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HARVARD.

News Items. Thirty of the young people of the town gave Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coke a surprise call on Monday evening. They brought with them as a present to the young couple a very nice art square. William J. Kerley, in behalf of the visitors, in a few well chosen words presenting the city locaream

the visitors, in a few well chosen words, presenting the gift. Ice cream and cake was served, the party enjoying a very pleasant evening.

Jonathan Davis has a gang of men at work clearing off the lot above the slaughter house which he recently bought of W. P. Farwell.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular meeting at the Congregational church parlor on Thursday afternoon, January 1, at 2.30 o'clock.

Friends of Lawrence Bevan will re-call his buying a farm in North Leom-inster this fall. He was doing spen-didly, living there with his father and mother. News was received on Tues-day of a fire which totally destroyed his farm buildings, tools and house-hold furniture. The fire occurred late in the evening and gained consider. in the evening and gained considerable headway before being discovered. Although fairly well insured Mr. Bevan does not feel that this will. Bevan does no cover his loss.

guest this week Davis, his cousin.

Miss Mary Davis is expected home this week for a two-weeks' rest from the hospital where she is training. the hospital where she is training. She has had tonsilitis and is in need

of a rest.

Miss Helen Balley is home from Keene, N. H., visiting with her mother in town.

Mrs. E. P. Watson, of Newton Highlands, spent Thursday of last week in town with friends.

The vesper services held at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening a vacation. The doctor's orders are were attended by the people of the town, every available seat being taken. A chorus of twenty voices, assisted by Mrs. H. H. Atwood, of Worcester, soprano, gave a very fine musical program. Rev. L. H. Morse, of Still River, assisted the pastor, Rev. C. S. Bodwell, in the devotional exercises. Christmas tree exercises of the society

Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Dickson have engaged passage by boat for a try to Jamaica and the canal zone. Mr. Dickson, who is out of health, resulting from twenty-five years of devotion to business, is now taking a vacation. The doctor's orders are rest and Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are going to take a real one. They are anticipating a very delightful time.

Miss Ruth Whitney is to be home from New York city for a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaeles Wilder and Christmas tree exercises of the society were held at the town had on Wed-nesday evening at 7.30, the exercises being in charge of Miss Helen Dick-

The Christmas tree and exercises of the Orthodox church were held on Wednesday afternoon at the church vestry. Miss Annie Reed had charge of the festivities.

Music lovers

Music lovers of this town are very much pleased over the interest shown in the revival of an old English custom, that of the "Christmas waits." This custom once so popular but of late years being neglected, is still observed on Beacon Hill and in other cities and the musical people of our own town are glad to see Harvard lead the country towns in the revival of this quaint custom. On Christmas Complimentary Club.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Complimentary Ball club was held at eve a company of singers, clad in cloaks and masks, passed about the town singing carols. Many of the electmen's room on Thursday of last week. The following officers were town singing carols. Many of the elected: Albert H. Bigelow, pres.; houses were illuminated with candles. Philip O. Dickson, v. p.; W. Fred This movement was started here by Mrs. Fiske Warren, who very gener-Music lovers of this town are very

revived yearly.

Dr. and Mrs. Will Howell of Boston are camping at Bare Hill for over the Christmas holidays.

an church, the service will be con-ducted by the pastor at 10.45. Form the valuable habit of church attendance. Sunday school at twelve. A class for everyone. The little tots are being taught by Miss Blanche Davis, who has had Normal school training.

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ously furnished the music and cos-tomes for the evening. Once started Harvard will see that the custom is

Ed Crowell left town on Wednesday

for a few days' visit with friends at South Dennis.

Robert M. Grey of the Boston University school of theology, who has so acceptably conducted the services at the Congregational church during the past two weeks, has been engaged as a regular supply during the illness of the pastor. He will preach at the morning service on Sunday. The meeting of the Endeavor society in the evening will consist of an illustrated missionary lecture, "Every-day life in Japan." The pictures will be of unusual interest.

unusual interest. On Sunday morning at the Unitari-

who has nad Normal school training. Ranging up from that age the classes include one for women and one for men. The men are discussing the single tax under the leadership of the pastor. Everybody heartily welcome.

Miss Katherine Waters is at home for a two-weeks' vacation from her school duties at Northbridge Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilder and Lewis Ripley were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ripley.

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ley, music com.: Harry Whitney, R. Fillebrown and A. Ripley, supper com. Six new members were admitted to the club, making a total of forty-four members. The music committee for 1914 reported the date of the annual ball as January 15; music by the Salem Cadet orchestra, with Nelson T. Bernier as cornet soloist.

The club also voted to bar from their annual ball all rag dancing and to instruct the selectmen to see that the hall was properly protected to enforce this order. This very popular club, the first of its kind to be organized in this section, has for many years conducted the best and most popular dance party of the seasons and the almost unanimous opinion of its members is that the introduction of the tango, chicken flip, turkey trot, witchen sink, Parisian walk and other so-called rag-time dances would seriously lower the standard of these parties and they are therefore to be absolutely barred.

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Sunday morning services at the Baptist church were especially in regard to Christmas. After the usual exercises and scripture reading the choir sang an anthem, followed by prayer and response, Mrs. Morse sang a solo, Marjorie Walker and Vera Willard gave readings and the children sang, the pastor then gave a short sermon of especial interest to the children. Mrs. Mary Haskell then sang and Luanna Webster and Bernice Walker gave readings. It was a very pleasant service. The girls of the Sunday school were in the choir.

The village was greatly saddened

the Sunday school were in the choir. The village was greatly saddened last week Friday to hear of the death of Mrs. E. D. Stone of Ayer. Mrs. Stone or Stella, as she was known to everyone, was a native of Still River and lived here until her marriage to Mr. Stone. For several years before going to Ayer she was organist in the Sunday school. She was always pleasant and was a friend to everyone. Since they remodeled the schoolhouse into a dwelling she and her family have so much enjoyed their summers here. Her husband and daughter have the sincere sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

Howard Stone and men are building a shed and icehouse for Chester Willard this week.

There will be a supper and enter-tainment in the vestry on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies Benevolent society. The rolls Mr. and Mrs. Frank Advelotte are guests with Mr. and Mrs. Fiske Warren at Tahanto farm.

Robert M. Grey of the Boston Uni-The baker was caused up by telephone and he admitted that a mistake of a week had been made and the rolls were returned by the next train, thirty-five minutes after their arrival

at the station. Quite a number attended the illus-trated lecture on Alaska at the town hall, Harvard, on Tuesday evening.

Three boarding and tool cars arrived at Still River station on Wednesday and on Friday their occupants, a crew of painters, arrived and will paint over the bridge across the Nashua river. This bridge was built two years ago and was painted at that

Word was received on Wednesday that Miss Sarah Sprague, of Shirley, who has been quite ill at her brother's, John Sprague, for several months, had a fail the night before and injured her hip. The doctor thought no bones were broken, but as the leave of what years of age it she is nearly eighty years of age it will be very hard for her in addition to other troubles.

Miss Alice Marshall started for New York Christmas morning to visit friends.

Miss Nellie Neyland and niece Katherine Brasnehan, of Bellows Falls, Vt., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland.

Mr. Viles is now able to get around without crutches or cane and is at his store every day, although not able to work as yet. Mrs. Godding, of Hudson, is the uest of her daughter, Mrs. John

A MOST OBSERVANT GIRL Dad—How many times did that young man kiss you last night?
Daughter—I can't tell you that, pa.
Dad—What! and the thing going on right under your very nose.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A bee owner in Randolph, Me., took I the honey from one of his hives ad after putting it in the storehouse went away for the day. On his return he found that the bees had entered through a window and had taken all the honey back to the hive

Immigration during the four months ending with April, 1913, shows a decided gain over the corresponding months in 1912—311,535 in 1913, against 208,549 in 1912, an increase of 102,986. As immigrants furnish a pretty good thermometer of prosperity, this ought to be encouraging news to the business world.

In nearly two hundred schools in Ireland instruction is carried on in both Irish and English, as part of the program to revive interest in Gaelic





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WESTFORD.

Christmas greetings and good wishs of the season to the readers of the

Dr. Sparks, the well-known veteri-narian and livery stable man of Lowell, while driving a spirited pair of low-ell, while driving a spirited pair of black horses in town on Thursday of last week, met with a runaway acci-dent. While going down the Boston road the pole to the buggy broke, throwing the occupants out. Aside from a shaking up no serious injury was done and later the horses were re-captured.

Wedding. re-captured.

George E. Gould has a record moving forty-six families in one year in this town. Of course these were not all in Westford village, although there have been a larger number of movings than usual here. In the forty-six are included some in Forge Village, Graniteville and the out-lying districts. Mr. Gould has also made moving trips to Newton, Malden, Waverley and Weston and has a trip planned to Boston shortly.

News came to Westford last week of the sudden death of Mrs. Guy L. Rockwell at her home on C street, Lowell, Friday evening, December 19, after a short illness, aged thirty-nine years. Mrs. Rockwell was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bicknell, of this town, receiving her education in the public schools here and at Westford academy. Mrs. Rockwell's death was particularly sad for beside her aged parents and her husband she leaves a family of young children—three sons, Webster, Clifton and Percy, and one daughter, Blanche. The funeral services were held from her late home in Lowell on Monday and a committal service was held at the family lot in Fairview cemetery, Westford, conducted by Rev. David Wallace, of the Union church. News came to Westford last week

schedule being the same as for the carried a shower bouquet of bride's Saturday evening trip. The mild, roses and illes-of-the-valley. The open weather has made good traffic maid of honor, who is a graduate of for the line by the holiday shoppers the Framingham Normal school, class

Miss Rachael Wallace, at the Con-Miss Rachael Wallace, at the Congregational parsonage, observed her lifteenth birthday anniversary on Monday, and in honor of the event her parents gave a pretty birthday party for her and a group of her young friends. The young people enjoyed games and music and a delicious birthday supper. Those present were Misses Frances and Alice Wright. Jennie and Rachael Kimball, Edna Day Florence Wilson, Elinor, Colburn.

christmas services at the Congregational church on last Sunday were especially appropriate both morning and evening. The pastor preached an earnest sermon at the morning service, his theme being "The message of the Christ child." This was the first Sunday Miss Hazel B. Hartsational church on last Sunday were especially appropriate both morning and evening. The pastor preached an earnest sermon at the morning service, his theme being "The message of the Christ child." This was the first Sunday Miss Hazel B. Hartford was in charge of the organ and her capable playing at both services with special musical programs won her much appreciated commendation. Those who sustained the solos at the morning services were Mrs. Charles D. Colburn and Miss Lillian Sutherland, and in the evening Mrs. Cyril A. Blaney and Miss Adrith Carter.

About Town.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Dyer Cushing. Of Framingham, and granddaughter of the late Dr. Charles Wesley Cushing. On Lat. D., a former principal of Lasell seminary, and of the late Josiah Richardson, one of the pioneer merchants of Faneuil Hall square. She is a graduate of the Boston Girls' high school, class of 1906, and has been a successful teacher in Westford. Linding the bridgeroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a successful teacher in Westford. The bridgeroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and has been a fand Alt There Westford. In reply to the anonymous communication of our friend whom we will submit some thoughts and a few figures which we will call Westford.

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This also is discouraging to the ice crop—ploughing on the Read farm, corner of Main street and Stony Brook road as late as Thursday, De-

James Raphson, on the Lowell road, on Thursday afternoon of last week. Rev. David Wallace conducted the services. The bearers were Francis W. Banister, Charles W. Whitney, Ralph Bridgeford and Charles Roby, Burial was at Fairview cemetery. The deceased was twenty-three years old and besides his parents he is survived by a married sister in Lowell, Having never lived in Westford for any continuous length of time his acquaintance was not extensive, but with this limited acquaintance the floral contributions at the funeral Electric lights are to be installed. contributions at the funeral

The next debate of the West Chelmsford society will be held the first Tuesday evening in January. From present known arrangement the debate will take place first and after the debate has closed the subject will be announced like digging for gold without any clue to its whereabouts. Westford had a chapter last week. A runaway at Parkerville, a runaway.

A runaway at Parkerville, a runaway at Westford Center, a runaway at Graniteville in which sad to relate Nelson T. Provost was killed. Young Raphson was killed on a freight train. George E. Gould had his new Ford auto badly damaged in a turnout at Littleton and the runabout of Hon auto badly gamaged in a turnout at Littleton and the runabout of Hon. H. E. Fletcher was badly mutilated in a mixup with other wheels not his own. Nevertheless we must be true to the instincts of formalism and above these liabilities of earthly conditions give forth the usual "Merry Christmas"

Fortnightly Club.

The Fortnightly club held one of its well-aimed gatherings in searching for truth. The truth to be searched for was hidden in the resolution and girls did fine work. The decorational marriages are a cet tree was ladened with gifts and detriment to American society." Owe each one was remembered. and international marriages are a detriment to American society." Owing to the absence of one of the affirmative speakers, one of the negative speakers shifted to the affirmative state that the linear fact the affirmative so that the lineup for the boxing contest in which that unruly member, the tongue, only could be used, with Horace E. Gould. Harry H. Ingalls, on the excellent program.

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The question opened to the audience sent Mrs. Alice Lambert and Charles S. Edwards with well directed punches at the sight-seeing apparatus of the negative, who had his hands full to keep from being what is called in puglistic contests "groggy." The negative side-stepped and side-tracked in a foot dodging bout at the hands of so many well directed affirmatives which nearly sent him down several times for the count. Owing to merciful electric car transportation the negative was fortunate in getting away from final danger before the debate closed, but was informed that the closed, but was informed that the audience as referred to decided in favor of the negative on the merits of the arguments, and in favor of the affirmative side on the merits of the

Wedding.

A very pretty church wedding oc-curred at 12.30 Tuesday, December 23, in St. John's Episcopal church, Framingham, when William Reuben Taylor, of this town, and Miss Eliza-beth Richardson Cushing, of Framingham, were united in marriage by Rev. Reginald Pearce, rector of the church. The church was beautifully and appropriately decorated with

flowers.

To the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin, played by a cousin of the bridegroom, Mrs. Helen Hamil-ton Taylor, of Lowell, the bridegroom, accompanied by his brother, Prof. ton Taylor, of Lowell, the ordegroom, accompanied by his brother, Prof. John Adams Taylor, of the University of North Dakota, as best man, walked slowly to the altar, where the rector in the white surplice of the Episcopal church, awaited them before the white mapple altar. The ushers Fredwhite marble altar. The ushers, Frederic Allen Snow, of West Chelmsford, brothers-in-law of the groom, and Charles J. Olney, jr., of Waltham, a cousin of the bride, led the procession followed by the maid of honor. Miss Dorothy Howard Haviland, of South-borough. Then came the bride with measured step, leaning on the arm of

on Monday and a commital service was held at the family lot in Fairview cemetery. Westford. conducted by Rev. David Wallace, of the Union church.

The Lowell and Fitchburg railroad officials arranged for a late car from Westford on Christmas eve, the time schedule heing the same as for the

of 1910, was charming in a pale blue satin gown, trimmed with silver lace. She wore a silver lace hat and carried pale pink roses.

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The impressive service of the Episcopal church was used, each reverently plighting their troth. The bridal procession then came down the aisle to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. A short reception was held in the spacious parlors of Crocker half one of the buildings of the Jennie and Rachael Kimball, Edna Day, Florence Wilson, Elinor Colburn, Mabel Prescott, Elva and Edith Judd and Lillian Rohy, as well as the young hostesses, Misses Pauline and Rachael Mrs. Carlos Dyer Cushing and Mr. Wallace.

interests of his native town, holding several positions of trust and honor. He is a graduate of Westford academy and was a student at Mt. Hermon school. For many years he has held

Brook road as late as Thursday, December 18.

A meadow fringing both shores of the Tadmuck brook, near the confluence of the Stony brook, is still nodding and waving by the signals of the blowing breezes for some one to be thoughful enough to mow it. The thoughful enough to mow it on skates.

The funeral of William Raphson, who was accidentally killed on the railroad at Wakefield, took place from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Taylor will take a short wedding trip. After March first they will be at home here in Westford Center to their wide circle of friends who will give them a most cordial welcome. Many beautiful presents have been received—cut glass, silver, substantial checks, a dinner set, etc., representing the affection and good will of friends and relatives.

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immediately at St. Andrew's mission. There will be about thirty lights altogether. The chapel will have six side lights, a central light and three lights

Albert Collins of a Boston electrica school is home for the holidays.

Christmas Exercises.

On last week Friday afternoon the Christmas exercises were held at Cameron school and this year the cameron school and this year the children certainly did especially good work. At 1.30 o'clock the exercises began in the lower primary of which Miss Pyne is the teacher. A large Christmas tree was the principal attraction. The little tots sang and spoke excellently and did their teacher great credit. At the conclusion of the great credit. At the conclusion of the exercises each child received a gift and a pretty bag of candy. Miss Abbie Blaisdell's room was the

The next room to be visited was the fourth and fifth grades under the supervision of Miss Mary A. Garvey. The entertainment here proved to be of unusual merit and both teacher

at the bat. He batted high and fast and the negative got dizzy watching in so many fast directions for a chance to make a catch.

At the call of "time" the negative began to cluck like a ruffied hen whose brood had been disturbed. Atter, the singing the Christmas play, entitled "Little Jack's Christmas," was given which was acted in an excellent manner. The program was place to land. Ingalls, the affirmative, positive and sure of aim, adopted the clucking of the negative in searching and trying to land knockouts for truth.

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Little Dalsy Precious, of the sixth grade, who is quarantined at her grade times for a shelf-ut.

deep sorrow to his wide circle of friends a few days ago, took place from his late home at one o'clock last Sunday afternoon. The body was taken to St. Catherine's church, where the committal services were held and were conducted by the pastor, Ed-mund T. Schofield. The regular choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, was in attendance, the sing-ing adding greatly to the solemnity of the service.

Westford says France came out \$12,009,000 behind in operating her railroads last year, which is awful if correct. That is nearly one-ninth as much as we free Americans paid the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries which till dissolution by the supreme court constituted the oil

A recent issue of the Miners Magazine states that of the railroad stocks listed in Wall street nineteen billions are the purest of water and that on this water we, the people, paid last year \$283,000,000 in dividends. We

The annual reunion of the Blodgett (amily was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett, of Boston road. An unusually large gathering was present, including their nine grandchildren. A bountiful dinner was served, after which music and games were enjoyed.

Electric lights are to be installed immediately at St. Andrew's mission. There will be about thirty lights altogether. The chapel will have six side lights, a central light and three lights in the chancel and in addition a special shaded pulpit light.

year \$283,000,000 in dividends. We pay probably as much more on the legitimate stocks.

"Storles of great railroads," by Charles Edward Russell, page 137, has a table showing government grants and assistance by the state of California to the Union and Pacific railroads of \$86,000,000. The rest went to encourage "private enterprise."

Same book, page 279, a table gives the total capitalization of the Central Pacific, Southern Pacific and Southern

the total capitalization of the Central Pacific, Southern Pacific and Southern Pacific and Southern Pacific Company of Kentucky at \$608,777,522 on which we have been paying dividends, lo these many years. Another interesting table, page 178, gives the expenditures for eleven years for "explaining things" at a total of \$1,900,009. Who says talk is cheap? From these figures it appears our railroads cost us something as private enterprises.

Under government ownership we could cut out the item for explaining things, the dividends on watered stock, excess cost of construction, fancy salaries for officials and many

fancy salaries for officials and many lesser items we have not space to items we have not space to consider. On the whole it looks to us as

though the ownership of the railroads Henry Works, of Worcester acadby the government would be better emy, and Edwin Esten, of Tufts coltan the railroad ownership of the lege, are spending Christmas vaca-

than the railroad ownership of the government we have now.

Westford says our war vessels built by the government cost more than those built by private contract. Yes, for the reason the government has to buy its armor plate from the steel trust at a profit to the trust of from \$200 to \$400 per ton. See Pearson's Magazine for November. Price fifteen cents. This saving to "private enterprise" is estimated at \$544,800 for the Nevada alone.

It, does the town Westboro credit

sarch, name ten towns who have not the sixth of Little Dalsy Precious, of the sixth of Little Dalsy Precious, of the sixth of Little Dalsy Precious, of the sixth of Little Condonouses they sorely need, the grade, who is quarantined at herhome with scarlet fever, was remember the service of the street of the think of three "right off the Teel" Littleton, Boston and Nev York. All these good old arguments have were absent for the first time. Graniteville.

A very pleasant program of Christmastide was held in the Sarent street was the second on Friday afternoon of last week, it being the last day of school before the Christmas vacation. All did finely in their respective parts and many of the parents of the children. The second of the parents of the children crecived some pretty gifter fearer than the capture of the children.

J. Omer LeDuc has recently returned here from his duties as teacher in Charlemont and will spend the Christmas vacation at his home in this village.

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taken to St. Catherine's church, where the committal services were held and were conducted by the pastor, Edmund T. Schoffeld. The regular choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, was in attendance, the singing adding greatly to the solemnity of the service.

The church was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends who came to pay their last tribute of love and respect to one who they loved so dearly. People from all stations and walks in life were present on this sad occasion, a great number being present from out-of-town. Those who airtended the services in the church also marched in a body to the grave and there was deep sorrow on every side. It was one of the largest funerals held in this village for a long time, for it seemed that everybody. Knew Nelson Provost and was pleased to call him friend. The foral tributes were unusually beautiful and testified i. a marked degree to the high esteem in which he was held in the community.

The bearers were Henry J. Healy, James O'Brien, P. Henry Harrington, A. R. Wall, William H. Healy and Lester McLenna. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

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with Christmas exercises appropriate to the season in all the grades. Many parents and other friends availed themselves of the opportunity to atthemselves of the opportunity to attend and were much pleased with the programs presented. The children of the fifth and sixth grades of the Union school, under the direction of day evening. Description of the children of their teacher, Miss Woodbine, learned very pretty Christmas carols which they sang at the homes of the shut-ins between the schoolhouse and the Common, leaving little packages of confectionery and happy Christmas greetings—a delightful attention that was greatly appreciated by all who were visited by these little people.

Miss Ruth Prescott, who has taught very successfully in Rindge, N. H., for a year past, has been engaged by Supt. Hill to teach the primary grades in Carlisle, beginning shortly after the Christmas vacation.

Richard L. Hartwell has beer transferred in his business to New York city.

Rev. H. L. Packard is the president of the Middlesex-Northwest Temperance Union instead of Rev. H. L. Caulkins as reported last week. Mr. Packard was present at the Good Government rally held in Maynard on last week Wednesday.

last week Wednesday.

Miss Bridget McNiff, of Worcester, whose death and burial were reported in the Ayer column last week, was for many years a resident of Littleton, making her home for so many years with Mrs. John A. Kimball that she was generally known as Bridget Kimball. She had many friends in town who were pained to learn of her tragic death. While at work over the kitchen stove her dress caught fire and she was very severely burned. fire and she was very severely burned fire and she was very severely burned. Although she was taken immediately to a hospital and received every attention, her burns proved fatal in a short time. Miss McNiff was a modest, retiring woman, of estimable character and much beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. Patrick McNiff and her son Edward, of this town, attended the funeral in Worcester on last week Wednesday.

Henry Works of Worcester acad-

tion at home.

Miss Grace Conant, of Decatur, Ill arrived home on Sunday morning She and her mother, Mrs. A. F. Co-nant, have visited with William Conant and family in Arlington Heights

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball attended the wedding of Miss Cushing and W. R. Taylor in Framingham on

The next meeting of the Choral so-clety will be next Thursday evening. Charles M. Thayer was taken by Dr. Hopkins to a hospital in Boston on

Monday for an operation. Littleton people are very happy to welcome back to town Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, who arrived here from Holliston on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss M. H. Kimball attended the funeral of Mrs. Elisha Stone in Ayer on Monday af-

subject but we have exceeded our space limit.

When you feel like it Westford, send out another fatherless waif and we will care for it the best we can.

"The worst is yet to come."

V. T. Esten. Brown.

The foregoing article was received at this office the first of the month in reply to an article published under the Westford heading, but owing to lack of space has not been published before.—Ed.

News Items.

Miss Hazel Bradlee, teacher in the West grammar school, entertained her two sisters from Hudson, N. H. last week Friday and returned with them to her home for the Christmas wind the properties of the capture of the capture with them to her home for the Christmas white the Allan with Christmas exercises appropriate with Christmas and daughter Mabelle spent the holiday at Charles H. Yapp's. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Pack-Yapp's. Rev. and daughter Mabelle spent the holiday at Charles H. Yapp's. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Pack-Yapp's. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Pack-Yapp's festive board twenty-six of the Allan Kimball family and Mrs. John A. tax promptly so as not to embarrass Kimball's Christmas guests numbered me in my duty.

Music Lecture.

The public is again reminded of Mrs. Fletcher-Copp's lecture on Tuesday evening, December 30, at eight o'clock in the Unitarian vestry. Subject, "Music as an educating and developing force." Everyone interested in music is cordially invited to attend. The Fletcher music method of which the speaker is the originator, completely revolutionizes the old ideas in music teaching. Mrs. Copp and her students begin where the ordinary musician leaves off. She believes that the child should think before he tries to speak and that music should be the child should think before he tries to speak and that music should be used from the first as a means of expression. This is the key to the entire method. Dr. Lyman Abbott says of this method that "It converts music study from a mere drill and drudgery into an inspiration and a life."

All people who have been interested in the Montessori method should be as keenly interested in this revolutionary music method. From a recent issue of the New York Times, which devoted a whole page to this subject.

devoted a whole page to this subject, we quote:

"When little children grumble be2, 3, 4-Quart Milk Pans

cause a music lesson of an hour hasn' been long enough there must be some thing remarkable about that lesson and when ninety percent of the children on whom a method is tried learn not only to read music readily, but also to compose simple melodies of their own, there must be something even more remarkable about the method."

Woman's Club Meeting.

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Owing to the busy week for house-keepers the Woman's club meeting was not as well attended on Monday as usual. Those who were present speak in enthusiastic terms of the most interesting and instructive lecture by Mrs. Anna Sturgis Duryea, of Boston, on "The peace movement." Mrs. Duryea spoke on many phases of this most absorbing subject, confining herself, for the most part to the history of the movement from the time of its inception to its present development. She was listened to with the most intense interest and we should be glad to report every word of her be glad to report every word of her valuable lecture. The importance of the peace movement should appeal to very American when he learns that seventy cents of every dollar is spent for militarism. How much more im-portant is the expenditure of money for health, the need for which should appeal to every thinking person in face of the 150,000 who are dying each day from tuberculosis.

The United States is taking great

Eyes Tested

precautions to avoid hostility

other nations and there is at present little need of fear of war. The various means and methods of work now in process for the preservation of peace and the leaders in this movement were thoroughly discussed by Mrs. Duryea, who believes that through the brotherhood of co-operation our ambition for world-wide peace will be realized.

In ten years of this new century.

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In ten years of this new century.

110 cases have been settled by arbitration. An investigation of the development in the movement must im-Gardner W. Prouty has built an ice house back of his barn for home use.

Albert J. Knights, who is at home from the Mitchell Military school for the Week-end.

See advertisement of the great reduction sale of the stock of the late George L. Davis at Ayer.

Presented with Picture.

An incident of Christmas Sunday at the Unitarian Sunday school was the presentation by Rev. and Mrs. William Channing Brown of a picture beautifully framed for a place in the vestry. The picture is a large one, 36x48 inches, of striking beauty as well as being historically interesting.

New Advertisements

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New Advertisements.

North Middlesex Savings Bank

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of the Corpora-tors of this Bank will be held at its banking House on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1914, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the trans-action of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

E. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary. Aver. December 27, 1913. 1t16

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass.; on Monday, Junuary 12, 1814, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Ayer. Mass., Dec. 10, 1913. **SPECIALTIES**

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Henry W. Robbins P. O. Address Littleton, Mass. Collector's Notice

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me in my duty.

Your attention is called to the following vote passed at the Annual Meeting, April 7, 1913:

Article 6. Voted that all single politaxes be collected before the first day of September and all other taxes on or before the first day of November; and that interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum be charged and collected on all unpaid bills after that date.

WILLIAM A. WOODS,
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I'm specting such a lot of stuff, My stocking won't be big enough. And so before I go to bed I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

THE BEAUTIFUL SANTA MYTH. >----

Don't Undeceive the Little Ones About St. Nick.

If your daughter is just six or seven years old and you are beginning to feel your conscience pinch you at deceiving her any longer with the beautiful myth of Santa Claus, just silence that conscience and wait until she finds out the truth for herself.

If your daughter has any illusions left in this day of disillusion, let her keep them. She will feel more resentment toward you for shattering them than she will for deceiving her. You do not think it necessary to tell your grownup girl all the things you have discovered about love and matrimony and thereby terminate her dreams that those myths are all they seem to be

After all, the sweetest part of a girl's life from babyhood up is the dream part. Some day she will find out that there is no Santa Claus, and then she will find out that there are no fairies, and then she will find out that romance doesn't last, and then that matrimony has its thorns, and then that women grow old, but why open her eyes to these things?

Let a child believe in Santa Claus just as long as he or she will and pluck the delicious fruit from the mythical Christmas tree to her heart's content. It is bad enough to discover the sawdust in the doll of life when it begins to fall out without being told about it when you thought it was really flesh and blood.

If any mother's conscience is troubling her about the Christmas fib telling just now, let her sit down and try to remember that awful day when she first discovered that there was no Santa Claus, and that conscience will shut up tight and never open its mouth

The Glastonbury Thorn.

famous old English tree was the Glastonbury thorn. According to the old monkish legend, St. Joseph, while resting, fixed his staff in the earth, where it immediately took root and ever after blossomed forth on Christmas day. Curiously enough, when the change of style took place no blossom was seen on the tree until old Christmas day came round. The probable truth is the tree was one brought from Palestine by some of the pilgrims, there

Devonshire's Yule Log. In Devonshire the Yule log was repdesented by the "Ashton fagot," which was brought in and burned with great glee. The fagot was composed entirely of ash timber, hooped round with nine bands, and while it burnt merrily on the spacious hearth sports and funwere the order of the night. For every crack which the bursting of the hoops made the master of the house was expected to furnish a fresh bowl of

A Mistletoe Doubt

By W. B. HOLLAND

WEET Bessie was there 'neath the An alluring picture in pink and

white. Her eyes were inviting, her cheeks

Her lips were puckered and arranged just right.



She knew, of course, when I found her

That she was caught in the kissing got the kiss—she played the game

But I think she expected the other

The Lord of Misrule. The "Lord of Misrule," who some times rejoiced in the whimsical title of the "Abbot of Unreason." was a very important functionary of the Christmas ceremonies in the olden time. His office was that of master of being a species of thorn, a native of the revels, and in castle and hall, from that country, which blooms at Christ- Christmas eve down to Twelfth day, he was absolute master of all. On taking up the duties of his office he generally made some quaint speech, explaining to the company that he absolved them of all their reason and that they were to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves. Under his rule all were to be equal. No one was to sit apart in pride of self sufficiency to laugh at others. Moreover, being possessed of the magic power to turn his auditory into children, it was intention while his sovereignty lasted that they should conduct themselves as such.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent Christmas with relatives in Brookfield.

Lester Porter, who operates the ice and coal business in town, has bought the house at the junction of Center road and Main street owned by Thomas L. Hazen, and occupied by the C. R. White and Mrs. Love families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler enter-tained Christmas day his grandmoth-er, Mrs. Susan Wheeler, of Ashby, and his father, Edward L. Wheeler, and family, of Fitchburg.

Mrs. Hattle Shearer is this week wiring her residence for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockel-man entertained over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lenox, of Windsor, Conn., and Master Fred Hudson, of the same place.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, preached a sermon in keeping with memories of Christmas. The decorations of the church were very beautiful and special music was very effectively rendered by the choir. In the evening at seven o'clock a Christmas service was held in the vestry under the auspices of the C. E. society with appropriate music. Large audiences were present at both serv-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret spent Christmas day with their son, George Pomfret, in Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bedard of Leominster, Mrs. Arcade LeBlanc of Madison, Me., and Alphy LeBlanc of Charlestown, spent last Sunday at the home of Joseph Landry.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch and family spent Christmas day with Mr. Felch's brother in Gardner.

Miss Arline Wilbur, of Cushing academy, is spending Christmas holi-days at her home on Center road. Lenten Ward, of the University of Maine, is spending the holidays at his home on Clark road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Harris' mother in Leominster.

George Thomas left town on Mon-day for a few weeks vacation at Rogersville, N. B., for his health. Walter W. Manning and family, of Upper Montclair, N. J., are spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Kenneth Horton, of Holderness school, Plymouth, N. H., has arrived at his home for the Christmas holidays and will return to school on Jan-uary 14. The last week of his vaca-tion he will spend with friends in tion he Malden.

See advertisement of the great reduction sale of the stock of the late George L. Davis at Ayer.

List of Contributors.

The following is a complete list of the societies and independent contri-butions to the Clinton hospital fund, with the delegates of the different so-

Altrurian club \$25.00, Mrs. Lucy J. Miss Ruth M. Graves arrived home Merriman; J. C. Ayer lodge \$25.00, Walter Knowles; Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F. \$5.00, Dr. Charles J. Peire; Guild \$5.00, Rev. Williston M. Ford; Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R. \$5.00, Mrs. Thomsel Hazer: Brotherhood \$5.00, Rev. Graves, who spent the latter part as Hazer: Brotherhood \$5.00, Rev. G. Edwin Woodman; Congregational Later dies' Circle \$5.00, Mrs. Nellie W. Hot. Edwin Woodman; Congregational Laddies' Circle \$5.00, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook: Congregational King's Daughlers \$5.00, Miss Nina Holbrook: Congregational C. E. society \$5.00. Stanley Wells: Baptist Ladies' Aid \$5.00. Mrs. Charles Bruso; Universalist Ladies' Aid \$5.00, Mrs. B. S. Blinney; Catholic church Helping Hand \$5.00, Mrs. Joseph Allen: l'Assumtion society \$5.00, Sylvester Thomás; C. F. Edgarton \$10.00, J. P. Tolman \$10.00, Thomas D. Morin \$5.00. D. Morin \$5.00.

taken action are Union of St. James, Artesans, Mary A. Livermore Rebekan lodge, Shirley grange.

Christmas Exercises.

The high and grammar schools held their Christmas exercises in the high schoolroom on last week Friday afternoon when the following program was rendered, the special and pleasing feature being the address of Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker:

Song, grammar school; reading, Miss Grace Tewksbury; violin solo. Miss Virginia McElroy; reading, Ralph Hersom; song, high school; address, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; song, high and grammar schools.

intermediate and primary grades held exercises appropriate to Christmas in the primary schoolroom on the same afternoon, when the following attractive and lengthy program was presented: gram was presented:

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Song, "Why do bells of Christmas ring?" school: recitations, "The toys he didn't like," Richard Holden: "Christmas," Ada Eisner; "How dolly spoke," Rose Donnelly: song, "Jingle, lingle, 'tis Kris Kringle," first and second grades; recitations, "Christmas sieepy head," Earle Pomfret; "Who is it?" Norbert Pierce; "No stockings to wear" Louis Cutler; "Christmas stockings," Harlan Richardson; "Helping Santa Claus," Eva Cutler; song, "Chorus dreams," Ruth Lynch; recitations, "Santa's cake," Moody Parker; "Christmas puzzle," Virginia Wheeler; duet, "Someone comes on Christmas eve," Edna Loomer and Moody Parker; recitations, "The turkey's lament," Doris Knowles; "Christmas quiz," Bertha Peneseau; song, "Bethlehem star," Hazel Loomer; "Gifts for the king," Clara Hersom; "Christmas worry," Anna Ward; song, "Little Bethlehem," Juniors; story, Donald Campbell; recitation, "My doll," Elizabeth Dodge; song, and Elsner; recitations, "Telephoning to Santa Claus," Edith Eisner; "My wants," Everett Barnard; "Schemer," Millie Parker; song, "Kris Kringle," Frances Hersom; recitations, "Which mad boy's letter," Norman Farmer, Millie Parker; song, "Kris Kringle," Frances Hersom; recitations, "Which mad boy's letter," Norman Farmer, "Mother Goose's Christmas," Alice McDevit; "A Christmas stocking," Ruth Lynch; song, "Upon the nouse-ton" first and second grades; recitations, "Vashington's Christmas surprise," Irene Bassett; "Santa's auto," Bruno Malsky; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "Santa's auto," Bruno Malsky; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "Santa's auto," Bruno Malsky; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "Santa's auto," Bruno Malsky; "Santa Claus," Thomas Daley; on instreas stockings," Kenneth Clark; "San

thinks," Albert Dearden; "The tree that saved the town," Mildred Hart; "Since or stocking," Grace Dogle; dialogue, "After Christmas," Ruth Hooper, Howard Knowles, Charles Peneseau Hong, "Three Chees for old Lanta Claus," third and fourth grades.

Baptist Church Notes.

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The voices of the young people in chorus and solos added much to the value and enjoyment of the Christmas services, morning and evening, at the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon the Sunday school met for Christmas tree exercises. Besides the tree a table was arranged to receive gifts to be sent to Boston for distribution among the children of immigrants at the wharves. This table seemed to create as much interest with the children as the tree itself. Two children, Esther Robinson and Louise Caulkins, received bibles for regular attendance for a year. Eight children who had been absent but three of four Sundays also received bibles and fifteen other bibles were distributed to the children who had been advented to distributed to the children were distributed to the children was distributed to the c also received bibles and fifteen other bibles were distributed to the children.

A "home for the holidays" concert and entertainment will be given in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening, December 31, chiefly by the young people who are at home from school and college. A program of instrumental music, violin, 'cello, plano, with solos, vocal and instrumental, and readings will be given. Candy, ice cream and cake will be on sale.

The young neonle's meeting will be

The young people's meeting will be a mission study class on Sunday evening, beginning at six o'clock. Subject, "An 'immigrant inventory."

Sunday, January 4, will be the first Sunday, January 4, will be the first Sunday in the new year. Begin the year right. Many will make a special effort to attend some church that day. It is a good custom. Everybody at church January 4.

Death.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch and family spent Christmas day with Mr. Felch's brother in Gardner.

Stanley G. White, of Yale college, arrived last week Friday at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. White, for two weeks.

A large number of young people are planning to attend the reception and ball given by Mrs. C. R. White for her Littleton dancing classes to be held in the town hall, Littleton, on Saturday evening. January 3.

Mrs. Mary M. Nickless has installed in the fellows' hall was well filled on last Saturday evening by an appreciative audience to witness the many clever, impersonations of The Pierces, who appeared under the auspices of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R. The entire performance was most enjoyable.

Following their usual custom the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Company gave turkeys to their employees for Christmas tree.

Miss Arline Wilbur, of Cushing academy, is spending Christmas holl-days at her home on Center road.

Lenten Ward, of the University of

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held its regular meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ruth M. Graves.

Miss Vera Bradford returned home Miss Verar Bradford returned nome last week from the Emerson School of Oratory for a two-weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Miss Priscilla Sweetser is spending few days with relatives in Read-

Miss Marion L. Holden is at home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, for a short vacation from her duties as teacher at Green-wich.

Miss Gertrude Haskins, of Gardner, has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hask-lins, at the North.

Mrs. Charles I in the Mrs. Charles Hask-lins, at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and family moved last week from the house at the North owned by John Stickney and recently vacated by the Wildmans. Mrs. Hill went Saturday to Pepperell for a two-weeks' stay at the home of her mother.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held with Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn, as was stated in this column last week.

The well-borers from Chelmsford trs. Charles Bruso; Universalist Late les' Ald \$5.00. Mrs. B. S. Binney: atholic church Helping Hand \$5.00. Irs. Joseph Allen; l'Assumtion society at the home of William Boutillier and it is reported they will go next to the home \$10.00, J. P. Tolman \$10.00, Thomas. Morin \$5.00.

The societies that have not as yet the home of E. J. Miller, where they will drive a well. They are also assisting in installing a system at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow to be run by the left rice motor to furnish her home of the system at the home of electric motor to, furnish her house with running water.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, January 6, the officers-elect for 1914 will be installed by Mrs. Ella D. Rice, of Leominston inster.

Sidney Hines has given up his position with the C. A. Cross Company at Fitchburg and has entered the employment of Ralph I. Evans at the portable mill.

The Center primary and grammar schools are enjoying a week's vacation this week. The teachers, Miss Margaret Walsh and Miss Mary McCuster, have gone to their homes in Ayer and Waltham for the week.

A large crowd of young people went the rounds of the Center on Sunday evening singing Christmas carols and hymns before the different homes. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser and

daughters spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Sweetser's mother, Mrs. Tarr, in Gloucester.

Charlie C. Longley, of Millbury, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley. Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, is at the home of his moth-er, Mrs. Hattle P. Holden, for a vaca-

tion of two weeks.

The work of installing the electric light system at the Center has been at a standstill for about two weeks. The main trouble seems to be the difficulty of finding someone to undertake the blasting of the holes for a few of the poles along Center road, since a large bond is required from whoever undertakes the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford and family spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Bradford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, at Fltchburg. Mrs. Dakin, of Boston, spent Mon-day at her summer home in town.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Robert H. J. Holden spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Holden's son, Harrie P. Barnard, at the village.

Frank J. Lawton spent last Sat-urday in Cambridge with his wife and daughter, Miss Shirley Lawton. The portable mill has been set up on the lot oelonging to Mrs. Eva Holden and work was commenced this

veek cutting out slabs.

attendance at the dance on Tuesday evening was small. Music was fur-nished by Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth, of Woodsville. The dance was given by M.s. Mildred Evans and Everett Buxton.

The Sewing Guild at their last meeting prepared a large number of Christmas baskets of fruit, candy, etc., to be distributed this week to the shut-ins about town.

Miss Christine G. Longley, of Mt. Holyoke college, returned home last week for a two-weeks' Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Large crowds of young people have been enjoying the fine skating on the F. J. Lawton meadow during the past

Christmas Tree.

The Center primary and grammar schools, under the direction of Miss Margaret Walsh and Miss Mary Mc-Custer, held their Christmas exer-cises and Christmas tree at the school on last week Friday afternoon. The following program was given by the children:

children:

"Under the Double Eagle," Victrola record: "Why do bells for Christmas record: "Why do bells for Christmas ring?" grammar school: recitation, "Santa Claus," Olive Harriman; "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," primary grades, "The message of holly." Phyllis Farrar; "A Christmas lullaby," Zada Seymour: "It came upon the midnight clear," grammar school; "A letter to Santa Claus," Marlon Wood: "O little town of Bethiehem," Eleanor Longley, violin solo, William Tracy, "A Christmas problem," Edna Acres; a Christmas problem," Edna Acres; a Christmas exercise: "Santa Claus brought me a dolly," Mildred Carson; Victrola selections; biaylet, "All kinds of Christmas"; song, "Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight"; "Silent night, holy night."

At the close of the exercises Hor-

At the close of the exercises Herbert Woods, as Santa Claus, distributed the presents from a well-filled Christmas tree.

Cora Hartwell will spend the winter nere with her brother's family. Rev. F. H. Viets and Mary Hager were the representatives from here at

the temperance meeting in Maynard last week. A new lot of books, including som latest fiction, will be ready for distr bution at the library on Saturday.

Lucy Porter has returned from the hospital in Boston where she has been for several weeks and unlike most patients says there were several girls of her age and they had a lovely time while there.

Robert Bland is home from Am-herst for two weeks.

Rev. Pennock, of Acton, preached for Rev. F. H. Viets last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Libble won the Amherst scholarship given by the Pomona grange in the poultry contest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and family, of Silver Hill, made up a family party at George Burroughs on Christmas.
Arthur Nelson and wife went to
Greenwood. The Livermores spent
the day with relatives in Waltham.
The Steeles, with Mr. and Mrs. Dodge,
went to the Hagers in Clinton.

Miss Mary Nudeck, of Worcester, came down to the Christmas tree and entertainment given by her niece, Grace Nudeck, to the children of No. 1 school on last week Friday evening.

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Saturday, December 27, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items.

Carl A. P. Lawrence, senior at Dartmouth college, came home last week Friday for the holidays. Lewis M. Knapp of Amherst col-

lege came home Tuesday night for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. David Gibson had the family gathering at her home on Christmas day. It was the same gathering that met at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Gleason, on Thanksgiving day. Their father, B. F. Wyman, who is spending the winter in Worcester, was one of the party.

Mrs. Carl Balcom, with her little son and her mother, Mrs. Clough, from East Weare, N. H., are Christmas guests of Mrs. Harry Clapp and family, remaining for a visit after Thursday.

Born Tuesday, December 23, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mitchell. Miss Gladys Mason, teacher at Mal-den, came home Tuesday night for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Mildred Brown, junior at Sim-mons college, is home for a vacation of two weeks. Miss Elsie Shattuck, teacher at Milford, N. H., is spending her vacation

Miss Mary Dunphy, teacher at North Attleboro, is home for a week's vacation. Her sister, Miss Kathleen, teacher at Stockbridge, is home for a two weeks' vacation. The Dunphy family went to East Pepperell for Christmas day, dining at the Prescott house. Miss Lucy B. Raddin, teacher a Everett, came home for the holiday

The Boy Scouts are getting ready for a minstrel show. Date not yet an-

Mrs. Gobie is spending a few weeks in Groton at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Aitken. Dr. and Mrs. Gobie are having their house freshened up, ready for their occupancy, a few weeks hence.

The twenty-sixth annual dinner and roll call of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday, January 7. Dinner will be served at twelve c'clock, followed by the roll call. Business meeting after the roll call.

On Tuesday, January 6, the Baptist church will hold the twenty-seventh annual church gathering with business meeting at ten o'clock a. m. and dinner at twelve, followed by the roll call. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock there will be a public meeting in the main auditorium with sermon by Rev. James L. Campbell of the First Baptist church, Cambridge. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Lillian M. Shattuck has been

Mrs. Lillian M. Shattuck has been appointed by the state board of charity as their official visitor to the Groton town farm.

Different churches in town united in giving the means to make a bright-er and merrier Christmas for those who are living at the town farm. Candy bags were filled and amongst the other things provided for their comfort, hot water bags were given to those several members.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of West pton spent Christmas with his sister. Miss Agnes Lewis

ter, Miss Agnes Lewis.

The following is taken from the Boston Journal of December 25: In the hope of playing on the Princeton baseball team several years hence, Fowler McCormick, grandson of John D. Rockefeller, and son of Harold F. McCormick of Chicago, is studying the art of throwing curves, during his Christmas vacation. Mordecal Brown, major league baseball pitcher, is his instructor. Young McCormick attends Groton School and expects to enter Princeton. He began his training Princeton. He began his training last winter and according to Brown is making fast strides in mastering

Charles B. Baldwin met with a fall one day last week and was unconscious for a short time afterward. He had not recovered entirely from the effects of the fall for some days afterward. Mr. Baldwin is one of our oldest citizens.

There was a good attendance at the Baptist church on last Sunday evening, the pastor speaking on "Foreign missions." There was also a missionary and Christmas concert.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church feel very well pleased with the financial returns from their sale of last week Thursday. They cleared about eighty dollars. The society is not large and they had not been long in making preparations for the sale.

The high school dange held or Fel.

The high school dance held on Friday evening, December 19, was a success. Many of the former high school pupils were in attendance, as were also other friends of the class and

Miss Geneieve Hodgman, teacher in the West Springfield high school, at home for the Christmas vacation, took part in the vesper service at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening and rendered one of the solos.

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It will perhaps be an item of interest to the Groton friends of Herbert F. Williams, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to learn that he was the family physician who attended William C. De Witt through his illness from embolism and hardening of the arteries, causing his death two or three weeks ago. Mr. DeWitt was one of Brooklyn's most distinguished citizens. A great lawyer, a partner of the late W. M. Evarts, a clean politician of influence, a man who had figured prominently in the history of Brooklyn.

Charles B. Campbell, from Wash-

Charles B. Campbell, from Washington, D. C., is taking his Christmas vacation, spending some of it with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry, and the remainder with his parents at Nashua, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Berry went over the Nashua for

office.

The vesper service at the Unitarian church was largely attended and gave much pleasure to all listeners. The musical program, finely rendered, was of a high order. The volume of music, organ, trombone, violin and voices made the old church ring. It is not easy to particularize when all was so excellent. Rev. Mr. Cressey spoke on the difference between keeping and observing Christmas in the spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Mrs. John Lawrence made the children of the Groton sewing school yery

dren of the Groton sewing school very happy last Saturday by the Christmas party in the town hall. There was a beautiful Christmas tree with candles beautiful Christmas tree with candles and decorations and well-laden with the cornucopias filled with candy. At the foot of the tree were the dolls and the other presents for the older ones. They all sang and danced, Miss Alice Hodge playing the plano. Two kinds of ice cream and cake were served. They all had a delightful time. There were a few visitors present.

Mrs. Dudley P. Moors, her daughter, Miss Ethel Moors, and Mrs. J. R. Stone are coming to live in Groton. They have hired the other tenement They have hired the other tenement of the house on Court street, where Mrs. Ella P. Woolley lives. Mrs. J.

R. Stone is the mother of Mrs. Moors and Mrs. Woolley.

William Gay of the Goodrich Rubber Store Co. of Boston is home on a vacation.

Wyman Gibson, who entered the sophomore class at Dartmouth college last September, came home last week Friday for the holidays.

Frederick W. Gay and family of Methuen motored over to Groton last Sunday to spend the day with his brother, H. H. Gay and family.

Miss Helen Gay is spending the hol-iday vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, at her home in Brock-

The second number in the Luther Blood free lectures will be held on Tuesday evening, December 30, and will be given by Peter MacQueen on the subject of "The new South America and problems of the day connected therewith." a travelogue with 175 views in color. Lecture at eight.

Mrs. Fannie M. Forbes is entertaining her friend, Mrs. Lawrence, from Brookline, and Miss Eleanor Jenkins, from Leominster, a Fitchburg Normal school friend of her daughter Helen, for part of the Christmas holidays.

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Lleut. George Timmins, of the U.S. cavalry stationed at Fort Oglethorpe. South Carolina, was married on Wednesday, December 17, to Miss Elizabeth Gilbert, of Gilbertville. Mr. Timmins, when a lad, lived in Groton, and later was a student at Groton School. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard, with her son, Master Robert Leonard, and her daughter, Miss Edith Timmins, attended the wedding last week Wednesday. Lieut. and Mrs. George Timmins, who went on a wedding trip after the ceremony, will arrive in Groton on December 27, for a few days visit at his mother's home.

Sunday evening, December 28, the

visit at his mother's home.

Sunday evening, December 28, the cantata, "Holy night," is to be given by a chorus of sixteen voices in the main auditorium of the Congregational church. This will be a grand musical treat which everyone will enjoy. The public is invited.

Mr. and Wrs. Portrail with Miss Mary Haskell Butler was the result.

They were united by Rev. Crawford Nightingale at his home on December 30, 1863. Miss Butler was a sister of John Butler then superintendent of Hollingsworth mill.

Mr. Souther worked in the papermill for some thirty-five very mill for some thirty-five

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, with their Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, with their little daughter, from Dorchester, were at her mother's, Mrs. Needham, for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood, of Beverly, were with his mother, Mrs. M. J. Blood, and Woodbury K. Howe was home from Woonsocket, R. I., to speend Christmas with his parents. Bay and Mrs. G. M. his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. M.

John Bradey, of Amherst Agricul-tural college, is home for the holiday

The Christmas tree festivals at the village churches on Wednesday evening all passed off pleasantly. See advertisement of the great reduction sale of the stock of the late George L. Davis at Ayer.

The following extract will interest members of the Baptist church here where Mr. Rohrbach preached several times during the past year:

"H. Herbert Rohrbach, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hartland, Me. was formally ordered to the

the First Baptist church of Hartland, Me., was formally ordained to the ministry last week Friday evening, the ceremonies taking place in the vestry of the Clarendon-st. Baptist church of Boston. The principal feature of the exercises was the preaching of the ordination sermon by Rev. Dr. Julius Rohrbach, pastor of the Charlottenburg Baptist church of Berlin, Germany, father of the young pastor. Dr. Rohrbach discussed the importance of the christian ministry.

"The young pastor, who is twenty-

portance of the christian ministry.

"The young pastor, who is twentyseven years old, was born in Berlin
and received his early education in the
public schools of Germany, later
studying in England. He came to this
country about four years ago and
spent three years at the Newton Theological institution, from which he
graduated last June. He is continuing studies at Colby college."

A Correction.

Berry, and the remainder with his parents at Nashua, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Berry went over to Nashua for Christmas day.

We have just learned that William N. Souther, going about three weeks ago. ; spending the winter at Seattle, Wash., instead of his accustomed winter locality in Florida.

Frank H. Palmer got another fox last week, making eight he has secured so far this season.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., of Groton School, assisted at the marriage at Mattapan on Saturday, December 20, of George von L. Meyer, cember 20, of George von L. Meyer, series at Nashua, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Correction.

The short item giving notice of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of the dath of Dudley P. Moers in this column last week, was incorrect in the stock of Christmas exercises in charge of Mrs. There was a fireside gathering and Christmas exercises in charge of Mrs. May diamond wedding day May diamond wedding day May diamond wedding come, and all the present happiness Predominate your home.

Oath of Allegiance.;

Oath of Allegiance of citizens of Dracut, Middlesex county, Mass., March 4 and April 2, 1787:

We, the subscribers, do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess and declare that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is and of sight ought

son of the ex-secretary of the navy and Miss Frances Saltonstall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Saltonstall, of Milton. The bridegroom is a graduate of Groton School.

Frank Dilbert is on the American Express delivery team during the School, was he that the title, "The bishop of the Connecticut valley," was given him. He used at times to preach in Groton, even as late as in the sixties. The Charlestown Enterprise of December 20 thus speaks of Dudley P

Moors:
"Mr. Moors was one of Charles-"Mr. Moors was one of Charlestown's most respected and esteemed
clitzens. He was not a native but for
over thirty-four years a resident here.
He was not a man given to joining organizations or participating in public
affairs yet he became a member of
Dearbon lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and always took a deep
interest in local affairs, happy ever in
the successes of his friends whether in
business, politics or social life. He business, politics or social life. He was broad, generous and unselfish and was pleased the most when he could do something for others."

Fiftieth Anniversary.

kinds of ice cream and cake were served. They all had a delightful time. There were a few visitors present.

George A. Culver is quite iil and has been confined to the house for about two months now, with not much of an improvement in his condition.

C. B. Baldwin, who has been handling the Sunday Globe, Herald and Post for several years past, has given it up, owing to iil health, and untifurther notice F. G. Carpenter will have them for sale at the railroad station.

Mrs. Dudley P. Moors, her daughter, Miss Ethel Moors, and Mrs. J. R. Stone are coming to live in Groton. They have hired the other tenement.

Mabel and Florence Souther, Mrs. Howard Souther pouring.
Gifts in gold, silver, checks and bills, china, flowers, pictures, four nice dining-room chairs, candy, a nice table cover and other articles made up a list of suitable remembrances of the day.

Among the pieces in gold was a twenty dollar gold piece from John Haskell Butler, a well-known Boston lawyer, a cousin of Mrs. Warner Souther.

During the afternoon there were.

I sawer, a cousin of Mrs. Warner Souther.

Souther.

During the afternoon there were selections from a graphophone and the Leominster Glee club. In the everning from the Mandolin club.

Four of the five sons, Albert W., superintendent of the papermill at Leominster, Fred L. and Morton A., house painters in Groton, Howard B., a farmer in this town, being one of the three Groton men who served in the Spanish war in Cuba were present. The other son, Arthur E., of Mattabase and the Spanish war in Cuba were present. The other son, Arthur E., of Mattabase and a straveling agent for the C. S. Bird Co., of East Walpole, and a very progressive man, was unable to attend on account of illness in his family. Another member of the family, Mrs. Cynthia Butler, ninety-three years old, who did not feel quite equal to meeting all the callers, was interested and in spirit with all the proceedings. It is not common that a mother lives to enjoy a daughter's son attending was little Miss Una, about one and a half years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Souther.

Another of those attending in the afternoon was William Souther, an older and only living brother. Thomas Gilson, a soldier of the Old Sixth that Solid on a scouth of Sixth that Solid on or secret reservation whatso-ever sund that I do swear that I will been true faith and allegiance to the said commonwealth and that, I will defend the same against trailings vocal and instrumental music. Then came the handsomely decorated the tempts whatsoever and that I do subjection and obdelence to the King. Gram The first part included read. Christmas tree, which possibly to the vounger people was the most interesting program. The first part included read. Christmas tree, which possibly to the vounger people was the most interesting program. The first part included read. Christmas tree, which possibly to the vounger people was the most interest of programs and program an The next Unitarian church sociable.

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Will be held on Thursday evening.
January 1. Supper at 6.30, followed by an entertainment consisting of the play, "Pa's new housekeeper." at 7.45 o'clock, of which the following is the cast of characters: Pa Jackson, Mr. Powers; Mattie, Mrs. Powers; Jimmie Jackson, Henry L. Bruce; Jack Brown, Dr. Branigan; Molly Holbrook, Miss Edith Waters. A candy table with home-made candies on sale will be an attraction for customers during the evening.

The second number in the Lunch Blood free learning and the callers, was interted and in spirit with all the proceedings. It is not common that a mother lives to enjoy a daughter's golden wedding.

Another of those attending in the afternoon was William Souther, an older and only living brother. Thomas Gilson, a soldier of the Old Sixth that went through Baltimore, was another of the afternoon callers. Miss Catherine Harlow and Owen Smith of Leominster remained over night. A. W. Souther and family motored over

W. Souther and family motored over and the reunion continued through Sunday.

Warner Souther was born at his parents' home in Littleton on May 15, 1839, but has lived in Groton the greater part of his life. He enlisted in 1862 in the Groton Co., under Capt. George R. Shattuck and Col. Follansbee of the Sixth Mass. Regt., which was sent to Suffolk, Va. He served his term of enlistment, was honorably discharged and returned to Groton. discharged and returned to Groton. Although he passed through his war service without being wounded, it was not long after his return that he was severely hit by a dart from Cupid's bow and so affected that a marriage with Miss Mary Haskell Butler was the result.

ber 30, 1863. Miss Butler was a sister of John Butler then superintendent of Hollingsworth mill.

Mr. Souther worked in the papermill for some thirty-five years, but for a number of years past has been employed by the Groton road commissioners. He is a member of E. S. Clark post, G. A. R.

Time has not laid his hand heavily upon either Mr. and Mrs. Souther and it seems altogether likely that they may pass many more years together. Their married life is fitly described in verses, written for the anniversary by verses, written for the anniversary by Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows, an old friend and neighbor. No anniversary of this kind here would seem quite complete without her original poem. Mrs. Barrows, by request, read during the af-ternoon the following:

We bring our congratulations To this golden wedded pair. That so many earthly blessings Are still your mutual share.

The Golden Anniversary, A happy, gala day, Parents, children, grandchildren and guests Unite in festive way.

Fifty years ago today
The wedding knot was tied
Which terminated happily
And now has golden pride.

The Rev. Crawford Nightingale Pronounced the nuntial bond: To this sacred obligation Your love proved true and fond.

Blessed with congeniality, Affinity all right, True love has been your marriage guide Away from sin or spite.

No incompatibility, No search for legal flaw, But perfect satisfaction In good old-fashioned law. Nine loving, pretty children

Were welcomed to your home: But two have passed the boundry line Where only angels roam. You have shared your joy and sorrow Been one in thought and deed, Which to matrimonial happiness Is the essential need.

God's blessing rest upon your lives, Bless parents, children dear, Prosperity be with you all Through every coming year.

ever

So help me God
J. B. Varnum, William Hildreth,
Thos. Hovey, Isreal Hildreth, Parker
Varnum, Bradley Varnum, Joseph
Varnum, Jonas Varnum, Peter Parker, Stephen Russell, Joseph Stevens,
Thomas Coburn, James Harvey, Richard Hall, Samuel Barron.
Middlesex S S April 2, 1787
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Parker Varnum, Justice of Peace
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Middlesex S S March 4th, 1787

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avenue, Lowell. Wm. H. Lynds, Lowell. West Groton.

Twelve of the young men of West Groton are running dances each weel in Squannacook hall. The next dance will be held on December 27.

Mrs. Margaret Kape is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs D. J. Welsh, of South Boston. J. P. Brennen spent the holiday a his home in East Walpole.

The Misses Katherine, Nellie and Annie Cronin are spending the holidays at their home.

It is understood that the Allen Con struction Co., of Walpole, has the contract for the new store of P. W. Kane. corner of Mill and Groton

Mrs. Robert Grimes, Mrs. Hattle Seems, Mrs. Carroll Kean and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill spent Saturday in Lowell.

in Lowell.

Harry Kemp spent Thursday of last week in Boston, looking over the last week in automobiles. He has new models in automobiles. He has decided to buy a Cadillac in the early

Mrs. Andrew Taylor and Miss Ruth Kane spent Friday of last week in

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Draper and little daughter Elleen, of Bennington, N. H., are guests of Mrs. Draper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon. The many friends of little Victor Duquette are very pleased to hear of his recovery after a severe attack of appendicitis.

TOWNSEND.

Center. Miss Margaret Struthers of Fair-haven, Conn., is at home on a vaca-tion from her school work.

The children and young people of the M. E. church gave a Christmas concert at the church last Sunday evening. There was also a choir and the appropriate exercises were of their usual pleasing order.

The M. E. church held a Christmas supper, tree and Christmas exercises at the church the night before Christ-

-ayer,mass.

This firm desires to express its great appreciation of the generous patronage bestowed by its friends and patrons during the past year, and especially during the Holiday Season.

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Fatal Accident.

Last Sunday morning E. D. Wharff met with a fatal accident in the barn belonging to what was formerly known as the Hezzie Spaulding place. Previous to last fall, at which time old Mr. Wharff moved to the Old Homestead, this place had been their home. On the morning mentioned Mr. Wharff came with his team for some hay, all of which had not been removed. While filling a bag on the high beams he stepped on some rotten boards and fell to the floor below, which caused a compound fracture of the upper arm.

As no one was living on the place Mr. Wharff had to walk to R. B. Adams, the nearest neighbor, before help could be summoned. The family physician was called and upon removing Mr. Wharff's coat two pleces of bone fell to the floor. The doctor took him at once to the Emergency hospital in Nashua, where his arm was taken off about four inches from the shoulder. Word was received on Thursday evening that Mr. Wharff died at 7.15.

LITTLETON.

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Last Sunday morning E. D. Wharff how, as the pictures were beautiful, interesting and of high educational value.

A most successful Christmas musicale was given by the pupils of Miss Marlan M. Brown on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ireland.

As the company of young people who sang Christmas carols in various parts of the town were out on their good mission on Wednesday evening an automobile clock was lost from the Conant, Houghton automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conant and baby son Gilman, of Watertown, and Richard Conant, of Passaic, N. J., were at W. E. Conant's for Christmas. The lecture given by Mr. Underwood before the tyceum on Tuesday evening on his hunting expedition, with stereopticon views from pictures taken by the electurer, furnished an entertainment equal in educational value and interesting and of high educational value and interesting and of high educational value.

LITTLETON.

St. News Items.

News Items. The Friday evening meeting was held with Dea, and Miss Thacher this

Miss Nellie and Ethel Whittier, Edith and Myrtle Fletcher, Emily Robinson, Cora Warren, Abbie McNiff and Esther McEnnis, teachers, are at home for the holidays home for the holidays.

The meeting of the Alliance on Friday afternoon will be a union meeting in which the Woman's Auxilaries of the Congregational and Baptist solution. Friday afternoon will be a union meeting in which the Woman's Auxilaries of the Congregational and Baptist societies will unite. The speaker will be Mrs. George W. Coleman, of Boston, an attractive speaker, whose subject, "Present day aspects of Mormonism," is one that has attractive preciated and enjoyed by all who were thus favored. ted a great deal of attention recently in the east because of the activities and methods of Mormon missionaries.

which Mrs. Coleman is engaged. The hour of the meeting is 2.30.

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The Christmas vesper service given last Sunday by the Young People's Guild in the body of the church was of marked excellence. Solos were given by Miss Eunice Priest, Miss Marcia Wilcox, E. Stone and Eliot Young, and stories were given by Franklin Hall, Miss Lucy Houghton and O. J. Fairfield. The service was in charge of Miss Dorothy Priest, while the playing by the organist, Mrs. Jessie Young, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Knights will

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Knights will be at home at the Overlook to their Littleton friends on the afternoon of January 1.

There was a large attendance at the There was a large attendance at the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday morning, when Rev. H. L. Packard threw upon the canvas pictures from Hoffman's paintings of the life of Christ. It was a very profitable hour, as the pictures were beautiful interesting and of high educational value.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty entertained their children and grandson on Christmas day.

Miss Alice Wright spent Christmas with her sister, Miss Ella Wright, in Shirley. She is with Rev. and Mrs. George B. Frost in Andover for the week-end and Sunday.

Supt. and Mrs. F. H. Hill and daughter Rosa spent Christmas with relatives in Portland, Me.

and methods of Mormon missionaries. Order is heaven's first law. A All ladies are invited. A collection place for everything and everything in its place.

Announcement

We take this time to thank the public for their liberal patronage during the Holidays. We have had an exceptionally good Christmas trade, and to show our appreciation we are to have a

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Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914

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Saturday, December 27, 1913. AYER.

News Items.

The installation of the officers of Ayer grange comes on the first Wednesday evening in January.

During the year of 1913 E. O. Proc tor has sold twenty-eight 1913 models and sixteen 1914 models of the Buick car, for which he is the agent for Ayer and surrounding towns.

The Ayer Electric Light Company is making extensive repairs in the poles and wires about town for the past two weeks.

The Peace and Unity club, a wellknown colored organization, will observe the fifty-first emancipation anniversary by their annual concert and ball in the town hall on Thursday evening, January 1.

The Woman's Alliance will meet at the home of Mrs. Daniel Dickinson Thursday afternoon, January 1, at 2.30 o'clock.

O'Toole Bros., of Clinton, have installed a new heating apparatus at the Hillside on Washington street.

These officers of Ayer Circle, C. O. rinese omeers of Ayer Circle, C. O. F., were elected at the last regular meeting: Miss Kate Faley, c. c.; Mrs. Mary Griffin, s. c. c.; Mrs. Maude E. Sullivan, r. s.; Miss Kate O'Neill, f. s.; Miss Minnie Murphy, treas; Miss Jennie McGuane, r. g.; Miss Annie Hackett, l. g.; Miss J. A. Murphy, l. g.; Mrs. Charlotte O'Clair, o. g.

Recent visitors in town included Miss Eva Eagles, a former school teacher; Arthur A. Mills, of Worces-ter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. I. Mills; Mrs. William Findlay and son Wolfer with friends in town on Walter, with friends in town.

Benjamin M. Spaulding, a veteran of the civil war, attended the recent reunion of his regiment, the 32d Massachusetts, at the Quincy house, Boston, and reports a very enjoyable

Judges George A. Sanderson, War-ren H. Atwood and John M. Maloney attended the dinner of the Massachu-

Andrew's church, with others full of Christmas spirit, drove around town to sing carols. They sang longest in front of Mrs. Arthur Fenner's home on Washington street and on Main

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Dennis J. Flaherty left this week for his home in Balite, Conn., where he intends to spend the winter.

At the regular meeting of Easter with the contract of the bank force with these officers were elected. Mrs. Margarent Rand, w.; Mrs. Charlotte, Miller, v. w.; Mrs. Adile S. Washburn, sec.; Miss Neille H. Carrigan, f. s.; Mrs. Eugene Washburn, s.; Mrs. Grace M. Rymes, planist; Mrs. Mahel Downing, sent.; Warren L. Preble, on the grand lodge; Mrs. Eugene Washburn, s.; Mrs. Grace M. Rymes, planist; Mrs. Mahel Downing, sent.; Warren L. Preble, and the contract for the remodelling of the plane has grand lodge; Mrs. Eugene Washburn, s.; Mrs. Grace M. Rymes, planist; Mrs. Mahel Downing, sent.; Warren L. Preble, and the contract for the remodelling of the work for the will be with the contract for the remodelling of the work of the world, the work of the world, the work of the world, the work of the world of the spectrum and town clerk on Tuesday the work of the world, the world of the spectrum and the world of the spectrum and the world of the spectrum and the work of the world. The world w

Joseph J. Hannon, the proprietor of the barber shop in the American house, block, will soon move into his new quarters in the Public Spirit building formerly occupied by the Whitaker-Cushing Electric Company. The quarters have been attractively fitted up and when finished will present a very inviting appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, of Upper Montelair, N. J., former residents, were in town on Christmas day calling on friends. Mr. Manning is advertising director of the McClure publications, New York city.

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Charles A. N.

Leroy C. Smith is spending th Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith. Mr. Smith is teaching school in Wal-

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant, of Cambridge.

There was a concert and Christmas ree exercises in the vestry of the Baptist church on Wednesday even-

Christmas day was observed here quietly as usual. Many visitors came from out-of-town and there were also many family gatherings.

The annual high school dance will take place in the town hall on Friday evening, January 9.

The dance given by Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., in Page hall on Christmas evening was well attended in spite of the very disagreeable weather, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Wheeler & Vailliant's orchestra, of Leominster, furnished the music. The floor was in charge of Joseph Kyle. Refreshments were served at intermission by Eli W. Carley.

Mrs. Alice Mead, the former genial telegraph operator at the railroad station, returned last week to her home in Washington square from a of several weeks to friends in North Adams.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach at the Baptist church Sunday on a sub-ject appropriate to the last Sunday in the year. The usual services will be

Christmas tree exercises were held at the Methodist church on Thursday evening at 6.30 o'clock. After the distribution of the gifts the following program was given:

Song: recitation, John Webb; song, juniors and seniors. Miss Murray's class; recitations, Myrtle Daniels, Marion Webb; song, Miss Murray's class; recitations. Evelyn Taylor. Dorothy Daniels, Etta Green, Hazel Daniels, Viola Howarth, Gladys Waterman, Earl Daniels; song, by school.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, January 2, at 2.30 o'clock.

The Elf club had a special Christmas gathering on Tuesday at the home of Miss Flora I. Cole. The evening was spent with games, music and the enjoyment of a very unique Christmas tree. A dainty supper was enjoyed at its close.

setts Bar association at the Copley Plaza hotel on Monday evening.

Mr. Lovett will re-open his juvenile class on Friday afternoon, January 2.

Another of the social dances will be held at the Sandy pond school-house on Tuesday evening, December 30. Dancing from eight to 11.30. Music by Perry's orchestra.

On Christmas eve the choir of St. Andrew's church, with others full of Christmas spirit, drove around town to sing carols. They sang longest in the Sunday school a fine portrait of himself. The school sent a letter of greeting to Mr. Fisk and elected Mrs. Lois E. Porter a committee to carry a floral tribute and other gifts to him.

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The funeral of Mrs. Elisha D. Stone was held from her home on Monday afternoon. December 22, at that he had missed ninety-seven fowl from his premises during the past few weeks and was at a loss for some time.

The Hillside boarding house has been newly furnished throughout and a new furnace has been installed. The proprietress, Mrs. Hattie Thayer, is now ready to receive new boarders and roomers in this up-to-date place.

Constable John M. Wallace is confined to his home with an attack of sore throat.

Miss Madeline Hill, of Keene. N. H., was a guest Christmas day of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickinson.

Sullivan attended him. Constable Lyman J. Taylor, who was on duty Thursday night, received a telephone message from the Lowell police department that a party of supposed robbers had left that city and were headed toward Ayer in a large seven-passenger touring car. They were supposed to be the gang who had committed breaks in Lowell whom the police there were trying to capture. Although a vigilant watch was kept for the alleged yeggs no trace of them could be found in Ayer.

A sensational drama in two parts.

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E. O. Richardson and family, of Mansfield, and Frank S. Pierce and family spent Christmas at the home of O. K. Pierce.

The Walter M. Lowney Company, manufacturers of chocolate bon bons, gave its employees a banquet at Young's hotel, Boston, this week Friday evening. Edward O. Richardson, of Mansfield, formerly of Ayer, who is a traveling salesman for the firm, attended. Henry H. Green, a well-known summer resident of Sandy pond, who is treasurer of the company, also was one of the guests.

Rev. Clyde-L. Nevins, pastor of the M. E. church, is at his home in Mead.

Has Resigned.

Charles A. Normand, who has been cashier of the First National bank of Ayer for the past three years, is to give up being cashier soon after the first of the new year, accepting a lucrative position in the office of the Worcester Pressed Steel company. Mr. Normand and his family, his wife being a daughter of Mr. White, president of the bank, reside in Worcester, and while cashier has journeyed to and from that city daily. No one, as yet, has been chosen to fill the important position.

During Mr. Normand's connection with the bank the deposits have increased nearly \$100,000. He has made many staunch friends and he has always been very gentlemaniy and courteous to the many natrone of this mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, and the latter at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, and the latter at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, and the latter at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, and the latter at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, and the latter at the home of his mother, Mrs. and Mrs. George B. Turner.

A. W. C.

The Ayer Woman's club will hold its regular meeting in Hardy's hall on next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding entertained a pleasant family party of the president on Friday evening, January 2, at 7.30.

ways been very gentlemanly and courteous to the many patrons of this prosperous bank. They will miss him

District Court.

Charles Baoroski, of West Groton, was fined ten dollars for assault and battery on Monday morning.

John Conner, Adolph Bielwols, Tony John Conner, Adolph Bielwois, Tony Cusak, Max Syhanowitz and Charles Berg, all giving their homes as New York city, were found guiky of vagrancy and their cases were placed on file. They were all young fellows and were arrested while walking on the tracks of the Fitchburg division.

Philopedas Petrodilis, Anton Lorenjos and Alex Kempouris, of Ayer, were found guilty of larceny of coal and were fined ten dollars each on Monday morning. Peter Lecas was found guilty of receiving the stolen property and was fined twenty dollars. The defendants had, according to the police, been taking coal from the Bossier. property and was fined twenty dollars. The defendants had, according to the police, been taking coal from the Boston and Maine Raliroad Company at the coal elevator in the upper railroad yard and at such other places where this kind of fuel could be found. For some time it was found that coal was being taken by some unknown persons and Constable Lyman J. Taylor was detalled to watch for them. Last Sunday morning while in the vicinity of the coal elevator he discovered several men carrying coal away and of the number he succeeded in capturing the three first-named and brought them to the police station. They were afterwards bailed out.

A search warrant was procured and a large quantity of the coal in bags was found in Lecas' house near the tannery. The selzed coal was taken to the police station. It is said that the amount of the coal selzed amount, ed to about two tons, mostly of the coal escaped.

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Railroad men, who are in a position to know what is going on in railroad affairs, particularly concerning the Fitchburg road, have no knowledge of any open movement as yet to turn that road over to the Delaware and Hudson. While the statement has been attributed to former President Mellen of the New Haven and the Boston and Maine, this statement, it is believed, cannot be borne out by facts, and there is little question that the bothers who were discovered stealing the Fitchburg road was a drag on the Boston and Maine, this statement, it is believed, cannot be borne out by facts, and

ed to about two tons, mostly of the bluminous or soft coal variety. The Boston and Maine would not willingly the coal escaped.

The postponed case of Richard Freeman, of Boxborough, who is charged with larceny, comes up for trial this Saturday morning.

Arthur DeLisle, who has no permanent address, appeared before Judge Atwood on Wednesday morning on a charge of larceny of a large number of four the contract of the second section. of fowl, the property of L. P. Richardson, of Pepperell. He pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the house of correction. Mr. Richardson, whose

Mr. Monteith.

Two trunks were found at the Pepperell depot which the prisoner and another companion left to have checked. The trunks were opened and found to contain significant.

The pastor is spending the holidays in Chicago. He will be absent only one Sunday, returning for January 4, which is communion Sunday and time in Chicago for reception of new members his absence Rev. George D. Kirkpat-rick, of Andover Theological semi-nary, will conduct prayer meeting on December 26, and preach on December 28.

Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Subject, "Rightly dividing the word of truth."

Sunday, December 28, morning worship at 10.45. Subject, "Burden bearers." Evening worship at 6.30. Subject, "Chapters from the lives of great reformers—Martin Luther." Y. P. S. C. E. at 5.45.

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There will be a regular meeting of the executive board at the home of the president on Friday evening, January 2, at 7,30.

The talk by Mrs. Fletcher-Copp on "Music as an educating and de-veloping force" is to be given on Tuesday afternoon, December 30, at three o'clock in Hardy's hall, not on Monday as was given out at the last

Make Offer for Fitchburg Road.

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The Boston News Bureau has the following interecting comment, under a New York date line, regarding the possible future of the Boston and Maine and the Fitchburg railroads:

"Overtures looking to acquisition of Boston and Maine by Delaware and Hudson have been made in the past few days. They have been well received, and it may not be long before officers of New Haven and of the Delaware and Hudson begin negotiations. Boston and Maine may be said to be on the market since the administration at Washington insists on disintegration of the New Haven system. Delaware and Hudson would be satisfied if it could secure the Fitchburg without taking rest of Boston and Maine system, but realizes it is unlikely that Fitchburg would be sold separately. Probably the negotiations.

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Died on Wednesday morning, November 26, after long illness, Miss Mary Davol Batt, eldest daughter of Rev. William J. Batt. Her funeral

Rev. William J. Batt. Her funeral was attended on the following Saturday morning at ten o'clock at the home of the family. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Adams, conducted the service, and was assisted by Rev. Chaplain Walker and Rev. Mr. Tewksbury. Miss Batt was from her earliest years unusually fond of music. Especially she enjoyed rendering melodies in which the pathetic strain prevailed. A friend, therefore, by request, three times in the course of the funeral' services, gave on the plano selections from tunes that had oftened filled the

services, gave on the piano selections from tunes that had oftened filled the rooms during many years.

Affecting testimony, received at that very hour, was read from Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor in Concord for a long period, recalling his remembrance of her life and activities during his ministry here. Floral tributes were very beautiful and the whole service was most comforting and imwere very beautiful and the whole service was most comforting and impressive. The burial followed in the afternoon in Leominster, the grave being near that of her mother. being near that of her mother.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Congregational church was filled to its limit Sunday night to witness the Christmas entertainment that had been carefully prepared. The various tableaus ware vary well arrange. rious tableaux were very well arranged and presented quite artistically. The whole affair was greatly enjoyed by all present. The tableaux were presented from the platform where a stage with curtains was arranged. The singing was done by the choir who were stationed in the hall at the rear of the auditorium, thus increasing the capacity of the place as well as enhancing the effect.

Following is the program:

Voluntary, Adeste Fideles, Mrs. Graydon: opening sentences, pastor: "Hark, hark my soul," congregation: invocation, pastor: "Three kings," Miss Saunders; "Holy night, peaceful night," choir; tableau, "Wise men crossing the desert"; the gospel, Supt. Johnson: "While shepherds watched their flocks," choir: tableau, "Announcement to shepherds": "Hark, the herald angels sing," congregation; "Oh, little town of Bethlehem," Miss Hardy: "Silent night," Miss Saunders; tableau, "The holy family"; "Joy to the world," congregation; tableau, "Adoration of Magi"; sermon, "The tidings of joy"; "Like unto His brethern" choir; tableau, "Madonna and child"; "It came upon the midnight clear," congregation; benediction: offering at door; postlude, Mrs. Graydon. Following is the program:

To the Editor:

The clipping from the Fitchburg Sentinel of December 17, reprinted in your edition of 20th inst., stating in your edition of 20th inst., stating that the Raymond auto wheel is being manufactured by Chandler Machine company at Ayer is unwarranted. The wheel in question is not being manufactured at the Ayer shop. It will not be manufactured there; no negotiations for its manufacture have been made nor will such negotiations he considered.

been made nor will such negotiations be considered.

Furthermore the clipping in question contained the first information that anyone authorized to represent the Chandler Machine company has had of the wheel's existence.

If anyone claiming to represent the

If anyone claiming to represent the Chandler Machine company has undertaken to endorse that wheel or to conduct any negotiations concerning its manufacture, he has done so with-out authority and such endorsements are repudiated.

CHANDLER, MACHINE CO., H. E. Fisher, Treas.

ertained a pleasant family group for Christmas day.

Christmas day was quiet in town with no public festivities aside from the church trees and entertainments previous to Christmas day, but there were many pleasant family gatherings with Christmas trees for the children Miss Hazel Pond and Master William Pond are spending the Christmas vacation with their aunt, Mrs. Myra P. Hemenway, in Needham.

Mrs. Lillian Lumbert is spending Christmas week with her daughter, Mrs. Ivan L. Kenney, at her new home

Christmas festivities were appropriately observed for the children of the Congregational Sunday school on Wednesday afternoon at the vestry from three to six o'clock. A Christmas Christmas festivities were tree, supper and games entertained the children. H. G. Osgood, Miss Edith A. Wright and a number of assistants were in charge.

Our group of teachers away teaching in the various places are at home enjoying the Christmas holidays as well as the young people who are away at school are at their homes for the holidays.

One of the pleasant social events of the holiday season will be the annual firemen's ball at the town hall on Tuesday evening with Poole's orchestra, of Boston, in attendance. J. Herbert Fletcher, Robert Prescott and Edward Clement are the efficient committee. mittee in charge, and Edward M. Abbot will act as floor director.

At the funeral service of Mrs. Mary B. Rockwell held at her late home in Lowell, Rev. H. W. McLean, pastor of the Highland M. E. church, was the officiating clergyman. The bearers were J. H. Colburn, W. N. Millis, Charles Bicknell and F. E. Miller, all of Westford of Westford.

of Westford.

Much interest has been felt by our residents in the Y. M. C. A. campaign to raise \$75,000 to clear the debt on the new building in Lowell. S. L. Taylor was appointed by the board of directors of the campaign to solicit funds in Westford, and with characteristic public spirit and enterprise teristic public spirit and enterprise gathered a goodly sum for the good

Boy Scouts.

Re-organization among the Boy Scout band is in progress, a meeting, taking preliminary steps for the purpose, being held at the Congregational church on Friday eyening of last week. Two patrols are now organized under the leadership of Leon Hildreth and Edward Blodgett. The corporals or assistant patrol leaders are Henry Sears and Joseph Sullivan. George Perkins was elected troop president and Leon Hil-Joseph Sullivan. George Perkins was elected troop president and Leon Hildreth secretary and treasurer. Regular weekly meetings will be held on Friday evenings from seven to nine at the Congregational church vestry under the personal direction of Scout the Congregational church vestry under the personal direction of Scoutmaster William C. Roudenbush and assistant scoutmaster Alfred Tuttle. It is the plan and purpose of these meetings to thoroughly train the boys in the Boy Scout principles. The local board council advisors comprise the following gentlemen: Rev. David Wallace, Charles O. Prescott, Dr. C. A. Blancy John P. Wright and Coard Coa A. Blaney, John P. Wright and Capt. S. H. Fletcher.

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Hostess (gushingly)-They tell me doctor, you are a perfect lady-killer.
Doctor (modestly)—I assure you,
my dear madam, I make no distinction whatever between the sexes.

While British Columbia has an annual production of over \$5,000,000 in gold and a total mineral output of over \$32,000,000, there are no dredges Games, Books and Decorations at work in the province. Various at-tempts to accomplish this have been made without success, not from lack of paying material it is claimed, but owing to the fact that the grounds owing to the fact that the grounds were not properly prospected before installation of dredges. There is a proposition under way to dredge the Similkameen river in the district of that name. The river is covered with several dredging leases and a number of dredges are in course of construction.

See advertisement of the great reduction sale of the stock of the late George L. Davis at Ayer.

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ELISHA D. STONE. ESTHER A. STONE. Ayer, December 26, 1913.



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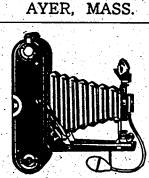
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DOW late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOHN L. BOYNTON the administrator of the estate not already administered of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the second account of his administration on said estate and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the widow and next of kin of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to

count should according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

3114 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town

Miss Lulu Sargent, of Hudson, H., spent a few days last week at the home of Miss Agnes Tenney.

Henry Cameron has been in poor health and under the doctor's care for some time past.

The ladies of the W. R. C. kindly The ladies of the W. R. C. kindly remembered their sister member, Mrs. James Sleeper, of Chelsea, Mass., on Christmas. Mrs. Sleeper has been in poor health of late. Mr. and Mrs. Sleeper used to live near Runnell's bridge and at that time she became a member of the Hollis W. R. C., and has always remained a member.

All of the veterans in town received their usual Christmas boxes sent them each year by the W. R. C., and the usual donation of money was sent home in Tilton, N. H.

Mrs. M. J. Powers returned home on last week Thursday after a lengthy visit with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Bullock.

Apples are not the only thing raised in abundance in Hollis. Frank E. Twiss drove to Ayer on last Monday with a load of cabbages, weighing 2600 pounds and reported about as many more at home.

Daniel Goodwin is at home from Durham for the usual Christmas va-

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances are visiting at the home of Charles J. Bell during the holiday va-

Miss Annie B. Newton went home last week Friday to spend the vacation with relatives in South Ashburn-

Carl Shepardson went to his home last week for the Christmas vacation. Miss Clara Smith returned from Michigan last Saturday, where she had been to attend the funeral of S. M. Spaulding's brother.

The pupils of Miss Read's and Miss

The Woman's club holds their next

meeting on January 7, at the home of Mrs. William Saunders.

Roscoe Robkirk, who has been em-ployed at Henry Wilson's for some time, spent Christmas in the north-ern part of New York with relatives. Fred Hardy spent Sunday at his nome in town.

Miss Lena Ladd was at home on Sunday:

Mrs. Emma Goodwin returned home last week after spending a week with her son Otis and family in Saugus, Mass.

in Saugus, Mass.

The Hollis Woman's club held its regular meeting at the home of the Misses Hardy on Wednesday afternoon, December 17. Mrs. Annie Colburn, Mrs. Florence Ladd and Miss Bertha Hayden sang two Christmas carols. Francis K. Sweetser gave a very fine paper on "South America and the Monroe Doctrine." Since the enactment of this doctrine South America has gone from a land of European dependencies to independent nations. The past speaks for itself in our power to enact and keep the doctrine in force. Mexico today offers a new opportunity and a new danger if the United States does not act soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers are the proud grandparents of a little boy born in Connecticut the past week to

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bullock.
John L. Woods went to Boston on business recently, going to Clinton to remain over night with his son Winfred and family and returned home the next day.

Mrs. Asa B. Eaton has been con-

It is reported that Franklin Worcester has bought the stationary saw mill formerly owned by Gilman P. Huff, and that he expects to operate it this winter. Charles S. Spaulding, who has been n poor health' lately, is reported as setter and able to walk out in the

Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacMaster of Kingston Station, N. S., who are spending a few weeks with relatives

n Nashua, spent the day Tuesday at Wm. T. MacMaster's.

Richard Hardy went to Littleton last week Friday, where he is testing milk. He expects to be away the greater part of the winter and will be in several different places testing milk.

George Morrill's home was fumigated last Sunday and quarantine re-moved after being shut in for six weeks with scarlet fever.

Arthur Lund has been at home this week with a large boil on his neck. Perley A. Lund was at home for Christmas, coming on Wednesday.

Miss Grace Marshall returned home this week after caring for Francis Morrill during his illness with scar-

Frank Scott has recently sold his grey horse and purchased another one to take its place.

Edson Hurd has just completed a new henhouse, 16x40, and filled it with pure blooded White Wyandottes and White Plymouth Rocks.

Hollis high school defeated Amherst town team at basketball in Hollis town hall last week Friday evening with a score of 58 to 5.

Joseph Richardson of Lowell is stopping at Frank Scott's for the present.

A telephone was installed at Herbert Patch's this week. Line 34 is rather heavily laden now, there being thirteen telephones on it.

Mrs. William Hardy of Arlington, Mass., was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tenney the latter part of last week.

Frank MacMa ter and wife of Nash-ua were callers at Wm. T. MacMas-ter's on Tuesday.

The Christmas concert given Sun and the content given sunday morning by the children of the Sunday school was very pleasingly rendered. The songs and recitations of the little folks were greatly appreciated by a large audience.

Last week Saturday Geo. A. Ladd, Wesley W. Ladd and Samuel A. Bascom and son went fishing on Pennachuck pond and brought home a fine string of pickerel.

Obituary.

The funeral of Martin J. Spaulding was held at the town hall in Joy-fleid, Mich., December 11. For several years he had been in failing health, especially during the last few months of his life. Last November he became confined to his bed from a needed operation and although it was very successful and he seemed to be recovering his strength daily, his heart was not strong enough to carry him back again to full health and he passed away very suddenly early Sunday morning, December 7.

Alvin J. and Silas M., were born in Hollis, N. H., at the Silas Spaulding homestead, now owned by Lester J. Hayden. In 1869 Martin went to Illinois and was married from that state to Miss Lucy E. Shattuck of Groton, Mass. In the same year they moved to Joyfield, Mich. Alvin J., the youngest brother located there also and together the two brothers bought a large tract of uncleared land containing keys.

est brother located there also and together the two brothers bought a large
tract of uncleared land containing
160 acres. Here the first frame house
in that township was built. As the
result of much hard labor two very
fine farms were cleared and a large
orchard of apple trees set out.
Alvin J. passed away four years ago
of pneumonia.
One child, Clara J., was born to Mr.
and Mrs. Martin Spaulding, but her
life was a short one and in 1895 she
passed away beyond to her "Heavenly

passed away beyond to her "Heavenly home," leaving a daughter Stella, who has been tenderly and lovingly cared for by her grandparents since that time.

of by her grandparents since that time.

Martin Spaulding was a man of sterling Christian character and was honored and loved by a large circle of neighbors and friends. Always ready to lend a helping hand in whatever direction it was needed his daily life was ever an example of unselfishness and devotion not only to his family but to the entire community. Although he has passed beyond our vision to that "mansion not made with hands." yet the influence of his quiet, upright life can never be taken away from those who knew him.

Rev. Mr. Mills of Benzonia, Mich., attended the funeral and spoke words of comfort, sympathy and cheer not

The pupils of Miss Read's and Miss Newton's schools held their Christmas exercises and tree together in Miss Read's room last week Friday afternoon. Warren Hall performed the duties of Santa Claus.

Miss Bertha Colburn is at home for the Christmas vacation.

Some of those who are at home from their school duties are Miss Helen Powers, Miss Bessie Robbins, Miss Louise Hardy, Harvey Powers, Charlie Spaulding and Harold Guething.

Albert Wetmore has purchased a new horse.

The schools have closed for a two weeks' vacation. The various teach-ers have gone to their homes.

Ralph Lovejoy is home from Kings ton with a young friend for the vaca-tion. Also, Daniel Goodwin from Durham, Ralph Poweres and sister Helen from Cambridge and Meriden, Conn., Hraold Guething and Charles Spaulding from Londonville, Vt.

Mrs. Goodwin returned home on Thursday from Saugus, Mass., after a week's visit.

Allen Spaulding of Proctorville, Vt., aid a visit with his niece, Mrs. H. A. Leslie last week.

Christmas Sunday was observed by a concert held in the forenoon. The subject was "White gifts for the king." The members came in by classes and sat with their teachers. Responsive readings were read by the superintendent. There were gifts as follows: A book to the school and classes gave a table and dolls dressed classes gave a table and dolls dressed to be sent to the mountain whites. The children there know nothing about Christmas so our children have dressed these dolls and will send them there. There was a very enjoyable concert and quite a good many were out to listen to it. There was a Christmas tree at the hall Wednesday evening an account of which will be evening, an account of which will be given next week.

Mrs. Powers, who was with her daughter in Meriden, Conn., returned home last week Friday. She was there about five weeks.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Harry Campbel Henry A. Wilson has recently put in a bathroom.

It is reported that Franklin Worcester has bought the stationary saw

The schools have all closed for the two-weeks' vacation for the holidays. Alpha Hall presented his customers on Monday with a pretty calendar in the form of a china plate. A picture of Washington's home in colors, the calendar and compliments of Mr. Hall are printed upon the plate.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed by the children at the West primary school on Friday of last week. Sing-ing, recitations, etc., entertained the visitors which were more than the usual.

The public library is open at the

new nail.

Rev. J. H. Robbins, of Concord, preached at the Congregational church on Sunday and also at the Methodist church in the evening. He gave a fine lecture, enterspersed with singing by the congregation which was illustrated with stereopticon views. One touching selection, "Where is my wandering boy tonight?." is my wandering boy t brought tears to many eyes.

Freeman Wright has purchased the farm owned by Elbert Baldwin, late of Brookline, now of Spokane, Wash., a brother of Mrs. Wright.

a brother of Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Fannie (Hall) Peabody, daughter of the late Harvey Hall, and widow of the late George Peabody, was brought here on Monday for burial. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church, after which the remains were taken to Amherst and laid beside her husband.

The new boarding house, stable and shop at the ice plant have been wired for electric lights and connected with the main line. The ice at the lake is five inches thick and the ice company is anxiously waiting for more cold weather.

Ms. Sarah Colburn expects to en joy the holidays with her granddaugh ter, Miss Helen Dobson, Townsend. Mrs. Augusta Gould was entertained by Charles Stickney and family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Mary Gerrish entertained her friend, Mary Wheeler, of Milford, last

Peabody united and had their exercises together. Among them was a little drama entitled "Christmas in many lands," in which the pupils taking part, appeared in costume. Some of them very pretty and others, when combined with the antics of the pupils representing the character, were very amusing, especially the colored people. A "Christmas pie" was also served, of which each pupil secured a "piece" by taking hold of one of the many strings outside and following it up until a present was found at the end. In the grammar school-room exercises were also held and in the North, East and West schools, each with their respective teachers, had a program of their own.

Woman's Club Meeting.

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On Saturday afternoon, December 20, the Woman's club met in the upper town hall to listen to an illustrated lecture upon the Montessori system of teaching by Miss Alice Hopkins, a former Lunenburg girl, but now of Brookline, where she lives with her mother and sister, and where she is one of the successful teachers of the methods learned of Dr. Montessori herself. Miss Hopkins spent the greater part of last year in Rome and became very much enthused with the Montessori methods as exemplified and practiced there.

A large audience greeted Miss Hop-

and practiced there.

A large audience greeted Miss Hopkins on Saturday and listened with initerest to the whole. lecture and were
much delighted with the pictures
thowing groups of happy children at
work or at play, or serving at social
functions as systematically arranged
and taught by the founder of the
system and her assistants.

The Woman's clubs of Fitchburg,
Shirley and Groton were invited and
c delegation from each were in attendance, some of whom were acquainted with Miss Hopkins when she
was a school girl here. Her parents
lived on the farm now owned and occupied by C. C. Lane.

At the conclusion of her lecture she
cordially welcomed all former acquaintances and many new ones,
While in town she was the guest of
Mrs. Alice (Brown) Bigelow, who
twas once a class-mate, and also of
Miss Fannie C. Grayes a former

was once a class-mate, and also of Miss Fannie C. Graves, a former friend.

Appropriate Services. At the Methodist church on Sunday morning a Christmas concert was giv-At the Methodist church on Sunday morning a Christmas concert was given by the Sunday school with special music by the choir and a Christmas story by the pastor. Rev. Alfred Noon. In the evening the Epworth League was led by Ernest Aker and the subject was "A glad Christmas." At the Congregational church there was special music by the full choir, with Miss Fannie C. Graves at the organ. The special numbers were "The new-born king," "Hark, the herald angels sing" and "Rejoice O ye shepherds." In the evening Mrs. F. H. Barter led the C. E. service and the topic was "The Christmas spirit and how it may prevail." Nearly all the hymns sung were Christmas songs. Mrs. Alice Bigelow read "The other wise man" by Henry Van Dyke, a beautiful story, and read in a most delightful manner, charming and interesting everyone who heard it.

Sudden Death.

This whole community was shocked and grieved on Sunday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Walter Burnap, a most estimable woman, living with her husband and children on what is familiarly known here as the Cruickshank place. Mrs. Burnap had been alling for only a little more than a day, but a severe throat trouble, known among medical men as angena ludvici, developed so rapidly that a physician was called and he in turn called another physician, and they, realizing the serious nature of the disease, thought best for her to go to the hospital. But there seemed to be no relief and she died there before morning.

The funeral was held in the First Methodist church, Fitchburg, Tuesday, Rev. Walter Healey conducting the service and interment was in the West cemetery. Ashby. Mrs. Burnap leaves her husband and nine children.—Mrs. Grace M. Conway, Richmond, Va.; Lucy M., Arthur F., Mildred N. Sudden Death.

-Mrs. Grace M. Conway, Richmond, Va.; Lucy M., Arthur F., Midred N., Jennie M., Evelyn, Rodney, Dora and Norma of Lunenburg. Little Norma only seventeen months old.

The family have the sincere sympathy of all who know them.

Mrs. Burnap was a sister of Merrick D. Pillsbury, a long-time resident of Lunenburg. Mr. Burnap and family came here from Ashby about six years ago and purchased the Cruickshanks farm, where they have since resided.

News Item.

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The Methodist Sunday school elected the following officers for the ensuing year at the annual meeting on Thursday evening of last week: Henry B. Magoon, supt.; Lewis L. Harrington, sec.; Mrs. Lottie Adams, treas.; Miss Fannie Peabody, lib.; Mrs. Geo. E. Jones, Miss Alice Peabody, assis.; Miss Blanche Whitcomb. organist; Miss Ruth Harrington, supt. primary dept.; Mrs. John T. Kinney, Mrs. Oscar Weston and Oliver T. Noon home department visitors. A gain in attendance over last year is reported in both Sunday schools.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items,

A good attendance at the church
on Sunday listened to appropriate
music by the choir and a sermon by
the pastor with reference both to the pastor with reference both to Forefather's day and to Christmas day. Decorations of evergreen and berries added to the further observance of the season.

A Christmas tree and exercises were held at the town hall December 24. The parsonage has lately been wired for electric lights. Several other houses in the village will be wired for the same in the course of the winter. Miss Harriet Hodgman is visiting

in Waltham for the holidays. January 29 Rev. A. F. Newton and Mrs. Newton will go to New York to attend the wedding of their daughter Florence January 30.

A college of agriculture costing \$150,000 is to built in Rhodesia by the British South Africa Company.

OVERDID IT

"So she married him to reform him. And what is the result?" "He's so good now that he's shocked by the gowns she wears."

CROUP AND COUGH REMEDY LUNENBURG.

School Exercises.

All the schools in town closed on Friday afternoon, December 19, for the Christmas vacation. In all the schools appropriate Christmas exercises were held. The high school had a reading of "How John Morton spent his Christmas," in which the different teachers had a part. The two rooms of Misses Goodrich and



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HOUGH the children call me Santa And I'm growing rather old, am not too old for kisses, And my heart is never cold.
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You may watch and envy me. ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.

First One Was Designed Nearly Sev

enty Years Ago. The Christmas card as we know it has an origin easily traceable, and it is now not quite seventy years ago since the first was designed.

The artist who claimed to be its originator and who was at any rate the first to see its possibilities was W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., an Englishman who when quite a young man in 1844 was prompted at Christmas to make a little sketch symbolic of the season's joys and festivities and to send it to a friend. It seemed to give great pleasure, and the next year Mr. Dobson determined to follow up the idea

on a larger scale and by having his card lithographed was enabled to send copies to twenty-five or thirty friends. The delight with which they were reeived was so great that Mr. Dobson was quick to perceive that he had found out a new pleasure for Christ-

The Holy Hay.

There is a popular legend which tells how the very hay in which the Holy Babe was laid put forth living blossoms at midwinter at the touch of the

ISN'T HE

GRAND!

LOVE IS BLIND

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.

A Day of Cheeriness and Happiness Thoroughout the Fatherland.

The German Christmas has local differences in various provinces. The Christmas tree is universal, for this is its home. At many places the whole family go to early service, at 5 or 6 o'clock, as the custom may be, and in some parts of the country every one carries a lighted candle. These candles, placed on the backs of the pews, sometimes make the only light in the church. At some places when the clock strikes 12 on Christmas eve the bells ring and every house and church is quickly lighted up.

Christmas is a day of cheeriness and happiness throughout Germany. The presents are usually simple. Men and angels and many kinds of creatures are fashioned in gingerbread. It is twisted into many grotesque shapes, and sometimes it is guilded. Hans Christian Andersen's story of the "Honeybread Soldier" will be better understood by any one who has spent a Christmas in Germany.

In Hanover, just when the candles on the Christmas tree are dying out, there will be a mysterious rap on the door and a bundle will be thrown into the room. It contains a little present for every member of the family and comic verses for some of them.

In Oberammergau there is a more distinctly religious tone given to the whole holiday. The Christ Child is the guardian angel of the time. It is he, they say, who brings the Christmas tree. He comes down from heaven on Christmas eve, holding it in his hands. Two angels bearing presents fly before him and two behind. He puts the tree on the table, rings a bell and flies away. He brings a blessing to the

children that have been obedient.

To the children of Oberammergau St. Nicholas is an angel in disguise. He goes about from house to house in ragged clothes and with a bag on his back. He gives a loud knock at the door and asks, "Are the children good?" If the answer is "Yes" he leaves fruits and candies. If the answer is "No" he leaves a stick.

en meerschaum pipes,
Twenty patent, "kid glove menders," col-lar boxes by the score,
Of embroidered silk suspenders, forty-

'leven pairs or more; That each year since I was twenty I've received a paperweight, e pen wipers, inkstands plenty, paper cutters—twenty-eight;

cutters—twenty-eight:
That I've Browning and Longfellow by
the hundred—every kind—
Shakespeare—black and blue and yellow;
Milton till I'm nearly blind.

So there's just one present only that I'm wanting in this year of my bachelorship so lonely—that's your-self, my Phyllis, dear.

-James Courtney Challiss.

Attractive Bed Sets.

Bed sets, consisting of spread, pillow covers and valance, are always a welcome addition to the napery closet, and what color to select need not worry the donor, as the smart thing in these outfits is white scrim trimmed with eyelet embroidery or fillet inse tion, edging and motif. Blankets may seem a homely gift to send at Christmas time, but any housekeeper will be glad to have one in thick, soft Australian wool, in pale blue, rose or mauve, and bound with satin ribbon.

One of the nicest things to send to a housekeeping friend is a set of towels. It is a happy idea to furnish a dozen of extra large sized and heavy Turkish bath towels; hemmed in the color of her room and marked with her individual initials.

TOWNSEND.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Fitchburg, is at Mrs. Aythur Barbers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford had a large family party of sixteen or more relatives on Christmas, which party was planned in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby, who are at the home town for a short stay.

Miss Isabelle Morse of Attackers

Miss Isabelle Morse, of Attleboro, is at home for the holiday vacation; also, Arthur Eastman and Miss Bessie Eastman, Clifford Lancey, Harold Morse, David Howard, Stella Farrar, Claude Hartford and other out-of-town students.

Misses Ethel and Forestine Hinds, of Portsmouth, N. H., and Boston, are enjoying a vacation at their home on Townsend hill.

Misses Ethel and Gertrude Rock wood returned from Baltimore this week, Miss Ethel for a vacation and Miss Gertrude from a visit there. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and little son Norman are at T. E. Flari-ty's for the holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber plan-ned and enjoyed an elaborate Christ-mas party and dinner. Parke Struthers, of Clarke college, is at home; also, Victor Swicker.
Sunday evening, at the Congrega-

Sunday evening, at the Congregational church there was a very interesting meeting. Besides the usual program there was an organ recital by Prof. A. G. Seaver, prayer by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, selection from "Ben Hur" upon the birth of Christ, read by Mrs. Abbie Barber, and a selection "The Christmas spirit," read by Mrs. W. L. Bruce. There was also a double choir. Before church began there was a star which appeared in the belfry which was very neatly accomplished by the use of electric lights, and John Piper and Gary Gilchrest played from the belfry upon the cornet and horn several selections, among them "Holy night." The beautiful star and the music filled the listener with the Christmas spirit.

Richard Hargreaves is very ill as the result of a slight shock sustained on Saturday afternoon and another one on Monday morning. His daughter, Mrs. Mabel Merrill, who lives in the middle states, has been sent for.

The enjoyable entertainment pre-pared by Wilbur Scales, for the ladies' fair of the M. E. church last week consisted of "The graduating exercises of the Bingville high school" and was greatly appreciated by the audience present. The motto upon the program was as curious as the rest of the affair and was "Look down—not up."

The following is a list of the newly-elected officers of Townsend grange:

A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

DEAREST PHYLLIS, pray remember when you're making up the list of your presents for December (unless I am to be missed)

That I've slippers, picture brackets, smoking sets of various types, leaf a dozen smoking jackets, thirty-seven meerschaum pipes,

There will be a double public installation of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans at Memorial hall on Monday evening, January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Eldridge and children, of Plymouth, and Miss Harriet Miller, of Attleboro, were at H. J. Miller's for over Christmas.

Warren Green held a dancing party here the night before Christmas at Memorial hall and there was also a dance at the Harbor on Christmas night, several from here attending.

Walter F. Rockwood and Jennie E. Walter F. Rockwood and Jennie E. Waltace were called to Brookline, N. H., this mid-week by the death of their aunt, Mrs. E. Augusta Smith.

Miss Boss, who has been a guest of Miss M. Elinor Tower, has gone to Canada, where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin and little daughter are spending the holi-days with relatives in Quincy. Miss Ruth Hayden, who teaches in Greenville, N. H., is enjoying the Christmas vacation at her home here.

Rev. Gorham Esterbrook, of New Bedford, will occupy the Baptist pul-pit on Sunday as a candidate.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson has been quite ill for the past week and Mrs. James Bell has been caring for her.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence. Although there were but three in an attendance there were out three in an attendance a very interesting meeting was enjoyed and two papers were read, "Burmah, past and present," by Mrs. H. W. Lawrence, and "Where are the men for Burmah?" by Miss Alice Seaver.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch has returned from a few days' visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Carl B. Willard joined his mother on Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives in Dorchester.

Miss Hazel Forbush, who is stopping with Miss Emily Cutting, has returned to her home in Leominster for the holidays.

Mrs. Lettie Nickerson is spending a ew weeks at the home of relatives in Cambridge. Mrs. Charles E. Patch has been en

joying a few days' visit to friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity. Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselyn-ville, has been on the sick list for the past week.

Richard McElligott has closed his tenement and gone south for the win-

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Miss Helen Marr is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Warren Hadley, from Charlestown, has been a recent visitor with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Rev. H. H. Rohrdash, of Boston, was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman over Sunday.

Rev. H. H. Rohrdash, a native of Berlin, Germany, who recently was graduated from Newton Theological seminary and was ordained last week in Somerville, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday as a supply, and in the morning preached a very pleasing sermon on "The great gift," and in the evening his topic was "God's new creation." At the evening service he also very pleasing sermon on "The great gift," and the Brotherhood at their meetings.

The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by Ian Rusk with about twenty present.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday evening at the Reading-from to conclude the study of Japan under the charge of Mrs. Fred Patch on the topic "Later history."

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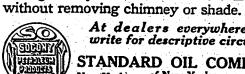


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Saturday, December 27, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

About Town Such continued warm weather at Christmas time is as enjoyable as it is rare. The thermometer has regis-tered from forty to fifty degress many

Mrs. R. H. Lawson went to Haverhill last week to visit with her sister and do some Christmas shopping, re-turning on Monday.

mond, N. Y., last Saturday, where she is teaching, to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton. Miss Lila Stratton came from Ham-

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Suprenault, of Crescent street, have a little daugh-ter, born on Friday, December 19.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and little daughter Genevieve, went to Gardner on Tuesday to visit her relatives dur-ing the holidays. Mr. Bartlett spent Christmas day with them.

Oscar Kittredge and Miss Sophia Turner, of Somerville, spent Christ-mas day in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ingalis Kittredge.

James Howe, of Marbleton, Quebec, came Saturday to spend this week with his sister, Mrs. P. R. Stratton.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' id society of the Methodist church Aid society of the Methodist church will be held with the wife of the pastor, by invitation, on Wednesday afternoon, January 7, at three o'clock. There will be the usual business meeting with election of officers for the ensuing year, followed by a social hour, with refreshments. Every member of the society is requested to invite a friend and all are invited to foin the society to further the work for the coming year.

Our apologies are due one member of the family of the late Alden Shat.

our readers to learn that Rev. James Sutherland, formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this place, has been transferred to the New York Conference. He is stationed at Wellsville, N. Y., and recently officiated at the funeral service of the late A. K. Shat-

Very many will be interested in a report, which seems authentic, that a survey for an electric road is being made from Lunenburg through Pep-perell. Stakes are already in posi-tion as far as the town farm and other parties have followed up the work of the surveyors by interviewing several whose land has been crossed in this survey.

Warren Blood went to Everett on Monday to visit his son Minut, who has been very ill. He reports that he is now gaining a little.

George Hanna, who has been at work with a lumbering concern at Bath, Me., came home on Wednesday Christmas with his family

James Attridge, the popular young grocer, was obliged to take a vacation of a few days at his home the first of this week on account of stomesh linearing a kick from a frightened horse. The muscles of his chest were lamed and bruised, but no bones were broken and he is improving. this week on account of stomach trouble. It was an extremely unfor-tunate time for him to be laid up during the rush of the holiday trade, but his brother Joseph, who is in town, stepped into his old place in the store and helped out. Mr. Attridge is now about again.

Rev. Mr. Loomis, from Leominster. occupied the pulpit at the Congrega-tional church last Sunday morning.

Arlene and Marguerite Deware ime on Tuesday from Smith college to spend their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware. Lillian Dunton, from Yale, is also spending the holidays there.

Dana Merrill came from Amherst on Friday of last week for a two-weeks vacation at his home on Oak

The buildings occupied by the Archambeault family, owned by Mrs. Alice Burkinshaw, recently damaged by fire, are being repaired.

Mrs. M. M. Richards entertained a party of ten guests on Christmas day.
These were her mother, Mrs. Lakin.
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck and
family and F. B. Ross.

Forrest Andrews spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farnsworth

Acoma lodge, D. of R., elected of-Acoma loage, D. of R., elected officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday evening, December 23, as follows: Mrs. Millicent M. Richards, n. g.; Miss Lydia Waite v. g.; Mrs. Effic Robbins, rec. sec.; Mrs. Emma Harriman, fin. sec.; Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, treas.; Miss Anna Sartelle, trustee 3 yrs. The attendance was smaller than usual on account of the storm and had walk. account of the storm and bad walk-

The injury sustained by Mrs. Eliza Going last week proves to be less serious than the first examination and report indica ed. Her hip was badly injured, but not fractured it is now jured, but not fractured it is now thought, and she is able to sit up and move about a little. Her grand-daughter, Mrs. Nora Marden, of Newton, has been with her and will return here after Christmas to stay until recovery is more complete.

Mrs. Lucy Page has returned to her home on Townsend street after a visit of some weeks with her daughter at Pawtucket, R. I.

Mrs. Fred Dunlap, district deputy grand master, of Acoma lodge, made an official visit to the Townsend lodge on Friday evening of last week.

Miss Madeline Graham is at home from Dean academy for two weeks, coming on Friday of last week.

Mrs. George Jenks is on the sick list with the prevailing cold.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Uni-The Ladies social Circle of the Omtarian society will hold a supper at Central hall on Thursday evening, January 1, at 6.30 o'clock. In the evening a social dance will be held in Prescott hall, to which all are cordially invited.

Roger Farrell, of Cochituate, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Fred Dunlapthis week.

Mrs. Ann Davis continues in a critical condition at her home at East cal con-Village.

Acoma lodge, D. of R., will hold a social with whist on Tuesday evening, December 30. A cordial invitation is extended all Odd Fellows and friends to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walter Lunt announce the engagement of their daughter, Bernice Louise, to Dr. Nelson S. Wood.

for the coming year.

Our apologies are due one member cester.

Of the family of the late Alden Shathas the name of Chalmer Shathas the name of Chalmer Shatham on Nashua street as the result home on Nashua street as the result home on Nashua street as the result miss Helen M. Robbins, of East Pepperell.

The bride wore a most charming de chine, trim-

william Davis has been quite ill with acute indigestion at his home on Nashua street.

Miss Effic Gillespie started on Wednesday morning for a trip to Northern New York. She went first to Malone, N. Y., to attend the wedding of a cousin on December 27. From there she will go to visit her maternal relatives in that section and also visit relatives at Moulinette, Ontarlo, before returning home. She expects to her bed constantly, and have charge of the house.

Charles F. Marshall and wife and three children, of Fitchburg, spent Christmas day in town with their par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall.

David Robinson, of Nashua street Miss H. Elizabeth Shattuck is at home from Cushing academy, Ashburnham, for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, Nashua street, was quite badly injured last week while at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Ryan, Oak hill, by receiving a kick from a frightened horse, tuck, Nashua street

under the auspices of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon, January 7, in the Methodist church. The lecture will be delivered by Guy Richardson, of Boston, secretary for the American Humane Educational society. In whose interests he comes here ety, in whose interests he comes here a and his lecture will deal with this question and be addressed particularly to the children. It is an open meeting to all, and children under fifteen years of age will be admitted free. Request has been made the su-perintendent of our public schools that children may be excused in order to attend. A small admission will be charged adults and all are invited. The lecture is illustrated by stereopticon pictures and Mr. Stratton kindly offered the use of his machine, which is all set up in the vestry of this slides for the benefit of the club,

daughter, Miss Leita Marshall, who has always resided with them. Their five boys, who make up the family of eight children, could not be present as they are somewhat scattered. Charles F. Marshall lives in Fitchburg. John in East Millinocket, Me., Robert in Brockton, Chalmer W. also resides in Brockton, and travels through this state and Rhode Island as New England organizer for the Retail Clerks' International Protective association.

daughter, Miss Leita Marshall, who has copy of the original music of "John Brown's body" were presented by Mrs. a potent factor in promoting the spirit of good cheer at Christmas time. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce that C. F. Edgarton, president of the C. A. Edgarton was a short sketch of one of the we announce that C. F. Edgarton, president of the C. A. Edgarton Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson, and travels through this its regent, Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson, appointed on the national committee of "Historical research and ploy for the past twenty-five dollars in gold as few days and return with bis wife to Shirley, but is expected to arrive in the course of a protent factor in promoting the good cheer at Christmas time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are natives

of King's County, N. B. They came to this state early in their married life, living at Westford, where Mr. Marshall was employed at the Abbot mills. Later they removed to this town and have occupied the house

town and have occupied the house where they are now living, twenty-three years.

For many years Mr. Marshall was watchman at Leighton Brothers' shoe factory and for twelve years at the paper mill. After a severe illness about seven years ago he was unable for a time to perform any arduous for a time to perform any arduous labor, but is now employed at the Pepperell card shop.

Christmas Concerts.

The members of the Methodist Sunday school held a very pleasing concert on Sunday evening in the large vestry of the church, as repairs are not yet completed in the auditorium. The room was cheery and bright with its drapings of red and green. The stage was decorated by a bank of laurel at the back, brightened by scarlet poinsettias; also, by small evergreen trees, high at the back and low in front of the stage, which were very effective. The decorations and concert were in charge of Mrs. Louise Lawrence and both reflect great credit on her as well as those who assisted. The chorus was particularly good, there being quite a number of adult singers and some male voices. Mr. Harris, teacher at the high school, was of much assistance. The following is the program: Christmas Concerts.

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Opening chorus, school; responsive reading; prayer, pastor; recitations, Albert Stratton. Ruth Marshall; song, trio of young ladies; exercise. "Snow-flakes," six girls; recitation, Gertrude Cherry; chorus, school; recitation, Alice Holman; vocal solo, Alice Marshall; song, six girls; recitation, Mame Blood; solo, Hazel Soule; recitation, Helen Marshall; solo, Ethra Winship; recitation Horace Shepardson; solo, Mrs. Louise Lawrence; chorus, school; recitation, Roger Tune and Lester Hill; solo, Edna Kittredge; exercise, five children; song, Leita Marshall; recitation, Gladys O'Neal; solo, Forrest Andrews; recitation, Dorothy Soule; song, primary class; recitation, Helen Wilson; chorus, school; benediction.

A vested choir of thirty-two young women and young men helped make the concert given by the Congrega-tional Sunday school on last Sunday evening a pleasing success. The pro-gram in brief was as follows:

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Processional, "Old French carol," choir; carol, "O little town of Bethlehem," choir; exercises and songs by the little children; song, "Come, shepherds, come," Hester Walte; recitation, Edward Cooney: quartet, "Silent night," Ruth Morgan, Ethel Hall, Guy Rouse, Melvin Alden; prayer, Boynton Merrill; reading, Miss Anna Boynton; carol, "The first noel," choir; carol, "Once in Bethlehem of Judah," choir; recessional, "O come all ye faithful," choir.

The following clipping from the Fitchburg Daily News will be of interest to many, as the bride is wellknown in town:

known in town:

A very quiet and attractive wedding took place at 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, December 22, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fred Robbins, 24 Goodwin street. Fitchburg, when their daughter, Fannie A., was joined in marriage to Nelson W. Hartwell, of West Fitchburg. Rev. C. Guy Robbins, an uncle of the bride, was the officiating clergyman and the double ring service was used.

Guests to the number of thirty had assembled when, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Arthur F.

assembled when, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Arthur F. Robbins, the bridal party entered the living room which was prettily decorated with palms, yellow carnations and narcissus. The bride was given away by her father, F. F. Robbins.

Walter Cleveland, of Baldwinville, attended the groom, and the bride chose as her bridesmald her cousin.

home on Nashua street as the result of an injury to her hand last week which caused a nervous shock to the system and later she took a hard cold. Miss Marie Jordan returned from Providence, R. L. last week, where she has been visiting since Thanksgiving.

Miss Helen M. Rodding, or Last perell. The bride wore a most charming gown of white crepe de chine, trimmed with princess lace and pearl embroidery, and carried a shower bounded wore a gown of peach-yellow charmens and carried a bouquet of white

scarf pin.
Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell were the re-

relatives at Moulinette, Ontario, perfore returning home. She expects to be gone until about March I. Her aunt, Miss Miller, will take care of Mrs. Gillespie, who is now confined to Mrs. Gillespie, who is now confined to West Fitchburg.

Methodist Church Notes.

"Then shall the end come," will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

At seven in the evening Mr. Stratton will speak on the subject "Forgetting and remembering." Studies upon the bible and the spirit al life every Sunday from twelve to

The bright hour service of the Ep-worth League will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Things to be for-gotten and things to be remembered." Leader, Alfred R. Blood.

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The annual watch-night services will be held on Wednesday evening. December 31, and the Tuesday evening services will be omitted for that week. The program for the watch-night will be as follows: The meeting of the K. O. K. A. will be held at seven o'clock and the watch-night service proper will begin at 8.30 with the usual Tuesday evening service and the bible study and teacher training class. At ten o'clock there will be a half-hour intermission with refreshments, at 10.30 preaching; sucject, "The seventeenth' chapter of John," at 11.15 a Methodist class meeting, at 11.45 making new year resolutions, and at 11.55 silent prayer while entering the new year.

The business meeting of the Epworth League will be held on Friday evening. January 2, with Miss Carrie Sylvester at 7.30 o'clock. There will be a social hour after the business meeting. D. A. R.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R held its December meeting on the seventeenth at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell to celebrate the "Boston tea party." The hostesses for the after-Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Marshall H. Blood and Mrs. C. F. Worcester, of quietly celebrated the forty-second Townsend. In the absence of the reanniversary of their marriage at their gent, Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson, the home on Franklin street on Sunday, vice regent, Mrs. R. H. Blood, presiduction of their marriage was made as well as with them through the day the familiaco's marriage was made as well as the adventure of the sunday of their oldest departer. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett with them through the day the famand Httle daughter, from Dorchester, ily of their oldest daughter, Mrs.
are at the home of her parents, Mr.
And Mrs. Charles Bemis.

December 21. There were present ed. The announcement of Miss Walling at the homes of shut-ins and in the vacant plot of ground opposite the admission into the chapter of two the store of Brockelman Bros., where are at the home of her parents, Mr.
Louise Lawrence; the family of Mrs. new members, and three applications were also voted on by the executive quate to express the sincere appreciation of one and all for the inaugura-

The chapter has been honored in having its regent, Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterson, appointed on the national committee of "Historical research and preservation of records," by the president general, Mrs. William Cumming Story. An interesting letter illustrate. story. An interesting letter, illustrated by post cards, from Los Angeles, Cal., written to the chapter by Mrs. E. R. Richardson, a former regent, and a paper on "Old superstitions" by Mrs. Worcester were read, which with music and refreshments, concluded the program for the afternoon.

The happy recipients: Misses Annie Hackett, Sophia and Annie Kane, Marie Barrett, Carrie Hartwell, Joseph Allen, Francis Boucher, William J. Flynn, James H. Gately, Frank P. Rugg, Michael Shucrowe, Mrs. Nellie Ford and Jeremiah H. Flynn.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant and daughter, Mrs. Washburn, spent Christmas

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says Indian Runner ducks are the ones to lay.

I have sent a good price for some laby Blue Orpington ducks and they are due to reach me on January 1. It is a variety unknown in New England and is guaranteed to be ahead of the Indian Runner. If it is it is a good duck. I have my poultry together and I am not going to raise any new stock except Orpington ducks this winter as I have to return about the time of last year to Pepperell. I am more in love than ever with the persimmons and feel quite sure that in five years they will be on fruit stands in greater abundance than either oranges or grape fruit and become a food supply. I made a miserable failure in baking one for it tasted meaner than baked squash without any cream. My many southern triends have called and it seemed so good.

I planted out a lot of things I brought from the garden in Pepperell. a rhubarb root and some mint. New rengland apples will not keep well here. We have tried it two years.

MRS. L. E. STARR.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church sent out decorated Christmas trees to the shut-ins on Wednesday evening. In all there were twelve of them. This is a new departure from the usual custom of sending basets. sending baskets.

At the home of Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn on Christmas eve a pleasant social evening was spent in the dis-tribution of gifts from the Christmas Those present besides the hosttree. Those present besides the host-ess and her daughter, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen, of Brookline, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell. Christmas day the entire party were entertained at din-ner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell, Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Marshall entertained on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dean, of Boston. It will also be gratifying for the many Mrs. R. C. Dean, of Boston. It will also be gratifying for the many friends of Mrs. Marshall to know that she was able to sit down to dinner with her family and guests, which is only the third time within a period of many months. Christmas eve the Marshall home was filuminated and the spirit of Christmas manifested from without as well as within their beautiful home.

ceautiful home. Nearly forty Christmas carol singers under the direction of Mrs. David L. Lindenberg, of Lancaster road, did good work on Christmas eve by sing-ing at the homes of shut-ins and in the vacant plot of ground opposite the store of Brockelman Bros., where

ploy for the past twenty-five years or more twenty-five dollars in gold as a Christmas gift. The following were the happy recipients: Misses Annie Hackett, Sophia and Annie Kane, Marie Barrett, Carrie Hartwell, Joseph

platform with evergreen and foliage placed at the windows, gave a very pronounced Christmas effect. Every seat in the vestry was occupied. The superintendent of the Sunday school, Elmer-H. Allen, presided and the fol-lowing program of entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. Elmer H. Allen:

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Recitation, "Christmas bells," Norman Farmer: dialogue, "What Christmas means." Helen Dadmun, Doris Clark, Alice Cole, Dolly Knowles, Frances Hersom and Ada Elsner; dialogue, "Santa Claus," Dolly Knowles. Norman Farmer, Albert Dearden, Kenneth Clark, George Hooper, Herbert Birchstead, Howard Knowles, Edith Elsner and Frances Hersom, Clara Hersom, Hazel Dinsmore, Myrtle Cole, Dolly Knowles and Ruth Elsner; dialogue, "Christmas influence," Chester Hooper, Harry Annis, Ralph Hersom, Herbert Birchstead, Clara Hersom Kathleen Miner Ruth Hooper, Priscilla Woodman and Mildred Elsner; dialogue, "Trials of Christmas shopping," Flora Shephard, Ruth Woodman, Grace Tewksbury and Leonard Hooper; song, Kathleen Miner: Mildred Elsner, Dorothy Jubb, Marion Jubb, Priscilla Woodman and Ruth Hooper; dialogue, "The Christmas spirit," Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. H. W. McCov, Sarah Stevenson, Gladys Annis and Russell Miner.

The decorations of the vestry and

The decorations of the vestry and trees was in charge of Mrs. Harry Collyer, who was ably assisted by her Sunday school class, who also took charge of the receiving and distribution of gifts. Santa Claus arrived from Ayer shortly after eight o'clock and was given an overloop by the chiland was given an ovation by the chil-dren and friends. He gave every child and many of the older ones gifts and left for Fitchburg at 8.20 amid a tumult of cheers.

Wedding.

The marriage is announced of Miss Edith L. Conant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, to Frederick Hudson Washburn, of Pomona, Tenn. The ceremony was performed on De-cember 12, by Rev. Elmer L. Williams and was a quiet affair, the nuptial knot being tied at the parsonage of the Grace M. E. church, Chicago, of which Mr. Williams was the pastor. Much interest has been taken in

this wedding as the bride was a general favorite in Shirley, where she was born and well-known to all the residents of the town. For some was born and well-known to all the residents of the town. For some years past she has been the director of the welfare department of Montgomery Ward & Co., of Chicago, at a salary of \$1500 per year, and it is needless to say that she has the kindest of wishes for future happiness

from the residents of Shirley.

Mr. Washburn, the groom, is a successful business man, operating a

interests prevented him from accompaying his wife to Shirley, but is expected to arrive in the course of a

few days and return with his wife to their future home in Pomona. Entertained.

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Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch entertained at their home on Christmas day Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Russell and son Vernon, of Leominster: also, Miss Helen Balch and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dadmun and family of Shirley. Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Russell sail from San Francisco en January 15 for the Philippines, where they will do mission work under the direction of the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Baptist denomination. Their son Vernon will be placed in the mission school at Newton to remain during their absence of four years. Their young daughter they will take along with them.

Mr. Russell, since his return from the Philippines a few years ago, has been serving as secretary to the Baptist. Board of Missions and all his work along this line has been productive of good results both here and

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WESTFORD.

About Town. Last week Friday the H. E. Fletcher auto, driven by their chauffeur.
Armand Demarion, got into trouble
with a telephone pole on the Groton
road, last Saturday. No one was in
the auto except Demarion at the time of the accident and he jumped. The machine turned turtle. The auto was towed to the Fletcher garage on Oak hill and the steering apparatus was found to be in a normal and workable order, which makes the cause of the turtle turn not quite explainable.

George E. Guild while occupying the essentials of the highway in Littleton that belongeth to him on last week Friday met another auto. Mr. Gould having manners that are broader than many of the highways, turned out to avoid wheel tangling. By this broad politeness and the programmer out to avoid wheel tangling. By this broad politeness and the narrowness of the road, his auto struck a telephone pole and got badly wounded, the forward axle being somewhat of a bow-legged affair. Mr. Gould was uninjured and the telephone pole still continues to hold up the wire of "Hello."

There will be another one of those There will be another one or those bright, cosy, social dances at Marshall's hall Saturday evening, January 3. It will be under the auspices of the EL. H. E. J.'s. If anyone has a dictionary to define who they are they dictionary to define who they are they will know who is alive socially. The Crescent orchestra, Walter Steele, prompter, will cheer the occasion. Dancing from seven p. m. until some other time. The dance last Saturday evening by the Crescent orchestra gathered a hall full, enough for convenient dancing. Clarence Spaulding was director of floor proceedings. John Marinel was chief of ice cream supplies. Westford, Chelmsford, North, South, East and West Graniteville, Forge Village and Lowell were right there with their feet and made a splendid trip around with them with lively music to lift them. The late electric car found everybody "All aboard" at 11.15.

The next meeting of Middlesex

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The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona grange will be held next Friday at Oddfellows' hall, Lowell, at 10.30 a. m. At said division of time will occur the annual installation of the officers. The afternoon will be open meeting and the subject to be discussed will be announced while it is being discussed.

Brookside mill claims to have or ders for a year, if samples now being gotten out are satisfactory.

Loren J. Ellingwood, of West Chelmsford, and long in the employ of the H. E. Fletcher Company in their Boston office, is confined to his house by an injury to a foot in a recent fall. The foot is now installed in the environments of a player cost onments of a plaster cast.

The trustees of Middlesex North residing in Westford having invited the Farmers' Institute to meet here in January, the ladies of the Congregational church have volunteered the responsibility of the dinner. The next meeting of the Fortnight-

ly club will be held at the usual Wright schoolhouse on the usual Groton road on the unusual and unused time table of Friday evening, January 2. The program is well worth

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The regular meeting of the grange occurred on Thursday evening of last week. After the usual business the lecturer's hour was in charge of Mrs. Sidney Wright, who had a pleasing program. Miss Smith gave a fine plano solo in her usual brilliant manner and responded to an encore. Miss Hickey, whose readings the grange always enjoys, read in a happy way a selection appropriate to Christmas. A short, amusing play was given with parts well taken by Miss Cornell and Charles Robey. Then came the usual Christmas tree with candy for everybody and little gifts, more or less humorous. A special feature of this tree was a kitchen shower for the master, William R. Taylor, and Miss Cushing, whose wedding took place on December 23. It gave the members an opportunity to show their on December 23. It gave the members an opportunity to show their good will for them and the grangers certainly did their best in surprising the master and the bride-elect with many useful household articles for their new home. The master was very appreciative of the kindly interest shown them and responded in a

very appreciative of the kindy interest shown them and responded in a happy way, expressing his thanks.

The next meeting of the grange will be held on Thursday evening, January 1. The time of this meeting will be devoted to the installation of the newly-elected officers. Arthur W. Col-burn, of Dracut grange, will conduct the installation service, assisted by Mrs. Arthur W. Colburn.

CASEY'S DEFINITION

O'Brien-An' phwat's a tin weddin', Casey? -Shure, it's when ye've been married tin years.

An editor of a daily paper had posted on the wall in the reporters' room these words, printed in large type: "Accuracy, accuracy." One day when a junior reporter handed in an account of a meeting in which it was stated 999 eyes were fixed on the speaker, the editor demanded an explanation. "One of the audience was blind in one eye," said the re-

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Friday morning, January 2, at ten o'clock, the cows, horses, farming tools, etc., belonging to J. A. Nicholson, 40 Oak street, West Lynn.