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HARVARD.

News Items.
George E. Bagster filled his icehouse at Shaboken lake with thirteen and one-half-inch ice of fine quality on Monday and Tuesday this week. On Wednesday Tahanto farm men filled the island house at Bare Hill pond, and Harry F. Whitney filled his house with 14-inch ice from the Hildreth reservoir. Several smaller houses were also filled this week.
Miss Ethel Nourse was laid up for a few days this week with the grippe. Mrs. Alice Cleaves substituted in the second primary room during her absence.
Invitations are out for the twenty-fifth annual concert and ball of the complimentary club, to be given on Thursday evening, January 20.
The Up-to-Date club held its regular meeting this week on Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. C. L. Clay's.
Miss Pearl Webster returned Thursday to her work at Montreal, Que., after a month's visit here with her parents.
Fishing seems to be good at Bare Hill pond. Even with the one line local parties are getting very good strings.
Dr. Royal has purchased a high-bred driving horse from the Emerson farms at Bolton. He is a beauty.

Miss Edith Haggood is home from Worcester assisting in the care of her mother, Mrs. Gardner Haggood, who has been quite ill for some time.
Installation.
D. D. G. M. George F. Buxton and suite of Shirley visited Harvard lodge, I. O. F., on Monday evening last and installed the officers elect for the current year as follows:
Arthur T. West, n. g.; George E. Hardy, v. g.; Silas B. Haynes, chap.; James L. Whitney, w.; A. E. Ripley, c. R. J. Priest, r. s. n. g.; H. B. Royal, l. s. n. g.; William Hanna, r. s. v. g.; Roswell Davis, l. s. v. g.; P. O. Dickson, r. s. s.; W. F. Dickson, l. s. s.; Percy Beard, sec.; F. G. Houghton, treas.; James Woodland, l. g.; Albert Bigelow, o. g.
After the ceremony the noble grand, in behalf Quinsigamond lodge of Worcester, presented P. G. Charles E. Russell of that lodge with a purse of money and in behalf of Harvard lodge, where he is a regular attendant, a gold chain and I. O. F. jewel as a recognition of long and faithful service. Mr. Russell celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth on Tuesday last and as an Oddfellow the forty-third. He is the oldest living past grand of Quinsigamond lodge of Worcester. Brother Russell in a few words thanked the members for their thoughtfulness, after which the meeting closed. A supper was then served in the banquet hall of hot oysters, cake, coffee, etc.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Willis C. Hardy, who has spent the past thirty-five years as traveling salesman and has made hosts of friends in this and many other towns, resigned his position and January 1 retired to his beautiful farm to settle and enjoy a well-earned rest. Hollis is very glad to welcome him for the whole time. He has been able to spend only a small portion of each week in town while engaged in business.
The Pierce Brothers are filling the icehouses for the Boston Dairy Company this week. They are cutting on the river.
Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy, who was quite ill last week, is improving.
The W. C. T. U. at North Weare celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of its organization, Wednesday evening, January 12. Mrs. E. K. Jewett of this town gave the address of the evening.
The queer thing about a splitting headache is that it never splits.
New Advertisements.
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 JOHN L. FARNSWORTH, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES F. WORCESTER, 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 first day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this Thirtieth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.



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off, but fortunately not injuring the bone of her toe.
H. L. Marshall of Northumberland, N. H., who has bought the Frank Ryan farm, has moved his family and goods, and Mr. Ryan is going onto a farm in Old Mill district near the Ayer line, in Harvard.
Mrs. John E. Holmes of Leominster was the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Keyes, Thursday afternoon.
Miss Laura A. Brown has been visiting friends in Litchfield, N. H., this week.
Annal Meeting.
The Ladies' Benevolent society met with Mrs. Morse at the parsonage, Tuesday afternoon, and in the evening the gentlemen came and took supper and spent the evening playing games and in a social manner, after which the annual business meeting was held. After hearing the report of the secretary and treasurer, which showed that the society with the aid of the Thimble club, had paid about \$150 towards putting in the new furnace at the church.
The old board of directors were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. L. H. Morse, pres.; Mrs. C. H. Haskell, vice-pres.; Mrs. H. D. Stone, sec. and treas.
There were present Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haskell, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Eleanor Haskell, Walter Haskell, Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haskell, Mrs. Sophia Stone, Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine, Helen E. Stone, Edna Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. A. L. Hunter, Mrs. A. H. Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Mr. R. Harrod and Miss Alice Harrod.
TOWNSEND.
Last Saturday evening the whist club were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Hager and Mr. Bagley. Miss Cassie Hager and Mr. Kelley received the booby prizes.
On last Wednesday fourteen members of the Townsend grange attended the Pomona grange in Fitchburg.
A. D. Cooper's family driving horse, which he bought less than a year ago, after a few hours' sickness, died last Sunday night.
The meeting of the Monday club this week was with Mrs. Bagley. The exercises opened with a literary program followed by a social hour. At four o'clock refreshments were served. The next meeting of the club is with Mrs. Jones.
Dana Fletcher has been confined to his bed the past week with a severe attack of the grippe.
Adney Gray returned this week from his western trip.
The ice business is booming. Ice is from sixteen to eighteen inches thick, and is being cut at the Harbor pond, and Proctor's reservoir.
Invitations are out for an oyster supper and smoke-talk at Harbor hall, Saturday evening, January 15. The entertainment will consist of short speeches and an address by ex-Mayor Beck of Chelsea.
See Fletcher's Ad. on page 3.
Mrs. George Jones' mother, who re-

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WESTFORD.

Center.
 Mrs. A. W. Hartford has been visiting in Melrose and Boston this week.

The Westford colony, who are spending the cold months at South Lake Weir, Fla., do not forget their Westford friends. Genial Dick Wright has been showing his friends a mammoth orange so large that it makes even an average good-sized orange look small in comparison. A. H. Hartford was the recipient of a particularly large and handsome grape fruit. These were sent by A. H. Foss, who has quite extensive interests in a large grove.

Walter J. Merritt has received a present from Mr. Harmon of a fine box of oranges, which he has shared with friends and neighbors.

Mrs. J. W. Pyne has been on the sick list with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford has been among the shut-ins with rheumatism and a severe cold.

During the severe cold last week Wednesday school was dismissed at the academy owing to inadequate heating. While Miss Lawrence was detained at home with tonsillitis last week Mrs. Edwin N. C. Barnes, wife of our former supervisor of music, substituted most acceptably.

Past master W. M. Wright went to Harvard grange last week Tuesday evening, and installed their officers for the year. The following evening he went to Littleton and performed the same ceremony for that grange. Mrs. Wright accompanied him on both trips. At Harvard he was assisted by a member of that grange, and at Littleton Mrs. J. Henry Colburn of Westford grange did excellent work as assistant.

Grange.
 There was a good attendance of patrons present at the grange last Thursday evening for the first meeting of the new year. There was much to attend to and the evening was well filled with matters of routine business, the annual installation of officers and lastly a good supper.

Walter E. Morris, past master of North Middlesex Pomona grange and also past master of his home grange in Billerica, was the installing officer of the evening. This is the second time he has performed this service for this grange, and the ceremony Thursday evening was carried out impressively and accurately. His assistant, Mrs. Lulu M. Hutchins of Billerica, who is also well skilled in grange lore, performed her part with grace and precision. The new staff of officers have previously appeared in these columns.

The retiring master, A. H. Sutherland, was presented by Mr. Morris, in behalf of the grange, with a beautiful past master's pin inlaid with pearls.

The newly-elected lecturer, Miss Martha Grant, addressed the members asking their co-operation for the year, and announced that her program for the year would soon be ready for distribution. The next meeting, January 20, is entirely in charge of masculine members, and a good entertainment is promised. At the close of the installation service all repaired to the lower hall where a good supper was spread. This was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Colburn, and full justice was done to the appetizing viands. The pretty decorations were the result of Mrs. Colburn's handiwork. The committee were assisted by an able corps of helpers.

Annual Meeting.

According to the established custom, the second Monday in January was the time for the annual dinner, rollcall and business meeting at the Union Congregational church. This took place this year under favorable weather conditions and a happy spirit of harmony and good-fellowship. The faithful pastor's recent resignation necessarily does not give to the members the feeling of settled security, especially to those having the care of securing a new leader and teacher, upon the choice of which so much of the welfare of the church depends.

The dinner took place promptly at the noon hour and was attractive in quality and abundant in quantity. After this part of the program had been well attended to, Mr. Marshall introduced Rev. James E. Greig, pastor of the Kirk Street Congregational church, Lowell, to address the gathering. He brought to his hearers a thoughtful and stimulating message for making the country church a center of social and intellectual stimulus and more important than these a center of spiritual helpfulness. After the speaker had finished the clerk called the roll, which was responded to by the members with remarks, quotations and verses of scripture as well as responses from absent members. Some of these absent members manifested their loyalty most substantially with contributions of money toward the expenses of the church. At two o'clock promptly the business meeting was called to order down stairs, and was well attended. Mr. Marshall presided, and there were reports given by the clerk, deacons, pastor, auditor, treasurer, collector, trustees, president of Y. P. S. C. E., superintendent of Sunday school, secretary of ladies' missionary society and historian.

The financial statement for the church was good, showing all bills paid and a balance in the treasury. A new piazza has been added during the year to the parsonage and other minor improvements made to the church property. The church has lost during the year by death and removal some valuable members. The senior deacon, Andrew S. Wright, has died during the year and one of the be-

loved younger members, Olive J. Pyne, passed away in the bright morning of her life.

The Susan A. Butterfield legacy has been added to the permanent invested funds. Officers chosen for the ensuing year are:

Miss L. B. Atwood, treas.; H. G. Orgood, coll.; Augustus Bunge, aud.; A. E. J. Colburn, H. C. Osgood, W. C. Wheeler and Miss J. B. Atwood, trustees; Miss S. H. Loker, Miss L. B. Atwood, L. M. Wheeler, A. E. Day and H. C. Osgood, supply com.; H. G. Orgood, deacon for three years; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, historian.

About Town.

The old Levi T. Fletcher farm house at Brookside has recently been wired for telephone communication. The wire crosses the field to Brookside station; thence under Stony Brook railroad and connects with line of Senator Fletcher. This modernizes in a way lives long isolated from the ordinary "how do you do" friendships that keep life youthful, and our old-time friend, Miss Sarah Richardson, who is being daily renewed from illness, will now by modern telephone be enabled to renew in part her old-time youthful sociability.

The progressive citizen of the town, a successful farmer of wise judgment and far-sighted vision, George T. Day, is ill at his home on Main street. He is missed in the daily avocations of duty.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Emery J. Whitney's next Friday at the noon hour. Dinner will be served, at which time and place the scholars of Westford academy will be present and purchase food on the dinner installment plan. This will save much of the usual cartage of dinner from home. Phonograph selections between sales appropriate for encouragement for other sales.

The active ones in the Unitarian parish will hold an entertainment in the church parlors next Friday evening. For bill of exactness as to program, call in and stay, and it will be revealed to you.

The Fortnightly club will hold its next meeting, Friday evening, January 23, at the Wright schoolhouse, at which time, by request of the committee of arrangements, De Lacey Corkum of Billerica will join up a debate with some one that can be lured into this old game, and the following question is liable to be made a sounding board of: Resolved, "That the inherent right has a greater influence on the conduct of mankind than the enactment of laws."

Farmers' Institute.

The advertised Farmers' Institute was held as per planned arrangement at the town hall, Wednesday. Good weather and close friendships among rural inhabitants for this phase of farm education and sociability brought out a full company. The Grange orchestra was the first in the program to drum for enthusiasm with their lively quickstep, following which Rev. Charles P. Marshall gave the address of welcome in words of cheer and solid advice. He was followed in response by that old-time joker and orator, De Lacey Corkum of Billerica. The address of the morning was then given by George Albert Drew of our own green hills and valleys of Westford, but now of the large landed estate of Conyers Manners of Greenwich, Conn., of which he is superintendent. His subject, "Orcharding," was presented to the audience in a scholarly, attractive and business-like way, and it is not empty meaningless bouquets void of fragrance to say that this address was one of the best ever delivered before Middlesex North Institute.

The address was modern in flavor and advice. A few condensed thoughts from it will serve to justify opinion and give a clue to those who were not present as to its vitality and business statements: "Set out one-year-old trees and prune to keep the growth of the tree near the ground. Set forty feet apart for Baldwins and interplant with earlier varieties that can be cut out when space demands it. Thin the fruit, leaving apples four to six inches apart. The expense will average about fifty cents per tree. Best results have been obtained by the use of chemicals bought and home-mixed. Cultivate with a modern harrow, in preference to a plow under most conditions. Give the land over exclusively to orcharding. Best results obtained on tilled land instead of grass land. For modern pests modern spraying was the only efficient remedy. At the close of the address a resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote censuring the management of the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway for their lack of courtesy in refusing to run cars on the line from Brookside to Westford after an offer to remove the snow from the track had been offered free. At the dinner hour Rev. B. H. Bailey was the inimitable toastmaster, who decoyed with his keen wit, several to come forth and hold forth. John Flemings of Tewksbury read his thoughts from memory, while George Albert Drew, Leonard W. Wheeler, De Lacey Corkum and Rev. Chas. P. Marshall were each whipped into line, for something fine, and they did oratorical honors to the music of applause from the audience. The afternoon exercises opened with the cheery music by the Grange orchestra, followed by drawings on canvas by scholars from Forge Village. This was more than excellent, for which they all received a cash prize. Mr. Earle of Boston gave illustrations on blackboard of the advantages of "Lightning calculating."

The dinner was in charge of the ladies' degree team of Westford and was one of those abundantly good affairs that one never tires of tasting of.

The Institute gathered the usual numbers from the rural homes of Middlesex North, who came by trolley, barge, in jolly way, as well as by the isolations of lonely foot.

George W. Trull, as for several years, presided as the committee on institutions, and announced that the next institute would be held in the Baptist church at North Billerica on Wednesday, January 26. Prof. Ford of Amherst Agricultural college is expected to give the address in the morning on "Corn." As a corn exhibit is to be held in Boston in the autumn the subject is a timely one.

Death.

Miss May C. Cummings, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cummings, died in Lowell at St. John's hospital, last week. Her age,

25 yrs. and 7 mos. Besides her parents, she leaves one brother, Waldo R. Cummings, and two sisters, the Misses Blanche C. and Pauline G. Cummings. She was for over six years one of the trusted clerks of the White store. She was largely helpful in promoting ministrations for better living, and especially active in church work, being a member of the First Unitarian church of Lowell and five years librarian of the Sunday school. She resided with her parents at 124 Dunbar ave., from which place the funeral took place Sunday. Rev. Charles T. Billings of the First Unitarian church officiated. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford.

Forge Village.

Sunday school missionary day will be observed next Sunday evening in St. Andrew's mission house. The music will be reinforced by an additional vested choir of little girls. At the close of service, prizes for the past term of Sunday school will be given by the vicar, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher. Services will commence at seven p. m.

The Daniel Gage Ice Company of Lowell commenced to harvest its ice crop on Forge pond, Monday morning. The 37,000 tons of ice which was stored in the icehouses last winter has all been consumed. The last carload was taken out last week. It will take about two weeks to refill the icehouses with good weather and no accidents.

Joseph McDonald and Miss Josephine McCarthy, widow of the late Joseph McCarthy, were united in marriage, Tuesday morning, at the parochial residence in North Chelmsford by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield. The bride was attired in a blue satin princess gown, cadet blue military cape and white fur hat. The witnesses were Miss Angeline Brisson, sister of the bride, and John McDonald, brother of the groom. A wedding reception was held at the home of the bride on Forge hill, only the relatives and most intimate friends attending. The couple left later in the evening on a brief wedding tour.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Daly was christened Marguerite at St. Catherine's church, Sunday morning. Miss Catherine May and Thomas May were the sponsors.

Eugene Cote underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lowell General hospital recently.

The members of the John Edwards hose company will hold their second annual dance in Abbot's hall, Friday evening, January 21. Music, McNally's orchestra.

Mrs. Chester Blodgett is recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

News from California.

Miss Grace Lawrence, who is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal., writes very interesting letters to friends here who will be pleased to hear news of her.

The severe rain storm there December 30 did a great amount of damage all about, causing washouts on the steam and electric railroads, carrying away bridges and bringing soil and debris from the mountains down onto the farms and gardens of the valleys.

Farmers and ranchmen are just now plowing and planting for the early crops, but in many gardens vegetables are already up. There are new vegetables in the market all the time from some of the suburbs, for there is great variety of climate within a radius of a few miles. She states that in the parks one sees many beautiful and rare specimens. There are rubber trees as large as our maples, the Australian pine, clumps of bamboo twenty feet high, tall pampas grass, and many banana trees; these last are very tender and they have been nipped by the frost. In her letter she says, "As I write I look from my window upon blossoming roses and waving palm trees, and in the distance, twenty miles away, I see the Sierra Madre mountains rising into the sky, snow-capped and dazzling white against the bright blue. Within a radius of forty miles one may bathe in the warm waters of the Pacific at some of the beach resorts, or roll up snowballs on the summit of Mt. Lowe."

Enclosed in the letter was a beautiful red rose which she had picked in her garden.

Miss Lawrence was for many years the beloved teacher in the village.

Excellent skating is to be found on Forge pond.

James Henry and party of friends from Lowell and Mrs. Laplant and party also from Lowell, enjoyed a fishing trip to Forge pond, Wednesday, and returned well repaid for their trouble.

Grantville.

A small chimney fire at the house of Hyacinth Le Duc in this village caused considerable excitement on last Monday morning, but the flames were soon extinguished with very little damage.

Mr. and Mrs. James Donovan of Lowell have been recent visitors in this village.

Excellent skating and coasting has been enjoyed by the young people in this village this week, and large crowds are out nightly to take advantage of this popular pastime.

The regular meeting of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., was held at their rooms on Tuesday evening, and the newly-elected officers for the ensuing term were installed by the circle deputy, Mrs. Hannah Curran of Ayer.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. C. W. Robinson on Thursday afternoon.

The Misses Etta May and Alice C. Sheehan, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Riney of Lowell, have been recent visitors in this village.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a social dance in Healy's hall, last Saturday night, that was very largely attended, many being present from Lowell, Ayer, North Chelmsford, Forge Village, Pepperell and surrounding towns. McNally's orchestra of Hudson furnished excellent music for dancing that was enjoyed from 7.30 until 11.30, with a short intermission, during which refreshments were served in the lower hall. The dance was in charge of the following efficient committee:

Miss Lena De Lorenzo, gen. man.; Miss Mary J. Sullivan, asst. man.; Miss Daisy Gagnon, floor dir.; Miss Lena J. Foley, next; Mrs. Marion J. Wall, Mrs. Theresa Marchione, supper com.

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Hand Lamps, small size	.35	.25	Galvanized Oil Cans, 5 gals.	1.00	.75
"Glow" Night Lamps	.25	.15	Galvanized Oil Cans, 1 gal.	.30	.20
Brass Lanterns	.90	.40	Galvanized Foot Tubs	.55	.30
Lamp Shades, decorated	1.75	.75	Up-to-Date Washing Machines	8.95	7.00
Lamp Shades, plain	1.00	.50	Majestic Washing Machines	6.50	5.00
			Boilers, copper bottom	1.90	1.00
			Dinner Pails	.25	.15
WATER SETS.			Dinner Boxes	.25	.15
Large Pitcher, 6 glasses and trays	\$1.50	\$1.00	Dinner Baskets	.48	.40
			Dinner Baskets	.42	.30
			FOLDING CLOTHES DRYERS.		
			14 Arms	.98	.65
			7 Arms	.10	.05
			ADJUSTABLE IRONING BOARDS.		
			14 Inch	\$1.25	.85
			Sleeve Boards	.35	.15
			BRUSHES.		
			Hoof Brushes	.25	.15
			Cattle Cards	.10	.05
			Curry Combs	.20	.10
			Tie Ropes	.25	.15
			Dust Brushes	.33	.25
			Shoe Brushes	.25	.15
			Clothes Brushes	.15	.10
			Shaving Brushes	.25	.15
			Shaving Brushes	.10	.05
			Hair Brushes	.10	.05
			Combs, rubber	.10	.05
			Combs, Fine	.10	.05
			Combs, Baby's	.25	.15
			Shoe Makers' Kits, consisting of jack, lasts, knives, hammer, awl, etc.	.60	.25
			Shoe Shining Boxes	.50	.15
			Handled Axes	.95	.65
			Axes	1.00	.50
			Axes	.55	.35
			Hatchets	.35	.25
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			Flat Iron Handles	.10	.05
			Carpenters' Aprons	.35	.20
			Bread Steamers	.55	.25
			Water Kettles	.38	.15
			Toasters	.10	.05
			Cake Turners	.10	.05
			Iron Mixing Spoons	.12	.05
			Wash Basins	.14	.10
			Spiders	.25	.15
			2 Qt. Milk Cans	.30	.15
			Shaker Husk Mats	.50	.40
			Chair Seats	.10	.05
			Savory Roasters	1.35	.90
			Kitchen Saws	.35	.25
			Knife Sharpeners	.15	.10
			Janned Dust Pans	.10	.05
			Carpet Beaters	.35	.20
			Dry Mops	.35	.25
			Rotary Flour Sieves	.25	.10
			Blue and White Cuspidors	.20	.10
			Japanese Umbrella Stands	2.50	1.00
			Jardieniers, large	2.25	1.00
			Fancy Cups and Saucers	.25	.10
			Shaving Mugs	.25	.10
			Cake Plates	.25	.10

All of the above-mentioned goods on hand and Must Be Sold.
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Horse Trot.

There was a very large crowd present at Forge Village pond on last Sunday afternoon to witness the trials of speed between the fast stepping horses in this vicinity. The ice was in prime condition for just such sport, and the lovers of horseflesh in this and surrounding towns were present to give every encouragement to their favorites. Many fast "brushes" were enjoyed between such horses as H. J. Healy's "Bob," Austin Healy's "London Belle," and "Jack" Healy's fast bay pacer called the "Unknown." But the real contest and final of the various heats was between Victor Pigeon's speedy chestnut gelding and Henry Harrington's "Derby Lass." Pigeon appeared to have little difficulty in forging ahead of the other horses at the beginning of the matinee, and was quite a favorite until he brushed against the "Derby Lass," and then he met his Waterloo and was forced to take the ice chips thrown by Harrington's horse four out of five heats. It was certainly a very pretty contest, but Harrington had excellent control over his mare and managed to nose out a victory when it came to the finishing line. Pigeon's horse out a quarter in the last heat, and this brought the trials to an end at an

earlier hour than was expected, as none of the other "speeders" ventured over the course after this accident. It is hoped that the speedway will remain in good condition during the week, when some of the would-be trotters with "fraside records" will be brought out into the sunlight to show what they can do. In the meantime the village sports are all talking horse. Mr. Pigeon appeared to be dissatisfied with the results of the trials on Sunday, claiming that he got a poor start in the trials, and that the course is too short to enable his horse to do his best work. He is ready and willing to race any horse in the town over the road from one mile or three.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
 Through the kindness of Mrs. Gardner, the children at No. 2 school were furnished with hot chocolate at noon the three coldest days last week. This proved so satisfactory that it has been decided to serve it the rest of the term, having it prepared at the school-house and each one paying his share of the expense.
 Monday evening Charles T. Wetherbee was installed noble grand of the Oddfellows lodge at West Acton.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is sick and under the doctor's care.
 Mrs. A. E. Lawrence has gone to Westford for a short time.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bradford witnessed the installation of the officers of Acton grange, Tuesday evening. C. D. Richardson, past master of the State grange, was the installing officer.
 Mrs. Dodge visited her daughter in Clinton this week. Florence was there at the same time.
 The engagement of Milton B. Hager to Miss Helen Graham Ashman of Somerville has recently been announced.
 Monday Clarence Mead enjoyed the day fishing at Fort pond, returning to Townsend with thirty-two pickerel as the result of his outing.

New Advertisements.
FOR SALE OR TO LET.—A Small Place on Oak Hill, Pepperell, good place for hens. Inquire of BENJAMIN PARKER, Box 55, Pepperell. Telephone 19-12.
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TOWNSEND.

West.
The total number of books distributed from the delivery station here for the month of December was 250, only three distributions being made on account of the 25th being a holiday.

Rev. J. H. Cox returned last Thursday from Dorchester, where he has been under the care of a specialist, at the home of his daughter, and his friends are rejoiced to see much improvement in his health.

Miss M. E. Tower and Miss Blanche Sprague, teachers of the public schools here, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives at the Center.

Miss Marion Kellogg is spending a few weeks with friends at her former home in West Swazey, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Craig have returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Troy, N. Y.

John Langdon has returned to the farm of A. H. Wilson on Bayberry Hill, after spending several weeks in Boston.

On Friday morning Miss Clara T. Brown, aged eighty-nine years, passed away at the town farm, where she had been an inmate for the past eighteen years, the cause of her death being paralysis. Funeral services were held at the town farm, last Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Victor Wachs of the Methodist church at the Center officiating, and the burial was in the family lot at the Townsend Cemetery. She leaves a sister in Lynn and two brothers, George and Joseph Brown of this place.

The Ladies' Literary and Social club met at the home of Ellen Pratt, last Friday afternoon, and a miscellaneous program was enjoyed. Two papers on travel were read, an account of a visit to Southern California by Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, and an article on a "Trip to Lexington," by Mrs. Fred Patch, after the reading of which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be on Friday evening, January 21, and will be held at the home of Lucy A. Lawrence.

Alden P. Sherwin and James Dodds spent last Sunday with friends in Quincy and vicinity.

Walter Wilder has returned to his home in Joslyville, after serving on the jury which indicted Hattie Le Blanc for murder in the Glover case.

The Men's club held their usual enjoyable meeting, discussing current events, at the Baptist vestry last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Josephine Boynton has returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Lowell.

Center.
The following officers were installed at the grange Monday night by installing officer, George E. Crosby of Tewksbury:

Wilbur H. Seales, m.; Laura I. Richards, o.; Margaret W. Copeland, stew.; Clara C. Clement, chap.; Charles W. Hildreth, treas.; Flora I. Atwood, sec.; T. E. Flarity, l. r.; Isea Cowdry, Ceres; Alice Brown, Pomona; Mary E. Taylor, Flora; Hattie E. Misner, l. a. s.

F. J. Knight was elected to fill the place of assistant steward and will be installed later. After the installation a light collation was served in the banquet room, after which were remarks by Mr. Crosby.

Sunday was a busy day for officer M. T. O'Brien, who had his hands full in quelling several Italians who work on the railroad section here and reside on Highland street. The principal disturber was arrested and taken to Ayer, Monday morning, where he paid his fine and was released.

At the parish meeting, last Saturday, at the Congregational church, the following officers were elected:

H. H. Hildreth, mod.; A. S. Howard, clerk; T. J. Harvey, treas.; B. G. Fessenden, C. W. Hildreth, A. H. Bumstead, exec. board; J. W. Eastman, ex-officio; L. G. Chandler, H. B. Hildreth, G. L. Whitcomb, fin. com.; A. N. Fessenden, Mrs. Ethel Eldridge, E. L. Haynes, music com.; G. L. Whitcomb, agent rental horse sheds.

Mrs. Angie Lang has been quite ill, but is improving.

Mrs. Lewis Morse has returned from a visit at her daughter's, Mrs. Dr. E. L. Hill of Millis.

The following are to serve upon the Grange Literary committee for the ensuing year, by appointment: Mrs. Margaret Higgins, lecturer; Wilbur H. Seales, master; Galen A. Proctor, Richard T. Eldridge, Mrs. Minnie L. Knight, Mrs. Clara M. Farrar.

J. L. Farrar is harvesting his ice at Walker's pond, this week.

Mrs. Dr. C. B. Shaw and son Chester have returned from an extended visit at National City, Cal., with Mrs. Shaw's parents.

A large load of members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge attended the installation at Ashby, Tuesday, enjoying the evening and the excellent sleighing. D. D. G. M. Anna F. Bliss and suite from here were the installing officers.

Several members of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the installation at Groton, Monday evening, and reported an enjoyable evening. D. D. G. M. George A. Wilder and suite installed the officers.

Mrs. Al Richards is entertaining her sister, Miss Alice Day.

Postmaster T. E. Flarity installed the officers of Groton grange, Tuesday evening. Several grangers also went from here and quite a few also attended the Pomona grange at Fitchburg, Wednesday.

Mrs. Laura J. Richards of Fitchburg has brought a libel for divorce against Andrew H. Richards of Townsend alleging desertion. The papers were served by Deputy Sheriff A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer, January 6, and are returnable in the superior court at Worcester the first Monday in February. They are from the office of Walsh & Walsh of Fitchburg. The couple were married at Brookline, N. H., in 1881, and lived together for twenty-four years, much of the time in Townsend.

Entertainment.
The Monday club met with Mrs. Thirza A. Fessenden and Miss Angela Boutelle as hostesses this week. Mrs. Alice Gray Teale, who are to speak upon "A unique social experiment," was unavoidably detained by a car-blockade, which caused her to miss her train. The entertainment consisted of readings in charge of Mrs. Carrie M. Doane as follows:

Piano solos, Mrs. Victor H. Wachs; reading from the Wellers of Dickens; Mrs. Noah Wallace; selection from Mr. Dooley; Mrs. E. A. Flagg; selection, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden; introduction and character sketches of several former notable people of Townsend, Miss Ellen Haynes; reading, Mrs. Evelyn Warren.

Light refreshments and tea were served, Miss Ruth Potter of Worcester acting as pourer. After lunch another reading by Mrs. Flagg and a song by Mrs. Wachs were enjoyed together with a social time.

DUNSTABLE.

New Items.
Mrs. Emma J. Kendall of Malden has sued the Boston Elevated Street Railway Company for \$5000 as damages for personal injuries suffered by her, in consequence of a fall, resulting from the premature starting of a car in Brookline Square on June 13, 1908; and her husband, Nathaniel A. Kendall, has sued the same corporation for \$5000 for the loss of the services of his wife, resulting from the same injuries.

New Advertisements.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

Ayer, Mass., January 15, 1910.
The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on Thursday, February 17th, 1910, at ten o'clock A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

George A. Mahoney, Guardian.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land of Oliver K. Pierce; Easterly by land of E. D. Stone; Southerly by Grove street and Westerly by land of John Maloney, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, balance 1907, \$1.72; 1908, \$22.23; 1909, \$22.66.

Samuel Slavsky.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of West Main street, bounded as follows: Northerly by West Main street; Easterly by land of Bridget Brown; Southerly by land of Mrs. John Walsh and Lord W. Phelps; and Westerly by land of Sarah and Bridget Sheedy, containing three-eighths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$38.87; 1909, \$40.66.

Heirs of William R. Clark.
A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Westerly side of Forest Street, bounded as follows: Northerly by Tauney Street; Easterly by Forest Street; Southerly by land formerly of Willard W. Balcom; and Westerly by land of George H. Brown, containing three-eighths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$126.25; 1909, \$127.16.

Clarence M. A. Childs, Trustee.
Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded as follows: Northerly by land of Caroline Taft; Easterly by land of John Maloney; Southerly by land of Peter Tarbell; and Westerly by Church Street, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$31.56; 1909, \$31.74.

Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded Northerly by land of Benjamin Taft; Easterly by Pond Street; Southerly by land of Sarah J. S. Bennett; and Westerly by land of Benjamin Taft, containing three-sixteenths of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$57.79; 1909, \$58.13.

Melvin A. and Florence Stevens Childs.
Lot No. 1, with all the buildings thereon, bounded Northerly by land of Melvin A. and Florence Stevens Childs; Easterly by land of John H. Turner; Southerly by Grove Street; and Westerly by Elm Street, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$37.58; 1909, \$37.80.

Lot No. 2, with all the buildings thereon, bounded Northerly by land formerly of Mrs. John Reardon; Easterly by land of John H. Turner; Southerly by land of Melvin A. and Florence Stevens Childs; and Westerly by Elm Street, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less.

Taxes, 1908, \$42.74; 1909, \$42.99.

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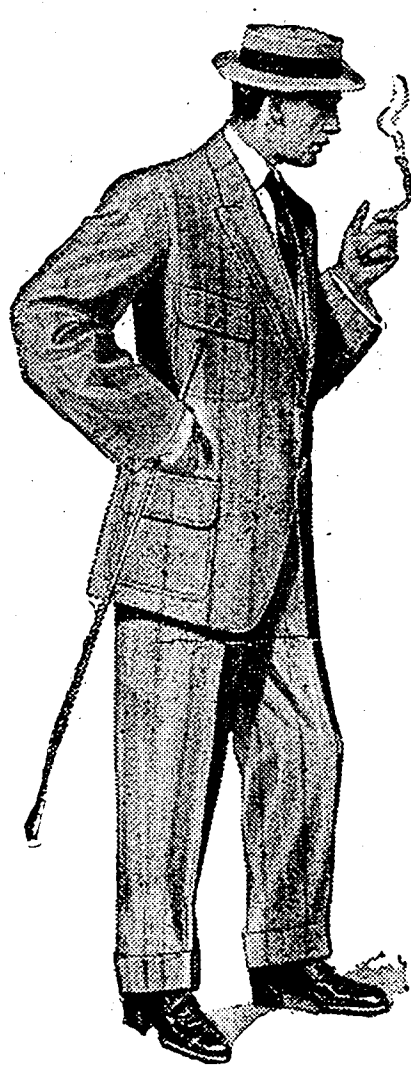
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- Men's Cotton Hose, only 3 to a customer... .01
- One lot Men's Suits, broken sizes, to close 89
- One lot Men's Shield Bows..... .03
- Contocook Blue Underwear at..... .75
- One lot Men's Fashionable Four-in-Hand Ties 11
- One lot of Gents' Neglige Shirts, Heavy Woven Madras and Cheviots, guaranteed worth 75c..... .39
- Particular attention is called to a very large selection here of Men's and Young Men's Worsted Suits of guaranteed pure All Wool 1909 patterns, single or double breasted, sold at \$15, and we challenge clothiers to match them at \$20, at..... \$9.25
- One lot of Umbrellas of fine quality. Gloria (superior in wear to most silk), fine Boxwood handles, many richly trimmed with sterling silver, sold for \$2.50. Line mill start at 29c. and up to..... \$1.39
- Men's and Young Men's Suits, stylish patterns, also in black for Dress and semi-Dress worth \$20.00. Small lots thinned into one, in order to represent all sizes, at..... \$12.69
- Men's Madras, Cheviot and Percale Shirts, worth \$1.00, \$1.25, at..... .69
- Men's All Wool Cassimere Suits, substantial and well made, worth \$7.50 and \$8.50, at \$3.89 and at..... \$2.89
- Men's Fancy Vests, retailed at \$1.50 to \$4.50, containing dark rich silk mixtures, as well as faddish patterns, will be closed out at \$1.39, \$1.19 and..... .89



- One lot of Gents' Fine All Wool Cassimere Hose, sold as bargains all over the world at 25c. This sale..... \$17
- Men's Sheep Skin Lined Coats, line will start \$3.15
- The most popular 50c. Suspenders in the market, the particular dresser's most favorite suspenders, the "President" Suspenders.... 31
- Gentlemen's Rain Coats—Overcoats for rain or shine, for spring or fall; the cloth they are made of has undergone a chemical treatment, which makes it absolutely rain-proof and adds to the durability of the fabric. "Dressy Overcoats." We carry a large assortment in black, dark Oxford, olive and fashionable color mixtures in genuine Priestly cravatettes, worth \$25.00 each. They are going at the same tremendous reduction. Notice particularly our line which is marked \$12.45 and..... \$8.85
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- American and Imported One-half Hose in black, tan and fancy..... .17
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LITTLETON.

About Town.
The annual dramatic entertainment of the Backlog club will be given in the town hall, Thursday and Friday evenings, January 27 and 28. This year the royalty play, Esmeralda, a comedy drama in four acts by Frances Hodgson Burnett and William H. Gillette, will be presented by a most excellent cast, whose dramatic ability is well known and thoroughly appreciated in this vicinity by every lover of the dramatic art.

"Mother—She's high-spered—mother is—she's raised in Lisbethville"—"Father's so gentle and peace-loving"—Esmeralda is true blue, "so like her father."
Look for cast of characters in next week's issue. Help the committee by sending in your order for reserved seats.

News Items.
The hand of distinction must this week point to Alexander Gregory, whose fox hunt, last Saturday, took him within the range of a hedge-hog whose piercing quills found their way into his fox hound's tender nose. Mr. Gregory, perceiving that his hound was in trouble, called him and extracted nine of the sharp arrows from the poor animal's nose.

Frank J. Hager of Ironwood, Mich., arrived in town last Saturday. Sunday he spent in Boston in order to attend church at the Christian Science temple. Mrs. Hager is first reader and Mr. Hager is second reader at their home town.

Sherman H. Jewett, for twenty years faithful and painstaking janitor of the Union school building, has tendered his resignation much to the regret of the school board and all others concerned.

Church Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held last Saturday. About forty-five were present and enjoyed a pleasant social, a good dinner, encouraging reports of the various officers, and the magnificent address by the pastor, Frank Gregory, Ralph W. Conant, Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, Mrs. Ethel W. Dodds, membership com.

It may interest many who were unable to be present to learn that the benevolence of the church for the year just passed approximated \$300, which is over a hundred more than the sum called for by the apportionment plan of 1910.

About fifty new members have joined the Sunday school through its home department. These members, inducted through sickness, the infirmities of old age, or by some other good cause, but wishing to be identified with the Sunday school, are provided with quarterlies from which to study

the lesson, and envelopes for contributions to the Sunday school treasury.

Rev. Paul G. Favor gave an address that for comprehensive criticism and kindly suggestions could not be surpassed. He reviewed the history of the church and the society during his ministry with marked faithfulness, noted their strong and their weak points, and presented an encouraging and hopeful outlook for the future.

Woman's Club.
Guest evening at the Woman's club was observed Monday evening in the Unitarian vestry. The auditorium was furnished and decorated as usual to give the very pleasing effect of the home reception room.

The officers of the club assisted by Mrs. Alice Prouty received the guests, during which reception the Cynthian orchestra sustained their enviable reputation by rendering several very happy selections.

President, Mrs. Hattie A. Robinson then extended a kindly welcome to all, and with becoming grace introduced Mrs. Prouty, who had the entertainment in charge. She, in turn, presented the artists of the evening, who gave the following complete program:

Greeting waltz, Ladies' quartet; solo, Mrs. Eleanor Fox Allen; reading, original arrangement of Mrs. Frances H. Burnett's "The dawn of to-morrow," part one, by Miss Bortha Everett Morgan; solo, Mrs. Eleanor Fox Allen; "The dawn of to-morrow," part two, Miss Bortha Everett Morgan; encore, the saleslady; "Snowflakes," Ladies' quartet; The rosary, Ladies' quartet.

Mrs. Allen, first soprano in the Ap-

pleton's Ladies' quartet of Boston, was in excellent voice and sang with bird-like sweetness and clearness, winning most enthusiastic applause. She has appeared before Littleton audiences before, and is always sure of a cordial reception here.

Miss Morgan, who spoke for the first time in the Littleton stage at the Midsummer fête last July, so captivated her audience then that her return was heartily solicited and thoroughly appreciated. The Ladies' quartet was most happy in their selections and delightfully effective in the rendering of them. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss E. M. Swett, whose interpretation was pleasantly revealed in delicate and artistic expression. Mrs. Allen was accompanied by Mrs. Ada Webber, whose exceptional talent was at its best.

It is pleasing to note the constant improvement in the work of the Cynthian orchestra, organized less than a year ago. On every side are heard only words of the highest praise.

At the close of the literary and musical entertainment the company left the auditorium for the dining hall, where appetizing refreshments consisting of chicken patties, rolls, hot coffee, and ice cream and cake were served under the direction of Mrs. Lillian M. Priest and Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb.

Guest evening is one of the numbers in the W. C. calendar much anticipated, and expectations were fully realized if one may judge from the frequent expressions of hearty approval and genuine enjoyment of those who were present.

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Saturday, January 15, 1910.

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GROTON.

Grange.

The officers of Groton grange were installed last Tuesday evening with the usual ceremonies, and in a very efficient manner by installing officer, T. E. Flarity of Townsend, ably assisted by Mrs. Grace Bradshaw of Ayer. Preceding the installation an oyster supper was served under the supervision of Elmer Sawyer, J. R. Hawkes, making the oyster stew, which was well enjoyed by all.

An interesting event of the evening was the presentation of a past master's pin to the retiring master, William A. Woods. This pin is a handsome one of solid gold surrounded with the letters "P. of H." surrounded by pearls. Mrs. George H. Woods, on behalf of the grange, presented this pin in a pleasing manner and with well-chosen words expressed the appreciation of the brothers and sisters for Mr. Woods' work as master during the past two years. Mr. Woods was evidently completely surprised, but responded very aptly on accepting the tokens. As more than enough had been subscribed to purchase the pin, the surplus had been embodied in a \$2.50 gold piece also presented with the other token. It was voted to send flowers to the families of Silas Northrup and Willard Tolles each as a welcome to the baby boys recently arrived in these families, and also to Nesbit Woods, who has been ill.

Died Suddenly.

Mrs. Mary M. (Stickney), widow of Dr. Miles Spaulding, died suddenly and unexpectedly Monday night, January 10.

Although for many years an invalid, Mrs. Spaulding was in her usual health up to about five o'clock that afternoon, when she spoke as if not feeling quite so well and in a few moments passed into unconsciousness, from which she did not recover, the end coming about nine o'clock.

The cause of her death was cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Spaulding was born in Lunenburg and her age was seventy-five years. She was well known in Groton, which had been her home since coming here when young with her parents.

Mrs. Spaulding was recognized as a woman of intelligence and superior business ability. She had been a member of the Congregational church for many years, and only last week sent as usual her response to the rollcall. The funeral was on Friday afternoon from her late home and interment in Groton cemetery. She is survived by no very near relatives.

News Items.

Myron P. Swallow, at the Lawrence creamery, Keenie Fletcher, J. B. Radin and William Whitehill are among those harvesting their ice this week, which is of superior quality.

Mrs. Margaret Benedict is staying for awhile with her daughter, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck. Mrs. Trent, another daughter who lives with Mrs. Benedict at her own home, was called away by the illness of her son.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ames is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Prescott, in Danvers, where she went recently.

One day last week, while Timothy Crowley was walking to Ayer to visit his daughter, he was overcome by faintness or over-exertion. He was found and helped on by the section hands to Ayer. He had another attack there, but after reaching the home of his daughter, Mrs. Weldon, continued to recover from the attack.

The duet by F. W. Chase and Miss MacKee at the Congregational church last Sunday was finely rendered and an effective part of the morning service.

During 1909 there were forty hunters' licenses taken out in Groton, and so far in 1910 some half dozen or so have been called for.

Miss Robinson of Andover is the guest of Mrs. E. P. Shumway.

The drama, "Par Heaven," was finely presented last week and was enjoyed by all attending. Something over twenty dollars is reported as the net proceeds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard will remain in town at the Dix homestead for a week or two before returning to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

William A. Moore had an ill turn Tuesday night, necessitating a physician's attendance.

George T. Stevens and Elmer T. Sawyer are serving as jurors, going last Monday to the term criminal court sitting in Cambridge. They may continue two or more weeks.

Mrs. F. W. Chase and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keleran in Ayer.

There is excellent sleighing here. The walking is precarious, owing to the ice on the sidewalks, notwithstanding considerable sand which has been sprinkled on the sidewalks gets worn or blown off.

Nesbit L. Woods, who suffered an attack of appendicitis last week, is better and about his business again. He has not endured an operation as yet.

The blacksmiths have been busy. At Bywater's an inquiry showed that since January 1 they have sharpened on an average fifteen horses a day. The record-beating day they sharpened twenty-eight.

On Wednesday Groton was well represented at the Pomona grange held in Fitchburg. The officers of the Middlesex-Worcester were installed and routine business was in the forenoon.

Various papers with solos, other musicals and recitations, and an address by C. O. Bailey of Newbury, secretary of the state board of forestry, made up a...

The Boynton Bakery Co. has lost one of its horses this week, it being found necessary to have it shot. Profitable and interesting program for the afternoon. Among those who went from Groton were Mrs. Blanche Brown, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, Mrs. Edith Kierstead, Mrs. George H. Woods, Miss Hattie Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. E. A. Barrows. These are the names we have gathered. There were probably some others present from Groton who enjoyed the meeting as did the above mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hawkes and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier took in the farmers' institute in Westford on Wednesday. They had a nice comfortable sleigh-ride over in Mr. Hawkes' genuine old-fashioned sleigh, newly painted. This deserves special mention as there are few, if any, in town as old as this evidently.

It is reported that the Boynton Bakery Co. has leased the bakery building on Elm street for a period of ten years. There will be a Masquerade dance in town hall, Groton, Thursday evening, January 20, under the management of Benjamin B. Lovett.

The following officers of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed, Monday night:

G. P. Hodgman, n. g.; G. F. Bailey, v. g.; K. Graham, f. e. g.; A. L. Ames, Jr., l. s. n. g.; G. S. Chase, ward.; William A. Woods, con.; C. H. Torrey, chap.; E. L. Clark, r. s. v. g.; A. P. Warren, l. s. v. g.; W. E. Howe, E. D. Howe, r. s. s.; E. A. Shattuck, l. g.; D. Young, o. g.

Obituary.

When on Thursday, January 6, the word came to Groton, telling of the passing away in Boston that day of Mrs. Harriet E. Dix, there was sorrow in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, and sincere regret felt there by those who, although not reckoned among her personal friends, knew of her character and life work, and held her in high esteem.

Mrs. Dix was born in Boston, April 1, 1835, the daughter of Gen. B. F. and Catherine Raynor Edmunds, and passed her childhood at the home of her grandfather, John Raynor, in their old colonial residence, corner of Sudbury and Court streets. She was educated in the private schools of that city. In 1862 she was married to Benjamin Ward Dix, a grandson of the Revolutionary officer, General Artemas Ward, and son of B. P. Dix of Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Dix lived in Boston until 1868, when they moved to New York, and four years later to Brooklyn. Mr. Dix died in 1898.

Wherever Mrs. Dix lived she was active in Unitarian church work and took a leading part in the Woman's Alliance. During the ten years from 1891 to 1897 she was president of the National Alliance. Her interest and efforts in mission work in North Carolina led to her establishing the Dix school at Shelton Neck, in that state. Wherever her charitable works, whether remote or local—and her hand was not slack—her principle in giving was to help others to help themselves.

She was deeply interested in Groton and all its improvements. Although Mrs. Dix gave up active work some few years ago, she never relinquished her love for and helpfulness in the First Parish Unitarian church of Groton and its benevolences. It seemed well fitting then when the time had come for her last return to Groton that the place for the services should be in the church parlors, where she had spent so many hours and so many times greeted her Groton friends.

It is a matter of regret to the relatives that any misunderstanding should have existed about the services being private. It was intended for any and all who so wished to be present. The interment only was private. The services were held on Monday morning, January 10, Rev. P. H. Cressey reading the scriptures and offering a comforting prayer. Miss Adah Campbell Hines of New York rendered three selections, accompanied by the organist, F. O. Nash of Boston. The honorary pall bearers were F. L. Blood, C. H. Gerrish, F. M. Boutwell, F. F. Walters, W. A. Lawrence, E. D. Howe, E. B. Gerrish, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn and G. E. Hodgman.

So arranged was the profusion of violets, orchids, roses, and all the other blossoms and evergreens, that the sleeper appeared surrounded by them and resting in their midst.

The nearest surviving relatives are one daughter, Mrs. Charles Zibeon Southard of Brooklyn and Groton, and an only remaining brother, Prof. John Raynor Edmunds of Harvard observatory, Cambridge.

Again a parting sail we see. Another boat has left the shore. A kinder soul on board has she. That ever left the land to friends. And as her outward course she bends, Sit closer, friends.

Congregational.

In the report of the Congregational church dinner and rollcall given last week there was a mistake about the church members which was given as 116. It should have been 166, as nearly as our informant has it in memory. The same deacons and nearly all the same officers were re-elected. The new board of trustees is H. K. Richards, G. H. Knapp and Frank D. Lewis. It was given out officially for the first time that the church was to receive the bequest of \$200 by the will of the late Miss Harriet Hemenway, which sum will probably be paid this summer to the treasurer of the church.

The following officers of the Congregational Sunday school have been elected: S. F. Davis, superintendent; Ansel M. Shattuck, assistant superintendent; Marshall Swallow, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Marshall Swallow, lib.; Miss Gladys Swallow, asst. lib.

Baptist.

The following officers and committee were chosen at the annual meeting of the First Baptist church, January 5: Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, clerk; Dea. H. C. Rockwood, treas.; T. R. Clough, Geo. F. Stevens, n. g.; Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, l. s. n. g.; F. Stevens, Mrs. R. C. Rockwood, s. c.; William A. Parkhurst, H. C. Rockwood, H. P. Tainter, p. c.; Mrs. S. G. Southard, A. F. Parkhurst, D. N. Prassey, b. c.; Mrs. Clough, Mrs. R. C. Rockwood, Mrs. William Parkhurst, Mrs. H. C. Rockwood, v. c. W. A. Parkhurst, F. Stevens, Keyes, Elmer Sawyer, m. c.; T. R. Clough, A. F. Parkhurst, n. c.; Rockwood, G. T. Stevens, J. R. Hawkes, c. l. c.; Rev. H. A. Cornell, T. R. Clough, Mrs. W. Parkhurst, m. c. Rev. H. A. Cornell, H. C. Rockwood, James

Rowe, D. N. Prassey, George T. Stevens, Mrs. H. C. Rockwood, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, c. m. c.; Rev. H. A. Cornell, T. R. Clough, W. A. Parkhurst, Mrs. Edna Keyes, Elmer Sawyer, c. n. n. b.

About sixty sat down to the well-filled tables at the noon hour and partook of an excellent dinner, after which the rollcall followed in the audience room above. Thirty members responded at the call, and ten or more sent written responses. Rev. Mr. Ellis of Chelmsford gave an excellent address on "Fellowship with Christ," which was helpful and inspiring.

A pleasant incident in connection with the presentation through the pastor, Mr. Cornell, of the pictures of nearly all the former pastors of the church and their wives, which have been solicited by Mrs. C. E. Greenwood, dating back to that of the first pastor, Rev. Omasa Sanderson, who took his axe and went into the woods and helped to cut the timbers that went into the present Baptist church building.

Rev. C. W. Turner assisted Mrs. Greenwood in this labor of love by making the photographs as nearly uniform in size as possible and arranging them in a suitable frame. Other friends also aided in the movement, to all of whom the church voted an expression of thanks.

Obituary.

Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Edmunds Dix, widow of Benjamin Ward Dix of Brooklyn, and a former resident of Boston, died January 5, in Roxbury, at the home of a friend whom she was visiting. Her death was unexpected. Mrs. Dix was born in Boston, April 1, 1835, the daughter of General B. F. Edmunds and Catherine Raynor. Their home was at the corner of Court and Sunbury streets, the home also of her grandfather, John Raynor. She attended private schools in that city. She was married in 1862 to Benjamin Ward Dix, grandson of General Artemas Ward of Revolutionary fame, and with him in 1868 moved to New York, going four years later to Brooklyn.

Mrs. Dix took a leading part in the Woman's Alliance and was later chosen president of the National Alliance, which office she held from 1891 to 1901. She took much interest in the Unitarian mission work in North Carolina and at Shelton Neck, N. C., established the Dix school. She was also widely interested in charitable work, but of recent years had given up her various activities and spent much of her time at her summer home in Groton.

Mrs. Dix was a sister of the late Colonel Thomas F. Edmunds of the First Corps of Cadets. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Charles Zibeon Southard of Brooklyn and Groton, and a brother, Professor John Raynor Edmunds of the Harvard Observatory.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Edith Houghton entertained her roommate at her home on Goldsmith street, last Saturday and Sunday.

The Boston Dairy Company began cutting ice on the Mill pond last Saturday. The Daniel Gage Company has filled the North Littleton icehouses. William Proctor has been cutting ice on Long pond this week. George Stone, William Pickard, Fred Kimball, Nahum Whitcomb, Walter Titcomb, Austin Kimball and Walter Kimball have filled their icehouses this week. The ice is of superior quality and the good sledding makes the transportation of the harvest from pond to icehouse comparatively easy.

Temperance Sunday in Littleton met with ready response from the parishioners of the three churches, generous contributions to the anti-saloon cause, and earnest and convincing addresses by three representatives of the league.

Miss Helen Calder, secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, will address the people of the Congregational society next Sunday morning, at the Student Volunteer convention, held last summer at Rochester, N. Y. Miss Calder was present at the convention and brings the gospel of what came within her personal observation.

Mrs. Everett Kimball has recently visited the Misses Annie and Esther Dodge in Cambridge.

Miss Gladys Hill of Waltham was a guest of Miss Ruth Prescott at John H. Kimball's the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Kimball Harlow is sick with congestion of the brain at her home in Somerville.

The Farmers' Institute held in Westford, Wednesday, was a center of attraction for many Littleton people. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. O. Osman Needham, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Charles Yapp, William Pickard and Walter Titcomb. A. T. Kimball furnished conveyance for the Newtown clan, and the merry sleigh-ride, the good dinner, and last but not least, the excellent address and other exercises constituted a day of rare enjoyment. Littleton was brought into prominence through one of its young hopefuls, Robert Harwood, who was awarded first prize in a drawing contest. His production was a water scene of acknowledged merit.

Mrs. C. K. Houghton, Miss Gertrude Sanderson and Mrs. Alice Prouty attended the Maynard Woman's club, Tuesday.

Miss Helen Warren of South Acton was the guest of Miss Bartlett at the Littleton Woman's club, Monday evening.

At the annual meeting of the Arts and Crafts, Tuesday, the former officers were all re-elected: Miss Florence Wilcox, pres.; Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, v. p.; Mrs. B. F. Jacobs, sec.; Mrs. S. E. Abbott, treas. The society has ordered a loom, and will soon learn the art of rug making. Next week the class will take up fancy grass basketry.

Hartwell and Hosmer have filled icehouses this week, also C. V. Flagg, D. G. Houghton, George Proctor, William Brown, and the proprietor of the Cyrus Pickard farm.

James Lawton, a popular member of the Oddfellows and a member of the Nashobah quartet, leaves town next week, having accepted a position at Mansfield, Ohio.

The schools were closed Friday as the teachers took that for visiting day.

The Ladies' class of the Baptist Sunday school will hold another of their popular food sales at the vestry, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30, January 22.

Roy Houghton, representing the Swift Company of Chicago, was at his parents' home last Sunday.

Congregational.

At the parish meeting of the Congregational church, held Monday evening, the usual reports and election of officers took place. It was voted to accept with regrets the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Paul G. Favor.

During his ministry Mr. Favor and his parishioners have worked together with perfect unanimity for the good of church and people. Through his suggestion and supervision, new organizations have been made for mental as well as spiritual uplift. The Endeavor societies have been especially strengthened through the untiring efforts of both Mr. and Mrs. Favor. The Sunday school has increased through their influence. The choir has received a new impetus, many speakers of note have been brought before the public through the men's league, and every organization in the society has caught the enthusiasm and zeal of its spiritual leaders and perceptibly added to its power for usefulness.

With town affairs Mr. and Mrs. Favor have identified themselves in a large measure, and it is with genuine sorrow that our people in church and community part with two friends so universally esteemed and appreciated. With them they carry the best wishes of all for success and happiness in their new home and parish.

January 18, the Hon. Guy Ham of Boston, assistant United States district attorney, will lecture before the lyceum in town hall.

I. O. O. F., M. U.

The regular meeting of the Loyal lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was held at the town hall, Monday night. The following officers were installed by the lodge deputy past grand, Geo. A. Cook: L. L. Fisher, g. m.; John Ewing, n. g.; F. E. Smith, v. g.; J. W. Dodds, pers. sec.; E. Stapleford, elec. sec.; F. Gregory, treas.; E. Barreau, warden; Wm. Show, l. g. At the close of the business meeting the members sat down to one of William H. Davis' famous oyster suppers to which they did full justice. Rev. P. G. Favor presided as toastmaster much to the pleasure of the company.

An excellent program, consisting of songs by the Nashobah quartet, graphophone selections and several speeches by different members followed. A pleasing event of the evening was the presentation of a gold ring suitably inscribed to Past Grand Brother Gregory and a past grand's regalia to Brother George A. Cook. At the adjournment of the meeting the members were of one opinion that it was the most enjoyed of any meeting ever held by the lodge.

Surprise Party.

Hugh Foley, head of the finishing room at the webbing factory, was very delightfully reminded of his popularity, Monday evening, by a complete surprise given him and Mrs. Foley at their attractive home in Mrs. Lawrence's house by the twelve men and women who work under his supervision at the factory. The details of the entertainment had been carefully planned and preparations made for a capital time. Mr. and Mrs. Foley graciously consented to leave the affair in the hands of their guests, delighted with the expression of regard thus exhibited. The evening was spent in playing games, followed by music and the reading of an original poem, which was particularly appropriate.

As an additional token of esteem, the company presented Mr. Foley with a handsome pearl handle knife in a beautiful case, a gift carrying with it some special significance. In providing for the good time the kind friends arranged for delicious refreshments which were much enjoyed. Altogether the evening was one that will ever be remembered by host, hostess and guests as supremely satisfactory and delightful.

Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place at James W. Ireland's on Harwood avenue, Wednesday evening, at half after six o'clock when the older daughter, Miss Mary Bonner, the popular postoffice clerk at Littleton depot, was united in matrimony to George Francis Hibbard.

The house was effectively decorated with hemlock and carnations and a few Christmas bells. The wedding march was played by Miss Clara Prouty, an intimate friend of the bride. Miss Rachel Ireland, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Edward Hibbard, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

The bride was strikingly handsome in a gown of white messaline with lace yoke and gold embroidery. The maid of honor wore white batiste. Rev. Chester A. Drummond performed the single ring ceremony, making it most impressive.

Immediately after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard received the congratulations of relatives, about twenty-five in number.

Refreshments consisting of several courses were served, after which the happy couple took their departure well showered with rice and confetti. They boarded a west-bound train, and will be absent on their wedding trip a week or ten days. Upon their return they will reside for a short time at the bride's home on Harwood avenue. Many beautiful presents were received consisting of silver, cut glass, Haviland china set, clock, lamp, pictures, and not few greenbacks and gold pieces.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

We thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered valuable assistance during the illness of Mrs. McNayr and her daughter, Beth.

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To keep pace with the growing appreciation of outdoor beauty in Massachusetts, it is the timely duty of Ayer to make provision for a public park while the opportunity is available.

The Biograph moving pictures have been postponed this week, but will be resumed as usual next week.

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This town, received many fine criticisms from the leading journals of Paris, where she gave a recital.

There will be two games of basket ball, Saturday evening, January 15. The Rollstone A. C. will play the Civic club gymnasium, first team and the Crescents of Shirley will play the Ayer C. C. intermediates.

About twenty of the members of Div. 7 of the A. O. U. attended a class initiation at Peppercell, last Sunday, and spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening, returning home about midnight.

A pleasant surprise was given Anna Cullen at her home last Saturday evening, the event being her seventeenth birthday. Music, games and singing were the events of the evening.

Attorney David F. O'Connell of Worcester, senior counsel for Raymond Plouffe, who will be tried on an indictment charging him with the murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone at Harvard, before two judges of the superior court, next month, was in town Thursday in consultation with Attorney John M. Maloney over the case for the defense.

The addition to the Cushing building on Park street is all boarded in and the roof on. Work is going on in the inside. A few more days Mr. Hardy will have the building completed.

C. W. Trefethen, Sr., of East Main street, is the new janitor at the high school. Mr. Trefethen is certainly a general utility man summer and winter.

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Telephone was sent and fire alarm rung in promptly, and the firemen hastened to the fire with the Col. Needham hose engine, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the barn.

There are splendid possibilities of development in this remarkably diversified tract of land, and by a moderate yearly expenditure, it may ultimately become the banner park of Middlesex townships.

It is proposed to have one or more preliminary public meetings for the consideration of the above plan in the coming month, and the attention of the citizens is earnestly invited.

THOMAS L. FISHER, JAMES M. GARDNER, LOREN A. CARMAN, Park Commissioners of Ayer.

News Items. Walter W. Fillebrown, son of Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown, is cashier at Young's hotel, Boston, going from here last week Friday.

The Helping Hand society will give a birthday social in the vestry of the M. E. church, Thursday evening, January 20, at eight o'clock.

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Mr. Osgood became a Mason while in Woburn. He was a member of Caleb Butler lodge, of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter, of which he was treasurer until the time of his death, of Jerusalem commandery of Fitchburg; a past patron of Ida McKinley Chapter, O. E. S., belonged to the Congregational church, was a member of the Ayer board of trade, and an associate member of George S. Boutwell post 48, G. A. R.

The funeral with Masonic honors will be held in the Congregational church at 1.30 p. m., on Monday, January 17. Rev. H. F. Hallett of Ashfield will officiate. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

The estate of the late Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, who was murdered in the courts, last September, is now in the courts, to obtain a trust in land and a bill to establish a relief having been filed in the superior court between Eugene W. Stone of Newburyport, Arthur H. Stone of Haverhill, N. H., Ella F. Stone of Ayer, and Arthur Withington, administrator of the estates, vs. Ella F. S. Stone of Gloucester.

The bill recites that the plaintiffs are the widow and children of Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, and the petitioner, Withington, is administrator of the estate.

They claim that Henry N. Stone had paid out large sums of money to owners of land in Essex county and elsewhere to secure the transfer of the legal title of said lands to respondent Ella F. S. Stone, who agreed to hold the same for the use and benefit of said Henry N. Stone and on demand to convey the same to him or his legal heirs, but since his death she has refused to so convey the land and denies that it is held in trust.

That said Henry N. Stone's interests in said lands is \$30,000, wherefore the petitioners ask the court to declare that the land is held in trust for petitioners and direct a conveyance of the property to them.

There was a meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange at G. A. R. hall, Fitchburg, Wednesday, some 125 members of the Granges of Fitchburg and surrounding towns being in attendance.

The morning program consisted of the annual reports of officers, after which there was a public installation of officers by Deputy T. E. Flarity of Townsend. These were the officers installed:

Mrs. Clara C. Flarity of Townsend, president; Mrs. L. E. Starr of Peppercell, O. S. Richards of Townsend, Henry Robbins of Littleton, a. s.; Mrs. Mary A. Spurr of Townsend, a. s.; Charles E. Cox of Lunenburg, treas.; Mrs. Minnie L. F. Knight of Townsend Harbor, sec.; Walter C. Wilgotsky of Ayer, s. k.; Mrs. Alice E. Cummins of Shirley, Pomona; Miss E. Elsie Bailey, Ceres; Miss Hattie S. Wood of Groton, Flora; Mrs. Edith L. Kitchin of Ayer, vice-pres.; Mrs. Mary Burke, treas.; Miss Mary Bailey, rec. sec.; Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, fin. sec. Refreshments were served at the close.

At the home of her son, Henry E. Sanderson, on Columbia street, Tuesday afternoon and evening, Mrs. Eliza A. Sanderson observed her eightieth birthday with a reception. Many friends called, bringing congratulations and friendly remembrances.

The Unitarian social gathering served a fine supper, Tuesday night, in the vestry of the church to a good-sized company. Committee in charge, Mrs. W. B. Cotton, Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. Mrs. A. C. Perkins, assisted by Misses Millie Beverly and Grace Murphy. At the business meeting Mrs. A. M. Spaulding and Mrs. G. P. Beverly were elected an entertainment committee; Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Lawton a visiting committee.

There will be a special meeting of the Unitarian social gathering in the church parlor, Monday afternoon, January 17, at three o'clock. There is business of importance to be transacted and a full meeting is requested.

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ball. Now these statements were confusing, and it was impossible for the conductors of the electric road, under these conditions, to tell just where to meet the grangers to be conveyed by barges to Westford town hall. A statement was made that over three hundred were conveyed by the electric road when in reality there were only sixty-two, twenty on car at nine o'clock, thirty-four at ten, and eight at eleven. The officers and employes of the electric railway are always courteous to their patrons and ready at any time to give information when they are able to do so.

Birthdays. Ralph Brown, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, observed Wednesday evening by inviting a number of his schoolmates to join with him in celebrating his twelfth birthday. On assembling at the house they were all taken on a sleigh-ride in a large sleigh by Mr. Brown, going to Littleton and turning there sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Ralph was the recipient of many birthday presents. The schoolmates present were: John Griffin, George Reed, Thomas Welch, Kendall Pierce, Lewellyn Savage, Charlotte Sanderson, Gertrude McCarthy, Dorothy Robbins, Bertha Welch, Marion Proctor and Evelyn Glynn. About ten o'clock the little people returned to their homes, having had "the time of their lives," and thanking Ralph and his parents for being so joyfully entertained.

About Town. There was a meeting of the parish committee of the Unitarian church, Thursday evening, at the home of Chas. Sherwin on Columbia street. S. L. Cotton is chairman and Mrs. Barker secretary. Regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday evenings of each month.

Nelson Turner entertained his high school class—1910—at his home on Thursday evening, January 6. It was a very merry occasion. Games were played and refreshments served. Nelson returned Wednesday of this week to his school at Exeter.

These members of the Woman's club attended the meeting of the Altrurian club in Shirley, Thursday, and heard the lecture by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley of Newburyport. Mrs. Eva Richardson, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Mrs. Martha A. Mason, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Clara L. Burns and Mrs. Susan M. Barker.

The household goods of the late Mrs. Elizabeth E. Low are being disposed of at private sale at her late home on Washington street, by her nephew, J. M. Dolloff, the executor of the will.

E. O. Proctor attended the automobile show in New York this week.

Last Sunday afternoon the installation of the Ladies' auxiliary of the A. O. H., took place. These officers were installed: Mrs. Annie McGuane, pres.; Mrs. Annie Wilson, vice-pres.; Mrs. Mary Burke, treas.; Miss Mary Bailey, rec. sec.; Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, fin. sec. Refreshments were served at the close.

At the home of her son, Henry E. Sanderson, on Columbia street, Tuesday afternoon and evening, Mrs. Eliza A. Sanderson observed her eightieth birthday with a reception. Many friends called, bringing congratulations and friendly remembrances.

The Unitarian social gathering served a fine supper, Tuesday night, in the vestry of the church to a good-sized company. Committee in charge, Mrs. W. B. Cotton, Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. Mrs. A. C. Perkins, assisted by Misses Millie Beverly and Grace Murphy. At the business meeting Mrs. A. M. Spaulding and Mrs. G. P. Beverly were elected an entertainment committee; Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Lawton a visiting committee.

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Michael Cotter is confined to his house with sickness.

Frederick W. Holden has in his possession a petition addressed to the president of the United States asking for the absolute pardon of Charles W. Morse, who recently commenced to serve a sentence of fifteen years imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for a technical violation of the National Bank act. Anyone wishing to sign this petition will please see or notify Mr. Holden, who will see they have an opportunity to do so.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thomas, Monday, January 10. The directors of the Shirley Cooperative bank hold their regular meeting, Tuesday evening, January 18, at the bank rooms, Peaseley's block.

The Shirley basket ball team will play the Civic team of Ayer at town hall, Ayer, January 15. A good game is anticipated.

Miss Lizzie Brideau visited in Leominster last Saturday and Sunday.

George Leger of Fitchburg was a visitor at the house of Philip Leger last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes are entertaining a son, born Monday, January 10th.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church meets Thursday evening, January 18, in the church vestry. Supper will be served at 6.30. Superintendent H. F. Taylor of the Industrial school will speak.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will have a supper and entertainment in their vestry on Wednesday evening, January 26.

Bowling. Thomas C. Burrill's and Philip Hocquard's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a close game with the pins, Tuesday evening, at the local alleys.

Hocquard's team won on narrow margins, winning the first string by three pins and the second by only four pins. The third string was won by Burrill's team, which scored 421 against 420 for the winners. Joe McGinnis was the high roller of the evening, making over a century on his first string and finishing with a total of 282; Gilmarin and Pierce tied for the second highest score, both rolling on total pin-fall by only six pins, scoring 1277 as against 1271 for the losers. The summary:

Table with columns for team names and scores. Burrill's Team scores: Average 80, 80, 80, 240; L. Allen 79, 82, 82, 243; B. Gilmarin 94, 109, 76, 279; T. Burrill 77, 74, 94, 245; F. Pierce 84, 93, 102, 279. Total 415, 435, 421, 1271.

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Collyer's and Day's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a good game at the local alleys, Wednesday evening.

Day's team was the victor, taking the first and second strings, and also the total pin-fall by a fair majority. The fast rolling of Eddie Gately was the feature that defeated Collyer's team in the game. Gately in his first string scored 122, and he followed it up by making over a century on the second string, and 89 on his third, which gave him a total of 315.

Collyer of the losing team was a good second with a total to his credit of 299.

Mansur was the third man to roll over a century during the game, scoring 104 on his second string. The summary:

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Entertainment. The Baptist church was the scene of a charming social event last Saturday evening when the Sunday school contest between the Reds and the Blues came to a close. The Blues were victorious by over one hundred points, and consequently the Reds provided supper and entertainment for the Blues and their invited guests. The Reds were up-to-date in doing the honors of the evening, and red was the color scheme for decorations, which was tastefully displayed, making a very effective showing. The spirit of love and good will pervaded the atmosphere, and the enthusiasm which prevailed enveloped the spirit of friendly rivalry that had existed between the Reds and Blues, and all joined together in the spirit of the occasion to make it a grand success, which will linger long in the memory of those whose privilege it was to be present. About seventy-five sat down to a bountiful and substantial supper, which the Reds had neither spared pains or expense in providing.

The superintendent of the Sunday school, G. R. Hocquard, assisted by Miss Margaret Evans, leader of the victorious Blues, and Miss Clara Pennessau, the captain of the Reds, assisted in the receiving and entertaining.

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Mr. Mellish, who was taken by surprise, recovered himself and thanked very cordially his church associates for their kindness which he deeply appreciated.

After three rousing cheers were given for the Reds and the Blues, all present adjourned to the auditorium of the church, where an entertainment was enjoyed, consisting of the following:

Trio, Rev. W. H. Desjardins, Mr. Pinkham, Eddie Smith; reading, William Jubb, song, Miss Ruby Felch; reading, Mr. Mellish; duets, Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Pinkham;

The entertainment concluded with a brief address by Mr. Desjardins, who congratulated the Blues on their splendid victory, and also the Reds for their fine spirit they displayed which had been the means of bringing the Sunday school up to a higher standard in every respect. Mr. Desjardins also took this opportunity of announcing the result of the amount of money obtained from the dime cards to pay off the church debt. He said they wanted to raise the sum of one hundred dollars, and through the efforts of sincere workers with the cards, ninety-four dollars had been realized of this amount. Miss Carrie Hartwell had collected thirty-two dollars, and Miss Louise Peaseau twenty-two dollars. The Ladies' Aid of the church gave the remaining six dollars to make up the hundred, and thereby cleaned up the church debt.

Altrurian. The regular Altrurian club meeting was held at the Congregational vestry Thursday afternoon. The day being very fine, a large number were present, many from the neighboring towns who came to welcome and listen to the well-known speaker, Mrs. Clara B. Beatley of Boston, who had been invited by the civil service, legislative and civic committees, who had charge of the afternoon, to address the ladies on facts pertaining to the different subjects. The regular business meeting was held at 2.30. Mrs. M. W. Hazen in the regular business meeting, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, gave the minutes of the last meeting. The chairman of each committee gave short reports on their different subjects. Mrs. Beatley, chairman on conference work on moral education, gave an address on the subject referred to the intimacy of mothers and fathers with their boys and girls, helping them to live pure lives. Also on preventing the advertisement of unclean literature. Mrs. Beatley thought it well for all members of clubs to keep in touch with the legislature that we might understand when we could assist in helping a good cause. Mrs. Beatley closed with the remark that clubs were going forward to strength and power. Mrs. Beatley, who is sister of Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, who was instrumental in bringing her before the club, generously gave her lecture to the club. Everyone present was delighted with the speaker's lecture and a rising vote of thanks was given her. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting, January 26, will be held at the Universalist church, when Dr. Annie Lee Hamilton will address the club members and leaders.

Church Services. Rev. W. H. Desjardins will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday morning at 10.45, and will also preach in the evening at seven o'clock a sermon of intense interest, subject, "Man's duty to his factory life." Everyone is invited to these services.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday morning at 10.45. Regular meetings will be held at seven o'clock at the Universalist church, January 26, at seven o'clock. Regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. U. will be held at seven; subject, "God keeps his promise." Leader, Miss Blanche Sawyer.

Quarantine. Quarantine has been removed from E. M. Thompson's house and the family are now allowed to go out. The little boy who was sick with diphtheria is now pronounced well.

The first of a series of dances was held at town hall, Saturday evening, January 8, and was well attended by a select gathering of invited guests. Thayer's orchestra furnished music and a good time was enjoyed.

Rev. Howard Bridgman is having the cellar of his house deepened to give better access to the new furnace that has just been put in. He is also making other improvements in the way of alterations, etc.

Seth Holden fell from a tree a few days ago and injured himself so badly that he has been confined to the house for some days. A fall for a man of Mr. Holden's years is a serious matter.

Orsamus Andrews is still at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, and now there seems to be improvement in his condition.

Items of Interest. Gertrude E. Curtis of Bradford, Pa., is the first colored woman to begin regular practice as a dentist. She graduated from the Philadelphia Dental school with high honors, and thinks dentistry one of the most promising professions for women to enter. She has already got several colored girls to begin studying for the profession.



George Greenleaf Osgood.

Death.

George Greenleaf Osgood died of tuberculosis at his home on Williams street, Friday morning, January 14, at eight o'clock. Mr. Osgood has been in failing health since an attack of pneumonia from which he suffered eight years ago. He has been quite ill for six weeks, during much of which time he has been a great sufferer. He spent the afternoon of Christmas day at the home of his son, this being the last time he was out of doors.

He was born in Gilmanton, N. H., December 11, 1847, one of the three children of Greenleaf and Martha (Merrill) Osgood, and was 62 years, 1 month and 3 days old. He graduated from Pittsfield, N. H., academy, March 19, 1873, he married Miss Emma Jane Cate of Manchester, N. H., and they lived in Woburn until December, 1875, when they came to Ayer, and Mr. Osgood was in charge of the tannery

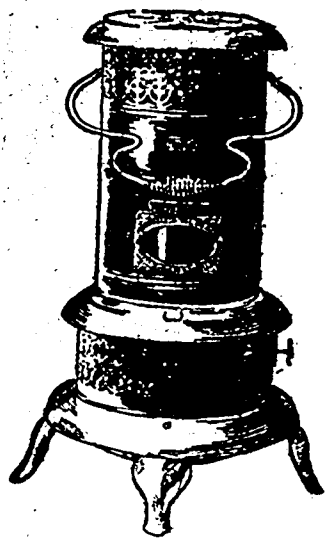
run by John B. Alley & Co., of Boston, in 1895 they went to Curwinstown, Tenn., where a tannery had been started by Alley Bros. & Place. They returned to Ayer in 1901, and built the house in which they have since lived. During this last period Mr. Osgood was for many years in the coal business with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Osgood have had three children: George Lewis, now in business in Ayer; Merrill, who died in infancy; and Rachael Augusta at home. Mr. Osgood's only brother Lewis was in the civil war and died November, 1874. His sister, Mrs. Augusta Pease of Chicago, Ill., has been with her brother all summer.

Mr. Osgood became a Mason while in Woburn. He was a member of Caleb Butler lodge, of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter, of which he was treasurer until the time of his death, of Jerusalem commandery of Fitchburg; a past patron of Ida McKinley Chapter, O. E. S., belonged to the Congregational church, was a member of the Ayer board of trade, and an associate member of George S. Boutwell post 48, G. A. R.

He was connected with the Savings bank and National bank during his whole stay in Ayer. He was a prominent and honored citizen, and his family have the sympathy of the townspeople.

The funeral with Masonic honors will be held in the Congregational church at 1.30 p. m., on Monday, January 17. Rev. H. F. Hallett of Ashfield will officiate. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

In the Courts. The estate of the late Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, who was murdered in the courts, last September, is now in the courts, to obtain a trust in land and a bill



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GROTON.

Historian's Report.

The year 1909 in the annals of Groton has been an uneventful one.

The Groton high school was opened December 5, 1859, just fifty years ago last month. It seems proper that we should review its history at this time.

The securing of a high school for the town had been a long struggle. The question of establishing one had been debated before the Lyceum and at the town meetings for several years. But when the town hall was built the friends of the measure secured its passage, and the school was opened in the lower story of the town hall.

The first teacher was George L. Smalley. He taught until July, 1861. The average number of pupils, as given in report, was forty-five. The average daily attendance in winter of 1860-61 was eighty percent, while four pupils were present every session and sixteen were not tardy.

The school was opened with a good attendance, many of the pupils being advanced scholars. Every pupil was obliged to review from the beginning of the books—arithmetic, geography and grammar, while reading, writing and spelling were pursued daily. Soon the school was divided into two classes, and other branches of study were added to the curriculum.

Mr. Smalley was a first-class teacher and a good disciplinarian with no show of authority. It was a puzzle to me how he could have his school in such good order. He was, as I thought at the time, a good deal of a flirt, and flirting evenings with the older girls and keeping the school in order during the day seemed incompatible, but he succeeded in doing both admirably. After leaving Groton he soon enlisted in the army and lost his life in the service of his country.

The next teacher was Edmund Webster Nutter. He also was a first-class teacher. In the spring of 1862 some volunteers went from Groton into the army. Mr. Nutter was very anxious to be one of them, but the committee refused to release him, and he felt bound in honor to remain. He resigned at the end of the term and soon went to the front. He lost his health at the front, and for months, even into years, lost the use of his eyes. He was a young man of whom you would have predicted a brilliant future, but after being in the army he was never able to do any intellectual labor. Sacrifice of life was not then only sacrifice that the young men of the early sixties endured.

Benjamin Wormell was his successor. He taught the school for four terms. He was not a success, although he had sufficient book knowledge, but his personality did not gain the respect of the pupils.

Adolphus W. Green was his successor, a graduate of Harvard college. Mr. Green taught but one year, as I make out from school report. He was quite the opposite of the previous teacher. He made himself not only popular with the pupils, but with the public at large. I was surprised when I recalled the impression that he made upon pupils and public to find that he was here so short a time. The school increased in attendance, reaching forty-four; it had fallen to thirty-one. Mr. Green settled in Chicago, is now one of the leading lawyers there and reputed a millionaire.

Mr. Lewis was his successor, but remained but two terms. The money appropriated for high school, \$600, was too small to secure the best of teachers.

Miss Abbie Woodward was employed as his successor. This was a period of depression in all the schools. From 1860 no increase had been made in appropriation for school purposes, while wages of men teachers had doubled and increased sixty percent for women. This resulted in decreasing length of school year and difficulty in furnishing good teachers for the money.

Benjamin H. Hartwell was the next teacher, beginning in winter of 1866-67. The number of pupils had dropped as low as twenty. His term of service was one year and the number of pupils increased to thirty-three. Dr. Hartwell was for many years a resident of Ayer and the prominent physician for this part of the country. He was always to be counted upon to champion any good cause.

Miss Packard was the next teacher. For two years I found no school report, 1868-69, 1869-70. Before the summer term of 1870 George F. Stone and James S. Fosdick were appointed principal and assistant, near the close of the winter term. Mr. Fosdick resigned on account of ill-health and died in April. Mr. Stone continued until the end of the winter term. Repairs on the town hall obliged the school to vacate rooms in that building, and the school was held in rooms over the store of Mr. Gerrish. Mr. Stone is now a successful lawyer in Seattle, Wash.

The town of Ayer was set off in 1871 from Groton, leaving presumably less than five hundred families. The town in 1870 had built a new schoolhouse for use of high school and district No. 1. They had also voted, in accordance with a state law, to abolish the school district system, this in March, 1869, but in April, 1871, the town voted to return to the district system. The town also voted not to remove No. 1 school, and that no school be kept in new building until town authorizes the same.

It is not necessary to go into a detailed account of the controversy, but on September 11, 1871, the town voted to allow scholars of district No. 1 to occupy room in new schoolhouse. On November 11 the committee brought together advanced scholars of Nos. 1 and 13, and established two schools—primary and intermediate. In 1871-72 no appropriation was made and no high school. The same was true in 1872-73. But in the fall of 1873 the committee organized a grammar school in Butler building. The report says that the school is designed for the promotion of studies too advanced for ungraded schools, including high school branches. The studies included bookkeeping, United States history, physiology, geometry, etc. Asa Williams was the teacher and the school was a success. The attendance grew during the year from nineteen to thirty-five.

Groton had now entered upon a new era in its schools. The appropriation in 1871 was \$2700, increasing each year until in 1875 it was \$5000. This year, 1874, a public singing school was held

in music hall, Butler school, the two classes numbering 275 pupils. Mr. Williams taught this school for three years, and in 1876 Mr. Shute had charge, the school numbering as high as forty-six, all the higher English branches were taught. In 1877 Latin was added to the studies to be pursued, but it was still called a grammar school. In the fall term of 1877 Chas. M. Smart was employed. He was a successful teacher, but left in the middle of the winter term, and I. N. Smith took his place for the term. He was succeeded by Mr. Powers. In the spring term of 1880 Thomas W. Proctor was teacher. In the fall term three teachers were employed—Francis W. Anthony, E. D. Russell and Fred A. Tupper; winter term, C. A. Page, and the number of pupils from twenty to thirty.

In the spring term the high school, which had been masquerading under the name grammar school, was called in the school reports Butler high. The spring term was taught by Mr. Page; fall and winter by Dana M. Dustin; whole number of scholars, twenty-seven. Mr. Howe succeeded Mr. Dustin.

The first year of Mr. Howe as teacher, in 1882, the attendance was eighteen, fifteen and thirteen. The opposition to a high school had not died out and calling it by that name awoke all the old hostility. In the beginning of the year 1884 the committee saw the result of their work the previous year. There was no longer any doubt of the ability of Mr. Howe to teach a good school. The number of scholars increased twenty-four, twenty-seven and thirty. In the spring of 1885 the school opened with forty-nine pupils and two teachers. The high school, after a precarious life of a quarter of a century, had at last come to its own. It was a recognized power for good, with no opposition to its existence from anyone. Its second quarter century of life has no failures to record, only successes.

Mr. Howe resigned at the close of the school year, 1887, having served four years and one term, the longest period of serving at that time. Mr. Williams served the next longest, about three years.

John H. Manning was his successor. He has served twenty-one years, commencing on his twenty-second year last fall. He commenced with forty pupils and one assistant. In 1893, number of pupils over fifty. In 1898, one term fifty-eight; other terms during this period pupils numbering from forty upwards. Fall term of 1899, seventy-eight pupils, two assistants; 1906-7, eighty-two pupils enrolled. In 1907 three assistants employed, although enrollment had fallen to seventy-one, which is about the present number.

Lowthorpe School has been incorporated this last year, making the third incorporated educational institution in town. President, Stephen Child; dean and secretary, Miss Grace M. Hill; treasurer, Lawrence Park. The other members of the corporation are Hon. William F. Wharton, Mrs. George Dickman, Mrs. H. O. Apethorpe, Miss Anna Withington, Rev. P. H. Cressey, Miss Gertrude Sanderson, Loring Underwood, Carleton A. Shaw. The school is for teaching landscape gardening and horticulture to women, the first school with that single aim in the country. It was founded in 1901 by Mrs. Lowe.

The question of lighting the streets of the town, other than with kerosene, was agitated something like twenty years ago. At that time the owners of the water power on Nashua river at Hollingsworth were interviewed with a view to using part of that water power for electricity. While all the power was not then used at the mill, the owners were unwilling to have any of the power used except by themselves, lest they might need it in the future.

Estimates were made later at the leather-board mill and by the Groton Water Co., to see if a private company could be formed, but in each case it was uncertain whether a sufficient profit would be made in the electricity sold to warrant the outlay. Later the town appointed a committee to investigate the use of acetylene gas, but the town was not willing to use it.

In November, 1908, at the town meeting, a committee was appointed consisting of Henry P. Richards, Myron P. Swallow and Frank E. Waters, to investigate probable cost and recommend a method of lighting the town with electricity. A most exhaustive report was made, the feasibility of lighting with electricity being set forth in a most convincing manner. The town voted to accept the report, appointed the same committee, adding to its numbers John H. Robbins and George H. Bixby. This committee have performed their duties with exceptional skill. The town owns the plant and buys its electricity. The first contract for the purchase of electricity has been made with the Ayer Electric Light Co. for five years.

On November 20, 1909, the streets were lighted with electricity for the first time. We have 180 lights, thirty of them being at West Groton. It is not too much to say that everyone is entirely satisfied with the lighting of the streets.

The society has met with a great loss in the death of Col. Motley. It seems eminently proper that we should spread upon our records an account of his life. The following obituary, printed in the Landmark, is an accurate account, the facts having been prepared by a member of the family:

Colonel Thomas Lawrence Motley, a resident of this town for the past forty years, died at noon on Friday, December 10, at his home at Powder House road, after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Colonel Motley was the son of the late Thomas and Maria Bussey (Davis) Motley, and was born at Boston on September 23, 1835. His parents soon moved to Dedham, and in 1849 to "Woodland Hill," his great-grandfather Bussey's mansion at Jamaica Plain. He attended a private school at Roxbury, and later studied at home under a tutor. Upon reaching his majority he entered the employ of W. P. and George T. Lyman, East India merchants of Boston, and in 1857 went around the world as supercargo in a schooner, and reached home in the autumn of 1858. The years from 1859 to 1861 were passed in Davenport, Iowa, and on the breaking out of the Civil War he returned home to become a member of the New England Guards stationed at Fort Independence. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the 22d Massachusetts Infantry, May 28, 1861, and on December 25, 1861, entered the First Massachusetts Cavalry, Co. F, as captain. In the fall of 1862, he was detached service at Maj.-Gen. Hooker's headquarters and joined Brig.-Gen. Gordon's staff on January 14, 1863. He

rejoined his regiment February 15, 1864. He was severely wounded in the arm and leg on May 11, 1864, at Ashland, Va., and taken prisoner while on guard charge and was in Libby prison for three months. He became major on November 25, 1864, and on May 19, 1865, was on Gen. Gordon's staff at Norfolk, Va. In July, 1866, he was sent on duty to Columbus, Ohio, and on September 1, 1866, he was mustered out of the service at Brevet-Colonel.

From that date until 1870 he was at home incapacitated by his wounds, and in the latter year came to Groton, which has since been his home. He was married at Boston on December 3, 1873, to Mrs. John Amory Head, who died at Groton in 1876.

Colonel Motley took an active interest in Groton and its affairs. He was the clerk of the Groton Historical society from its start in 1894 to his death; a trustee of the Luther Blood fund; a member for several years of the Parish committee of the Unitarian church, and of the Loyal Legion, the G. A. R., the Society of the Colonial Wars, the sons of the American Revolution, the Hooker association, and St. Paul lodge of Masons at Ayer.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Park of this town, step-daughter, Mrs. C. Howard Clark, Jr., of Philadelphia, and four sisters, Mrs. F. and Mrs. W. Winthrop of Boston, Mrs. Edward G. Low of Groton, and the Misses Motley of Chestnut Hill.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey, were held at the First Parish Unitarian church in Groton, at eleven o'clock, Monday morning, December 6, and besides the relatives and friends, were attended by members of the Loyal Legion, who also acted as honorary pall-bearers, the G. A. R. and the Masonic order. The casket, surrounded by a profusion of flowers, was draped with the American flag, upon which rested Colonel Motley's sword. The King's Chapel service was used and the hymns, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Abide with me," were sung by a Society of men's voices. A bugler, accompanied by the organ, played the "Lost Chord," the Loyal Legion requiem, and sounded taps at the church and also after the committal service at the grave. Burial was at Groton cemetery.

In this account is the statement that Col. Motley was the clerk of the Historical society from the time it was organized in 1894 up to the time of his death. This is a very inadequate expression of the services he performed for the society. He was the ideal clerk, making accurate and extensive reports of its meetings, copying papers read before the meeting when the writer did not wish to deposit them with the society. Besides this he was always ready to do all the extra things that had to be done. Always was his willingness expressed when anything was to be done. "If you wish I will attend to it." We were sure that whatever he undertook it would be done in the best possible manner. We, his associates, will miss his work and his interest in the society.

Col. Motley was a loyal and patriotic soldier, verifying in the service the remark of his uncle, J. Lothrop Motley, when he speaks in his life and letters of him. I quote from memory: Lawrence called this morning on his way to the front, "looking every inch a soldier." He preserved that bearing through life, erect, courtly in his bearing, always ready to do and to serve. In these later years of his life he was a part of all that tended to the betterment of the town. We, his associates, shall always bear him in grateful remembrance.

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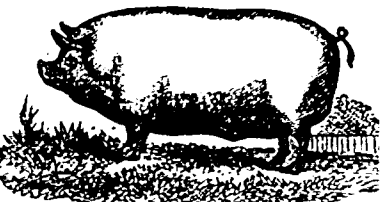
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"A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Shirley, on the northerly side of Fredonian Street, and bounded: Beginning at a stake and stones on said Fredonian Street; thence South 68 1/2° East 70 feet along said Fredonian Street to a post at a corner of a street; thence on said street North 18 1/2° East 105 feet to land of Nelson Brasseur; thence North 68 1/2° West 70 feet on said Brasseur land; thence South 18 1/2° West 105 feet on said Brasseur land to the point of beginning. Containing seven thousand three hundred fifty (7350) feet."

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For breach of the conditions contained in a certain mortgage given to me by E. D. Bliss, alias Edward D. Bliss, of said Townsend, Mass., dated October 17th, 1907, and recorded with the records of said Townsend, I shall sell at public auction at the store now occupied by said E. D. Bliss, on Thursday, January 20th, 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the goods and chattels described in said mortgage.

1118 J. E. NORRIS, Mortgagee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

On the petition of JOHANNA ATTRIDGE, of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, the wife of Richard Attridge, of Chisholm, in the State of Maine, representing that she has been deserted by said living apart from her said husband for justifiable cause, and praying that said Court will make a decree establishing the fact of such desertion and that she be so living apart from her said husband.

It is ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said Richard Attridge, in the State of Maine, or in the County of Middlesex on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, by delivering to him a copy of this order fourteen days, at least, before said Court, if he may be found within this Commonwealth, or in the State of Maine, that he may then and there show cause, if any he has, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; or if he shall not be so found, by either leaving such copy at his usual place of abode, or by mailing such copy to him at his last known post-office address; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that he has had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each of three successive weeks in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of Thomas L. Motley, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, 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 hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

MARY A. ZACK, Executrix.
Groton, Mass., Jan. 10, 1910. 3118

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Services were not held at the Congregational church last Sunday, owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Noyes.

Rev. J. A. Belanger, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, has recently been installed as pastor of the Congregational church at Paterson, N. J., one of the influential and prosperous churches of that city.

The many friends of Walter E. Corey will be glad to hear that he is improving from his recent illness.

Richard Maxwell, who is employed at W. C. Boutelle's, is ill with the prevailing cold.

William Wright of Spokane, Wash., son of the late Frederick and Mary Colburn Wright, has presented the Brookline public library with a copy of his book, "The grizzly bear," a work of unusual interest. Mr. Wright is a native of Brookline and spent his boyhood days here.

Messrs. E. A. Davenport, Arthur Gore and Edward Hadley are at the Elmwood to remain through the ice harvesting.

The Misses Marjorie and Ethel Patch of Malden, Mass., are guests at the Russell farm.

The Fresh Pond Ice Co. commenced the harvesting of ice at Lake Potanipo Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Fairbanks, who has been a frequent visitor at the home of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle, met with a painful accident at her home at Woonsocket, R. I., breaking her hip in a fall.

Colds are prevalent and many have been on the sick list during the past week. Among the number were Mrs. Charles Russell, Rev. and Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Martha Bromley, Mrs. E. P. Gerish, Mrs. Helen Hall, Mrs. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Chester Valedge and daughter Ruth.

Hutchins H. Parker and Ernest D. Scribner of Lowell spent Sunday at Four Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Rideout of Wilton have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Russell. Mr. Russell is attending court at Manchester as a juror.

Mrs. Frances Cox Evans, who has been ill with a severe attack of tonsillitis at Boston, is improving.

Mr. Magner and family have returned to Salem, Mass., for the winter.

Thomas O'Heren is seriously ill with pneumonia at the hospital at Worcester.

Morton Klein of Fitchburg has been the guest of Mrs. Albert W. Corey. Mr. Klein is to engage in the lumber business at Fitchburg in connection with his business at Meriden, Conn., and will reside at Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Townsend were guests of Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson and son last Sunday.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH H. BRYCE, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased, and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth.

Whereas, FREDERICK W. DALLINGER, administrator with the will annexed, 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 whole or a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer:

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company respectfully petition your honorable board for permission to transport as common carriers newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight upon any and all parts of its line within the limits of said Town of Ayer, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 402 of the Acts of the year 1907.

Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co.
By D. C. Parsons, Attorney.

Ayer, Dec. 20, 1909.

Upon the foregoing petition it is ORDERED, that a public hearing be given in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall, on Monday, January 17, 1910, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.; and that the petitioner give public notice thereof by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, fourteen days, at least, before the date of said hearing.

Edward A. Richardson,
Frank S. Pierce,
John M. Maloney,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order thereon, Attest: John M. Maloney,
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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, leaving Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 10.33 p. m. for Ayer only, leaving North Chelmsford 11.05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11.55 p. m.

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Lawrence—5.10, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.40, 6.40, 6.55, 7.05 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 7.30, 8.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays every 30 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—8.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Franklin via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.13 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Franklin—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.33 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.)

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Saturday, January 15, 1910.

SHIRLEY.

Installation.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting, Monday evening, when officers for the ensuing year were installed by Albert W. Allen and suite of Tahanto lodge of Leominster. Following are the newly-installed officers:

John H. Logue, m. w.; J. C. Beach, f.; T. C. Burrill, o. f.; J. E. Adams, s. J. M. Leopold, fin.; C. W. Wolf, treas.; Walter Knowles, rec.; Fred Smith, l. w.; the outside watch elect was absent; J. H. McClellan, imp. for 3 years.

At the close of the ceremony brief addresses were made by Deputy Allen and his suite.

The special feature of the evening was the presentation of a gold past master workman's badge to the retiring master workman, J. H. Will. The badge was the gift of the lodge for services rendered while passing through the several chairs.

The presentation was made by Deputy Allen, who, in behalf of the lodge, outlined in a practical manner the esteem in which P. M. W. Will was held, and laid emphasis on the faithful service he had rendered while an officer of the lodge.

Brother Will in accepting the badge thanked the members for their substantial gift, not for its intrinsic value, but for the kindly spirit and feeling of good so liberally shown as a reward for his interest in the welfare of the lodge.

However, this did not end with just the gift of the badge, as D. D. G. F. Edward H. Harlow then stepped forward, and in behalf of the grand master workman, William J. Harrigan, of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, presented P. M. W. Will with a pretty gold fob designed in the form of a symbol of the A. O. U. W., suitably inscribed, for being instrumental in obtaining new members for the lodge. Grand Foreman Harlow, in making the presentation, spoke eloquently and to the point, voicing the appreciative sentiments of Grand Master Workman Harrigan, which were received with grateful and sincere acknowledgement by Brother Will.

All present then adjourned to the dining room, where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Financier John M. Leopold entertained during the evening with his phonograph.

The deputy and Master Workman Foster of Tahanto lodge invited all the members of J. C. Ayer lodge to be present at the joint installation of the officers-elect of Tahanto lodge and the officers-elect of the degree of honor, January 20, at the A. O. U. W. hall, Leominster.

Installed.

Officers of Court Delorme of the Union St. Jean De Baptiste of America, were installed at the regular lodge meeting, last Sunday afternoon, in St. Anthony's hall. The installing officers were Arthur Morris and suite of Fitchburg, who were assisted by Joseph L. Prade. The following are the officers installed:

Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.; Dan Tetrault, pres.; Simon Guerin, v. p.; Michael Gionet, fin. sec.; Ernest Michand, treas.; Hubert Guibeault, cor. sec.; Napoleon Gagnon, m. c.; Fred Tetrault and Alphonse Harpin, s. a.; Joseph Loize and Nazaire Martin, j. c.

Two new members were installed at this meeting and brief encouraging remarks were made by Rev. J. H. Cote, Arthur Morris, Joseph L. Prade and Joseph Morris. At the close of the business all present accepted an invitation to go to the home of the newly installed president, Danial Tetrault, where a delicious supper was served and much enjoyed. The evening was pleasantly spent with vocal and instrumental music.

News Items.

Miss Marion Wilson of New York, in costume character sketches, will appear at the I. O. O. F. hall, Monday evening, January 17, under the auspices of the Altruistic club. Miss Wilson will be assisted by well-known talent of Shirley in vocal and instrumental music with other features. Miss Wilson is one of the greatest artists of the day, clever and remarkable and the entertainment will be unique and bewitching as well as intellectual. No one should fail to be present, to listen to the first-class program prepared by the entertainment and hospitality committee of the club.

A large number of people attended the supper and entertainment at the Universalist church, Wednesday evening. Supper was served at seven o'clock. The entertainment, which was in charge of Mrs. G. M. Ballou, was exceptionally fine. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Miss Sargent; mandolin duet, Misses Andrew and McNeill; song, Miss Mildred McNeil; readings, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; songs, Miss Ruby Finch; readings, Miss Nellie Cronin; farce, "The love of a bonnet."

The annual meeting of the legal voters of the Shirley Village Water district will be held in the engine hall, Monday evening, January 17, at 7.30 o'clock, when the following articles will be acted upon:

To elect a clerk to serve for one year. To hear and act upon the report of the water commissioners. To hear and act upon the report of the auditor. To elect by ballot one commissioner for a term of three years. To see if the water district will authorize a loan of \$1500. To determine the sum to be raised by taxation.

Deputy Frank A. Conant and suite

of Pepperell installed the following officers of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., last week Thursday evening. A collation followed the ceremony:

F. E. Harlow, n. g.; R. O. Jenkins, v. g.; G. W. Balch, sec.; G. F. Burston, treas.; P. E. Hocquard, ward. J. C. Beach, cond.; Dr. C. J. Pierce, chap.; F. P. Rugg, s. a. s.; Richard Pomfret, s. a. s.; J. E. Pomfret, r. a. n. g.; C. F. White, l. a. n. g.; F. H. Jenkins, r. s. v. g.; J. F. Brown, l. s. v. g.; J. L. Holland, l. g.; I. H. Beach, o. s.

At a recent meeting in Boston of the trustees of the Shirley Industrial school for boys, they appointed Dr. Thomas E. Lilly as school physician, who has been the acting physician since the school opened and the trustees have now made the appointment permanent, taking effect January 1.

C. R. White fell on the ice while going to his store last Saturday morning, spraining his wrist and arm badly.

Thomas C. Burrill, who was on the sick list last week, returned to his duties Monday feeling better.

PEPPERELL.

About Town.

This Friday night, January 14, will be installation of officers at Prescott grange. Brother Flarity of Townsend will be installing officer. Refreshments will be served. Each member is asked to invite one friend, who is not a member, to come and enjoy the exercises of the evening.

Frank Conant and suite of officers went to Shirley, Thursday evening, January 6, to install the officers of Shirley Oddfellows.

Selectman Charles H. Miller, who is on the sick list, is reported as improving.

Verner Bancroft, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

The farmers have begun harvesting their annual ice crop. The houses of Elijah Reid, Charles Peck and Dr. Merrill having already been filled.

Mrs. Ruth Carter, who boarded at the town farm, was buried Friday. She was nearly seventy-six years of age. Her husband, a civil war veteran, died many years ago. She leaves one daughter, Miss Mary Carter, an inmate.

The body of Nathaniel Story of Charlestown was brought to town, Saturday noon. He was seventy years of age and died of infantile paralysis. He leaves a wife, daughter of Phineas Woods of this town.

Little Edgar Frost, who went to the Massachusetts General hospital last week, for an operation in his head, has returned. An operation was found unnecessary.

Mrs. C. B. Taft has been confined to the house the past week with a severe cold.

Friends of Louis P. Shattuck, who has been sick for so long a time, will be pleased to hear that he was dressed for the first time on Sunday, January 30.

B. W. Parker, who has been superintendent of town farm for several years, has resigned, owing to the poor health of his wife.

The February committee of the Ladies' Social circle of the First Parish, Pepperell, will serve a supper in Central hall, on Thursday evening, February 3, to be followed by a dramatic entertainment by members of circle.

Death.

Frank Whittemore Hunt, son of the late Gen. and Mrs. Israel Hunt, died at the John M. Hunt home, Nashua, Sunday afternoon, aged sixty years. He had been ill with paresis for some time past, and for the last few days had been unconscious. Mr. Hunt was born in Nashua, April 26, 1849, and had lived in that city all of his life except for a short time, when he carried on a card and paper business in Pepperell. He is survived by an uncle, F. P. Whittemore, and an aunt, Miss Mary Whittemore. Funeral services were held Tuesday forenoon, January 4, Rev. H. H. Mott officiating, and interment was in the family lot in the Nashua cemetery.

Center.

Mrs. E. D. Howe is reported on the sick list.

Charles H. Miller is about again this week.

January 2 was duly observed by Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., as the anniversary of the raising of the first national flag by Gen. George Washington in Cambridge, January 2, 1776.

Louis P. Shattuck is making good progress toward recovering his former health. He is able to go about the house and wait upon himself some, and has a good appetite.

Howard Shattuck has developed a talent for music and is quite a violinist. He plays quite readily from the music in a book, which was the property of the late Henry Hovey. He has had no special instruction.

Rev. Dudley R. Child of the Unitarian church had a very timely sermon for the new year last Sunday, taking his text from Revelations 21: 5: Behold, I make things new. There was a good attendance.

Miss Mary F. Baker, a native of North Pepperell, died at the Cutter retreat two days after she was taken there, aged seventy-three years. She was one of those who had seen that part of the town in its best days, when its business exceeded that of the rest of the town, and watched its decay. She lived a quiet, unobtrusive life, respected by all who knew her. Mrs. Mary W. Peck is her cousin. The funeral was on Monday, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating.

Mrs. Ruth C. Castor, who boarded at the almshouse, died on Friday, January 8, of heart disease. She was a pensioner of the civil war. A daughter survives her. Her funeral took place January 9, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge being the officiating clergyman.

East.

Mrs. John Silney was removed to the Groton hospital the first of the week, and an operation performed by a Boston specialist, assisted by Dr. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Timothy Fletcher is seriously ill with grippe at the home of her son, E. T. Fletcher.

Creditable mention of quick work by D. A. Weston and his men, as well as by valuable service by the telephone and quick delivery by the railroad. At

ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, Mr. Weston was called to the disabled heater at the Aldine block. He telephoned to Boston for the necessary sections, and they arrived and were placed, and heat turned on by the same time the next morning, and the goods came by freight.

A similar feat was performed with the heater of Mrs. A. S. Richards during the same day by this firm.

A break in the main driving shaft at the shoe shop, Wednesday, tied up all departments until Friday morning. The new shaft arrived by express and was put in place Thursday night.

The Village Aid society will give a supper and entertainment in Central hall, February 17, to raise money for its work. The committee in charge of the supper is Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, chairman, Mrs. I. J. Rowell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. W. F. Dennen. Miss Clara Shattuck and Mrs. John L. Boynton have the entertainment in charge. The patronage of the public is enlisted for the benefit of all.

The members of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., will give their real daughter, Mrs. Harrison J. P. Ellis, Winchendon, a postal shower on Wednesday, January 19, the occasion of her eighty-seventh birthday.

William H. Silney, insurance agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York city, received a very pleasant surprise on Saturday last when he was presented with a handsome gold medal as a token of the company's esteem for him. Mr. Silney has been agent for this company ten years, and this being his second medal received for faithful service, the first being a silver medal and the latter gold. Here is hoping he will be as successful as in the past, and receive his diamond medal at the end of fifteen years.

Mrs. William Silney is able to be around again after such a severe illness.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church will hold a food sale, Thursday afternoon, January 20, at 2.30 o'clock, at Mrs. Conant's block.

Thomas O. Parker, son of C. S. Parker of the Center, who has been teaching the past few months in a boys' military institute in Lyndon, Ky., left with his school for Eau Gallie, Fla., January 7. He will remain there three months, after which he will return to Lyndon for the remaining school period. He will be remembered as a young graduate of Dartmouth '09, and his many friends wish him success in his far-away work.

Mrs. C. M. Blood is ill with a severe cold.

Mrs. McNayr is much improved and her daughter Beth, who has been so ill, is able to go out riding.

Ice-cutting operations are in full sway by C. A. Dennen, G. W. Maynard, C. M. Blood, G. E. Shattuck, E. S. Durant, J. A. Lawrence and W. E. Pierce. Henry Letender is cutting for a number of others, including H. Grey, O. A. Merrill and E. P. McCord. W. E. Chapman is busy attending to many orders to fill individual icehouses. The ice is of good quality and easily handled.

A lark was seen one day recently by I. J. Rowell, near his residence. One was also seen near Parker's mills by E. P. McCord. Some say this is a credited sign of a short winter.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the First National bank was held last Tuesday. The following officers and directors were re-elected: Charles S. Denham, pres.; E. E. Tarbell, vice-pres.; H. F. Tarbell, cashier; I. J. Rowell, C. H. Miller, Dr. E. D. Howe, H. F. Tarbell, H. F. Hobart, E. E. Tarbell, A. A. Shattuck, C. S. Denham, all of this town, and Hon. George Greenhalge of Pawtucket, R. I., directors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris and Mrs. Harris's brother, Horace Patterson of South Merrimack, attended the Boston Poultry show, Thursday.

Town clerk Parker J. Kemp is afflicted with the cold so prevalent about town.

Verna, younger son of F. S. Bancroft, is about the same with slight improvement.

The social dance at O. H. S. S. hall, last Tuesday, was of the usual successful kind.

The annual meeting of the O. H. I. S. was held at their hall, Wednesday, January 5. A representative gathering elected officers for the ensuing year. Jesse Shattuck as president succeeds Rupert L. Blood, who has held that position since its start. Sidney Chinn, vice-pres.; Mrs. F. Ryan, sec.; and Miss Florence Shattuck, treas. Two directors were elected for three years, H. W. Shattuck and B. A. Keith.

The new boiler for the Pepperell Card and Paper Co. is being installed. A large smoke-stack has arrived and is being set.

A supper is announced for Thursday, February 3, under auspices of L. S. C. at Central hall. That means a lot of good things.

A lot of interest was taken by residents here in the Boston election for mayor. Early returns were obtained by courtesy of the central office, although one curb enthusiast had the result posted 12,000. The services of this office were complimented upon the accurate information furnished to inquiring patrons.

Richard Savage has charge of the work for Mr. Atkinson at Keyes farm during his illness. He expects to be around in a short time.

Mrs. M. E. Gaskill has been quite ill for a few weeks past, but is reported better.

Louis G. Rowe is spending the week in Boston attending the poultry show. The exhibits which he has entered and which were mentioned in these columns last week have evidently been successful, as we note he has captured two firsts, one second and one third prize.

A week ago there was an important convention in Boston of the Masonic order. It was one of the greatest observances in the fraternal world and our town was represented by nine barrels of Pepperell Spring ginger ale in bottles. It is understood that Aleppo temple and the shriners appreciated this necessary utility.

Earl Dunton injured his leg while working at his stable Sunday. He is able to get about some and assist in the management of the express work.

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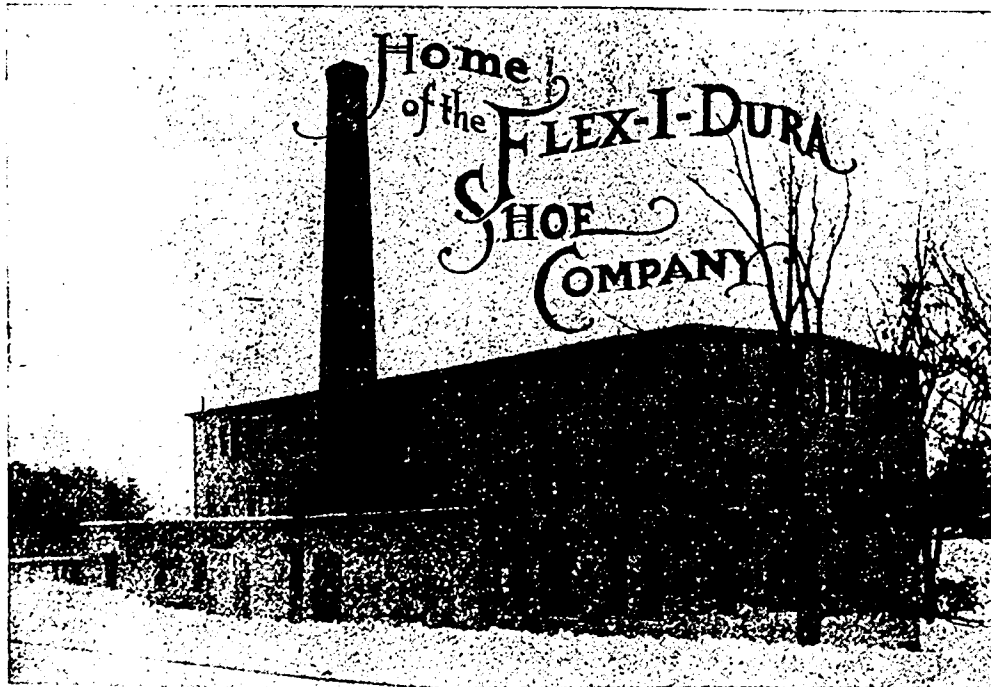
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Mrs. Edward Wright is at Farmington, N. H., where her mother is seriously ill.

Nelson Carter won the coupon contest last week with over 4400 votes. J. Cullinan was second with 2545, and Mrs. Wright third with 1639. L. A. Tarbell and R. B. Taft did the counting.

Home of Shoe Company. A messenger of confidence. That is what our items in regard to the shoe factory have been. We are pleased to print herewith a picture of the factory, and it would seem quite in order to mention a few progressive improvements instituted by the present management. The sprinkler system, the electric lighting feature and the water pipe and equipment seem the most important. The aggressive determination

secured in a muff it expressed its displeasure with traveling.

Advertised letters at the East Pepperell postoffice, January 10. William Durant, Fred Munroe, Miss Emily Munroe, Wilson Styles.

of Manager Bailey seems to have resulted in something doing. The claim is made that the shoes they make are strictly waterproof. This has been demonstrated right in town by wearers who have used them in snow and water, keeping the feet warm as well as dry. There is no doubt of the capabilities of these goods, and it is hoped the shop will be running on full time soon. The management have received numerous letters from tanners, mines and other places where employees are obliged to stand in wet places while working. All of these speak in glowing terms of the valuable results obtained by tests they have made.

Skating and sliding suits the youngsters to perfection. Crowds are to be seen on the river each day, and the ice is safe though a little rough.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy left last Saturday for a short stay in New York city. She took with her a handsome tiger cat, and although comfortably