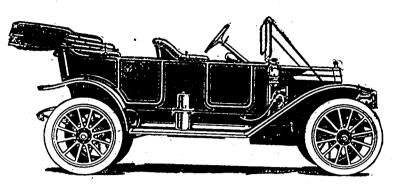
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

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Rev. and Mrs. Packard, Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Mabel Drew, the latter from Westford, were the luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant last week Friday.

Elmar Flagg had the misfortune to freeze three fingers during the last cold spell.

teacher in this town, recently fell on the ice, splitting the bone and tearing the tendons in the right wrist. She has kept on teaching, bravely bearing the pain resulting from the injury.

Afternoon—"One thousand dollars per acre; or, money-making crops on small farms," Henry M. Howard, member of State Board of Agriculture: "Intensive farming as practiced on market gardens near Boston": "The use of water in commercial gardening."

the pain resulting from the injury. William Decatur has lost another horse-a very valuable worker-that was evidently kicked to death by another horse. Mr. Decatur found the poor animal prostrate with broken leg, the bone sticking out through the

Mrs. Edwin H. Priest spent several days last week with Mrs. E. H. Brenan

Mrs. E. W. Maxwell has gone down East for a visit of two weeks with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Favor of Somerville have been the guests of W. E. Conant this week, and have called on many of their former parishoners.

Carlton Needham began his studies at the Ringe Manual Training school in Boston Wednesday, going back and forth on the cars daily

Miss Margaret Thacher gave a delightful shower to her friend, Miss Clara Fletcher, Wednesday afternoon. A party of twelve girl friends were present and enjoyed an afternoon at whist. Refreshments were daintly served in the pleasant dining room prettily decorated with pink and white, hearts prevailing wherever it was practicable and convenient. From a heart shaped box Miss Fletcher drew dainty ribbons to which were attached gifts from the several young ladies present. The afternoon was a delightful introduction to the many pleasures that promise in Miss Fletch

er's immediate experiences. The dance held in town hall Wed nesday evening was a pleasant social event of the week. A good number attended and the reports are all good

Thayer's orchestra furnished music. C. A. Kimball took the West gram mar school for sleighride to Forge Village Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Hall, who was stricken with paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Baker, in Newtown, continues

Miss Emma E. Tenney, Mrs. Everett Kimball and Mrs. Annie C. Smith attended the funeral of the late Chas L. Jeffrey at Tremont Temple in Boston last week Saturday. They speak of the service held there as the most impressive, beautiful and best arranged of any they ever witnessed. On the Temple calendar for this week is a fine likeness of Mr. Jeffrey with a in the church which is characterized supposition is that the man was steal-

voted." In his death the church expresses itself as meeting with an "ir-reparable loss."

tomorrow is "No and yes: when to say Mrs. Hartwell Whitcomb has been visiting her brother who is very ill

The subject of the C. E. meeting

at his home in West Acton. The following is to be the program at the Farmers' Institute to be held in the town hall on Tuesday, Febru-

Fortleth Anniversary.

On Wednesday, February 14, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Flagg were happily surprised by their relatives and neighbors who called to extend congratulations on the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. The occasion took the form of a flower shower and the profusion of roses, carnations, daffodils and violets filled the home with rare beauty and fragrance; the dining room, where dainty refresh-ments were served, transforming itself into spring-like beauty with its wealth of yellow daffodils and white

A substantial and unique valenting containing forty new one dollar bills was presented to them by their chil-dren—Burton S. Flagg of Andover, Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton and Miss Marion W. Flagg.

Four generations of the family were present to enjoy this anniversary, including Mrs. Flagg's father, Hon. Geo. W. Sanderson, herself, her chil-dren and her grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Flagg received many letters and congratulatory valentines from other friends and the day happily closed with best wishes that they might reach their golden milestone in continued happiness and prosperity.

Man Found Frozen.

Last week Saturday morning, one of he train crews of the Fitchburg division, Boston and Maine, brought the frozen body of a man found near the track at Harmony grove. Assistant medical examiner Henry Wolcott, of Concord, arrived on the 10.11 a. m. train and examined the remains which were given into the care of W. H. Davis, undertaker. After preparing the body for burial Mr. Davis placed it the selectmen's room to await identification, and a few days later transferred it to the receiving tomb. No one has as yet identified the man He was of medium stature and weight, of dark complexion with black mustache, and wore a heavy dark overcoat, cap, light trousers and new overshoes. Both legs and his neck were broken and his face was besmeared

with blood. On his person was a watch, no money being found about him, neither were there any papers or other possessions that would give the slightest glowing tribute to his life and service assistance towards identifications. The

fell to the ground, and afterwards

Death.

Mrs. Eliza J. Hartwell passed away at her son, Heywood Hartwell's, in Somerville, Sunday night, February 11. Death was due to stomach trou-ble from which she had suffered much at times within the past six months. Funeral services were held at her late home in Somerville Tuesday afternoon and from her former home in Littleton on the following day.. Rev. Harrison L. Packard read the scriptures and pronounced the benediction, Rev. Paul G. Favor of Somerville delivered a funeral oration and offered the prayer, and Mrs. William L. Pickard and Miss Elizabeth Houghton sang "Face to face" and "The sands of time are sinking." The body was borne upon a bier by six bearers from the home to the cemetery at the Com-mon as was that of Mr. Hartwell forty-nine years ago and laid to rest be-side the partner of her youth beneath the projecting branches of the trees

set out by his own hands.
With the exception of the last five or six years which she spent for the most part with her son Heywood and family in Somerville, Mrs. Hartwell had always lived in Littleton, where she was born eighty-two years ago. Her life, interests, affection and activities were consequently interwoven closely with the life and development stood near George Stone's buildings.
The deceased was one of four chil-

dren. The others were Austin, Charles and Mary Lawrence Kimball. She received what education was possible from the Littleton schools and afterimpressed herself upon her pupils and won high encomiums for her ability

as disciplinarian and instructor. She took an active interest in the literary organizations of the town, and was the leading spirit of a liter-ary society that flourished for some time, contributing papers of great merit on several occasions.

In the Congregational Sunday school Mrs. Hartwell's influence as Sunday teacher was felt for many years. To the church service she gave much through her assistance in the choir. And so as we review the life of this talented good woman the influence of her keen and active mind, her generous heart, and her noble character remain with us, a heritage beyond the price of rubies.

Miss Eliza Lawrence was married

at the age of twenty-four years to Heywood Hartwell of this town, and went to the historic Hartwell house Littleton was well represented at the Westford institute last Wednesday. A large company is expected at the Farmers' institute in Littleton town hall, February 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Kierstead of Dracut, former residents of Littleton Common, were at the chicken-pie supper Monday night.

Morning—"What arrangement can be made that will be mutually beneficial to the milk producers, contractors and consumers?" John K. Whiting: "Origin and characteristics of our best former wood. Ashby: paper. "Housekeeping and home making." Mrs. E. G. Fair-field: dinner at 12.30, Rev. H. L. Packard toastmaster, short speeches and courage that were manifest throughout Mrs. Hartwell's whole career. Her abiding faith and unfaltering trust were beautifully exemto make her home. At the age of Afternoon—"One thousand dollars per tering trust were beautifully exem-

With her two sons, Clayton and Heywood, and her mother she remained in that home which she adorned and made beautiful. Friends and fellow townspeople remember well the loving care she gave the feeble parent in advancing age and especial. ly through the last seven years when Mrs. Lawrence was helpless and It is very comforting to her blind. many friends that Mrs. Hartwell in her feebleness could also enjoy the love, consideration and tender care of her own faithful and affectionate children.

Beautiful and well-deserved was Mr Favor's eulogy, which dealt with the force and influence of Mrs. Hartwell's life in the home, the town, the church and the Sunday school, the faith, the cheer, and joy, the courage, and forti-tude displayed in this noble example of New England's diminishing type of Christian womanhood. "To her who looks upon life and death as did this woman, living and working bravely, sturdily and trustingly there need be no fear of death, and the transition from this life to the next is indeed beautiful."

Highly Complimentary.

A correspondent at Hartland, Me., writes: "We feel that the simple announcement of the resignation and \$1.00 Caps for Men now... departure of Pastor Caulkins from \$1.50 Caps for Men now .. \$1.00 among us is altogether insufficient. and that a most hearty word of appreciation should be written and spoken of both himself and his good wife. They labored among us four and one-half years with untiring devotion and faithfulness and never wearied in well doing. They loved the church and no sacrifice was too great to make. They never shrank from the call of duty although the duty was an unpleasant one. carried the work upon their hearts and ever wrought for the advancement of the kingdom. Their influence and unselfish lives will long be remembered and cherished by us. Their going was not desired or expected by the They sought a larger field and a place of greater influence. We feel we have lost a wise leader and spiritual guide, but that our loss is another people's gain and the prayers of the church and the good will of the community attend our paster and

About Town. Mis Lucy Robbins of West Newton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Robbins, a senior at Smith college. has just been elected president of



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

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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.

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Single or Double-breasted, our reguglar 50c. goods, price for this sale 39¢ All our 50c. Derby-ribbed Underwear in Blue or Ecru Colors, our regular 50c.

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lar \$1.00 value, price for this sale.... One Lot of Jersey Gloves for Women, Boys and Children, reduced to

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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...... 79¢ 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

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50c. Caps for Boys now... 39€

now 19¢

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\$10.00 Overcoats, make way price \$7.47
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important societies in the college.

Friendliness will be the tonic upon hich Miss Cora W. Davis will speak

before the Guild next Sunday evening. Wednesday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Charter was brought from West Acton for burial here and on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Reed, widow of Charles Reed of Westford was

brought here for burial. Monday evening at the home of the as "Splendid, self-sacrificing and de- ing a ride on a freight train, and Alpha, the oldest and one of the most erville, now stationed at Woodstock, Farm, February 27, at 10.30 o'clock. River Street East Pepperell; Mass.

Vt. It was a very pretty home wed-Miss Lucy is the granddaughter of Mr. ding of just the families, the groom's and Mrs. P. S. .Whitcomb. grandmother having died on Sunday grandmother having died on Sunday night. The officiating clergyman was

Rev. Mr. Claverly.
Next Saturday James Moore leaves for Chicago with his son Frank for an extended visit with his only two sons

New Advertisements.

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bride in Somerville Miss Gladys Wood A Warden and Matron at the Town was united in marriage to Oliver Farm, Harvard, Mass. Overseers of Whitcomb Hartwell, a native of Somthe Poor will meet applicants at Town

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WESTFORD.

Farmers' Institute.

The third in the series of Farmers' Institutes of the Middlesex-North was held at the town hall, Westford. The weather had not gotten over its zero affiliations, which delayed the early morning rush, but the noon hour convened nearly the same characteristic large audience that assembles at our hilltop village on these institute gatherings. Howard Foster, chairman of Institutes, presided and introduced J. ewis Ellsworth, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, to address the institute on "The State Board of

Agriculture and its work." Mr. Ellsworth covered a variety of subjects covered by the board. He congratulated Middlesex-North on its large attendance. About 140 institutes are held during the year, the average attendance being 110, while the average attendance of Middlesex-North is about 250

Several important bills introduced by the board are now pending before the legislature that must classify the board with the progressives. Several of the bills call for cash prizes for the most sanitary barns, to be given in several graded prizes and as a means and inducement to obtain best results a second bill calls for a prize for the best plan of a barn as it relates to ventilation, lighting, convenience and its general bearing as it relates "beautiful for situation.

A third bill calls for a prize to be given to the farmer whose milk shows the least count of bacteria. This bill is an a tempt to coax the farmers into line for pure milk, rather than the present policy of thou shall.

A fourth bill asks for an appropriation of several thousand dollars to defray the expenses of competing in the New York fruit show. One thousand dollars was appropriated last year and an increase is asked for.

The board took an active part against the Ellis milk bill on accoun: of expense and the general impracti-cal nature of its application. The standard milk under this bill would be in the hands of the five commissioners and liable to sudden changes. Mr. Ellsworth considered the present standard about satisfactory, and no bill of protest has been offered this

The deer nuisance was touched upon, and the board has taken strong grounds in favor of more shooting rights on the part of the farmer. Much damage is still being done to young orchards in the western part of the state, and like the crow, the trespassing is under the cover of early morning twilight.

At noon Westford grange provided the usual institute dinner and all dinner space in the lower hall was oc-A little over two hundred helped to clear the food, after which adjournment was made to the upper hall for the exercises of the afternoon. A solo was given by Edson G. Boynton, which called for another. Several humorous readings were given by Helen Sylvester, of Woburn, which hit day evening at eight o'clock at the R. D. Prescott on Wednesday aftera fit many times. Rev. L. B. Weeks Cavalry building. The speaker enfarming and gave illustrations from ley, of Waltham, who will speak on A duet was given by the Misses Sutherland and Wallace with! Bigelow, of Lowell, gave an inspiring line of poles through the village to any formal celebration in this village. navy" to the enlightenment of nearly up. all "land lubbers." Rev. Williams, of Billerica, introduced resolutions after cloquent remarks, defending the farm Miss Jessie C. D. Oxner. Miss Oxner Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson. Dr. ning west from Boston to Ayer, and leaving Littleton at 8.45 a. m., beginbill before the legislature, asking for attended and cared for Mrs. John B. the establishment of an agricultural Fletcher in her last illness. She was ing upon Chairman Foster to appoint untimely death at the age of twentya committee of three to name a committee of one from each town to urge before the committee of agriculture the importance of establishing this The chairman appointed Geo. W. Trull, of Tewksbury, Norman L. Peavey, of Dracu:, and Rev. C. H. Williams, of North Billerica. It is exrected that Hon. H. E. Fletcher will last week Friday evening in which represent Westford.

represent Westford.

Mr. Ellsworth was the last speaker and spoke briefly on "Lessons from that of Miss Florence Nelson Whitten Winter Hill. Somerville, and such good apples can be raised in William Allen Green, of Westford Mr. New England. Much was learned how to select and pack fruit. Much was Carver, owner of the large Kittredge gained from this show stimulating farm and a busy, quiet man, but those how to plant an orchard, care for it and compete with western orchard- him extend their hearty congratulaists. A man of large experience said: tions. The New England fruit show has been worth \$1,000,000 to the New Lecture. England farmer as a stimulus and educator.'

The institute closed at four o'clock

with everybody thanking everybody for the day and is output.

Death. Mrs. Emma H. Duncan died on last Saturday at her home, School street, Lowell, aged 46 years and 8 months. She is survived by her husband-Maurice L. Duncan; three children-Ruth E., Lewis E. and Elsie A. Duncan; also, a brother, Herman D. De Mrs. Duncan will be remembered by Westford people as Miss Emma H. Decatur. She was a native of Westford and was the daughter of Hiram H. and Mary Decatur, being one of four children, living at Brookside on the farm now owned George W. Bussey, and was a scholar in the Nabnassett and Stony Brook schools. The funeral was held or Tuesday afternoon from her home in Lowell, Rev. J. C. Wilson conducting the services, assisted by Rev. A. R. Dilts. Appropriate selections were sung by Mrs. William H. Pepin. The and will be "Argentina and her east-

in the receiving tomb at West Chelms

Good Many Present.

The last meeting of the Chelmsford Debating society was a crowded affair Subscribers are urged to keep their to hear the arguments on the question: Resolved, "That suffrage should be granted to women." For the affirm-ative, Harold H. Fletcher, George Rudkins, George Baum; negative, Frank Ingalis, Robert Guston, Charles Edwards. Both sides were trimmed with an abundance of wit and logic, but centuries of prejudice were too much for the unanswerable arguments of the affirmative, and they were voted down by a large majority. Samuel Naylor, James Dwyer and Fred A. Snow were volunteer speakers from the floor. The first two spoke as stand-patters on the negative side. The latter set forth the reasonableness of woman's right to determine her own rights and man is no: her guardian.

The next debate will be held at Historic hall on next Tuesday evening, when the following question will de discussed: Resolved people are more responsible for the high cost of living than the trusts.' Affirmative, Mathew McNaughton Frank Mooney; negative, Edward Chapman, Charles Nystrum, jr.

Center.

Rev. H. L. Packard, of Littleton, will exchange pulpits with Rev. David Wallace on Sunday morning at the Congregational church. In the evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson, president of the Massachusetts State Union. will be present and give an address. Those who have heard Mrs. Stevenson know her to be an attractive and capable speaker and it is honed a large at endance will be present to greet her.

. Edmund Eaker has been on the sick list this week and George E. Gould has been adding Mr. Baker's work to his own numerous duties.

About twelve of our Westford nec ple were guests at the complimentary ball at Littleton last week Thursday evening and report a very pleasant time.

Fred L. Shorey had the misfortune to upset a large load of hay while crossing the car tracks at the east end of the common last last Saturday The intense cold did not afternoon. make the catastrophe any more easy to set right.

A recent real estate transfer of interest in the purchase by Oscar R Spalding of the large Heywood and wood lot between Stony Brook and Burgess pond. This is one of the largest lots of standing pine in town.

The regular monthly social at the Congregational church will take place on next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served from 6.30 to eight, and will be in the entire charge of the men of the church. An attractive entertainment will be given by the choir of St. Paul's M. E. church, Lowell. This is a mixed chorus choir of twenty voices with orchestral accompaniment and promises to be very enjoyable. Mrs. Perley E. Wright will add to the entertainment with some of her excellent readings.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott Wright have recently arrived at their Brookline home after a most successful cruise around the world, lasting five mon:hs

The smoke talk for the members of the Cavalry association and their invited friends will take place on Tuesspoke on the general principle of gaged for the evening is Thomas Cur-

"Public parks and playgrounds." The telephone workmen have been E. busy these cold days setting another

an attractive, capable nurse, and her nine years, seems very sad.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin had a brief vacation at home from Wellesley colmid-winter examinations. cess at home enabled her to be present at the academy drama presented on Miss Evelyn Hamlin so capably sus-

Green is superintendent for W. R. who have become acquainted with

The lecture given under the auspices of the Tadmuck club on Tuesday evening in the Congregational church by Miss Ellen H. Kimball, of Worcester, proved qui e worth while to the thoughtful listener. Miss Kimball's subject was "The good new times," and was a careful and thoughtful presentation of so timely a theme. Her word picture of the good old times was something to linger long in the memory of any native New Englander and the progress and develop ment of the new times was ably depicted in its industrial, social and educational phases. While recognizing many conditions that menace our modern progress the speaker made strong plea for the spirit that should be back of all real progress, that the spirit of our good, new times be one of helpful service in the age in which

we live. The next regular meeting of the club will be in library hall on February 27, at 2.30, and will be one of the afternoons in the season's special topic for study of South America bearers were William M. Fernald, tern neighbors," in charge of Mr. and William Webb, Justin M. Dow and Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler.

The presentation of the two-act comedy-drama by students of Westford academy last week Friday evening at the town hall proved one of the pleasant events of the season This had been faithfully prepared under the direction of the teachers, and the final result showed the careful preparation given it. The play, "Old acre folks," portraying events in the lives of some plain country folks, was depicted by the young people with a spontaneity that older amateurs do not always command. The play was well chosen and the parts calling for strong setting were not done in a stilted way, while the comedy bits were all well taken. The minor parts supported the leading ones so well that it would be hardly fair to discriminate, and the list of characters is given as follows:

Is given as follows:

Caleb Evans, deacon. Herbert Walkden
Emma Liza, his wife... Evelyn Hamiin
Mary Jane their daughter,

Lena Clement
Jaffray, their son... Edward Blodgett
Squire Playfair...... Albert Collins
Miss Prim, his sister. Sadie McMaster
Elizabeth, his daughter.

Catherine Cornell

Ebenezer Ham Charlie Goodwin
Job Hardy Claude Gladu
Constable Chester Burnham
Jehospha Will Davis The music by the Colonial orchestra accompanying the play and for the dance that followed was much enjoy-

Ice cream and cake was served in the lower hall by G. E. Gould. About sixty dollars was netted by the young people and it has since been voted to give a lecture course and forty dollars has been appropriated as a sinking fund. The commitee appointed is Miss Edith Lawrence Bertha Norris, Miss Pauline Wallace, Herbert Walden and Princi-

Fully three hundred people were estimated to be present on Friday evening.

pal Dexter Coggshall and Charles

Forge Village.

Prescott.

Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held on Sunday evening at .30 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Eumpus officiating. A confirmation class was formed by Mr. Bumpus on Wednesday ating. evening, after which the regular meetng of the Girls' Friendly society was held. A parish meeting was held in Recreation hall on Wednesday evenat which a large number were present.

The Ladies' Sewing circle will hold a supper on Saturday evening, February 17, in Recreation hall. As this is the first supper of the year hoped that a large number will be on hand to make the supper a success. Thomas May, who has been confined

to his home for several weeks with a very severe illness, is now able to be about again. Mrs. Daniel Hanley is making great

improvement from her recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley, of Marlboro, and family, are guests at the joined an opera and luncheon party, home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. and attended a lecture on Saturday. Daniel Hanley. Mrs. Hugh Daly is visiting at the

of Leominster. Many of the village young people attended 'Old acre folks,' given by the Westford academy in Westford

on last week Friday night. Mrs. Mary I. Drake is the guest of her brother, John Bennett, of Wor-

cester. Dr. Craven and Percy Hargraves, of Beverly, were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. E. Oldham.

account of the Boy Scout movement, support a second cable. All the lines The children of Cameron school held Capt. White, of Lowell, spoke on "Our in the other cable have been taken special services in honor of the

Many from the village attended the "Singing school," presented by the Methodist church young people of Graniteville, held at the church on Thursday evening.

The Daniel Gage Company, of Lowell, has finished their ice harvest for lege last week after completing the the season. The icehouses at North Billerica were filled last week Thursday, the ice being twenty inches in thickness. Another excellent harvest could be reaped from Forge pond as will have another similar vacation. the ice is from twelve to twenty-four inches in thickness.

The cold weather is still with us, the mercury registering from ten to twenty degrees below zero, Frozen pipes and drains seems to be the principal feature of the week's entertainment.

Graniteville.

The members of St. Catherine Temperance society held a very successful whist party, followed by dancing in Healy's hall on Friday evening of last week. The ladies' prizes, a silk umbrella and a set of gold pins, were won by the Misses Lavelle, of North Chelmsford, while Miss Carrie Prinn captured the booby in this class. The men's prize, a box of cigars, was won by Alfred Hughes, the second prize, a set of cuff links and stickpin, was won by James B. Healy. R. J. Heman was given the booby in this event Refreshments were then served, after which dancing was enjoyed to excellent piano music furnished by Mrs. Edith Brooks.

Michael and John Rafferty, who have been employed in the western part of the state for the past few months, spent a few days visiting with relatives here this week. Their sister, Miss Catherine Rafferty, who has been in Brookline for several weeks, was also a visitor here this week.

Mrs. W. H. Sherman has recently returned from Strong, Me., where she went to attend the funeral of a near elative.

Owing to the exterme cold weather and the biting wind that blew across Forge pond, the speed trials for

horses that was to have been held on last Saturday afternoon were call-There is very little horse talk here at present, and it is doubtful if Annual Supper. there will be any more speed trials held on the pond this winter.

Sunday was another of those cold days that we are fast becoming accustomed to. The mercury registered between eighteen and twenty degrees below zero here in the early morning. Dr. W. H. Sherman, who has been

laid up by illness for the past few days, is now able to attend usual duties. He was attended by Dr. O. V. Wells, of Westford, who also had charge of Dr. Sherman's practice while he was ill.

Birthday Anniversaries.

Miss Anna Harrington, who is confined to her room by illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry J. Healy, enjoyed a pleasant little birth-day celebration on last week Friday, and owing to the fact that her little niece, Evelyn Healy, was also having a party in honor of her fifth birthday anniversary at this time, the event was made very enjoyable. While little Miss Evelyn was enjoying the companionship of her little friends, many relatives and friends called on Miss Harrington to offer congratulations on her birthday anniversary, leaving some token of kind remembrance and bringing a world of cheer into the sick The day proved to be an room. eventful one and Miss Harrington was deeply appreciative for the loving kindness of her relatives and friends.

LITTLETON.

News Items. There were 130 persons in attendance at the complimetary ball given in the town hall last week Thursday evening. Guests were present from Harvard. Ayer, Groton, Westford, Acton and Somerville. A beautiful night with excellent sleighing contributed much to perfect conditions.
The hall was tastily decorated. Brigham's orchestra, of Marlboro, enjoyed the old time popularity. The turkey supper was in charge of the grange and met the approval of the most exacting. Many have expressed the same sentiment-"The best time yet furnished by the complimentary committee.

Last Saturday was the roughest day experienced in Littleton this winter. The mercury did not surpass the fifteen below limit, but the piercing wind was almost intolerable. A few cheering lines from Mrs. John Lemley, written from Bermuda, where "sum-mer suns are glowing," came on that bitter cold morning, and told of pick-ing strawberries, cutting roses and enjoying the songs of birds, a very welcome message although it had lit-

tle effect on the Littleton temperature. Miss Louisa Flagg spent the weekend with friends in Greater Boston,

The body of Charles L. Jeffrey was brought to Littleton on Saturday and home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Hill, interred in the Jeffrey lot at Westlawn. Several relatives and friends escorted the remains to their last resting place.

The Backlog club will hold their regular sunset party in town hall on extremely hard wood compactly laid.
Thursday, February 22. Dancing from it was impossible to control the situafour to six o'clock in the afternoon tion. four to six o'clock in the alternoon for the children, and from eight to eleven in the evening for the older people. Hibbard's orchestra, of Lowell, will furnish the music. Supper in fire de; artment was prompt and rendered efficient service, but seeing the

Mrs. George W. Canney has gone to

New York for two weeks. Many Littleton pairons of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine Little Malcolm Weaver is still quite railroad will be pleased to learn of an ning west from Boston to Ayer, and leaving Littleton at 8.45 a. m., begin-

ning on next Monday morning. All bills against the town should be in by the first of March, as the town books will then be closed.

The grade schools all closed yesterday for a vacation of one week. The will live temporarily. high school will close on February 21, for a brief recess. All schools will begin again on Monday, February 26. Af er another eight weeks, following This is similar to an arrangement ness of the structure and the black which was adopted several years ago by Springfield and other leading edu- gether with being double plastered are cational centers where it was felt that the pupils needed frequent vacations circumstance. The loss is estimated to relieve he strain of the long school at \$3500 or \$4000. Mr. Kimball was term following Christmas when mind and body were becoming fatigued.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Eliza Hartwell, and the fire at Littleton deper on Sunday, many of the King's Daughters had to give up going to Groton on Tuesday and the sleighride was indefinitely pos poned.

The Littleton Historical society will hold its Washington's birthday meeting in the reading-room of the Reuben Hoar library on Thursday afternoon, February 22, at two o'clock. The subjects will be "The Soldiers' Aid society," and "The temperance organizations in Littleton." Mrs. Ellen F. Johnson will read a paper on 'The temperance cadets," and others will treat these subjects with brief papers and reminiscences. It is expected that Frank B. Priest will tell nformally about his recent acquisitions of china, etc. A cordial invitation is hereby given to all per sons whether members of the society or not.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will hold an all-day session in Littleton town hall on February 29 The following program is promised:

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Welcome, master Littleton grange:
plano solo, Louis Knapp, Groton: naper.
"Cultivation of flowers." Mrs. Charles
A. Kimball, Littleton: song, Miss Josie
Foley, Littleton: address, Hon. Frank
A. Patch, Littleton: song, "The bridge."
George Knapp, Groton: recitation, Arthur Cummings, Shirley; address, Rev.
Oliver J. Fairfield, Littleton: corner
solo, Cornelius Dailey, Littleton; read-

ing, "Ten commandments of the grange," Mrs. Addie Woods, Groton song, Mrs. Susie Smith, Littleton.

To the Honorable the Justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesey holden at Area within

The Lincoln class of the Baptist society held the annual chicken pie supper and entertainment on Monday evening. There was a good number present and the general testimony that everything was up to the standard, if not a little above.

The supper of chicken ple, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and coffee, fancy pies, etc., would be a credit to the Touraine. A musical program interspersed with readings by Miss Beatrice Naylor, constituted as fine an entertainment as has been given in town in many months, so say our best critics. Donald Hanson, baritone, from Lowell, rendered some charming solos. The reader was en-thusiastically received, and Miss Mildred Flagg and Katherine Kimball produced excellent violin music.

Woman's Club.

The popularity of the Browning was manifested by the large number of members present at the Woman's club on Monday afternoon. This was the third afternoon devoted to the poet's works, and Rev. O. J. Fairfield arranged a music program, giving explanatory introductions the selections read, and closing with a general summing up of the poet's optimism and insight into the human soul as revealed in his poetry. Mrs. Lillian Priest and Miss Fannie Sanderson rendered valuable assistance in the reading of the Browning poems.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Fairfield for conducting the series of Browning studies. The song, "Sweet be your dreams," sung by Mrs. Alice Prouty, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton at the piano, and the instrumental piece, "The ploughman," by Miss Hazel Morse were very pleasantly received. Current events, given by Miss Louisa Flagg, who discussed foreign affairs, Mrs. Esten, who gave the domestic, and Mrs. Woodbury, who spoke upon local news. commanded the interest of all

Several communications of impor tance relating to matters of legislation and appeals for cooperation along philanthropic lines were read and acted upon. The club voted to join the State Forest association for the purpose of assisting in the forest conservation movement.

At the next meeting, which will be held on February 26, an address will be given by John Baltzly, D. D., of Hudson, on "Browning as a religious poet." Dr. Baltzly has been engaged by the recommendation of Mr. Fairfield, who speaks in very high praise of the address.

Fire.

William L. Kimball's fine two and a half story dwelling house at Littleton depot, occupied by the Paul Brown and the Oscar Shafter families was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The exact cause, perhaps will never be known, but the fire is supposed to have originated in the chimney. The families were both at home and discovered smoke about noon. The chemical extinguisher was applied but as the fire confined itself between ceiling and floors and the latter were made of

was called back to fight fire at the second day of March next at nine Ayer Automobile Station, but left o'clock in the forenoom then and there their apparatus, which the Littleton department continued to use in rescuing the shed, barn and the Hugh McDonald buildings twenty-five feet. McDonald buildings twenty-five feet away.

Everybody kept cool and worked hard, some spending their efforts to petition to appear and show cause as save the buildings, others to rescue aforesaid, by serving upon each a furniture and clothing. Most of the true and attested copy of the petition latter was taken out of the two tene- and the order of the Court thereon at

fires ever known in town. It was nearly two hours from the time that Af er another eight weeks, following the dense smoke began curling up the close of this vacation, the schools to the bursting out of the angry flames. The slated roof, the compactwalnut and other hardwood finish, toattributed as natural reasons for this in town on Monday and declared his intention to close out the property.

HE WON'T LIMP NOW.

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me," Heals old, running sores, ulcers, bolls, burns, guts bruises, eczema or piles, Try it, Only 25 cents at William Brown's, Ayer.

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By virtue of power and authority given by Chandler Planer Company, as body corporate having its usual place of business in Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to E. D. Martell of said Ayer, will be sold at Public Auction at the office of Charles F. Worcester, in said Ayer, on Thersday the twenty-ninth day of Fehrnary A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the first mortgage bond No. 142 of said Chandler Planer Company to redeem said bond now held in pledge.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSCHTS. 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 Northern Middlesex.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of BOWERS H. CHURCH who prays that he estate of said Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said Court, for Probate, by ELLA A. CHURCH who prays that he exceutrix therein named, with-you are hereby cited to appear at a nine election of Middlesex, as Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said Court, of Pebruary A. D. 1912, at nine estate, with the forenoon, to said court, of Pebruary A. D. 1912, at nine estate, before said published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year one thousan

held in pledge. •2t23 E. D. MARTELL, Pledgee. Ayer, Mass., February 12th, 1912.

Middlesex, holden at Ayer within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully represent your petitioner, 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 petitioners 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, 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 to them, that a notice to Etta Leslie, the owner of the above described property, whose usual place of abode is unknown, to appear at a time 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 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 Janiary, A. D. 1912.

By their attorney, 3t21 JOHN D. CARNEY. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

First District Court of Northern Mid-

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before said second day of March. Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire, at Ayer, this twenty-sixth day of January 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.

TRUCK FOR SALE—A Bulck Truck, in good condition, has nice ton with curtains, all around two sets of seats for passengers. C. T. SAVAGE, Leominster, Mass. 3122°

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence and Mrs. Augustus B. Cram attended the funeral of their uncle at Winchendon on

The twenty-fifth semi-annual convention of the Middlesex Christian Endeavor Union will be held at the Congregational church in Shirley on Thursday, February 22. The following committees have been chosen:

Reception committee—Leonard Hooper, Russell Miner, Lester James, Stanley Wells, Flora Shephard, Eleanor Miner, Blanche Wells, Eiste Knowles, Jessie Love.

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Decorative—Miss Mary A. Park and Mrs. E. H. Conant.

Dinner—Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Coliver. Mrs. James. Miss Inez McMurray, Miss Bessie Dadmun. Miss Emma Knowles, Miss Nina Holbrook and Mrs. Deardon.

don.
The waiters will consist of Mrs. Coll-yer's class and the ushers will be J. H. McClellan and J. Albert Deardon. The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will be held at the home of Mrs. Snell on Wednesday afternoon,

February 24, at three o'clock. the meeting and reception to the grand lodge officers at Mt. Roulstone lodge at Fitchburg last week Friday

Mildred Goodwin, nine years of age daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goodwin, cut an ugly wound in her leg while coasting in the vicinity of the primary school last week Friday noon. Mildred run into a tree and came in contact with a spike which had been hammered into the tree. Mildred was taken to her home on Harvard road and Dr. Lilly summoned, who found it necessary to administer ether and take five stitches in the wound.

A fire in the so-called Ocean house on Phœnix street did a damage of night. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lantern in the lower part of the house.

A chimney fire in the house of J. Walker Ward on Clark road last Saturday afternoon, caused considerable alarm among the residents of the village, but was extinguished without any damage being done.

Mrs. William Preston, of Winchendon, a former resident, was visiting in town on Tuesday in company with her little daughter Norma.

All the public schools of the town also, the parochial school have this week been presented with flags by the Woman's Relief corps of Ayer. Mrs. Phelps, of Shirley, and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Sawyer, of Ayer, made the presentation.

Three young ladies and ten young gentlemen connected with the Sunday school of the Congregational church, met the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, and the church committee at the parsonage on Monday evening and expressed a desire to unite with the

Joseph H. McClellan will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Congregational church on Sunday evening, February 18. Subject, "Yes and no; when to say them."

Mrs. Annie Fuller is critically ill with pleurisy and her advanced age and weakened condition makes her recovery doubtful.

Philip E. Hocquard has accepted a position with Edward H. Torrey, of Concord, who operates a garage in that place and will commence work on next Monday morning.

Entertained.

The Universalist church fair, supper, entertainment and dance held at Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening was a splendid success. This was the annual event and is always looked forward to with Bartlett took fire on Saturday morn-pleasurable anticipation by the people of the town, consequently a large number were present to enjoy the supper and the varied program of entertainment arranged by the commit-

Supper were served at six and seven o'clock, the menu including a large few rariety of appetizing viands. Frank H. Wheeler, J. Edwin Pomfret and Arthur Annis served very ably in the Cente capacity of head waiters and were assisted by a good corps of assistants.

The hall was very prettily decorated with memories of Valentine's day. The fair was also well patronized and Following is a list of the tables and those in charge:

those in charge:

Mrs. James L. Holland, Mrs. J. Edwin Pomfret, Miss Rena Churchill, candy; Mrs. Verne Ballou, Miss Hazel Ballou, Miss Bertha Wheeler, Miss Agnes Lynch, mystery: Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. Charles A. Ford, Mrs. John T. Smith, Mrs. Alice Sandlin, Miss Mary Sandlin, Mrs. Gilbert M. Ballou, apron: Mrs. Mamie Gately, Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson, Mrs. Frederick W. Savage, Miss Josephine Wheeler, china; Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, Mrs. Carrie E. Tilden, Mrs. Edward E. Edgarton, Mrs. William J. Lyon, Miss Blanche Sawyer, Miss Mildred McNeil, paper; Miss Grace M. Kilburn, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, Miss Sylvia White, Miss Ruby Felch, fancy; Mrs. George E. Harlow, Mrs. John E. L. Hazen, Mrs. Nelson A. Holden, Mrs. Herbert O. Peasley, Miss Fedora Wheeler, bag.

The committee in charge of the

The committee in charge of the supper consisted of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. George O. Evans, Mrs. Guy Cook, Mrs. John T. Smith, Mrs. Charlotte Knox.

The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. B. S. Binney, and consisted of drum and piano selections by Charles H. Weare, fr., and Miss Mabel Miner; vocal solo, Mr. Byram; songs, Miss Ruby Felch, George O. Evans, J. Ed-Pomfret, Mr. Byram and Frank Harlow.

Following this came the one-act comedictta; entitled "Mystery," with the following in the cast: Miss Gertrude Conant, Miss Ruby Felch, Miss Hastings, William J. Crommett and Earle Merriman, all doing justice to the parts assigned.

Dancing then closed the evening's entertainment with music being furnished by Miss May Wadsworth.

A. O. U. W.

The A. O. U. W. class initiation committee organized in the interest of the big class initiation meeting to be held in city hall, Fitchburg, on the after-noon and evening of April 19, held its first meeting last Sunday afternoon an operation recently.

in the Roulstone lodgerooms, Fitchburg. About eighteen lodges in all will participate in this affair which promise of being the greatest event in its line ever held in Central Massachusetts. The lodges were nearly all represented by committees. Geo. H. Gorman, of Fitchburg, was chosen chairman; Walter Knowles, of Shirley, sec., and R. H. Vincent, of Fitchburg,

About forty candidates are already reported as ready for initiation by the combined lodges in the class initiation district, which gives promise by April 19, of the largest number of candidates ever initiated at one time.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the 'ongregational Brotherhood was held n the church vestry on Tuesday evening, a fish chowder supper being served at 6.30 under the direction of the following committee: Elmer H. Allen, chairman; Frank P. Rugg, Albe L. Annis and George G. Hadley. Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Annis assisted in the perfection of the supper. At its close the president, Mr. Fowler, called the mee ing About a score of the members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., attended to order and the regular routine business was disposed of ness was disposed of.

The speaker of the evening, Dr Howard A. Bridgman, editor of the Congregationalist, was then introduced, and commenced his address with his usual preliminary remarks of a decided humorous character, and

when all was in a happy mood, he commenced on his subject, "Allies of man," which was very appropriate for the occasion. He was listened to with the strictest attention as his subject appealed to the home and the social sphere of man.

Dr. Bridgman delighted his hearers who are continuing to tell their families and friends of the special and crowning address of the season. on Phonix street did a damage of bert Brown, of Fitchburg, treasurer about fifty dollars last week Friday of the Worcester North Savings bank, was present as a guest of the Brotherhood and made pleasing remarks. About fifty were present and the evening was very profitably and enjoyably

Taken to Tewksbury.

Mrs. Martha Williamson was taken on Thursday morning to the Tewks-bury almshouse and the trip was made in an automobile from Proctor's garage, Ayer, which was hired by the town. Ezekiel Wilson accom-panied her as the town representative, while Mrs. Maylin went in the capacity of nurse and friend. Mrs. Williamson's husband died last fall in the Worcester insane asylum. This, and the fact that her general health was greatly impaired, seemed to unbalance her mind slightly and to incapacitate her from making a living. These are the facts that prompted the overseers of the poor to take this step, which seemed to be the only right course to persue.

Neighbors and friends in Shirley have been very kind to Mrs. Williamson, and the almost constant attention of Mrs. Granville Fairbanks is most certainly worthy of special men-tion. Mrs. Williamson has the sympathy of all in her affliction.

Center. The Center primary and grammar schools united on Monday afternoon for the celebration of Lincoln's birthday. The following program was very pleasingly given: Reading of Lincoln day proclamation, Miss Alma Bowles; song, Clearly ring," primary school; "Gettysburg address," Percy Farnsworth; selection, Phyllis Farrar; selection, Clyde Graves; song, "Bonny flag," primary school; "What constitutes a state?" Elmer E. Wilkins; Elmer E. Wilkins; flag salute, schools; "America," by

The chimney at the home of Daniel prove too much for them, a request was sent in to the fire department for two or three men with extinguishers This resulted in a general alarm and the attendance of the whole company, causing considerable excitement for a few minutes. The danger was soon over, fortunately no damage being

Mrs. Henry L. Farnsworth, of Ayer, has been staying with Mrs. Gideon C. West at her home in Woodsville during Mr. West's stay at the Groton hostables were pretty and attractive, pital, where he recently underwent an operation.

> The friends of Walter Woods will be pleased to hear that he has finished his course at the Boston Y. M. C. A. automobile school and has received his professional chauffeur's license.

> The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel held a very pleasant meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Emma Hubbard.

Rev. R. A. Bryant, of Hanson, was guest of his daughter, Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, last week.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman attended ordination services in the Tabernacle Congregational church in Salem one evening last week. Five young ministers were ordained as missionaries under conditions which were exactly similar to the ordination of five other ministers which took place in the same church on February 6, 1812, just one hundred years before.

Marguerite Sargant, of Townsend Center, spent Saturday and Sunday with Emma, Hubbard.

Miss Lottie Bohanon, of Boston uni versity, spent the week-end with her grandfather, Charles Bohanon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long-

Margaret Longley left on Friday to spend the remainder of the week with her sister, Christine G. Longley, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed in Wollaston.

The next regular meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 20. The lecturer's hour will be "An evening with Washington and Lincoln." Each member is requested to come prepared with an anecdote about either Washington or Lincoln.

It is reported that Miss Myra Hewes is ill with appendicitis at a private hospital in Boston, having undergone

line, spent Saturday and Sunday a: their house on Hazen road.

The Matrons' Aid held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Walker Ward. Three visitors were present and one new member was admitted.

Miss Mary A. Hobbs is receiving a visit from her mother at the home Mrs. Cynthia Lynch. Mrs. Arthur H. Pray, of Brookline.

spent Saturday at her house here. Hazel Cummings, of Fitchburg high school, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cum-

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter, Miss Alison B. Winslow, of Cambridge, spent several days last week with Miss Harriet Winslow.

The report that Mrs. Morse, of Woodsville had returned from the Groton hospital is not true. Morse is still at the hospital and has not yet fully recovered from her operation.

A celebration of the holy communwas held in Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Tomorrow the regular service, with sermon by Rev. A L. Bumpus, of Ayer, will be held at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The stereopticon lecture, "A person ally conducted trip abroad," by Rev A. L. Bumpus, which was held in the town hall on Friday of last week was well attended. Mr. Bumpus took his audience on an interesting trip through Brussels, Paris, London and Edinburgh, with the help of some fine slides and described the people and their characteristics in a very pleasing manner. After the lecture all stayed for a social hour. Dancing and games were enjoyed with Misses Edith Locke and Emma Hubbard at the

John W. Farrar is expected to return about February 24, when he will settle up his town affairs and hold an auction of his household goods. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard and family will leave for Mr. Farrar's farm in Pomfret, Vt., after the auction. Wetsell is to take over the meat route belonging to Mr. Farrar and has secured Ardie A. Adams to manage it

Harry N. Brown and Elmer E. Wilkins visited among the hills of Green-ville, N. H., Saturday. Many thousands of feet of pine lumber are being cut there this winter by portable sawmills.

Levi W. Phelps, of Ayer, has nearly finished clearing off the timber from the woodlot recently purchased of Alvin Lawton. N. Otis Colburn has trimmed the

lar lot in front of his home, making a decided improvement. The report that the sawmill and house of the late Henry Farnsworth. at Woodsville, had been sold, is in-

trees and cut the brush on the triangu-

correct. Miss Angeline Farnsworth, of West Groton, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, at the

Gideon C. West, at the East, who has been at the Kilbourn hospital for the past two weeks, has improved sufficiently to return home this week. Miss Lottie M. Craft, of West Gro-

ton, visited friends in town on Sunday. A party of young people enjoyed a sleighride to Ayer on Tuesday evening, to attend the two-act drama last loaf," repeated by request, by the Ayer Baracca club in Page hall. The following were in the party: Mrs. Myrna Evans, Mildred Evans, Marion Holden, Ruth M. Graves, Margaret Evans, Ethel Holden, Earl Graves, Thomas Evans, Lester Holden, Ralph Graves, Horace Harris, Ernest Bohan-

TOWNSEND.

A valentine entertainment was giv en at the Congregational vestry on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The stage represented a bachelor's den and was very prettily arranged. Around the outside of the curtain was a border hemlock boughs and red hearts which was the scheme of Harry Win-chester, chairman of the entertainment committee, and it added great ly to the decorations. The program was as fellows: Piano duet, Misses Misner and McKenzie; reading, Hattie E. Smith; special number, seven artists; song, Robert Copeland; sketch, "The bachelor's dream," by sketch, Robert Copeland and several young ladies.

Miss Hattle Sanders has been having the chicken-pox and Helen Dobson has been assisting at the post office during her absence.

Miss Arline Clarke has been con fined at home with the mumps.

A valentine supper was given at the E. church vestries on Tuesday evening. The decorations were very pretty, red hearts being strung above the tables, which were also decorated with hearts and tastefully set up. In the evening there was a musical and literary program which was enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

George Hartford has had the misfortune to lose his horse the past week. It was seized with the colic after being driven down to work one morning and died before the veteri nary could arrive.

Miss Eva Stearns, after being home for seven weeks, caring for Ruth, who has had scarlet fever, has returned to Pawtucket, R. I., to again resume her school work.

Death.

Charles E. Stone, a respected resident of Ashby, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Daniel Taylor, Sunday afternoon, after a lingering illness of some months.

Mr. Stone was born in Townsend about sixty-four years ago, but has lived in Ashby for many years. He was a man of retiring disposition and habits, fond of reading, and a great lover of nature. He was a good friend to all.

He was a familiar figure for many years about Glenwood cemetery in that town, where he had the care of Groton Street, East Pepperell, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, of Brook-ine, spent Saturday and Sunday a: him to give up the work, and since heir house on Hazen road. last October his home has been with his sister.

Mr. Stone was unmarried. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Daniel with your lunch if you knew you could Taylor, and one niece, Mrs. Fred Davis, both of Ashby.

The funeral was held at Daniel

Taylor's home in Ashby on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Grange,

Monday evening was valentine night at the grange and about thirty-five were present. There was a table covered with a white spread which was rimmed with hearts, cupids and arrows, and upon it were all kinds of valentines which later in the evening were given away as favors and prizes. and there were also sticks of candy in fancy papers tied with ribbon which were distributed during the valentine march. The program was as follows:

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Talk upon valentines, Dr. A. J. Atwood: harmonica solo, Frank Woods;
poem. "Lincoln." by Whitman, read by
Angle Lang; heart hunt, first prize won
by Gaien A. Proctor, second by Hattle
E. Mister, and consolation by Mrs. Geo.
L. Whitcomb: "A modern valentine
proposal with answers." Mrs. Margaret
Higgins and Withur H. Scale; sketch,
"Why we never married." six ladies
and six men members; valentine march,
played by Prof. A. G. Seaver.

West.

Miss Addie R. Sanders, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives in Cambridge, has returned to her home here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, of Dor-chester, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh, of Somerville, were at the home of Mrs. Mary Foster over Sunday. Harvey Hodgman has taken a situa-

tion in Lewiston, Me., leaving here last week Friday. Joseph Thompson, who has been

quite ill at his home, has recovered from his recent relapse and is rapidly improving At the Friday evening services for the next eight weeks the special topic of "The problems of a church in a small community," will be taken up and speakers from out-of-town will

have charge of some of the meetings

Delightfully Entertained. Mrs. Albert H. Wilson entertained the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at her home last week Friday afternoon. After the discussion of rent events and quotations, the life of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett was taken up, a sketch of her life being given by Mrs. Josephine Boynton, and the story, "Edith's burglar," was read. At the close of the program the party adjourned to the diningroom, and enjoyed a very dainty lunch and a social hour. Six were present and the occasion was one of much enjoyment. The next meeting will be on Friday afternoon, February 23, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Craig, the subject being "Hiram Powers, sculp-

C. E. Convention.

The regular semi-annual convention of the Nashua River Union, Y. P. S. C. E., will be held in the Baptist church on Thursday, February 22, and a very interesting program is being arranged. The topic of the day will be "Deeper spirituality in Christian Endeavor." The morning address on "Washington," will be delivered by Rev. George M. Howe, of Groton, and the afternoon speaker will be Rev. A. F. Newton, of North Leominster, and during the afternoon five-minute papers on different phases of the topic will be given by Sidney F. Davis, of Groton, Rev. W. L. Noyes, of Brook-line, N. H., Minnie A. Bancroft, of Bryant, of Pepperel Mrs. O. L. Drake, of Townsend, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, of West Groton, and a member of the Dunstable society.

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AYER, MASS.

The Woman's Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian church will give their annual Washington birthday party in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 22. This is a leap year party, with C. H. Gerrish, Frank Lawrence Blood, F. F. Woods, William A. Lawrence and F. F. Waters as patrons. The ushers are Mrs. F. A. Torrey, Mrs. J. T. Bennett, Miss Gertrude B. Gerrish and Miss Ruth T Rockwood. Refreshments provided by Middlesex Rebekah lodge will be served by them in the lower town hall. Lady Martha Washington en costume will serve punch throughout the evening to all purchasers. Thayer's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. E. P. Woolley is making some improvement in her illness, and is able to sit up, but not able yet to be about the house as usual. Mrs. Daniels, from Fremont, N. H., Mr. Cook's grandmother, is staying at Mrs

Miss Alma Bowles, teacher in Shirley, is at present staying with Miss Margaret Walsh in Ayer, as measles broke out in the family of Mrs. Grout, her boarding place in Shirley.

During the cold snap of last Satur day evening to Sunday morning, thermometers went down to from eleven to seventeen below zero. The burst-ing of water pipes kept the plumbers busy about the town.

Little Miss Geraldine Parker, or Pepperell, came over as a valentine to spend her third birthday on Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Mason and family.

H. S. and H. M. Wheelock, of Chicopee row, have just bought a new span of horses. They are getting out lumber preparatory to building a new

Groton grange will give a play "The last loaf," in the town hall on Tuesday evening. February 20. A dance will follow the play. Tickets on sale at Bruce's.

The program for Tuesday night at the grange was; without giving the order, as follows: Song, Miss Dora Bailey; piano solo, Miss Eva Blod-gett; reading, Mrs. Whitehill; violin solo, Miss Isabelle Woods; piano solo, Mrs. Amy Wright. The games with hearts distributed among the members was in keeping with valentine night and created much interest and amusement.

Miss Charlotte Grant is coming to take Miss Annie P. Riley's place as district nurse for the next two months. Miss Grant will make her home during the time at Miss Riley's home on Station avenue.

A station for commercial telegraphy is being installed at the telephone exchange in this village. A young lady from Fitchburg is to be in charge. This will go into operation on Monday. February 19.

Odber S. Folkins slipped and fell down on the ice last Monday while driving over his bakery route. He broke one of his ribs in the fall and has since been confined to the house.

James R. Hawkes, when heard from last week, at Monument Beach, was sick in bed and had to give up was sick in bed and had to give up the care of his patient. As soon as able he was to go to Boston to con-sult a specialist. The trouble is the same that he had when here in Gro-

Don't forget the musical entertainment to be given in the town hall for the benefit of the Groton District Nurse association on Saturday evening, February 24. The Groton School orchestra will give a number of selections. The Misses Lawrence will are Company of New York city. The

George Carkin returned to his work at Shattuck's store last week, having been laid by with the grippe for the previous week.

Cornelius Bailey and his lady friend, Miss Dalton, were up from Boston to attend the Odd Fellows' ball last week Friday.

Everett, son of Maitland Johnson has the whooping cough.

Dr. Kilbourn had a specialist Dr. Rogers, come to Groton last Saurday on the case of G. A. Durant, who has been suffering from a bad sciatic

Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans has the scarlet fever. Her husband, Shadrack Evans, who underwent an operation at Nashua about two weeks ago, is get-ting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are both at M. A. Johnson's, Chicopee

Miss Clara Robinson, from Concord. was in town last week, coming to attend the Odd Fellows' concert and ball that was held on last week Friday

evening. Thomas F. Donahue, sr., who has been under the doctor's care for a severe attack of the grippe, is better. Mrs. Donahue is now suffering from a bad cold.

Lincoln's birthday was remembered by the display of flags and was observed in the different schools. The high school devoted the last period to exercises by the senior class it commemoration of the day. Mrs. Wilson, of the grammar, and Miss Kimball, of Chaplin intermediate, had programs of songs and recitations, and other schools had similar patriotic Lincoln demonstrations.

Fumigation, necessary after the scarlet fever, was carried out at H. Frazee's on Monday, and the children have returned to school.

Dr. D. R. Steere returned to town last week after several weeks' absence on a visit to relatives in Provi-

Mrs. Chase, mother of Mrs. Wilson, and Miss Elizabeth Lowe, is expected home soon, having been gone for the past four weeks on a visit to Burling-

Miss Elizabeth Lowe attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Louise Bird, at Newton Highlands, on Mon-

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley went to Boston last week Wednesday, returning home on Thursday night.

The new cow barn which has been in process of building for the past two months or more, was completed last week and makes another of the farm buildings at Shawfieldmont. Henry Fizgerald, farm superintendent for Gen. W. A. Bancroft, has just congreged in the Herd eight new Holstein cows, the herd eight new Holstein cows, the milk now numbering sixty-five. The r goes to the Boston City hospital.

Mrs. William Souther has been quite sick and under the doctor's care, but is now improving. Her sister, Miss Bardeen, is with her. Her daughter, Mrs. Ladoo, hearing of her mother's illness, came over from Leominster to see her.

H. Jerome Bowles has accepted a position with the Y. M. C. A. at Fitch-

Revs. G. M. Howe and P. H. Cressey attended the service at the First Par-ish church, Pepperell, on last week Friday evening, held in commemora-tion of the founding of the original town church in March, 1770. Mr. Cressey gave the scripture reading and Mr. Howe the address.

The freshman class of the high chool greatly enjoyed an old-fashioned straw sleighride last week Friday evening, starting at seven o'clock. Nesbit L. Woods fitted up his sled, and with his span took the merry party of boys and girls through Pingreyville, Littleton, North Littleton and back to Groton, stopping at his house, where they had refreshments. Later Mr. Woods took them to the village, where they left for their several homes with happy thoughts of their

The concert and ball held by the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows in the town hall on Friday evening of last week passed off in a most satisfactory manner. The attendance was large the concert and dance music was fine and sprightly. William Woods, vice grand, and Miss Fannie E. Boynton led the grand march in which there were near seventy couples. A very excel-lent supper was enjoyed, the seats closely taken. Many visitors from other towns joined with their Groton friends in this fourth annual event of the Groton Odd Fellows.

Daniel Needham, of Harvard, came home last week, it being mid-year examinations. Mr. Needham attended the Odd Fellows' concert and ball here last week.

Don't forget the Farmers' Institute at town hall, Littleton, February 20, beginning at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

An Excellent Lecture.

Byron Piatt, lecturer in the Luther Blood course last week Friday evening, called out a good sized audience Mr. Piatt has personal magnetism and gave a fine, strong lecture in an im-pressive manner, calculated to do good. He was listened to closely. Mr. Piatt, at the beginning, remarked that there were so many young people in the audience he thought best to speak on "The gift of power," instead of

on "The gift of power," instead of "The mass against the man," as had been announced. Certainly Mr. Piat: was an illustration of one who has "the gift of power," giving a grand lecture and holding his audience. This lecture, the fourth in the series, closes the course for this season. The trustees have exercised the best of judgment, carefully and wisely making their selections, and have won the appreciation of the Groton public.

Secretly Weds.

Miss Mary E. Winthrop, who was a resident of Groton eleven years ago, was secretly married to Thomas M. Turner, organizer of the cotton duck render selections on violin and piano, and a fine soloist will add much to the program. Come everybody and enjoy an attractive concert and help out in the worthy cause. Seats within reach of all pocketbooks.

Company of New York city. The marriage took place at Riverside, Conn., and they have been living at their country home at Shelter Island, and are at their home in Brooklyn. Mr. Turner is fifty-four years old and his bride is twenty-six.

Miss Winthrop left her home in Groton eleven years ago to take up a stage career in Boston. Her beauty attracted a great deal of attention. and upon going to New York a year later she met Mr. Turner, who took considerable interest in her and later announced that he had adopted her There was no official record of the adoption and the need of it was not made clear, since Miss Winthrop was above the minority age.

After Miss Winthrop took up her abode with her guardian she became absorbed in raising prize-winning French and English bulldogs. She has kennels at Shelter Island and the basement of the Remsen street home has been made over to accommodate a dozen of her pets.

Miss Winthrop's fondness for dogs has led her to publish a little booklet on dog breeding. She once took several dogs to a Chicago show in special Pullman cars and registered them in the hotel at which she wished to she walked the streets with her pets rather than be separated from her 'angels.'

An Historical Sketch.

As a visitor to this old home I will give a description of it, the old Jonas Varnum farm, in Dracut. Near the New Hampshire line, bordering or Long pend in the great bend of the Merrimack river, stands one of the old Colonial mansions, which still retains its dignified appearance and offers solid comfort, characteristic of the forefathers, built just after the revolution, near the shores of Long pond. Its excellent location on a hill rising from the meadows, must always have commanded a charming vista of hill, lowland and verdant fields. Now the busy city of Lowell fills the distant background and its steeples, towers and lofty chimneys rising above the green slopes tell the tale of the humming of the river in the engines of man.

The home itself, with a wide central door, is dominated by the huge hos-pitable chimney, whose generous dimensions, foretold the hospitable intentions of a family whose courage in Indian wars and the revolutionary contest just ended, brought not only renown but friends whose entertainment demanded ample resources of · larder, fireplace and chamber.

As the home has been in the pos- their local rights the work will probsession of the family descendants continually, there has been few changes and could Jonas Varnum, who first entered its broad doorway with his young bride on his arm, come back to earth he would find no difficulty in making himself at home by the family fireside. Much of the old furniture and quaint wainscotting are still in their original places and Nathaniel Varnum, who died in 1883, at the ripe age of eighty-eight, was wont to tell of the men who, famous in the early days of the union, had visited the well-known mansion

Relics of the olden time abound throughout the home, heirlooms with the old English coat of arms, a sheaf of wheat, and silver with the family crest, are still the possessions of the present descendant, Joseph P. Varnum. Ancient chests, which once held finery of Puritan maidens, and a trunk which yet bears the letters, "J. V." and figures, "1687," attest that traveling was indulged in though home staying was preached. The present occupant represents the sixth generation of the name of Varnum who have lived there; there is also in the house an old warming pan, with the date of 1713, on which is engraved the following inscription: "God save our Royal King, George the First," who was in his second year then. The great-greatgrandfather of Queen Victoria, who was grandmother of George V., present king of England.

Jonas Varnum was a revolutionary

Jonas Varnum was a revolutionary soldier and an uncle of Mrs. Caleb Butler. The inscription on the old trunk, "J. V." and "1687," was for John Varnum, the first white child born north of the Merrimack river, October 26, 1669, who married Dorothy Proceed doubter of Jones and Mary. Prescott, daughter of Jonas and Mary (Loker) Prescott, of Groton, Mass.
William H. Lynds, Lowell.

1 Misunderstanding. The action which has been taken the Groton Improvement society in regard to the motion picture show, has by some of the town people been greatly misunderstood. The society is not trying to abolish the motion pictures, but trying to improve the subjects so that the young people may have a chance to see the right kinds

of films. The following is taken from

an editorial in one of our leading

"There are, and in plenty, excellent films that are educative and uplifting in their character, and if the people of every town will insist to the manager of the local motion picture show that one or two good films shall be given each night, along with those of lighter vein, they will be given. The business of a manager of a motion picture show or any kind of show is not to offend the people of his town; he is there to get their patronage, and if he s shown a demand for the educational picture in his program he can be depended upon to respond to that demand. But wholesale condemnation of the motion picture is absolutely wide of the point. We must make up our minds that it has come to stay. and if we cannot induce the local shows to give the thousands of young people who attend them the right kind of pictures, then the church, school club must wake up and use the motion picture film and put un an op-

Lawrence Academy Notes.

At the last meeting of the Gamma Beta society the question for debate was: Resolved, "That the eight hour labor law should be a benefit to American industry."

Some of the boys have been practicing running lately under the direction of Mr. Hope. There is some talk of sending a team to the B. A. A. meet.

Manager Loomis has arranged the

April 27-Boston College high Groton.

April 30-Waltham high at Groton. May 1-Lowell high at Groton. May 1—Lowell high at Groton.

May 4—Worcester academy at Gro

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May 11-Worcester academy at Worcester.
May 15-St. Marks school at South boro.
May 15-Rindge Manual Training a

Groton.

May 22—Groton School at Groton.

May 25—Worcester English high

Groton. 30-Tufts college 2d at Groton

1—Dorchester high at Groton.
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er, N. H.

June 8—Worcester South high at

A New Bark Disease.

The chestnut bark disease, which has made such havoc in New York, Pennsylvania and other places, has invaded Massachusetts. According to reports it has been found in Harvard and Pepperell and probably has entered Groton. Farmers or any owners of chestnut woodlots may well stay, but dogs were prohibited, and feel aghast at fighting another tree pest and this one is said to be the worst of all. So destructive is this in its effect, that it seems that all chestnut trees are doomed. It has been recommended to all owners, of chestnut timber land to cut their forests down as the best possible move. To get the most reliable information on this matter it is only necessary to send a postal to S. W. Rane, state forester, 6 Beacon street, Boston, for the bullatin on this chestnut bark disease which seems now to threaten the existence of this valuable property.

Improving Roadways.

Under the appropriation of the United States department of Agriculture, a force of men working up from Lowell way, reached Groton this week and are clearing up the highway along the Lowell road, cutting down trees shrubs and bushes on both sides the road. Some of the best and largest trees are left standing. The brush and all refuse is burned, and the wood is piled and left. In some places they have gone a number of feet beyond the public domain and cut into private property. Considerable talk and discussion is heard over this, some think- her death would have been fifty-nine ing they are getting their wood cut cheaply and others prefer to do their spent in New Jersey, but upon beown cutting. If these men, who are coming Mrs. Emerton she removed to working in the interest of destroying Vermont and later to various places

The following is taken from the Boston Globe of February 11:
Maj. Gen. William A. Bancroft, president of the Boston Elevated Railway, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday morning, when the automobile which he was riding struck an inward bound subway car at the corner of Harvard and Prospec's streets, Cambridge, pushing it half-way around.

J. B. Schooner, the chauffeur, succeeded in keeping the machine under control, and beyond a slight shaking-up, neither Gen. Bancroft nor Division Supt. George R. Tripp, with whom he was riding, was injured. Some of the passengers in the car were frightened by the collision, but no one was

An Address.

At an evening with Longfellow recently held at a social gatherine in Bradford, Pa., the company after partaking of a New England dinner, listened to readings from the poet, and an address by Hon. R. B. Stone, of that city. Mr. Stone is one of the "Stone boys" of Chicopee row, of this town. In the course of his remarks Mr. Stone said in referring to Hiawatha, the founder of the League of the Six Nations:
"President Taft may be today the

most distinguished living advocate of world-wide peace, but Hlawatha, four hundred years before, had discovered the evils of war and united the hostile nations in a union that endured for three centuries and was never broken.

"Cromwell brought Great Britain under his dominion, but his dominion was never so large as that which is bounded by the Great Lakes and he Chesapeake, the Hudson and the Maumee. He framed a revised form of civil government and took to him-self the chief office. Hiawatha, in the same century, with equally undisputed personal control, established a

republic without a presidency.
"Longfellow has fixed Paul Revere in the public mind as the heroic horseman of Lexington and Concord, and thus obscured his record as a statesman and leader of the revolu-In like manner the poet, misled by schoolcraft, has transformed the great his oric froquois into a miraculous personage of the western Ojibways and created a poem which cannot be identified either in fact or in fiction with the founder of the Iroquois league. It is for the living inhabitants of the land of Hiawatha, forgiving the poet for the sake of the poem, to rescue the memory of Hiawatha and make his title clear to a place of honor in American his-

West Groton.

Rubina Gilson, of Groton, was a re-cent guest of Marion Mellish, a former schoolmate.

Mrs. Madigan, of Fitchburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. G. Harring on. Mrs. Warren Seems, of Leominster, who lived here recently, was in town on Wednesday.

Clarence Thompson returned on Tuesday from a trip of several weeks position show, as has already been done in some towns with excellent reto Sheldon, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb returned on Saturday from a week's vacation, during which they enjoyed a journey to Washington D.

to Washington, D. C. J. T. Shepley is spending a few days with his niece in Mattapan.

Those who attended the lecture of he Luther Blood course last week were well paid for the effort. A citizen of this place gives the following thought for publication: "If all from West Groton who attended the musi-

Born on Friday, February 9, daughter Caroline, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley. Mrs. J. L. Nutting is in attendance.

Whooping cough is qui e prevalent; late victims being Honor Harrington and Keith Trask. By some mischance a wrong name was given last week, and the item which mentioned Elliott Blood should have been: "Little Elliott Dudley is making a good recov-

Mrs. Michael Moran is convalescing from an attack of the grippe, which necessitated the care of her physician. The young ladies calling themselves

The Jolly Seven, met with good success in their social dance held on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening, February 20,

a social dance will be held in Squannacook hall by the West Groton Athletic association. Music by Thayer's orchestra. The public is cordially invited.

A dog belonging to William Ruppender was shot and killed recently by Raymond Sleeper at the reques. of its master, it having shown strong symptoms of rables. A dog owned by Mr. Silsbury was known to have been bitten and was taken away by Officer Riley. It has since been returned. but no further particulars have been

The L. A. society was entertained on Thursday afternoon a: Mrs. E. K. Harrington's, by piano solos by Miss Lil-lian Harrington and Miss Ruth Bixby, and a reading by Mrs. Florence Briggs.

Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. George Gay was held on Sunday afternoon at her late home, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge of ficiating. Beautiful flowers testified to the love and esteem of relatives and neighbors. Mrs. M. E. Williams Miss K. A. Tarbell and H. Spaulding rendered the songs "Nearer my God to thee," and "After," Mrs. F. L.

Blood accompanying. Emma J. (Ierrell) Gay was born in Millville, N. J., in 1853, and had she lived until the Wednesday following years of age. Her early life was

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there were five children, two daugh- dren. "Grandma" Davis, as she was there were nive children, two daugnters and three sons. After her marriage to Mr. Gay her home was in Pepperell, until their removal to this will miss her. She has been tenderly will miss her. She has been tenderly and the property of the

Methodist church and while in Pep- in their bereavement. perell was an active worker. For several years she has suffered from diabetes, and during the last twelve-month has failed steadily. At the funeral Mr. Trowbridge paid special tribute to the home-loving nature and home-making qualities of the deceas-

Mrs. Gay is survived by a husband: two daughters-Mrs. Forrest Knight, of North Groton; Mrs. George Barrett, cale some weeks ago had shown equal of South Framingham, who cared for April 17—Middlesex school at Con-

On Monday morning the remains were taken to Mansfield and interred by the side of her three sons.

A Rare Treat.

Every available seat was taken in Squannacook hall evening, the occasion being a musical program by the Hayden Company under the auspices of the I.O.O.F M. U. A rare treat had been promised and an expectant crowd awaited the opening number. Expectations were more than fully realized and throughout the lengthy program with its numerous encores the audience was held in breathless attention.

The organ chimes, new to a large number in the audience, and so skill-fully manipulated by Miss Eleanore Soule Hayden, were alone worth the admission fee. Miss Hayden is equally proficient on the xylophone and mandolin; with the latter instrument he beautiful violin tones she is able to produce were distinctly in evi

The violin selections by Edwin Byron Powell were entirely classical and exceptionally well rendered. "Souvenir." by Drdla, was especially pleasing. At the piano, Miss Wales accompanied with exquisite touch and comprehension.

Miss Edith B. Arey, the reader, may best be described by the one word: captivating. She is an artist, wonderfully true to life and her selecions were given hearty encores. Dancing followed the entertain-

ment, excellent music being furnished G. Proctor, Raymond Sleeper and Harry Powers, violinist, Brookline. The concert, despite the heavy ex-

penses, was a financial success and it s hoped the last named fact, combined with the appreciation shown by the people will encourage the lodge to try again.

TOWNSEND.

Mrs. Azubia Davis, widow of James Davis, died at the home of her son, Melvin Davis on Tuesday morning of bronchitis and weakness caused by her advanced age. She was in her ninetieth year. The funeral was held at the house Friday. She leaves a son and daughter, Melvin Davis of this 'own and Mrs. Melvina Seaver of Regular 25c. value Price 15c. per can

village three years ago.

Mrs. Gay was a member of the the family have the sympathy of all Henry Seaver, aged eighty-four years, died Tuesday at the home of his

> church Saturday afternoon. Mr. Seaver leaves two sons, Charles and Irving A. Seaver of this town.

Miss Mabel Thompson has gone to Albany, N. Y., to enter the employ of the library bureau association, which has a contract in that city. Contractor Sherwin and men have

commenced work upon the new house for Walter E. Wilder at the Center. Charles Donley, clerk at I. P. Sherwin's store, is on the sick list and Per-

ry W. Sawtelle is assisting in the store during his absence. Mrs. Allison has been quite ill with an attack of grippe at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at six o'clock will be conducted by Miss Mabel Patch and will be followed by a special business meeting.

Sangster Troupe of Quincy is a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, this week. Arthur Smith of Waltham has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

Miss Laura Upton of Milton has been a recent guest for a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. W. Upton of Josselynville.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

The West Acton Woman's club held their regular meeting last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Rolfe gave a very interesting talk to mothers and the chorus sang, "The bridal chorus." Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Bertha Shattuck is at Amherst taking a two weeks' course in agriculture.

The drama, "Mr. Easy Man's niece," which was given in West Acton last Saturday evening, was attended by many of our townspeople.

The last meeting of the grange was spent with Dickens. All responded to the roll call from him and songs and stories were read and sung. It is understood that the next meeting will be a minstrel show.

Mrs. Susan S. Brigham, one of the oldest women in this state, observed the 101st anniversary of her birth February 3, at the home of her only son, George E. Brigham of Worcester. She was born in Acton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ammis Wetherbee, and was married in early life to Calvin Brigham of Worcester. She is a granddaughter of a revolutionary soldier and a real daughter of Concord

chapter, D. A. R. Don't forget the Farmers' Institute the moth pests are keeping within in New England. By this marriage Mansfield, besides several grandchil- beginning at 10.30 a. m. sharp. at town hall, Littleton, February 20,

The ladies of the Unitarian church will serve a chicken pie dinner on Thursday, February 22, at 12.30, in the vestry of the church.

Ayer Woman's club will observe children's day in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, February 21.
Members of the club may obtain tickets of Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle at her home on February 17, 18, 19 and 21. Business meeting at three o'clock. An entertainment will be given by a magician at 3.30. This meeting is open to the public upon payment of a small admission fee.

Thirteen American flags were pre sented to the schools, one in each room, on Lincoln's day, Monday, Feb-12, by the Woman's Relief corps. The name of the great war president was honored in the afternoon during sessions of the school in connection with the studies.

J. B. O'Connell returned from Yuma, Arizona, last Saturday, where he went several weeks ago to take charge of the railroad yard. Mr. O'Connell was formerly yardmaster in the local freight yard.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins and George H Hill left on Monday night on the 11.17 express train for New York city. From there they went to Apopka, Fla., where they will visit the doctor's parents, who go south every winter. They expect to be away ten or twelve

gold watch from the Royal typewriter uel Barrett, of this city, a fellow company of Boston for making the workman both here and at the plow largest financial gain of any of the salesmen during the past fall season. Mr. Bottomly is well-known This honor is all the more creditable by the older citizens of this town. to the young man when it is con-sidered that he was competing with another of their social dances on the all the agents of the company in the

Jack Dempsey, a photographer, of furnish the music for the occasion. Lowell, moved into the studio in the upper part of Carley's block on Wedupper part of Carley's block on Wed-nesday, where he intends to carry on the photographic business. the photographic business.

M. E. Markham is still confined to ternal trouble. his home and unable to attend to his duries at the Shirley Cash market.

The performance of the drama, "The pany received when they gave a conlast loaf," which was repeated in Page cert here last December under the hall on Tuesday evening was witnessed by a fair sized audience which ap- club, it has been decided to give the preciated the excellent work done by the participants, all local amateur hearing them. Accordingly the Hay-

A very successful food sale was Page hall on Tuesday evening, Feb-held by the ladies of the Baptist ruary 27, offering a program entirely

An interesting meeting was held by the Y, P, R, U, last Sunday evening when Miss Gladys Moore gave an address on Edward Everett Hale. Miss Natalie Bigelow was leader and Miss Pearl Carley pianist.

Unitarian pulpit on Sunday morning.
His topic will be "The grace and beauty of forgiveness."

A force of three men in charge of Supt. D. W. Mason, started work on Tuesday morning picking the brown-Rev. A. Judson Rich will occupy the

At the Y. P. R. U. meeting on Sunday evening the address will be a paper on Harriet Beecher Stowe, by Mrs. Lyman Clark.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Clara F. Hill, Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly and Mrs. Susan M. Barker of the Woman's club attended the art conference of the state federation held with the Woman's club, of Fitchburg.

Mrs. William U. Sherwin, who went Mrs. William U. Sherwin, who went to a hospital in Boston last week and underwent a surgical operation on Mrs. Knowlton received other underwent a surgical operation on last week Friday, is getting along

nicely. George B. Turner & Son, came to this town in 1880, and part of the time of the thirty-two years engaged in business he was in the jobbing business in Boston extending over a period of thirty-eight years. The Turners have one of the best dry goods r ores in this part of the state, equal to many of the stores found in the small cities. Their aim has always been to please their patrons, which they have successed in doing.

Joseph Hammon, of Boston, has dition of heavy falls of snow. opened a barber shop on Merchants' row in Mrs. Hill's building.

Mrs. Frank Balcom was taken to a Boston hospital on Wednesday for an

John A. Kendall, and Mrs. Frank S. Pierce attended the funeral of Mrs. Helen M. Hosley, of Springfield, in that city on Wednesday. Mrs. Hosley was a sister of Mr. Kendall and an aunt of Mrs. Pierce.

A large gathering of the members of the Royal Arcanum is expected at the meeting at Fitchburg on Monday, March 11, under the auspices of the grand council. The councils which are invited to be present are Leominster, Gardner, Winchendon, Ashburn-ham and Ayer. The Fitchburg council will act as the host on this oc-casion. There will be class initiations of candidates of the above councils and the council that has the largest class will receive a suitable prize. The degree team of Fitchburg council will do the initiation work. After the exercises a banquet will be served. Ernest E. Hobson, g. r., of Palmer, and several of the grand officers are expected to be present.

Hyman, the seven-year-old son of Morris Kozlov, has returned from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where he was operated on for an ear trouble.

na G. Taylor; "Movin' off," Harvey Q. McCollester; "The Rajput nurse." Lilian McMahon; "The little lover." Doris G. Corner; selection, high school or-

Francis Bird, our well-known shoemaker, was stricken with an apoplectic shock in his shop on Wednesday where he is still in a very serious con-

The prize dance given in Page hall on Wednesday was a great success and nearly 140 couple were present. There came from Pepperell sixty-five and Leominster. The judges were fire was put of Frank Galvin and Oscar Wolfe, and of the firemen. James Currie, of North Chelmsford, who awarded the prize of a five-dollar gold piece to Martin Donahue and Miss Sophia Hubbard.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, February 20. Work -Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees.

Frank S. Pierce cut a second crop of ice on Tuesday of 250 tons, fifteen inches thick, of clear ice, which he has stacked.

The Boston Ice Company have this crop of ice, fifteen inches thick and sending it to Boston for immediate tariff and produced figures to prove use. They will continue to do this his assertions. as long as conditions are favorable.

James T. Bottomly, a former resited here, died in Worcester on January 27. He lacked two months of be-William McNiff, of Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNiff, of this town, recently received a handsome was in the cemetery in that city. Sam-Mr. Bottomly is well-known

evening of Washington's birthday at Page hall. Johnson's orchestra will

Mrs. Robert F. Murphy, daughter of ing to be operated upon for an in-

Because of the enthusiastic reception which the Hayden Concert Comtownspeople another opportunity of District Court. den Company will give a concert in seat.

afternoon.

tail moth nests.

A very pleasant surprise was given to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Knowlton he vat their home in Somerville last week fine. Friday evening, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Frank Barnes and Fred Trask called, and in behalf of the employees of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad, presented Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton with a purse fillgifts as remembrances of the happy occasion Mr Knowlton is known passenger conductors on the Boston and Maine railroad, and with his wife once lived here where both are well-known.

Mrs. Brandon Phillips, of Brandon, Vt., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Morris, at the home of Warren B. Cotton, on Washington street. Mrs. Phillips was a former resident of Lowell where she is now on her way to visit her relatives and friends. She reports the same severe weather at her Vermont home as has been experienced here the past few weeks, with the ad-

It is reported that John Ripley, formerly of this town, with the Haynes-Piper Company, but for the past year a resident of Townsend, is severely ill with an attack of appendicitis and will be taken to a hospital to undergo an operation

Mr. and Mrs. Lameroux, of Washington street, entertained on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Winslow, Mr. Winslow is the well-known mason and contractor, and took a brief respite from his business cares to celebrate his birthday,

Warren B. Cotton is still confined Warren B. Cotton is still confined in the road department. The various to his home on account of the severe sections of the roadbeds on the several divisions are to be consolidated. weather. He is slowly recovering from the shock of paralysis with which he was afflicted last May.

For other Ayer news see last page

Water Pipes Frozen.

A number of the water pipes around town are frozen in the streets and those using water are considerably inconvenienced thereby. This is the second time since the installation of the water system that this has happened. The other freeze up occurred in the intensly cold winter of 1904-5. The reason given for this condition is that the terrible cold weather for the past seven weeks, with practically no thaw, has penetrated the ground

ing the fire in William A. Kimball's house and which threatened to destroy other property. The old Col. Needham hand tub was brought into service, as there is no water pressure in Littleton, with sufficient hose as accessory to the fire fighting mamorning. He was taken to his home chine. The run to the scene of the fire was quickly made on a special train made up here for that purpose. The prompt and willing response of our firemen was much appreciated. About an hour after the first alarm persons, and quite a number from in the cellar of the house occupied Shirley, Forge Village, Graniteville by W. E. Murphy on East avenue. The

Address.

P. J. Conlan, of Boston, addressed the members of the Board of Trade at their rooms on Wednesday even-ing on "The tariff." The speaker said he would talk on the subject purely from a business standpoint leaving aside entirely its political phases. Mr. Colan said he was a protectionist and to his mind it was clearly the best policy for our government to pursue if the people of this country wished to be prosperous. He spoke at considweek been loading into cars a second and living conditions in the European erable length on the different wage countries who had not a protective

The talk about free trade in connection with the English government said dent of this town, and an employee of the speaker is very misleading. Althe Ames Plow Company when locathough it is nominally a free trade ing eighty years of age. He made his home with his daughter, and a few cessary for them to do if the protechome with his daughter, and a few cessary for them to do if the protective system, with its two-fold object

He referred to the enormous subsidies paid by the English government to its shipping interests, which was so great that it was authoritatively stated that its steamboat lines would pay good dividends if not a single passenger or a pound of freight was carried

At the close of the address Mr. Conlan was applauded and president, E. A. Richardson, in behalf of the Board \$1 of Trade, thanked the speaker for his \$1 talk. Mr. Conlan invited anyone who wished to ask questions concerning \$1 the subject, to do so, and there were quite a number who accepted the invitation. An informal discussion fol-lowed and lunch was served.

the business meeting previous to the talk one new member was ad-

William Martin, of Graniteville, was found guilty last Saturday morning on a charge of assault and battery on church on Tuesday afternoon in the lower town hall. In the evening a given, and a most enjoyable evening is assured those who attend. The prices of tickets are 35c, and 50c, and will arrested for assault and battery on his wife, Eva Martin. Martin, in his own defense, stated that his wife was for tickets are 35c, and 50c, and will arrested for assaulting her, this because of the Baptist of the Baptist of a charge of assault and battery on his wife, Eva Martin. Martin, in his own defense, stated that his wife was for tickets are 35c, and 50c, and will go on sale at Hill's drug grown arrested for assault and battery on his wife, Eva Martin. Martin, in his own defense, stated that his wife was for the habit of getting drunk and that his wife was on a charge of assault and battery on his wife, Eva Martin. Martin, in his own defense, stated that his wife was for the habit of getting drunk and that she spent all his money in getting him arrested for assaulting her, this because of the battery on his wife. Eva Martin and battery on his wife, Eva Martin. Martin, in his own defense, stated that his wife was for the habit of getting drunk and that she spent all his money in getting him arrested for assault and battery on his wife. Eva Martin and a most enjoyable evening is assured those who attend. The prices of tickets are 35c, and 50c, and will be she with the habit of getting drunk and that his money in getting him arrested for assault and battery on his wife. Eva Martin and the wife was held by the she will be she with the habit of getting drunk and the him arrested for assault and battery on his wife. Eva Martin and a most enjoyable evening is a she will be she will be a she will be she will be a she will be s go on sale at Hill's drug store on Thursday morning, February 22. Get your tickets early and insure a good seat. John J. McCarthy left for Chicago, of the case. His brother, Peter afternoon Martin, was found not guilty of assault and battery and discharged.

Henry Fisher, of Pepperell, was found guilty of illegal hunting in that town on Monday morning and fined ten dollars. He appealed and later through counsellor John M. Maloney he withdrew his appeal and paid the

Train Crashes Into Freight.

Passenger train No. 6, east bound on the Fitchburg division, due to leave here for Boston at 9.25 in the morning, and running an hour and a half | \$ late, crashed into a string of freight cars on what is known as the "midtrack just below Flanagan's crossing on Friday forencon. ocomotive of the nassenger train quite badly damaged. were demolished while a third was put out of business. The cars were loaded with paper, which was more or less damaged in the mixup. Two hand cars were also smashed. No one was injured, although some of those on the train were shaken up.

The local wrecking crew, in charge of M. P. Cole, foreman of car inspectors, cleared the track. Traffic was considerably delayed and all trains used the east bound track, and were run on orders until the westbound track could be opened for business. open switch is supposed to be the cause of the accident.

Motor Cars for Section Crews.

The Boston and Maine retrenchment plans, which have resulted in many and varied changes in the operating departments, are now to be worked out in the maintenance of way and road departments. A number of changes are scheduled that will throw still more men out of employment, many of whom are old and trust-

worthy employés.

The latest plan is to be worked out whereby the authority and labors of a certain number of section masters will be extended to cover three or four of the present sections and the other section masters of the new divisions will be obliged to either go to work as a member of one of the new crews or seek employment elsewhere

To facilitate the carrying out of the new project, motor cars will replace the familiar handcars of the present and three hundred motor cars of seven and one-half horse power each have been ordered from the Pneumatic Tool Company, of Rockford, Ill., for de-livery in the early spring.

Fletcher Brothers MID-WINTER

our firemen was much appreciated. About an hour after the first alarm another was sounded for a slight fire in the cellar of the house occupied by W. E. Murphy on East avenue. The fire was put out before the arrival

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Boutwell post, G. A. R., and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Vet-erans, who were escorted to the stage by the color bearers of Woman's Relief corps, Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Misses Bessie Glazier, Dorcas Scruton and Mrs. Jessie Crawford. The program was prefaced by a few words of welcome by E. D. Martell, commander of the G. A. R. post, who then turned over the meeting to O. W. Balcom, the patriotic instructor of the post, who presided during the remain-

der of the evening.

The stage was adorned with Ameri can flags tastefully arranged, and fine likeness of the martyr-president occupied a prominent place in the midst of a display of the national colors. Arrangements for the exercises were made by Rev. A. L. Bumpus, O. W. Balcom and Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, the patriotic instructors of the Sons of Veterans, Grand Army and Woman's Relief corps respectively.

Paints, Oils which organizations took the initial steps towards making the program a

success. The program follows: March, "The red plume," high school orchestra; assembly call, Roger Law rence: invocation, Rev. J. W. Thomas Lincoln day proclamation, W. E. Mellish; flag salute, W. R. C.; reading, "Change of base," Miss Mary Gleason; tableau, "Making the flag," W. R. C.; song, "Star spangled banner"; reministhe past seven weeks, with practically not haw, has penetrated the ground to an unusual degree. The absence of snow, it is claimed, makes matters worse, as the snow forms a sort of a blanket which prevents the frost from blanket which prevents the frost from solid the ground had little or no covering. The trial of Ben Thomas," Frank E. Bolsseau: "Advance agent." Gertrude O'Nell: "The philosopher." Ralph H. Brown: "Educating youth. Markaret E. Hume: selection, high school orchestra: "Sand will do it." George F. Reed: "Annoinette." Evelyn Sanderson: "Washirgton at Valley Forge," Richardson at Valley Forge," Richardson at Valley Forge," Richardson to an unusual degree. The absence of snow, it is claimed, makes matters worse, as the snow forms a sort of a blanket which prevents the frost from blanket which prevents the frost from sounded lattle or no covering. Some of the pipes that are frozen are from four to five feet below the surface.

Fire.

Fire.

A fire alarm sounded last Sunday afternoon shortly before one o'clock in response to a call for assistance ard D. Hurley; "Michael Strogoff," An-

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Miss Ellen O'Hern and friend from Fitchburg have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hern.

Edwin Smith was in Milford and Nashua last week on a visit.

The Monday club met with Mrs. Perley Pierce on Thursday of last A very dainty lunch was

Mrs. Etta Rockwood is confined to her home by illness.

on Tuesday evening.

Elsie Braley is quite ill with the measles.

The North Brookline school closed on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Webber, who has returned to her home.

Mrs. Marion Hobart is very ill, and Dr. Lovejoy, of Pepperell, is attending

The body of Mrs. Annett C. Lawrence was brought from Reed's Ferry and buried at the South cemetery las:

Mrs. Nellie Swett is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Maud Marshall, of Groton, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham, of Milford, N. H., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.

The public library will be open on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 until five o'clock, and Saturday evenings from seven until 8.30 o'clock until further notice.

Miss Isbelle Lancey passed away at her home on Sunday morning. February 11. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

The marriage of Miss Louise L. Parker, of Lowell, and William, Scarritt, of Kansas City, will take place at Lowell on Tuesday, February 20. Recent guest at the Elmwood have

N. E. Rogers, A. C. Bishop, Stephen Conley, George Bugbee, A. F. Cummings, H. E. Hewey and friend, Nashua, Miss Harmon and friend, Boston, W. S. Jenkins, Harry Vantassell, Manchester, E. G. Cook, Reed's Ferry, F. R. Richards. South Lyndeboro, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morris, Edwin D. Mc-Allister, Waltham, Mass.

Timothy O'Hern, from Leominster, Mass., has been a recent guest in

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

William Deane had a narrow escape one day last week from being buried in a sawdust pile. While getting a load of sawdust at Worcester's mill, the pile began to slide and he was partially covered. Fortunately help was at hand and he was rescued.

Harold Hardy took his Sunday school class of young boys on a sleigh-ride to Nashua last week Wednesday evening. Each lad was privileged to take a young lady with him. After an evening spent at an entertainment, they returned home, having spent a later and the work of the work o most enjoyable evening.

Miss Marion B. Crowell, of Con-Miss Marion B. Crowell, of Con-cord, secretary of the New Hampshire Y. P. S. C. E., visited Hollis last week Thursday evening She specified where many sprays Thursday evening. She spoke on of beautiful flowers, lilies, carnations, phases of the work for about forty roses, ferns sweet, pure and fragrant, minutes, showing a full understanding freely contributed by relatives, friends of the weak points of the local socie- and neighbors. The bearers were all how best to overcome them. She held the close attention of the audience. The out-of-town relatives are the control of the audience. After her remarks a social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments were

Frank M. Jameson has accepted a position in Malden, Mass., in a tea and join him.

ers chapter, D. A. R., met last Saturday with Mrs. Mary Powers. The topic of the afternon was "Lincoln," and several papers were given on the various phases of George C. Cobb, who sold out his

grocery and provision business to M. L. Richards last fall, has bought out a meat market in Nashua, taking possession the latter part of last week. Henry Russell, who has been in

failing health the past year, is restricted to his bed.

Luther Tarbell was obliged to go to the hospital for an operation for appendicitis last week. He left home on Thursday, going to Dover hospital. The operation was performed on Friday afternoon. Harold Hardy, who accompanied him, brought home a report that the operation was a successful one, and the patient was doing well.

The Hollis high school basketball team played the Milford high school team on last week Friday evening at the town hall. Hollis won by a score

Miss Grace Hardy, who serves as bookkeeper in a department store in Keene, made a week-end visit with her parents, returning on Monday.

Fred Hills, of New York city, came to Hollis last Saturday, remaining with friends until Monday evening.

The Ladies' R. and C. society met with Mrs. Flora Hardy on Thursday

afternoon Hen thieves have found their way to Hollis, and one night last week entered henhouses of Obadiah Lawrence and took fifty fine ones. One pen had thirty-six pullets that were laying. Mr. Lawrence notified the selectmen who think they have trace of the thieves.

Rev. T. C. H. Bouton, a retired clergyman living in Hudson, occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening.

Death.

Henry A. Harris, of South Merrimac, who lives near the Hollis line, and was identified with many interests of this town, passed away last week Thursday after a few days' illness, of pneumonia. He had a large circle of friends in Hollis and was a man who Commandery, U. O. G. C. Best of all he was a christian gentleman.

His funeral was held in the little Messer served as guard of honor. The bearers were D. W. Hayden, of the composition of the deceased. Rev. Charles E. Haynes, a former pastor of the church in their town was space for one cross-arm at a suitable. tor of the church in that town, was the officiating clergyman, Interment was in the North cemetery. Hollis. A very pleasant valentine supper was in the North cemetery, Hollis, was held at the Congregational church He is survived by a widow and two sons, one is station agen; at East Pepperell.

One sad thing in connection with the funeral was, Mrs. Harris was taken ill with pneumonia that forenoon and had to be taken to the of H. Atherton. Emergency hospital in the afternoon.

The New England Telephone and Tele pathy of all. His death is a distinct loss to the community.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Meth odist church held an all-day meeting in the chapel on Wednesday.

On Sunday evening, February 25, Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingstone will speak in the Congregational church at Leominster. All interested in W. C. T. U. work are invited to hear her if possible.

There are several candidates in the field for school committee, whose names will be on the voting list a the town meeting in March. Miss Mabel Allen, a graduate of Holyoke seminary, Ernest G. Carswell and Frank B. Carr are all much interested in the schools of the town, and would work for their improvement.

The Woman's Christian Temperance

W. C. T. U.

Union held a meeting at the home of Mrs. S. A. Warren on Wednesday afternoon. It was decided to serve dinner in the lower town hall for the voters on town meeting day. It was also voted unanimously to change the regular day of meeting from Friday to Thursday. Hereafter the W. C. T. U. of Lunenburg will hold its meetings on Thursday unless otherwise ordered. Invitations are out for the house warming and dedicatory exercises of the new state headquarters for the Massachusetts W. T. C. U which will be held in the new home at 541 Massachusetts avenue, Boston, on Thursday, February 22, from eleven to five o'clock. Dedicatory service at three o'clock. Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens and Miss Anna A. Gordon are to be there, and it will be a fine opportunity for all who can do so to meet and greet the national and world's

Funeral.

The funeral of Miss Lucy Jane Adams was held in the Congregational church on Saturday, February 9, Rev A. T. Kempton delivering the eulogy alto; Allen Jewett, tenor, and Brad-ford Kempton, base, sang very sweet-ly two selections, "One sweetly and neighbors. The bearers were all

leaders, and give them a royal wel-

come, at the new state headquarters.

The out-of-town relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lancey, of Townsend; Mrs. Belle (Gilchrist) Phillips, Springfield; Edward and Mary Adams and Herman Gilchrist, position in Malden, Mass., in a tea and Grookline; Mrs. M. E. Williams and coffee store. His family will soon join him.

Brookline; Mrs. M. E. Williams and Mrs. Walter Gitchrist and Mrs. Tank Wooster tha Fairbanks, Shirley, and Mrs. W. E. Tarbell, Milton, N. H. There were also several nephews and nieces living in this town who also attended. One brother, Albert Adams, of Shir-ley, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Tarbell, West Groton, and Mrs. Sylvia Lancey, of Lunenburg, were too feeble

to be present. Interment was in the family lot in the North cemetery.

Items of Interest.

It is said that oil or fat will destroy Portland cement, causing cracks and even disintegration in a few months time.

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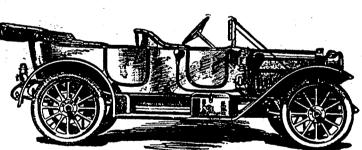
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Whereas, JOHN LEAHY of Harvard in the County of Worcester, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that he as the husband of said deceased is interested in the real estate of said deceased in this Commonwealth; that the whole of the estate 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.

You are hereby cited to appear at a

day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3t21 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in any of the real estate of ALEXANDER D.

COOPER late of Townsend in said 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 County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh 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 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of February in the year one thou-

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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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA P. COOPER late of Shirley 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 RICHARD N. WALLING-FORD of Waitham 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 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 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 thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sweive.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

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3122 W. E. ROGERS. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of MARIA E. BENNETT late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas RICHARD McELLIGOTT 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 not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering or mailing, postpaid, a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, and 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, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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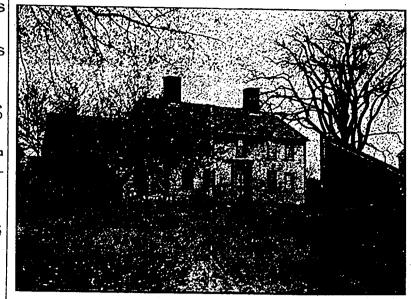
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in shid County, deceased.
Whereas AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY excentor of the will of said deceased,
has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale,
in accordance with the offer named in
said petition, or upon such terms as
may be adjudged best, the whole of a
certain parcel of the real estate of said
deceased for the payment of debts,
legacles 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 nine
o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause,
if any you have, why the same should
not be granted.
And said petitioner is ordered to
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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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THE HOLDEN FARM ON THE NASHUA RIVER, AYER, MASS. THE HISTORY OF A HOUSE IN OLD

By Edward A. Richardson.

ed down from generation to generation, are founded on facts. Many of these households were established under the trials and hardships of a frontier town, when the very exis-tence of the occupants depended on

what the soil would yield.

In the earlier days, at the beginning of these towns, the homes with their farming lands were generally loca- a towering hardwood tree, present a ted along a direct road between the picture of never-wearing beauty. The settlement and some neighboring or distant and much older town.

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times of sickness and danger.
In the first settlement of Groton, the rude homes were for the most part along one road, the present Main street, as a protective measure against the threatening incursions of the In-

dians The valley of the Nashua, between Lancaster and Groton, was a favorite hunting grounds of the Indians and were crowded back from the seaboard and across the river by the increasing settlements, they deeply resented the intrusion.

The destruction of these two towns were both within a month and the savages undoubtedly traversed the old trail over the Holden farm during

their attacks at these places.

Again in 1694 and 1707, the valley was visited by the Indian marauders and it was not until long after this date, at the close of the French and Indian wars, that any feeling of absolute se curity from these attacks was manifest this side of the Connecticut river. A succession of homesteads had become established along the new high-way from Groton to Lancaster shortly before the close of the seventeenth century and a few venturesome souls Wish to call your attention to their stock of tention to their stock of tention to the restock of tention to the restock of the south into the wilderness at Nonalcolcus and to the highlands west of the river at the present Shirt and Lucaphurg called Turkey soon after the year 1700, had pushed and Lunenburg, called Turke

Men of those days were of a hardy stock, inured to the long days of heat and cold which began before sunrise and did not end with sunset, but more of daylight and late at night as they toiled over the rough country roads.

All the necessaries of life were drawn either way, to and from market, by heavy teams in long journeys taking days for the trip which is now completed in as many hours by our

modern means of transportation.
Under such conditions the home stead farm, now in Ayer, known in recent years as the Holden farm, was taken up, and unlike many others was not along some well traveled road. but in the very wilderness, a long distance back from what was then the main road from Groton to Lancaster. It is supposed that years before this a bridle path led from Groton along the intervale lands of this farm and crossed the present Nonaicoicus brook near its confluence with the Nashua or Lancaster river, as it was then

I then continued on through little valleys and over the obstructing hills in Harvard down through Swan's swamp to Lancaster.

From the early records of Groton we find that this was abandoned as a highway between the two towns in 1673, on account of the floods which frequently made it impassable in the low lying lands along the way.

The Holden farm, like many an-

other, was the home of five succeeding generations, though not continuously occupied by families of the same name. The first occupant in this family succession was David Stone, who was succeeded by his son Nathaniel. Olive, a daughter of Nathaniel, married Abel Davis, who came to the farm to live before 1800, and was succeeded by Abel Longley Holden, who had married Olive Davis. At his death, Adolphus L. Holden, his only son, became the occupant and owner, and after his death, August 16, 1885, the farm was conveyed by his widow Mary Hartwell Holden, April 13, 1887

to parties not related to the family. The nurchaser at this time was Mrs. Ruth E. Burgess, wife of Asa S. Burgess, who occupied it until December 9, 1890, when it was sold to John Bishop and Edward Robbins. On April 14, 1891, these two conveyed it his father sold it, in 1748, moved to tilled the soil as usual in those days to Miss Mary Bishop, by whom it was another part of the town. deeded to Levi W. Phelps, of Ayer, October 21, 1911.

cupancy of the farm since David Stone's ownership and the more particular story of it may be of interest to those who care to recall family history and happenings in Groton in the olden times.

In the solitude of the primeval The traditions of other days still forests the early settler of this vicinilinger about the old New England ty located his home. With axe and fire, homesteads and many of them, hand-he blazed away a clearing in which was exceeded the first rude log house was erected the first rude log house which for more than a generation sheltered his growing family.

Along the western border of the town of Aver, flows in a sinuous stream, the beautiful Nashua, overhung from its alluvial banks with the elm and willow and other native trees. The intervales, with here and there a towering hardwood tree, present a annual freshets never permitted seeds of trees to gain a foothold as a forest on these level stretches, which were refreshed by the soil brought down with these floods in solution and deposited at their subsidence.

This farm is in such a location, and the old house, built in 1823, sets back from the river in a warm and delightful nook under the hillsides, which rise to the plains above to the eastward. The selection of this spot as an abiding place dates back to the early part of the eighteenth century and the land itself was taken up as a part of the original Nonaicoicus farm, granted to Major Simon Willard by the province in 1658; in part as a reward for distinguished services.

On the north for many years was a large tract of common land, the last to be disposed by the proprietors of This forest and intervale Groton. land of the Nonaicoicus farm passed through the ownership of the Willards, Hezekiah Usher, Jonathan Tyng, to John Sollendine and William Farwell as an undivided farm and "bounded west by Nashua river; south by land belonging to Stow and east on Groton land," as described in a conveyance of one-quarter part undivided of the same by John Sollendine to James Patterson, of Dunstable.
Sollendine still retained one quar-

ter, William Farwell owning the other half. By some method of division, William Farwell retained the land in the northeast part of the original farm. Patterson sold his part of the farm at a place called "Nonecoicus," to Nathaniel Smith on March 4, 1729, and in this deed it was called "one north of Coicus brook.'

At this time William Farwell and Nathaniel Smith owned all of the of the present mill brook, some of it being owned in common. On June 6, 1748, William Farwell, of Groton, Renjamin, born November 30, deeds to William Barrett, of Westford, his "Coicois farm," one hundred acres more or less, bounded by Lancaster river, by Coicus brook and by land of Nathaniel Smith, also one half of on nundred acres owned in common with Nathaniel Smith, lying to the east

In the absence of other information we may believe that William Farwell of Dunstable, came to Groton in 1713 and established his home at the Holder farm, where he remained until he sold it to William Barrett in 1748. In support of the belief that William Far well was the first settler on this river farm we present these facts:

The only house location shown upon a plan of the Willard tract made in 1681, is the mansion house of Major Willard in the southern part, thereor marked as burned by the Indians This event occurred in 1676, and from 1687, the land was held by people who might be well called land speculators at least they were people who would not be likely to live upon it.

Col. Jonathan Tyng, who bought the Willard farm as a whole, then lived at Dunstable and was also one who was well established there. Tyng evident ly did not care to improve it and in 1713, sold to William Farwell and John Sollendine, both of whom were Dunstable men and evidently came to Groton to live.

This William Farwell was born in Dunstable in 1688, and would be of a proper age in 1713 to strike out for His wife was Elizabeth, and himself. his first child born in Groton was named Elizabeth and recorded in 1713. William Farwell, John Sollendine, James Patterson and Nathaniel Smith were probably neighbors in Dunstable and they, or representatives of their families, between 1713, and 1729, set-

tled upon parts of the Willard farm. In 1712, these four, then of Dunstable, all joined in the sale of lands in that town. The acknowledgements to the signature of Farwell and Smith were secured in Groton as late as 1719, and they had probably left the former town before the document was fully completed.

Henry Farwell, born in 1724, was a son of William Farwell. He was soldier in the French wars and later a captain of minute men who marched to Cambridge and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was much is known of their life here, but probably born at this farm, and after father and sons cleared the land and

year, when on September 2, 1749, Will-iam Barrett deeds to his sons, Nathaniel and Samuel Barrett, certain parts of his farm, in which he mentions his own house and that of his son Nathaniel. To his sons William and Benjamin, on the same day, he deeds other parts, called the remainder. In the year 1752, Thomas Tarbell leeds to Nathaniel Barrett, lands im-

mediately north of Coicus farm with a house upon it. This transaction seems to be for the purpose of per-fecting the title of Nathaniel Bar-rett's holdings. On June 18, 1752, these Barrett brothers all joined in a deed to David Stone, of Tewksbury, of "100 acres more or less on Lancaster river, known as 'Coicus farm,' also one half in common with Nathaniel Smith, being same land William Barrett bought of William Farwell."

In 1754, Nathaniel Smith deeds to David Stone "forty acres of land on Lancaster river near to Pierce's fordway. Runs to N. E. corner of Coicus farm and is called 'Coicus New Field,' near to a ditch that drains the meadow and is a part of said Coicus

In 1765, Nathaniel Smith disposed of two parcels of land one hundred acres each east and west of the present Park street, then called Lunenburg road.

It is likely that the acreage was not exactly known, for the land called in 1681—a farm of four hundred acres actually aggregates today over thousand acres, and the Smith and Farwell holdings north of the brook amounted to more than the three hundred acres mentioned in the deeds.

The disposition of the remainder of the original Willard farm was now in the hands of the Farwells who settled on the same, and Nathaniel Smith, who sold to various persons arge tracts to the south and portions in the eastern part upon which is the thickly settled part of the town of

Our narrative concerns that part lying on the river and it is interesting to note that this David Stone was not directly connected with the Stone famly from Watertown which settled in proton as early as 1672, our researches showing that David Stone came from Beverly to Tewksbury in 1743, where he lived nine years, when he removed to Groton, to this farm with

a considerable family in 1752. Among a lot of old papers handed down with the farm were several dated prior to 1737, in which David Stone was designated as of Beverly, and one deed in which John Stone and Nathaniel Stone, of Beverly, were grantees of land in Gloucester, in 1708.

There was also a deed dated June 12, 1776, in which Daniel Stone conveys his interest in the Groton farm to his brother Nathaniel, and refers to the land as being the same as occupied by his father, David Stone. In this collection were the Farwell to Barrett deed, that of Barrett to his sons, and among other papers, wills and inventories of members of the Stone family.

From the vital statistics of Beverly ecently published, we gather the folowing:

That the repetition of the given names from generation to generation shows a distinct family line from Nathaniel Stone, of Beverly, who died there on March 8, 1717, aged about eighty-seven years, and that his wife was named Sarah.

They had a daughter Phœbe, who was baptised April 21, 1672, and a son Nathaniel, who died February 23, 1741

age eighty.
Nathaniel Stone, 2d, and Mary Balch were married in Beverly on March 26, original Nonaicoicus farm lying north 1689, and the following children were

Benjamin, born July 10, 1696 David, born May 1, 1701 Abigail, born May 9, 1708

David Stone, of the third genera ion, and Elizabeth Corning, of Bever ly, were married at Inswich, January 18, 1726, and their children, born in Beverly, were:

Phœbe, born August 19, 1727. Lydia, born December 10, 1729. Nathaniel, born December 1, 1731. Daniel, born December 2, 1733. Abigail, born June 1, 1735. Daniel, born October 22, 1737. Lucy, born January 26, 1739-40.

David Stone, of Beverly, moved to Tewksbury in 1743, and a search made by me of the records of the latter town reveals that there was born to David and Elizabeth Stone a child Daniel on August 12, 1744; Elizabeth, on October 24, 1746, and David, on July 22, 1749. These were the only records in Tewksbury of births to family bearing the name of Stone, and the Daniel born was probably a third son to bear the name, the other Daniels dying in infancy. These names are those of the children mentioned in the will of David Stone, of Groton, who died in 1758.

Although the two oldest daughters were married and evidently did not accompany their parents to Groton still the family here was a large one-Nathaniel, the oldest son, was just of age, and probably married in 1758.

Phœbe had married a Thomas Levi stone, and Lydia, a James Danforth and as these are family names in old Billerica we may believe that they set tled in that section.

Elizabeth and Lucy were young girls at the time of their father's death which occurred on October 10, 1758 Lucy married, July 22, 1761, Joseph Moors, of Groton, who had served in the military expedition against Louis burg, and later commanded a company at the battle of Bunker Hill. died on August 26, 1773, at the age of thirty-three. Abigail died, a single woman, in about 1776, and dilligent inquiry does not reveal what became of David, born at Tewksbury in 1749, and to what section Daniel removed after he sold his part of the farm to Nathaniel, his brother, in 1776

In his will David mentions his two married daughters, his three sons and his three unmarried daughters, Not nother part of the town.

In 1758, just before his death, David
The wording of the Farwell to BarStone "bound out" his son Daniel to october 21, 1911.

Tett deed leads us to infer that the his older brother, and the indenture Such is a brief outline of the oc- place was one with buildings upon is now in possession of his great-

t, as it certainly was in the next great-granddaughter, Mrs. Miriam Olive Hill, of Ayer, who is the only daughter of Abel Longley Holden, and lived on the farm until her marriage to Jason Hill in 1854. She also resided here at various intervals after-wards, when Mr. Hill was away on long business trips. George H. Hill, also of Ayer, their son, spent much of his boyhood there, and his school companions from the village recall with pleasure many visits made to the farm and its attractions.

and its attractions.

The indenture is as follows:

This Indenture made the Seventeenth day of Sept. A. D. 1758 and in ye 32nd year of his majesty's reign witnesseth that David Stone of Groton in the County of Middlesex yeoman hath and by these presents doath put and bind his son Daniel Stone a miner about fourteen years of age an apprentice To Nathaniel Stone of Groton afore said Husbandman and as an apprentice with him the said Nathaniel his heirs and assigns to Dwell and serve from ye day of the date hereof during the full term of said apprentice his said master shall well and faithfully serve in all such lawfull business as he shall be put. To his secrets keep his lawful commands at all times gladly everywhere obey and not absent himself from his said masters service by night or by day without his leave or Consent During all said term but in all things behave himself towards his said master and all his as a faithful apprentice ought to do—and the said Nathaniel Stone ye said master for himself his heirs executor & administrator Doath covenant and promise to find and provide for sd apprentice during all said term bouth in sickness and in health good & sufflicient meat drink clothing, washing & lodging and all other necessaries; also to teach and instruct ye said apprentice the art or calling of a husbandman which he now useth or followeth and also to read well in ye English bible & to write a Legiable hand and to Cypher as far as ye rule of three and at ye expiration of said term to Dismiss sd apprentice with two good suits of apparel fit for all parts of the body one new and good fit for Lords days and publick occasions ye other good and fitt for every day ware &c. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangably set to their hands and seals ye day and date first above written.

His DAVID X The indenture is as follows:

DAVID X STONE.

Signed Scaled & Delivered in Preence of

OLIVER X FARWELL.

LUCY X STONE

The document itself is a veritable indenture and shows that a duplicate was cut from it, the indenture of which would fit to the existing paper. This indenture is one of a miscellaneous lot of deeds, wills and receipts

which has been passed along through the Stone, Davis and Holden families On December 11, 1758, Nathanie Stone rendered to the probate court his account of the settlement of his father David's estate in which the several sons and daughters are mentioned, and among other items as indicating the custom at the time was charged six shillings paid to a witness to the will, and eight pence for tolling the bell at the funeral.

In the inventory of the goods of the deceased, mention is made of one pigeon net, flax in the bundle, hay and others stover, oxen, steers, cows calves and sheep. The many other articles of farming and household goods indicate that he was a prosper-

ous farmer for those times.

The records do not show when Elizabeth, the widow of David Stone died, but Nathaniel and Daniel became the occupants of the farm subject to the life interest of their mother and what ever the other children had in their father's estate. Nathaniel gradually bought up the interest of the other heirs, though Daniel, when reaching his majority, married and occupied a house which was probably the Nathaniel Barrett house at the end of a long tongue of land extending north-erly towards what was called, a few years later in 1794, a pond, now a swamp. Here he raised a small family, naming one of his children Sewall Corning Stone,

from the family name of his mother. The house of Daniel Stone stood deserted for many years after he sold his interest to his brother Nathanie in 1776, and was a playhouse for the succeeding sets of children who grew up on the farm. It was taken down before 1845, and upon the spot Jackson Harlow built the summer home called Camp Jackson, where the Holden-Harlow families used to unite in summer vacations. The old well is now to be seen among the thrifty young white pine trees.

(To be continued.) New Advertisements.

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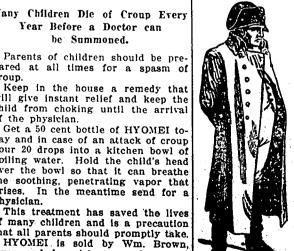
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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CARRIE E. BLACHFORD of Ayer in said County, or to some other suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-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 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, and by mailing a copy of this citation to each heir-at-law of said deceased seven days at least before said Court, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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Items of News.

A test of the new fire alarm box 16 at the Buffalo Shoe Company will be given on Saturday at 12.30.

Members of the Betsy Ross chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, spent a pleasant afternoon recently at the home of Mrs. Sumner P. Lawrence. Fitchburg. A paper on "Travels in Guatamela," was given by Mrs. Leon Richardson, of Pepperell. At its close rising vote of thanks was extended sandwiches, olives, salted nuts, cake. ice cream and coffee were served. Each guest received a dainty reminder of the occasion in the form of a tiny box of candy tied with ribbon of the colors of the society.

Prescott grange is to have a booklovers' evening on Friday, February some manner the title of some book or poem. A blackbird pie and a silhouette album may be enjoyed. The many friends of Miss Catherine

Blood were pleased to see her out driving again after her recent illness. Mrs. Joshua Blood has gone to her nephew's at Newton Lower Falls for

the remainder of the winter season. The G. A. R. will meet on Sunday morning at 10.30 for the purpose of attending the Washington memorial services at the Methodist church, with the Daughters of the American Revo-

Henry A. Harris died at his home in South Merrimack on Thursday, February 8, after a few days' illness of pneumonia. Funeral was held from the Congregational church in that town on Saturday. He leaves a widow and two sons, A. H. Harris, of this town, and Leroy Harris, of Hampstead, N. H.; also, three grandchildren. Burial was in Hollis, N. H. He was a member of John H. Worcester post, G. A. R., of Hollis, N. H.

The three-act comedy, "Mose," a college play, will be presented by the senior class of the Pepperell high school in Prescott hall on February 20. Thomas H. Howard, of North Pep-

perell has entered the employ of the Nashua River Corporation. Mrs. Joshua Blood went on Friday

of last week to her nephew's, Rev. Eugene Thrasher, at Newton Falls. Mrs. Frank Smith has been on the sick list with tonsilitis.

Iva Holmes, of Prescott street, is confined to the house with a lame leg and diabetis. Mrs. Belle Flynn is recovering from

her recent illness, but has been a very sick woman. Elmer Foss, of Park street, has

fine wireless receiving station, John Sawtelle is out with a hand-

some pair of work horses. Mrs. David Hill started in on Friday of last week to care for Louis Bean.

A good sized gang of men are employed chopping wood on the Knapp Mr. and Mrs. James Starr left on

Tuesday morning for Florida, going by way of New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Savannah.

The Pepperell Woman's club will hold their next meeting at Central hall on Tuesday afternoon. It will be a musicale, in charge of the music committee, Mrs. Fannie E. Bennett, chair-Current events will be given by Mrs. Eva B. Gage. Special board meeting will be held at 2.15. The prowill consist of vocal and instrumental music followed by a dialogue. All members are invited to notify the pitality committee on or before February 20, how many tickets they will wish for guest night. Robbins' orchestra will furnish music for the evening.

Mrs. Ida M. Boynton attended the demonstrations of the Spirella corset last week in Boston, which lasted four days and saw the new models of 1912 Willey's instructions were very helpful to Mrs. Boynton in her work which she is very successful in.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 22 at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. A. S. Richardson and Mrs. N Gutterson visited in Lowell last Wednesday and combined business

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter will be held at Central hall on Thursday, February 22. There will be a sale of fancy articles, home made candy and food to which friends are invited. There will be music, and tea will be served. The hostesses are Mrs. E. B. Heald, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, Mrs. Elijah A. Reed, Mrs. T. F. Graham, Mrs. W. N. Mault, Mrs. W. B. On Sunday, February 18, the D. A. R. will attend the M. E. church sermon by Rev. J. M. Sutherland. The G. A. R. members are invited to attend.

The valentine party given by a committee from Acoma lodge on Tuesday evening was well attended and a delightful time enjoyed by all.

The annual meeting of the District Nurse association held last week Tuesday evening at the Congregational church resulted in the following officers being elected:

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, pres.; Mrs. R. W. Drawbridge, Waldo Spaulding, 1 yr., Mrs. P. W. Flynn, Rev. Dudley Child. 2 yrs., vice pres.; Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy, Mrs. L. R. Qua, 1 yr., Mrs. H. N. Tower, Miss May Kerrin, 2 yrs., dir.

Miss Minnie Spragg, the nurse, has been engaged at sixty dollars per month. She is to room at Mr. Plummer's on Groton street. Telephone

Recently Leroy A. Shattuck, jr., observed the first anniversary of his useful gifts bestowed by kind friends iversity had interesting connection was a silver bread and milk spoon inscribed "L. A. S., from great-great-aunt Lucinda," Mrs. Sarah P. Shattuck, who recently passed the nintieth milestone.

Town Conference.

one of the most democratic meetings delegates from nearly every organization in town. In a few cases one person represented more than one organization. The men and women were nost equally divided. Rev. Dudley R. Child, chairman pro tem, called the meeting to order and spoke on the mission of the meeting and then he was unanimously chosen permanent chairman, with Miss Mary L. Shattuck as secretary. Mr. Child spoke of the unification of town forces.

Hon. Kenyon Butterfield, president to Mrs. Richardson. Refreshments of of the Massachusetts State Agricultural college, called special attention to the moral uplife and what an important factor in the town such a body of representative citizens could be its value could not be over estimated. Some towns have boards of trade, village improvement societies, civic leagues and so on. There was a broad A circulating library of authors line of work along educational lines and poets is on the program. Each and along the more advanced lines of member is expected to represent in education that was not embraced first within the school, but at home also. Recreation has now become a necessity and develops leadership. The possibilities of a well located gymmen to prevent crime-industry-a

> The matter of transportation, electric cars and a debate on "town gov-ernment," health and so on among other topics could be discussed.

The speakers of the evening covered every phase of public good and mean much for the welfare of Pep-It was voted that the chairman nominate a committee of ten and himself to draw up a systematic program and to come together in than a month in the grammar school building at the call of the chairman. Everyone is invited and it is to be hoped that it will fill a important holiday. place in bringing together all the fac-tors in town for a "Better, bigger, busier Pepperell."

Death.

labor bureau.

Edward C. Chessman, aged seventysix years, janitor of the Emerson grammar school of East Boston for more than forty years, died at his home in East Boston Friday, February 9, after a brief illness. Last November Mr. absence. A short time ago he was attacked with a heavy cold.

He was born in Boston and was ap-pointed janitor of the Emerson school in 1871. He served under three principals. During his forty years of ser- directory shows quite an increase in vice Mr. Chessman never missed a day at the school and took great pride in wife and seven children: Mrs. Gerrude Stone, wife of Mayor Eugene R. Stone of Quincy; Mrs. Eliza Wood- obliged bury and Mrs. William Stone of East central. Boston, Mrs. Myra McNeil of Winthrop, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone of Pepperell, George L. Chessman of Dorchester and Joseph Chessman of Law-

Anniversary Celebrated.

The celebration of the 165th anniversary of the First Parish church, on Friday, February 9, was an event of interest not only to the Unitarian society but also to the people of the town. It is difficult to realize that there was but one church for nearly ninety years, and that church and town were one and the same.

The annual parish supper was served by the Ladies' Social circle, assisted by members of the Babbidge orative service in the Methodist church The guests of the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. James Sutherland. Rev. George M. Howe, and Rev. P. gram for guests' night, February 26, berfeld, of Charlestown, N. H., and

> contributed a splendid birthday cake of the "wedding" variety. Slices of this were sold in aid of the permanent fund of the church and nearly twenty dollars was realized.

After the supper Rev. D. R. Child spoke briefly of the new church fund. the foundation of which had been laid by the Sunday school in its penny contributions for the birthday box. He spoke also of the call to united effort as the real consequence of an anniversary celebration. The company then proceeded to the church auditorium, where an exhibit of historic articles was arranged. Among these were part of the pewter communion service of 1747, consisting of tankards and three cups; silver communion service given to the church between 1811 and 1846, including a tankard presented by the widow of Col. Prescott; picture of the interior of East church, Salem, 1830, being the same as interior of First Parish church in that period; the original church records. 1747-1822; sermons of early ministers of the church; Parson Emerson's study chair; Dr. Babbidge' study chair, made by himself.

Some three hundred people gathered for the exercises of the evening which were as follows save that Rev. James Sutherland offered the prayer in place of Mr. Drawbridge. The anthem was sung by the regular choir of the church. Rev. Geo. M. Howe, in the opening address, spoke of Groton as the mother of Pepperell and of the relations between churches and towns n the developing commonwealth. He called attention to the wonderful changes which the church had witnessed in one hundred and sixty-five years and made vigorous prophecy of a better Christian fellowship from the

permanence of this institution. In the main address of the evening Prof. Fenn spoke of the interesting and valuable records of the early hurch and ministers. He explained the trend of religious thought and action during the eighteenth century which led to the changes and divisions Among the many pretty and of the early nineteenth. Harvard unwith the Pepperell church, as the first minister and three others were Harard men. Joseph Emerson was chap-

ever held in town was assembled in Saunders' hall under the heading of a minister of the church, was a gradu-town conference," and represented ate of Andover Theological seminary, was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was made clear and the same of the church was a specific to the church was a specif which was established to oppose the teachings of Harvard Divinity school. The Andover seminary is now located at Cambridge in full co-operation with Harvard university. The differences in view which divided many Congregational churches, including Pepperell, are now merged in similar har mony and co-operation.

Prof. Fenn made especial reference to the scholary and lovable qualities of Rev. Charles Babbidge and his long and interesting ministerial service He quoted Gov. Butler's tribute to Mr. Babbidge when Harvard university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Current Events.

An alarm was sounded from box 26 last Sunday at noon for a blaze in the basement of the old Cowdrey house, occupied at present by Messrs. Fowler and Blood. In an attempt to thaw out a frozen pipe they ignited some burlap, and for awhile there was consider smother, although the fire did not do much damage. The alarm system worked perfectly, so the ennasium. The business and working gineers were quickly notified, but the fire whistle seemed to be frozen up, as it did not respond, and the mill whistle was used. The up-town apparatus responded quickly, but the all-out was sounded and no other companies arrived on the scene.

Charles Fuller has been obliged to give up his work in the Champion Card Company as the confinement under cover did not agree with him. He is working for I. J. Rowell at present, but if the shortage of coal continues and the railroads take forty days to deliver grain from the west, we should judge that dealer might give some of his numerous help a

Mrs. George Gay, formerly of this town, died at her home at West Groion on Friday, February 9, of dia-Interment was in her family lot at Mansfield.

assisting in the home of George Gay. at West Groton was in town on Monday.

A. H. Harris, station agent on the Chessman secured a year's leave of Boston and Maine, was summoned to Merrimac, N. H., on Thursday of last ponents broke even in the first half, week by the death of his father. His the score being 5 to 5. The second mother was taken to a hospital the same day suffering from pneumonia.

The winter edition of the telephone the number of its patrons. The parons are wondering if the telephone his work. Mr. Chessman leaves his officials are thoughtful enough to increase the number of their force in the local office, particularly when Mrs. Eliza Wood- obliged to ring three of four times for

Mrs. Fred Curtis is assisting in the home of Louis Bean during his convalescence.

Mrs. F. D. Gilman is visiting Mrs. Freeman Simmons, coming from Gardner on Monday. Mrs. F. B. Simmons and her guest Mrs. Gilman, went to Milford, N. H.

on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Annie Gilman Bailey, who now resides there. A food sale of a patriotic order will be held at the dry goods store of A. A. Tarbell by the Ladies' Aid society

of the Methodist church on Friday afternoon, February 23, at three o'clock. The members of the D. A. R.; also, the G. A. R., will attend a commem-

on Sunday morning. Sunday evening at the M. E. church there will be a special service for

Rev. Prof. W. W. Fenn, D. D., of rial-vard university. Much regret was ex-pressed on account of the enforced pressed on Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, on Saturday, February 10. Mr. Bancroft was a former Pepperell boy, a as well as others witnessed the games. nephew of Mrs. Lucy Page.

D. A. R. Notes.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R. hold a commemorative service on the Sunday between the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, February 18, by attending the Methodist church at East Pepperell, accompanied by members of the G. A. R. post, and will met at the church vestry at 10.30 in the morning.

The regular meeting of the chapter will be held on Thursday, February 22, in Central hall, from three to six o'clock in the afternoon, instead of at Mrs. Heald's as the notice reads in the year book. At this meeting there will be a sale of useful and fancy articles, home-made candy and food, to which the members may invite their friends. Meeting of executive board will be called at 2.45, before regular meeting. Hostesses for this meeting are Mrs. Heald, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, Mrs. Mault and Mrs. Page, who will preside at the different tables. Contributions for the different tables are earnestly solicited.

Those members who have not already paid their annual dues, are requested to attend to it at this meeting, that the treasurer's report may be sent to headquarters in Washington,

Town Conference.

The meeting called Monday evening as a town conference, to consider plans for the benefit of the town, was a decided success. Thirty-three were present and the company was about equally divided between men and wo-Out of twenty-five organizamen. tions in town, the following seventeen were represented: Odd Fellows, Re bekahs, Grange, District Nurse association, Methodist church, Congregational church. Unitarian church, Hope lodge, D. A. R., W. C. T. U., East Pepperell reading room association, Oak Hill Improvement society, Farmers' and Mechanics' club, Hibernians, Ladies' auxiliary, Village Aid society, Companions of the Forest. Rev. D. R. Child was elected as chairman and Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck as secretary. lain on one of the ships which went Mr. Child explained the purpose of on the expedition to Louisburg, and the meeting and outlined the opporlater, ministered to the Pepperell men tunities for improvement of the town own Conference. | under Prescott, who fought at Bunker | by organized effort.

On Monday evening, February 12, Hill. Dr. Babbidge was the first Har- | Nearly everyone spoke and a num-

vard graduate to go to the front in the ber of interesting and valuable sugbenefit of a "get-together" movement was made clear and the meeting was unanimous in its favor. It was voted that a committee be appointed by the chairman to consist of ten in addition to himself, to prepare and report a plan for permanent organization as soon as possible or not later than March 1.

AYER.

News Items.

The barber shops will be closed all will be open till midnight the day before.

Don't forget the Farmers' Institute at town hall, Littleton, February 20, beginning at 10.30 a. m. sharp.

George B. Turner & Son have a sale of ladies' stockings, four pairs for 45c, that cannot be duplicated in any store in the city of Boston. They are double toe, double sole, with high spliced heel. They will dispose of 300 dozen, and they are selling rapidly. Get your pair before they are all gone.

Church Services.

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Services at the Bantist church on Sunday will be breaching at 19.45 a.m., Sunday school at tweive. The services at seven o'clock in the evening will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary circle, and Miss Mattida Brown, of Boston, will be the speaker. Miss Brown is one of our missionaries among the immigrants and will give a most interesting account of her work.

Episcopal.

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Ash Wednesday at St. Andrew's church at ten o'clock in the morning iltany and holy communion; evening prayer and address at 7.29 in the evening by Rev. Sherrard Billings.

Rt. Rev. Theodore Payre Thurston, bishop of castern Oklahoma, will visit the church for confirmation on Friday. March 15, at 7.29 p. m. The class in preparation meets Sundays at twelve,

Basketball.

The high school and Civic club The high school and Civic ciub vaientines day, the result together teams were defeated at Leominster on with the decorations about the hall postoffice, in some unaccountable making a very attractive evening manner the holdback because unaccountable manner the holdback because unaccountable manner the holdback because the chart. last week Friday evening in two of making a very attractive evening the hardest games ever seen in that scene. town. The school team was beaten by the Leominster high school secand 16 to 11, and the Civic club team Miss Jennie Sharp, who has been 28 to 17 by the Leominster high school five. The games were so evenly played that neither side had any decided advantage until nearly the end of the

The local school team and their opperiod was give and take until near the end of play when Stannard, the lively center of the Leominster team, and Cleary got busy, which netted them the points necessary for the victory, bringing up their total to seventeen. The best the Ayer high boys could do was to make six points in the final period, a total of eleven Hurley and Donahue scored a basket each which were thrown from hard positions, and Fillebrown was far from being slow with two good baskets from the floor. For the Leominster team Stannard was easily the star player with eleven of the total of seventeen to his credit.

The game between the Civic club and the Leominster high school team was equally interesting and close With the score 12 to 5 against them the Civic players came back strong in the second half and it was either team's game until nearly the end of the time limit, when the Leominster players secured five baskets from the floor in rapid succession, and placed the game out of the doubtful stage. Hooley did great work for the Civics

with five baskets from the floor, which were liberally applauded. Barrett and Deady did the best work for The games were Leominster high. played in the drill room in the high young people at seven o'clock. Every- school building. The Ayer teams played at a disadvantage on account of the hall which prevented them from

Mr. and Mrs. | high shooting and passing A large number of students of the Leominster high and the other schools Twenty, including the players, went from here. The summary:

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The Civic club added another victory to its already long list by defeating the strong Centralville five in Lowell on Tuesday evening by a score of 26 to 20. The game was a very fast one and was well played throughout. The passing and shooting of both teams was nearly perfect and the large audience was kept on edge till the final points were made. The Ayer team won the game solely on its points. The summary:

CIVIC CLUB CENTRALVILLES Hurley, lb.....rf, Manning Ryan, rb......lf, Doole

The Civic club team defeated the Lowell Textile school five on Thursday evening 37 to 18. Sullivan scored 23 of the 37 points for the home team. There were no special features on the other side. The visitors put up a pretty good front in the first period when they led by one point. The locals came back strong in the second

period and easily won.

The high school team were victorious over the Civic club second 37 to 28. Bowler of the former and M. Donahue of the latter made good goals

from the floor.
On next Thursday, Washington's birthday, the Tuft's college freshmen On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Adelwill go up against the Civic team.

SHIRLEY.

Altrurian.

The Altrurians met at the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon to be entertained by Rev. James Chalmer, of Fitchburg, who gave several reading from "Old time ballads," presenting them in form of the drama, in a highly entertaining and pleasing manner. At the close the president called for reports, and Mrs. Abbie Wells, delegate to the state federation meeting at the Park Street church Boston, gave an excellent report of the addresses and reports given on Washington's birthday, but through the day, especially that of be open till midnight the day Miss Margaret E. Henry, on "The southern mountaineers." Five ladies

attended the meeting. Mrs. Wells also gave an account of her visit to the Jewish council of women at Temple Israel, and referred to the very beautiful building and the cordial reception received from the

The meeting closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," Mrs. Mary Tucker at the piano. The next meeting, February 29, will be guest night.

HARVARD.

News Items.

On Wednesday evening Miss G. E. Ellis gave a valentine party to her friends at the town hall. A party of forty couples attended and all had a delightful time. Music for dancing and here and there a table for a social game of whist gave ample opportunity for all to find enjoyment. freshments were served, the four young ladies acting as waitresses being Dorothy West, Priscilla Shores, Beryl Bigelow and Rachael Farnsworth. As a rule the gentlemen wore a heart on some part of their coats, while the ladies were very artisticaly decorated with the emblems of St. Valentine's day, the result together

Miss Edith Hapgood, formerly of

Miss Elsie Houghton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Houghton formerly of this town, is teaching in a school in San Diego. Her fathe has bought a house in that city and is employed in a machine shop there They are very much pleased with their new home and surroundings. Mrs. C. M. Lovejoy, formerly of Ayer has bought a place near the residence of Mr. Houghton's.

Percy A. Atherton, of Boston, has engaged the S. M. Sawyer house on Oak hill and will be at Harvard for the most of the summer season.

There seems to be a strong sentiment for a sheet and pillow case party among the young people. Fillebrown has the matter under advisement and arrangements are being promulgated for a party next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hezelton of Winhendon visited the week-end and over Sunday with I. E. Morse and family. Ralph Whitney arrived home from the City hospital, Boston, on Tuesday last, where he has been for several weeks under treatment. He is still weak but slowly coming back to normal condition under the influence of home and good nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Dole of Newton spent the day Tuesday at their Oak Hill residence. They lunched at

the Kerley house. Miss E. G. Smith, who has been away for a few weeks' recreation, has returned in charge of the secretary work at Abbotsheil, the office of Fiske

Warren. On Tuesday evening, February 20 ne lecturer's be given over to a rummage sale in charge of Wm. J. Kerley. All members are requested to bring some article of value, however small, to be put in at this sale. The proceeds will be devoted to some need of the grange as the committee may decide.

will be in charge of Grace Morse. Walter Hazard, who has been at home for a few weeks, returns to his work at Tuskegee, Ala., March 1.

Don't forget the Farmers' Institute at town hall, Littleton, February 20, beginning at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Officers Chosen.

At the annual meeting of the King's Daughters held February 1, the following officers and committees wer

Mrs. Howard Stone, pres.; Mrs. Susan Savage, Mrs. Ripley, vice pres.; Miss L. W. 19yar, sec.; Mrs. H. H. Gale, treas, Board of managers—Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Mrs. W. A. Green, Mrs. L. H. Morse.

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Visiting committee—Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Sarah Priest, Bare hill. Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Jennie Willard. Mrs. Anna Flanders. Still River. Mrs. Susan Savage, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Shores Miss Mira Knight. Center. Mrs. Clarence Green, Oak hill. Miss Della Hapgood, Littleton road. Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Michael Griffin, Old Mill.

Work—Mrs. P. O. Dickson, Miss Della Hapgood, Mrs. Fannie Haskell, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. Carrie Nourse.

Entertainment—Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Miss Elizabeth Pollard, Mrs. H. F. Whitney, Mrs. James Barry.

Hospitality—Mrs. George Maynard, Mrs. H. Thayer, Mrs. C. P. Atherton, Mrs. N. Dill, Mrs. F. O. Ryan, Mrs. C. I. Russell, Miss Ella Gordon, Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth, Mrs. Irving Morse, Mrs. Carrie Hussey.

Sunshine—Miss Helen Stone, Miss Georgie Ellis, Miss Gertrude Farwell.

Unitarian Social.

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The concert announced for the Unitarian social last week by the Lougee orchestra was cancelled at a later date and the committee, under the manage ment of Mrs. Geo. C. Maynard, put or one of the best, if we may judge by the expressions heard on every side musical entertainments of this season. The program was given as follows:

Violin solo, Miss Mildred Brennan; vo-cal solo, Madeline Parker; monologue, Miss Georgie Bryant; piano solo, Beryl Bigelow; 'cello solo, Rev. George Jones; piano solo, Dorothy West; vocal solo, Mrs. Simonds; violin solo, Miss Bren-nan.

Following this program the time was given over to dancing. Miss G. E. Ellis and Mrs. H. H. Gale presided at the piano.

Still River. iza Turner, who is spending the winter in Ayer, came to Still River for a

Alfred McClintock is on the sick list with a severe cold.

On Tuesday evening, February 20, the annual men's supper will be given at the vestry, and as everyone knows, this is one of the great events of the year, and a crowded house is practically assured. After the supper an entertainment will be given, consisting of music and readings by South Lancaster talent.

Burglary.

Burglars have been at work in this quiet village. On Thursday morning George H. Chase went into the house of Warren O. Willard as he is in the babit of doing nearly every day since Mr. Willard went to Florida a few weeks ago, and found the winds the kitchen on the back side of the house from the street broken, and things in disorder in the house. Upweeks ago, and found the window of on further examination he found that the burglar had carefully looked over the silver and taken away the solid and left the plated; also, that some jewelry that Mr. Chase knew of missing. There was no clew as to the rascals, but as they evidently knew he difference between plated and solid silver, it looks as if it was someone who knew what they were after. As they entered a house that was unoccupied, it would seem that they must have known that, for as far as is known no other house was entered. Accidents.

This has been a week of accidents. On Sunday morning as Jerry Desmond was returning home from delivering milk at the railroad station, as he turned the corner at the common the runner of his pung gave way and wrecked the sleigh, but no one was hurt. On Monday as Mrs. Frank Sprague and Miss Mary Cumhitched from the hook in the shaft. Mrs. Sprague saw it, and as it was this town, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hapgood, is employed in an office in San Diego, Cal.

so icy, it was of no use to try to pull back on the reins, and as she saw that the horse was gaining speed, she pulled with all her strength on rein, and turned into the parsonage yard. In doing so the sleigh was over-turned, throwing them both ou, but fortunately they were not hurt. Mrs. Sprague quickly got up and caught the horse and soon had the harness in shape and went home. On Wednesday morning, as Alfred McClintock was coming to the railroad station with Chester Willard's milk, the holdback strap broke and caused the sled to strike the horses heels, who immediately started to runaway. After passing the station McClintock was enabled to turn the horse into the snow and brush

and come to a stop without damage. New Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all those who worked so hard to protect my property Sunday during the fire at Mr. Kimball's: also, the members of the Ayer Fire Department who did such good work upon their arrival.

HUGH McDONALD. Littleton, Mass., Feb. 13, 1912.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the able assistance of the Littleton and the Ayer fire companies last Sunday, the prompt and kindly response of the many friends who worked so levally saving furniture, and all who have given of their sympathy through word and letter, and helped us by their contributions of food.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shaf and family. Littleton, Mass., Feb. 15, 1912.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this opportunity to thank all those who so kindly gave comfort and assistance in my recent bereavement, and to express my appreciation of the beautiful floral tributes.

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