trombone.

Bailey acted the part of Santa Claus. Richard Hardy has returned to Dunham college, after a short visit with his mother.

Recent guests at the Elmwood have been N. E. Rogers, A. C. Bishop, George Bugbee, Nashua, George Taylor, Milford, Tom Martin, Henry Farnum, J. J. Barry, Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill is receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Mildred Rogers left her home on Tuesday for New York, where she will spend the month of January.

The first basketball game of the was played in the town hall on Thursday evening of last week between the Alumni of Hollis high school and the high school boys latter winning by a score of 29 to 16.

The annual church meeting and reunion was held on Thursday. A din-ner in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George Hills was served at noon.

All the schools in town began the winter term on Tuesday.

The "Always ready" engine com-pany of Hollis held its annual ball at the town hall on Thursday evening.

Miss Helen T. Powers returned to her school duties in Meriden, Conn., Monday, after a ten-days' visit at the parental home.

This is the week of annual meetings-Monday, the Philanthropic society and Hollis Mutual Fire Insur-ance Company met; Tuesday, the Evangelical society, afternoon, and in the evening, Hollis grange installed their newly elected officers; Thursday, annual church meeting,

Miss Abbie Flagg spent several days of her Christmas vacation with Mrs. C. J. Bell.

Miss L. Davis, a teacher in Con-cord, Mass., made a week-end visit with her brother, Rev. C. H. Davis.



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mortgage deed, namely:
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ortherly side of said Howard Street with Westerly side of Jackson Street, so called, as shown on said plan; thence Northerly by the Westerly side of said Jackson Street Eighty feet to a bound; thence Westerly at a right angle with Westerly side of said Jackson Street one hundred and ninetytwo feet to Easterly line of Pearl Street, so called, as shown on said plan; thence Southerly at a right angle with last described course and by the Easterly side of Pearl Street about one hundred and fourteen and one half feet to the northerly line of said Howard Street; thence Easterly at, an angle of 79° 10' with last described course and by the Northerly side of said Howard Street about one hundred and ninety and ninety sixone-hundredths feet to point of beginning.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARGARET LEAHY late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a copy of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by JOHN LEAHY who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester in said County of Worcester, on the second day of January A. D. 1912, at mine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is horoby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the ctate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

THE GOOD WORD By L. J. Dodge

I opened my window one morning fair,
To greet the new born day,
And looked out where the vine-bowerLed on to the broad highway. And I wondered who would enter my

Whether stranger, or friend, or foe And would they bring a message of cheer, Or tell a sad tale of woe? For the pleasant words make happy

hours, That quickly pass away, While hateful speech and scandal throw

Dark shadows o'er our way.

Then while I looked on the world so fair,

I said, I will try today

And give just only the cheering words

To those who come this way.

Wagons
For if one cannot do valiant deed,
Nor right the whole world's wrong,
By the kindly deed and a friendly
word,
We may help as we pass along.
Littleton, Sept. 16, 1911.

ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE One more unfortunate, gone to the Her hopes all vanished, and life's battle o'er—
She silently passed to the unknown shore.

And who was the one who wrecked her young life! Beyond court and jury, or man's vain strife, The Almighty knows, and will punish that one Through all his days 'till his race is

more unfortunate gone to the In the dawn of life, and in its full preceding calendar year. Why was she taken while others are left?
And all her dear friends forever bereft?

Jehovah knows, the kind Maker of all Who rules all earth's events both great and small; He holds each one in the palm of his hand; And has borne her safe to the "Better land."

S. L. WHITE. Beverly, Mass.

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By-laws of the Town of Ayer



ARTICLE I Town Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year.

Section 2. Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting attested copies of the warrant calling the same in three or more public places, one of which shall be the Town Hall seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting.

> ARTICLE II Financial Affairs

Section 1. The financial year shall

Section 2. No money shall be paid from the Treasury without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen, except State and County laxes, money paid on account of the water works, and any other payments required by law to be made No money shall be so Treasurer. paid on account of the water works without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Water Commission-

Section 3. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all receipted bills and receipts except those of the Water Department which shall be in the custody of the Water Commissioners, of all notes, bonds, and coupons which have been paid, and of all bonds running to the Town except his own official bond, which shall be in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Section 4. No bill, charge, or account against the Town shall be paid without being first approved in writing by the person or board incurring the same.

Section 5. Any portion of an appropriation other than for a specific purpose, on which the work has not been completed, remaining unexpended at the close of the financial year shall revert to the Town Treasury unless otherwise provided by law, or by vote of the Town.

Section 6. During the interval between the last day of February in each year and the time of making the ne-cessary annual appropriations, the various Town officers, in order to meet the liabilities of their several departments incurred in carrying on the business of the Town, shall have authority to make expenditures and payments from the Town Treasury from any available funds therein, and the same shall be charged against their next annual appropriations, but no such expenditure shall be made or any such liability incurred for any purpose beyond the absolute needs of the Town or in excess of one-sixth of the last appropriation for said departments.

ARTICLE III Legal Affairs

compromise all claims, suits and conlibrary of the town.

Section 2. The Town Clerk shall shade, shade frame, canopy, sign or keep a true copy (in a book to be signboard shall be less than seven kept for such purpose alone) of all feet from the ground in the lowest deeds or conveyances executed in behalf of the Town by any Town officer. sidewalk. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to see that every conveyance to the Town of any interest in real estate is properly recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

> ARTICLE IV Records and Reports

Section 1. All boards and officers of the Town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books, which shall be kept in their respective offices while in use, and in the town vault when not in

Section 2. The Selectmen shall cause to be distributed, not less than three days before the annual meeting duly authorized officer or employee, among the veters of the Town, the shall dig a trench or lay a pipe in, annual reports of the officers of the or in any way disturb the earth or various department and boards of the materials on, in, or under, any street She spoke not of sorrow, but meek and annual reports of the officers of the town and reports upon such other or public way without a permit in matters as directed by the Town and writing given by the Selectmen upon these by-laws.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall furnish for publication in the annual Town Report an abstract of the ofstract of the vital statistics for the

· ARTICLE V

Junk Dealers and Collectors

Section 1. The Selectmen may liin and keepers of shops for the pur-chase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, or second-hand articles in the Town. They may license suitable persons as junk-collectors, to collect, by purchase, or otherwise, junk, old metals and second-hand articles from place to place in the town; and they may provide that such collectors shall display badges upon their persons or upon their vehicles, or upon both, when engaged in collecting, transporting, or dealing in junk, old metals, or second-hand articles; and may prescribe the design thereof. They may also provide that such shops and all articles of merchandise therein and any place, vehicle or recptable used for the collection or keeping of the articles aforesaid, may be examined at all times by the Selectmen or by any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Section 2. Every keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand artiwithin the limits of the shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description there of, the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour when such purchase was made; such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen or any person by them authorized to make such inspection; and every keeper of such shop shall put in suitable and conspicuous place on his shop, a sign having his name and occu-pation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters; and such shop and all articles of merchandise therein may be at all times examined by the Se lectmen or any person by them auhtor ized to make such examination; and no keeper of such shop and no junk collector shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive, by way o barter or exchange, any of the articles of aforesaid of a minor, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

ARTICLE VI

Removal of Snow and Ice from Side-

Section 1. The tenant or owner of any estate abutting on any street, highway, or town way in the town, ulation or permit shall prescribe. begin with the first day of March each year and shall end with the last may be, a sidewalk constructed of or day of February following. covered with concrete, brick, cement stone, wood, or any other material than earth, ashes, or gravel, shall within twelve hours after the ceasing to fall, form, or drift thereon, of any snow, sleet, or ice, remove or cause to be removed such snow, sleet, or ice therefrom so far as it can be removed, and if the same cannot be wholly removed shall sprinkle or cause to be sprinkled thereon, sand ashes, sawdust, or other suitable sub stance so that such sidewalk shall not be slippery and shall be safe and convenient for public travel.

Section 2. Whoever violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

ARTICLE VII Police Regulations

Section 1. No owner or person having the care of any sheep, goats, swine, cows, oxen, horses or other grazing animals shall permit or suffer the same to go at large or to graze on any street, way, common, square, or other public place within the Town. nor permit any such animal to go upon any sidewalk therein excent for

the purpose of crossing the same. Section 2. No person shall hitch his horse or suffer any horse to remain hitched across any sidewalk or draw or propel any handcart, wheelbarrow or any carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's carriages drawn by hand) over any sidewalk so as there by to cause any injury either to person or property of others or to struct the safe and convenient passing of persons lawfully using the same, or to injure or encumber any such sidewalk. No person shall stop his team, carriage or other vehicle or unnecessarily place any obstruction on any foot crossing made in and

Section 3. No person shall leave any vehicle or material or place any obstruction in any sidewalk, street, or public place without the permission of the Selectmen or suffer the same to remain there after dark without mantaining a sufficient light and suitable guards over on near the same, or allow the same to remain after no Section 1. The Selectmen shall have tice from a police officer, constable, authority to prosecute, defend, or or the Selectmen to remove the same.

across any public ways in the Town.

Section 4. No person shall place or troversies to which the Town is a maintain over any sidewalk, any awn-party and to employ counsel therefor. Ing. shade, shade frame, canopy, sign They shall have custody of the law or sign-board without a permit from the Selectmen, but no such awning,

Section 5. Not accepted.

Section 6. No person shall, by any means or in any manner wilfully frighten any horse, or play at any game in which a ball is used, or shoot with bows and arrows, fly any kites, or throw stones or other missies in any street or any sidewalk.

Section 7. No person shall skate or coast upon any sidewalk, any street, or public place except at such times and upon such street or places as the Selectmen may, by public notice, designate for such purposes. Section 8: Not accepted.

Section 9. No person, other than a application by said person made to them; and whenever such a permit is so issued the person or persons to whom it shall be issued shall when-Town Report an abstract of the vi-ficial records of all Elections and Town Meetings held during the pre-ceding financial year. He shall also Selectmen a plan of the same showing the location and elevation of such pipe, drain, or other structure, said plan to be of such size and standard as said Selectmen may require.

Section 10. No nerson shall behave in a rude, indecent, or disorderly man-Section 1. The Selectmen may increase suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old Town or near any dwelling house or the town or near any dwelling house or Town or near other building therein, or upon any doorstep, portico or other projection from any such house or other building to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person throw or drop in or upon any foot-path, sidewalk, or highway in the town any piece of wire, nail, metal, mineral or other material that might or would be a source of annoyance or danger to anyone lawfully passing over or using the same

Section 11. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near each other on any public way or sidewalk in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for pedestrians after a request to move constable or police officer.

Section 12. No owner or occupant property shall permit any gate leading to premises abutting on any public way in the town to swing outwardly upon said public way.

Section 13. No person shall throw or deposit in any manner upon any public way, place, or square in the Town any article, substance, or material which may prove injurious in any respect to the hoofs of animals, the tires of bicycles, or the rubber tires of automobiles and other vehi-

Section 14. No person having the charge of a vehicle in any street shall neglect or refuse to stop the same as directed by a police officer.

Section 15: No person shall distrib ute or deposit advertising circulars,

out proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an obstruction or defect in a street or

Section 19. No person shall make any figures or write any indecent or obscene words upon any fence, building or structure in any public place or commit a nuisance upon any side walk or against any tree, building, or structure adjoining the same.

ARTICLE VIII

Repeal and Amendment of By-Laws and Penalties Thereunder

Section 1. These by-laws may be epealed or amended at any annual fown Meeting or at any other Town Meeting specially called for the purpose, an article or articles for such purpose having been inserted in the varrant for such meeting.

Section 2. Every violation of any of the provisions of the foregoing by laws, unless otherwise provided by law or these by-laws, shall be punish-ed by a fine not less than five (5) dollars nor more than ten (10) dol lars for each violation or breach there-

Section 3. These by-laws shall go into effect upon their acceptance by the Town and their approval and pub lication in the manner required by law, and all by-laws heretofore existing are hereby repealed.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 21, 1911... I, Guy B. Remick, Town Clerk of the Town of Ayer, hereby certify that the foregoing By-Laws were adopted at the annual meeting held on the third day of April A. D. 1911, and that they have been approved by the At-torney-General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GUY B. REMICK, Town Clerk.

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Section 15: No person shall distribute or deposit advertising circulars, papers or other matter on the streets of the Town or shall team manure, hay rubbish, ashes, liquid, or other material in such a manner as to litter, pollute, or injure the streets of the Town; nor shall any person throw or deposit in any street or on any sidewalk, ashes, dirt, rubbish or other refuse of any kind except in the manner provided by the Board of Health.

Section 16. No person shall cart or convey garbage, manure, rubbish, or filth of any kind nor any noxious or refuse liquid or solid matter or substance in any public street or place, except in such manner and at such times as the Board of Health by regulation or permit shall prescribe.

Section 17. No owner or driver of a vehicle shall bait or feed in a street or place or places designated by the Chief of Police, nor unless the horse or beast while being baited or fed is under the care of some suitable person and is properly secured to prevent it from getting beyond such person's control.

Section 18. No person shall, without proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an election and control to the proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an electron and control to the proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an electron and control to the proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote an electron and the proper such or the prop

8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

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Estate of CLEMMA J. BLOOD late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, represented insolvent.

The Probate Court for said County will receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said CLEMMA J. BLOOD and notice is hore-by given that six months from the twentieth day of December A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that the Court will receive and examine the claims of creditors at Cambridge, on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

FANNY F. BLOOD, Stiff Executrix.

WANTED—A. Girl to assist in Ingeneral Housework. Apply to WHITNEY COTTAGE, near Groton School, Groton, Mass.

25 Champney Street Groton, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-COUNT. To all persons interested in the state of HENNY H. RAMSDELL late of Littleton in said County, deceased. Whereas, NATHAN A. TAYLOR. The secent of the NNY H. RAMSDELL late of HENNY H. RAMSDELL late of Littleton in said County, deceased. Whereas, NATHAN A. TAYLOR. The secent of the NNY H. RAMSDELL late of HENNY H. RAMSDELL late of Littleton in said County, deceased. Whereas, NATHAN A. TAYLOR. The second day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show account of his administration upon the estate of said county, on the twenty-sixth day of feel at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-sixth day of to all persons interested for hency whereas, NATHAN A. TAYLOR. The second day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show a cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy there-of to all persons interested in the second day of January A. D. 19

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Saturday, January 6, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

The Woman's club held the first meeting of the year on Tuesday in Odd Fellows' hall. The subject of the day was "The Province of Quebec," under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elizabeth Heald, who handled the subject in an intelligent manner. Mrs. Charles Taft told of "The beauties of the cathedral," Mrs. E. F. Harmon spoke of "The home life in the Province," Mrs. Charles Denham read papers written by the Misses Anna and Margaret Blood on their recent visit. Miss Laura Herrig gave a few selections and Mrs. Copp delighted all present with vocal solos.

Mrs. Minnie Green and Miss Sadie Tucker spent Tuesday in Townsend. The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Marion O'Connell died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Dunlap, on Wednesday after a very short illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases. She was twenty-three years of age. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon.

Arthur Tower has returned to Dartmouth college after a two-weeks' vacation at his home here.

Mrs. Warren M. Blood, who has been ill for the past three weeks, has improved so as to be able to be about the house.

The firemen's ball will be held on Friday evening, January 26.

Sunday evening at the M. E. church the pastor's subject will be "How about the end of your fourney?"

The Sunday school board of the M. E. church last Sunday elected for the coming year the following officers: Mrs. J. F. Sutherland, supt.; J. F. Wilson, asst. supt.; Margaret Burns, sec.; Lizzie McNayr, treas.; Muriel Robinson, organ.; Norman Gutterson lib.; Helen L. Lawrence, asst. sec.

Acoma Rebekah lodge met last Tuesday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Laura Dunton, n. g.; Mrs. Ella F. Farley, v. g.; Mrs. Effle M. Robbins, sec.: Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck, fin. sec.; Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson, treas.; L. G. Robbins and Mrs. Emily Harriman,

Henry Harris, of South Merrimack. N. H., spent Monday at the home of his son, A. H. Harris.

John J. Phinney burned his left arm last week by coming in contact with the roller on the machine where he working, and the burn is healing

Robert Burns returned to his home here on Friday of last week after a two-months' visit at his old home in Nova Scotia.

Miss Edith Mason attended the grange installation at Hollis on Tuesday evening, the guest of Mrs. Nellie

Mrs. E. Richards, of Lenox, spent a

P, Blood, returned to her school **Euties** as teacher in a school in New York city this week.

Mrs. Helen Keefe recently spent few days with Mrs. P. F. Sullivan and visited her old friends in town.

The Village Aid society will hold its annual supper and entertainment at Central hall, Pepperell, on Thurs-day afternoon, January 11. Contributions of food are respectfully solicited the cause is most worthy. entertainment by school children is under the direction of Miss Wood, Miss Shattuck, Miss Hinckley and Miss Pond, teachers.

Estus Blood and bride were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Letender on new year's day.

Found Unconscious.

Mrs. Elmer Pettingill, of Dover, N H., was recently found in a chair in her kitchen with her face and hands covered with blood, a contusion at the base of the brain, her feet and ankles black and blue, and unconscious. Her son, a young man, upon his coming down stairs found his mother in this condition. He hurrledly summoned his father at the Pacific Mills, of that city, where he is chief electrician and a physician. Mrs. Pettingill did not show any signs of consciousness for forty-eight hours, and to the pressing questions of her family and friends could only recall that she went out to feed her hens:

of interest to all native Pepperellites, as Mrs. Pettingill will be remembered as Miss Jessie Williams. Her two sisters, Mrs. Dore Bancroft and Mrs. Clara Southwick, of Boston, are with her and report a slight improvement.

Wedding.

A happy ending to an introduction that took place at the Massachusetts grange session at Worcester in 1910. as representative masters from their respective granges, took place on Wednesday when Miss Amy Lora Andrews, past muster of Fitchburg grange and Walter Lakin Shattuck, diest son of George Elmer Shattuck,

were married at Fitchburg by the pastor of the Congregational church. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a wedding trip to Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck are accompanby the best wishes of a host of riends. Mr. Shattuck is to return to Pepperell in time to be installed as master of Pepperell grange on the last Friday in January.

Officers Elected.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon and elected for the coming year the following officers: Mrs. I. J. Rowell, pres.; J. M. Andrews, v. p.; Mrs. G. W. Pierce, sec.; Mrs. D. E. Weston, treas. The board of directors are Mrs. H. L. Lebenhalt. of directors are Miss H. L. Lawrence, Mrs. Cuthbertson, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Handley, Mrs. L. H. Bean, Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mrs. Fredericks, Mrs. Pillsbury, Mrs. Simmons. The society has accomplished good work the past year and many improvements have been made on the church property. As a result of the efforts of the Ladies' Aid society, they have contributed \$4.50. A prospercus and harmonious year has just closed and the prospect for the new year is very encouraging. The pastor, Mr. Sutherland, is very popular with his people and an ardent worker for the welfare of the society.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—The undersigned begs to announce that he opened an office for the general practice of dentistry at his home at corner of Lowell and Groton Sts., East Penner'ell, Monday, January I. Office hours—9 to 12 and 1 to 5; and evenings by appointment. Telephone 115-4.

FREDERICK R. MacGRAIL, D. D. S.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Joseph Carman, of Boston, employed as window dresser with Ricker-Jaynes Company, spent Saturday and Sunday last with his grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Carman.

Harvard grange installed officers on Tuesday evening. A deputy from Leominster performed the work. Supper was served by the feast commit-

Mary D. Davis started on Wednes-day for Worcester, where she enters the Memorial hospital training course for registered nurse.

The article in last week's issue in regard to the lighting of the town hall was misleading. The idea was that Mr. Green, who is the New England agent for Mr. Edison's new storage plant for lighting purposes, was interesting the town through the selectmen in that system of lighting. All things considered this system of Mr. Edison seems to appeal to smaller towns as the most economical way of lighting both public and private buildings.

The members of the Orthodox par-ish gave their annual new year's dinner and reception to the pastor and wife on Monday at one o'clock. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. entertainment was in charge of Mrs. N. A. Dill and was as follows: Tableau, "The new year"; plano duet, Misses Cleaves and Reed; songs, Mrs. Edw. Bliss; reading, Grace Tewksbury; song, H. A. Thayer Rather a smaller number then were out. smaller number then usual were out to this affair, but a genuine good time was enjoyed by all who did attend.

On Monday evening, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, d. d. g. m., and suite, of Shirley, will install the officers of Harvard Odd Fellows. Music is to be used during the installation service. Supper will be served promptly at seven o'clock.

Fairbank & Lee are painting and papering the south tenement of W. P. Farwell's house, putting it in first-class shape for the occupancy of Mrs. A. S. Waller, of Fitchburg, who is to move in at once.

While cutting hay from a stack one day last week A. D. Parker had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly, which has laid him off work for a few days.

Miss Ethelyn Russell is at Hudson

Mrs. E. Richards, of Lenox, spent a for a week's visit.

few days recently with Mrs. P. F.
Sullivan. Mrs. Richards was married to Mrs. Sullivan's brother in a former marriage.

for a week's visit.

Miss N. T. Hartshorn will close her school with a reception and dance in the town hall. Harvard, on Friday evening. January 12, 1912. Music will be given by the Superba orchestra.

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Annual Ball.

Thursday evening proved to be an ideal night so far as weather and the attendance of friends could make it in the celebration of the twenty-seventh annual ball of the Complimentary Ball club of Harvard. There were many friends from Ayer, Littleton, Lancaster and Clinton, as well as other towns. All seemed to join in as tration a statement which pretty well Hibbard's torchestra of seven pieces gave excellent satisfaction in the way of music. The ladies of the Unitarian society laid a splendid repast of turkey, cold meats, hot rolls and deserts, about ninety-five couples sitting down to the table

The committees in charge of the various arrangements are to be complimented on the satisfactory way in which the details were carried out. Among those who were guests in

cown for this affair were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood, of Fitchbur at H. H. Gale's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edmands, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, Water-town, at P. O. Dickson's; Thomas J. Faherty, Worcester, and H. M. Mc-Cue, of Boston, at W. J. Kerley's; Miss Susie Marsh Ware, at Mrs. S. J. Savage's; Joseph Savage, of Pepperell, at his father's, William Savage; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston at J. S. Preston's; Miss Bessie Wilson, Fitchburg, at R. A. Reed's.

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The presidents of the United States, in other words, have collaborated in writing the history of the country.

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It is a matter of pride to Americans to know that Uncle Sam sits at the head of the diplomatic table of the

Part of the creed of an American is and should be to believe that he is a citizen of "the greatest country on earth." It is one thing to believe and loudly voice this belief, but it is nobler citizenship to have a knowledge of it based on facts. When you have read or used extensively for reference the "Messages and Papers of the Presidents," a record that shows Uncle Sam at work, you will wonder at the great progress made and at the wonderful opportunity the government itself affords to its citizens, and you will realize why the greatest individual blessings come to those who live under the protection of the stars and stripes. The "Messages and Papers of the Presidents" is a big. vital work, brimming over with information of vast importance and intense interest to every American citizen. It is made more interesting by its pictorial embellishment. It is fairly ablaze with illuminating historical pictures.

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Then comes a faithful color reproduction of Trumbull's famous painting "The Declaration of Independence," followed by a reprint of the Declaration of Independence, the articles of confederation and the constitution, these being given as the preliminary documents in the foundation work of building the nation. The various other illustrations need not be alluded to in

But, in general, it is to be noted that a faithful reproduction of the official steel portrait of each president is inserted at the beginning of the respective administrations, fronted with a issue upon which is a suitable charac teristic illustration-as, for instance, "Home, on Potomac, of the parents of George Washington."

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Among the interesting papers of George Washington is the first Thanks. giving proclamation issued in this country, dated Oct. 3, 1789, the autograph copy of which is reproduced in facsimile by photo-engraving. In Washington's first annual address he emphasizes the importance of the occasion and particularly of knowledge of governmental affairs, saying in part, "Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness."

In the third annual address reference is made to faith and confidence in the government, as illustrated by the fact that the subscriptions to the stock of the Bank of the United States were completed in a single day. This message is important as bringing out the fact that the central banking idea talktd of today is not new.

So much has been said in praise of Washington's farewell address, in which he declines a third term, that we need say no more here than to call attention to the valuable fact that here it is in permanent, accessible form. A leading metropolitan newspaper in making an exhaustive review of this publication says, "Washington's farewell address should be a household word."

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territorial extent is developed.

The great fundamental ideas which Hamilton brought to bear and which had the sanction of Washington were a firm determination to pay in full the foreign debt, to fund the domestic debt Washington and a splash of all the at par and to assume the state debts. principal public buildings in Washing- Then came the establishment of the excise tax, which was bitterly opposed. particularly in the state of Pennsylvania, declared to be "established on principles subservient of peace. liberty and the rights of citizens" and amounted to what is known as the whisky insurrection, requiring 15,000 militia to put it wn. Then there was the beginning of the tariff question by the establishment of a protective tariff; the first government coining mint was established at Philadelphia; then arose the still mooted questions of "strict constitution. These were simple days and yet stirring times. The foreseing wisdom which prompted Washington to issue his "neutrailty proclamation," arising from the war between England and France then going on, is worthy of the study of every school child. The recall of the French Minister Genet, the Jay treaty and the various other treaty relations with foreign countries and constant reference to our international rights and duties make the perusal of our own state papers a birds, eye study of contemporary important events throughout the world.

The hardships of pioneering, accompanied by constant Indian warfare or minor depredations, alinded to here and there give zest and romance to the historical story as told by the early presidents. Vermont, Kentucky and Tennessee were admitted to the Union as states during paragraph of the first inaugural address of John Adams sounded a warning that has come thundering down the century to the present day.

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present day.

It is interesting to note from the series of maps heretofore referred to how small "this extensive country" was in the time of Adams.

The important proclamation delivered July 22, 1797, by President Adams relating to foreign and domestic coinage is reproduced in facsimile.

One of the most notable official acts of John Adams was the appointment of John Marshall as chief justice of the United States. Marshall's decisions fixed an elastic interpretation of the constitution which made possible the expansion of territory and a liberality in police regulation needed for the law and order of such a government. It was during Adams' administration and while the French revolution was going on that commissioners sent to Paris by America were rejected except they, the French representatives, be bribed, which gave rise to Pinckney's famous saying, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for trib-

The alien and sedition laws were passed, and a treaty with Napoleon was made. It will thus be seen how the history of the United States contained in the official papers of Adams reflects the side lights of foreign history as well. During Adams' administration the seat of government was formally transferred to the new built city of Washington.

(To be continued).

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Whereas ELISHA D. STONE the suardian of said ward, has presented for allowance—his first account as guardian upon the estate account as robate Court to be held at Cambridge in-said County, on the twenty-fourth of clock in the forence, to show cause if any you have, why the same a touch not be allowed.

And said guardian 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 secessive weeks, in Turner's Tublic Said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three secessive weeks, in Turner's Tublic Said Court, or by out the least before said Court, and by n. tins, postpaid, a copy of this diation to all known persons interested to all these seven days at least before said court.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, 3t17 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

to what person and in what amounts shall the petitioner pay said trust fund.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Worcester, 88. Probate Court

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN McDADE late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by ROSE E. McDADE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.
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Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire,

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