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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Mrs. W. H. Godfrey and her two youngest sons, Everett and Carlton, spent Thanksgiving with her daughters, Misses Ethel and Edna Godfrey, who are going to school in Hopkinton. Miss E. E. Hildreth is leaving on Monday for New Jersey to spend the winter. Mrs. Parsons accompanies her.

Mrs. A. H. Bigelow spent a few days of last week in Worcester with her sister, Miss Sawyer, who returned with her for a Saturday to Monday visit.

Each member of Mrs. C. R. White's dancing class invited a little friend to their little party on this Saturday afternoon. They will dance fancy figures in their gowns and will serve ice cream and cake. Their parents and grown-up friends are invited to come and look on.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maynard entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fairbank and Miss Mildred Fairbank on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gale entertained their family party on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Preston and little son went to New Hampshire to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Preston's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bigelow, Miss L. F. Sawyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bigelow.

Other family parties were: The large one of more than twenty, which includes the Dickson, Atwood and Bigelow families at W. F. Dickson's; one at F. A. Houghton's, including Miss Abbott, Mr. Abbott and Charles L. Farnsworth and family of Ayer.

Misses Helen and Marian Dickson returned with their grandfather, Mr. Atwood, to his home in Plymouth, and will stay until Christmas.

The committee of food table at the King's Daughters' sale on Thursday, December 10, request all who live conveniently near to bring their food in the hall on the forenoon of that day, any time after 9.30. Someone will be there to receive their donations.

Mrs. J. M. Eaton returned Thursday from a week's visit with friends in Wellesley.

Page Edmonds of Watertown spent the holidays with the family of Dr. Royal.

The King's Daughters hold their annual afternoon sale on Thursday, December 9, from two to five o'clock. There will be tables of fruit, fancy articles, cake, preserves, tea, aprons and candy. Admission free. All earnestly invited to patronize this sale.

The ladies of the Orthodox society hold their first supper and entertainment at the church vestry, Friday evening, December 10. A musical program has been arranged for the entertainment.

Rev. J. B. Mason gave a very interesting lecture on mission work in Japan last Sunday evening, illustrated with some very fine views of that country.

The grange meet on Tuesday evening next. The business of the evening is election of officers for the year 1910. As there are several surprises, it is hoped a large attendance will be present.

Monday evening next the I. O. O. F. work the initiatory degree on a candidate.

#### Still River.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. Luther Willard this week. Miss Helen Stone gave instrumental music on the piano, and Miss Katherine Lawrence gave a synopsis of the chapters read at the previous meeting, after

which Mrs. Haynes and Miss Laura Brown gave readings from the book that they are reading, "Anne of Avonlea." There were present Mrs. W. S. Dudley, Edith Dudley, Mrs. W. C. Willard, Mrs. George Cross, Laura Brown, Mrs. Luther Willard, Mrs. J. R. Bigelow, Alice Harrod, Helen Stone, Jennie Willard, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Katherine Lawrence and Mrs. S. B. Haynes.

Mrs. Hannah Harrod is quite ill with a cold. Mrs. Lizzie Arlin of Wilton, N. H., was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Keyes last week; also Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Myrtle of West Boylston called upon her Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard returned from a visit in Winchester with their daughters, Monday.

Mrs. H. B. Haskell and Mrs. H. D. Stone, were guests of the Woman's club in Ayer, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Hutcherson and Chester Willard are kept busy with their corp-husking machine. They have been working in Bolton for the past week, and there are many farmers who wish to get them to husk their corn, if the good weather only lasts long enough for them to get around to them. Mr. Hutcherson has just bought a much more powerful gasoline engine for use on the husking machine, and for sawing wood, pumping water and other purposes.

Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman, Miss Eliza and Fred Bateman returned from a week's visit in Arlington, Wednesday.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The Thanksgiving season brought to their homes many of our boys and girls who are studying or teaching out of town. Among the number were Miss Clara Fletcher from Mattapoisett; Miss Lucy Houghton from Keene, N. H.; Miss Bertha Stratton from Nahant; Miss Esther McEnnis from Ludlow; Miss Margaret Thacher from Lasell seminary; Misses Lucy and Emily Adams from Waltham; Benjamin Conant from Malden; V. Herbert Frouty from Worcester academy.

At the C. P. Hartwell home there was a large gathering of children and grandchildren at Mrs. E. K. Adams' there was the usual home-coming, also at P. S. Whitcomb's, H. J. Harwood's, J. H. Whitcomb's, J. W. Thacher's, J. A. Kimball's, Mrs. Mary J. Kimball's, James Smith's and others.

Few homes welcomed to their portals as unusual company as that which was entertained at "Bonnie Brae," where four generations enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox. They were Mr. and Mrs. G. Warren Cox of Barre, with their children, and Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, and her grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Johnson, the latter eighty-eight years of age. To Mrs. A. M. Hendley must be given the unique distinction of serving to her guests, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hosmer, Madam Hosmer and Edgar Hendley a most appetizing pie made from a 1903 squash, only sixteen months old, and not a graduate from cold storage.

Many who anticipated the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening were unable to do so on account of the severe storm, and were much disappointed to lose an excellent address. Thanksgiving ball was well attended and the usual good time was reported.

On Thursday of last week the body of Mrs. Wanda Woods, aged ninety-six years, was brought to town for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Woods were for many years residents of West Littleton, living in the Edward M. Ruggles' house on Harvard road.

Mrs. Laura Farmer arrived in town, Tuesday night, and expects to make her home in Littleton again.

James Smith, Boston and Maine section foreman, and one of the delegates from the United States, started last Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., where he will attend the International convention of Way Maintenance employes. It is his intention to be absent from home three weeks.

The railroad gates at the crossing near Littleton station have received a coat of white paint in accordance with New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad custom.

Several women who won distinction in dramatics at the "Old Maids' convention," last year, have in charge the entertainment scheduled in the Backlog calendar for next Thursday evening, December 9.

The Woman's club has a supply of Red Cross stamps to be sold for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis crusade. They may be obtained from Mrs. C. M. Hartwell, treasurer.

"The nun at the tavern," a most delightful and clever bit of literature and well deserving a place among the classics, was published in the Pacific Monthly for October. The author, Rev. James Church Alvord, is well known to Littleton audiences in general and to the Congregational church in particular.

Last Sunday Rev. P. G. Favor read a letter of grateful acknowledgement from the Congregational church in Talladega, Ala., for the second-hand hymn books and books with responsive readings sent a short time ago from his church.

Miss Beth Robinson was at home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard Hartwell will be glad to see their friends at their home on Hartwell avenue on their sixtieth wedding anniversary, Monday afternoon, December 6, from two to four o'clock.

J. L. Holland, secretary of the Shirley Co-operative bank, will give an informal talk on co-operative banking in the selectmen's room, Wednesday, December 8, at 7.45 p. m. Come and hear how to save money and build your own home. Shares of the fifth series are now on sale.

Tuesday afternoon, December 7, an extra session of the Arts and Crafts society will be held at Mrs. Abbott's, at the usual time. Members of the class are requested to bring all their finished work.

#### About Town.

The next number on the Backlog calendar will be a social entertainment in the Unitarian vestry, Thursday evening, December 9.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hopkins were in Wakefield over Sunday with relatives.

The King's Daughters' circle meets Tuesday afternoon, December 7, with Miss Elizabeth Thacher.

The Guild meeting in the Unitarian vestry will be led by George Howard on the topic, "The war against intoxicants."

The Case house is in quarantine, as one of the children has diphtheria.

The water that has just been put into the town house building is pronounced very nice and the children don't have to go out to the neighbors for it.

Little Augustus Hosmer is doing finely after his operation Monday. He is in the care of a well-trained competent nurse.

#### Dramatic.

The Arts and Crafts class will give a dramatic entertainment in the town hall, Friday evening, December 10, commencing at eight o'clock. The extremely entertaining three-act farce comedy, "The elopement of Ellen," will be presented by members of the class. Cast of characters: Richard Ford, devoted young husband; Molly Ford, his wife; Robert Shepard, Molly's brother; Max Ten Eyck, a chum of Robert; Dorothy Mars, engaged to Max, a guest of Mrs. Ford; June Haverhill, Wellesley '10, who is doing some investigation for economics courses during the summer; John Hume, rector of St. Agnes.

The Arts and Crafts class has been most fortunate in securing the Cynthian orchestra and the Ladies' quartet to render music during the evening.

Immediately after the play there will be an exhibit of baskets, to which you are invited.

Seats now on sale at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell.

### TOWNSEND.

#### Center.

Quite a few Rebekahs from town attended the institution of the Rebekah lodge at Groton, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren enjoyed a brief visit to Edward Ordway's, Cambridge over Thanksgiving.

George Ernest Clark and Miss Katherine Stahl, both of Lynn, were united in marriage Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Clark is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Clark, Main street.

Miss Mary E. Worcester and Joseph E. Worcester of Boston were recent guests at C. F. Worcester's.

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## WESTFORD.

Center.

Mrs. J. W. Pine has the sincere sympathy of her many friends in the death of her sister, Mrs. Matilda Moses, who died at her home in Manchester, N. H., last week, the result of a paralytic shock. It is within the year that Mrs. Pine's daughter Olive died, and these two deaths in the family circle coming so conspicuously near together are indeed cause for sadness.

H. L. Wright spent Sunday with the Henry M. Wright's at Quincy this last week.

The Donald M. Camerons have gone for their annual winter sojourn in Lowell.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church held a well-attended meeting at the parsonage, Tuesday afternoon. Miss Loker, the president, gave an interesting report of the recent annual meeting of the Woman's board in Boston, after which the first subject in the new book which is to be the study for the winter was taken up. This book is "The gospel in Latin lands," by Dr. Francis Clark and Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Andrew S. Wright has gone to Waverley to spend the winter with her niece, Miss Amy Newcomb.

The southern immigration fever has taken quite a hold of our residents. The genial Fred A. Smith is the latest one to catch the germ and has his large milk route for sale and closing up affairs to go to Florida for the winter.

Cards have been received by the Westford relatives for the wedding of Miss Florence Edith Cass to George Alexander Cameron, December 15, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Clark of Somerville. Their future home is also in Somerville. Miss Cass has been a frequent visitor in our village.

Miss Elizabeth Adams of Cambridge was an over-Sunday guest at her cousin's, Mrs. Mary Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher entertained a group of relatives for the initial Thanksgiving in her new home.

William F. Seifer, having wearied of keeping bachelor's hall at the old homestead, went to Lowell, last Wednesday evening, with Miss Jennie McDonald and called on Rev. George B. Dean at the parsonage, 14 Bellevue street, who united them in the bonds of matrimony. After a wedding trip they will occupy the Seifer homestead in South Westford.

Miss Ruth Fisher has been spending the week at Plymouth completing her convalescence from her attack of diphtheria. Miss Gardner of Lowell has been acting as Miss Fisher's substitute at the William E. Frost school. Quarantine has been removed from all the cases of diphtheria and as no new cases have developed it is hoped that the scare is over.

At the Calvin Howard homestead for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howard and little son, John Adams, of Concord, N. H., Miss Alice from Cotuit, and John and George, making the family circle complete.

The Tadmuck club will hold its meeting, Tuesday afternoon, in charge of Miss Edith M. Forster. Miss Forster will read a paper on the conservation of our natural resources. She has arranged a musical program, assisted by Mrs. Oliver Wellington Priest of Portsmouth, N. H.; Miss Marian Stanley Carlton of Lynn; and Miss Edith Marion Sweet of Forge Village. The meeting will be called promptly at 2.30, at the Orthodox vestry, and will be open to all.

Thanksgiving, the homeliest day in the entire year's calendar of holidays, has come and gone. It was a quiet day in town to all outward appearances, but within the homes were many happy reunions, while many went to gather round festive boards in other places.

There were no public assemblies of any kind scheduled and if there had been the weather would have proved

rather prohibitive to their successful carrying out. To enumerate in detail the various comings and goings would be to chronicle the doings of about every household. All the young people away at school and those teaching in other places had a vacation from Wednesday to Monday, which was enjoyed at their several homes.

Our out-of-town teachers returned to their homes—Miss Babbitt to Fitchburg, Miss Grant to Gloucester, Miss Lawrence to Cambello, and Miss Burnham to Essex.

## Library.

There is an excellent collection of pictures at the library depicting scenes on the southern coast of England. Patrons of the library are also enjoying two other additions which are much of an improvement. The first is a new magazine rack at the right of the entrance to the reading room made from oak to harmonize with the other fittings of the room. A tier of shelves hold the files of magazines which can be taken from the library the same as books. The rack at the top of the shelves holds the latest numbers of the magazines in an upright position, so that one can select at a glance the desired one, and for a library of its size the range of choice is a wide one of monthlies and weeklies. This new feature does away with the crowded condition of the reading table.

The other addition is but one more manifestation of Mrs. Catherine Keeler's interest and loyalty to the library of which she was formerly a trustee. She has recently presented a large revolving stereoscope containing two hundred and fifty views of foreign and American subjects. This has been placed on the table in the conversation room, where it will prove entertaining and instructive to old and young.

## Accident.

The treachery of the automobile was forcibly brought home to one of our townsmen last Saturday afternoon. John M. Abbott accepted an invitation to ride from Boston to Westford from Walter Carl in his new Pope-Hartford machine. When making a sharp turn in the road between Arlington and Concord the brakes failed to work properly and the machine skidded and turned on its side. Both occupants went out without ceremony. Mr. Carl's injuries were slight. Mr. Abbott fractured a collar bone, cut the back of his head, and was bruised in several other places. The car was considerably damaged, so that another had to be secured for the remainder of the journey, which was finished late in the afternoon. Mr. Abbott is as comfortable at his home as can be expected after such an experience.

## About Town.

The winter meetings of the State Board of agriculture will be held at Grange hall, Dracut, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 7, 8 and 9. These meetings are free to the public. Well-known speakers from various parts of the country will be present. The exercises will be open for questions and discussions.

The Fortnightly club held a stirring meeting at the Wright schoolhouse, last week Friday evening. It certainly was stirring, considering that it followed so closely on Thanksgiving turkeys and associations. The next meeting will be held next Friday evening, December 10, and the committee are preparing a literary sparring match on a live question not yet worded out.

Thanksgiving got a lively, jolly send-off at Marshall's hall, in the evening, when West Chelmsford, Westford Corner, Brookside and the suburbs of Oak Hill danced Thanksgiving thankfulness under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Brown and Mrs. Olsen Johnson.

Our old-time neighbor in the Stony Brook valley, Alvin G. Pailley, is ill with the wear of old age and other less attractive features of a rheumatic nature. The doctor has asked it to unclinch and it has partly agreed, but still maintains its memory. Mr. Pailley's age comes close to the gold-headed cane for oldest citizen.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday with Mrs. McMaster, with twelve members and two visitors present. After the business program the president, Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, read a letter from Mrs. Stevenson, the state president. Mrs. Homer Seavey and Mrs. Jannett Wright sang "Life's dream is over" and "The star of the east." Mrs. Belle Walker read three humorous selections, followed by Mrs. Lambert in the same line of entertainment. A general social time for everyone was the final before singing "Blest be the tie that binds." A Thanksgiving barrel of fruit and vegetables and a small sum of money was sent to the Frances

Willard settlement in Boston, and a small sum of money to the flower mission.

Among the omitted items connected with the tenth anniversary of the ministry of Rev. Thomas Jay Horner at Melrose was the presentation of \$100 in gold to Mr. and Mrs. Horner.

Mrs. Winship, the mother of Miss Lizzie Winship, for many years the teacher at the Nabasset school, and of Marcus Winship, for many years the village storekeeper at West Chelmsford, died at her home in West Chelmsford, Wednesday morning, as the result of a fractured skull caused by tripping and falling down stairs. She was far advanced in the eighties.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher's mother from Vermont is visiting at the sunny and modern home of her daughter on Oak Hill.

Miss Belle Walker has recently bought a new upright piano to add to the already musical tendencies at the Walker homestead.

Extensive lawn improvements are still being laid out at the old Levi T. Fletcher homestead, on the Lowell road at Brookside. Augustus F. Whidden has the management of the layout.

The cozy antique bungalow of Nelse Nelson at the corner of Lowell and Chamberlin road at Brookside, is an attractive feature of the village thrift to delight the travelling public.

George W. Bussey has another of those old standby ill turns at his home at Brookside. They never disappear for good, but are always unpleasantly near.

Eugene Ward, who has had an autumn residence at the Brown cottage on Providence road, has wheeled his goods and rights to a winter residence in Lowell. While in town he labored largely at the Fletcher Cold Spring farm.

The Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell has been enabled to establish a department of visiting nursing through the generosity of the proprietors of the Locks and Canals, who contributed \$1400, and an additional sum of \$225 from the North and Carney fund. Miss Blanche Craven, a native of Westford and resident of Graniteville for many years, has been appointed one of the nurses. Thus far there has been 2031 visitations in one year. Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher is a member of the club.

The Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Upsilon, one of the leading high school fraternities of Lowell, held its annual party last week Friday evening at Colonial hall. Over two hundred of the younger set were attracted to the high-minded good time. The now noted Oak Hill district of Westford was represented in the management of the affair by that always active agitator of dormant conditions, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, as chairman of matrons, and Harold E. Fletcher, closest near relative that the laws of life can contain, was one of the prominent committee of arrangements.

The same evening of the burning of Mrs. Reed's barn at Graniteville, there was an explosion in the coal stove at Westford station that made things lively for all kinds of life, excepting human life, which was of a retiring disposition at that hour of the night.

## Graniteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLenna, who now resides in East Lynn, spent the holiday with relatives in this village.

A new furnace has recently been installed in St. Catherine's church, which adds greatly to the comfort of the parishioners.

Mrs. Mary McDermott of Lowell and Miss Annie Dower of Hingham visited friends both here and in North Westford recently. Miss Dower will be pleasantly remembered as a former school teacher in the Long-Sought-for school, where she taught successfully and formed many early friendships.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse and little son Chester of Leominster were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson in this village.

Mrs. May of Fitchburg has been a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson in this village.

The fire engineers have decided that hereafter an alarm of fire will be sounded by the ringing of the bell at the M. E. church and William Gilson has been detailed to attend to this end of the work. In the case of a big fire such as the last two we have had, and when there is grave danger to surrounding property the bells on the Abbot Worsted Co.'s mills and C. G. Sargent's machine shop will also be rung. The matter of calling for assistance from the other companies outside the village rests with the assistant-engineer and captain of the local fire department.

## Wedding.

Miss Exilda Ponier and Mr. Joseph Couture of this village were married at the parochial residence of St. John's church, North Chelmsford, on Thursday afternoon, November 25, Rev. J. J. McNamara being the officiating clergyman. The bride was becomingly attired in a pearl gray silk, cut empire style, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The witnesses were Charles Couture, father of the bridegroom and Edmund Standish, father of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party returned to this village, where a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bridegroom, and which was attended by the immediate family. Among the guests were Miss Amy Ryan and Mr. Gorman of Lowell, and Mr. Edmund Standish of Fall River. After a brief honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Couture will reside in this village.

## Of Incendiary Origin.

Much confusion was experienced here at the fire recently in the many patrons of the telephone line all trying to talk to Chief Sherman H. Fletcher in Westford at the same time. It would seem entirely proper at this time to inform the public that the local fire department has an understanding with Chief Fletcher to the effect whenever there is a fire in Graniteville that a telephone message will be sent to him at once in Westford from the residence of Capt. J. A. Healy in this village. If the kind people with good intentions will only bear this fact in mind a great deal of trouble can be avoided in the future. In relation to the Reed fire on the night of November 22, when two barns were burned, the

fire engineers are making a rigid investigation, as it seems to be the prevailing opinion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Charles F. Rice, chief fire inspector of the Massachusetts State police, was here on last Friday and with the assistant engineer, A. R. Choate, of the Westford fire department, went over the ground very thoroughly. Several persons were questioned as to their whereabouts on the night of the fire, and every possible clue is being followed up very closely. The chief inspector Rice is giving the matter his close attention and says he expects some results in a very few days. The local authorities are also on the lookout, as this case will be pushed to the very limit. It means a whole lot of trouble if the guilty party is only caught, for setting fires is a dangerous business.

## Death.

Word has been received here recently that Mrs. William Miller died in a Lowell hospital on Wednesday, November 24, after a few weeks' illness, leaving a husband and five children. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Malvina Defoe of this village. She leaves two brothers here, Edward and the abbot Worsted Co., and Fred M. Defoe, station agent at East Littleton. "Minnie" Defoe, as she was familiarly called by her young friends, was at one time a member of the old Graniteville dramatic club and will be pleasantly remembered for the prominent part she took in the "Octoroon," when it was presented in Westford town hall several years ago, in aid of St. Catherine's church. She was only thirty-three years of age at the time of her death and the sympathy of the people here is extended to the bereaved family in their sad affliction.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

### News Items.

Mrs. Goodwin and G. F. Hills are installing running water in the house and barn of the Goodwin farm.

Rev. Oakel Fowler Hall, a student in the Andover Divinity school at Cambridge, Mass., occupied the pulpit last Sabbath in the absence of the pastor.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Belle J. Moore, Tuesday afternoon. The union voted to send its annual donation to county superintendent for almshouse work, also its annual donation to Mercy Home; voted to send a Christmas box to the superintendent of the settlement work in Manchester. The following ladies were chosen as delegates to the county convention, to be held in Pilgrim hall, Nashua, December 8, Mrs. Elsie Hayden, Mrs. Clara Walch, Mrs. Fenna Lovejoy.

John H. Worcester W. R. C. held its annual supper, entertainment and sale, Wednesday evening, December 1, at town hall. The entertainment consisted of tableaux, speaking and vocal music. Mrs. Winifred Flagg Simonds, a noted soloist from Lowell, Mass., gave selections during the entertainment. Supper was from six until eight.

The Woman's club met with Mrs. C. A. Colburn, Wednesday afternoon. Current events was given by Mrs. Sanders. A paper, Spain and the Netherlands during the sixteenth century, by Miss Ruth Rogers; reading; selections from "By pike and dyke," Mrs. Colburn.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society met with Mrs. W. C. Hardy, Thursday afternoon.

Grace E. Hardy, who has been spending the past three weeks at home, returned to her clerical duties with the Goodnow, Hunt, Pearson firm, last Monday morning.

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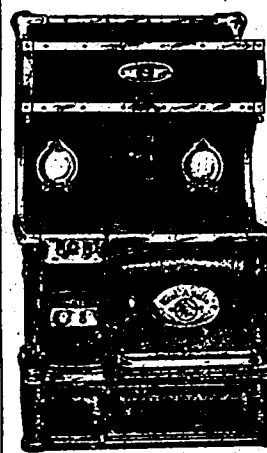
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**PEPPERELL.**

Center.  
Walter Shattuck and his family of Brookline, and Harold Woodward and family of Tilton, N. H., who came to spend Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, remained over Sunday; also Roscoe Woodward and Richard Grant White of Dean academy, Franklin, N. H.

Miss Annah P. Blood left town at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and arrived at the Grand Central station, New York, at ten minutes past ten.

Miss Fannie Murphy of Lowell visited over Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward F. Harmon.

Mrs. Mary M. Pond has been enjoying a visit from members of her late husband's family of Jewett, N. Y.

Mr. Whittridge, who spent the summer at the Reed farm, returned to his Boston home last week.

Miss Effie Carolyn Merrill of Boston was a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucius Wilson, for the Thanksgiving festival. Margherite Chavanaugh, who is a boarder at the same home, spent Thanksgiving with her father in New York city, returning on Monday last.

A telegram was received on Thanksgiving day just as the large company at the home of Deacon Warren S. Wood, comprising his family from out of town, were seated at the table, bearing a greeting from Lloyd L. Chapman in far-away Montana.

Marshall Meriam, educational director of the Y. M. C. A., of Providence, R. T. Elba of the Brighton bank, and their sister, Miss Mae, teacher of music in Mt. Ida seminary, Newton, all gathered at the home on Townsend street on Thanksgiving day.

Alexander Sanderson has sold his farm, which is situated on the boundary line between Groton and Pepperell, to Moses P. Palmer of Groton.

**East.**

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will hold its annual Christmas fair in Central hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 8, from 2.30 to six p. m. A very attractive fancy table will be the center of interest for the grown folks and a Christmas goose for the children. Other tables will supply useful and sweet articles. On Thursday, December 9, a beautiful supper will be served by the ladies from 6.30 to 7.30 p. m. At eight o'clock the young people will present "Christmas at grandpa's."

The December business meeting of the L. S. C. will be held in the ladies' room, Thursday, December 9.

Mrs. Helen A. Pike is visiting her brother, Charles E. Wright, at Baraboo, Wis.

Mr. Burns of Pleasant street has left the employ of I. J. Rowell; D. Stevens has taken Mr. Burns' place and moved into one of Mr. Rowell's houses on Cross street.

Miss Maud Marshall is convalescing quite rapidly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Agnes Cuthbertson, on Pleasant street.

Mrs. John Frossard, who has been quite ill and confined to her room, is able to be out again.

The following people on Cross street and in that vicinity, have had town water installed: James Dunn, Lewis H. Bean, John Frossard and I. J. Rowell, into their own houses and the tenements owned by them; also A. G. Pike.

Miss Helen McCormick was brought home from Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, Tuesday evening, where she had been for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was most successful and Miss Helen is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCormick and little granddaughter, Miss Beatrice Hager, spent Thanksgiving with their daughter in Fitchburg, Miss McCormick and Miss Beatrice remaining over until Saturday.

Mrs. Alfred Boynton is at her home and is expecting Miss Ella Hager of Fitchburg to stay with her the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike spent Thanksgiving in Lowell at the home of Mrs. Pike's aunt.

Miss Marian Webber is visiting relations in Salem. Miss Lizzie McNayr is to make her home at the parsonage during the absence of Miss Marian.

At the recent meeting of Prescott grange in their hall, Park street, Friday evening, December 10, there will be a prize social. Each lady is requested to bring a pie.

Miss Carrie E. Shattuck of Bridge-water Normal school spent the Thanksgiving recess at her home on Sheffield street.

James Gray has taken a well job at Candia, N. H. He left here Monday to begin work.

Dr. L. R. Qua has had his downtown office connected by telephone, number 65-4, Stenstream & Deloid's number has been changed to 31-3. Thomas Kennedy, River street, has had a telephone installed in his residence, 63-2.

Deer are very plentiful hereabouts, particularly on Oak hill. The school children see them most every day, and the other evening at dusk one was drinking at Succor brook. It was a handsome buck, and as the moon was just rising it brought to mind lines from Scott, "The stag at eve had drank his fill, where danced the moon on Monan's rill."

Miss Alice Merrill returned to Lowell, Monday, having spent a week at her father's, Otis A. Merrill, Boynton farm, Oak Hill street.

Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. George W. Pierce were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Duncklee, Ayer; Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and daughter, Brookline; and Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Herrig and family.

A word to the wise—unchain your dogs and padlock your henhouse doors, as poultry thieves are getting in their work. Latest reports are that a fine lot of cockrels were stolen from J. J. Willoughby's, Tucker avenue, a lot of hens from Charles F. Spaulding's, corner Mt. Lebanon and Townsend streets, also some from John Blood's, Mason street. A good charge of coarse salt is the old antidote for this poisonous malady.

Joseph Attredge was able to get out to the store last Saturday. He is not yet able to get into harness for his usual work.

We are pleased to note that Francis Hamilton continues to improve, and has regained his former self, so as to get out for short walks. Saturday was the first time for about four weeks. Not only did his countenance show returning health, but his voice bespoke it.

George T. Keyes returned Tuesday from several days' trip to pulp mill interests in New Brunswick.

F. J. Bennett of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. contract department, was in town Saturday and Wednesday.

A chimney fire in the automobile shop of John A. Frossard, Brookline street, Wednesday evening, caused considerable excitement. It was discovered about seven o'clock by Miss Irene Tarbell, who quickly telephoned to Mr. Frossard's nearest neighbor on Cross street, where he lives. After his arrival it was only a few moments' work with the chemical and all was over.

It was a sad sight to see that large plant of Haynes-Piper Co. at Ayer destroyed by fire, Tuesday noon, and only a hundred feet of so from a large pond of water. Inquiry found that they have no steamer in that town. There is considerable talk of Pepperell selling theirs. It would seem the thing for Ayer to do would be to buy it.

Work was again started at the shoe shop, Tuesday. It is not expected that a great amount can be done until the samples are completed and forwarded to Buffalo. It was stated Wednesday that several large shipments of leather needed, had left that city this week. The foremen of the cutting, fitting, making and packing departments are engaged and at the factory. It would certainly make our Yule tide merry to see this plant in full blast with industry.

E. F. Harmon of this town has no doubt earned the title of "King of the cabbage." He raised 7000 heads of cabbage on just a little over one-half acre of land. This is no doubt the most remarkable yield of any crop ever raised anywhere around here. And they are good, sound, choice cabbages of unequalled quality.

Men from the engineering department of the Boston and Maine railroad were in town last week, making surveys along Railroad Square and vicinity. It is understood an exact survey is being taken to establish permanent bounds between the railroad property and the town and others. There is considerable heard about double track work along this section. I. J. Rowell is having platform scales constructed at his grain store. It is rumored he is to move his office from its present building to the grain store. Just what is to be done with his old office is not stated.

Charles M. Bolles is painting the interior of the drug store of Lyman Canney, Main street. The ceiling and woodwork was badly smoked by the accident to his oil lighting system, announced in this paper a few weeks ago. Now it presents a particularly attractive appearance with complete lighting by Tungsten lamps and the new coat of colors on ceiling and walls.

John Pierce and David Robinson are at work covering the large twelve-inch water main over the bridge near the Fitchburg depot on Main street.

Only a few weeks more and Christmas will be with us and we with it. We are just experiencing the joy and cheer Thanksgiving brings, and we prepare for the still greater day of heart warming and merry making. There is something about Christmas and its giving, the thoughts of others, the universal spirit of making someone else happy that is akin to its sacred blessedness. Remember, no more appropriate gift than a subscription to the Charlon-Advertiser; only one dollar per year, two years for \$1.50 for new subscribers.

L. A. Tarbell went to Boston Tuesday on a business trip.

Many of our sportsmen have taken out licenses to hunt in our neighboring state of New Hampshire. It would perhaps be a reminder to state that the law is now on in many New Hampshire counties protecting many of the small game, including partridge and rabbits, although off of deer until December 15. Remember, also, that shotguns only must be used, loaded with single ball or buckshot, and that the use of rifles is prohibited.

Harold Ames left Monday for Candia, N. H., to work with James Gray.

**District Nurse.**

It will be recalled that it was stated in this paper at the time the good work of the district nurse was stopped for lack of funds, "that the discontinuing of this great good was a mistake, but it would result in its being resumed within a year and on a permanent basis." This prophecy is now about to be realized. A great many are not aware of the heavy expense incurred in this work, that this burden was at that time successfully carried on by a few women of the town who interested themselves for the good of others and that it was at the time of its discontinuance brought to a wonderful condition of efficiency and success. From those who could pay a small fee was expected by the committee; the first week the returns were 25 cents; the last week of the work brought in about twenty dollars. And it surely is not a hard matter for anyone to recall the many cases of dire need and suffering which were attended to by this nurse free, and of the numerous cases of want and need called to the attention of the Village Aid society by the nurse, and to this small band of helpers, a great amount of credit is due for their philanthropic response in all these cases. The present movement for another nurse, which is well under way, needs plenty of righteous generosity, just a mite from each citizen, and with this assistance it will become a certainty. This Friday evening a public meeting was held in Banquet hall, Saunders' corner. Members were present from the Woman's club and others who were interested in the town's welfare. It is understood Dr. Charles G. Heald had an important announcement to make of a generous offer.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Charles H. Lewis, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the undersigned, at the office of E. L. LEWIS, Adm., South Easton, Mass., Nov. 15, 1909. 3111

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.**

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to James A. Dixon of Townsend, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the Sixth day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing a copy of this citation to each person seven days at least before said Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.**

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Adeliza E. Warner, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by William H. Wilbur, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the Sixth day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, December 4, 1909.

### GROTON.

#### News Items.

Col. T. L. Motley was taken with pneumonia last week Friday night, and from the first has been dangerously ill with hardly a ray of hope for recovery. Dr. Jackson of Boston and Dr. Cowles of Ayer have been in consultation with Dr. Priest and recognize the patient's critical condition.

Col. Motley, who was stricken a few days ago with pneumonia, died Friday, December 3, near noon.

The Book and Thimble club met last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas Gilson. This meeting fell on the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, and gave opportunity for congratulations and good wishes. Light refreshments were served.

Born Friday November 26, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denahy.

The Mandolin club met Tuesday night with Howard Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman and Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Fletcher spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. George Fenner at Rosindale.

Daniel Needham, with a collegemate from Harvard, Perlie P. Fallon from Clark, and F. R. Mason from Yale, were students who came home last week.

Some of our townsmen, among whom were E. B. Gerrish, G. W. Shattuck and G. E. Hodgman, got up a dance in town hall, Thanksgiving night, which proved enjoyable and was well attended. Ice cream was served to those present.

Josiah S. Williams was a week-end visitor of his sister, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, returning to his home in Framingham on Tuesday.

Miss Marguerite T. Cleary left Tuesday to teach school in Putney, Vt., a town near Brattleboro.

Mrs. Bowman S. Gale and Mr. and Mrs. William Gale have moved into Capt. Palmer's house, next to Henry Adams on Main street.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church held their meeting postponed from last week on Tuesday of this week. Subject, Alaska.

Fred Gale, having bought out the other heirs, will remain with his family on the old home farm.

W. A. Putnam, who has worked on a large market garden in Fitchburg all summer, is now driving a four-horse team for E. H. Merriam at Westminster depot.

Born in Walpole, November 25, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sleeper, formerly of West Groton.

Among the guests at the Hotel Lenox in Boston this week are Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence of Groton.

Mrs. Charles Osgood of Champney street has been having an ill spell, requiring a physician.

Miss Mary P. Stone of Leominster was in town this week for a day's visit to her grandmother, Mrs. B. S. Gale.

The Groton Improvement society will meet with Mrs. Wharton on Tuesday afternoon, December 7, at 3:30 o'clock. It is important that the meeting should be well attended, as the matter of unity work will be decided.

The Groton Engine and Hose Co. will hold their annual ball in town hall, Friday evening, January 14. Music by never's full orchestra of Concord, N. H. A first-class turkey supper will be served.

Lowell Stebbins from Harvard college, H. S. Johnson and sister, Miss Grace Johnson from Boston, three young people who were at Groton Inn last summer, came as guests there for a day or two last week.

Dr. H. B. Priest's house was wired this week for electric lightings.

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer spent Thanksgiving week with her sister, Mr. Burton W. Potter and family at their home in Worcester.

The next lecture in the Luther Blood series will be by Richmond Pearson Hobson. Subject, "The mission of America as peacemaker among the nations," in the town hall, Saturday evening, December 4.

His term of enlistment in the navy having expired, Harry A. Floyd returned home on November 12. He was accompanied by Comrade Westfield, who after a visit returned to his home in Clarkville, Iowa.

The commissioners were at work Tuesday defining the boundaries of the Martin Pond road.

J. H. Corwin and daughter, Miss Corwin, from Athol, spent Thanksgiving with his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Adams and family in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Williams had their Thanksgiving at her sister's, Mrs. S. W. Rowe's.

U. S. Barrows and family came up from Ayer and spent Thanksgiving with his mother and sister at the old home.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman, widow of the railroad king, came with her daughter last week in the family car, "The Arden," which was side-tracked at Groton station. On Saturday, while at Groton School, where her brother is a student, Miss Harriman injured her foot and was hurried to Boston for treatment. Returning the same day, they remained until Monday, when their car left town.

Mrs. Hallisey, who broke her hip recently, is comfortable, though at her age a complete recovery can hardly be expected.

A. W. Hart and family are coming from Newport, N. H., to occupy their old home on Farmers' Row.

Miss Mary Ella Greenwood fell last Sunday night, making a physician's call advisable.

Gray squirrels are noticeably plentiful this fall, protected fully by law, as they should be. Skunks, the pest of the poultry yard, are also very plentiful, fifty-two having been killed this fall in one neighborhood. One young man shot two before breakfast.

Harold Hartwell of Fitchburg visited at Mrs. Needham's, last week.

Walter Knowles, a student at Concord school and an acquaintance of the W. B. Robinson's, spent a part of the Thanksgiving recess in Groton, staying at the Groton Inn.

William V. Bixby has bought the so-called Davy place next to and adjoining his home place. It consists of a dwelling house and an acre or two of land.

Miss Addie Rudolph, who recently returned from a visit in Saskatchewan, Canada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

The Senior class of the Groton high school held their dance and drill in town hall on December 17.

An item in a Boston daily of November 22, telling of the approaching marriage of Fred S. Pevear, a Lynn banker, caught the eye of a Groton reader. It was of interest because of the gentleman's mother, Mrs. Henry Pevear, deceased a few years ago.

She was the great-granddaughter of Sergeant Prudence Cummings Wright, and therefore of and connected with the Groton family of that name. It was Mrs. Pevear who gave the monument now standing near the Jewett or covered bridge in Pepperell. It was erected to commemorate the courage of her great-grandmother and associates. It was Henry A. Pevear, her husband, who gave \$300,000 to the home for orphan boys in Barre, and as much more in purchasing and endowing the "Rest" in Shirley.

On Wednesday afternoon of the present week William Felton Stone and Mrs. Sarah (Beebe) Cummings, both of this town, were married at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. H. A. Corning, using the ring ceremony. Their home will be on the Boston road. The witnesses of the marriage were the brother and sister of the groom.

Members of the Baptist Sunday school are preparing for a special mission service, to be given at the church on Sunday evening, December 12.

After a suspension of some months, while the church had no pastor, the regular Wednesday evening meetings of the Baptist church were resumed this week. The attendance at the first meeting was very gratifying.

**Sale and Entertainment.**  
The Groton Branch Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian society hold a sale of useful and fancy articles in town hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 8, from 2:30 to six o'clock.

In the evening at eight o'clock there will be an entertainment followed by a dance. The drill by eleven young ladies in costume, which forms a part of the entertainment, promises to be very taking. There will be choice vocal and instrumental selections adding to the evening's pleasure. While the whole entertainment is under the charge of Mrs. W. B. Robinson, her daughter, Miss Clara Robinson, gives the drill, which is original and also the costumes.

**SHIRLEY.**  
**News Items.**  
Miss Mabel Hazen spent Thanksgiving at home and returned to her school duties at Lee last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Emma Landy of Grand Anse, N. B., is visiting her uncle, Joseph Landy of Shaker road.

Mrs. Dana B. Somes of Pittsfield has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, to remain for a few weeks.

W. Lloyd Allen, of the Boston university law school spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. E. C. Pevear of Lynn is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

The third whist party of the season in aid of St. Anthony's church was held under the auspices of the Holy Name society in St. Anthony's hall, Thanksgiving night. Gifts were awarded to Mrs. Amos Bourgeois and Barney McGrath. The consolation prizes were given to Miss Lillian Deschamps and Amos Bourgeois. Other prizes were given to Mrs. J. Lozeau and Miss Claudina Lozeau.

Rev. A. A. Bronson preached a sermon on "Temperance" last Sunday at the Congregational church. Mr. Bronson's address strongly appealed to all present, as he was broad in his discussion of the topic, handling it to perfection and drawing his illustrations and arguments from his up-to-date experiences of every-day life. It was one of the finest persuasive addresses on the subject of temperance that has ever been delivered from the pulpit of the Congregational church, and was highly appreciated by the large audience present.

Master Austin Fish, Ralph Sargent and Willard Knowles, while roaming in the vicinity of William Jubb's farm, last week Friday, found a dead deer. The boys notified Mr. Jubb, who immediately sent word to J. I. Mills of Ayer's game warden, who in company with Sherman and Hooper of Shirley, game wardens, inspected the deer and found that it had only been dead a short time. The deer was dressed and given away to the neighbors. There is as yet no clue as to who shot the deer.

Twenty-six members of the Franco Independent club went to Boston last week Wednesday and declared their intentions to become citizens of the United States.

Charles Sandlin spent a few days last week with his brother William in Worcester.

Mrs. J. E. Gardner spent a portion of this and Thanksgiving week with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardner and family at their home at Jamaica Plain, J. E. Gardner taking an early train Thanksgiving morning and enjoying that day with them.

At the supper and entertainment at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, a beautiful supper was served at seven o'clock, followed by the following entertainment: Cornet solo, Stanley Wells, Blanche Wells, accompanist; vocal solo, Miss Della Phillips, Miss Minnie Phillips, accompanist; recitation, Miss Gladys Phelps; piano duet, Misses Phillips; vocal solo, George E. Wentworth, Mrs. Wentworth, accompanist; readings, Mrs. George S.

Wells; piano solo, Miss Fannie Low-banjo, with piano accompaniment, Misses Phillips; piano solo, Gladys Phillips.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright invited the members of her Sunday school class to her home on Monday evening, when all were kept busy making Christmas reminders for the poor children of Boston confined in hospitals. The hostess served refreshments and the evening was pleasantly as well as profitably spent.

Elmer H. Allen, office manager for the C. A. Edgerton Co., left town for New York, Tuesday, on a business trip and will return home the first of next week.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold a food, apron and candy sale in the church vestry, Wednesday afternoon, December 8. Sale commences at four p. m. Public invited.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandlin and Fred Hotelling and Grace Ortman spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sandlin; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Deardon with Mrs. Deardon's parents in Clinton.

**Church Services.**  
Rev. George Willis Cooke preached a very intellectual sermon in the First Parish church, Sunday, November 28, to a most appreciative audience. Mr. Cooke will supply again Sunday, December 5, at 11:15 a. m.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will preach at the Universalist church, Sunday, December 5, at eleven o'clock. Rev. W. H. Desjardins will preach as usual at the Baptist church, Sunday, December 5, at 10:45 a. m., and seven p. m.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church, Sunday, December 5, at 10:45 a. m. Usual meeting of the C. E. society in vestry at seven p. m. This will be the regular monthly rally and consecutive meetings.

Rev. L. E. Perry of Ayer will deliver his popular address at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, December 5, at seven p. m. This is a splendid opportunity for old and young to hear Mr. Perry on one of his favorite subjects. The public are cordially invited.

**Near Completion.**  
The decorating of the Universalist church is near completion and the society will be only too glad when they can hold service there once more. An experienced artist has had charge of the work and the blending of the colors on the walls and the high gothic roof are very restful and beautiful.

The work has been done by a German baron, Albert Von Reigers, who, because of a duel with a brother officer, was deprived of his commission and forced to leave the country. He went to South Africa, entering the ranks of the Boer army under General Botha, and came to this country about five years ago, landing in Boston. He is a man about thirty-three years, and has a mind of rare culture, speaking many languages. When a boy he had a desire for drawing and painting, and received the best education in that line; and has painted several pictures that have won him not a little fame. He is truly an expert in blending colors.

The baron is connected with the Penn Metal Ceiling and Roofing Co., who have put in more metal ceilings than any other firm, and who put the ceiling in the Congregational church, which, with the harmonious tinting of the walls, adds greatly to the beauty of the auditorium.

Although still retaining the love for the land of his birth, which none of us never lose, the baron says he realizes that the greatest nation in this world, from almost any point of view, has Uncle Sam for its insignia, and that it will be a proud day when he can call himself an American citizen.

The baron, with his able assistant, Charles Johnson, are staying at the Binney home.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**  
**About Town.**  
Many Hollis hunters were out Wednesday morning, it being the first day to hunt deer. Arthur Hale and Herman Stickney both shot one.

There will be a social dance in the town hall on Thursday night, December 9. Music by Ladd & Lund orchestra.

Rev. O. F. Hall of Boston occupied the pulpit Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Rev. C. H. Davis on his vacation.

Miss Ruth Metcalf of Winchester, who is boarding at Y. A. Greenleaf's, spent Thanksgiving at home.

An entertainment and supper was given by the W. R. C. on Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary Handy spent the day, Wednesday, in Milford.

Mrs. Charles Gates and children, Wallace and Joseph, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Wood.

Mrs. Georganna Kimball of Wakefield, Mass., was at Mrs. John A. Coburn's over Sunday.

Mrs. Carl A. Flagg and children of Worcester are at the Flagg homestead. The store and postoffice which has for the last year been under the management of Matthew Jameson, exchanged hands on December 1, and is to be run by G. O. Goff, formerly of Cambridge, Mass.

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**Altruistic Meeting.**  
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the ideal school by C. K. Bolton and the problems of the different grades by three of the teachers. Mr. Bolton gave a most interesting talk on the subject, referring to the need of perfect sympathy between teacher, scholar and of the different make-up of children, and how they should be instructed, according to their ability. They also should be taught the love of the beautiful and gave several examples of different children. Mr. Bolton's address was received with much appreciation by the members; also a rising vote of thanks was tendered him.

Papers on the problems of the different grades were given by Mrs. Lura White, Mrs. McMillan and Miss Tewksbury. Their papers were all excellent, each one giving a very spirited account of the difficulties experienced in teaching the different children, and of the need of the parents being interested in schools and teachers. Discussion followed.

Mrs. M. W. Hazen related of the red letter day when she was teaching, when she was invited to lunch at some of her pupils' homes, it being a good opportunity for the parents and teachers to become acquainted. Remarks were made by Mrs. Merriman on the course of industrial education given at the high school, Fitchburg, where the boys are required to work one week in some factory and attending school the next week; it was thought to be an excellent plan for education.

Mrs. Minnie Allen spoke of keeping in touch with her children and the teachers while attending school. The meeting was very instructive as well as enjoyable.

**Death.**  
Mrs. Clara Crossman passed away last week Friday of apoplexy. Miss Crossman was stricken while paying a visit at the home of Mrs. William Crossman on November 19. The family physician was called in and pronounced it a severe case of apoplexy. Miss Crossman remained with Mrs. Crossman and gradually failed until she passed away on the morning of November 28. It was a most singular and kind act of divine providence that prompted Miss Crossman to visit Mrs. Crossman the day she was afflicted, as she lived all alone, her last place of residence being the "Old red house."

Miss Crossman was seventy-four years of age, and was a kind, christian woman with quiet tastes and habits.

The immediate survivors are a brother in Pittsfield and a sister who resides in Groton. Miss Crossman was a native of Shirley, being born in the house now occupied by Mrs. Hunter on Harvard road.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, where deceased was a member, last Sunday afternoon, at the pastor, Rev. W. H. Desjardins officiating. Selections were rendered by a quartet. Burial was in the family lot village cemetery.

**Entertainment.**  
The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a sale and entertainment in the church vestry on Monday evening, December 6. The sale will consist of fancy articles of all kinds, toilet articles, ice cream and cake, homemade candies, and a measuring booth. Sale will open at 3:30 o'clock. The admission will be free from 3:30 to six. A small admission will be charged after six o'clock. Entertainment will commence at 8:15 and will consist of music, readings and a farce entitled "How the story grew," with the following cast of characters: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Fred Simonds; Mrs. Green, Miss Clara Penneau; Mrs. Bean, Miss Ruby Felch; Mrs. Rice, Miss Louise Penneau; Mrs. Doollittle, Mrs. Margaret Evans; Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Lewis; Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Jacob Beach; Mrs. White, Miss Myra Hewes.

**Centre.**  
A highly interesting musical entertainment was held at the chapel, Monday evening, under the direction of the following cast of characters: The school orchestra was present and furnished a treat for our music-loving people, and that their efforts were appreciated was evidenced by the applause given them following each number. The instrumental music was interspersed by song solos and they were assisted by local talent, comprised in the girl's sewing guild. Ice cream and cake was served and all had a very enjoyable time.

One of our prominent citizens, who has lately come into possession of an automobile, started Sunday, for a trip up into the wilds of New Hampshire, intending, so history records, to return home Monday, and tradition has it that he did start homeward, but automobiles, like balky horses, sometimes refuse to go, or come, as the case may be. At any rate we hope our worthy townsman will find his way home somehow so as to be present with us at Christmas time.

The gypsy moth hunters are finding a great many moth egg clusters this year, as compared with previous years. While last year only about one dozen were found within the limits of the town, more than three hundred have already been found, and the work not nearly completed. And with reference to the brown-tail moth nests there is no limit to them. Over two hundred were counted recently by your correspondent upon one oak tree. It looks as if the commonwealth had a hard problem to solve to stop the ravages of these pests.

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Saturday, December 4, 1909.

AYER.

### First Meeting.

The Ayer Charitable association held its first meeting of the season on Monday evening, November 22, in the room of Ayer board of trade. This association was formed on September 1, 1901, with Dr. E. H. Hartwell as first president, he serving in that office until his death, after which Dr. Parsons filled the office until his death; since which event George H. Brown has served as acting president. During these years it has helped many families and persons in a quiet, unostentatious way. In order that the public may better understand the purpose of the association the following is quoted from the by-laws:

Art. 2. The objects of the society are to secure the concurrent and harmonious action of the inhabitants of Ayer, in order to raise the needy above the needs of relief, encourage thrift, self-dependence and industry, preventing children from growing up in ignorance and to care for the sick poor.

Art. 3. The society shall consist of the following members ex-officio: The chairman of the board of selectmen, the clergymen of the several churches in town, the overseers of the poor. All resident physicians in town shall be honorary members and all other persons who shall have paid one dollar within one year or twenty-five dollars at any time shall be members of the association.

It is the earnest desire of the officers that the churches co-operate with them, in order that the assistance given may not be indiscriminate and all work together for the best good of all.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 6, at eight o'clock, in board of trade room. Any one interested will be welcome. E. M. Wood, secretary.

### News Items.

At the meeting of the Ayer Whist club, held with Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Tuesday evening, the following were the leaders: Mrs. W. W. Manning, first; Mrs. C. A. Fox, second; W. W. Manning, first; H. S. Turner, second. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Tuesday evening, December 14.

Hon. George H. Doty of Waltham has been appointed assistant United States treasurer at Boston. Mr. Doty is well known in these parts and was active in the last campaign throughout the state in the re-election of Governor Draper.

The funeral of Miss Helen Lyette Bartlett took place last Sunday morning at her late home, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiating. The singing was by Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Thomas and W. L. Preble. There were many in attendance. The beautiful floral tributes were many. Monday interment was in Townsend, W. Wright & Son, undertakers.

The bequests of the late Otis Brigham were \$1000 to his nephew, Merrill D. Brigham of Worcester; \$500 each to Miss Helen Brigham and William E. Brigham, a nephew and niece, all three children of his brother, Seth E. Brigham of Fitchburg; and \$500 to Mrs. Charles Wood of Shrewsbury, daughter of William U. Sherwin, who is better known as Daisy Sherwin. The residue of the estate goes to his brother, Seth E. Brigham of Fitchburg and Mrs. Roxanna B. Ingalls of Bridgton, Me., who resides at her brother's late residence for the winter. D. W. Fletcher is executor of the will.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., will be held in Masonic hall, Monday evening, December 13, at 7.30 o'clock. It is the annual communication and election of officers.

On another page of this paper T. W. Titus of this town advertises his home place for sale in Townsend.

On Monday there came to town by special car from Boston-Frank Barr, general manager of the Boston and Maine railroad, C. E. Lee, general superintendent of the South division, W. R. Mooney, superintendent W. N. & P. division, and a Mr. Snow. From here, after a short stay of observation, the special car conveyed them to Oakdale and Worcester.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society will hold a sale and supper in the lower town hall, Tuesday, December 7. Comfortables, aprons, fancy work, candy and ice cream will be for sale at two o'clock. A supper of baked beans and cold meats will be served at six o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Scruton, Friday, December 10. On December 19, the vicar of St. Andrew's will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in St. Luke's church, Malden, where he began his ministry and built the church. Rev. Thomas J. Crosby will on that date preach in St. Andrew's by exchange.

The first Sunday in January will be the tenth anniversary of Mr. Fisher's pastorate in Ayer.

George L. Davis and Miss Fuller acted as ushers at the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howard of Westminster at their residence, "Maple Heights," November 18. Mrs. Howard is a sister of Mr. Davis. There were considerable over a hundred present, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard were the recipients of a great many valuable gifts of cut glass, silver, china, linen and a Stetson clock filled with silver dollars. Guests were present from Ayer, Shirley, Leominster, Hyde Park, Boston and Vermont.

Judge Clark A. Batchelder of Fitchburg, formerly of this town, left Wednesday on a business trip to California, where he is interested in the handling of a large lumber land for his clients. He will not return for three or four weeks. While there he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Edward Fletcher, who left here for California some years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth S., wife of Sylvester Boutwell, was found dead on the floor in her bedroom on Wednesday of last week. She is survived by her husband, a son James M., and a step-daughter, Mrs. Emma L. Wood, both of this town, a brother E. G. Marra-more of Fitchburg, and a sister, Mrs. Fannie E. Lincoln of Leominster. The funeral was last Sunday afternoon and interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Leominster.

A. E. Lawrence & Son expect to move into the Cushing building on Park street soon after January first of next year, when they expect the additional building of 35 by 70 feet is completed. When it is completed the building will be 35 by 120 feet, and will have four entrances on Park street, and there will be three entrances on the back part of the building, which will be convenient in unloading grain from the cars on the new spur track which is being laid. No disposition as yet has been made of their present store on Main and West streets, when it is vacated.

On Monday a heavy planer at the Chandler Planer Co.'s shop fell while being raised and was considerably damaged.

Deputy Sheriff A. A. Fillebrown is one of the three sheriffs on duty at the Harmon murder, East Cambridge, and Fred C. Noyes, a machinist, who worked some time for A. E. Lawrence & Son, is one of the twelve jurors.

The third annual banquet of the Wachuset Valley Tennis league will be held at the Sterling Inn, Sterling, at 6.30 p. m. on Thursday, December 16. It is hoped that many of the Middlesex County club members will attend this year, as this event will be the most enjoyable feature of all the league schedule. A special menu will be served and will be furnished with some good music and the best of good fellowship. Car leaves Ayer at five p. m. for Leominster, where the special car from Fitchburg will be taken for Sterling. The tickets are two dollars and can be secured from Walter W. Manning.

At the instituting of Middlesex lodge of Rebekahs at Groton on Thursday last a good delegation from Vesta lodge of Ayer attended, among whom were Peter Tarbell and George W. Stuart, now in their eighty-seventh year. Middlesex lodge starts with eighteen members, twelve of which were members from Vesta lodge, living in Groton; and seventy candidates for initiation. Middlesex lodge furnished a fine supper in Groton hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Morrison returned from their wedding trip, Friday of last week, and are busy at house-keeping in their house on Pleasant street, which is very pleasantly situated.

The senior class of the high school spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Bertha G. Perry, one of the class, on her birthday, Thursday evening, December 2. The evening was spent playing games and refreshments were served. Misses Eunice Sanderson and Bertha Stone assisted in serving. Joseph Donahue, president of the class, presented Miss Penny with a very handsome gold thimble and case, which was deeply appreciated and will always be a pleasant reminder of the class of 1910.

Miss Eva Dolloff of Rindge, N. H., daughter of J. M. Dolloff, a former resident of the town, was united in marriage to George Sparkes of Fitchburg, November 23, by Rev. John Merrill of Winchendon. They will reside in Fitchburg.

H. I. Brann is in Newhall, Cal., where he has resided for some time past. He has been confined to his bed for the past two months and lies in a critical condition from tuberculosis. Ten years or more ago Mr. Brann had charge of the dry goods store that was located where the Ayer variety store now is and carried on by the Central Dry Goods Co. of Waltham. He made many warm friends during his residence in town.

Mrs. J. W. Lowe was stricken a few days ago with a paralytic shock, with little hope of her recovery. She is quite aged.

I. G. Dwinell will have his new barn on Pleasant street completed today.

An informal meeting will be called at Ayer Inn for the purpose of organizing the Order of Owls, Sunday afternoon, December 5, at three o'clock, by the organizer, Frank E. Stein, Leominster.

### About Town.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met with Mrs. Lyman Clark on Thursday. Several appeals were considered, and an appropriation was made to the building fund for the church at Potter Place, N. H. The program included piano duet by the Misses Avis Burns and Madolin Whitney; vocal duet by Mrs. George J. Burns and Miss Avis; and readings by Mrs. Edwin Evans.

At the meeting of the Unitarian parish, Tuesday evening, it was voted to extend a call to Rev. Richmond Fisk of Ogdensburg, N. Y., to become pastor of the church, beginning January 1, 1910.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker, chairman of the Educational committee of the Woman's club, attended the conference of Educational committees of the State Federation in Boston, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitaker have as guests their daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Allen and two children from South Dennis.

The George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., holds its annual meeting and first inspection, Thursday evening, December 9, in G. A. R. hall. The inspection officer is Past Division Commander N. C. Upham of Fitchburg. New officers will be elected, a supper will be served and a good time generally will be had. The organization numbers sixty-six, and there is prospect of quiet an increase in numbers. Interest is growing and fine things are being planned.

Ida McKinley Chapter, O. E. S., held a party dance in Page hall, Thursday evening. It was a large and very pleasant party. Refreshments were served. The music was the Superba orchestra of Lancaster. The prizes for costumes were won by Victor Fillebrown and Mrs. Philip Andrew. The fines for those not in costume amounted to \$1.25.

The funeral of Otis Brigham was held at his home Sunday at 1.30 o'clock. A quartet, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. Ar-

thur Fenner and Mrs. J. W. Kittredge sang "Come to our hearts and abide," and "Near my God to thee." Rev. Edwin Evans officiated. The bearers were D. W. Fletcher, S. F. Farnsworth, W. U. Sherwin and A. M. Winslow. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The program at the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday was in charge of the health committee. It included a piano solo by Mrs. Lena Graydon; vocal solo by Miss Ruth Fenner; and a lecture on district nursing by Dr. Frank Holt of the Boston City hospital. Dr. Holt gave a very interesting account of the duties of the district nurse, her preparation for her work and her opportunities to do good service. Guests were present from Shirley and Littleton and Pepperell, and many from Ayer outside of the club. Red Cross Christmas stamps can be had of Mrs. C. W. Mason. The money received from these stamps is to go to the society that is doing so much for the suppression of tuberculosis.

### Civic Gymnasium.

Boys' class Mondays and Thursdays, 4.30 to six; young men's class, 7.30 to 9.30, same evenings. Apply for tuition tickets at William Brown's drug store. Beginning next Monday the instructor will be Clifton Merriam of the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A.

To meet the expenses of these benefits to boys the Civic club appeals to the generous-minded friends of boys. Throughout the state playgrounds in summer and gymnasiums in winter have become recognized necessities of towns and cities. The friends and advocates of temperance and moral standards have great opportunities and responsibilities in this physical preparation of the boys for manhood and good citizenship. The superintendent of schools, the principal of Ayer high and the teachers are in hearty sympathy with this movement. Send your contributions to George H. Brown, president of the Civic club or to the secretary, Thomas L. Fisher.

### Best Wishes.

We publish the following letter, which speaks for itself:

407 Linden St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Mr. John H. Turner:  
Dear Sir, I was very sorry to learn through your paper that Rev. L. E. Perry was to leave Ayer, and truly hope he is not to leave the state. I was always pleased to meet him during my residence in Harvard. He has my best wishes for prosperity and happiness wherever he may go. Enclosed you will find a check for "Harvard Hillside" for coming year.

Very truly yours,  
CHARLES A. BROWN.  
December 2, 1909.

### No Trespassing.

The pipe rail fence is partially completed about the grounds recently laid out by the Boston and Maine railroad, which was done at considerable expense. The townspeople are very much pleased with its present appearance, and will be more so when the grassed sown is green and the shrubbery in full bloom. Great care should be taken not to mar the grounds in any way, and trespassers should be kept off from trespassing. Provision has been made to keep the grounds in good condition, a water pipe having been laid for that purpose to water the grounds when in the driest of weather it needs to be done.

### Fire.

A disastrous fire occurred here Tuesday noon, breaking out a little before twelve, when the large three-story building of the Haynes-Piper Co. of Boston, was totally destroyed. It was known as the vinegar factory building, and was some 150 feet in length and fifty feet wide, and in it was all the vinegar which was stored in some fifty more tanks, containing thousands of gallons of vinegar.

The alarm was given promptly and the fire department were promptly at the scene of the fire, which broke out in the west end of the third story of the building, and was confined to the room in that part of the building. But owing to lack of pressure of water, the firemen were handicapped and the streams of water directed on the burning building scarcely reached the second story. When it was found that it was impossible for the firemen to make any headway in retarding the progress of the fire, word was sent to the fire department of Clinton, and a steamer was promptly shipped by rail and the service the Clinton firemen rendered with the steamer was of valuable aid, putting out the fire and confining it to building destroyed. If the fire department here had had a full pressure of water, they probably would have been able to handle the fire and extinguish it with very little loss. The origin of the fire is not known, and Mr. Marshall, superintendent, is at a loss to know how it could have started.

After the fire had made such headway the heat was intense and the building was almost unapproachable, but the firemen before the steamer from Clinton arrived fought bravely with their little supply of water and did all that it was possible for them to do.

At one time the upper sawmill of Mr. Phelps was threatened with flames blowing fiercely from the west directly over his mill, and it was saved by the brick wall between the two buildings and the efforts of the Clinton firemen with their little supply of water and did all that it was possible for them to do.

In the vinegar building were a great many large tanks filled with thousands of gallons of vinegar, estimated at about half a million, ready at any time for shipment, the main office, laboratory well equipped, generators, bottling department and bottling machinery, carpenter shop, immense amount of brass piping, said to amount to about \$15,000 worth, filters, pumps and other valuable machinery used in the manufacture of vinegar.

During the busy season, which had just been closed, in the procuring of many carloads of apples and the making of sweet cider, there was employed about seventy men, and the week before the fire this number had been reduced to about forty, and the company have now about thirty employed, which number may be further reduced about one-half.

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<h3>Dolls</h3> <p>Dressed and Undressed Dolls, China, Celluloid and Rubber, Esquimaux, Rag and Wool, ranging in price from 5c. to \$4.00.</p> <p>Also Dolls' Socks, Shoes and Heads from 5c. to 25c.</p> <h3>Toy Furnishings</h3> <p>Tea Sets, China, etc., from 10c. to \$1.25.</p> <p>Kitchen and Wash Sets from 10c. to \$1.50.</p> <p>Bedsteads, Trunks and Ranges from 10c. to \$1.00.</p> <h3>Iron Toys</h3> <p>Road Carts, Buckboards, Sulkies, etc., from 10c. to \$2.25.</p> <p>Hook and Ladders, Fire Engines from 10c. to \$2.50.</p> <p>Trains from 10c. to \$1.50.</p> <p>Penny, Nickel and Dime Combination Banks 75c. and \$1.00.</p> <h3>Mechanical Toys</h3> <p>Automobiles from 10c. to \$1.00.</p> <p>Donkey Carts, Tut-Tuts, Bucking Broncos, Dogs and Seals from 25c. to 75c.</p> <p>Engines and Locomotives from 25c. to \$1.00.</p> <h3>Musical Toys</h3> <p>Roller Chimes, Trumpets, Humming Tops from 5c. to 25c.</p>	<h3>Musical Toys</h3> <p>Accordeons, Violins and Harmonicas from 10c. to 50c.</p> <p>Pianos from 25c. to \$1.39.</p> <h3>Animals</h3> <p>Horses and Horses with Carts from 10c. to \$3.00.</p> <p>Teddy Bears from 5c. to \$1.75.</p> <p>Elephants, Lions, Monkeys and Giraffes from 10c. to \$1.00.</p> <p>Dogs with Natural Hair at 50c.</p> <p>Indestructible Japanese Straw Cats, Dogs, Toads, etc. 15c. and 25c.</p> <h3>Sporting Goods</h3> <p>Skates and Sleds from 50c. to \$3.75.</p> <p>Foot Balls from 10c. to \$2.00.</p> <p>Hockey Sticks and Balls from 5c. to 25c.</p> <h3>Books and Games</h3> <p>Children's A B C and Picture Books, beautifully illustrated in Linen, Paper and Half bound from 5c. to 89c.</p> <p>Stories in Verse and Prose, Birthday Books, etc., very attractive from 25c. to 69c.</p> <p>Games "Flinch," "Feeding the Lion," "Kan-u-Katch," "Bingo," Checkers, etc., from 5c. to 50c.</p> <p>Post Cards and Autograph Albums from 10c. to 50c.</p>	<h3>China</h3> <p>Japanese Nut Sets (7 pieces) Cups and Saucers, 3 Piece Tea Sets, Pitchers, Bowls, Bric-a-Brac, etc. from 10c. to \$3.00.</p> <p>German Chocolate Sets (7 pieces) Cups and Saucers, Mustache Cups, Salad Bowls, etc., from 15c. to \$2.75.</p> <p>American Creamers and Sugar Bowls, Salad Bowls, Cake Plates, Chocolate Pots, etc., from 39c. to \$1.50.</p> <h3>Toilet Goods</h3> <p>Shaving and Manicure Sets from 50c. to \$1.00.</p> <p>Toilet Sets (3 pieces) from 50c. to \$3.00.</p> <p>Military Brushes, 50c.</p> <p>Japanese Collar, Cuff and Handkerchief and other Fancy Boxes from 10c. to 75c.</p> <h3>Xmas Decorations, Calendars, Etc.</h3> <p>Local View and Fancy Calendars, 10c. and 15c.</p> <p>Wreaths, Garlands, Bells, Tree Ornaments, Candle and Candle Holders from 1c. to 25c.</p> <p>Dennison Crepe and Fancy Papers, Stickers, Tags, etc., at 5c., 10c. and 15c.</p> <h3>Notions</h3> <p>Large Line of Holiday Neckwear, Belts, Bags, Pocketbooks, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Perfumery, Hat, Veil and Beauty Pins, Side and Back Combs, Barrettes, etc., from 5c. to 50c.</p> <p>Parlor Lamps, fine assortment, from 89c. to \$3.50.</p>
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Assorted Candy, Chocolates and Bon-Bons.  
A complete line of Phonographs and the Latest Records.  
Be sure and see our Illustrated Circulars. Store will be open every evening from December 17 to December 24, inclusive.

## Ayer Variety Store

About half the cider made this fall and all the vinegar on hand poured out of the building in streams, crossing the railroad tracks, running down the embankment, most of which found its level in the canal of Mr. Phelps' lower mill.

The company have on hand considerable refined cider, which will now be shipped direct from the factory instead of being handled here and bottled, that would have given employment to a number of hands through the winter.

Everything is now closed, and it is not known now whether the Haynes-Piper Co. will rebuild or not. It is very likely should they decide to do so work will not be commenced till next spring, when the weather for building is more favorable.

The exact loss is not known, and it will take some time to adjust matters. The company were insured for \$72,000, through the Arthur Fenner insurance agency, who carried all the insurance on the property.

It is currently reported that during the excitement of the fire some one connected with the factory had opened the four-inch stand-pipe about the building, which so reduced the pressure that the fire department were fearfully handicapped, and it was not shut off until later in the afternoon, when the fire had done its worst.

About two years ago the sprinkler

system, with which the building was equipped, was disconnected. A rough estimate of the loss on the building and contents is placed at about \$150,000. Of the \$72,000 insurance the Haynes-Piper Co. will recover about forty percent.

The Haynes-Piper plant here is the largest in the world with one exception, and the best equipped.

The building that was destroyed was built in 1893 by the Ayer Building association for a shoe manufacturing, and after its completion was occupied for a short time by the Emery Shoe Co., then by the Moulton Shoe Co., and the last occupants in the manufacture of shoes were Merrill & James. When they moved away it was occupied for the manufacture of bicycle wood rims for a considerable time, when the property was secured by the Haynes-Piper Co.

The fire is the most disastrous one since the severe conflagration, April 14, 1872, which wiped out the entire business portion of the town, starting where the Chinese laundry is and sweeping everything before it on Main street, from where now is the grain store of A. E. Lawrence & Son to Columbia street, and several dwellings on the streets above Main street.

To be investigated.

The selectmen and water commissioners, sitting together, will conduct

a public investigation of the recent fire at the Haynes-Piper Company's vinegar factory, in the lower town hall, Wednesday evening, December 8, at eight o'clock.

Every citizen is invited to attend and ask any question material to the investigation.

The engineers and members of the fire department, insurance companies and their agents, and representatives of the Haynes-Piper Company are particularly requested to attend.

On the last page will be found the remainder of the Ayer news.

### New Advertisements.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks to all for sympathy and assistance in her recent bereavement; also to express her appreciation of the beautiful floral tributes.

MRS. R. T. BARTLETT.  
Ayer, Dec. 8, 1909.

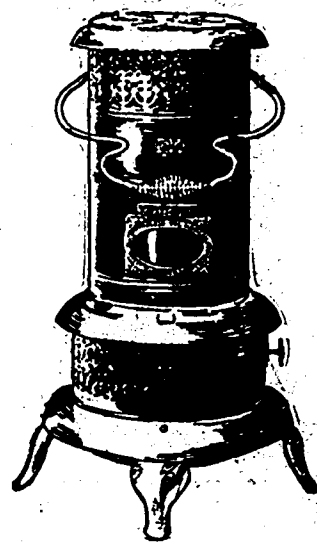
#### CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of thanking the fire department for their untiring efforts in the saving of the upper sawmill building from destruction. Monday when the vinegar factory was destroyed by fire and to all others who kindly assisted.

L. W. FISH.  
Ayer, December 4, 1909.



# Little Things Annoy or Please Us



Little things annoy us—the little curl of smoke that, if left alone, would soon smudge the furnishings and make work for the house-wife. There are no annoying little things in the

## PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

They've been banished by hard thought and tireless work. In their stead there are little things that please—that make for comfort and satisfaction. The little self-locking

### Automatic Smokeless Device

that actually prevents smoke—the little lock on the inside of the tube that holds the wick in check—keeps it below the smoke zone, so accurately adjusted that it cannot go wrong—these are some of the little things that please—that have contributed to the name and fame of the Perfection Oil Heater.

The most satisfying heater you can buy—always ready—easy to manage—always dependable—quickly cleaned.

Brass front holds 4 quarts—burns 9 hours. Attractively finished in Nickel or Japan in various styles and finishes.

Every Dealer Everywhere. If Not At Yours, Write for Descriptive Circular to the Nearest Agency of the

**STANDARD OIL COMPANY**  
(Incorporated)

An Opportunity for a Few Investors

## The 8 Per Cent 10-Year Purchasing-Fund Gold Certificates.

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The Wheel-Motor Traction Co.

This company has the sales monopoly of an improved form of commercial automobile, now in successful use by the U. S. Government and leading business concerns. The \$25,000 accumulated by the sale of these certificates is to be used for one purpose only—buying machines at the factory to fill orders. The machines are then shipped C. O. D. to the purchasers. Thus there is no credit risk, and the investors' money is neither tied up in equipment nor dissipated by expenses, but is either in cash on hand or convertible thereto at short notice.

Investors in this purchasing fund have the option of withdrawal of principal before maturity. A strong National Bank has agreed to act as Trustee of this fund for and on behalf of investors—to see that it is kept intact and used only as a purchasing fund. This bank will pay dividends as they fall due and will return to any certificate holder, upon sixty days' notice, the amount of his investment or any part of it, should he desire to withdraw same at any time before maturity.

The total issue is only \$25,000, each certificate being for \$25. For the present, with each \$25 certificate is given one share of 8 per cent. preferred stock, par value \$10; and with each \$100 purchase five shares of preferred are given. This unusual opportunity really brings the net return up to about 12 per cent., with the prospect of selling the preferred for nearly enough to pay for the whole investment. We make this offer so that it will not be necessary for this announcement to appear extensively, as previous issues have been largely oversubscribed.

If interested in absolute security of principal, large and definite interest return, and opportunity of speedy withdrawal of principal before maturity if desired, this investment should receive your immediate attention. Communications and orders should be addressed, and checks made payable to,

THE WHEEL-MOTOR TRACTION COMPANY.

N. E. Distributing Plant

Allston District, Boston, Mass.

## Something New In Kitchen Ware

The "1892" Pure Spun Aluminum Ware is rapidly coming into use for cooking purposes. It is taking the place of agate and enamel ware because while its first cost is a trifle more than ordinary ware, it is really much cheaper in the long run, as it is guaranteed for twenty-five years and will last practically a life time.

The genuine "1892" Ware, made only from pure SPUN (not cast) Aluminum, will not crack, scale, peel, break, scorch or burn.

It looks like silver but weighs only about one-quarter as much, is easily cleaned and handled, and will not rust, corrode or tarnish. Absolutely pure, non-poisonous and wholesome; saves money, time and doctor's bills.

Be sure you get the original and genuine ware stamped with the Maltese Cross. At your dealers.

### A. A. Fillebrown

Ayer, Mass.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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We have a Splendid Assortment of HOLIDAY GOODS. Make your selections now, and, if you wish, we will reserve them for you until CHRISTMAS. Don't forget our FINE LINE OF CHINA, the best for miles around.

Yours for a Merry Christmas,

**G. H. BULLOCK OPTOMETRIST**

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### LUNENBURG.

#### News Items.

Carl E. Brown, accompanied by F. A. Moore of Fitchburg, left town on Tuesday for an extended hunting trip in northern Vermont.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Congregational church held a social tea in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon. Light refreshments were served. The proceeds are to be used in defraying expenses on the barrels of clothing recently sent to Miss Kinsman at the Mather school, Beaufort, S. C.

The ladies' society of the Methodist church held an all-day meeting in the chapel on Wednesday and a goodly amount of work was accomplished and a comforter tied.

The annual business meeting and election of officers for the Congregational church was held on Thursday evening. A list of those elected will be given later. Supper was served and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed.

The new library is rapidly approaching completion. The finishing touches are being put on and the book racks are nearly all in place.

The carpenters are busily at work upon Warren Lewis' new house. The frame is up and some of the floors are laid. They will soon have it enclosed and will work upon it this winter.

On Tuesday evening, December 7, at the Methodist chapel, the mite box circle will serve an old-fashioned supper at 7.30. Supper will be announced by blowing of the horn. One feature of the entertainment following will be an illustrated talk upon England by the pastor. There will also be a Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Miss Ella May Pierce is at home from Winthrop, Mass., for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of Charlestown, Mass., enjoyed the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Sargent, Miss Bertha L. Sargent, Miss Florence G. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., and Harold Sargent and Miss Jackson of Norwich, Conn., spent last week Thursday at their summer home, the Putnam cottage. In the evening a party of twenty-two enjoyed a glorious fire in the large old-fashioned fireplace in the cooper shop and recalled the days of yore.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Simons of Milford, last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Shattuck, Mrs. Herbert Corey and daughter Eva and son Harry enjoyed the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shattuck at Reed's Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye are at Sandown for part of the week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and daughter Hazel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shattuck at Reed's Ferry last week.

The annual election of officers of Brookline grange will take place Wednesday evening, December 8.

During the past week hunters' licenses have been issued to Linville M. Shattuck, Wallace D. Jenness, Frank D. Taylor, George H. Nye, George A. Stanley, Eldorus C. Shattuck, Harry S. Powers, Edward D. Lancey, Herbert S. Corey, Edwin H. Taylor. Thirty-two licenses have been issued to December first. The deer hunters are on the alert and several will be on the trail at an early hour Wednesday morning.

Born, Saturday, November 27, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Fessenden, named David William Fessenden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitts of Somerville, Mass., were at the Mathews' homestead part of last week.

Mrs. Josephine Stiles and daughter Marion were guests at Fremont, last week Thursday.

District superintendent, R. T. Wolcott, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday evening, at six o'clock. The rite of baptism will be conferred.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of Pepperell preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning, giving an uplifting and inspiring sermon from Deut. 24, 4, 5.

#### Death.

Mrs. Phoebe F. Mathews, wife of William Mathews, died Thursday, November 25, after an illness of ten days with pneumonia, aged 82 years, 8 months, 13 days. Mrs. Mathews was born at Dalton, N. H., May 12, 1847, daughter of John W. and Phoebe Pitts Carter. May 18, 1854, she was united in marriage to William J. Mathews. June 3, 1887, they came to Brookline, having purchased the John S. Daniels' farm. Later they also purchased the adjoining farm, known as the Davis Green farm. Mrs. Mathews was a noble christian woman, devoted to her home and willing at all times to do for others. It was indeed fitting that Rev. Warren L. Noyes should compare her to Dorcas of old, a woman who was full of good works. A husband deeply mourns her loss.

The funeral took place at the home last Saturday afternoon, Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating and tenderly offering words of consolation. Mrs. Emma Jenness, Mrs. Minnie Holcombe, Dilbert Porter and Elmer Rideout sweetly sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul" and "Go, bury thy sorrow."

The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, among them being spray of white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitts; spray of white carnations, Dana Robbins; spray of pink carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell; white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Canney; cut flowers, Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. French; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley.

The burial was at the South cemetery, Edward C. Tucker, George H. Nye, Clarence R. Russell, S. A. W. Ball serving as bearers.

Among those in attendance from out of town were: Howard C. Mathews, Gardner, Mass.; Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher and son, Fitchburg; Mrs. Clara Robbins and Dana Robbins, Leominster, Mass.; Miss Grace Canney, East Pepperell; Fred Frost, Greenville; Miss Mary Babb, Reading, Mass.

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Shirley and Groton, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frank R. Hardon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, A. D., 1906, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, book 3217 page 50, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house, in said Shirley, upon the premises first below described on Monday, the Thirteenth day of December, A. D., 1909, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

"A certain farm with a water privilege, together with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Shirley, containing Forty (40) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the road leading from Shirley Center to Littleton, Three (3) rods and Eight (8) links Easterly by land late of Joseph Estabrook; thence running Northerly Twenty-seven (27) rods and Nineteen (19) links to the Southeast corner of land of Eunice Jenkins; thence Northerly 2 1/2 East Fourteen (14) rods and One (1) link; thence North 7 1/2 East Eighty-Six and One-Half (86 1/2) rods by land late of Edward Blood; North 55 East on land late of Thomas Whitney Twenty-Four (24) rods and Seven (7) links; thence South 8 1/2 East Twenty-Five (25) rods and Eighteen (18) links by land late of said Estabrook to said road; thence Westerly by said road to the bound first mentioned.

Also one other parcel of land, situated as aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a large red oak stump marked X; thence North 11 1/2 West Thirteen (13) rods and Eight (8) links by land late of Moses W. Woods to the center of Mapus Brook; thence following said Brook in a Northerly direction Twenty-Three (23) rods and Fifteen (15) links to a large rock on the Northerly side of said Brook; thence North 14 1/2 West Twenty-Three (23) rods by land late of said Woods to a stake and stones; thence Easterly by first-named road to stake and stones at land late of said Estabrook; thence Southerly between two parts of a crooked maple tree to Nashua River; thence Southerly by said River to land of Samuel Farnsworth; thence North 60 1/2 West Eleven (11) rods and Twenty-One (21) links to a stake and stones on the top of the ridge; thence South 61 West Thirty-Five (35) rods and Fifteen (15) links to said red oak stump."

"Also a certain other tract of land situated in Groton, in said County, in that part thereof known as West Groton, on both sides of the location of Middle Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, containing Twenty and Forty-Two One Hundredths (20.42) acres, and being all and the same premises conveyed to me by Mabel R. Richardson, by her deed dated February 26th, 1904, and to be recorded in said Deeds herewith, to which deed and record reference may be had for a more particular description."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank,  
By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer.  
Ayer, Mass., Nov. 18, 1909. 3110

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

In Shirley, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank R. Hardon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, 1906, and recorded with the Records of Mortgages of Personal Property in the Clerk's Office of the Town of Shirley, book 5, page 418, will be sold at public auction in said Shirley on the premises recently occupied by said Hardon, formerly owned by Edwin L. White, on Monday, the Thirteenth day of December next, at Thirty Minutes after Ten in the forenoon all and singular the goods and chattels transferred by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

"Two team horses, two team wagons, two single wagons, one single basket wagon, one two-horse basket wagon, one mill truck, two two-horse sleds, two one-horse sleds, one two-horse tip cart, and one one-horse tip cart, all situated in said Shirley. Also one up-and-down saw, one stove saw and Joiner, one kit saw, one single saw and Joiner, one planer, one hoop planer, one basket machine, one edger, one cutting-up saw, two bench saws, and all other machinery, movable shafting and pulleys, and parts of machinery (except one tub stove saw, property of E. W. Seaver & Co., West Townsend, Mass.), now situated about the premises now occupied by me in said Shirley, and formerly owned by Edwin L. White."

Terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank,  
By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer.  
Ayer, Mass., Nov. 18th, 1909. 3110

## Look On the Date of Your Paper

And if you are in arrears send along the Dollar in an envelope, by check, or Post Office or Express Money Order. Please give this your earliest attention.

JOHN H. TURNER, Ayer.

### A PLEASANT WAY TO CURE CATARRH.

Poor deluded victims! Continually sprinkling and spraying and stomach dosing. What are you doing it for? Trying to kill the catarrh germs?

Might just as well try to kill a cat with fresh milk. Sticking a piece of chewing gum in the upper left hand corner of the right ear would slaughter just as many germs.

You can't kill the germs that cause catarrh unless you get where they are.

You can get where the germs are by breathing Hyomei, the powerful yet soothing antiseptic, which is prepared especially to kill catarrh germs.

Just breathe it in, that's all. It gives joyful relief in five minutes. It is guaranteed by William Brown to cure catarrh, or money back.

It is sold by leading druggists everywhere. A complete outfit, including inhaler, costs \$1.00. Extra bottles, 50 cents. Cures sore throat, coughs and colds.

"I take especial pride in recommending Hyomei to asthmatic sufferers, as I know by experience that it is a remedy that cures. I have not since using Hyomei had any recurrence of asthma."—Mrs. Wm. Burton, Owosso, Mich., June 22, 1909.

## MI-ONA Cures Indigestion

It relieves stomach misery, sour stomach, belching, and cures all stomach disease or money back. Large box of tablets 50 cents. Druggists in all towns.

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to a power of sale, contained in a certain Power of Sale Mortgage given by George A. and Emma M. Whitcomb, both of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to John P. Tenney of Acton, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of March, 1908, and recorded in Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds, book 3359 and page 455, for breach of the conditions therein contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, the Twelfth day of December, 1909, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described tract or parcel of land, situated in said Littleton, near Littleton Center, so-called, and bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of land of Thacher and Ireland, formerly the Littleton Store and Hall Association, near the store and at the road leading to the Fitchburg Railroad Depot; thence westerly on said road to an iron pin set in a stone over a brook; thence northerly on said brook one hundred ninety-nine (199) feet to a corner of a wall; thence westerly as the wall now stands two hundred thirty-one (231) feet to a stone set in the ground; thence southerly one hundred eighty-six and one-fourth (186 1/4) feet to a stone post at said road previously described; thence westerly on said road fourteen (14) feet to land of Edward Frost; thence northerly and westerly on said Frost's land to the road leading to Allen P. Whitcomb's house; thence on said road northerly to land now or formerly of Charles F. Stone; thence southerly on said Stone's land and land of A. P. Hager, to a stake and stones by the wall about ten (10) rods, north of the pound, so-called, at the northeast corner of land of Sherman H. Jewett; thence westerly in a straight line on said Jewett's land and land of Thacher and Ireland, as the wall now stands to the end thereof at the fence; thence southerly on land of said Thacher and Ireland as the fence now stands to the bound first mentioned, containing about twenty-nine (29) acres with the buildings thereon, and with an equal privilege in the well at the store aforesaid by paying one-half expense of the repairs of said well. Being a part of the same premises conveyed to George S. Whitcomb, late of Littleton, deceased, by Mary E. Hussey, by her deed dated May 1, 1883, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds, book 1631, page 558, and inherited by said Whitcomb, as his sole heirs-in-law.

Said premises will be sold subject to a mortgage to The North Middlesex Savings Bank, upon which there is now about the sum of Three Thousand (\$3000) Dollars; also, subject to any unpaid taxes.

The sum of Five Hundred Dollars in cash will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms at the sale.

JOHN P. TENNEY, Mortgagee.

Allen Brooks Parker,  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
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First car leaves Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell at 6:05 a. m., then five minutes past every hour up to and including 10:05 p. m., connecting with cars from Fitchburg and Leominster.

First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 6:18 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6:33 a. m., then thirty-three minutes past every hour up to and including 9:33 p. m. The 10:32 p. m. and 10:47 p. m. cars from Lowell for Ayer leave North Chelmsford at 11:15 p. m., due at Ayer at 11:58 p. m., Sundays.

First car from Ayer 7:05 a. m.; last car from Ayer 10:05 p. m.; first car from Lowell 7:33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9:33 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 10:32 p. m. Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11:05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11:50 p. m.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lucius W. P. Willmot, late of Groton, in said County, deceased intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court in a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Charlena A. Willmot, of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of December, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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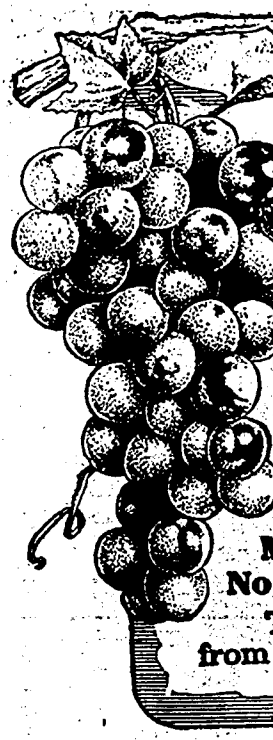
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**PEPPERELL.**

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The many friends of Frank H. Hills will be pleased to learn that he is now able to get down stairs from his sickroom when assisted. He has now been confined for almost six months. He is able to get about the premises some and go upstairs unassisted. Word has been received from his nephew, Charlie, who is in the navy, son of Mrs. David Hills. He is now on the new battleship Michigan and on the way south to Nicaragua, where trouble is looked for by Uncle Sam.  
Other Pepperell news will be found on page 3.

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Mrs. Julia Lawrence is at Mrs. John Simey's, whose condition is about the same.

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Several of the Hayes' boys were home at the farm, South street, over Thanksgiving. It will be remembered there are nine boys in this family, and only they can appreciate how much joy it must bring when some of them get together at these festive times.  
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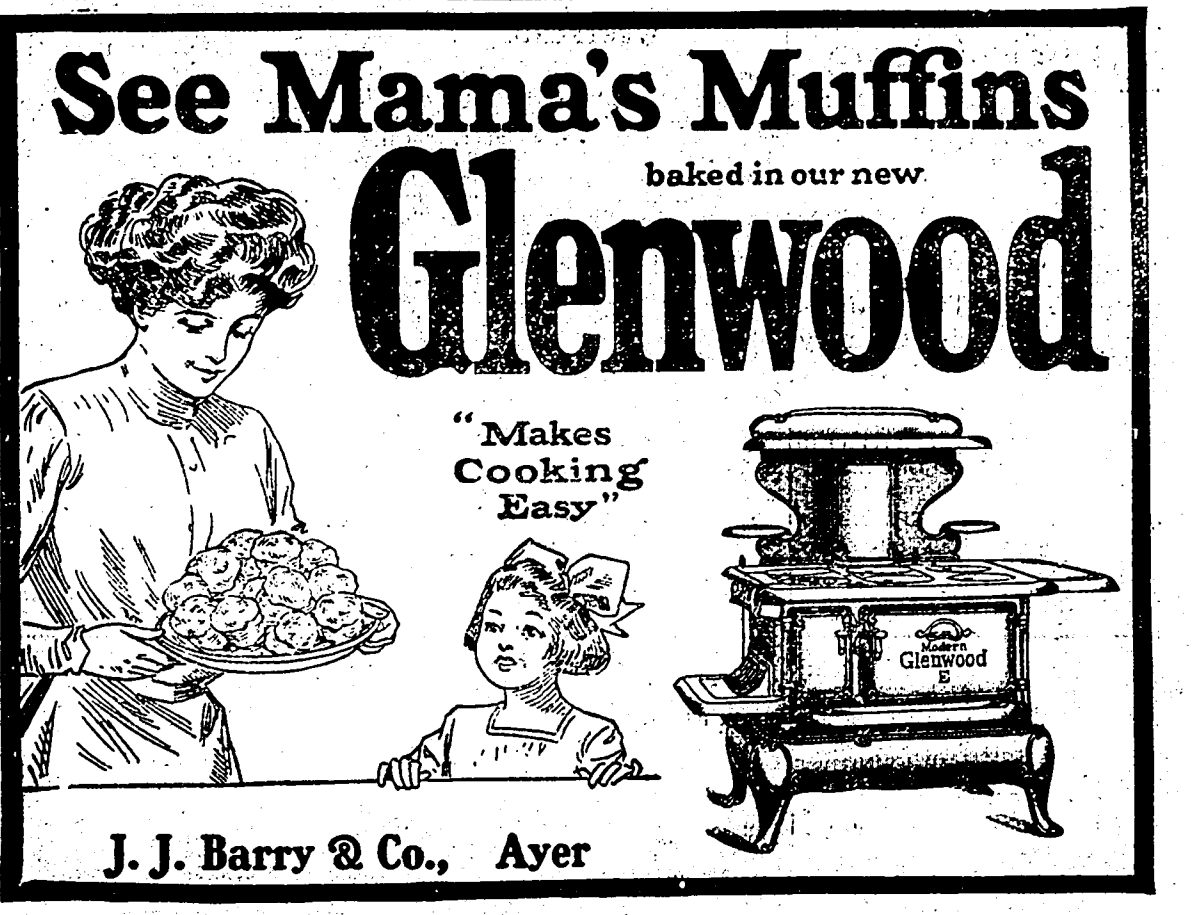
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Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of Charles Tarbell, late of Bedford, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased.  
Whereas, Wallace H. Tarbell, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on Monday, at least, before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.  
W. E. HOBBS, Register.