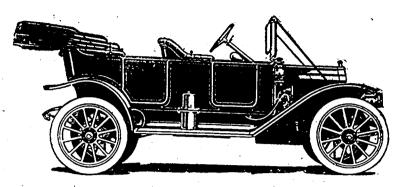
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THEN TAKE ROAD RUNS—such as the gruelling race from home-made candies and popcorn con-Los Angeles, Cal., to Phonix, Arizona, in which \$1,000 to \$5,000 stituted the refreshments. The procars fell by the wayside, this great light car gave a splendid account gram was well received and much enof herself.

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LITTLETON.

News Items. The February social at the Congregational church on Wednesday, February 14, is in charge of a committee of the teachers. They have provided for entertainment a concert by the Kitchen orchestra. This entertainment was recently given in the town hall at Concord to a crowded house, and was repeated in Concord and in Bedford. Some of those who participated in the entertainment at Concord will assist next Wednesday evening. Solos will be given by Mrs. Tuttle and Miss Miriam Davis, of Concord. The kitchen utensils will form the spectacular, rather than the musical part.

The offering at the Congregational church tomorrow morning is for the American Missionary association, the work which was so ably described last Sunday by Dr. Gutterson, sec retary of the A. M. A.

Prof. Wilmot Mitchell, of Brunswick, Me., made a brief visit at George and Fred Kimball's homes this week, coming directly from Boston, where he had addressed a Bowdoin college alumni meeting at the Bellevue hotel on Tuesday evening. He has recently filled several other engagements of similar nature.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams are spending Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Nahum H. Whit-

Mrs. Charles L. Smith and her niece, Mrs. George Moore, of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mrs. Smith's aged parents in Lynn, and called to see Mrs Moore's father, who was very ill at a hospital.

Mrs. George H. Warren, of Manchester, N. H., was here for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, this week.

The Telephone association met in the selectmen's room in the town hall on last Saturday evening to see if the association would agree to unite with the electric light commission to use one set of poles for the two companies. A. T. Kimball, A. E. Hopkins and W. H. Titcomb were chosen to consult with the electric light committee to ascertain the probable expense to the telephone association of such arrangement, and also to see if an increase of telephone subscribers can be obtained in order to swell the funds for such a project.

Lester Griffiths had his eyelid split by a recent blow from a horse's head suddenly raised from a drinking trough. A few stitches were requir-

Mrs. Mary Griffiths Brown, of Waltham, was a week-end guest at her father's on New Estate road.

A bridal party touring through Littleton in an automobile last Saturday morning met with an accident to the car that necessitated the services of A. H. McDonald and his auto for the rest of the trip.

The Mission Study class of the United Workers met in good numbers with Mrs. N. B. Conant on Wednesday afternoon. The following interesting program in charge of Mrs. Geo.

Benjamin F. Jeffrey are now living. In 1874, he married Lucinda E., daughter of the late Abel Flagg, of Littleton. She died many years ago,

leaving one child, Lucinda E., a graduate of Wellesley college, and now a teacher in a girls' school in When he first went to Boston, Mr.

Jeffrey engaged in the provision business in Faneuil Hall market. He was associated with his brother, Frederick H. Jeffrey, who is still in business there. Two other brothers survive him, Frank E. Jeffrey, of Everett, a retired real estate man, and the invalid brother, James, with whom he

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon in Converse hall, of Tremont Temple. The burial will take place today in the Jeffrey lot at Westlawn cemetery.

The Littleton grange has now become of age, having observed its twenty-first birthday last Wednesday evening. At the conclusion of the with their wives receiving, and the FLANDERS "20" holds all world's records up to twenty miles eral discussion of benefits of the grange took place.

Mrs. Calvin Howard recited "Money musk," and Mrs. George Cash gave a reading. There was singing by a quartet composed of Hon. F. A. Patch, H. L. Packard, Mrs. Cornelius Dailey and Miss Harriet Smith. A large birthday cake made by Mrs. Cash, and

Farmers' Institute.

interspersed with music, and Rev. H. L. Harrison will preside as toastmaster.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

AYER, MASS.

"The Jew in fiction." Mrs. Fred S. Kimball; song. Mrs. Leslie Hager, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton; poem, "Skum o' the earth," Miss M. H. Kimball.

Mrs. Ida Felch Dixon, of Lowell has

lost another one of her children through death. Her baby seven months old, was brought to Littleton

for burial on Wednesday, Rev. H. L.

Packard repeating the committal serv-

The members of the Catholic mis-

sion at Littleton will have a sleighing

party, dance and supper on Saturday

Littleton depot at seven o'clock for a sleighride, returning to the town hall,

where a supper and dance will be

Miss Elizabeth McNiff, was a week-

end visitor at Mrs. Andrew McNiff's

C. A. Kimball took the West primary school for a sleighride to Forge

About twenty Christian Endeavorers

from the Congregational society went

with M. W. Leahy on a sleighride to

Ayer and Groton on Thursday night, stopping at the vestry on the way

nome and partaking of a good oyster

supper.

Miss Florer, a Waltenand and Austin Hartwell will attend the wedding of their cousin, Oliver Hastwell, in Somerville, on Monday, Fébruary 12.

Several Littleton members were

ng held in Leominster on February

Master of the grange, Richard T.

Barrows, and Mrs. Barrows, were pleasantly surprised at their home a

few evenings ago by a number of fel-

low grangers, who presented a hand-

some lamp and furnished an evening

Miss Florence Bartlett is a week-

and guest of her friend, Mrs. Eicher

Miss Katherine Kimball is spending Saturday and Sunday in New Bedford as the guest of Miss Mary V. Gardner.

and visiting her sister Gladys, now in

the training department at St. Luke's

A chicken pie supper will be served

vestry on Monday, February 12, at six Those who have patronized

the class at one of the previous sup-

pers annually served, need no words

of inducement. A good entertainment

Charles Lyman Jeffrey, for fourteen

ears pastor's assistant at Tremont

Temple, and an active worker in the

church for more than a quarter of a

century, died on Tuesday, Febru

ary 6, at his home in Dorchester. For

the last four months he had been a

sufferer from heart disease and un-

able to leave his home. For forty

of Tremont Temple, and for twenty

of Tremont Temple, and for twenty

six years he had been president of the

He had been a teacher in the Sun

day school for more than thirty years

church chorus.

years Mr. Jeffrey had been a membe

is promised for the evening.

present at the Pomona grange meet-

and report a profitable day.

of good entertainment.

in Waltham.

hospital.

Village on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. F. A. Hardy is visiting her niece, Mrs. H. M. Sanborn, in Chichester, N. H.

Will Cowdrey went to the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, Boston, Thursday, to undergo an opera-

evening, February 17.. Barges will leave the town hall at 6.30 and West Death.

Mrs. F. C. Burtt, who has resided in town with her son, Arthur Burtt, since 1910, died at his home Sunday, aged eighty-seven years. The funeral was held at the house Wednesday morning, Rev. A. L. Struthers of this town and Rev. L. A. Walker of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg officiating. The burial was in the family lot at West Townsend. Mrs. Burtt was born in Mason, N. H., and married Mr. Burtt in 1848. Mr. Burtt went into business here and then moved to Fitchburg in the early eighties. thur E. Burtt succeeded to the tinsmith business. Mrs. Burtt lived with her son John at Fitchburg until recently. She leaves three sons-Dr. Albert ( Burtt of Momence, Ill.; John C. Bury of the Brownell-Mason Co., Fitchburg and Arthur Burtt of this town.

Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Adney Gray and their daughter, Miss Myrtle Gray, attended the Odd Fellows' supper in Ashby or Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Proctor, who has been suffering from a carbuncle on her spine, is much better.

Mrs. Roy Shattuck, accompanied by er little son, spent Thursday with her parents.

The Harbor Monday club with its full quota of members enjoyed a sleigh ride to Fitchburg Wednesday. After dinner at one of the hotels the club attended the matinee.

The As You Like It club held its last meeting with its vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Taft. On account of sickness several of the members were unable to attend. An interesting program, including exercises relative to \$1.50 Caps for Men now \$1.00 McKinley, was presented. After the serving of refreshments, the club adlourned.

Word was received in town last week of the sudden death in Boston of the father of Lew Crouch. Since his son's purchase of the Haynes estate Mr. Crouch has spent part of the time in this place. He was a G. A. R. man and lived at the Soldiers' home in

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones recently entertained their neighbors at pro-gressive whist. The game was enthusiastic throughout. During the evening fruit, nuts and popcorn were served from the buffet. At the close of the game the guests were further regaled with "red devil" rarebit and hot chocolate. In counting up the scores Mrs. Florence Conant and George Jones were found to be ahead While Mrs. Laura Smith and R. B



OUR ANNUAL MID-WINTER

# Make Way Sale

It is the well-known policy of this store that goods of one season shall not be carried over to the next season. Hence our regular semi-annual sales.

On Saturday, we shall begin this 1912 sale in order to dispose of the balance of our regular, high-grade Fall and Winter

## Clothing, Caps and Furnishings

All small lots, slow sellers, and discontinued lines in every department must now "MAKE WAY" for the incoming stock of Spring Goods. Most of the better grade of Suits and Overcoats come from A. Shuman & Co., Boston, one of the most reliable makers of good clothing in the country.

Look over the following list of goods and prices, and you will be sure to see something that will interest you. Be sure to come early while the assortment is good.

#### MEN'S SUITS

farmers' Institute.	MILITA D BOLLD
The Farmers' Institute slated for	The sizes are broken, not many suits of a
February 20, in the town hall, Little-	kind, but all sizes in something.
on, is as follows:  John K. Whiting, of the Whiting irm in Boston, will tell what arrangements could be made that would muually benefit the milk producer, the contractor and the consumer.  Albert F. Hayward, of Ashby, will alk on "The origin and characteris-	\$15.00 Suits, make way price \$10.47
ics of our best breeds of cattle."	Also One Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages
Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield will read a	15 to 19, now reduced to \$2.47
paper on "Housekeeping and home-naking."	FURNISHING DEPARTMENT
A member of the State Board of Agriculture, whose name and subject will be given later, will also address the meeting.	Single or Double-breasted, our reg- uglar 50c. goods, price for this sale 39c
After-dinner speeches will be made,	All our 50c. Derby-ribbed Underwear in Blue

#### or Ecru Colors, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale...... 39¢ All our regular 25c. Fleece-lined Underwear for Boys, now reduced to..... All our regular 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys now....

One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves and Mittens, worth 50c., price for this sale 29¢ One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves, a regu-One Lot of Jersey Gloves for Women, Boys and Children, reduced to

lar \$1.00 value, price for this sale.... 75¢ 15¢, 2 pairs for 25¢ Sweaters

One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, regular 75c. and \$1.00 goods, price for this sale 43¢ One Lot of Boys' Plain Gray Coat Sweaters, now for ........ One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, Red Trimmed, sizes 34, 36, 38 only, actual value \$3.00 to \$3.50, reduced to \$1.50 Shirts

One Lot of Men's Fancy Shirts in Coat or Negligee Style, the regular \$1.00 Grade, now reduced to..... 79c One Lot of Men's and Boys' Fancy Shirts, our regular 50c. kind, price now reduced to..... One Lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of

Domet Flannel or Fancy Cheviots, our regular 50c. kind, now go for 43¢

SHOE DEPARTMENT We have many odd pairs and discontinued

lines of Shoes for Men, Women and Boys, which we have put upon the Bargain Counter for this sale. Such well-known makes as Queen Quality Shoes for Women, W. L. Douglas and J. O'Donnell are included in this lot.

## MEN'S FANCY OVERCOATS

Eve	ry overcoa	t in s	tock	now	goes	at a	cost
price.	All new, u	p-to-da	ate st	vles.	Size	s 32 to	0.40
\$10.00	Overcoats,	make	wav	price			7.47
\$12.00	Overcoats,	make	wav	price		98	47
\$15.00	Overcoats,	make	way	price		810	47
\$18.00	Overcoats,	make	way	price		\$13	47
\$20.00	Overcoats,	make	wav	price		\$15	.47
\$22.00	Overcoats,	make	way	price	 	\$16	$3.\overline{47}$
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\$10.00	Overcoats,	make	way	price	<b>3.</b>	. 87	7.47
\$15.00	Overcoate	malea	****			G-1-	1.2

\$15.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$11.47 \$20.00 Overcoats, make way price....

MEN'S FUR LINED. COATS Astrakhan Shell, Dog-skin lined, \$30.00 value, now reduced to..... \$25.00 Kersey Shell, Dog-skin lined, \$35.00 value,

now reduced to..... Kersey Shell, Natural Muskrat lined, blend-

ed Muskrat Collar, a coat of \$75.00 value, now reduced to...... MEN'S FUR COATS \$15.47 \$20.00

\$20.00 Dog-skin Coats now...... \$25.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... \$30.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... \$25.00 \$35.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS Every coat now at a cut price. Ages 8 to 16. \$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$3.47 \$7.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$4.89

\$8.50 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$6.47 \$10.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... Ages 4 to 10 \$3.50 Overcoats, now reduced to...... \$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to...... \$3.47 \$6.00 Overcoats, now reduced to ..... \$4.47 Also One Lot of Boys' Odd Overcoats and

Ulsters, regular \$4.00 to \$6.00 values, now go for....

CHILDREN'S SUITS Ages 6 to 16 \$3.50 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now \$4.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now

\$5.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now Straight Pant Suits Ages 13 to 16 only \$1.50 \$3.00 Straight Pant Suits now..... \$1.98 \$4.00 Straight Pant Suits now.....

\$5.00 Straight Pant Suits now..... \$1.98 Children's Odd Knee Pants One Lot in Regular Straight Cut Only, ages 5 to 12 only, Regular 75c. and \$1.00

#### WINTER CAPS A FEW SPECIALS Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price Men's White Handkerchiefs 3¢ One Lot of 25c. Bows, now 15¢ 50c. Caps for Men now... 39¢ Men's Police Brace..... 15¢ One Lot of 25c. Four-in-hands

79¢ Men's Police Brace, the 50c. imperfection, the 50c. kind, now...... 25¢

NECKWEAR BARGANS now ..... 17¢ 35¢ One Lot of 50c. Four-in-hands now ...... 35¢ One Lot of 25c. Button-on Ties, now..... 15¢ One Lot of 15c. Bows, now. 5¢

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wiches, assorted cakes and coffee were served. The laurels of the evening were won by Mrs. George Jones and Will Whorff. The hostess and Lorenzo Doran resolved to offer sacrifices to Fortuna, thereby hoping to propitiate the fickle goddess.

\$1.00 Caps for Men now..

50c. Caps for Boys now... 39¢

now ...... 19¢

Misses' 50c. Angora Tams,

House Party. H. Kimball, was well carried out:

Devotions, Mrs. H. L. Packard:
introductory survey of the slavic peoples, Mrs. George H. Kimball:
immigration notes, Mrs. N. B. Conant; "Experiences of an American disguised as a foreigner among steerage passengers," Mrs. A. M. Parker:
"The German Jews and the Russian Jews in America," Miss Susie Robbins:

day school for more than thirty years and the executive committee of the church during all his term as assistant to the pastor.

Mr. Jeffrey was born in Lynn in 1852, and spent his early life in New 1852, and spent his ea

young people attended the firemen's bali. The fine coasting and sleighing provided delightful entertainment for the merry company on Saturday. In response to invitations from Miss response to invitations from Hager, several of her school friends from the center augmented the house party in the evening.. Games, dancing and singing followed by lunch made the time pass merrily and all too soon did the "good night" hour arrive. With the exception of Mildred Gray, who remained for a few days to visit Rev. and Mrs. Andrews, the young people returned to Boston Monday morning.

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#### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

The next meeting of the grange, Thursday evening, February 15, will be young people's night, the committee charge being Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland. The young ladies of the grange, and the older ones too. are given the privilege of exercising their leap year prerogatives by inviting a good attendance of brother grangers from this or neighboring There will be dancing for the light of foot, and cards for those more quietly inclined.

Aaron Tuttle has been on the sick list with an attack of the grippe.

The regular monthly meeting of the Edward Abbot hose company took place at their headquarters on Boston road on Tuesday evening of this week. Routine business was transacted and the committee for the recent dance reported a balance of seven dollars for the treasury. George E. Gould, caterer, served an appetizing oyster supper, followed by a social hour.

There were some enthusiastic games of basketball at the academy gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon the following results: The academy team scored against the Scouts 11 to 6. The academy against the Independents with a close score and short after dinner speeches and of 12 to 11, and the Independents scored against the Scouts 11 to 8.

Sutherland sisters. In the afternoon.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth was hostess for the Thimble club on Tuesday after-noon at her home. There was a good attendance of the members including Mrs. Thomas Fisher, of Lowell, and the usual pleasant time was enjoyed.

Perley E. Wright was called to Somerville on Friday of last week by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Kendall Wright. At this writing she is reported as resting more comfor-

Among attractive conveniences recently added to our library is a stand in the reading-room for a set of Chambers' encyclopedias, with convenient table-like arrangements to hold the volume being consulted.

The members of the Tadmuck club are reminded of the regular meeting on next Tuesday, which will take place in the evening at eight o'clock in the Congregational church, when Miss Ellen A. Kimball, of Worcester. will give her lecture on "The good new times." The regular membership tickets of the members will admit them to the church and to all others a small admission will be charged. This is one of Miss Kimball's best lectures and it is hoped a large audience will greet her.

Mrs. Julian A. Cameron, with her own little daughters, Elinor and Marjory, invited Miss Marjory Seavey for a trip to the Country club at Tyngs Island on Monday to enjoy the tobogganing and skating on the tennis

Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and son Roger were guests on Tuesday of Mrs. Hildreth's old-time school friend, Mrs. Gertrude Craven Elliott, at her pleasant home in Lowell.

The large number of patrons who! came out to the grange meeting last week Thursday evening expecting to hear a good address from Charles M. farm is in a condition showing thrift Gardner, state master, were in no wise and good management, and the buildmuch of a favorite with Westford The usual "smoke social" was pleas-grangers and always brings his best antly observed by the town officials effort to them. Naturally a genial, fluent speaker, carnest, practical, com-mon sense characterize his addresses, temptations, the annual dinner, that His subject on Thursday evening was none but sick poople are able to re-The grange at work," and he pro- sist ceeded to make clear the fact that the grange organization period had passed and to make it strong and effectual as an order was to accomplish definite work along various lines, such as helping the young people in community workmanship in this latest and final service and in broad, helpful legisla- for after seven years of efficient serv-

by telling how one grange was instrumental in establishing street lights will be missed in town farm manage into its town. This little grange was ment of the thrifty type, missed in neither strong in numbers or financial- the church choir, in the grange, in the a good public drinking fountain in its Boynton will be missed by those who town, another repaired a set of delapitated horse sheds and still another is expected that their future home will small grange sent two descrying young the in Winchester. men for the winter course at the State Agricultural college

The speaker commended the good Excellent Concert Given. work the order had accomplished in on Wednesday evening for the musical working for good reads and for rural

If Westford grange could profit ever so little by this stirring address, it or; Mrs. George E. Burns, alto; Geo would surely succeed in even larger E. Burns, bass. The following was the

lecturer, had planned some good music and readings as follows: Song. Miss Rachel Wall; reading, Mrs. Perley E. maid? Wright; piano and violin duet, Hazel Hartford and Everett Miller; song E. G. Boynton. A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Gardner for his inspiring address.

## Annual Appraisal.

The annual appraisal of property at the town farm and dinner for the town officials took place last Saturday. The appraisers of property were John Mc-Masters, Fred Blodgett and William E. Wright, who performed their duties faithfully and found everything in well kept order. The dinner was one of Mrs. Boynton's best and that is saving a good deal and full justice was done

Owing to the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Boynton, to take place on April 1, the board of overseers have received : a number of applications for the po- The members of the Knights of ling leaves to mourn her loss five brothers a music program and Mrs. Lillian sition, but have taken no definite ac- Arthur of the M. E. church, with their and two sisters. Burial took place on Priest and Miss Fannie Sanderson

three inmates at the farm at this

#### About Town.

Councillor Herbert E. Fletcher is ill with an attack of the grippe at his home on Oak hill, but is being extri-cated from it by Dr. Wells, who is confident that he has the grip on it all right. Mrs. Fletcher's mother, Mrs. Hill, who has been ill, is now on the well list by the same medical author

The Westford Board of Trade will have a social smoke talk rally at the Cavairy building on the Boston road. Tuesday evening, February 20, at which time an address will be given by Thomas Curly, of Waltham, secretary of State Playgrounds Committee.

Rare, but all the more true; and noticeable when the birthday of three members of the same family occurs on the same day. It reads like this Frank W. Banister, Mrs. Marguerite H. Banister, Miss Frances Banister, February 3.

Judge F. A. Fisher, of Lowell, has been appointed auditor in the question of the valuation of the Luther Lawton farm at Long-Sought pond. The valuation of 1905 is what the action is based on. Several town officials have been summoned as witnesses, among them L. W. Wheeler, collector of taxes. J. Willard Fletcher and Charles D. Colburn assessirs. They have been summoned for the plaintiff, Mr. Lawton being the defendant of the 1905 valuation of eight hundred dollars for this eighteen-acre farm.

The next Farmers' Institute by Middlesex-North will be held in the town hall, Westford, on Wednesday, Feb-J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the State Board of Aericulture, will give the address of the day in the forenoon on "The state board of agriculture and what it is doing for the state." Dinner at the usual hour and short after dinner speeches and Mr. Ellsworth will speak on "Lessons from the New England fruit show. Mr. Ellsworth is a large, practical farmer and knows the how of this in-

Harry Hartford has returned from North Carolina, where he intended to spend the winter. Unsatisfactory sanitary conditions caused his return.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Fifield on Wednesday afternoon, twenty members and visitors being present. After the usual transaction of business it was decided to invite Mrs. Stevenson to give an address along the work of the W. C. T. U. in the Congregational church some Sunday evening, the date to be determined later. It was voted Frances Willard home in Boston.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held at the Wright schoolhouse on next Friday evening.

Hugo Page, who has been ill and under the care of Dr. Blaney, has recovered sufficiently to be out, but not yet able to do sawmill work.

#### Good Management.

The annual appraisal of the personal property at the town farm took place last Saturday with the usua' gathering of town officials Among those present were Oscar R. Spalding Capt. Sherman H. Fleicher and Andrew Johnson, representing the selectmen, J. Willard Fletcher, Charles D. Colburn and William L. Woods, assessors, Charles L. Hildreth, Albert R. Choate and Arthur H. Burnham, overseers of the poor, Edward Fisher town clerk, Harwood L. Wright, treasurer. William R. Taylor, audi or and Leonpraisers were John McMaster, Charles

Blodgett and William E. Wright. The appraisal, as was expected, proved that the property of the town Mr. Gardner is very ings a credit to town, county or state while the appraisal was being made

There have been seven of those emptations during the Boynton management of the town farm, most of it traceable to Mrs. Boynton, and there was no signs of digression from good ice to the town, Mr. and Mrs. Edson G. Mr. Gardner illustrated his subject Boynton have tendered their resignation to the overseers of the poor. They Another grange installed social life of the town, and Constable have an unlawful regard for law.

The Unitarian church was well filled concert by the Grace Church quartet of Lowell, Mrs. Bertha Cleaworth Jormeasure in justifying its existence in program: "The merry miller," quarthe community.

Before the address, Mrs. Greig, the duet, "Boat song," Mr. and Mrs. Burns; duet, "Boat song," Mrs. Burns; solo, "The resery," Mrs. Burns; "Where are you going my pre ty maid?" "The night has a thousand eyes," quartet: solo, "The summer wind," "Ah, do not ask," Mrs. Jordan; trio, Mrs. Jordan Mr. Moilin, Mr. Burns; solo, "Neptune," Mr. Burns; quartet, "Kentucky babe," quartet. Miss Julia H. Fletcher was the accompanist. The concert not only was well patronized, but apparently well appreciated. The musical talent of Littleton was well represented.

## Graniteville.

Mrs. Catherine McNaughton and Miss Matilda Stringer, of Heminford P. Q., Canada, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Provost for the past few days.

The Ladies' society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. W. O. Hawke on last Thursday afternoon.

lady friends, enjoyed an excellent sleighride to Pepperell on Saturday night. Supper was served, after which the return home was made. All report a very enjoyable time.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in Healy's hall on last Monday night with Capt. J. A. Healy presiding. Business of a routine order was transacted, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

#### An Enjoyable Affair,

Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a very enjoyable concert and dancing party in Healy's hall last Saturday evening that proved a great pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to The entertainment was given by local talent and the following pleasing program was given:

ing program was given:

Song, "Where the River Shannon
flows," Miss Rachel Wall: duet, "In the
starlight." Henry Smith and R. J. McCarthy; reading, "St. Peter at the gate."
Mrs. O. A. Nelson; song, "Love the
peddler;" Miss Sadie Smith; song,
"Meeting of the waters," James Byrnes;
reading, "Mrs, Mahoney on the Chinese
question," Miss Catherine Connell;
song, "Kathleen Alanna," James May;
vocal quartet, "Come where my love
lies dreaming," R. J. McCarthy, James
Byrnes, James May, Henry Lelue.

After the concert program was com

After the concert program was completed, dancing was enjoyed to excellent music furnished by William L. and Miss Rachel Wall.

#### Closely Contested.

A large crowd was present on Forge pond last Saturday afternoon to witness the second race of the series of speed trials for horses that is being run off weekly. All of the speeders were there, and although the sun was shining brightly the wind blew a brisk gale across the pond, making it very uncomfortable from the spectators' point of view, and quite disagreeable for both drivers and horses. As was anticipated the field was much larger than the week previous, and on account of so many horses being present he scoring was more spirited. They finally got away however, and in three interesting heats, Sister Patch, from the Gilmore stables, and driven by Mr. Gilmore, of Acton, came under the wire for first honors. Dolly C. owned and driven by J. Austin Healy, of Graniteville, took second prize, and the third prize went to Knox Gelatine Boy, owned and driven by Dr. C. A. Blaney, of Westford.

The fast steppers owned and driven by Ed. Wesley, of Acton, Henry Harrington, of Graniteville, and Hugh Mc-Donald, of Littleton, failed to land in the first division in this interesting event. The prizes were as follows: First, a good, serviceable horse blanket; second, a lap robe; third, a driving whip. Fred. M. Sweatt, of Forge Village, was the official starter, and Charles T. Brooks, of Graniteville, was

the official judge at the finish line. A special race was then run off between Dr. Blaney's Knox Gelatine Boy and J. A. Healy's Nakomis. This race was won by Nakomis. The winner of this event had the "pick" of the prizes and selected a carving in wood, which was duly presented with the following note appended: "Presented to J. A. Healy, first prize in Class B speed contest held at Forge pond speedway. February 3, 1912, with compliments of Graniteville Driving club, Charles T. Brooks, chairman of racing commit-

It is expected that another meet will be held on Saturday, when more fun is looked for.

## Forge Village.

Mrs. Lucretia Reed has as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bennett and daughters, of Leominster.

Cameron school will be closed on observe visiting day in other schools. Miss Pyne, in Dorchester.

Mrs. H. E. Randall entertained recently Mrs. Mary Smith, of Tyngs-

Mrs. Felix Leclerc and daughter Miss Mary Leclerc, were the week-end guests of their daughter and sister irs. John Paquette, of Nashua, N. H.

Miss Elizabeth Plummer entertained Master Bertram Creasey, of Salem, this week

The Daniel Gage Company, who finished their harvest of ice from Forge pond a while ago, and who afterwards went to cut ice on the Merrimack river, Lowell, have finished their work there and commenced work at North Littleton on Tuesday. There is an extra large quantity of ice this year and it is hoped that the price of ice during the coming summer will be dereased.

The trees and shrubs here are being thoroughly cleaned of brown-tail moth nests by H. Nesmith, tree warden, and a force of men.

A large number from this village expect to a tend the "Low Holler Singing school," entertainment at the Graniteville M. E. church, on next Thurzday evening.

A large party from here took in the sleighride under the direction of the Knights of King Arthur, of Graniteville, on last Saturday evening and enjoyed a most excellent ride to Pepperell.

Miss Marion Bolagett, who is completing her post-graduate course at the Lowell Conservatory of Music, gave a very attractive classic recital at the conservatory on Thursday evening. The program was excellent and included compositions from the followng masters: Beethoven, Meyerbeer, Rossini, Schubert, Donizetti, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, Wagner, Raff and Cramer. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to at-

Harry White and Mrs. Fennimore Morton a tended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Annie Patterson, who died in Ecsten on Sunday.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 7.30 on Sunday evening. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will officiate.

Miss Clarina Milot, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Milot, died at the home of her parents on Monday at the age of fourteen years. The little girl had been a patient sufferer during a long illness. Besides her parents, she Thursday morning. Interment was in St. Catherine's cemetery,

The young ladies of St. Andrew's mission met Mrs. Warren Sturgis, of feast." The Browning afternoons Groton, in Recreation hall on last have been well attended and much Monday evening, and spent a most enjoyable hour. Mrs. Sturgis, being a pleasing entertainer, kept her audience interested all through her talk. She is very much engaged in girl club work and has been the means of starting a dramatic club here. In the near future rehearsals are to begin for a comedy sketch, which is to be presented in four acts, and to be ready in the early spring.

#### Sleighride Enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and family, of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle, of Westford, Miss Laura Brown, of Pepperell, and the Blodget: families of the Ridges. Groton, sixteen in all, enjoyed a sleighride to Lowell last Saturday afternoon, their desti-William Blodgett, of Lamb street, Pawtucke ville. On the arrival of the sleighing party, a bountiful supper was served, including a delicious oyster and bean supper, ice cream, cake and other tasty sweets. After supper a musical evening was spent, after which the merry party started their homeward journey, Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett accompanying them, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett over Sunday.

#### TOWNSEND.

Center. Last Sunday afternoon as Bernard Scott and his friend from Pepperell were driving through town, the sleigh slued as they were turning the corner by the watering trough to go towards the depot. The boys were thrown out together with all the blankets, tie rope, etc., and one of the shafts dropped upon the horse's heels causing it to start into a run. The horse cleared itself from the sleigh near John Arlin's, and was caught near U. S. Adams' mill by Fred Ballou. No one was hurt and most of the damage was confined to the shafts.

A party of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and invited friends, numbering at about twenty-five, went on a sleighride to Ashby on Tuesday evening, and enjoyed one of Landlord Partridge's famous chicken suppers.

Myrtle Hobart and George Kaddy, of Waltham, were recent guests at Mrs. William Robbins'.

The Monday club was invited to Ayer on Wednesday afternoon as guests of the Ayer Woman's club and nearly all the members accepted the invitation and had a most enjoyable afternoon and were royally entertain-

Master Norman Streeter, of Waltham, is visiting at T. E. Flarity's. Ralph Piper, of the New Hampshire State school, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Piper, last week.

Bert Gurley arrived in town this week with Mr. Fairfield's auto, which several weeks ago was sunk in a lake near Pembroke. Although the machine remained there a long time be-fore it was rescued, Mr. Gurley managed to start the engine and drive it up here. It is in need of much re-pair, however, and has been left at C. W. Smith's garage.

Mrs. T. M. Barker, of Nelson, N. H. visited her daughler at J. W. Eastman's last week.

Monday night, February 12, will be valentine night at the grange. Program is in charge of Mrs. Frank Woods and Clara M. Farrar.

Burton Whidden, of M. A. C., has Friday, in order that the teachers may been enjoying a short vacation at Mrs. Emily Barrett's. Harold Morse, also Miss Eva Pyne and Miss Edith Spin-ner were the guests over Sunday of J. Morse's.

with your lunch if you knew you could J. Morse's.

Silas Whitcomb at George L. Whitcomb's this week, and made brief calls upon friends in town.

#### Entertainment. The Monday club met this week with

Mrs. Iva Shores Worcester and the following interesting program was given: Wing interesting program was given violin solo, Miss Chase, of Arlington vocal duet, "Ring on sweet chimes, Misses Ruth and Gertrude Gerrish, o Groton: paper, "Old churches in New England." Mrs. Thurza A. ressenden violin solo, Miss Chase; song, "Cain as the night." Miss Ruth Gerrish; baper, "The romance of old churches, Mrs. Iva S. Worcester; violin solo, Mis Chase; song, "Lovery spring," has Ruth Gerrish. Chase: song. Ruth Gerrish.

After the program was completed, efreshments were served and a social

time enjoyed. Rev. Edward Aiken, who has been stationed in China, as a missionary since 1902, spoke at the Congregationa church on Sunday evening and gave an interesting account of his work there He appeared in costum.; and told of how the missionaries had gradually upbuilt their work in China; also, of its various rulers and the customs of the people. The meeting was a union one with the M. E. church.

## LITTLETON.

News Items. "The christian virtues. II Generosity." is the subject of the C. E. meet ngs to morrow evening.

Through the courtesy and kindness of Giles Earber, the third and fourth grades of the Union school, with the teacher, Miss Bowley, enjoyed sleighride on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hartwell, of Somerville, who has been very ill, is con-valescent, but still in care of a nurse. It is hardly probable that she will be able to attend the wedding of her grandson, Oliver Hartwell, of North Woodstock, Vt., next week.

Andrew Johnson has been confined to the house for several days, but is steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner, of Boston, spent last Sunday with his grand; arents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell The Woman's club will meet on

Monday afternoon, February 12, at the nitarian vestry. The study of the poet, Robert Browning, will be continued under the able leadership of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield. This will be

will read "A toccata of Galuppi," "Abt "Master Hughes of San and "The founder of the Volger," Gotha," feast." San enjoyed. Current events will be given and a piano solo by Miss Hazel Morse, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Alice Prouty are expected.

There will be a Lincoln memorial service in charge of N. B. Conant at the Congregational church tomorrow evening. The program in part is as follows:

Responsive reading; solo, with choir, "Battle hymn of the Republic"; prayer, Dea. J. W. Thacher; selection by the choir; "Life of Lincoln," Rev. H. L. Packard; gems from Lincoln's speeches, Mrs. George H. Kimball; selection by choir; Gettysburg address, Miss Maud Mitchell: "Diary of a contemporary," Miss Elizabeth Thacher; "Effect of Lincoln's death," by Beecher, C. A. Kimball; singing of "America," by the congregation.

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To the Honorable the Justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex, holden at Ayer within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully represent your peti-tioner, Wilfred C. Parsons and Ellis B. Harlow, partners, doing business under the name and style of Harlow Parsons, both, having a usual place of business in and of said Ayer; that they made a verbal contract with Etta Leslie, at that time of said Ayer, on May 11, 1903, that they, the said petioners, should use care and diligence in the storage and have custody of the household furnishings, which are set-forth in the statement hereto annexed marked "B." And your peti-tioners further say that at the special instance and request of said Etta Leslie they did use care and diligence on and have custody of, and have since continued to do so, down to the present time, the household furnishings set-forth in the statement annexed marked "B.

And your petitioners further say that there is due and owing to them for the care and diligence, storage and custody aforesaid the sum of one hundred and nine dollars according to the account hereto annexed marked

And your petitioners further say that said goods were given into their care and diligence and custody, and still are, within the district of said Court, and were the property of Etta Leslie of said Ayer and are now the property of Etta Leslie, whose usual place of abode is unknown to your petitioners.

And your petitioners further say that they have never given up the care and diligence, storage and custody of the household furnishings, setforth in the statement hereto annexed marked "B," since the time said goods were placed with them by the above mentioned Etta Leslie, and that they have never waived or given up their lien on said furnishings, and that no notice or demand has been given sixty days before bringing this petition because the usual place of abode of the said Etta Leslie is unknown to your petitioners.

And your petitioners further say that the money mentioned in the account hereto annexed marked "A" was and became due sixty days ago.

And your petitioners pray, since the usual place of abode of the above named Etta Leslie is unknown them, that a notice to Etta Leslie, the owner of the above described property, whose usual place of abede is unknown, to appear at a time and place to be designated by this Honorable Court to answer to this petition, and they further pray that said notice may be given by publication, as provided under Revised Laws, Chapter 198, section 25,

And your petitioners further pray that said goods, before mentioned, may be sold, and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the satisfaction of the Headquarters for debt as set-forth in the account hereto annexed marked "A," and to the costs of enforcing this lien. Dated this twenty-fifth day of Jan-

uary, A. D. 1912.

By their attorney, JOHN D. CARNEY. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. First District Court of Northern Middiesex.

In re Wilfred C. Parsons et al petitioners: Upon the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that said petitioners notify Etta Leslie, and any or all parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear before our justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex to be holden at Ayer within and for the County of Middlesex within the judicial district thereof at the session held or civil business on Saturday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to show cause if any they have why

the prayer contained in said petition should not be granted. And said petitioners are ordered to notify Etta Leslie and all parties in-terested in the subject matter of said petition to appear and show cause as aforesaid, by serving upon each a true and attested copy of the petition and the order of the Court thereon at least seven days before said second day of March, or by publishing the same once a week for three successive weeks in the newspaper called Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days

before said second day of March. Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire, at Ayer, this twenty-sixth day of Jannary in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve.

D. C. PARSONS, Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex

A true copy of petition and order of Court thereon. Attest: D. C. PARSONS.

Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSUTTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of BOWERS H. CHURCH late of Ayer 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 EILLA. A. CHURCH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February 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 said petitioner is hereby directed to give 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, and by mailing postpaid, er delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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News Items.

Misses Maggie and Nan Love spent the week-end in Winchendon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pres-

Miss Blanche Sawyer is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.

The measles is prevalent in town, The Buxton, Grout and Jubb children are confined to their homes with this

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant started on Thursday morning for Chicago, to visit her daughter Edith.

Mrs. Dora Sulke, with little daugher Thelma and her brother Robert, left Shirley for her home in Pittsburg las: Saturday morning. Mrs. Sulke has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gately, since Christmas her brother Robert, who accompanied her, has given up his position in Shirand has accepted a position in Pittsburg, where he intends to remain and will make his home with his sister in that city.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, to remain for several weeks.

return in a few weeks to assist in settling up town business.

Miss Lena Gately and Miss Angie Burno spent last Sunday in Worcester. A very pleasant birthday gathering. with dinner and the usual festivities, took place last week Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, when the three brothers-John, Ed-win and Waldo Conant, observed their birthday following the usual custom for many years past. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conant, Miss Julia Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Co-

nant and Mrs. A. M. Parker. About twenty young people from the grammar and high schools enjoyed a sleighride to Lancaster and Leominster last Saturday evening. Mrs. Charles Stebbins accompanied the company as chaperon. All the children were delighted with the trip.

Eighteen young ladies employed in factory of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Company, went to a dance in Leominster last week Thursday evening, making the trip in one of Amos Parker's sleighs, returning nome at about midnight.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Franco Independent club held at their rooms last week Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Sylvester Thomas, pres.; Joseph X. Descoteaux, v. p.; Michael G. Gionet, fin. sec.; John J. Chaisson, cor. sec.; William Gionet, treas; Hichard Murray, Philip Leger, Felix, Gionet, dir.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold its annual fair, supper, enter-tainment and dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, February A very choice supper will be served at six and seven o'clock. The menu will consist of cold meats, salads and in fact a large variety of good things, both substantial and dainty. too numerous to mention, with a fine corps of waiters to cater to the special wants of each and every individ-

ual. The fair opens at four o'clock. The entertainment will commence at eight o'clock, and the ladies have left no stone unturned to make this part of the evening's program one of delightful significance and pleasure. The

A pinno solo, Miss Hastings, assistant high school teacher; male quartet, who will render popular, catchy selections; vocal solo, Mr. Byram; "Mystery," a one-act comedictia, contains

The fair will show a large and complete line of useful and fancy articles which have been selected with care and will be offered at prices that will most certainly attract the attention of the thrifty and close buyer. There will be tables devoted to paper, fancy articles, aprons, china, candy, mystery. A dance will close the evening's festivities with good music being furnished. The affair of the evening will be one of enjoyment from start to finish and judging from the interest manifested will be a big success.

## Stabbing Affray at Wedding.

Andrew Jarski, a Polander, of Worcester, was arraigned on Monday in the district court at Ayer on a charge of assault as the result of a stabbing affray at a wedding last Saturday. It is alleged that Jarski, who was stabbed seven times in the back, attended the wedding of Wejeiesh Weslononski and

Rozalia Golas without being invited.

Jarski appeared in court on Monday but the case was continued until Wednesday. With him will be arraigned. in connection with the affair, John Chapler, of Worcester, and Mikaloz Kijowski, who were also arrested on

charges of assault and battery.
Remarks allered to have been made hy Jarski started the trouble, during which Mikoloz Kijowski received a stab over the left eye, and Jarski was cut in the back and shoulders.

Chief Goodwin arrested Jarski, but he collapsed from the loss of blood before the station was reached and was taken into the poolroom of Eddie Forster, where his wounds was dressed by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly. He was then taken to the Brookside boarding house where he remained overnight under guard of James Gately, lockup

Jarski's wife came from Worcester on Sunday morning with bail for her husband, and besides producing two bank books she displayed a roll of

Proctor's garage at Ayer, conveyed Miner and a paper written by Mrs. Townsene the wedding party to and from the Cynthia Lynch on the life of Charles was 150.

house. Upon their return the celebration was observed according to the custom of their native land. A large number of guests were present from Lowell, Lawrence, Worcester and other places.

The bridegroom is a cornet player and is employed there. bride he will make his home in Shir

An all-day session was held in the district court on Wednesday on the stabbing affair at the Phœnix last Saturday. A number of Polanders were summoned as witnesses. An interpreter from Worcester and one from Ayer assisted the court. John Chapler, of Worcester, was found guilty of an attempt to murder with end. a dangerous weapon and was held in \$1,000 bail for the grand jury. Andrew Jarski and the other Polanders that were arrested for assault were discharged. Bail was furnished for

Planning a Good Time.

A dancing party will be held in Odd Saturday for their recently purchased Fellows' hall on Friday evening, February 16, under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish music. Ice cream and cake will be Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar have left Shirley for their new home in Pomfret, Vt. Mr. Farrar, being chairman of the board of selectmen, will 12.50. The affair has been planned with a view to the enjoyment and comfort of all who attend. Competent aids, and in fact everything high-class in every respect will be the order of the evening. The committee of arrangements consist of John H. Logue, John M. Stevenson, Philip E. Hocquard, Jacob C. Beach and Walter Knowles. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. Logue, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Knowles, who will be assisted by a number of young ladies.

Fleasantly Surprised. Fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ecuver assembled at their home last Saturday evening and gave them a genuine surprise to honor Mrs. l'Ecuver, who that day had reached her forty-eighth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in the enjoyment of music, games, etc., with refreshments bountifully supplied. The pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. l'Ecuver of a pretty silver easter, the gift from all present, her daughter, Miss Alphima, being assigned the duty of making the presentation and reading the brief address which very appropriately voiced the sentiments of the guests present Mrs. l'Ecuyer responded by thanking all kindly. Friends were present from Fitchburg, Leominster and Keene, N. H.

Mrs. Victoria (Lambert) Gionet, wife of William Gionet, died last week Thursday night at eleven o'clock at her home on Fredonian street from the effects of premature child birth. after a brief illness.

Fred Smith, Charles Gionet, Ferdinand Gendron and Joseph Thomas, of Shirley, and Fred Bourgois and At-ance Perreault, of Leominster. The ladies of the Sodality of St. Ann, of which the deceased was a member, attended the service in a body, and accompanied the remains to its last resting place. Burial was in St. Anthony's cometery

Mrs. Victoria Gionet was the daughter of David and Arselia (Rouises) Lambert, and was born in St. David county, Yamaska, Canada, thirty-two years ago. She has been a resident of Shirley for the past twenty-two years, coming to reside here with her parents when only ten years of age.

The survivors are a husband and six children, who are Mabel 11 years.

Ruth Lawrence in West Groton, where they were pleasantly entertained and served with refreshments of cocoa, sandwiches, cake and fruit. Those who attended were: Ruth M. Graves, leaves Laura S. years.

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Williams Evans Ressie Ross, Edith tions: vocal solo, Mr. Byram: "Mystery," a one-act comedictia, containing a moral for voung gentlemen with the following cast of characters, consisting of all well-known young ladies and gentlemen of Shirley who need no further introduction, each one being specially gifted for the parts assigned:

Bob Armbeuster, an athletic young gentleman... William J. Crommett Jack Strang, another. Earl Merriman Amy Lovekin, an amfable young faily.

Miss Gertrude Cenant Rose Grady, general of household forces. Miss Hastings

The survivors are a husband and six children, who are Mabel 11 years. Rosanna 10 years, Laura S years, Elizabeth 6 years, Edimund 4 years, and Ellen 1 yr. 5 mos. Also, seven sisters, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Ferdinand Gendron, Mrs. Joseph Thomas, of Shirley and Mrs. Clifton Trisdale. Mrs. Fred Bourgois, Mrs. Athance Porreault, of Leominster, and Mrs. Frank Gionet of Athol, and one brother, David Lambert, of Shirley.

Mrs. Gionet was very much respectively.

Mrs. Gionet was very much respected in Shirley, being a woman of thrift and economy, and much sympathy is expressed for her husband, Mr. Gionet. who is most certainly left in a very difficult position with his six small

children. Mr. and Mrs. Gionet were married on August 30, 1897, by Rev. P. J. Sheedy at St. Mary's church, Ayer.

Extertainment. The ladies of the Congregational church held their regular monthly social, supper and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, and one of the largest gatherings of the season was present. A very fine cold meat supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction Mrs. Petersen, chairman, Leopold, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Wells, Miss Park and Miss Elsie Knowles. The entertainment, in charge of Mrs. H. W. McCoy and Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, consisted of a reading, Mrs. T. L. Hazen: piano solo, Leonard Hooper; Miss Hastings; vocal solo, Mrs. Collyer; violin and piano, Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Annie P. Holbrook.

A regular meeting of the D. A. R. was held Monday evening with Mrs. Mary Hazen. The chapter will be represented at the next Continental congress by the regent, Mrs. Minnie McM. Allen and the alternates elected were Miss Mary Park, Mrs. Marv W. Hazen, Miss Minnie Hobbs and Mrs. Carrie Tilden. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. E. E. Edgarton told of a very pleasant call on Mrs. S. S. Brigham of Worcester, last Saturday, her one hundred and first birthday. They also called on Mrs. Carpenter, who is one hundred and five years old.

The next meeting, March first, will he the annual and the nominating; committee are Mrs. Ella Lawrence, Mrs. E. E. Edgarton and Mrs. Mary Harlow. The entertainment, arrang-\$975 in greenbacks.

The newly-wed couple were married at the Polish church on High street, Lowell. Two automobiles from

Dickens, was read by Miss Hobbs

and was very interesting. The chapter had as guests Mrs. George P. Campbell, Mrs. Martha Conant, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle and Mrs. Am) Wheeler. Refreshments were served by the entertainment committee. The in the Samson Cordage Works' Band new D. A. R. song books are used at and is employed there. With his each meeting and very much enjoyed his each meeting and very much enjoyed

> The next meeting of the Girls' Sew ing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 10, at the home of Miss Emma Hub-

> Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Grout entertained Mr. Grout's sister, Miss Mary Grout, at their home over the week

> S. LeRoy Longley has purchased the insurance business of the late Savillion Longley at the village.

Miss Elizabeth Watling, of Woodsville, is visiting in St. Augustine, Fla. this winter. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar left on

The next meeting of the Matrons Aid will be held with Mrs. J. Walker Ward on Tuesday afternoon, February 13.

John Grout, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout, is confined to his home

with an attack of the measles. Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, preached a fine sermon on the subject of "Confirmation," at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, Feb-11, a celebration of the holy communion will be held in place of the regular service.

Gideon C. West, at the East, was removed to the Kilbourn hospital last week to undergo an operation.

Miss Lydia McCormick, of Pittsburg, Pa., was a guest of Miss Bessie Farnsworth, at her home at the North ast week.

Mrs. Edward Mellish, of West Groton, spent a few days last week with to Ashby and a chicken supper at the her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer V. Ashby Inn on Tuesday evening. Farnsworth, at the North.

Miss May Frary has returned to Lynn after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, at

Miss Ruby T. Crockett, of Fitchburg Business college, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North. Miss Crockett is now living at Lunenburg, instead of North Leominster, where she formerly stayed.

J. Edward Adams has obtained a position in a printing establishment in New York.

Edward Moulton, who has been assisting Ardie A. Adams with the moth work, now has a position in Towns-end Center.

Fred Frary, at the East, who has been very ill with pneumonia, has recovered sufficiently to be out.

Miss Ruth M. Graves entertained a church at three o'clock, Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. The pall bearers were Fred Smith, Charles Gionet W. Anthony's urday evening. The evening was spent in playing whist and ping-pong. the North, are mourning the loss of their pet dog, "Thursday," which was found dead on Sunday in the "Green Lane," its death having been caused by the bites of another dog.

Sleighing Parties.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman held a very enjoyable sleighing party on Friday evening, in honor of Miss Edith Locke. The party had a sleigh-ride through Groton in the teams of Howard Longley and Amos Parker, finally stopping at the home of Miss Ruth Lawrence in West Groton, where Mildred Evans, Bessie Ross, Edith Locke, Harriet and Edwin Bridgman Howard Longley, Edith Longley, Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, Margaret Long ley, Ruth Lawrence, Margaret Evans, Thomas H. Evans, Walter Woods, Lester G. Holden, Mildred Evans, Rae Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Chevrette entertained at their pleasant home in the Center on Saturday evening, relatives and friends from Leominster. who enjoyed a straw ride in charge of Mr. Brzard, of Leominster. Mrs. Fournier, mother of Mrs. Chevrette chaperoned the young ladies. A musical entertainment was given by Joe Fournier, baritone, Alphonce Fournier, tenor, Alma Fournier, soprano, Agnes Reed, alto. Song by the quar-"Gee, but it is great to meet friends from your home town," and also, "Baby rose," charmingly ren-dered. William Beland served as dered. pianist for the quartet, Arthur Francover, master show-clapper, Fred Mereau, autoharp; piano selections. Miss Louise Chevrette; song, by Mr. Brzard, "Down on the farm"; reading, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, of Shirley. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when a dainty and bountiful supper was served. The merry party left the hospitable home at a late hour, wishing the graceful and smiling hostess many happy returns of her birthday.

TOWNSEND.

A very small attendance of the Ladies' Study club, on account of the illness of many of the members, others being engaged in preparations for the men's banquet, was observed at the reading-room on last week Thursday afternoon, but the regular routine of the work was carried on and the reading of "The taming of the shrew," was continued, the four present reading in turn instead of assigning parts. As Mrs. G. A. Seaver, the chairman, and Mrs. Josephine Boynton,

Mrs. Harriet Stickney took charge of the meeting. Mrs. Frank Farnsworth has been on the sick list at her home, caused by an injury to her hand.

who was in charge of the reading.

The total number of books distributed from the reading-room at West Townsend for the month of January

Rev. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, a former pastor here, and his wife, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch

Miss Freda Jodery, of Concord Junction, has been spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wood.

Ralph H. Willard, from Boston. spent Sunday at the home of his, parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard

Rev. J. H. Cox, of Dorchester preached at the evening service last Sunday, and at the close of the meeting a selection, "Would you believe," was rendered by a quartet, consisting of Walter Wilder, Milton Wilder, Ashbel Streeter and Miss Ina Wilder.

The Brotherhood met in the vestry last Sunday with a good attendance G. A. Seaver was elected vice presi dent in place of Clarence Stickney who resigned that position, and in the absence of Dr. Boynton, Mr. Seaver occupied the chair. A very interesting meeting was held and plans for further work was discussed.

The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by Miss Ina Wilder in the vestry at six o'clock last Sunday and sixteen were present. - At the regular business meeting six new members were added, and plans for the coming convention was discussed.

Perry W. Sawtelle has been confined o his home for a few days by an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Agnes Wilson is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis. Leo Russell has given up his position in Pepperell and is at present employed at Stickney's mill.

The cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bruce on Wednesday evening was largely attended, over thirty being present The service was conducted by Walter E. Wilder and the topic was "Faith."

Quite a party of Odd Fellows from this village joined with the party from the Center and enjoyed a sleighride Ashby Inn on Tuesday evening.

Frank Grimes, who has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. Eldredge, of lower Main street, returned to his home in Waldeboro, Me., on Wednes-

The meeting of the L. B. B. S. at the parsonage on Wednesday had a very large attendance. Dinner was served at noon to a party of twenty-two. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, were guests on that occasion.

Only three were in attendance at the reading-room of the Men's club on Tuesday evening, and after waiting in vain for other members to appear, the two officers and a guest closed up shop and went to their homes to study current events for the next meeting.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The West Townsend Brotherhood held their second public meeting at the Baptist vestry on last week Thursday evening, a chicken pie supper with all the fixings being served to forty-seven men, followed by a very interesting program. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Walter Calley, D. D., from Somerville, who proved a very witty and entertaining speaker and won great applause. Two solos, "The angel at the window," and "The rose-bud's mission," were beautifully rendered by Miss Alice Welch. The guest of the evening was Rev. J. H. Cox, from Dorchester, a former pastor here, who spoke on the motto of the Brotherhood, "The other fellow:"
The pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, also spoke very pleasingly, and rendered the selection of James Whitcomb Riley's, "A hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort of way," as appropriate to the occasion. Other speakers were Dr. R. S. Ely, Walter E. Wilder, Alexander Reed, and Carl B. Willard. Dr. H. B. Boynton, president, presided, and the room was very tastefully decorated with flags and hunting and the banguet was served. held their second public meeting at tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and the banquet was by the ladies of the Y. P. S. C. E.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our hearty thanks to our neighbors and friends who helped us by words of sympathy and deeds of kindness at the time of the death of our dear mother; also, for the heautiful flowers, and to Rev George M. Howe, who so kindly officiated at the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Northrup, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Folkins and daughter

Groton, Mass., February 6, 1912.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kincreditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ADRON WINSHIP late of Townsend 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 AICHARD McELLIGOTT of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February 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 twenty-second day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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3t20 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of William HENRY SPEAR late of Townsend 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 HENESS, HILDRETH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February 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 said 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 Snirit 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 estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

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

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3120 W. E. ROGERS. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. HOLDEN late of Shirley 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 MINNIE A. SHATTUCK who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her-official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February 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 said 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, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

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#### GROTON.

#### News Items.

Samuel P. Williams, for over twenty years tax collector for this town, and who gave up the office a few years ago, passed his eighty-fourth birthday on Monday, February 5. He still keeps up a lively interest in the times and his fellow citizens, although kept from reading by the condition of his eyesight. He was remembered by calls on his birthday.

The gentlemen's night social with the supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church last week Thursday was a grand success. The entertainment opened and closed with piano duets by Mrs. Sampson and Miss Lowe. The play "At the junction," was finely acted, and was very amusing. Visitors numbering over twenty were present from Littleton, Ayer and

The funeral services of Mrs. Rob-ert Northrup were held on Tuesday afternoon at her late residence, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patterson on Hollis street, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. Mrs. Northrup had been in feeble health for a long time, but the last illness was very brief. She died on Sunday morning, February 4. Mrs. Northrup is survived by two sons and a daughter, H. J. Folkins, Silas Northrup and Mrs. Allan Pat-terson, all of this town; also, nine grandchildren. The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

Six girls, who call themselves the T. H. S. club, and who are members of the junior class of the high school, were given, with their boy friends, a sleighride by Clarence Tuttle last week Friday. They went over differ-ent roads in town, down through Ayer and back again, stopping at Mr. Tuttle's house, where they were treated to an oyster supper, and later returned to their homes, having enjoyed greatly the merry good time.

A picture of Miss Nellie F. Hill, a Groton young woman who is a well-known settlement worker in Boston, appeared in the Boston American of Wednesday, February 7. Miss Hill does not take much stock in Prof. Allen Hoben, of Chicago university in his classification of lies. Miss Hill has had much experience in the training of girls and boys and says that in the Frances Willard settlement they teach that a lie is a lie, and that is the best way to do.

There were thirty-five from Groton grange visited Ayer grange on Wed-nesday evening. They report a grand time and find their Ayer grange friends progressive and full of talent.

The teachers of the Groton sewing school enjoyed a sleighride given by Mrs. John Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon. The sleighing was superb and Johnson's four-horse barge carried the fif.een ladies swiftly over the exhilarating drive, which took them to Shirley, then up toward Pepperell, and so on to the Townsend road back to Groton. About five o'clock the com-pany arrived at Mrs. Lawrence's, where they took tea. It was a delightful afternoon's pleasure.

The Reading club met on Wednes-day afternoon with Mrs. Fred W. Man-

Mrs. Myra Wetherbee, mother of the late Dr. Wetherbee, is a guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods. Mrs. Wetherbee has been spending the winter in Worces-

Mrs. W. A. Parkhurst received word on Tuesday of the severe illness of her only sister, Mrs. Frank Badger, of Lynn, and left on Thursday morning to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer, W. A. Sanderson, Mrs. Edith Kierstead, Misses Elsie and Dora Bailey, Miss Hattie Woods, Charles H. Berry and Mrs. Blanche Brown attended the Pomona grange meeting at North Leom-inster last week Thursday. Mr. Saw-the children and men of the families yer recited a short poem, "Dreams be honorary members. Several small ahead," and Miss Dora Bailey sang children were present with their All report a pleasant meeting, with a good program.

The Frederick Bishop family have moved into their new home on Main Same Adopted. street, formerly the J. W. Wetherbee The young n

The Misses Vickery, of Pleasant

quiring the attention of his physician, vey Woods, ex. com. The executive

O. J. Pairfield, of Little on, was present to give a talk on the talented writers of a Misses Front.

The young men of the town will give the shown a monwill had had had by Theyer's orchester

ton Village Improvement society at the Groton now included in the town of home of Mrs. Eduard B. Iranigan on Ayer. The land upon which the habi-Monday afternson, February 12, at 3.50 tation was first built was a part of the

G. H. Rockwood has resigned as fanitor of the Eaptist Curch. George pleasing writer, a fluent and a trac-S. Chase has taken the position.

The fire alarm on Sunday was occasioned by a burning chimney at the and incidents connected with the lives house of F. D. Lewis, on Chiconee row.

A. Barrows.

American states, was the topic taken of this interesting history, for it is

Mrs. Hindle, of Chelmsford, was a recent visitor at the home of her will enjoy going over it again, and daughter, Mrs. W. Charlton, on Champ-those who did not will be glad of the ney street, returning home last Sat-

The morning services at the Pan the cold weather.

is better. She is now able to slt up part of the day.

William Souther, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and Mrs. C. H. Berry are shut in with bad colds. Mrs. Charles Osgood is recovering from the same trouble.

Officers Installed.

The officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed by Mrs. Dunlap and suite of Pepperell on Friday evening, February 2. The noble grand-elect, Mrs. Mary Dresser Boynton, will be installed later. The officers that were installed are as fol-

Mrs. Blanche Brown, v. n. g.; Miss Lois Wright, treas.; Mrs. Effie Harrington, rec. sec.; Miss Clarissa Coburn, fin. sec.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, w.; Mrs. Alice Woods, con.; Mrs. Sarah Whiting, chap.; Mrs. Lella Nutting, r. s. n. g.; Miss Esise Bailey. r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Emma Porter, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Emma Porter, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Alice Miller, I. g.; George L. Boynton, o. g.

Light refreshments and a social hour followed the ceremony of installation. Visitors were present from the E. A. Spaulding lodge, of Townsend, and Vesta lodge, of Ayer.

. Special exercises followed the regular meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon in commemoration of William McKinley's birthday, which was on January 29. The program was prepared by Mrs. Maria A. Bowers, patriotic instructor. The selections given portrayed the life and character of this eminent man. His ancestry was told by Mrs. Alice P. Rockwood. Mrs. Whitebill continued with reference to his abilities in the various duties he discharged so well. This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Bessie Sherwin. Mrs. Emma Collier then contributed a testimonial of Mr. McKinley's service to the country in the in-

terests of peace and humanity.

A vocal solo, "Where the fiag is full of stars," was then rendered by Mrs. Grace Gibson. Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst gave an account of the devotion and tender affection bestowed on his invalid wife; his deeply religious nature. removed above all bigotry; and at the last his submissive and trustful death. A poem read by Mrs. Emma Blodgett and a piano solo by Miss Helen Bar-

rows, concluded the exercises. At the next meeting, February 20, there will be an observation of Lin-coln's and Washington's birthdays. After three o'clock the meeting will be open to invited guests.

#### Entertainment.

The Groton School orchestra will give a musical entertainment in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 24, commencing at eight o'clock. The program will consist of selections on violin and piano by the Misses Lawrence, and selections by a gentle-man soloist of fine ability. This en-tertainment will please the public and as it is given for the benefit of the District Nurse association, let every one respond as far as is possible. The entrance fee will be within the reach of all pocketbooks. The object is in the first rank of the most worthy in town. Help the good cause and enjoy the fine musicale of Saturday evening, February 24.

## Full Attendance.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. T. G. Smith last week Thursday afternoon with a full attendanceevery member present. This year being a Dickens' anniversary year, the club decided to take up readings from this author and made a beginning on Thursday, from Pickwick papers, Other social features with appetizing re-freshments as usual were enjoyed. It mothers at this meetings are held once a fortnight.

The young men's class connected with the Union Congregational church Sunday school, completed its organizastreet, attended last Saturday at his tion last Sunday. By a unanimous vote late home in Arlington, the funeral of the name "The Builders," was adopted their brother-in-law. Theodore Ey by the class. The officers elected for erett, of the Everett Press, Boston. He died on January 31, after a short illness from pneumonia.

H. W. Whiting and W. A. Errwn are on the sick list tals work, each re-The Alliance meeting was held on Committee also constitute the out now the extension of Christ's kingdom

## Historical Meeting.

than is usual. This was the result of hospital in Nas cha on Thursday for Dr. Albert M. Scattick was over the aunouncement that Edward A., over reason, who has been empored in the affective training to the aunouncement that Edward A., over reason, who has been empored in the affective training the first property of a house in old Groton blowed recently in Lowell, and is said brother, Grant W. Shattick, we all on what cid house he would, talk about non-Wednesday. Mrs. Powell has remarked in the control of the town in the control of the control of the town in the control of There will be a meeting of the Gro- but was once in a part of the old-time

original grant given Simon Willard.

Nr. Richardson is an easy and tive speaker. Close attention was given him as he related facts, figures of those who dwelt in this old house-The Book and Thimble club meet this in years whose dates were of 16-17-18 week Friday afternoon with Mrs. E. A. Barrows. Beliva, of the South American states, was the topic taken soon to be printed with illustrations

opportunity to peruse it. Nr. Eichardson brought with him a collection of veritable specimens of tist church were held last Sunday in handlwork, all made by members of the vestry. By a vote of the aureal the households occupying this households arrangement will continue during—linen towels, table cloths and other

society, followed Mr. Richardson and gave facts and data concerning several old village houses, such as the Alden Warren, the Abbot or Blanchard dwelling house, the Dana and Brazer houses, the Everett Gerrish house and the Groton Inn. She also spoke of buildings within the past year and persons of note who had passed through or visited Groton, such as President Taft and Gen. Leonard Wood.

Several business propositions were made and left open for future action. The business parts of the meeting were conducted by Lawrence Park, clerk, who read the minutes of pre-vious meeting, and Rev. G. M. Howe in the chair, who opened and closed the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard were new members voted in. The society is in a flourishing condition.

#### West Groton.

Eight couples from this village joined a barge load of young people from Groton school families on Monday evening of last week for enfoyment of the delightful sleighing. The ride was followed by supper at Squannacook house, West Townsend, and dancing till one o'clock.

On Friday evening, February 2, young people to the number of twentyfive were conveyed by McGowan's team to Memorial hall, Townsend, to attend the firemen's ball. They returned in the wee sma' hours, having enjoyed both ride and dance.

Rehearsals are in progress for an old folks' concert to be given under the auspices of the L. A. society. A number of very good voices under the competent direction of Miss Susie Hill make these rehearsals not only interesting and instructive, but very enjoyable.

The supper given by the L. A. society on Wednesday evening received the usual generous patronage. The social which followed was made interesting by games, proverbs, marching, etc., in charge of Mrs. Florence Briggs, a member of the literary committee.

Miss Olive Tarbell, of Brookline, was Sunday guest at her home here. Mrs. Dean, of New York, sister of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, is caring for the little family of children during a week's absence of their parents.

The chapel was well filled last Sunday morning and an appreciative audience listened with great interest to a discourse by Rev. Edward E. Aiken, of the South China mission. The speaker was in Chinese costume, black tunic over a blue robe. He spoke of the great good accomplished in China by the spread of the christian religion and emphasized the needs still to be supplied. The cause of foreign missions has an able advocate in Dr. Aiken.

Little Elliott Blood is making a good recovery from the whooping cough. The latest victim of the disease reported, is Porter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

F. E. Harrington, who has been quite ill with erysipelas for several weeks, returned to his work on Mon-

Daniel Markham, of Townsend, whose hand was badly enjured by machinery at the papermill about two years ago, is working at the leather her life in this town. She was the board mill. This is the first active daughter of Gerry and Martha (Spauldemployment in which Mr. Markham ing) Adams. She is survived by one has engaged since his injury.

Mrs. William MacChlerie is suffering from the effects of an accident West Groton, and Mrs. Sylvia Lancey, experienced some weeks ago. A bad of this town. She was a member of resulted in a severe in one eye, causing loss of sight, it is hoped but temporarily.

Mrs. Malvina Lane is recovering from an attack of indigestion from which she has suffered since Sunday. Mrs. George Gay died early Friday morning. Funeral services will be held from the house on Sunday at two o'clock.

Mrs. Edmund Blood's condition is weakness which threatened to overcome her.

W. B. Flewelling, of New Brunswick, boarding at H. Spaulding's, is confined to the house in care of his physician as the result of a severe strain rom lifting, combined with lumbago. Mrs. Harriet Bixby, who lives with er sister, Mrs. Joshua Bixby, became unconscious while dressing on Tuesday morning, and has since been quite

Mrs. Andrew Jarvis has been ill. but is reported better.

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William Kane, who has been in Fitchburg for some time, is at how

Word was received on Wednesday by Mrs. Martha Tarbell, of the death f her sister, Miss Jane Adams, of Lunenburg, who has been an invalid the excellent manner in which the defor some years.

Young ladies of West Groton will

nacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will stew. entertain in Squannacook hall on Th Wednesday evening February 14. Fol- judges of a dual entertainment, giving lowing is the personel of the com- the decision to the team in charge of pany: Eleanor Soule Hayden, organ Mrs. Woods. All report a very enjoy-chimes, xylophone, mandolin; Edita able evening.

Gertrude Wales, pianist; Edwin Byron Powell, violinist; Edith B. Arey,

J. S. Williams, of Framingham, and son, L. L. Williams, of Beverly, were recent guests for a few days at the home of A. F. Parkhurst, returning to their homes the first of the present week.

Mrs. Emma P. Shumway, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is better. She is now able to slt up part of the day.

ors and textures, a genuine indenture given in time of George II, slihopettes, etc., were all closely examined by many with much interest. At the close of his paper Mr. Richardson was given a rising vote of thanks, and unanimously voted in an honorary member of the society.

Miss Bouwell, the historian of the society, followed Mr. Richardson and hall. Entertainment at eight o'clock. hall. Entertainment at eight o'clock Tickets may be obtained in advance from C. K. Harrington, H. Spaulding Chester Hill, of West Groton, and E J. Kierstead and F. Patterson, of Gro

ton. The public are cordially invited

#### LUNENBURG.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Lura Williams, who has been at Resthaven hospital, Whalom, for two months, has so far recovered as to be able to return to her own home. Her convalescence is almost a sur-prise to her family for her illness was so severe and she was so exceedingly weak.

Myron E. Harvey, jr., conductor on the Fitchburg, Leominster and Ayer electric car, has moved into the H. L. Duren cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Francis and her mother took a trip to New York on Tuesday morning expecting to be gone about a week. They will attend the wedding of one of Mrs. Francis' sisters while there.

Invitations are out for the annual meeting of the Old Home Week association in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 10. It is hoped every family in town will be represented in this meeting and election of officers. Lunch will be served and a program given to halp make it interprogram given to help make it interesting. Every resident of the town is a member of this association, if they will only attend the meeting. No dues to pay.

first sermon before his new congre-gation, in the Broadway Baptist church, Cambridge, on last Sunday.

#### Presentation Made.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church met in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon and a goodly amount of work was accomplished. Mrs. Mary E. Sands, the president of the sewing circle, in behalf of the society, presented Mrs. A. T. Kempton, the pastor's wife and vice president of the organization, with a neat little package surmounted with beautiful fragrant carnations. Upon opening the package, Mrs. Kempton found one dozen solid silver teaspoons neatly engraved with a fine old English capital K on the front side of the handle, and on the reverse side were the initials "L. S. C." for Ladies' Sewing Circle. Mrs. Kempton, though completely surprised, very feelingly thanked the la-dies for their beautiful present, and described her new home in Cambridge, to which they expect to remove in the early spring.

orrhage which she suffered last Sunday. She was born in Lunenburg on December 28, 1842, and had spent all her life in this town. She was the brother, Albert Adams, of Shirley, and two sis ers, Mrs. Walter Tarbell, of West Groton, and Mrs. Sylvia Lancey, the Congregational chur funeral will be held there on Saturday, February 10.

## Grange Notes.

ley grange on Tuesday evening, one new member was taken in by demit and one application for membership was received. The feature of the lecreported as unchanged, despite the turer's hour was a debute, Resolved, "That the rural free delivery is more important to the farmer than the telephone"; affirmative, Mrs. J. Walker Ward and William Jubb; negative, Mrs. Luther E. Holden and Futh M. Mrs. Luther r. fiolish and rince of Graves. Both sides gave some very interesting arguments, but the judges, Merrick W. Carcy, George Farmer and Mrs. John W. Evans, finally decided in favor of the affirmative. After the debate, the question was discussed by several of the members. The meeing closed with readings by Ora E. Holden and N. Otis Colliurn.

at North Lemminster last week; and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. thur R. Cummings, Elde M. Ho Etta M. Holden, N. O is Colburn, Will iam Jubb.

Twenty-nine members of Shirley grange att nded the meeting of Ave erange on Wednesday evening. Th grange on Wednesday evening. third degree was worked on a class of candidates by the ladies' degree team of Shirley grange. The work was done admirably and Miss Margaret Evans the master, deserves much credit for gree work was carried out. The team was made up as follows:

toung ladies of west Groton will was made up as follows: hold a dance in Squannacook hali on Monday evening, February 12. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

A Musical Treat to be Given.

The Hayden concert company, of Boston, under the auspices of Squannacook lodge. I. O. O. F. M. U. will stew.

The Shirley members served as

reader. This company is recognized Petersburg. At one o'clock in the as one of the leading concert and ly-morning the principal streets are genceum attractions and is noted for erally crowded and many of the thearticles, woolen cloth of different col- high-class programs and genuinely ar- aters do not open before midnight.

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Men's 50c. Heavy fleeced Double breast

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Drawers to Match Marked to 37c.

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Rev. A. T. Kempton preached his

During the business session

#### Death.

Miss Lucy J. Adams, who has made her home at A. J. Hoisington's, Brookside farm, since selling her cottage last fall, has not been quite as well of late, and on Sunday evening she had quite a severe cerebral hemorrhage. She sold her home last year because of increased feebleness and advancing years, which made it unsafe and un

wise for her longer to care for herself On Wednesday morning she died from the effects of the cerebral hem-

## SHIRLEY.

At the last regular meeting of Shir-

The following members of Shirley

Late hours are the rule in St.

Regular - 50c.

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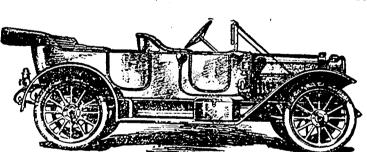
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#### AYER

News Items. Glenn, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Haggett (nee Florence Smith) of Everett, had a bad fall on the stairs last Monday night and has been very ill in consequence. Her face was badly bruised, but it is hoped she will not be permanently disfigured, and that she will soon recover from the shock of the accident.

Miss Marion Weber, who has been visiting by invitation the Perkins institute for the blind; also, friends in Cambridge and Melrose, returned last week to Groton. Her glasses were destroyed when her home was burned, and she has been refitted and examined by the eye specialist in Boston who assures her that her eyes are improving constantly, which is very gratifying to all concerned.

Little Rachel Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner, has been desperately ill with pneumonia. Two trained nurses are in attendance. It is thought that the crisis has passed.

Moman's

The decision in the civil suit brought by William W. T. Pearson, of Ayer, against the Haynes-Piper Company for personal injuries sustained by the plaintiff while employed at the fac-tory of the defendant company, was filed by associate justice John M. Maloney on Tuesday. The court finds for the plaintiff for \$150, stating that the plaintiff was injured while in the exercise of due care, and that the defendant was negligent in not properly having its trap door fastened, through which the plaintiff fell and received injuries. The Haynes-Piper Company will appeal the case to the superior

At the Y. P. R. U. last Sunday evening there was a very interesting proing there was a very interesting program. Miss Lily Baker was leader, Dickens, February 7. The following Miss Madolin Whitney gave a fine piano solo, Miss Myrtle Smith was Lawrence, Mrs. Emma M. Wood, Mrs. pianist and Miss Whitney read Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, Mrs. Lacie A. San-Beatley's story of the work of her Sunday school in the Church of the Mabel Puffer, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Policy Republic C. Parking Sunday school in the Church of the Disciples. On next Sunday, Miss Moore, the seventh grade teacher, will give the address on Edward Everett

The Baptist ladies will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Tues-day, February 13, from three to five o'clock, and a valentine social in the

o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. Lois Porter, on Washington street. A full attendance is desired.

On Monday afternoon, February 12, Lincoln's birthday, the life and deeds of the martyr president, will be refer-red to in connection with the studies in the public schools, particularly in those studies of a historical nature.

On next Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will conduct a food sale in the lower town hall from three to five o'clock. There will be a valentine social in the

The men of the M. E. church will at 5.30 o'clock. The menu includes clain chowder, steamed clams, beans, bread, pies, cake and coffee.

Local moth superintendent, D. W. Mason, intends getting after the brown tail moth nests next week, providing he can get climbers to assist in doing

Mrs. William U. Sherwin went to risay nospital, Boston, Wednesday and was to be operated upon Friday afternoon, February 9, for hernia and gallstones.

Mr. and Mrs Charles Wood, of Worcester, and two children were in town on Tuesday on a visit with her par-ents. Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sher-

On last Saturday evening, Dr. Walker, of Boston, a specialist, came and performed a slight operation on Basketball. right ear of Robert Sanderson, son of Judge and Mrs. Geo. A. Sanderson.

bed for several days, is a very sick

Dr. Hopkins has from fifty to sixty cases of measles and here, as else-

Mrs. Maie A. Carley, president of the Ayer Current Events club, attended the State Federation meeting in Boston, Taursday, and reports a very interesting and instructive program.

A splendid program to commemorate A splendid program to commemorale Abraham Lincoin has been arranged for Monday, February 12, at eight o clock at the town hall. Distinguished speakers, patriotic tableaux and songs hake up the program. The whole is under the auspices of George S. Boutwell post, W. R. C. and Capt. George V. Barret, camp. S. of V. It is intended as a worthy recognition of the "first great American," and is entirely free to the public.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds has diphtheria and the house is output of the other children. The other children is output of the second period the visitors second.

I from the floor.

From the start to the finish the score was very closs, with the home taken some has held at his home last saturday afternoon, and were performed by Rev. John P. Whintey of the contest. During the last regluar period by Rev. John P. Whintey of the contest. During the last regluar period by Rev. John P. Whintey of the contest. During the last regluar period by Rev. John P. Whintey of the start it was impossible at times to have a summary of the fars was so loud and continuate the fars was

Reynolds has diphtheria and the house is quarantined. The other children who were going to school before the nature of the disease was known have been kept from school and will remain at home till the danger of contagion has passed. This is the only case of diphtheria so far as known in town at the present time.

The remains of William J. Brady, whose early life was spent in Groton, were taken here for interment in St Mary's cemetery on Monday. He was the son of the late John Brady, of that town. His mother, Mrs. Mary Brady, is now a resident of Stoneham, where the body was taken for the funeral services previous to being sent here for burial. Mr. Brady was drowned while hathing with a party from the U. S. S. South Carolina, in Guadena Bay, Cuba, on January 23.

He had been in the United States navy for sixteen years and had been promoted to the rank of quartermaster and was thirty-three years of age. The family is well-known among the older residents of Ayer.

#### Death.

Mrs. Bertha C. Richards, a former resident of Ayer, died on Thursday of last week of heart disease at her home in Penacook, N. H. Mrs. Richards was a native of Washington, Me. where she was born on April 20, 1849. Mrs. Richards and Mr. Richards, her husband, lived here about three years and left for Penacook last June, where they have since lived.

She leaves her husband, one sister, She leaves her husband, one sister;
Mrs. R. J. McNeill, of Tenants Harbor, Me., seven children, Mrs. Mary
E. Edgecomb, of Appleton, Me.; Annie
C. Brasier, of South Waldoboro, Me.;
James F. Richards and Isaac F. Richards of Penacook N. H.: Samuel D. center still showed he had his eye

#### Woman's Club.

An afternoon with Dickens proved to be a very interesting meeting of the Ayer Woman's club and guests on Wednesday afternoon, the program being in charge of Mrs. Clara F. Hill, chairman of the literature committee. Eleven members of the Monday club, of Townsend, were guests of the club. Mrs. Grace Lentz and Miss Ethel Andrew gave a mandolin duet with Miss Mabel Sargent as accompanist. Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly gave an excellent paper, "An appreciation of Dickens."

Then came the play, "Cricket in the hearth," in three acts, which was much members of the club. The parts were all remarkably well taken, and the audience will long remember the pleasant and profitable afternoon with Daisy Beckford, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins. Music was furnished by Miss Ethel Andrew between the acts. Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow and Mrs. Daisy Beck-Rev. A. Judson Rich will preach on ford served dainty refreshments to the Sunday in the Unitarian church. His members of the Monday club at the topic will be "The worlding and the close of the meeting.

Died in Worcester, February 5, Mrs. Mary Ann Warren, aged 75 yrs. 7 dys. Mrs. Warren was born in Baltimore, Md., and was the daughter of Hezekiah tarian church will meet on Tuesday afternoon, February 13, at three o'clock, at the home of the president the Boston Tuesday the Boston Tuesday are president to the Boston Tuesday the Boston Tuesday was for many years connected with the Boston Tuesday the Bost death occurred some ten months ago, since when her health has been slowly declining, until she quietly fell asleep at five o'clock last Monday afternoon. Of the three children born to them, but one son survives, and it was with this son George and wife that Mr. and Mrs. Warren spent the last years of their lives, surrounded by every attention and comfort.

Funeral services were held at the son's home, 6 Freeland street, Worcesson's nome, o Freeland street, worcester, on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, conducted by the Episcopal clergyman, who had long been a friend of the family. The funeral party serve a supper in the lower town hall were joined at Huntington Avenue sta-on Wednesday evening, February 14. tion, Boston, by relatives and friends tion, Boston, by relatives and friends in that vicinity on Wednesday after-

this town, and in earlier life visited cften at their homes. Her own residence in Boston was for many years the stopping place for relatives in this vicinity who were visiting in Boston. Her hospitality and that of her mother, "Aunt Rebecca," who lived with her many years, was cor-dial and hearty. Her passing was like

her whole life, peaceful and tranquil. Beside the son and wife who have so tenderly ministered to her, three granddaughters and a little great-

## granddaughter mourn her loss.

The largest and most interested crowd of the season witnessed the Nils Petersson, employed at the cuttery works of Robert Murphy & fastest and most exciting contest in the local history of the game in the sons, who has been confined to his town hall last week Friday evening when the victory was awarded the crack Leominster high school team over the Civic club five by a score of 2 to 23. At the end of the second where, they have had a great run. It is said that there have been in all a hundred cases, if not more. till either one had gained two points. To Deady, the star center of the visiting team, was due the victory, he scoring one point on a basket from a foul and a few minutes later getting two more points by throwing a basket from the floor.

points, the score being 15 to 13. In the second period the visitors scored ten points to their opponents eight, ticing the score.

Sullivan scored the most points for the local team with a total of fifteen one of the baskets being thrown from a difficult angle, which brought down the house. Garland, of the visitors. also made a fine basket from the floor which gained him well merited applause. Deady and Merrick carried off the honors for the Leominster boys with ten points each. The summary: CIVIC CLUB LEOMINSTER

The other contest was between the Leominster high second and the Ayer high school teams. Ayer high won easily, scoring 37 points to 9 by their rivals. Donahue was nearly the whole show for Ayer with a total of twenty-three points in his favor. The playing of the visitors was devoid of special interest. The summary:

AYER HIGH LEOMINSTER

James F. Richards and Isaac F. Richards, of Penacook, N. H.; Samuel D. Richards and Mrs. Sadie A. Flanders, of South Waldoboro, and Mrs. Lillian Lawton, of this town. The funeral was held last Monday in South Waldoboro a total of eighteen points. The sum-

ì	mary:
	AYER HIGH CRESCENTS
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	Fillebrown, lfrb, McIntire Donahue, cc. Kendall
1	Brown, rb
	Score—Crescents 36 Aven block on
١.	QUAIS ITOM HOOF. ROWLER PHILADRONS
	Donahue S. McIntire, Kendall 6, Roberts 9, Mondville, Goals from fouls,
	Donahue, McIntire, Kendali, Bowler, Referee, Waters,

#### Were Successful

The committee of the Board of Trade which was appointed to confer with the Boston and Maine officials in regard to restoring the time of the arrival of the local freight from Boston to its original schedule, has met with success. The cars carrying freight for the merchants are now attached to a through freight, which arrives here at 3.15 in the afternoon as formerly. By a recent change the time of the arrival of this train was merchants inconvenience as they could not get their goods to their places of business until the following morning.
The weekly credit system to freight bills has also been secured through the above organization

#### Verdict for Defendants.

The jury in the civil session of the superior court at East Cambridge on Thursday brought in a verdict for the defendant in the cases of Mary A. Beverly, of Ayer, vs. E. J. Richards, of Fitchburg, and Gilman P. Beverly, of prices: Ayer, vs. the same. The actions were ones of tort. The first was to recover \$5.00 Pant compensation for personal injuries re-ceived by Mrs. Beverly through being run into by the defendant's automobile near Sandy pond nearly two years ago. The second suit was brought by Mr. Beverly for the expenses incurred by him in connection with Mrs. Beverly's illness. Lyman K. Clark, of this town, was counsel for the plain-tiffs and Walsh and Walsh, of Fitchburg, for the defendant.

John Chaptier, of Worcester, appeared on Wednesday morning before the district court to answer to a complaint of assault with intent to murder Andru Jarski, of the same city, at Shirley last Saturday. Probable cause was found to believe him guilty, and he was held for the grand jury at the Warch session in \$1,000 bail, which was furnished.

The balance of our Stock of Men's and Youths' Overcoats in all the latest shades and styles.

in that vicinity on Wednesday afternoon and hacks taken for Forest Hills
cemetery, where interment was made
in the family lot.

Mrs. Warren was a relation of O.

K., and the late George B. Pierce, of
this town, and in earlier life vicited.

West Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg,
Leominster and Ayer will unite for a
rally at the Leominster Methodist
church on Monday, February 12. Some
of the district officers are expected to
be present. There will be a good
this town, and in earlier life vicited.

Hon. Edwin L. Curtis, a member of the Massachusetts Civil Service com-mission, delivered a very interesting address before the members of the Board of Trade on Wednesday evening on "The civil service legislation of the commonwealth." The speaker traced the history of the civil service idea from its beginning and the benefits resulting from putting the idea in to legislation. Lunch was served.

Representative Edward Fisher, of Westford, who looks after the interests of this district in the lower branch of the legislature, has been appointed on the committee of five members of the house of representatives to investigate the Lawrence strike.

The sewing sphool responses on Sat-

The sewing school re-opens on Saturday afternoon,

urday afternoon.

This district nurse committee has been appointed in the Woman's club: Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Mary J. Farr. Mrs. Sacie Sanders. Mrs. Edith Hassam, Mrs. Annie Sanderson, Mrs. A. M. Sargent.

These club women attended the midwinter meeting of the federation in Park Street church. Boston, on Thursday: Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, Mrs. Sasan, M. Parker, Miss Clara E. Biood, Mrs. Sasan, M. Parker, Miss Clara E. Biood, Mrs. A. S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Alice F. Birterfield, Mrs. Male A. Carley, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. A. M. Sargent.

The moving picture show this week

The moving picture show this won-to be featured by "Colleen Bawa three-reel picture of Dion Bour ault's play. This picture has som great success wherever shown at show they had quite a hard time to secure it. Three filustrated songs will be sung by a Boston singer, besides two other reals of pictures that will be shown.

many beautiful flowers.

At St. Andrew's church on Sunday the services will be as follows: 10.15 a.m., morning prayer and sermon, Sunday school at twelve. The confirmation service announced for March 22 has been changed to Friday, March 15 A confirmation class will meet every Sunday at twelve o'clock at the church

Grange.

The most enthusiastic and largest attended meeting of the Ayer grange since its organization was held in its quarters in Dickinson's block on Wednesday evening. About two hundred local and visiting grangers were present and they were well repaid for their attendance.

At the regular business meeting the third and fourth degrees were conferred, the first mentioned by the ladies' degree team of Shirley grange. The work of the Shirley grange. The work of the Shirley grange. The work of the Shirley staff was of a very high order and the members were the recipients of kryst praise from those who witnessed their fine floor work. The master expecially deserves praise for the smeeth manner in which every part of the smanner in which every part of the smanner in which every part of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of the size of the size of the smanner in which every part of the size of

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	Your choice from any of our Coat Style Negligee Shirts as follows: \$1.50 Earl & Wilson and Cluett Makes Shirts
	\$1.15 \$1.00 Stag and Congress Makes Shirts
	50c. Negligee Shirts
	WINTER CAPS
	All our Men's and Boys' Winter Caps to close at cut prices.
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	Men's and Boys' 50c. Caps.       39¢         Boys' 25c. Caps.       19¢
	MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS
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	One Lot Men's \$1.00 Driving Gloves 69¢

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work passed off. They were given a rising vote of thanks for their work when completed. The harvest march then followed with Ardje A. Adams, master of the Shirley grange, and his wife in the lead.

The competitive entertainments were then in order. The two sides, one headed by Mrs. Emma Woods and the other by Walter C. Winslow, tried hard to get the reward of excellence, and at the conclusion, Mrs. Woods was declared the winner by the judges, who were members of the Shirley grange. As a result the loser must furnish the supper for the next meeting, that being the agreement when the contest was started. Although Mr. Winslow's side lost, it was no disparagement to his entertainment. In fact hots was considered a little the better.

At the conclusion of the entertainment a short social time was spent. Members were present from Littleton, Harvard Shirley, Westford, Pitchburg, Groton, Pepperell, New Hampshire and Maine, every one seeming to take advantage of the good sleighing and a good clear night.

## New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of MAPIA E. RENNETT late of
Townsend in said County, deceased.
Whereas RICHARD MEELLIGOTT
special administrator of the estate of
said deceased, has presented to said
Court his petition for authority to pay
from the personal estate in his hands
certain debts of the deceased shown
by the list of debts filed with said
petition.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge,
in said County, on the twenty-sixth
day of February A. D. 1912, at nine
o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause,
if any you have why the same should

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And that is what most of them get, says a correspondent of Recreation; also if you'll watch the owner handle the gun and the rifle you'll find there is a big difference. With the gun built for him he keeps his head up and his eve on the target. With the rifle he puts his head down and hunts for the sights and even then complains of overshooting. It doesn't occur to him that this is due to the too high modern front sight and the too straight stock.

There is one way to remedy this latter difficulty without giving up your last cent to have a special stock built for you. Simply have the tangs on the rifle frame bent down until you have the drop that you want-i. e., the one that brings the sights in line so that you wouldn't be bothered where you wouldn't see the sights, but could see the outline of the game.

I have had this done on several of my rifles. It cost something less than \$1, and last fall every guide and native from New Brunswick to the Smokies that saw and handled my 38-55 H. V. wanted it. They all spoke they didn't know why they did. I believe it will pay any hunter who is the matter and see if he can have his rifle altered in this way.

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Where can I buy an aeroplane, and what will it cost me?

New machines cost from \$5,000 to \$7,500, although the Santos-Dumont Demoiselle can be bought for \$1.200. In importing machines into this country there are extra charges, duty, freight, etc., which amount to 50 per cent of the original cost. So much for the machine.

But this is not all. You must be prepared to take lessons in flying and spend as much time as may be necessary to become proficient. Mr. Farman has said that the aeroplane breakage made by the average man in learn ing to fly amounts to nearly \$2,000 and that to avoid dangers and to prevent accidents a man should have at least sixty trips in the air under the instruction of a competent teacher before he takes control of the machine himself.

Regular schools have been established abroad at Chalons, Pau, Buc, Etampes, Mourmelon, Lyons, Juvisy, Issy and Mouzon. Hundreds of flights are being made every week.

## HOW TO KEEP HAIR IN CURL.

One Woman's Way, by Which She Can Defy Fog, Mist and Rain.

Most women agree with the ancients in thinking that those whom the gods love have curly hair, and it is perhaps because they want to seem to be favorites of the gods that so many fog, the mist and the rain are then

The women who have to a way to combat these unkind in states by keeping their hair in curl even during damp, humid weater are frequently regarded with to do so, says a woman with the wally straight locks never come out of curl, is a simple matter.

This woman keeps on her dressing table in an air tight jar the white of an egg, diluted with water to three times its bulk. Then at night, preparatory to curling, she passes a comb saturated with this mixture through its length.

As soon as this is done each strand is twisted tightly like a cord and wrapped around a curling kid.

## How to Clean Bamboo.

Now that bamboo furniture is used so universally a suggestion about cleaning it may not go unnoticed. This cleansing should be done with soap and warm water to which sait has him, when he was least expecting it. been added. And the mixture must be put on with a brush and then wiped off with clean rags until the article is dry and glistens. Ordinary laundry soap will remove the natural gloss of the wood and leave it dull if salt is not

## How to Clean With Gasoline.

If you do not want to make rings on naterial cleaned with gasoline, naphtha or other cleansing fluids, put blotting paper underneath or hold the fabric rather tightly over a thick Turkish towel or folded pads of cheesecloth or other soft material. If this is neglected the dirty fluid soaks into the material, fails to be absorbed and spreads badly.

## How to Make Scallops.

There is an important point in regard to making scallops. That is, after the scallop is made and cut out go all over it again with a tiny buttonhole stitch. This prevents fraying and gives body and finish to the scallop.

How to Make a Cough Remedy. For a cough make a plain taffy and add a little cayenne pepper to the sugar before boiling it. Children will take this when they will take no other Making the King's Bed.

Among the duties of the yeomen of the guard in the olden times was the singular one of making the king's bed every night and searching it for any dangerous weapon that might be concealed therein to the detriment of his majesty's sacred person. First one of these stalwart soldiers had "to tumble up and down" the mattress. Then "the esquire for the body" took the sheets and rolled them on his arm or "stripped" them through his hands. Whenever the yeomen touched the bedclothes they had to make the sign of the cross and kiss the place, which must have rather prolonged the ceremony! Finally, when the bed had been made, with much quaint but interminable "ritual," the said esquire sprinkled it with holy water, and then the martial bedmakers retired to a supper provided for them "without the traverse"-i. e., across the corridor.

Henry VIII. greatly embellished the yeomen's costume and presented them with cloth of gold horse cloths valued at £5 a yard. His first queen, Katherine of Aragon, by the way, had a bodyguard all to herself, which, after her divorce, passed into the service of Anne Boleyn.-Richard Davey's "The Tower of London."

Willing to Be Martyrs. Some years ago a French tradesman stated that he wished to be guillotined instead of a murderer who had been condemned to death. Of course the authorities declined to do as he wished, and he went away vowing that he would give his life for some one else later on.

A Russian peasant who was noted of the way the sights aligned, but for his quiet plety offered to be shot in order to save a revolutionary who was awaiting the carrying out of the death troubled with overshooting to look into penalty. This, he said, was not done out of any sympathy for the accused, but merely to show his disapproval of the principle of taking lives of criminals.

Probably the most extraordinary case for whom the police were searching. When the matter was investigated it was found that the self accused man had nothing whatever to do with the crime. "No." he said. "you're right. I'm not the murderer, but my wife leads me such a miserable life at home that I thought I would escape from

Queen Elizabeth and Her Portraits. The modern grievance of the illusrious against the photographer of the haifpenny paper has a parailel as far back as the early part of Queen Elizabeth's reign, when her minister, Cecil, issued a proclamation against the circulation of ill favored likenesses of her majesty. It stated that, as her majesty had perceived "a great number of her loving subjects to be much grieved with the errors and deformities" displayed in many popular portraits of herself, she had been pleased, "being herein, as it were, overcome with the continual requests of so many of her nobility and tords, to command that some cunning person should shortly make a portrait of her person or visage to be participated to others for the comfort of her loving

## Scottish Names.

No country has experienced the difficulty arising from the commonness of one surname in a district more intensewomen curl their hair artificially. The ly than Scotland. With a whole countryside populated by Campbells, Fralooked upon as the evil genii of nature. sers or Gordons, some more distinguishing nomenclature had to be And no doubt this was the chief reason why at one time men were always known by the name of their estate or farm. Dean Ramsay remembered an old cowherd who was always known as Boggy. His real name was Sandy Anderson, but he had once owned a wretched farm called Boggendreep, and he was Boggy to the day of his death.

The X Ray.
The X ray, so called, was discovered on Oct. 8, 1895, by Professor W. C. Roentgen. The professor was experimenting with a Crookes vacuum tube. electrically excited, and enveloped in a black covering, when he noticed that some of the rays proceeding from the tube passed through the black paper and affected a fluorescent screen some two or three yards away. In such way did his great discovery come to

## Persistent.

"Our Tommy," said the boy's mother, "ought to make a success in life. He shows great determination to stick to anything he undertakes.'

"Does he?" queried the proud father. "Yes." she replied. "Why, he put in the whole day making soap bubbles and trying to tie a string to them."-Chicago News.

"What is this 'wanderlust' you read of so often as compelling people to leave home?

"I don't know," replied Mr. Cumrox: "but, judging from my observation of people who have it, 'wanderlust' is German for 'creditors.' "-Washington

He Was Manager. "What do you do for a living,

Mose?" "I's de manager ob a laundry."

"What's the name of this laundry?" "Eliza Ann." - Louisville Courier-

Worry, whatever its source, weakens, takes away courage and shortens life.

#### LITTLETON.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, Rev. O. J. Fairfield will preach on the subject, "The church of the modern spirit and its claims upon our loyalty.'

The King's Daughters voted to hold their annual Easter sale on Saturday, March 30, which will be held at the Baptist vestry this year.

The leader for the Guild at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening will be Rev. O. J. Fairfield, and the topic will be "Loyalty."

Set tubs and plumbing is being done at the Phelps place by Mr. Phelps, of Bellows Falls, Vt.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dix on, of Lowell, was brought here for burial on Tuesday. Mrs. Dixon was formerly Ida Felch and was born in Next week Thursday evening comes

the postponed miscellaneous entertainment under the auspices of the older Backlog members. Mrs. Clarence Needham, of Waver-

ley, was an over Sunday guest at Osmon Needham's. Miss Cora W. Davis was with rela-

tives over Sunday and the first of the week in Lawrence and Bradford. F. B. Priest is having his home wired for electric lighting.

Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield spoke before the Groton Woman's Alliance last week Thursday afternoon. The King's Daughters' circle voted to have a sleighride next Tuesday, if pleasant, if not, on Wednesday, going to Groton Inn. There will be three

pungs to take the members.

#### L. W. C.

The Browning peems to be read at the Woman's club on Monday afterncon are "A toccata of Galuppi's," an old Venetian master of music-the poem is an interpretation of what his music tells us of the life of bygone Venice; the second poem, "Abt Volger." has been called the fullest, richest and deepest poem on music in the on record was that of a Quebec citizen language. Volger was a noted com-who bassed himself off as a murderer poser of the eighteenth century, and he inventor of the modern organ. Master Hughes of Saxe Gotha," also a monologue christened after an imaginary composer and consists of a running comment on one of his fugues as performed by the organist of some unnamed church. Many humorous touches in it forbid us taking too serithat I thought I would escape from ously his condemnation of the possimatrimonial wretchedness by getting ble merits of a fugue. The poem, "The founder of the feast," is the personal tribute of Browning to a musician o his day and to the feast of musical sounds that is spread for each one of us daily,

ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE.

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S. A. Stid. of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several does of Dr. Kings' New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me," Use only this quick, safe reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any threat or lung trobule. Price 50c. and \$1,00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by William Brown, Ayer.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in any of the real estate of ALENANDER D. COOPER at a county, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, JENNIE M. COOPER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that she as the widow of said deceased, is entitled to take five thousand dollars and one half of the remaining personal, and one half of the remaining personal, and one half of the remaining real property of said deceased; that the personal estate is insufficient to pay the said five thousand dollars and that the whole amount of the estate of said deceased does not exceed in value the sum of five thousand dollars over and above the amount necessary to pay debts and charges of administration; and praying that the whole of the real estate which is described in said petition may be assigned and set out to her by the Court according to law, to provide for said deficiency, at a value of Eighteen Hundred dollars, or at such other value as may be fixed by said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said Court, and finy ou have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witessex, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

About Town.



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To all persons interested in any of
the real estate of MARGARET LEAHY
late of Harvard in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas, JOHN LEAHY of Harvard
in the County of Worcester, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that he as the husband of
said deceased is interested in the real
estate of said deceased in this Commonwealth; that the whole of the estate of said deceased does not exceed
in value the sum of five thousand dollars over and above the amount necessary to pay the debts and the charges
of administration; and praying that
the whole of the real estate which is
described in said petition may be assigned and set out to him at a value
to be fixed by said Court, according to
law.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twentieth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LAURA A. HILDRETH late of Townsend 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 CHARLES W. HILDRETH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of Pebruary 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 said 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 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 estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this twenty-third day of January in the year enthousand nine hundred and twelve, atto. W. E. ROUEUS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM HENRY SAWYER late of Littleton in said County, de-ceased.

estate of WILLIAM HENRY SAWYER late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament—and one codici—of said deceased lave been presented to said Court for probate, by EDWARD HENTON BRENAN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of February 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 said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County 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 estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and tweive, 3t20

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Miss Taft's Fondness For Brown.

Pink and brown are the White House colors. Helen Taft prefers brown and constantly uses it as a theme in her dresses. Her mother clings to pink. The president's daughter looks very attractive in a rough brown homespun suit, the skirt a modified "hobble" with ample proportions for a graceful stride. and the coat semifitting and trimmed in dark brown velvet as to cuffs and collar. She has a beautiful golden afternoon gown built on brown messaline. with touches of old rose and gold in the underlining, while the main material is filet almost completely covered in wrought designs of thick brown silk. She has a natty brown fur coat, and with it she wears a fur turban with one big red rose on the right side. Mrs. Taft likes the old fashioned china Wish to call your at- pink more than any of the more modern bues, such as rose, shell and salm-Taft is of heavy satin in peachblow. embroidered in deeper shades of pink.

> Choice of a Wife. Jeremy Taylor very aptly summed

up his opinion of the unwise choice of a wife in the following words: "A very fool is he that chooses for beauty principally. His eyes are witty, but his soul is sensual. It is an ill band of affection to tie two hearts together by a little thread of red and white."

These are indeed true sentiments, and the man is both unwise and unlucky who merely selects his wife because she is a pretty girl. Prettiness alone never yet made for happiness. The girl who can be a true friend, a devoted companion and a loving wife is worth a great deal more to her husband than "the little thread of red and white" which the old time divine condemns.

When the Grapes Hang High. To paraphrase the rhyme "Every thing is lovely and the goose hangs everything is right up to the

moment in fruit decorations when the

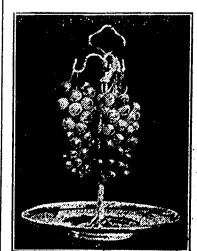


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SILVER GRAPE HANGER.

grapes hang high on a silver holder made expressly for the purpose. other words, it is the latest way of arranging the big. luscious bunches of hothouse grapes when they are used as a table centerpiece.

#### The Fire Bag.

Every whaler and sealer that sailed the seas in the days of wooden ships carried a fire bag. This was a tarpaulin bag about a foot long and six inches wide lined with waterproof material, with interlinings of olicloth and thick fiannel. Into this was placed the fint and tinder box for kindling fire, and the hag was then securely fastened with double flaps and tied to keep its contents dry. It was the special duty of the second mate to look after the fire bag and in case of shipwreck to attack it at once to his person by means of stout straps provided for the purpose. Thus if officers and crew were cast away on some deserted shore in the desolate arctic circle the means of obtaining a fire to warm themselves by and to heat food and drink would not be wanting as long as the precious fire bag was safe.

The steam whalers and sealers of the present day still carry a fire bag stowed in the lifeboat with the bread and water, but now it is of rubber and contains half a dozen tin boxes of matches. -New York Press.

Hanged the Clever Forger. Of curious petitions against the death penalty being enforced one recalls the eighteenth century case of William Lyland, who was sentenced for forging a bill for £7,114 on the East India House. The forgery was a work of art. No less than thirty signatures were imitated, and at the trial not one of the victims could swear that the signature was not his own. However, with the help of the paper manufacturers Ryland's guilt was brought home. Then came the petition of his friends. So clever a man ought never to be hanged, they pleaded. His craftsmanship should save him. It gained him a respite. He was allowed to finish a fine engraving he had begun, but nothing more. Though the engraver was a farorite of George III., that king quite failed to see how a forgery could be excused on the ground that it was a clever forgery.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Soap and Water Cure. The traveler in the Himalayas must be prepared for surprises. Two days after the Hon. C. G. Bruce had reached Mana he received a message from a young lady saying that ever since she had seen him on the day of his arrival she had been ill. "I was very much hurt, I allow," says Major Bruce in "Twenty Years In the Himalayas." During the course of a short but interesting career no such snub had ever been administered to my self respect. I said, 'But can't I do anything?' She said. 'Yes; wash your face and let me have the water.' So we got hot water and soap, and she sat on a rock to see that there was no deception. The water, or, rather, the decoction, was then put into a long tumbler, and she then and there drank it all! What is more, the next day she sent word that she was quite cured."

Four Hundred Years Before Peary. The north pole is the place of great est dignity in the world, and the people who dwell near it "have a wonderful excellency and an exceeding prerogative above all nations of the earth." How blessed we may think this nation to be, for they are in perpetual light and never know what darkness meaneth, by the benefit of twilight and full moons, as the learned in astronomy do very well know. which people, if they have the notice of their eternity by the comfortable light of the gospel, then are they blessed and all of nations most blessed. Why then do we neglect the search of this excellent discovery, against which there can be nothing said to hinder the same?-From Hakiuyt's Voyage (Sixteenth Century).

An III Fated City.

The ill fated Sicilian city of Messina was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and greatly damaged by another in 1783. In 1743 the plague carried off nearly half of its inhabitants. In 1784 the city was visited by a terrible quake and tidal wave, which finished its destruction. in fact, it would be difficult to find anywhere a city with a more mournful history than Messina, which has been practically destroyed twenty-one times during the past 3,000 years.

Below the Average.
Apropos of loss of friends somebody vas saying one day before Morgan, the great calculator of lives, that they had lost so many friends, mentioning the number, in a certain space of time. upon which Morgan, coolly taking down a book from his office shelf and looking into it. said, "So you ought, sir. and three more."-Thomas Moore.

Willing to Risk It. Uncle-My dear boy, it's a fact that the bacilli on paper money have caused many a death before now. Nephew-Well, uncle, you might let me have a

few notes. I'm very tired of life.-Fliegende Blatter. A Thousand Refusals. Kate-That Bragson girl claims to have made a thousand refusals of mar-

riage. Ethel-That's true. When Gus asked her to be his wife she replied, "No. a thousand times, no!"-Boston

Transcript.

Exaggerated Ego. One of the hardest things in this world for the sixteen candle kind of man to do is to keep from mistaking himself for a lighthouse.-Galveston News.

Passion For Music.

Mrs. Bacon-Dld you say your husband has a passion for music? Mrs. Egbert-Yes. Every time I sing he flies into one .- Yonkers Statesman.

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Richard Hardy, from Durham colege, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Lilia Hardy. Mrs. Lewis Popple and daughter Mabel; also, Mrs. Mary Cox, visited friends in Townsend recently.

Mrs. Sarah Hamilton is very sick. being threatened with pneumonia. Reports say that she is still confined to her bed, but is thought to be gaining a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, of West Somerville, Mass., have been the guests of Mrs. Maria Hall and Mrs. Winnie Nye.

Mrs. Thirza Edwards passed away at the home of Mrs. Etta Rockwood on Friday morning, February 2, at the age of eighty-six years. Prayers were held on Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Rockwood's, and the body was taken to Natick, Mass., Monday, where the funeral was held from the Baptist church.

Lawrence Corey has been spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Lawrence, at Pepperell. The many friends of Mrs. Winnie Nye are pleased to hear that she is slowly gaining.

Quite a few of the young people from town attended the firemen's ball at Townsend on last week Friday. Mrs. Celia Powers has been on the sick list during the past week.

Miss Blanche Fessenden is spending few days with friends in Boston. Mrs. Edward Hadley is spending a few days at her home in Cambridge Mass.

The Loyal Workers will meet with Mrs. Lewis Popple on Wednesday, February 14.

George Nye has been in Sandown for a few days. Herbert Hall has been stopping at he home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

William Hall.

Miss Mada Nye has been in Milford this week. Recent guests at the Elmwood have been N. E. Rogers, A. C. Bishop, Stephen Conley, Mr. Maker, Nashua, H.

thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHITSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIETT A. LOVEJOY late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private saie, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain percel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, legacies the amount to which the husband is entitled under the statute he having waived the provisions of said will and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition, and that the petitioner being the husband may be the purchaser.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of February A. D. 1912 at ffine o'clock in the foreneon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said eleceased to RICHARD N. WALLING FUILD of Waltham in the County of Siddlesex, without kiving a surety on his bond. Frobate Ceurt to be held at Cambridge, in said Count with the successive weeks, in Truncer's Public Suprit, a newspaper rablished in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court.

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#### Current Events.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding, who has been spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard, of Cross street, returned to Somerville with her two little daughters. Phyllis and Virginia, to rejoin her husband early this week.

Mrs. George W. Pierce made a week-end visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Herrig, of Somerville, going on Wednesday.

John Dugan has given up his boards ing-house in the Elkins' building, and moved his family into one of the Pike houses on Tucker farm, this week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet on Wednesday afternon at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. Elmer Weston. All who were members last year, and as many new members as are interested in the work of this soclety, are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and a social time enjoyed after the work of the meeting.

Edgar Blake went to New York on business trip to New York last week Friday. Mrs. Blake accompanied him. returning on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Gilman has cancelled her duties as nurse in several families in town, and left for Gardner last week to rejoin her husband, who has a position there. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman were former residents of this

Miss Jennie Deal, of South Boston. came on Friday of last week for an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. N. Andrews, of River street.

Mrs. A. A. Blood returned to her home in Gardner on Tuesday of this

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, who suffered an attack of acute indigestion several weeks ago, is sufficiently recovered to be able to go with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Blood, to Gardner on Tuesday. Her many friends trust the change will prove beneficial and that she may soon return to her home here.

The telegraph office has been moved into the central telephone office in Tarbell's block. Miss Marjorie Mason. of Truro, is installed as operator with Miss Florence True, of this town, as assistant and messenger.

confined to his home with sciatic rheumatism. Ars. Boynton is just recov- have the entertainment in charge and ering from a severe cold and bronchial the hospitality committee have charge

Mrs. Belle Flynn, of Oak hill, who has delivered milk to a few families for quite a number of years, has been missed on her accustomed route the past week. She is the latest victim to the prevaling disease, measles. daughter Florence is also ill with the same disease.

Many out-of-town sleighing parties were seen on our streets Wednesday. it being one of the finest days of the season. Some criticisms were heard on our awkward fashion of fastening the horse at one side of the sleigh, a fashion only necessary in the deep snows of the backwoods, logging is carried on, and one which is obsolete in most of our surrounding towns.

#### Mock Trial.

The mock court trial held at the opera house on Friday evening of last week, under the direction of Col. A V. Newton, of Worcester, brought out one of the best houses of the season. The entertainment was one of the best ever staged by amateurs in this town and too much cannot be said in praise of the gentlemen who took their parts so well and so kindly. A sincere vote of thangs is tendered by the ladies of than one person. This act is an ofthe Methodist society, under whose auspices it was given. The trial was replete with ludicrous situations, and the many local hits were well deliver
defined against the state law and is punishable by a fine of fifty to one hundred dollars, according to the circumstances. Pheasants had been attended. Relatives and friends were sales were ed and good-naturedly received.

If anything special might be noted it was that when the "prosecuting attorney" rose to make the final plea to the jury, at the end of nearly two hours, he had the full attention of an interested audience. Following is the cast of characters:

Judge	Francis G. Hayes
Clerk	Edward Tarbel
Complainant	Walter H. Drury
Defendant	
Pros. attorney	E. F. Harmor
Def's attorney	E. V. Newtor
Officer	
Crier	
	Robbins, C. B. Taft
P. J. Hayes, F. H.	Parker, Dr. L. R

Qua.
Jurors.—Charles Miller, John Bennett
W. A. Kemp, H. C. Thurston, L. J.
Rowei, H. N. Tower, Joseph Donnelly,
George W. Pierce, H. I. Whipple, W. A.
Drummey, A. F. Parker, A. A. Lawrence.

## Items of News.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Albert Parker on Wed-

The Riverside A. C. will hold a social dance in Tarbell's opera house on Monday evening, February 19. Salem Cadet orchestra, of Salem, five pieces, will furnish music.

A leap year barn dance will be given by the Bingville club in Lawrence hall Wednesday evening, February 14 Music will be furnished by Sye Thay-The barn foreman will be Arthur Flynn, assisted by Lawrence McCormack. The dairy boss will be Miss Mamie Sullivan. The following will serve as dairy maidens: Miss Mabel Drown, Miss D. Graham, Miss Mary Allen, Miss Threasa Attridge, Miss Helen McCormack, Miss Alice Threadman, Miss Paradis, Miss A. Gergerson. Boys are requested to come in overalls and girls in gingham aprons.

The committee for the valentine party of Acoma Rebekah lodge, Wednesday, February 14, are Mrs. Lillian A. McWilliams, Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck, Nellie F. Gilchrest and Curtis D Gilman.

It is understood that the District Nurse association held a well attended meeting on Tuesday evening at the Congregational vestry and that the officers are practically the same persons, but a change of position. Miss Spragg, the nurse, who has been so faithful, was engaged at sixty dollars a month and pay her own expenses. She has gone to room with Mrs. Plummer, at East Pepperell.

The friends of Miss Susie Andrews noticing a new diamond ring on her finger, are congratulating her on her bethrothal to Earl H. Farnsworth, of Keene, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, of Hollis. who have just returned from Florida, were visitors in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Catherine Belle Shattuck has been living in Goshen, N. Y., since last summer.

The pastor will preach at the M. E church on Sunday morning and his subject will be "A long acquaintance, but defective knowledge. In the even-ing the subject will be "Philemon and Onesimus.'

The M. E. Sunday school had a large increase in attendance last Sunday, many of the children who were sick, having returned.

The Lawrence library will be closed books must be returned on or before Wednesday, February 21, and will be ready again for circulation on March 2. Through its interest in the question

of pure foods and in accordance with work of both state and general federations, the Worcester Woman's club this year is assisting the Retail Grocers and Provision Dealers' association in their domestic science and pure food exposition to be held in Mechanics hall. Worcester, March 21 to A course of seventeen lectures will be given during the exposition by soime of the most eminent authoriof Pepperell Woman's club to visit the exposition.

Arthur Tower is home for a few days from Dartmouth college.

Mrs. F. J. Dunlap, d. d. g. m., and suite, installed the officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge of Groton last week Friday evening.

Mrs. F. D. Cook and daughter, Mrs. Wallace, from Nashua, N. H., were guests of Mrs. Caleb Richardson, of High street, the past week.

The Pepperell Woman's club held their meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the speaker being Mrs. Hattie Douglas, of Winthrop, whose subject was "Home economics." Quite a number were present to hear this very valuable talk on the home life, which was very instructive. Plans were then ssistant and messenger.

John L. Boynton, of Main street, is February 26. Mrs. Drawbridge, Mrs.

C. H. Miller, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell will of the refreshments. They were in structed to hire a caterer to get the lunch.

Miss Fannie Tower, from Mt. Holyoke college, has been home for a few days, returning on Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson and Mrs. May B. Tarbell, Mrs. W. A. Kemp and Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson attended the state federation meeting held in Boston at the Park Street church on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes and Ar thur Jennerson and wife, of Milford, ed. N. H., attended the funeral of Mrs. Hayes' uncle at Petersham, the past

The members of the high school en joyed a sleighride to Nashua on Tues day evening.

"The natural way of taxation, or single tax," was the subject of the adby George A. Mahony, of this town.

## Neighbor Take Notice.

man who killed and carried away the tracted to that locality by the interest of neighbors who fed them. Some of the birds have been feeding in the little park by the Unitarian church. If this man was bold enough or foolish enough to shoot on the highway near the Center, when may we not expect shooting at the Center or along Main street?

Aside from the matter of the law. common sense indicates that this sort of thing cannot be tolerated. Several men of influence stand ready to proseperson should be made to understand his error without recourse to law, Neighbor take notice.

## Recovery is Expected.

Louis H. Bean, who has been so priously ill, is convalescing slowly. Mr. Bean was taken sick on December nesday afternoon, February 14, at 2.36 13, very suddenly with heart trouble. after which he had bronchitis, followed by double pneumonia, from which his recovery seemed impossible. After the lungs had cleared and he was slowly gaining, ulcers in the stomach developed, causing extreme nausea and excessive vomiting. On Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, the end was expected at any time, but on Sunday night there was a change for the better, and if nothing new develops, recovery seems assured. Harry Bean, who has been with his father for four weeks, returned to his home in Boston on Monday of this

## Clipping.

The following is taken from the Concord Enterprise of January 31: "Kenneth T. Blood, elder son of Mr and Mrs. S. T. Blood, Main street, received last week his commission from the war department at Washington, making him second lieutenant in the coast ar: illery corps. He is to report for duty at Fort Monroe, Va., sometime in February not having yet received his final orders. The appointment came as the result of a competitive examination for the engineering branch of the coast ar:illery corps, which was held throughout the country, and in which he was one of thirty-four successful candidates. "Lieut. Blood has spent practically all his life in this town. He was a

graduate of Concord high school, with

the class of 1904, and returned for a

Lyceum. Home talent evening at the lyceum

post-graduate course there in 1905. Entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the class of 1909, he was graduated with honor, receiving his degree of S. B. Since that time he has been employed as instructor at that institute. The best wishes of his large circle of friends follow him in

his new career." Lieut. Blood will be remembered by many in town, as he was born here and is the grandson of Lorenzo O.

#### Representative Meeting.

A very unusual kind of meeting will be held in the banquet hall, Saunders' block, on Monday evening, February 12, at eight o'clock. There are some twenty-five societies in Pepperell which meet regularly for a serious purpose. In most cases this purpose s the benefit of the members. proposed that these societies or from February 21 until March 2. All their members shall clan to work together for the benefit of the town. There is abundant opportunity in the direction of health, business, recre-

This means better living for everybody, not only from the money viewpoint, but also in things which money cannot buy. Delegates from every society in town, so far as is known. have been asked to attend this completely conference and make it completely conference and make it completely town, graduated from the grammar town, graduated from the grammar and the high schools of that city, and ties in the country. A most cordial and that under the lead of committees, invitation is extended to the members various lines of work will be instituted. A lively, public discussion of own needs is always interesting and

The establishment of a forum for debate, or the old-fashioned lyceum would give a chance for all interests and opinions to be heard. This conference plan is a large one; but tackled in the right spirit, it cannot fail to be of benefit to the townspeople.

#### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Miss Mary Wright has been visiting in Fitchburg for a week.

Miss Hazel Wright pleasantly entertained her friends by taking them for a sleighride last Saturday and serving an appetizing supper at her home in Pingreyville on their return.

Through the courtesy of George W. Whitcomb, the members of the standing committee of the Baptist church and their wives were treated to a jolly sleighride on Monday night, which was followed by a good steaming oy-ster supper served by Mrs. Whitcomb at the Whitcomb residence on Foster street upon the return of the party.

Eliot Young, who graduates in the ligh school class of 1912 next June very pleasantly entertained his classmates at his home on King street on Wednesday evening. A most delicious and bountiful supper was served, and novel games of very entertaining character, with unique prizes follow-ed. All speak most enthusiastically of the evening of pleasure furnished by Master Eliot and other members of the family.

The members were present in good numbers at the King's Daughters' Ethel Mead, Mabel Livermore and meeting on Tuesday. Resolutions Hazel Morse and a reading by Misses were passed on the death of Mrs. Izette Farnsworth. After the enter-Emily K. Adams, who had been a tainment games were played and every dress given at Tewksbury on Friday faithful and loyal member of the cir-afternoon before the Central Pomona cle throughout its existence. Plans Mrs. Bertha Shattuck v for the annual sleighride were discussed, and Tuesday, February 13, selected as a convenient day for the On last week Friday a pheasant was shot on Park street, near the Foss and N. S. Shattuck residences. The convey the party to Groton Inn, where help him pass the day pleasantly. they will dine.

## Funeral.

tended. Relatives and friends were versary.
present from Boston, Fitchburg, Stone-The Middlesex Concert Company ham, Chicago, Ayer, Shirley, Harvard, Save a very successful entertainment Littleton and other places. A large to a large Harvard audience. Many body of fellow Masons, many who had not seen the show who mates, and three soldier company— were present. The latter we'll all members of Mr. Moore's company— Company H, of Stoneham, 6th regiment, who went with him to Puerto Rico, and now hold prominent positions. They are Arthur Newhall, of Stoneham, a member of the present legislature at the State House. Boscute such cases, and also to back up ton; Walter W. Jameson, of Boston and protect winesses who have the a chum and tent-mate, who went needed information. But whenever through the campaign with the depossible, it is better that the guilty ceased, and now holds a good position in the Boston postoffice, and Charles F. Dinsmore, of Stoneham.
Mr. Newhall came directly from the

State House, and Mr. Jameson from the postoffice to Littleton, and wore civilian clothes. Mr. Dinsmore had on his military coat bearing the initials U. S. W. V., (United Spanish War Veterans), on the collar. Mr. Jameson had with him a picture of Mr. Moore and himself taken in uniform the day they enlisted in the United States

The casket was draped with the United States flag, with large quantities of red and white carnations artistically arranged among the folds, while bunches of violets were placed within the handles, and a profusion of roses, lilies-of-the-valley, carnations, and other flowers surrounded the cas-

Mrs. Jessie M. Young presided at the organ, and the ladies' quartet ren-dered "I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains." Rev. Oliver J. Fair-field, pastor of the Unitarian church, which Mr. Moore habitually attended when at home, officiated with much sympathy and feeling, exalting the life and character of the fallen comrade with touching eloquence.

The Masonic service followed, impressively and beautifully conducted by A. A. Fillebrown, of Ayer, Stephen N. Lougee, chaplain, offering the prayer, and the brother Masons joining in the response, reading and placing emblematic evergreen on the cas-

The remains were escorted to West lawn, where they were placed in the family lot beside those of the soldier brother and their beloved mother.

was well attended by an enthusiastic

presented and program was well brought forth much applause:

brought forth much applause:

Piano duet, Miss Evelyn Kimball and Miss Olive Flagg; essay, "Charles Lamb and the essays of Elia." Miss Jupiata Fairfield: essay, "The American habit of rushing." Lorna Chandler: essay. "Woman's responsibility for home ideals," Miss Mirlam Cash: solo, ladies' quartet: recitation, "The drowning sinker," Miss Mabel Lawrence; oration, "Massachusetts,"—Henry Cabot Lodge, John Fairfield; song, "Lovely night," ladies' quartet: awarding of honorarians; reading, "A just so story." by Kipling, Rev. O. J. Fairfield; song, "Winken, blinken and nod." ladies' quartet; vocal obligato, Miss Ruth Prescott.

In accordance with recent custom.

In accordance with recent custom, the election of officers followed this entertainment and resulted in the following choice:

Rev. O. J. Fairfield, pres.; Rev. H. L. Packard, v. p.; Chas. F. Johnson, sec.; W. E. Conant. treas.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Rev. H. L. Caulkins, Cornelius Dalley, Frank H. Hill, Miss Maud Mitchell, lecture com.

ation, education, transporation and to learn of the honor recently con-other matters. a former teacher of our high school and annual summer resident of the town. She has recently been nominated by the mayor of East Grand, Mrs. Y., for the board of education. Mrs. of Edward F.

She is the daughter of Sarah E. Beddoe, and granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah C. Priest, well-known by the older residents of Littleton. Since moving to East Orange, ten years ago, Mrs. Chamberlain has been a prominent member of the Political Study club. and given repeated evidence of her fitness for the position to which Mayor Gregory has raised her. Several times previous to this she had been urged to consider the office, but always declined. Her appointment to year term.

The press of East Orange states that Mayor Gregory was governed in his choice by the desire to obtain the best service for the city's educational department. He is credited with hav ing disregarded ward lines entirely and having eliminated the persona factor in making his decision.

Mrs. Chamberlain has been honored with banquets and receptions by her many East Orange friends, who wish to express their good wishes and esteem for the distinguished educator.

#### BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. Harry Adams visited in Lynn last week Thursday and in the evening saw "The Pink Lady," at the Colonial theatre in Boston.

Miss Ethel Mead and Mrs. Albert Littlefield went to Waverley on Wednesday noon and remained till Thursday with Mrs. Katherine Mead Dodge at her home.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held a very successful social on last week Thursday evening. The audience was favored with piano solos by Misses

Mrs. Bertha Shattuck visited in Boston on Tuesday.

Albert Hartwell celebrated his fifty-Mrs. William Withington has been

quite ill of late

who had not seen the show when was in West Acton were present at i

Dr. Harry L. Roberts, of Boston spent the week-end at Sunshine farm "The college chap," will be given at West Acton in the near future. Prominent parts will be taken by Mrs. Jo-

#### sephine Libbe and S. D. Salmon, 3d. HARVARD.

## News Items.

D. N. Slade, of Center Harbor, N. H., was in town on Tuesday, a guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles B. Bigelow, Mr. Slade is one of the trustees of the Bromfield school.

Mrs. Carrie Hussey is in Pittsburg. Pa. She is there to see if she can make arrangements with Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee, for her daughter, Miss Emily Whitney, to stay there and go to school. If she can do so she intends on her return to go at once to Concord to live with her uncle, George Wright.

Nineteen members of Harvard grange visited Ayer grange on Wednesday evening, a party of twelve went with James Madigan on a straw ride the rest going in single teams. The third and fourth degrees were conferred.

About fifteen couples from here attended the annual complimentary ball given by the Owl club at Lancaster on Tuesday evening. They report a very pleasant time.

The Harvard Dramatic club are still eading up plays. William F. Shores went to Boston last Saturday with Prof. Leonard and

returned with a new Ford car. Miss C. V. Peddie, who has been visiting with her cousin at the Crossley residence, returned this week to her home in Orange, N. J.

Miss K. Cronin, of Cambridge, was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. J. Mongovin a few days this week.

Sunday morning, February 11, at the Unitarian church, Herbert A. Thayer will render a tenor solo in connection

with the regular service. On Thursday evening, February 15, the pupils of the Bromfield school will present the four-act comedy drama,

audience last Tuesday. The following hall, Harvard. Reserved seat sale Death. of Gale & Dickson. The proceeds of this play are to be expended for the benefit of the senior class and a trip to Washington is now the idea in view.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Raynes are spending a few weeks with their son at Walpole.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Picnic club will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 2.30 o'clock, at the Memorial rooms. Attention is directed to the by-laws in regard to the payment of dues. All members please take thought.

The case of R. C. Davis, of this who was called before the court at Clinton on last Saturday to answer to a charge of carrying a gun without a license, was placed on file. Mr. Davis showed the court that he had always had a license and had applied to the town clerk this year for one for 1912. Game Warden Mills, of Ayer, represented the state.

Miss Ruth Bull, of Worcester, was a week-end guest with her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Whitney, last week.

Harvard grange celebrated the anniverasry of Dickens at their regular meeting on Tuesday night. A series of tableaux in costume with singing of old English songs made a very pleasant and interesting entertain-ment. The whole affair was arranged by Mrs. A. F. Ripley. Miss Edith Dudley gave plano selections.

Mrs. A. F. Ripley is visiting this week with her daughter, Mrs. Wilder, at Marlboro.

Local agents of the Cattle Bureau have received notice from the State headquarters that the annual inspection of dairies and cattle is to be completed by March 15. This means that stock owners may expect a visit any time now from a state agent.

The trustees of the Warner lecture course announce the postponment of the board of education is for a three the lecture to have been given by Gov. Folk on Friday, February 16. Gov.

> The body of Mrs. M. Macomber. whose death occurred last week in ROAST PORK, 13c. ID Los Angeles, Cal., was brought to Har-FRESH SHOULDER PORK, 11c. ID vard on Monday to the home of her son, W. S. Watson, at his residence here. Funeral services were from the house on Wednesday afternoon. terment will be at the family lot at Bellevue.

#### Still River.

Miss Wade, of Bangor, Me., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Viles. Mr. and Mrs. Cross, of Vermont, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Murchie. They are on their way home from a visit with their son, George Cross, and family, at Willoughby, Ohio. George Cross was a resident of Still River PASTRY FLOUR, 75c. hag for a couple of years before going to Ohio, a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Stone are visiting friends in the vicinity of Bos- CEYLON TEA, 35c. ID ton for a week. It is the first vacation Mr. Stone has taken for a long time. 12 10 CAN COCOA, 19c.

Malcolm Campbell has been home GOOD COFFEE, 25c. In from Amherst Agricultural college for a few days, returning to his studies there on Wednesday. Owing to a dull period in his work,

this week from his duties in the office of Parker, Bateman & Chase, Fitchburg. Mrs. L. H. Morse visited her sisters

in Worcester over last Sunday. Mrs. Alice Haskell and Mrs. Anna Flanders visited a relative in Worcester on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson spent Wed-

#### nesday in Boston. Entertainment.

"Fun on the Podunk Limited," furnished by form Deestrick skule," and a few new scholars, lately registered, will be given at the town hall, Harvard, on Friday, February 23. The proceeds are to be sent to the Alcott House, Con-cord, as a gift from Still River Village,

at one time the home of the Alcotts The play is to begin at 8.15 in the evening. As this is a worthy object and all the proceeds to be used for this purpose, it is hoped that the house will be filled, and certainly those who saw the Deestrict Skule given two years ago, will want to see the same players in this.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. The carpenters, Charles H. Miller and men of Pepperell, are putting the room formerly used for the Hollis Social library into condition for the Ladies' parlor, to be used by the various women's organizations of Hollis. Folding doors are put in between the vestry and the old library room. This room was owned by the town, but was presented to the ladies of Hollis for their use for business and social purposes.

Mrs. Helen Leighton, who is a teacher in one of the Amherst schools recently visited her sister, Mrs. C. J. Bell. She was accompanied by another teacher from Amherst.

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Robert Leslie received a message Sunday forenoon that his father, H. A. Leslie, had suffered a shock of paralyisis in Worcester, Mass., where he is living. Mrs. Leslie and the oldest son James took the afternoon train and visited him in the hospital. Mrs. Leslie had suffered a shock of the present. James returns to Hollis this week.

Hollis Woman's club met with Miss M. A. Hardy Wednesday afternoon. The program consisted of roll call, which was answered by the members with quotations from Dickens' writings or telling of some of his characteristics. This was followed by a paper given by Miss Clara Smith, "Japan as a world power and her future." The club was next favored by a vocal solo by Miss Bertha Hayden. After intermission a very interesting letter was read from Miss Mildred Rogers read selections from Dickens, where he gave his impressions of the United States on his visit here, which concluded the program.

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And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this cliation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Snirit a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to each heir-at-law of said Court, and by mailing a copy of this cliation of each heir-at-law of said deceased seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and tw "How Jim made good," at the town here, which concluded the program.

Richard Matson, whose serious ill-ness at Warren sanatorium was reported last week, passed away at that place on Wednesday. His father reached Warren Tuesday afternoon. The end came quietly. His body was brought to Hollis and his funeral service was held Sunday afternoon from his father's house and was largely attended. Rev. Daniel Gross of the Pilgrim church, Nashua, was the officiating clergyman. The singers were Mrs. Florence Ladd, Miss Helen Grey, Prof. J. W. Dudley and F. A. Lovejoy. The bearers were Daniel Goodwin, Harvey Powers, Robert Jones and Charlie Adams, intimate associates of Richard. Interment at Edgewood cemetery, Nashua.

Richard Matson was a universal favorite with all who knew him, especially his schoolmates. seventeen years old, a member of the class 1912 Hollis high school. He is survived by his father and mother, two sisters and two brothers.

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