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Mrs. Addle Loring and Miss Mar Mrs. Addie Loring and Miss Mary E. Hager went to Boston on Wed-nesday for a week's visit with friends. They are both planning to hear Billy Sunday, and Miss Hager is to attend the State Grange meetings.

Miss E. May Hastings, of Brighton, was the guest of Mrs. Anna Page for the week-end.

Mrs. C. A. Hemenway and Mrs. Al-bert Littlefield attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cloyes, of Framingham, Wednesday. The Woman's Missionary society will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Lewis W. Richardson in her new home on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at three o'clock.

Burpee F. Steele has resumed his studies at Burdett's college.

Mrs. Porter has returned from a pleasant visit with her daughters in Winchester and Waltham.

On last week Friday afternoon Mrs. Florence E. Salmon entertained the West Acton Whist club, of which she is a member. Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson have colsed their house and are to spend the winter months with their son

Arthur.

Winn Freeman, of Spencer, is visiting his uncle, J. A. Walker.

Miss Maria Steele is visiting her uncle in North Brookfield, where her brother Wilbur joined her for the Thanksgiving festivities.

The many friends of Rev. Nathan Thompson, of Laurel, Md., will be pleased to hear that a letter has recently been received from him in which he says his health is much improved and he again enjoys taking short walks around his home.

The Benedict family has left the

The Benedict family has left the Emery Whitcomb farm, where Mr Benedict has been working as over-seer for the past two years.

Mr. Flerra is building an addition to

The Handicraft club will hold an exhibition and sale at the library on Saturday afternoon and expning. December 9. If stormy, the sale will be held the next Wednesday.

Henry Wheeler is visiting his sister, irs. Norman Wetherbee. Mrs. C. E. Ray, of Mariboro, is helping care for Mrs. Louisa Priest, who is

ing care for Mrs. Louisa Priest, who is very sick.

Mrs. Fairfield, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Olive F. Poland, left for home Tuesday night. She intended to stop over Wednesday night in Montreal with Mrs. F. E. Parker, who is spending the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush entertained a family gathering of twenty-one on Thanksgiving day; Alfred Cobleigh and Frank Davidson, with their families, were at William Withington's; J. A. Walker spent the day in Harvard with his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Veasie; Miss Nellie Philbrick came home, remaining until Tuesday; Mrs. George Waitt and Horton were at C. H. Waitt's; Arthur and George Goodearl were home from college, returning Sunday. ing Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Norris, Miss Mabel and Lucy Wetherbee represented Boxbor-ough_Grange at Littleton Wednesday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred.

degrees were conferred.

The following, taken from an article in the Boston Post of December 6, is very gratifying to the apple raisers in this town. "The town of Bosborough in Middlesex county is reputed to be the greatest producer of its size in the world of large sized and well flavored apples. Bosborough folks says this is because of a peculiar quality of the soil and its position on the southern slope of the hills."

Tra Whitcomb. who has been in ill

Ira Whitcomb, who has been in ill health for some time, has gone to a hospital in Boston to stay awhile for observation and treatment; hoping a cure may be effected.

Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian; subject, "Bible—the living book." Sunday school at 12.15. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

en o'clock.

According to the report of Mrs. G.

W. Burroughs, president of the Ladies' Social circle, the clear profit at the annual church fair has amounted to a little over seventy dollars.

The pastor will be at home at the parsonage on Saturday. December 9, 16 and 23, to receive and to talk with all the people who are considering joining the church fellowship, whether by confession or by letter. Mr. Miscurdan will also be willing to make joining the church reliables, whether by confession or by letter. Mr. Missirian will also be willing to make special calls in the families to talk over the question of church membership on the following three Sundays in case he is asked to do so.

LITTLETON

News Items. Elmer Canney and family, of Ar-ington Heights, were at George W. 'anney's during the week-end.

Supt. F. H. Hill and members of the school board were present Friday at a meeting held in Lowell. This was one of a series of meetings designed by the state board of education for the special benefit of school committees throughout the state. Our people are finding them very helpful in the way suggestions and in the exchange of good ideas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chase have had a very busy season making wreaths for the market. They have completed 1500 wreaths, most of which are being shipped to Waltham, where they have a ready sale.

L. W. Chase will fill orders for Christmas wreaths until December 14. Price reasonable. Tel, 34-13. The Catholic mission will hold a whist party in the lower town hall Sat-urday evening for the benefit of St.

Anne's church. Anne's church.

Miss M. Leola Wright of the Northampton High school faculty, was a
guest of Miss M. H. Kimball last Saturday. Miss Wright and Miss Kuball were room-mates in college and
at Ware, where they were fellowteachers for many years.

C. F. Flagg and daughter entertained the Burton S. Flaggs of Andover and the C. K. Houghtons at their home



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fen's Initial, Silk	Men's Mocha Gloves, silk or knit-lined \$1.50 to \$2.50
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mas Box	Boys' Mocha Gloves and Mittens 50¢ and \$1.00
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\$1.25 to \$3.50

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NEW AUXILIARY CHAIRS. Arm-chairs, original and exclusive with Studebaker (patent applied for). These large, roomy and comfortable chairs fold up and slide under rear seat when not in use. They dispense with the unsightly recesses in the tonneau floor and with slit carpets, commonly used in other cars. When these chairs are underneath the back seat, the Studebaker is a roomy, beautiful FIVE-PASSENGER CAR-instead of the regular seven-passenger car.

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NEW STORM CURTAINS. Of the recent Blackmore design and patent, opening with the doors and thereby preventing crouching and crushed hats. Studebaker, we believe, is the first maker to offer this improvement as standard equipment.

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ONE MINUTE FROM RAILROAD STATION

WESTFORD

George Albert Drew, of Greenwich, Conn., has been in town two days this week, looking after his business in-terests and visiting his home people. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of Somerville, were Thanksgiving guests with Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver.

Saturday, December 9, 1916.

Mrs. Annie Campbell, by invitation of Mrs. Augusta Prescott, is spending the winter with her sister, Miss Louisa

Timothy Sullivan is having a substantial addition made to the south end of his house on Boston road.

A delegation of about twenty-five, under the auspices of the men's class of the Congregational church, expect to go to Boston this Saturday to hear

The Edward M. Abbot hose company The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their, regular monthly meeting and supper on Tuesday evening. This was their first meeting in their newly-equipped quarters in the upper part of the old academy building. This gives much more roomy quarters and lends itself admirably to a headquarters for the company. A fine roast pig supper was served under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight. The prime young porker was furnished through the generosity of Oscar R. Spalding. Every member of the company but one was present and a few invited one was present and a few invited guests. The committee for the annual dance, which takes place on January 5, reported progress in completing their arrangements. Poole's orchestra will furnish the music for the

pastorate last Sunday at the Congrega-tional church with the communion service at the close of the morning service. His sermon was appropriate to this observance and at the evening service he spote on "The apostles creed." At the morning service a ful choir rendered good music and Mr Cummings and Mr. Burland sang as a duct, "At the end of a perfect day" with excellent effect.

Tadmuck Club.

An unusually full attendance for routine meeting was present at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon routine meeting was present at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon; at the Unitarian church parlors. The president, Miss Alice M. Howard, presided, and introduced speakers who gave a most worth while program. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn presented current events and spoke on the great war, outlining the causes that brought it about and the viewpoints of the conflicting countries given in sensible and logical fashion. Dr. O. V. Wells gave an address on "How to grow old safely," which was followed with the closest atteption. Some of the points treated in a practical and helpful way were the recognition of Nature's warnings of abnormal conditions, relative longevity at the present time, the health of one's arteries and various other phases of this subject that vitally interests most people.

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The program was balanced by vocal solos by Mrs. A. L. Griffin of New London, N. H., who was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wells. Mrs. Griffin's rendering of "The wind in the chimney" was especially enjoyed.

At the business session Mrs. Perley E. Wright was made treasurer, to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. H. Bert Walker's removal from town.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher gave a re-

"An evening in Bonnie Scotland."
Tuesday evening at the town hall, by Joseph N. Dummer, with 100 slides, brought out a satisfactory and appreciative audience. It was the true-to-life Scotland of lake and glen, mountain and forest, city and rural life, the "bonnie" land of Burns, Wallace and Bruce. To some of us it was a delightful voyage to the land of kith and kin, free from seasickness and submatines. But the real hilarious Scotland of song and glee native to the race in its fullest embodiment in Burns was charmingly illustrated in Scotch songs by Mrs. F. L. Roberts of Lowell. It caught the audience clear up to the hurrah point, and they would have been delighted with an evening of it. For many years she has been the alto at the First Universalist church in Lowell.

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Westford people will be interested in the marriage of Halsey Boardman Horner to Miss Edith Standish Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Standish Robinson, New York city. The wedding took place in the Hotel Gotham on Tuesday evening. November 28. Rev. Thomas J. Horner. of Attleboro, father of the bridegroom, officiated. The officiating elergyman will be remembered with pleasure as a former minister of the Unitarian church in Westford. Soon after coming here he married Miss Boardman, daughter of Hon. Halsey J. Boardman, of Boston, prominent for years in the business, social and political life of the city. For many years he was prominent in the legislature and president of the senate.

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of the senate. The next meeting of the Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will be held next Thursday afternoon. Be-sides sewing exercises, Miss Anstrice G. Flanders will speak on the topic, "Divine provience."

The next meeting of West Chelms-ford Grange will be held at Historic hall next Thursday evening. The lec-turer's hour will be largely a competitive enteretainment with Arthur Cook and Mrs. Ellen Nelson in charge.

S. L. Taylor assisted in receiving at the fiftieth wedding anniversory af his brother and wife in Woodsville, N. H.,

will complete the trio subject on Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. J. Whitney on Main street.

The president, Mrs. Janet Wright, presided, in all lifteen members being present. Petitions are being circulated for signatures in the interest of national prohibition, the same to be sent to congress, asking for the passers of national prohibition, the same to be sent to congress, asking for the passers.

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Local milk dealers here have adanced the price of milk again. It ow sells for eight cents a quart.

Miss Rose Cantara, of this village, was married to Joseph Leclair, of North Chelmsford, Thanksgiving day. There will be a meeting of St. Andrew's Social club on Thursday eve-

William Baker has returned from a visit to Amsterdam, N. Y. Mrs. Elizabeth Splain has recovered from her recent illness and is able to get out again.

Graniteville.

Henry Healy, a student at Clark iniversity, Worcester, has returned to his studies, after spending the last lew days at his home here.

Mrs. William Wyman and her daughter Anna of Worcester have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Healy.

Twenty happy people returned to Graniteville a little after midnight last Saturday from the Billy Sunday tabernacle in Boston. It was a great event.
A year will not efface the memory of
the happy day spent together.

The renovation committee of the Methodist church is pleased to report that \$900 has been obtained. P. Henry Harrington will begin the work in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Forest road, were Thanksgiving guests of A. R. Choate and his daughter, Mrs. Clara Gray.

Walker's removal from town.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher gave a report of a recent conservation attended by her, while Mrs. W. H. Sherman reported the recent health conference in Ayer.

The next meeting, December 19, at the Unitarian church, will be in charge of the Committee on industrial and social conditions, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn. Chairman. A Christmas tea will be served with Mrs. Buckshorn as hostess.

About Town.

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Rev. L. H. Buckshorn was at pulpit sameness and eloquence last Sunday on "The world's tragedy and the church," "After the war—what?"

Allie Bartlett, vocal soloist, and Miss

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ing up the collection from the vast audience of 17,000 or 18,000 people. He was pleased to be chosen and very readily accepted the proposition. All gave glowing accounts of the active energetic, enthusiastic, and better than all other qualities, the eveident sincerity and christianity of Billy Sunday.

A little daughter made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall W. Rockwood on Monday evening. She has been given the name of Hazel Louise. Mrs. Albert O. Fiske is quite seri-

ously ill at her home on Oak avenue Miss Charlotte Teel is quite ill and has gone to the sanitorium at Mrs. A. L. Hoisington's for care and treatment. Mrs. L. A. Peabody has given up her cottage in the center of the town and gone to spend the winter at Mrs. Hoisington's.

HARVARD

Your Items

Through the generosity of one of its members, Mrs. Ansel S. Richards, the Harvard Woman's club was privileged raryard woman's clud was privileged to enjoy at its last meeting a musicale by Prof. John Craig Kelley and his wife, Mrs. Helen Pratt Kelley, a pleas-ure in which the public was allowed admission fee. The program was classic and contained sufficient variety to suit all tastes. Prof. Kelley gave solos on the plano and whistling solos. They were generous with their en-cores. The concert was much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Percy Barnes' discussion of the subject, "Is the bible time?" was the means of arousing much interest in the Epworth league on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, of Dunstable road, have recently returned from a month's vacation spent in different parts of New England.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. Echurch held a very pleasing form of entertainment in the church Wednes.



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SIX Every-Weather Car \$1,380.00 , SIX Touring Sedan \$1,700.00

SIX Coupe \$1,750.00

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY M. NICKLESS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.
Whereas, THOMAS L. HAZEN administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private saie, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.
You are hereby cited to appear at Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December A. D. 1916, at nine oclock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks. In Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3113 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of REBECCA F. RICHARDSON late of Hollis in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, by CHARLES W.
COLBURN with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will and testament of said deceased, and of the probate thereof in said State of New Hampshire duly authenticated, representing that at the time of her death, said deceased had estate in said County of Middlesex, on which said will may operate, and praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of said County of Middlesex, and letters testamentary thereon granted to him without giving sureties on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December A. D.

1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the first publication to be thirty days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of November in the year on thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3112 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. probate Court.
To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ALBERT A. POLLARD late of Harvard in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by FRANK A. POLLARD who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.
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out giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twelfth day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day, of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

PEPPERELL

Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware entertained as Thanksgiving guests Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, of New Boston, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, of New York city, in addition to their sons and daughters at home from their schools and colleges.

Miss Hattie Kendall returned here on Monday from her position as com-panion and housekeeper in Green-field. She is at present with Mrs. I. P. Blood, and will probably spend the winter with Mrs. Catherine Pierce.

Ray Soule came from Worcester to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Soule. Miss Hazel Soule did not come home from Bradford, N. H., as the time was so short, but is expected home on the fifteenth of this month for a two-weeks' Christmas yacation.

Extra assistants are needed at the store of W. E. Muzzey as the holiday goods appear. Miss Grace Haggerty has been there for a few weeks already, and Miss Muriel Robinson entered the store last week as clerk.

Mrs. G. Francis Martin and little daughter Frances came from Shrewsbury on Tuesday of last week for the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. Pleasant street. Mr. Martin, who was on a business trip in Vermont, joined the party on Thanksgiving, returning with them on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Annis spent Thanksgiving day with relatives in

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Perry, from Winthrop, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perry, from Arlington, spent the holiday and the remainder of the week as the guests of Mrs. William Hobart and at the home of their aged grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Williams, whose combined ages of ninety-one and eighty-nine years, make them the oldest couple in town.

Earl Parker, from Boston, spent

The clerk of the weather seems to have joined forces with those who are governing the coal situation, judging by the weather of the past week. Francis Lawrence spent Thanksgiv-ing with his family in town, returning to his work in Bridgeport, Conn., Sat-

Bert Stoddard and friend motored here from Greenfield on Sunday, call-ing on his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Parker.

Chester A. Parker.

Mrs. Walter E. Jewett passed her ninety-second milestone in life's journey on Monday, December 4, and is a remarkable example of correct, simple living to the younger generation. She enjoyed the surprise given her by thirteen of her nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grandnieces, who came up by autos from Lexington, Bedford and Somerville, to help celebrate the occasion. Mrs. Jewett also received many town callers and messages from distant friends, and was presented with two decorated birthday cakes, several baxes of fine chocolates and other remembrances. She called upon our oldest townsman, William Taylor, not long ago, and announced that she our oldest townsman, William Taylor, not long ago, and announced that she intended to live until she was a hundred years old. Being so carefully guarded and cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Spencer, she may reach that

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright and daughters motored to Shirley Thanks-giving day, as guests at the home of her brother, Albert Woods: Miss Harriet and Gertrude remained over Sun

Mrs. George Winch and Miss Lizzle Tucker spent a quiet Thanksgiving with their friend, Miss Harriet Packer, and her brother at East Village.

Mrs. William Hanna and two chil-

Among those who returned home from their duties as teachers, to enjoy the Thanksgiying vacation, were Miss Anna Boynton, from New York; Miss Ethel Wells, from Everett the Misses Lydia and Gertrude Sulyan, from Wakefield; Miss Marion Ames, from Brockton.

Rev. and Mrs. John B. Lewis enter-tained a Thanksgiving dinner party of relatives from Reading, including Mr. Lewis' father, and sister and family. Mrs. Lewis' sister. Miss Mary Pear-son, from North Adams, was also a

of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes. The party motored to Milford, N. H., on Thanksglving day to dine with Mrs. Hayes' brother, G. A. Jennison, and family.

Bernard Shattuck came from Bos ton to spend Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck. He was accompanied by Miss Pierce, of Melrose.

Miss Kathryn Carter, of Hingham and Gertrude Carter, from Worcester were at the home of their parents, Mr d Mrs. George Carter, over the holi-

Mrs. Lucy B. Page went to Pawucket, R. I., last week to enjoy tucket, R. I., last week to enjoy Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. George Greenhalgh, and family.

son Gerald spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Shattuck's aged mother, and his brother and wife in Brookline, N. H.

Among the students returning home or the Thanksgiving vacation were Donnelly, from Dean

on Tucker avenue since their mar-riage last summer, have gone to housekeeping in Mr. Rowell's cottage house on Tucker street.

house on Heald street and gone to live with Mrs. F. D. Bolles for the

der the auspices of the Methodist church of that place. Mrs. Parker gave three readings, Mrs. Bartlett two solos and Miss Peabody two plano so-los and one selection on the harp.

Miss Margaret Anderson came from Northborough on Wednesday to en-joy her holiday with her parents on Oak hill.

Earl Parker, from Boston, spent Thanksgiving day with his parents in town.

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Friends of Miss Margaret Blood received cards from her at Fort Totten, Long Island, where she and her sister, Miss Annah, passed Thanksgiving day with their nephew, Lieut. Kenneth Blood, and family.

Charles E. Boynton, who has been at the grocery store of H. W. Hutch-inson for some years, has discontinued his work there.

Misses Susie and Lena Thompson left town Tuesday for South Boston, where they have relatives. William Thayer, from Rochester, N. H., and Miss Kathryne, from Brook-field, spent their Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Pleasant street.

Albert Pillsbury from Middleboro spent this week in town working about their home place to put it in condition to leave for the winter. His latest work on the farm at Middleboro is running a tractor engine for plowing. Mrs. Fannie Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Flora Wheeler, in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Alfred Blood came from Mil-ton, N. H., to attend the funeral serv-ices of her aunt, Mrs. Harriet White,

Frank Fitzpatrick returned to Bellows Falls, Vt., on Monday, after spending the holiday and week-end at his home in town. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dowling of Worcester were also guests of Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

W. A. Shepardson came from Maplewood for Thanksgiving with his family, having been employed in a machine shop in that city since the closing of the garage on Groton street. Miss Alice Marshall came from Middletown, Conn., to enjoy the Chanksgiving holiday, returning to her

Mrs. P. J. McDonald has had her three nephews with her over Thanksgiving and this week, from Cliftondale.

Miss Gladys Williams spent part of Saturday and Sunday at her home in town. Her duties in her new position as stenographer at the Safety Trust bank, Fitchburg, did not allow a Thanksgiving vacation long enough to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce entertained at Woodside over Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig and daughter Rachel, from Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlysle Kelley, from Tutts college.

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A woman by the name of Mrs. Frantrapes. The party motored to Milford, N. H., on Thanksgiving day to
dine with Mrs. Hayes' brother, G. A
Jennison, and family.

Miss Margaret Boynton, from Mt.
Holyoke college, spent Thanksgiving
and the remainder of the week with
her mother and sister.

A woman by the name of Mrs. Frantrapes of age
and suffering from an incurable disease, was taken from the house where
she has been living in North Pepperell
to the town farm for care on Monday, Mrs. Francis, with her husband,
who died there, were inmates of the
farm about thirty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Parker
went to Littleton on Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Clark,
Mrs. Parker's father. Mr. Clark will
be recalled by those who have met
him at the time of his visits to his
daughter here in town.

Mrs. Amos Grenler was in town on

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shattuck entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gray, from Townsend Harbor, Thanksgiving; also, Miss Myrtle and Ellis Gray, her sister and brother.

The campaign for Red Cross Christ mas seals is now in full swing, and will continue up to January I. It is but nine years ago that the idea of making it a national institution origiday.

Howard Denham, of Lowell, spent the holiday last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham.

The Forward club held a pleasant social on Friday evening of last week although the attendance was not as large as usual. The program and games for entertainment were in charge of the Misses Rouse and Durant, During the business session a committee from the club were appointed to attend to the decoration of the church each Sunday. The January committee for the club social are Miss Ellen Miller. Zlipha Woodworth and Gerald Willett.

Mrs. John Marshall returned on Wednesday of last week from a few days stay at the home of her son Charles Marshall, of Flichburg, whose wife has been so ill. She has now recovered a position as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck and

brother and wife in Brookline, N. H.

Among the students returning home for the Thanksgiving vacation were Marguerite Donnelly, from Dean academy; Elizabeth Shattuck, from the Worcester School of Domestic Science; Lloyd Tower, from the Worcester Polytechnic; Walter Sullivan, from Holy Cross college, Worcester; Thomas Sullivan, from Dartmouth; Karl and Robert Deware, from the Preparatory school at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuller, who have been residing with his parents on Tucker avenue since their marriage last summer, have gone to housekeeping in Mr. Rowell's cottage house on Tucker street.

spent Tranksgiving with relatives at Lancaster.

The usual large dinner party was enjoyed Thanksgiving this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, who reside just over the Groton line. Those present from Pepperell were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Raymond and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nokes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and three children. Miss Florence Smith and Ralph Robinson were also present Tranksgiving with the spinyed dinner party was enjoyed Thanksgiving this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, who reside just over the Groton line. Those present from Pepperell were findered from Pepperell were of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nokes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and three children. Miss Florence Smith and their son, Williard Smith, and family, who live on the old home place, made up a jolly party of twenty-two to fill the long tables which were so well spread with Thanksgiving vlands.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews had as

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews had as
their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and
Mrs. Forest Andrews and son of Nashua, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl
Farnsworth and daughter of Ayer. Miss Anna French has closed her

Mrs. Forrest Winch is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Morse, of Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Maude Parker, Mrs. Alice Bartlett and Miss Anna Peabody went to Graniteville on Tuesday evening to assist in a concert program, given under the auspices of the Methodist on the Jewell farm and both were shot. On Wednesday as Charlie Wood, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood, was going home from school with his younger brother Miss Margaret Anderson came from Northborough on Wednesday to enjoy her holiday with her parents on Oak hill.

L. Adelbert Boynton and son Winfred came from Boston, and Miss Adele from her duties at Mt. Ida seminary, Newton, to spend Thanksgiving at their home on Oak street. Mrs. H. A. Phelps and her household, with other members of the family, and the Misses Lawrence, of Park street, as their guests, made up a pleasantly large dinner party.

Miss Florence Flynn, from Erving, it of the Miscovered two young coons among the pines opposite two young cons among the pines opposite they place they place they make the pines opposite they up a tree and they ounger one was set to watch them while the older one secured a return of them. When dressed they weighed and 11 pounds and made good Thanksgiving eating when properly their guests, made up a pleasantly large dinner party. the animals.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow enter-tained their daughter, Mrs. William Geltweldt and husband from Roxbury and Miss Edith Hatherly of Newton, Thonkestyling day

Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey D. Sullivan had as their guests on Thanksgiving day their son, John Sullivan, and his bride, from Westbrooke, Me.

Mrs. Joseph Davis entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tully, Thanksgiving, from Beachmont.

Thanksgiving, from Beachmont.

A family party of fourteen gathered with Mr. and, Mrs. B. W. Parker, Oak hill, Thanksgiving day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker and three children, Clayton, Gwen and Albert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gaskill and son Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carkin and daughters, Ellen and Cora Curtis of Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. Mignault from Plymouth, N. H. were unable to be present this year.

Mrs. Paul Maxwell returned to Mid-

Mrs. Paul Maxwell returned to Mid-dleboro last week with her small daughter Elizabeth. She was accom-panied into Boston by Miss Molly Frazer, where she was met by Mr. Max

Mrs. S. J. Dauphinee of Amesbury. a nicce of Mrs. Frank Hamilton, with her daughter Gertrude, were enter-tained at the Homestead on Thanks-

Everett Baker, from Boston, spent the holiday at his old home in town. Prof. C. N. Pollard of Harvard was met by a large gathering of the members and guests at the meeting of the Woman's club held at Oddfellows' Banquet hall on Tuesday afternoon. From his many trips abroad and residence in the various countries the dence in the various countries, the data for his lecture, "Incidents in life abroad," was personally collected. His proficiency as musician enabled him to give illustrations of the music of the various lands, including Russia, Italy, France and Germany.

ery place on Elm street, where Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have lived twenty years, will be closed.

Miss Doris Hartwell, now teaching in Bridgewater, spent her holiday vacation with her parents and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conant entertained Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Conant's father, cr. from Barnstead, N. H., over Thanksgiving.

The real estate deal which was in process of business between Lyman Robbins and Charles Jewett lasts week has been completed and Mr. Robbins and Charles Jewett lasts week has been completed and Mr. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Abbie shire, given to Mr. Robbins.

There is considerable sickness in Helen Harriman is postenic and little attentions of magazines or flowers, which class of flowers, which che heartly appreciates.

Miss Ethel Hall and friend from Lawrence spent thready of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

At the J. A. Lawrence farm there was a Thanksgiving dinner party of seventeen relatives and friends, who gathered to do justice to the bountiful menu. John A. Lawrence, the son came from Bridgeport, Conn., remaining until Sunday. Mrs. Harriet Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Reed, with their son and three months' old daughter. Sprague from Worcester, these with the goodly number.

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Miss Ethel Hall and friend from Lawrence farm

relatives from Reading, model.

Lewis' father, and sister and family.

Mrs. Lewis' sister. Miss Mary Pearson, from North Adams, was also a guest.

Miss Mae Merriam, instructor of music at Mt. Ida seminary, Newton, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her father and brother on Townsend street.

Roscoe Hayes, from Dartmouth, and Miss Helen, accompanied by a friend from Dean, academy, spent Thanksgiving and the week-end at the home giving and the week-end at the home her to her bed, also.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J.

A woman by the name of Mrs. Frantough not out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Parker

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Mrs. Amos Grenier was in town on Mrs. Amos Grenier was in fown on Thanksgiving day at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Thomas Attridge. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gagnon and three children, from Nashua, were also guests for the day.

The East Village club held an un-usually large, pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Goff on Wednesand two guests present.
Christmas seemed to be the popular
theme in the short selections read by
Mrs. John Pierce, Mrs. Lane, Mrs.
Swasoy, Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Albert
Levis, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Harmon, Delicate refreshments were served by

Thanksgiving guests at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocomb's were her two sisters, Mrs. F. A. Seeley of Boston and Mrs. Fred Jones of Wilton, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy had only a small dinner party at Thanksgiving time, owing to Mrs. Kennedy's indisposition from a recent attack of laryngitis. Mr. and town were Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Cook with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Arthur Kimball, at Greenwood and with them went into Boston on Sunday to hear Billy Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton was called to Roxbury Monday morning by the death of Mrs. Helen Woods, cousin of the late Mrs. Henry Blake. Mrs. Ap-pleton- has had much of the care of pieton has had much of the care of her aged relative recently and was notified of her death on Saturday, making all arrangementr and accom-panying the remains to their final resting place at Greenville, N. H.

resting place at Greenville. N. H.

A Thanksgiving party of nineteen were the guests of Misses Eleanor and Sarah Tucker at Heald's pond. They were nearly all the descendants of the Bail-Weston families, down to the youngest member, four months' old Elizabeth Maxwell. The guests included the families of C. C. Tucker and Edmund Blood, Miss Clara Shattuck and other relatives in town. Miss Molly Frazer, a student of Fitchburg Normal school, was also among the guests and Charles Hartwell, assistant at the Pepperell Springs. at the Pepperell Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and children have moved from the house near the Fitchburg bridge on Main street to the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. Orrin Williams.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club will hold their annual meeting at the town house on Monday evening. De-cember 11. The business to be trans-acted is the election of officers for the coming year.

Arthur C. Bolles, of this town, and Miss Margaret E. Waugh, of Dorches-ter, were united in marriage on Thurs-day, November 30, in Belmont, at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, former pastor of the church here. The couple were attended by Miss Ilva Waugh, sister of the bride, and Carleton Bolles, brother of

the groom.
Following the ceremony the bridal Following the ceremony the bridal party came to Pepperell by auto, where a Thanksglving dinner had been prepared by the mother of the groom, Mrs. Frank D. Bolles. Later, the party motored to Dorchester, where a reception was held at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Bolles left that evening for a trip, their destination not being made known to their friends, and in about two weeks will sail for Port Antonio, Island of Jamaica, where they will spend the winter.

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The groom is a Pepperell high school graduate, class of 1899. The following winter he entered the employ of Whipple & Tower, dry goods, remaining with them for some time. He has later been clerk in some of the Boston hotels and at Swampscott and other summer resorts. He was also other summer resorts. He was also connected with a hotel at Port An-tonio last winter. He has many friends among his former associates in

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morse motored from their home in Fitchburg last Saturday and spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Morse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fessenden.

Mrs. George Nye spent a couple of days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Nye of Sandown.

Mrs. Mallie Gilson and son James spent Thanksgiving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Brown; of Town-

send.

Miss Ellen Sawtelle recently presented a valuable collection of books to the town library. The list includes the Library of Historic Characters and Famous Events in twelve volumes by Spoffard, Geneology of New Hampshire in four volumes by Stearns and A Bird's Eye View of the World, illustrated, by Reclus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohn Whitcomb, according to the World of the World of

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb, ac-companied by Mr. Whitcomb's mother, Mrs. Mary Whitcomb, spent Thanks, giving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Person in Gardner, Mass. Franklin Rollins of Worcester was a disitor in town for the week-end.

Frank l'Ecuyer spent Thanksgiving visiting relatives in Fitchburg. Mrs. William Boutelle was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boutelle of Milford from Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Rideout of Wilton. James Fessenden of West Newton Mass., was a visitor in fown last Satur

Mr. and Mrs. Joh: Fredericks of Pepperell were holiday guests of Mrs. Frederick's mother, Mrs. Blood, at the home of Willis Ball,

Kenneth Russell, who has been here for the past six months assisting on the farms of his father and uncle Charles and Clarence Russell, has re-turned to his home in Exeter.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congrega tional church are making preparations for their Christmas sale, December 12 The sympathy of her many Brook-line friends is extended to Mrs. Anna Fessenden Bryant in the loss of her husband, Deacon E. L. Bryant, of Man-chester, whose death occurred recent-ly. O. D. Fesenden and daughter at-

tended the funeral. November 26 occurred the death o Mrs. Ichabod Lund at the home of her son-in-law, Charles Burnham, with whom she and her husband have with whom she and her husband have resided for some time. Mrs. Lund was eighty-four years old and died principally from the infirmities of old age. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Charles Dockrill officiating. Burial was in the South cemetery.

Miss Ellen Sawtelle and her com-panion, Miss Davis, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Liewellyn Powers on Thankegiving day.

Mrs. Cella H. Powers announces : sale of Christmas cards and gifts De cember 11 to 24 at her home in Brook line, N. H.

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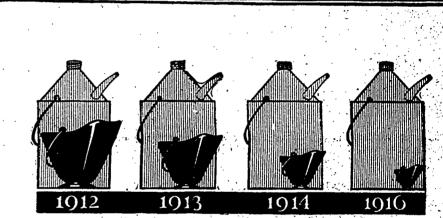
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy and anny as mall dinner party at Thanksgiving time, owing to Mrs. Thanksgiving time, owing to Mrs. Kennedy's indisposition from a recent attack of laryngitis. Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Joseph Attridge were guests there and Orrin Savage of Brighton. The two little daughters of Thomas Malley at the Jewett tenement on Main street are quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent the holiday visitors noted in town were Mrs. Mary Police at the home of Mrs. And Mrs. Co. Wiley and son, J. G. Pepperell, at the home of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Percy Betterley and Miss. Mrs. and Mrs. Walla Betterley of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Walla Betterley of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Walla Betterley: Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley: Mr. and Mrs. Wallam at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley: Mr. and Mrs. William Brown; Theo
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Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent the holiday visitors noted in town were Mrs. And Mrs. William Brown; Theo
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Mass. Farnsworth; Mrs. William Brown; Theo
Of South Brookline.

GROTON

John H. Folkins, from Millstream, N. B., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Herman Frazee, and family of Elm

The Alliance will meet with Miss Georgianna Boutwell on next week Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. John M. Moore and little granddaughter, were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry.

guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry.

The officers-elect of the W. R. C. for 1917 are Mrs. Dora Putnam, pres.; Mrs. Sarah Lucy, s. v.; Mrs. Alice Gilson, j. v.; Mrs. Mary Boynton, treas.; Mrs. Minnie Gleason, chap.; Mrs. Effie Harrington, con.; Mrs. Mary Messenger, guard; delegate, Mrs. Sarah Lucy; alternate, Mrs. Alice Gilson. The secretary and other officers are appointed by the president.

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and Mrs. Wallace Brown, C. H. Berry,
Mrs. Odber Folkins, Mrs. J. E. Messenger, Mrs. F. C. Bishop, Mrs. Alice
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The second in the Luther Blood free lectures was given on Tuesday evening. The hall was well filled. E. S. Jones, official photographer for the Boston and Maine railroad, proved a very pleasant and entertaining speaker. His talk was profusely illustrated with the most beautiful pictures, largely of the White Mountain section of New England. The next in the course will be a musical by the Royal male quartet of Boston, on Thursday evening. December 21. evening, December 21.

Miss Alice Kemp is a new telephone operator at the central station on Sta-tion avenue.

Ayer Grange will present "Clover farm" in the town hall on Monday evening, the play to be followed by a dance. This entertainment is to be given for the benefit of Groton Grange. William Gay, from Manchester, N. H., was at home for the military ball and Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Withrock, of Boston, and Mrs. Richardson and her daughter, Miss Dorothy, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley, Pleasant street.

Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., is at the Groton hospital for observation

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mave contributed to the fund for the improvement of the Groton Cornet band: A friend \$2, Mrs. E. A. Barrows \$1, Miss Helen Barrows \$1, James F. Culver \$1; previously acknowledged \$307.50—total, \$312.50. A concert and dance is to be held at an early date.

Phineas Harrington has returned to Groton after a two-weeks' visit to Mrs. Amile A. Smith, where he was called. Mrs. Smith being very ill at the home of her nephew, Thomas J. Terrell, in East Boston. As soon as she is able to be moved she will be taken to the home of her son, Frederick D. Goodall, of Winthrop.

John H. Folkins, from Millstreen.

Miss Gertrude Forbes, from Worcester, and Miss Helen Forbes, from Fitzwilliam, N. H., were at home with their mother Thanksgiving. Miss Helen, having a week's vacation, remained until Sunday.

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The good fellowship feeling which pervades the Chicopee row neighborhood was strongly in evidence last Saturday evening when about thirty five responded to an invitation of H. S. Wheelock and family and gathered at their beautiful bungalow home for according to the pressure of the country of the stronger of the stronge at their beautiful bungalow nome tor-an evening's pleasure. Games were played, music from the Victrola was enjoyed as also were the refreshments. Toward the latter part of the evening there was dancing. That Mr. Whee-lock and his family are good enter-tainers his neighbors testify after this pleasant party. pleasant party.

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A real old-time Thanksgiving was enjoyed at Joseph B. Raddin's last week Thursday when a twenty-eight pound turkey and everything else good and in the same generous proportions was spread for the holiday dinner. Twenty-six sat down to the bountiful repast, the out-of-town guests being Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Raddin, from Holden; Mrs. Nellie Raddin Elliott. from Greenfield, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Black, from Everett. The children and grandchildren and friends came from their homes in Groton, all joining in a real Thanksgiving social gathering.

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From the Beverly Evening Times of Saturday, December 2: "Mr. and Mrs. George A. Herron, of 26 Federal street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Francis Eliza Herron, to Cedric Elisworth Hodgman, of Groton."

The current events department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. F. F. Waters on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Marion Breckenridge left of Monday afternoon for a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. Trask at North Cambridge.

Born on Friday morning, December 8, a son to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Fitch—Harland Pratt Fitch. Owing to the lack of space the His

tory of Groton Band had to be omit-ted this week.

Oldest Alumnus.

of her case.

Mrs. H. H. Gay went to Brockton last week Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, and family, which now includes a little daughter, born on November 18, and has been named Elizabeth Gay Simmons.

John Bradley, from Melrose, and his brother, William Bradley, from Amherst Agricultural college, accompanied by a friend, Mr. Fisher, also from Amherst, and the Misses Ada and Selina Bradley, were at home for the military ball and the holiday recess last week.

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At the Odd Fellows' meeting Monday evening the initiatory degree was worked on one candidate. The first degree will be worked at the meeting on Monday evening.

Roscoe Follett and family have

Venison Dinner.

with the party are requested to give their names to Rev. B. E. Tucker, Mrs. Alice Peabody or Mrs. Wallace Brown. As soon as a sufficient number of names are received arrangements will be made for reserved seats at the tabernacle. Practical Gifts and Silver and Si Suggestions from



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Groton Military Training School.

The drill of the Provisional Company on Wednesday evening consisted of review of the principles of close order work as applied to the school of the company. The company is hereafter to be fallen in as individuals rather than by squads and the roll will be called at each drill instead of receiving reports from the corporals. Setting-up exercises and a short talk on principles and general rules concluded the drill.

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At the next drill a talk will be given on "Company government and administration." The talk will commence at 8.35 and will be open to the public. Recruiting continues at a good rate. Four new men joined the Provisional Company last Wednesday evening. A recruit squad drill will follow each of the regular drills from now on.

The military ball netted \$149.03. ('olor Sergeant Blood has contributed ninety-seven cents additional to make the profits an even \$150.

The meeting of the Bird club was held in the lower town hall on November 20. The treasurer reported that somewhat over half the members had already paid their dues. The announcement of the arrival of the bird nouncement of the farmer was made nouncement of the arrival of the sase of for winter feeding was made. Attention of the members was called to the treaty between Canada and the United States for the protection of migratory birds. The full text is given in the October-November Bird when the proceeding to the product of the procedure of the product of the The president gave a talk upon

Lore. The president gave a talk upon bird migration.

The phenomenon of bird migration remains one of the mysteries of Nature. Year after year we witness the passage of the birds to winter homes are all the passage. Be-

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Dainty Bits of Jewelry for Gifts

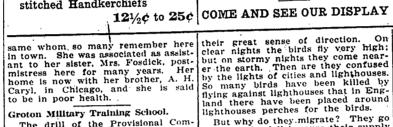
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land there have been land there have been lighthouses perches for the birds.

But why do they migrate? They go south in the fall because their supply of food is cut off. This does not explain why they go north in the spring. The explanation offered for this is the natural secretiveness of animals during the period of rearing young. The birds come north to the regions where there is more room and so greater sectiusion and greater protection. They go year after year to the same places and over the same routes. This can be best explained by their homing instinct and by the heredity of habit. In England a nest in the same spot was occupied by blue ditmouse for aincty-eight years. ninety-eight years.

West Groton. George McCurdy, of Dorchester, has een a recent guest of Dr. Samuel

Clarence Thompson, leaving on Wednesday of last week, spent the holiday at the home of his aunt in Mattapan.

Mattapan.

Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, arrived on Thursday evening of last week and spent the week-end with her sister. Mrs. W. F. Lane. She was accompanied by two granddaughters, the Misses Loraine and Marjorie Stone, who visited their mother, Mrs. George Strachan, and other relatives.

Miss Hazel Thompson spent last week Thursday at the home of her parents. Miss Thompson is employed as nurse in the Watertown hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley left for their winter home on Monday, going by direct Pullman train. Their southern home is in Lantana, nine miles from Palm Beach.

Owing to the inclenmency of the weather Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge were unable to attend the Thanksglv-ing dinner to which they were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence. The Ladies' Aid society have decided to hold their Christmas fair on De-

Mrs. Humphrey and son Amos are brought to the hall by those who at visiting out of town and expect to be tended the entertainment for Clinton absent for several weeks.

Going on last week Wednesday, Provost Thompson spent the week-end it the Sedley home in Dorchester. A dandelion bloom was brought to us last week by Alfred Durant, who has sharp eyes for the unusual.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, going for Mrs. M. E. Williams, going the Thanksgiving, is remaining for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wor-Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, Jr.

Thanksgiving with his relative Mrs. Joshua Bixby visited relatives in Ayer over the holiday.

Little Thomas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malley, has been quite ill with bronchitis. He is now reported better.

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The Ladies' Aid society will hold its Christmas fair and supper on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday evening, December 14 and 15.

Aprons, mysteries, grabs, candies and Christmas articles will be found at the various booths on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Also, a lunch table will serve those desiring to remain for the evening. At eight o'clock an entertainment will be given by the childer, consisting of short plays and dialogues, recitations, music, etc. On Friday evening a supper will be served at the usual hour in the lower hall. As social hour will follow, during which the previous evening's sale will be continued. All are cordially invited.

The executive board of the Improve-

The executive board of the Improvement society will meet with the president on Monday evening.

Some items mailed last week wer waylaid between here and Ayer and falled to reach the publication officuntil after the paper had been print



SHIRLEY

News Items.

The Altrurians observed reciprocity day Thursday afternoon at the vestry of the Congregational church. A large number were present and many invited guests from Fitchburg, Leominster, Littleton, Groton, also from the Ayer Woman's club and Current Events club. The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Helen Winslow, who gave an interesting account of her club work, having been engaged in club work for thirty-one years, also a description of her present work. The account was amusing as well as instructive. A dainty lunch was served by the hospitality and entertainment committees.

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Medie Caisse, the fellow who struck Mrs. Desoine, eighty years of age, on the head with a rolling pin, was caught by the police at Fitchburg some time during Thursday night. Caisse the latter part of last August broke into the home of Mrs. Desoine during her absence and waited her return home and then surprised her as she entered with a blow from a rolling pin which required three stitches to close the wound. The motive was robbery, but the woman had just deposited her money in the bank. Chief Riley brought him from Fitchburg early Friday morning to Shirley. committees.

Entertainment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strand, of Clinton, spent Thanksgiving at Ms, home here.

Webster Harrington, of Ayer, was at home for the holiday dinner. Mrs. Martha Tarbell and Miss K. A. Tar-Martha Tarbell and Miss K. A. Tarbell were also invited to partake of the Thanksgiving cheer.

Miss Evelyn Fernald was a recent guest at G. S. Webber's.

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During the evening Mrs. W. A. Fuller of Clinton rendered vocal solos with piano accompaniment by Miss Gesile Rheumen of Shirley. Harvey H. Goodwin of Leominster gave 'cello selections with piano accompaniment by Russell Comiskey. Dr. C. J. Pierce, chairman of Shirley Hospital board, presided during the evening. The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment consisted of Dr. Pierce C. H. Weare, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Allen, presided during the evening. The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment consisted of Dr. Pierce, C. H. Weare, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Allen, Mrs. Joseph Allen, Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth and Walter Knowles, who take this opportunity of thanking those who helped in anyway.

About \$25 worth of jellies, etc., were

The next meeting of the Aliance will be held with Mrs. Emma S. Horton on Thursday, December 14. This will be the Experience party. All members are requested to make returns of contest money to their respective captains before this date, so that the results of the yellow and white contest can be announced then. Thomas H. Evans has taken the contract to convey the Woodsville school children to school at the Village. This barge has been run for some years past by Daniel Bartlett. Miss Carrie Bradford and Miss Ethel M. Holden spent Wednesday in Boston, where they heard Billy Sunday.

Ralph N. Graves went on Monday to Boston, where he has entered Bry ant and Stratton's business college and will take up the civil service course.

An all-day auction of the household goods and farming tools of the late Charles Andrews will be held on Monday, December 11, at his late home at the North. Otis H. Forbush auctioneer. A lunch will be served at noon. At the meeting of Shirley Grange or uesday evening it was voted to send Tuesday evening it was voted to send H.F. Grout as delegate to the session of the state grange in Boston next week, owing to the inability of the master and the master-elect to attend.

New Advertisements. FRUIT BOY WANTED-At Depot Restaurant, Ayer. Apply to Manager. BUNGALOW FOR SALE-Situated on Whitcomb Street, off Fletcher Street, LOUIS F. LAPOINTE, Ayer, Mass. 14 FOR SALE—Oak Sideboard, Oak Dining Table and Art Square. Apply to I. F. MARSHALL, 23 E. Main St., Ayer.



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Note Paper in one and twoquire boxes 25¢; to 75¢ Correspondence Cards

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Popular Romantic Artists, HAROLD LOCKWOOD and MAY ALLISON, in 5 Acts of Bewinning Beauty, Thrills and Supreme Heart Interest, entitled

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The Thousands Islands, in the St. Lawrence River, the beauty spot of North America, furnishes many glorious settings for this screen materpiece, which is unrivalled in scenic beauty

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Beatrice Fairfax Serial

This series is based upon the thousands of letters received by MISS BEATRICE FAIRFAX, and one of the leading Characters in the Series is GEORGE CONNORS, of of Clinton, who formerly sang in this Theatre

A COMPLETE STORY IN TWO REELS WILL BE SHOWN IN THIS SERIES ON SATURDAY EVENINGS

The First will be "THE STORY OF THE MISSING WATCHMAN" <u>-0-0-0-0-</u> WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

NANCE O'NEIL, the Celebrated Dramatic Artiste, will be seen in a Five-act Superb Metro Wonderplay, entitled

The Iron Woman

As a tragedinne, Miss O'Neil ranks very high, but she has also the versatility which enables her to portray all the phases of human emotion. In "The Iron Woman" she has a part which will live long in the minds of those who see it.

/_0_0</u>_ "VANISHING MANTLE" is the title of the tenth episode in

The Shielding Shadow 2-SPECIAL SHOWS ON CHRISTMAS DAY-2

AYER

News Items.

A social dance will be held at Sandy pond schoolhouse on Thursday even-ing, December 14. Music by Miss Etta Green of Ayer and Noah Gettiman of Boston. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Evelyn Sanderson is making a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Laing, of Springfield, and will later make a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. I. Bosworth, in Holyoke.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet with Miss Doris Fletcher and Miss Lillian Baker at Miss Doris Fletcher's house on Monday evening at 7.30

o'clock.

Mrs. Hattie M. White, a former resident of Ayer, died at her home in Ashburnham on last week Thursday evening of pneumonia after a week's illness. Mrs. White was a daughter of Rodney and Marinda D. (Page) Farwell and was born in Fitchburg on November 2, 1854. She was twice married, her first husband being Sydney Wetherbee in Ashburnham, and married, her first nussand being Sydney Wetherbee in Ashburnham, and with him lived in Ayer, West Townsend and Gardner. She and her husband are remembered by the older residents of this town. In 1885 she married Mr. White in Ashburnham, in which town she lived until her death. Benjamin J. Davenport, of Ballard-vale, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davenport, last week.

Rubert M. Green, who recently accepted a position with the National Express Company in Boston, moved his family to Somerville last week, in which city they will make their home

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held in Masonic hall on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Annual communication, election of officers, reports of officers. Miss Mary Lawton has returned to

her home after spending some days at her brother's home in Waverley. She reports a very enjoyable time.

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Harold Lockwood and May Allison, two famous Metro stars, will be seen this Saturday evening at the motion picture show in "The river of romance," a Metro wonderplay of bewitching beauty, thrills and supreme heart interest in five sparkling acts. A two-reel complete story in a new series based upon the thousands of letters received by Miss Beatrice Fairfax in a Boston paper, dealing in underworld life, will also be shown this same evening. This series is entirely different from any shown here before and will be a delightful surprise to the patrons of this theatre in the announcement that George Connors, a former popular singer here, portrays one of the leading characters in the different stories. On next Wednesday evening the patrons will have the rare privilege of seeing the celebrated dramatic artiste, Nance O'Neil, in a superb Metro wonderplay, entitled "The iron woman," from Margaret Deland's greatest novel of ambition and mother love; also, the tenth episode of the "Shielding shadow" serial entitled "Vanishing mantle."

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There is much alarm felt by friends of Louis O. Pelton in view of his mysterious disappearance two weeks ago since which time nothing has been heard from him. Chief Beatty and Selectman Smith have worked on the case for over a week, but with no success. Pelton was last seen near the junction of Park street and the state road November 23 walking toward Groton. An organized search will be made for him this Saturday and all who wish to volunteer their services will meet at the town hall at 8.30, when the search will begin.

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These officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., were chosen on Thursday evening: Augustus Lovejoy, com.; C. C. Perry, s.v.c.; C. H. Stone, i.v.c.; O. P. Robinson, sur.; Francis Lovejoy, chap.; C. E. Craig, o.d.; J. E. Woods, o.g.; William Jubb and Francis Lovejoy, representatives to state encampment; Henry Leavitt and C. H. Stone, alternatives. The post voted to have its meetings at 2.30 in the afternoon in the future, instead of at night, which has been the custom up to this time. to this time.

A miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Hazel Moss by a party of friends on Faulkner street Thursday evening. Many useful presents were received. The shower was given in evening. Many useful presents were received. The shower was given in honor of Miss Moss marriage which takes place Sunday, December 10, at St. Andrew's church. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Twenty members of Ayer Grange visited Littleton Grange Wednesday evening when the third and fourth degrees were worked.

The art class of the Woman's club spent Tuesday evening with Miss S. A. Blood. The program included cur-A: Blood. The program included current art news, study of pictures, story of William M. Chase, the artist, and a brief study of the annunciation. The subject of study for the year is "The Italian renaissance and the gospel story in art.

Miss Edna Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith, and Everett Miller of Westford were married by Rev. J. S. Strong at his residence last Sat-urday. Mr. Miller is employed in the local office of the National Express Co. and they will reside in Ayer.

George Connors, of Clinton, is expected to spend the week-end in town with friends, and in all probability will take in the Beatrice Fairfax series at the motion picture show this Saturday evening. This will be a rather rare incident in this town of having the hore of the stear given saturday and hero of the story given Saturday even-ing sitting in the audience and watch-ing himself perform on the screen.

The next rehearsal of the Ayer Musical society will be on Thursday evening, December 14, at the studio of Mr. Robinson in Dickinson's block. Every member is expected to be punc tual as singing will commence at eight

The wedding of Dr. Frederick Barry The wedding of Dr. Frederick Barry of New York, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry of this town, and Mrs. Ada Mathews Norris, of Toronto, Canada, took place at the home of her brother, James Henry Norris, at Pelham Heights, N. Y., November 29. Mrs. Norris is a daughter of the late Rev. William Norris, a writer. Mr. Barry, who has attained fame as a composer, was an instructor at Harvard university and Carnegie Institute for several years, but is now instructor or several years, but is now instructor of chemistry at Columbia. They will eside at Forrest Chambers, corner of Broadway and 113th street, New York

Detective James W. Bradley of the. Boston and Maine railroad, and other police officers are making great efforts to locate the person who last week, it is alleged, threw a quantity of acid into the window of a locomotive cab in Fitchburg, blinding E. E. Tabor, engineer, of Boston, and his fireman. The accident happened as the east bound express was passing through Fitchburg, bound for Boston, arriving



, With only a short time to do the Christmas shopping our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas Gifts. What is more practical and more appreciated by the men and boys than some article of wearing apparel? Our Christmas Goods are all in, the newest styles and patterns in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Slip-Come in while the variety is good and let us help you make your selections. Here are a few suggestions:

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	Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$22.00
n h.	Mackinaw Coats 12	\$5.00 to \$8.50
1-	Bath Robes	\$3.50 to \$6.00
	Men's and Ladies' Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$7.00
2-	Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$5.00
d	Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas Men's and Ladies' Slippers and Moccasins	50¢ to \$2.00
n	Bags and Suit Cases	\$1.25 to \$6.00
b	Neckties of all kinds in Christmas Boxes	25¢ to \$1.00
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The Unitarian church school will give a concert Sunday afternoon, December 17, at four o'clock. A biblical drama will be a feature of the program. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. B. T. Larrabee returned from the Clinton hospital last week, where she underwent a surgical operation for the removal of gall stones.

An amusing incident happened near the corner of Main and Pleasant streets Wednesday forenoon. A sharp guest of wind blew the hat of a strange young man, who was standing on the sidewalk, into the rear of a passing wagon. The owner of the hat made a dash to recover his property, while the driver of the team, unmindful of the incident, kept on at a good rate with the hat still in the wagon. The loud calls of bystanders finally reached the ears of the driver, who brought the horse to a stop, when the young man came into possession of his property. An amusing incident happened near he corner of Main and Pleasant property.

Judge George A. Sanderson attended the Yale dinner of the City club Boston, Wednesday night, in honor of Yale winning the football game over Harvard in the recent contest at New Haven, Conn.

The Ayer and Littleton selectmen together, went over the bounds be-tween the two towns last Saturday, as is the custom at different times.

Berkley T. Larrabee, proprietor of the Palace Café, has purchased the restaurant in the Day building, so-called, on Merchants' row, which was formerly occupied by Gould & Langevin. Mr. Larrabee intends to open the restaurant in connection with his present business. The restaurant will be open to the public during the day

Mr. Purcell achieved great fame in the battle in which he acted as color bearer, when he saved the flag from falling into the hands of a confederfalling into the hands of a confeder-ate captain by using the flag staff as a weapon against his heavily armed foe. In the struggle the staff was broken in three pieces, when union re-inforce-ments came to the aid of the gallant color bearer. The flag staff was later repaired and the colors have since the repaired and the colors have since the ending of the war occupied a prominent place in the state capitol at Des Moines, Ia. The highly treasured relic is taken by Mr. Purcell to all the encampments of the Grand Army which he attends.

After his honorable discharge from the service Mr. Purcell moved from Iowa, where he enlisted at the outbreak of the war, to St. Louis, in which city he has been for over fifty years a valued police officer. In spite years a valued police officer. In spite of his seventy-five years he is still doing police duty. The authorities in St. Louis, in honor of his faithfui police duty, arranged a celebration for him on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary of his becoming a member of the police force, which was one of the greatest ever held in that city,

Union Fair. union church fair. The second The second union church fair, which opened on Wednesday in the town hall, has scored a big success in a social point of view and probably financially also, and will pass into history as another successful step in the present business. The restaurant will propose the public during the day in the public during the public d

An interesting correspondence has passed between them regarding the famous conflict between the forces of the confederacy and the union troops.

Mr. Purcell achieved great fame in guilty and discharged. The complaint ing in G. A. R. hall at 10.30. Su guilty and discharged. The complaint taken out by Louis Greenwood, of Shirley, with whom the defendant boarded, charged that the defendant annexed seventeen dollars and some odd change and a valuable ear-ring, the property of the plaintiff. The court considered the evidence agains Rivers as not being strong enough to justify a finding of guilty and ordered his discharge.

Medie Caisse of Shirley pleaded guilty this Friday morning to assault and battery and was sentenced to three months in the house of correction by Judge Atwood. On August 16 last Calsse broke into the house of Mrs. Phebe Desaulaier while she was absent and when she returned Calsse assulted her with a heavy rolling pin. The motive for the assault was robery. After the assault Calsse escaped. Thursday night he gave himself up to the Fitchburg police, who communicate the call of the communication. and ne did not remember what he had done or anything about the alleged as sault.

A. W. C. The meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday was in charge of the topics of the day committee and the following program was carried out: Piano solo, Mrs. Graydon; report of

at Ayer at 3.04 p. m. It is thought that the staff was deliberately thrown becomes rise. The Ayer average was deliberately thrown becomes rise of the injury to his eyes, brought in the properties was under the hought and along a properties was under the hought and along the hought and along a properties was under the hought and along the hought and along

Service is held every Sunday morning in G. A. R. hall at 10.30. Subject for Sunday, December 10, "God the preserver of man." All are cordially

LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. Warren Fletcher has been in isposed, but is gaining.

Mrs. Foster H. Dole attended the fueral of a friend in Lowell Saturday Frank Tenney and family of Cambridge and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck of Brookline were holiday guests at W. H. Tenney's. Brookline and Cam-bridge friends also visited the W. H. Tenney family Sunday.

Charles W. Houghton of the Center had an ill turn Tuesday night and is in care of Miss Ella Schnair, trained nurse. At time of printing Mr. Hough on's condition is somewhat improved Rev. William C. Brown received a cordial welcome home Thursday after a business trip south and west the last

Mrs. Shepley L. Cleaves of West Rindge, N. H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Eames spent a pleasant evening at the supper and entertain-ment given under the auspices of the Unitarian society in Groton Thursday Owen McNiff has been at home sick with jaundice for two weeks and has

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and Mrs. F. H. Hill and Mrs. Clarence Crosby, lecturer-elect, were chosen delegates with Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Russell as alternates.

On the evening of December 20 the Grange will have the annual Christmas entertainment in charge of the literary committee. Each member is request ed to contribute a pound of something ready to eat on that occasion.

Miss Mary Marshall attended the reciprocity meeting as a guest of the Altrurian club in Shirley Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Parker, Miss Julia S. Conant and Mrs. Sadie Pierce heard Billy Sunday in Boston Wednesday. Mrs. George Howard paid a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins in Melrose this week.

Leonard Roberts attended the Brat tleboro, Vt., zale of cattle this week and afterwards went to Northfield to resume his studies at Mt. Hermon seminary.

seminary.

The regular meeting of the Rifle club will be held in the Odd Fellows' rooms at the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 13. As many as possible are requested to be present to discuss plans for indoor shooting this winter; also, plans for the new year. On Saturday of this week the following course will be fired at the rifle range: 5 shots; slow fire, at 200 and 300 yards; 5 shots, rapid fire, kneeling from standing, time 45 seconds, at 200 yards; 5 shots, rapid fire, prone from standing, time 60 seconds, at 300 yards; total of 20 shots. A target used in slow fire and D target in rapid fire. In the above course those wishing to enter the contest for the National Sportsman trophy may do so on payment of one dollar, which do so on payment of one dollar, which gives them the magazine for one year in addition to their entry in the contest for the trophy.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Miss Madeline Logue arrived at her home in town on Wednesday from North Waterford, Me., where she is teaching school, for a vacation of five

James Chesbrough, seventeen years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chesbrough, is very ill with peritonitis and an operation is contemplated.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her dancing class session at Odd Fellows hall on Saturday afternoon of this week at one o'clock.

Mrs. Charles W. Marshall attended the union church fair in Ayer on Wed-nesday. This is the first time in many years past that Mrs. Marshall's health would permit her to attend a social affair of this character. Since the purchase of her new car six weeks ago she has covered 1000 miles and her general health is now almost nor-

Mrs. George Greenleaf has arrived home from Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. Mary Hume, aged eighty-six years, died at the home of her son, Joseph Hume, in Leominster, Tuesday Joseph Hume, in Leominster, Tuesday evening of pneumonia after a brief illness. Mrs. Hume was well-known in Shirley, where she resided for half a century. The survivors are four sons, Archie of Boston, John. of Clinton, and Joseph and Robert of Leominster; also, two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Maitland and Mrs. Mary Livingstone of Boston. Funeral took place this week Friday afternoon with service at the Universalist church. Rev. E. L. Halfacre, pastor of the church, officiated. Burlal was in the family lot at the Villago cemetery.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley, of Cam-

Rev. Douglas H. Corley, of Cambridge, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday morning. Mr. Corley occupied the pulpit of this church last Sunday and preached a sermon worth while. He is a candidate, and consequently a good attendance is requested.

Rev. Eben Greenleaf of West Haven, Vt., is spending the week-end and over Sunday at the home of his brother, George Greenleaf, Harvard road. The Shirley Electric Co. have open ed an office in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Deibert Greenleaf of Hollis, Vt., have arrived at the home of his brother, George Greenleaf, to remain for the winter.

remain for the winter.

Harry Roads, Lewis Greenwood and George Homer employed in the lumber camp on the outskirts of the westerly part of the village were arraigned ni the Ayer court Tuesday morning charged with drunkenness. They were found guilty and placed on probation for six months.

Fredonian lodge, I. O, O. F., will entertain next Tuesday evening, Bea-con lodge of Pepperell, North Star of Townsend and Groton lodge of Groton. There will be an entertainment followed by the serving of refreshments.

Odd Fellows' hall was well filled on Monday evening by the D. A. R. and their many friends to witness the photoplay, "Her great price," under the management of Manager Poulius. Mr. Poulius has made it possible for the people of Shirley to witness many of the first-class plays. of the first-class plays.

There will be an entertainment given by the children of St. Anthony's school in the basement of the church next Sunday evening. Public are invited to attend.

The illustrious dramatic star, Emily Stevens, will appear in the symphonious story of a redeemed prima donna. "Cora," Monday evening, in five great acts at the motion picture show. A two-reel complete story in a new series by Beatrice Fairfax, a well-known Boston newspaper writer, dealing in underworld life, will also be shown. George Cohnors, a well-known singer, formerly of Clinton, will take one of the leading parts.

Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen attended Fitchburg chapter D. A. R. last Sat-urday afternoon. Mrs. Hazen was also one of the speakers. Mrs. Edwin H. Conant was chairman of the general committee. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith, of Som-erville, is paying a visit to the home of her mother, Mrs. George Adams. Mrs. Otto London, of Cambridge, pent the week-end and over Sunday t the home of her sister: Mrs. James L. Holland.

of pneumonia after a brief liness of about a week. A prayer service was held at the school Sunday evening at six o'clock. Rev. George C. Gibson, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The remains were taken away on the eight o'clock train Sunday evening to the home of his son in Allston, where the funeral was held on Morday Payarit tooknown. ston, where the luneral was held on Monday. Burial took place in Forest Hills cemetery. Boston. Mr. Copp was 55 years, 6 months and 25 days at home. returning Monday morning to Keene Normal school. Arnold Coolen left here on Tuesday for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has wife has been with him at the school. having charge of the laundry work. The deceased was born in Harvey, N. B., and is survived by a wife and two

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman left town on Monday morning for a week's visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard Grenfell, in Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry O. Holden returned to their home in Ashland the first of the week after a week's visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Martha A. Holden.

Annual Sale.

Annual Sale.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold their annual sale at the church vestry on Wednesday evening. December 13. There will be on sale fancy articles in charge of Mrs. Laura Ballou, Miss Lura White, Mrs. James West and Miss Evelyn Miner. Aprons and domestic goods by the Work committee, which is composed of Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. John Will, Mrs. Laura Ballou, Mrs. Hittle Evans and Mrs. Charles Ford. Candy, Mrs. Edwin Pomfret, Miss Hazel Ballou and Miss Ethel Peabody and a mystery table under direction of Mrs, Lavonne Edgarton and Mrs. Geo. Wilson. Sale to open at five o'clock. Supper of cold meats, beans, cake, etc., at 6.30. Entertainment at eight o'clock in charge of Mrs. Evans, who has secured Mrs. Charles White, under whose direction the play, "Sally Lunn," will be given. It is a comedy in two acts with following in the cast: Arthur C. Annis, Doris E. White, Earl C. Merriman, Sarah S. Stevenson, Mary Badstübner, Ruth E. Day, Hazel O. Badstübner, Ruth E. Day, Hazel

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Holden.

Raymond Farnsworth, at Woods-ville, leaves soon for Florida, where he is to spend the winter with an uncle.

Miss Evelyn Snow, of Halifax, spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lyman Snow. Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans, in Francestown, N. H.

Miss Edna Holden, of Lancaster, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

The Matrons' Ald society held a pleasant meeting last week with Mrs. Horace C. Harris. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. David Marsh on Tuesday afternoon, December 12. Albert Adams and Miss Mary Adams went last week to Brookline to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wing, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey spent Thanksgiving in Fitchburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey. Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley, of Roxbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longley, of Lowell, spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Longley.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very successful whist party last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout. Barnard Holden had the high score of the evening and Earl Graves and Miss Helen Brud-ford were tied for second place. A chaing-dish supper was served by Mrs. Grout.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Buxton and family at Woodsville spent Thanks-giving in Lunenburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Harvey.

William Jubb starts soon for Florida, where he is planning to spend the winter. On the way he will visit a brother, whose home is in Connecti-

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold meeting on Saturday afternoon, December 9, with Miss Ethel M. Holden. Capt. William G. Blair, at Woodsville, who is suffering from a broken rib, is reported to be getting along well. Capt. Blair is eighty-eight well. C years old.

Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trini-ty chapel Sunday afternoon and will have charge of the service on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. These services are not for the Episcopalians of the Cennot for the Episcopalians of the Cen-ter alone, but are open to everyone regardless of their sect or place of residence. It is hoped that all who can will take advantage of these op-portunities to hear Mr. Harrison's most excellent sermons.

Mrs. Harriet Brown, who has been ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Louis Farnsworth, is reported to be gaining.

Everett Buxton, at Woodsville, has gone to Worcester, where he is employed as a carpenter.

Automobile Accident. The Woodsville side of the bridge over the Nashua, on the state road, was the scene of a serious accident on was the scene of a serious accident on last Sunday afternoon when an automobile left the road and crashed over the embankment leading up to the bridge. The machine, it is understood, was driven by Burnside Sawyer, of Fitchburg, and contained his daughter. Marion Sawyer, sixteen years old, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Bradley, seventy years old. Mr. Sawyer was trying to pass another machine, which crowded him so that while trying to avoid hitting it, his own machine left the road, crashed through the fence and dropped down I twelve-foot embankment, where it twelve-foot embankment, where it topped against a tree. Mrs. Bradley received internal injuries and was taken unconscious to the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg, where she was not expected to recover. Miss Sawyer and Mr. Sawyer escaped with only minor njuries. The machine was badly

injuries. The machine was badiy wrecked. It is fortunate that the accident did not happen fifty feet further on, as the machine would have had a drop of forty feet into the river. HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Harry Bell has returned to his stud-ies in Boston university after a short Hoy Canney has gone to Bevo \acation.

Elwyn Wheeler spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boulton and returned to Durham on Sunday. Miss Lillian Keyes spent the holi-

Red Cross scals are now on sale by the Altrurian club for the benefit of those afficieted with tuberculosis. Mrs Binney has charge of the same.

Miss Francis Leighton, who is at South Francis Leighton, who is at South Francis Leighton.

Ralph Muzzey came home from Dartmouth college for the holiday and week-end.

Miss Mildred French was at home from Wheaton college. She returned on Sunday, accompanied by her fath-er, Rev. R. M. French, who went to hear Billy Sunday that evening.

Miss Ruth Hazard was home from Wheaton college for Thanksgiving. Miss Loraine Bell was at home for the week-end from Thompsonville, Conn., where she is teaching.

Ralph Powers spent Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Greenleaf, of Pepperell, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wilson.

Ralph Lovejoy and Sidney Went-worth were at home from Durham a few days last week.

Miss Lena Ladd, of Concord, and Robert Ladd, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George

Miss Dorothy Ladd and Master George Ladd spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thayer in Nashua.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were worked on two candi-dates, Miss Florence Bell and Leon D. At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were worked on two candidates, Miss Florence Bell and Leon D. Wilshire. As Arnold Coolen has left town it was necessary to elect a new overseer and Mr. Withington was clected to that office. Miss Edith Stickney resigned as lady assistant steward and Mrs. Ella Farley was under the direction of Dr. Christie,

Lovejoy.

At about six o'clock Monday morning the chimney at the Samuel Worcester place caught fire. The fire department was called, but before they arrived the fire had been put out. No damage was done.

LITTLETON

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The attraction at the lyceum next Tuesday evening is in some respects the best of the entire course. Christabel Whitney Kidder, the dramatic reader, who last year gave Zangwill's "Melting pot," with such satisfaction to all who heard her, will this year give "As you like it," the sweetest and happiest of all Shakespeare's comedies. The songs in this play will be given by Martha Atwood Baker, the soprano, so this number on the course is doubly attractive.

The Alliance will meet next week Friday afternoon for their December sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. A. E. Hopkins' at the Center.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield is giving a series

A. E. Hopkins at the Center.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield is giving a series of sermons for the month of December setting forth the gospel as it was given him to preach as an evangel for these times. The subject Sunday morning will be "The life of God in the human soul." While Mr. Sunday speaks of this doctrine of the father-hood of God'as the worst rot ever dug from the pit of hell, there may be another point of view. Mr. Fairfield's sermon will not be one of controversy, but will strive to present the other but will strive to present the other point of view.

The Board of Trade have secured The Board of Trade have secured as speaker at the next meeting, Monday evening, December 11, Henry N. Andrews, of the income tax division of the state tax commission. Everyone is invited, especially any ladies interested. Questions on knotty points will be welcomed and the difficulties explained by Mr. Andrews. The meeting will be held in the town hall at eight o'clock.

The directors of the Woman's club

The directors of the Woman's club are requested to meet at the Unitarian vestry on Monday afternoon at two

J. H. D. Whitcomb, E. A. Flagg and L. A. Hager went to the Holstein-Freizian cattle sale in Brattleboro, Vt., Tuesday. Messrs. Whitcomb and Hager had cattle in the sale.

Mrs. Hannah Gorman, who had lived alone on Taylor street for many years, having become so infirm that she could no longer care for herself, was taken Tuesday to the Home of the Liftle Sisters of the Poor in Somerville, where she will receive all the attention needed. needed

A neighborhood meeting of the peo-

ple living very near the station was held with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill on Monday evening to take initiative steps Monday evening to take initiative steps in preparation of civi subjects for dis-cussion. Written questions will be deposited in a box and then distributed among those present for study and ex-planation at the following meeting. The association will meet next time December 18, with Mrs. A. W. Knowl-

James E. Smith will be in Washing James E. Smith will be in Washing-ton, D. C., this winter and represent the Railway Maintenance Employees Brotherhood. He will be absent for several weeks, and James Rivets will succeed Mr. Smith as section foreman n Littleton.

Mrs. Margaret Parker, president, Mrs. A. M. Parker and Mrs. C. A. Kimball, delegates from the Woman's club, attended the Altrurian club in Shirley on Thursday, reciprocity day.

The December meeting of the United Workers was held in Newtown at the home of Mrs. George H. Kimball, Wednesday. Ten ladies were present. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. F. S. Kimball, and the subject of missions among the Spanish-speaking people of America was discussed by Mrs. N. B. Conant, Miss Susie Robbins and Mrs. C. A. Kimball. Mrs. Alvord gave current events, Mrs. A. F. Conant gave the scriptural readings and read a prayer, Mrs. W. E. Conant offered the closing prayer, and the leader gave introductory and concluding remarks. The society voted to send a barrel of clothing south as soon as possible, and the ladies are requested to give such contributors to Miss missions among the Spanish-speaking News Items.

L. Holland.

Robert S. Copp. head carpenter at the Industrial School for Boys, died last Sunday afternoon from the effects of pneumonia after a brief illness of about a week. A prayer service was in Falmouth, Mass.

News Items.

Miss Ruth Goodwin was at home from Salem Business college for the holiday and week-end.

Nelson Parkhurst returned on Tuesday from a week's visit with his aunt whether new or second-hand, will be appreciated.

Roy Canney has gone to Beverly to toy canney has gone to bevery to live and works at his occupation as electrician. He and his brother, El-mer Canney, and family, of Arlington Heights, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canney.

On Sunday morning, at the Congregational church, the men chosen for every-member canvass will meet with the pastor at the close of the service day for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has procured a good position.

George Ladd has George Bellmore from New York State working for thim at present. Mr. Bellmore boards with Norman Bennett,
Harvey Powers was at home from Tufts college for Thanksgiving.

Miss Francis Leighton, who is at South Framingham Normal school, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell. John Bell, of Boston, was at home Thanksgiving day only.

For a brief season of prayer. In the afternoon they will go in twos to their several fields and receive contribution pledges for the church finances of the coming year. Every home represented in the parish will be visited and at the evening service the regular from the various canvassers may be given. At the close of the meeting light refreshments will be served to the canvassers and their wives. At the morning service last Sunday Mrs. W. F. Conant, of Brookline, rendered a for a brief season of prayer. In the the canvassers and their wives. At the morning service last Sunday Mrs. W. F. Conant, of Brookline, rendered a most acceptable solo, "Thy will be done," and sang a prayer response Both were much appreciated and enjoyed. It is expected that A. P. Gardner will favor the congregation with a rela on Sunday morning accompanied

solo on Sunday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Gardner as organist. Rev. J. C. Alvord has been in phila delphia on personal business greater part of this week.

The Thanksgiving meeting was atended by twenty-eight persons, who heard an inspiring sermon by Rev. H. .. Caulkins, and entered into the spirit of the very helpful service of praye and praise.

Through the courtesy of Dea. F. S. Kimball and Charles H. Yapp, Mrs. F. S. Kimball's Sunday school class, with their teacher, enjoyed an automobile ride to Boston and heard Rev. Billy Sunday preach on "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," an eloquent sermon given in Mr. Sun-day's characteristic impressive manday's characteristic impressive man-ner. In the party that went as auto guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Conant last week to hear Mr. Sunday were Miss Mary Marshall, Mrs. Julia S. Co-nant and Mrs. A. M. Parker, all of whose names were unintentionally omitted from this column last week.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of Tempieton, spent Thanksgiving and the reladd was elected planist. The promainder of last week at the home of gram was as follows: Vocal duet, Miss her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

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The Christmas exercises at the West school will be held on Friday after-noon, December 15, at one o'clock. All interested are welcome.

Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sander-son were detained in their removal to winter quarters and did not leave town for their Walnut street home in Boston until the middle of this week.

On Monday afternoon, December 11 Miss Alice Whitcomb, hostess, at the Miss Afree Writcomb, nostess, at the Woman's club, will receive the ladies, this being the annual "at home" afternoon. A plano solo by Mrs. Alice Prouty, a vocal duet by Mesdames Hager and Hartwell, and a social tea in charge of Mrs. Beatrice Ames will be some of the attractions in store for club members. for club members.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a food sale in the Unitarian vestry this week Saturday afternoon, beginning at

Ralph Hill, of Southboro, was a nome for Saturday and Sunday. Richard G. Conant, of Passaic, N. J., came home for the week-end. Fred Cook, of Tufts, 1920, spent Thanksgiving recess with his home

J. B. Blodgett is a great sufferer

Baptist Notes The church bell at the Common has been put in repair and is again ring-ing out cheerfully the call to the vari-ous services,

Miss Marguerite Bond of Simmons Miss Marguerite Bond of Simmons college, Boston, presided very acceptably at the organ at the services Sunday. Miss Katherine Kimball also assisted in the musical program with violin solos. Many Thanksgiving visitors were present in the congregation.

tors were present in the congregation.

A union meeting will be held in the chapel Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at three o'clock, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society. All are most cordially inyited. Miss Margaret Suman, who has charge of the Home school at Capiz, Philippine Islands, will be the speaker and will tell about her Brownies, as she cells the seventy orphan children uncalls the seventy orphan children un-der her care. Miss Suman is an un-usually entertaining speaker and the meeting promises to be of uncommor interest. F. Lee Sheppy, 8th floor-243 W. 17th St., New York City, General Sales Manager of the largest concern of its

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try of Deeds, South District, Book 4072, Page 295, and duly assigned to the subscriber, and for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, will be sold on Saturday, December 30, 1916, at three o'clock P. M., at public auc tion held on the premises, viz: The land in that part of Pepperell called East Pepperell with the buildings thereon, excepting the bicycle house, so-called, which is to be treat-

ed as personal property and to be re-

moved by the grantors, situated in the Easterly part of said Pepperell and ounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easter FANCY CHEESES beginning at a point on the Easterly and Southerly side of Hollis and Nashua Streets, respectively; thence Easterly on said Nashua Street about three hundred and fifty (350) feet to an iron pipe set in the ground to land of H. A. Parker; thence Southerly in thirty (130) feet by land of said Parker to the Nissittissitt River; thence Westerly by said Nissittissitt River to

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Terms: Cash. Other terms an nounced at time and place of sale. EVERETT L. TURNER, Assignee of Mortgage. Boston, Mass., Dec. 5, 1916.

COMMONWEALTH. OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN H. WHITCOMB late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ALFRED A. WHITCOMB who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY LILLIAN BROWN late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by FRANKLIN FREEMAN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him or to some other suitable person, the executrix named in said will having deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of NOAH PAYSON SMITH late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond and appointing ANNIE F. SMITH of said Pepperell his agent as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

upon to make payment to WALTER T. SMITH, Executor.

Montelair, N. J.

At the recent meeting of the Townsend Hill Improvement society, the following officers and committees were elected: Frank Barber, pres.; Mrs. George Hartford, v. p.; Mrs. Stanley McNear, sec. and treas; Miss Alberta D. Barber, library com; Miss Carrie Walker, librarian; Miss Ruth Morse, assistant.

assistant.

Miss Alberta D. Barber and her mother, Mrs. Abbie A. Barber, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greenleaf as auto guests, motored to Boston Wednesday to hear Rev. William Sunday. They report being favorably impressed with the personality of the evangelist and his stirring message and earnest appeal for the cause of Christ.

Wrs. George (Units has been speed)

pear for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. George Clarke has been spending several days at the home of herdaughter, Mrs. Edwin Harvey, in Danvers. While there she attended the Rev. William A. Sunday meeting in Boston.

Miss Freda Jodery, of Concord, has been visiting her father, Amos Jodery, of Stevens' hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwinell and children, of North Easton, have made a brief visit to the home of Mrs. Albert 1984.

Miss Lillian Ware, of Malden, is enjoying a several-weeks' visit as guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Upham.

of Mr. and Mrs. George Upham.

At the second meeting of the community Christmas tree committee the following officers and committees were chosen: Herman C. Knight, chairman; Mrs. Harry Whitcomb, sec.; T. J. Harvey, treas.; A. N. Fessenden, Elmer Wallace, committee to procure tree; Oliver Clark, chairman, with assistants to be chosen by him, decoration, com.; Herman C. Knight, chairman, assistants to be chosen by him.

without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's lishing this citation to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons intersected in the estate, seven days at least before-said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
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E. M. ESTY, Register.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSTY.
SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
The L. B. S. of the Congregational church announce their annual sale to be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 13, in Memorial hall. The following chairmen have been appointed: Mrs. Annie Bliss, dincy table; Mrs. Mary Davis, candy table; Mrs. Mary Norris, flowers and plants; Mrs. Joshua Swicker in charge of the coream; Mrs. Emma Seaver, childered in the estate, seven days at least before-said Court.

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COMMONWEAL er. The whip was given by O. B. Mudgett & Co. Richard Rusk won first prize in the ring pitching contest with a score of 8 out of 14. The prize was a \$6.50 sweater given by George H. Brown, of Ayer. Fred Temple and Charles Richards tied with seven each for second prize, a gold-filled watch chain, given by C. W. Hildreth. Temple won the prize when they pitched off the tie. The attendance and liberal patronage of the townspeople was appreciated by the band, and it is was appreciated by the band, and it is estimated that the proceeds vamount to over seventy-five dollars.

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Holiday Home-comers.

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Melvin Davis; Miss Gertrude Rockwood, of Watertown, and Mr. and Mrs.
William Whitcomb, of Newton, with W. F. Rockwood; Mrs. Charlotte French, and Herbert French, of Milford, N. H., with George A. French;

TOWNSEND

Center.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood held in the Methodist church veatry on Tuesday evening the following of months: George A. Wilder, press. Wilder, G. Eastman, read Arthur G. Eastman, of Dower, and Dower,

the steep Stevens' hill on last Saturday afternoon. Some part of the harness broke or became unfastened and the horse ran, overturning the wagon and throwing out the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Jodery and children. Fortunately they escaped serious injury, being badly shaken up and somewhat bruised. The horse was caught upon the river road and returned to the farm, the wagon being quite badly smashed.

The household goods of Mrs. Mary

The household goods of Mrs. Mary Davis, which have been at the home of Augustus Bruce, have been removed to the Center, where she will make her home.

Rev. Joseph MacKean attended the meeting of the Ministers' association in Fitchburg on Monday.

Miss Ruth Bennett has been visiting relatives in Worcester this week.

Albert Adams, of Providence, R. I., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams. Miss Myrtle Hobart, who has been spending a six-weeks' vacation with her mother, Mrs. William Robbins, has returned to her work in Waltham.

The annual sale of fancy work, quilts, aprons and ice cream, under the auspices of the L. E. A. S., will be held at the reading-room on Tuesday afternoon and evening, and in the evening a social time with the exhibition of the Movie-scope." accompanied by music upon the Victola.

Mildred Moulton, of the Center, is quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, where she is employed. Mrs. Mary Welch and daughter Alice have returned to their home here for the present.

Andrew Jodery and family, from Worcester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jodery on Stevens' hill last week. dren's booth. Supper served in banquet hall at six o'clock, Mrs. Lilla Estes chairman of supper committee: entertainment at eight, in charge of Mrs. Harriet Spaulding.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., is to entertain the Townsend, Groton and Pepperell lodges on Tuesday evening, December 12.

Successful Concert and Dance.

A large number were present at the

on Sunday at the Baptist church on "The making of a modern minister," and in the evening his topic will be "Seven essentials in the christian life." The Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "Defy evil." Leader, Miss Gladys Rawson.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on Wednesday evening with a good attendance. Besides the regular routine business it was voted to assist in purchasing new song mooks for the

Mrs. Charles Morgan is quite ill at her home and under the doctor's care. Mrs. Roy Brown is quite ill with the prevailing cold

Mrs. Blaisdell, of Franklin, Me., is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Boyn-Mr. and Mrs. Berard and family

have been visiting relatives in Ash burnham. Mrs Clarence Elliott is very gerlous

ly ill with pneumonia and has a trained nurse in attendance. Miss Alice Wyman, a former resident here, now employed in Worcester, visited old friends here this week. Mrs. Carrie Chase, of Groton, has

auto trip to Worcester and Springfield.
Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Tenney will reside at the home of the bride's parents on Maple street at the Center.
The bride was born in Halifax, N. S., coming to Townsend when a child and attending the Center schools. By her winsome manner she was ever fill the vacancy was laid upon the table for the president, Mrs. Henry, IS. Hathaway, was read and accepted with regret, and the matter of election of someone to fill the vacancy was laid upon the table for the present. Interesting current events were given by the members, after which Miss Alice Seaver gave an account and synopsis of "The house of mirth," by Mrs. Edith Wharton. The next meeting will be a continuation of Mrs. Wharton's works by Miss Alice Seaver, in place of Mrs. G. A. Lawrence.

Hallian Home-compose The Ladies' Study club met at the

George Frederick Tenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tenney, of this village, one of the popular young men of the place, was married on Wednesday the place, was married on Wednesday afternoon of last week by Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, his former pastor, at the parsonage of the Highland Baptist church in Fitchburg, to Miss Ella V. Misner, of the Center. After a brief wedding trip, visiting relatives, the happy couple will return to the Center,

New Advertisements

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Bank Rooms on Monday, January 1, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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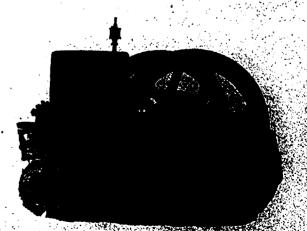
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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. W. J. Rouse has been confined to her home with an attack of rheu-

matism.

The O. H. I. S. held a social at their hall on Monday evening, November 27, with a short program, music and games. On Friday evening, December 15, the December committee of the society are planning to hold an entertainment for the benefit of the Christmas festivities and the Sunday school. The two farces, "The modern English" and "Jumbo Jum" will be given and there will also be music and readings. A liberal patronage is anticipated considering the object for which it is given.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prescott were

Mr. and Mrs. William Prescott were at the Prescott place at North Pep-perell on Sunday.

Miss Ada Whitney attended the neeting of the Middlesex-Worcester omona Grange in Fitchburg on

Ernest O. Nash has severed his connection with the American Caseine Company and re-enters the employ of the Forbes Lithograph Company in Chelsea. His goods went from here by auto truck on Tuesday and his family left to join him this week.

Miss Mabel Hinckley, with her mother, of Hollis, N. H., spent Thanks-giving with Miss Mary Wilson at the Mrs. Alfred Hill and son spent Mon-day and Tuesday at the Hill place on

Mrs. Bessie Allen is preparing to leave for her winter home in St. Louis. Mo., next week, closing her Elm street

home.

The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13.

Miss Carrie Shattuck came from Laconia, N. H., last week to spend the holiday and week-end with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Parker. Leslie Parker was also at home from Dean academy for the holiday vacation.

The marriage of Lindsay Perry, son

emy for the holiday vacation.

The marriage of Lindsay Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, of this town, now residing in Winthrop, to Miss Adn Barron, of Beachmont, was salemnized at the Congregational parsonage on Thanksgiving eve. A reception followed at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Barron. Mr. and Mrs. Perry included a trip to Pepperell by auto on Thanksgiving day as part of their wedding trip. They will reside in Beachmont.

Leo Thayer was at home the first of

Leo Thayer was at home the first of his week, returning to Worcester on

Mrs. Anna Nutting came from Shir-ley to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Leroy Nutting, and banily. Ger-y Nutting from Boston was also at the home of his parents for the day.

Edgar Blake returned from his trip St. Louis, Mo., and Akron, Ohio. n Sunday evening.

More Pepperell news will be found

occurred on Friday, December 1, at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. T. the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. T. Blood, Province street, after patient suffering for ten years from an incurable disease. For the past three years she has been cared for by her sister, having been confined to her bed for four weeks. Mrs. White was the daughter of Henry and Augusta Chase and was born in Nashua, N. H. August 29, 1870. Her marriage to George White of this town occurred in 1887. They resided in town for several years and later in Nashua.

were many beautiful floral There were many beautiful normitributes from relatives and friends at the services which were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock, from her late home. The services were in charge of Rev. W. H. Beers of the Methodist church and selections of hymns were rendered by Mrs. Copp and Mr. Beers. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Agustan Milette died at the home of his sister. Mrs. Lessure. Province street, on Wednesday after an illness of some weeks. He was a native of Three Rivers, Province of Quebec, having been born there in 1829. He has been a resident of this town for some time, living with his brother. Peter Milette, up to the time of his death, about two years ago. He is survived by the sister above-mentioned, Mrs. Lessure. Services will be held ed, Mrs. Lessure. Services will be held from St. Joseph's church this Satured, Mrs. Lessure. Services will be less from St. Joseph's church this Satur-day morning, and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church on Sunday is the appointed time for the every-member canvass. The pastor will preach an appropriate sermon at 10.45, outlining the work. Early in the afternoon a company of twenty-five men, in groups of twos, will start out and attempt to cover all the territory where the families of the church reside. All friends of the church are invited to be present at the morning reside. All friends of the church are invited to be present at the morning service and be at home in the afternoon to receive the callers. A supper will be served the canvassers at six, o'clock and they will report at the evening service. A little co-operation will make this a great success, and it is coming to be the approved method of church support.

A special offering will be taken at the morning service for the Christmas celebration of the Sunday school. A committee consisting of the Misses Flora Boynton and Dorothy Dennen and Earl Nutting were appointed for the Christmas tree and entertainment.

The committee for the Christmas concert to be held Sunday evening. December 24, are the superintendent of the Sunday school, George H. Shattuck, Rev. J. B. Lewis and Miss Anna. Peabody.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs.

E. Foye Brown was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday for an operation for adenoids and enlarged tonsils, which was successful.

Dr. H. H. Cleveland and children, from Wellesley, spent Friday of last week at their summer home on Hollis road. Mrs. Cleveland joined them on Sunday, and all returned home in the afternoon by auto.

Mrs. W. J. Rouse has been confined

The Woman's Missionary society will meet at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at three o'clock for a study of the first chapter of World's Missions and World Peace. This is an open meeting and all women are invited.

The Mon's club of Pennerall recent

The Men's club of Pepperell, recent-ly organized, will hold their next meet-ing on Friday evening, December 15, at the vestry. The club is open to any man over sixteen years of age who cares to join.

Following the vesper service last Sunday evening Rev. Edward Cummings addressed a large congregation. In the course of his address he referred to Billy Sunday's statement: "that the Unitarian belief in the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man was heresy and a lie." He controverted Sunday's idea of God as a king as contrary to the teaching of Jesus, and also to the Lord's prayer, which says. "Our father." The fatherhood of God is a central feature of Christ's teaching. Much interest was aroused by his powerful discourse.

The Men's club of the First Parish home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barry for

aroused by his powerful discourse.

The Men's club of the First Parish will hold its regular meeting in the vestry of this church on Tuesday evening, December 19. J. Walter Smith will address the club on the characteristics of the English people and their attitude as affected by the war.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject. "Jesus, the carpenter." In the evening, at 7.30; his subject will be "Jesus, the lawyer and statesman."

At the Epworth league service at 6,45 the subject will be "The mission of the religious newspaper." Leader. Halph Buck.

The thank offering received at the The thank offering received at the recent Federation service was turned over to the mercy and help department of the Epworth league and serai dinners were sent out to shut-ins at Thanksgiving time, and other little membrances.

In the Sunday school at Thanksgiv-ing a box full of fruit and vegetables was collected and sent to the Little Wanderers' Home, Boston

Wanderers' Home, Boston
Committees for the Christmas cole-bration are planning to have a tree with Christmas exercises on Saturday evening, December 237 and a concert on Sunday evening. The decorations for the church are in charge of the Pennemaquan Camp-fire circle, under the direction of Mrs. Beers.

The Junior Camp-fire circle, the Babbatassetts, are bushly at work making scrapbooks for the children of the war countries which are to be forwarded through the Red Cross relief station in time to reach the children by Christmas. by Christmas.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will meet on Friday afternoon, Decent-ber 15, with Mrs. W. B. Drury, Pleasant street. A paper will be given by Mrs. J. L. Boynton; subject, "The hills of Pengerell"

and was born in Nashua, N. H., August 29, 1870. Her marriage to George White of this town occurred in 1887. They resided in town for several years and later in Nashua.

Mrs. White is survived by one sister, Mrs. Blood, also, by two brothers. Edgar F. Chase and Willis J. Chase, both of this town.

There were many beautiful flower.

The Woman's club was entortained to Pepperell."

Lindsay A. Perry, formerly of this town, was recently married in Beachmont to Miss Ada Barrow, of that place. They were accompanied to Pepperell by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perry, and were guests of their father. Willis Perry, and were guests of their father. The Woman's club was entortained.

Hobart over Minksgiving.

The Woman's club was entertained in Tuesday by Prof. C. N. Pollard, his subject being "Incidents in life abroad," Mr. Pollard described in a very interesting manner his life spent abroad, particularly that part spent in Berlin. Following his address he gave piano selections of Russian, Hungarlan, Austrian, French, Polish, 'Italian and Carrent pusic which was much nd German music, which was much appreciated by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilson and Miss Ade-laide Gilson, of Gardner, were Thanks-giving guests of Mrs. N. M. Gutterson. Mrs. A. C. Wakefield, of Littleton, spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. Richardson, coming with her nephew. J. H. Hardy, who lectured on "The packing and grading of apples" at Grange hall.

Grange hall.

The L. S. C. Alliance Branch will hold its monthly all-day meeting on Priday, December 15, in the church parlor of First Parish at 10.30 o'clock. Business at eleven o'clock. Luncheon at one o'clock. At half-past two the meeting will be addressed by Rev. W. H. Beers of the Methodist church on the work of the Morgan Memorial in Boston. This will be an open meeting.

Mrs. Samuel Marshall and children Hartford, Conn. Miss Marion Clapp spent the latter part of the week visiting at West New-ton and Brookline, also going to hear Billy Sunday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shei

Master Lawrence Corey spent the week-end with his grandmother, Julia

terested in the coming of the Swafford Players, which opens a week's engagement at Tarbell's Opera House, commencing Monday. Bearing in mind that old and true rule. "the play is the thing," the company offers their patrons this season some of the best class of plays obtainable for stock production. As with the plays, so with the acting company. It is high-grade in every respect, and to make the attraction complete the management promises some extra good vaudeville between the acts. No attraction playing at popular prices offers the theatregoing public more for their money than does the Swafford Players. The opening play, "What's your wife doing," is not a lurid melo-drama, but an excellent presentation of a modern theme, dear to the hearts of all loyal Americans. It is vastly different from other play in its class, in as much as the characters are strictly human. The kind you feel delighted to laugh, and the sentiment is so harmoniously blended with it that people are heard to remark upon leaving the theatre, "I am glad that I came—what are you going to play tomorrow?"

HARVARD

News Items.

The next meeting of the music study class will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 11, at 2.15 at the home of Miss Annie Reed. The meeting will be devoted to the study of two early composers, Handel and Haydn. Rev. H. C. Merrill will conduct Sun-day evening services at the Unitariar church throughout December at sev-

The annual concert and ball giver

by the chemical company members proved to be very successful despite the very disagreeable weather, upwards of eighty couples attending. The concert given by the Salem Cadet orchestra was one of the best every the trombone soles by At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The divinity of Christ and the divinity of man." At the vesper service at seven o'clock Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, of Cambridge, will preach. All persons are cordially invited. Sunday school will meet at noon as usual Preparations are being made for Christmas celebration for the church and Sunday school, with religious tableaux on Sunday evening, December 24.

Following the vesper service last Sunday evening Rev. Edward Cummings addressed a large congregation.

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Corp. William J. McNamara of the coast artillery stationed at Fort Greble, Newport, R. J., was here with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Goldsmith, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barry for the week-end and over Sunday.

There will be an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. W. P. Farwell or Thursday, December 14, for members of the Unitarian church parish.

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Messrs. Dadmun & Maynard will
give a special motion picture show for
the benefit of the children on Monday
evening. December 25. Christmas
night. All children under fifteen years
of age will be admitted free. Miss Bessie Goldsmith has taken osition in Boston.

position in Boston.

Mrs. Maria Harrod went to East Lexington on Wednesday for a few weeks' stay with her son. Edgar Harrod. She made the journey by auto. Mrs. H. Emma Whitney going down with her and visiting a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Harrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrod.

On last Saturday evening Orlando Cutler Doe, of Hawbuck Grange, Old Mill, was united in marriage to Miss Olive Locke, of Lexington, at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Locke was a student of Wellesley coliege, and Mr. Dee is a graduate of Dartmouth college. They will make their home in Harvard.

Miss Lillian Heselton visited a few days this week with her uncle, I. E. Morse, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bryant have moved into the Atherton house on

Harvard common

Mrs. Roswell Davis suffered a severe shock on last Saturday and is in a very critical condition. She is being cared for at the home of her brother, Mrs. Annie Barrett, with her daugher. Miss Florence, spent Thanksgiv-ng with Ole Gabrielson and family.

Misses Margaret and Celia Bagster spent Thanksgiving in Lowell with their sister, Miss Emma Bagster.

Announcements are out of the engagement of Miss Emily Whitney, of this town, to Albert Huse, of Columbus, Ohio.

The first supper and sociable at the Baptist vestry for the season will be held on Friday evening. December 15 The entertainment will be mixed, and among the numbers the colored parson, Rev. Alexander Johnson, will reseat the segment the space at one peat the sermon that he gave at one of the sociables last year.

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'Mrs. Adeliza Turner and Mrs. Preston Knight had a well patronized sale of fancy work at Mrs. Turner's on Wednesday and Thursday.

Last Sunday morning, at the communion service of the Baptist church, William C. Haskell was made a deacon. Mr. Haskell has served as assistant deacon for some time. Deacon Farnsworth does not feel able to do the work of deacon at communion services, etc., and so Deacon Haskell was elected as third deacon.

A new furnace has been installed at the parsonage in place of the old one, that became so badly rusted as to be beyond practical repair.

beyond practical repair.

On Monday morning William B.
Haskell found that some one had broken the lock to his garage during the previous night. Nothing was taken away as far as he knows. Evidently they went in for the automobile, but as he had the key to the starter in his pocket they were unable to start the car and so had their tenthle for their nains. rouble for their pains.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Hutcherson took a party of ladies from Har-vard to the union fair in Ayer.

Mrs. Julia Keyes is visiting her prother, Abel Willard, and family on Prospect hill road.

Prospect hill road.

At the vesper and missionary meeting in the Baptist chapel last Sunday evening Miss Madeline Russell gave a mandolin solo, Miss Alice M. Harrod a piano solo, and Mrs. Mary Haskell and Miss Edna Robinson sang a duet. The missionary reading was from the experiences of a missionary in China.

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Merrifield, Miss Laura A. Brown and Miss Ruth Willard; Rev. and Mrs. L. Bullou, Helen Higgins, Prayer meet. Worcester; John Sprague, of Shirley, was with his daughter. Mrs. Slas Haynes; Mrs. Anna Flanders entertained Elisha D. Stone, Miss Esther Stone, of Ayer, and Miss Edith Stone, of West Newton, took dinner at the old homestead with his sister, Miss Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Raymond Carruth dined with Mr. and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Mrs. Alice Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carruth and Mrs.

TOWNSEND

way for a week.

The L. B. S. of the Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas sale in the church hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. December 20. The sale opens at 2.30 with apron. candy, fancy and food tables; also, other attractions.

The value of the Methodist church is Maynard.

Miss. George Brackett, have returned to Maynard.

Miss. Eva Whitcomb has returned to her teaching at the Longfellow school, Sanford, Me. Sunday, Misses Amy and Eva Whitcomb attended the Billy Sunday meeting in Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers en-

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association has been post-poned from next Tuesday to the sec-ond Tuesday in January, when the en-tertainment committee are in hopes to have an illustrated lecture.

George L. Eastman has returned from New York State, where he has been visiting his sons, Perley Eastman, of Albany, and Jasper Eastman, of Binghampton. Mr. Eastman will board for the winter at the home of George H. Kendall, Elm street.

Miss Adelaide Weil and friend, who have been home guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett, have returned

postice in bother, Rev. E. N. Hardy, and friends witnessed in used. Miss Lettlia Howell, siste of the bride, and Charles S. Dudley brother of the groom, were the attending parties.

A reception was tendered the couple immediately after the ceremony and directly at its close Mr. and Mrs. Dudley left for an extended wedding trip. Upon their return they will reside at 35 Dudley street, Fitchburg. Townsend friends extend best wishes for a bright and happy future.

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Miss Marion Ames of Brockton spent Thanksgiving with her mother, also Miss Florence Ames of Fitchburg.

The Swafford Players.

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A number of Grangers attended the Tuesday evening at the home of Miss during the afternoon's marshall, who has been spending this week at C. F. Business meeting held and a treatment of the Land of Jove with the song birds," program the popular bird song, "In the C. E. business meeting held and a treatment of the Land of Jove with the song birds," program the popular bird song, "In the C. E. business meeting held and a treatment of the Land of Jove with the song birds," program the popular bird song, "In the C. E. business meeting held and a treatment of the Land of Jove with the song birds," program the popular bird song, "In the C. E. business meeting held and a treatment of the Land of Jove with the song birds," program the popular bird song, "In the C. E. business meeting held and the Land of Jove with the song birds," Alice Davis the following officers and committees were elected: Miss Made committees were elected the Miss Marshall, who has been spending this week at C. F. Business and the land of Jove with the song birds, and the land of Jove with the song birds, and the land of Jove with the song birds, and the land of Jove

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Mrs. Mark Colby is ill with pneu-nonia under the care of a Fitchburg

Mrs. Nancy Longley of Shirley came Wednesday for a several weeks' visit vith her sister, Mrs. Emma Davis. Annie Griggs, Gertrude Higgins, Florence Lancey, Harley Parker, Charlotte
Struthers, Missionary—Amy Whitcomb, Amy Rixford, Alice Wilder,
Music—Stella Farrar, George Searles,
Charlotte Struthers, Alice Davis, Flower—Mrs, Clara Clement, Albert Cowland, Lena Barnes, Lois Wilder,
Much sympathy is expressed by Willard, Harold Parker, camp council. John Sears of Rockport has been mid-week guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles B. Hart of Boston spent Wednesday as guest of Mrs. Abbie Lewis Bruce.

Wedding.

Townsend friends will be interested Townsend triends will be interested in the following wedding item as the groom, Edwin E. Dudley, is a Townsend boy, his paternal home being on what is known as the Dudley road. Mr. Dudley is a worthy young man, a graduate of the Townsend High school and popular with his mates and friends:

friends:
Edwin Everett Dudley and Miss
Eileen Ethel Howell were married at
the home of the groom's brother, 3c
Dudley street, Fitchburg, at two
o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. stewart. Fitchburg road, Thanksaivsing, their one son and five daughters
on Monday a son, John Alfred, was
being present, besides invited guests.
On Monday a son, John Alfred, was
born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Alfred Parkter, Fitchburg road.

Miss Adelaide Weil and friend, who
have been home guests of Mr. and
have been home guests of the home.

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