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### HARVARD.

**News Items.**  
Rev. H. B. Mason will give an illustrated lecture, Sunday evening, at seven o'clock in the auditorium of the Congregational church. Subject, Japan, illustrated with seventy-five colored views. All are welcome. Free admission.

On Monday, January 24, Miss Ethel Nourse attended the wedding of Miss Florence M. Dodge, a former teacher here at Harvard, to Henry C. Coley, both of Worcester. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents at 23 Freeland street, at six o'clock in the afternoon. Gertrude M. Dodge, a sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor, and F. P. Rowley as best man. The couple left immediately on their honeymoon trip to Florida. Miss Dodge has the best wishes of a large circle of friends here.

On Thursday, February 3, the ladies of the Unitarian society hold a supper and social at the town hall. Suppers served at the usual hours.

Mrs. John B. Harlow visited last week at Keene, N. H., as guest of Mrs. D. W. Ellis at the Cheshire house.

Mrs. Helen Jennison of Hudson spent Wednesday of this week at her father's, William H. Savage.

From present indications a large number of our local club will attend the annual complimentary dance of the Ayer club at Ayer on Tuesday evening next. The usual good time is assured.

At the Unitarian conference at Worcester this week Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitney attended as delegates from here.

Several members of our ball club attended the annual ball given by the Owl club of Lancaster, held in the new town hall and report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Ryan, for several years connected with the New England Brick Co.'s works at Still River depot, has purchased the farm in Old Mill, formerly owned by Mr. Phelps of Ayer, and located opposite the farm of W. M. D. Stone.

One of our tall young men has friends to be proud of. While calling on a lady friend a few days since the friends very thoughtfully unharmed his horses and put them in a nearby stable, where he found them on his return.

Nine members of Harvard lodge went with a candidate to Clinton on Monday last, when that lodge conferred the second degree on a class of candidates. A degree team from Lancaster lodge did the work, which was carried out in perfect style.

The grange hold a regular meeting on Tuesday evening next. Mrs. Harlow, the lecturer, has arranged a very interesting program. Question, "How much is the grange doing for education?" will be for general discussion. Following this there will be an exchange party. Each member is expected to bring a package containing some article, which they wish to exchange, and an applicable quotation which is to be read after the exchange has been made. Time to exchange, fifteen minutes. The entertainment will be interspersed with musical numbers, instrumental and vocal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hosmer expect to start on Friday next for a two months' trip to California. They go by way of the south, stopping at New Orleans, La., returning via Chicago, where they will visit a few days with their daughter and family. During their absence Fnebe Croft will make her home with the family of Dr. Royal, assisting Mrs. Royal in household duties.

Professor Leonard with several students viewed the Alpha comet with the big telescope at Bromfield school on Wednesday night.

Mrs. O. A. Fairbanks and daughter are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Burham at Bolton.

The French play to be given on Friday evening next by the students of Bromfield school promises to be a very interesting affair. Miss Alcina Houghton, teacher of French, is working hard to make it a success. The public are cordially invited to attend. Admission free. Following the play there will be dancing till twelve o'clock. Music by the Superba orchestra. The revenue derived from the sale of dance tickets is to be used in the purchase of gymnasium suits. During the first part of the evening music will be furnished by the Bromfield orchestra.

A home has been found for the afternoon whist club. Mrs. Carrie Hussey entertains next Wednesday.

Dr. H. P. Rogers of Allston has sold his summer home on the Old Mill road in Harvard to Florence A. MacRae of Newton. The property comprises some thirty acres with attractive set of buildings, the whole taxed for \$3000.

### THE RED STORE.

A. E. Lawrence & Son, having moved into their commodious new quarters on Park street, desire to entertain all their friends, both old and new, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to visit them on Wednesday, February 2, 1910, from two to five o'clock p. m. Pleasant greetings of 1910.  
Most sincerely yours,  
A. E. LAWRENCE & SON,  
Ayer, Mass., Jan. 27, 1910.

**Still River.**  
On account of the storm, the Tuesday club postponed their reading from Tuesday until next week, when it will be held at the same place, Mrs. C. L. Russell's.

Word has been received from Mrs. Herbert Atherton of Holyoke, who with her husband spends their summer vacations at the Atherton homestead in Still River, is in Cuba for a month with her son Bert.

On Wednesday three granddaughters of Mrs. Hanna Harrod from Pepperell made her a visit.

On Wednesday Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson went to Ashby to attend the funeral of Mrs. S. R. Damon, formerly of Lancaster.

Miss Gertrude Houghton and Miss Mary Cummings are visiting friends in New York.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence spent the day with friends in Ayer, Thursday.

Monday evening A. A. Hutcherson, S. B. Haynes and R. E. Portley attended Lancaster lodge, L. O. O. F., Clinton, where the second degree was worked on four candidates.

Mrs. John M. Whitney, Mrs. C. L. Russell, Mrs. H. D. Stone, Miss Alice Marshall and Miss Ethelyn Russell attended the conference of Unitarian churches in Clinton, Thursday.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

Miss May L. Blood took her Sunday school class for a sleigh-ride on Saturday, January 22. The ride was through Brookline and back to Miss Blood's home, where on oyster supper was served.

Mrs. Helen Leighton, teacher of the grammar school, was away on Wednesday afternoon, and Miss Lena E. Ladd was a substitute.

The Hollis C. E. society visited Milford society on Thursday evening.

A son was born on Monday to Wesley W. Ladd and wife.

Howard White of Ashby visited his aunt, Mrs. John Coburn, a few days this week.

### New Advertisements.

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On SATURDAY, JANUARY 22d, we shall begin this sale of two weeks in order to dispose of the balance of our Fall and Winter goods for the season of 1909-10.

All small lots, slow sellers, discontinued lines and odds and ends in every department of our store must now "Make Way" for the season's goods.

This sale will offer you the most substantial reduction in prices on strictly high grade, up-to-date, and seasonable.

### Clothing, Caps and Furnishings for Men and Boys

ever offered by any store in this vicinity. Many of the Suits and Overcoats offered, are from the well-known house of A. SHUMAN & CO., Boston. It is seldom that you have an opportunity to purchase such good quality of goods at such extremely low prices as this sale will offer to you.

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### Men's Suits

A big cut from regular prices in Men's and Youths' Suits. The sizes are broken. Not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.

- \$10.00 Suits, make-way price..... \$ 7.47
- \$12.50 Suits, make-way price..... \$ 8.47
- \$15.00 Suits, make-way price..... \$10.47
- \$18.00 Suits, make-way price..... \$13.47
- \$20.00 Suits, make-way price..... \$14.47
- Also 1 Lot of Odd Suits for Men, Sizes, 34 to 40..... \$3.47
- 1 Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages 15 to 19..... \$2.47

### Children's Clothing

- Children's Suits, Ages 8 to 16.
- We have about 75 Knee Pant Suits, with straight pants only, which we wish to close and offer them at just one-half the regular price.
- \$3.00 Suits, now..... \$1.50
- \$4.00 Suits, now..... \$2.00
- \$5.00 Suits, now..... \$2.50
- Children's Odd Knee Pants, regular straight cut, only 50c. and 59c. kind, now..... 23
- 75c. and \$1.00 kind, now..... 50

### Children's Overcoats and Reefers

- Ages 4 to 12.
- Every Overcoat and Reefer left now goes at a cut price, all new styles.
- \$4.00 Overcoats, now..... \$2.98
- \$5.00 Overcoats, now..... \$3.47
- \$6.50 Overcoats, now..... \$4.47
- \$3.50 to \$6.00, values now..... \$2.47
- Reefers, Ages 8 to 16.
- \$3.50 Reefers, now..... \$2.50
- \$5.00 Reefers, now..... \$3.47
- 1 Lot of Boys' Odd Overcoats and Ulsters, \$3.50 to \$6.00 values, now..... \$2.47

### Misses' and Women's Tams

- All at half regular price.
- 50c. Tams now..... 25c.
- 75c. Angora Tams now..... 37c.
- \$1.00 Chinchilla Tams now..... 50c.
- Winter Caps
- All our Men's 50c. Caps now..... 39c.
- All our Men's \$1.00 Caps now..... 79c.
- All our Boys' 25c. Caps now..... 19c.
- All our Boys' 50c. Caps now..... 39c.

### Fancy Overcoats

- For Men and Youths.
- Every Overcoat reduced in price, all up-to-date in cut and style. Sizes 31 to 40.
- Your choice from the \$10.00 Overcoats for..... \$ 7.47
- Your choice from the \$15.00 Overcoats for..... \$ 9.98
- Your choice from the \$18.00 Overcoats for..... \$12.47
- Your choice from the \$20.00 Overcoats for..... \$14.98
- Your choice from the \$22.00 Overcoats for..... \$14.98

### Men's Black Kersey Overcoats

- Sizes 34 to 44.
- Every Overcoat in store is now reduced in price.
- \$10.00 Overcoats reduced to..... \$ 7.47
- \$12.00 Overcoats reduced to..... \$ 8.47
- \$15.00 Overcoats reduced to..... \$11.47
- \$20.00 Overcoats reduced to..... \$15.47

### Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats

- Every Fur-lined Overcoat in stock is reduced in price.
- Push-lined Fur Collar and Fur Trimmed, \$22.00 values for..... \$16.47
- Dogskin-lined, Astrakan Shell, Marmot Collar, \$30.00 value..... \$25.00
- Dogskin-lined Black Kersey Shell, Marmot Collar, \$35.00 value..... \$29.47
- Muskrat and Marmot-lined Black Kersey Shell, Muskrat Collar, \$65.00 value..... \$50.00

### Men's Fur Coats

- Balance of Fur Coats now reduced in price.
- Fur Coats, worth \$20.00, now..... \$16.47
- Fur Coats, worth \$25.00, now..... \$20.00
- Fur Coats, worth \$30.00, now..... \$25.00
- Fur Coats, worth \$35.00, now..... \$29.47
- Raccoon Coats, splendid value for \$65.00, now..... \$50.00

### A Few Special Bargains

- White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 3c.
- Police Brace, the 25c. kind..... 13c.
- All our 25c. Suspenders..... 19c.
- All our 50c. Suspenders..... 39c.
- President Suspenders..... 31c.

### FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

- Prices below for this Sale only.
- Shirt Bargains
- Your choice of any \$1.00 Fancy Negligee Shirt in our stock, which includes the well-known Stag and Hathaway Brands, for this Sale..... 79c.
- Your choice of any 50c. Fancy Negligee Shirt in our stock, for this Sale..... 39c.
- Your choice of any 50c. Working Shirt, Collar attached, Black, Black and White Stripes, and Fancy Cheviot, Stag and Congress makes, for this Sale..... 39c.

### Underwear Bargains

- All our regular 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in either single or double breasted, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., now..... 39c.
- All our Derby Ribbed Underwear, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., all sizes, now..... 39c.
- Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, regular 25c. goods, now..... 19c.
- Contoocook Blue A grade..... \$1.15
- Contoocook Blue W grade..... 69c.

### Hosiery Bargains

- 50c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 35c.
- 35c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 25c.
- 25c. Heavy Wool Hose, now for..... 19c.
- 15c. Heavy Cotton Hose..... 9c.

### Neckwear Bargains

- 1 Lot 25c. Bow Ties for..... 15c.
- 1 Lot 15c. Bow Ties for..... 5c.
- 1 Lot 25c. Four-in-Hand..... 15c.
- 1 Lot 50c. Four-in-Hand..... 29c.
- 1 Lot 25c. Button-on Ties..... 15c.

### Glove Bargains

- All our 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys..... 19c.
- 1 Lot Working Gloves and 50c. value for 35c.

### Sheep-Lined Coats

The balance of our stock of Men's Sheep-lined Coats at 1/4 off the regular price.

### Shoe Department

We have many odd pairs and broken lines of Shoes for Boys, Women and Children, which we put on the bargain counter to clean up.

The above list does not by any means include all the bargains to be found in this store during this sale. Remember that Brown quality is unexcelled and that every sale is backed by our guarantee of satisfaction or your money back.



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Saturday, January 29, 1910.

### WESTFORD.

#### About Town.

The weather was temperately wet, so appropriate for the temperate W. C. T. U. temperance gathering at the home of Mrs. Emily J. Whitney, last week Friday afternoon, when a sale of food was achieved to the deserving hungry. Seventeen dollars' worth of deserving bidders were present and distributed sunshine on this cloudy day. This home is to be congratulated on its generosity in aid of movements to rescue and strengthen normal living.

Middlesex North Pomona grange will hold its next meeting at Oddfellows' hall, Lowell, next Friday, February 5. The question laid over from last meeting will come up for discussion, although the question is a small one. There are numerous large words in its discussion.

Mrs. Horace Hamblet at Brookside has been ill for a week until good doctor and good neighbor gave life a more healthful flavor.

Walter Kimball has completed his bungalow hen house cottage near Westford depot, and has moved into it, having leased it to himself forever if he likes forever.

Mr. and Mrs. Abiel J. Abbot and daughter Carzu and Selectman Edward M. Abbot sailed last week for a pleasure trip to Italy, Egypt and the delights of the Mediterranean sea. They expect to be absent about three months.

#### Birthday.

Mrs. Sarah R. Hildreth celebrated her ninety-second birthday last week Friday, January 21, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Chandler, living on Scribner hill, north of Westford town line in Tyngsborough. Mrs. Hildreth will be remembered by the older residents as the widow of James Hildreth and living for so many years in Westford at the head waters of our widely known "Long Sought For" pond. Only about a year ago the writer met her and was surprised to find so much that was sparkling and wise wrapped up with the overlappings of so many years. A widow for life, beautifully normal, ere it has been trimmed with the patch work of illusions. One of her close friends has said of her, "She is ninety-two years young." This would seem to carry the thought that she is the youngest person in town. The same close friend bequeathed to her youthful old age: "The years bring sorrow and pleasure. Sorrow has been bravely met. With cheerful thoughts in good measure. For old friends she can never forget."

#### Westford Water Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Westford Water Company was held last week Saturday afternoon and elected the following officers: Charles O. Prescott, treasurer, and clerk; Harwood L. Wright, auditor; George T. Day, Sherman H. Fletcher, Julian A. Cameron, John C. Abbot and Charles O. Prescott, directors. At a subsequent meeting of the directors George T. Day was elected president; Sherman H. Fletcher, general manager; and Alonzo H. Sutherland, superintendent. From the annual report which has just been issued a few condensed facts will serve to show the standing of the company. There are at the present time 263 water takers, an increase of forty-six over last year. The main pipe has been increased in Graniteville and at the center of the town 176 feet, making a total length of eight and one-half miles of main pipe. The standpipe on Prospect hill has been strengthened to resist increased breezes from the direction of the north pole, since that point has become such a breezy controversial radiator. The driven wells have been tested by two exceptionally dry seasons. The best of experts are they at pumping water, and yet neither they nor the pumping station have been able to exhaust the requirements and expectations of the water company of the public. Two barns and a forest fire at Graniteville tested the effectiveness of the supply, and the wisdom of those who contributed the foundation. The financial report shows a considerable increase in revenue over fixed charges as compared with last year, which showed a deficit. From all points of view the Westford Water Company is to be congratulated and encouraged on its past achievements and its future outlook.

The total amount of water pumped to the standpipe from January 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910 was 14,503,098 gallons.

#### Farmers' Institute.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth," for the few unintentional and harmless words sent forth at after dinner exercises at the Institute at Westford on the "Milk standard" question has fanned the old fire into a flame, and the whole fire department of oratory has been summoned to either quell the flame or else make more of it. Consequently the Institute in February will discuss: Resolved, "That the standard of milk should be abolished for the good of all." The affirmative will be led by Mr. Emerson of Haverhill, one of the largest milk raisers in Essex county, and as co-partner that superintendent of breeze, De Lacey Corkum of Billerica. Both are already preparing for a rapidity of overturn that is liable to result in buttermilk before they get through. While the negative speakers have not yet been named, it is expected that two able consumers in more senses than one will be selected, both gentlemen living in Lowell. Go it, gentlemen, I will hold hats or fans, or in the event of both sides getting weary, I will administer the medicine both are crying for, milk and water for the affirmative and cream and milk for the negative.

Then we shall see which diet gives endurance to the end.

#### Center.

A little daughter named Alberta has been born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid, which is the fifth child in their family group.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson also welcomed another little daughter into their home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abiel J. Abbot, Edward Abbot and Miss Carnzu Abbott left Westford last week Tuesday and sailed from New York, Thursday, for a three months' Mediterranean trip.

Many who were interested Wednesday evening enjoyed the spectacle of the fine sunset at the close of a beautiful winter day, and then the appearance in the mist of the Innes comet, which showed up finely. With brilliant Venus a little to the left and in the east the nearly full moon, rising and miriads of other stars, it was one of nature's splendid sights.

Mrs. John Warren Day has been and still is ill with an attack of heart trouble. Miss Grace Lambert is caring for her.

#### Teachers' Social.

The annual event in the social calendar of the Congregational church, "known as the teachers' social" took place at the vestry Tuesday evening, and this coterie of bright young ladies gave their hearers an hour or so of wholesome fun that was bright and original to a degree and much appreciated. It was to be regretted that the weather and traveling was such that many who had planned to attend were detained at home.

There was no feature lacking that should be in a well-ordered graduation from a high-grade school.

The class color was a brilliant red and the class gift a happy grinning Billiken. The graduating costumes were wonders of girlish finery with their wealth of ribbons, bracelets, chains, etc., also the costumes of the faculty and school committee were quite remarkable.

There were many bright local hits and genial John Wright added the finishing touches when he presented the diplomas to this promising class. The class orchestra was certainly an ingenious medley of music.

The following program gives an excellent idea of the scope and personnel of this graduation:

Ultima Thule's Institute—Class of 1910—Tabitha Tadmuck Taylor, valedictorian; Nanny Nina Norris, salutatory; Geranium Geneva Grant, history; Beulah Bedella Burnham, prophecy; Clarissa Clarinda Cushing, class poem; Larissa Larinda Lawrence, class gift; Harry Hairy Hildreth, essay; Henry Hilarious Hildreth, class will; Thermoplas Thaddeus Taylor, oration.

Faculty—Nancy Washington Woodward, principal; Winona Wilhelmina Woodward, assistant.

School committee—Warren Walsingham Wiloughby, Wright, chairman; Lauretta Lucinda Loker, Phillippe Philmon Prescott, William Wilkes Walker.

Mercy musician Marshall, accompanist.

Class poem.

Ne plus ultra—"Can't be beat."

At the close of the entertainment refreshments of cocoa with whipped cream, sandwiches and cake were served and a social hour enjoyed.

A pretty little side feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Marshall of a beautiful bunch of pinks which graced the piano during the evening for her ever helpful skill at the piano at this and other socials.

#### Grange.

There was a good attendance of the members of the grange at the town hall last Thursday evening, and the newly-elected lecturer had prepared a good program. Speaking of newly-elected officers, every one of the new staff with one exception were in their places. This also included the executive committee. The master's gavel sounded promptly at eight o'clock with the result of getting through a good session of business, the lecturer's program and considerable sociability all within a reasonable hour. The lecturer had ready for distribution the newly printed program for the year in neat gray covers with much material of promise within them.

The program for the evening was in charge of the men. The play, "The third degree," which they hoped to have ready for presentation, was not quite ready, owing to a succession of stormy nights for rehearsals. This will be given in the near future. S. L. Taylor furnished some of his enjoyable recitations, his oration on "The apple" in negro dialect being particularly good. Everett Woods and Horace E. Gould also gave some good recitations in humorous vein. Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., and Edson G. Boynton furnished songs that were thoroughly enjoyed.

The next meeting will be ladies' night, and a play and other features will be presented. Plans for the observation of the fifteenth anniversary of this grange are already being made. The state master and lecturer have promised their presence for the occasion.

Quite a number from this grange attended the meeting at Littleton, last week Wednesday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred on a large class of candidates, the third degree being done by their ladies' degree staff. A fine oyster supper was served.

#### Forge Village.

Mrs. Harriet E. Randall entertained Frank Bennett and Miss Lucy Bennett of Worcester, and Archie S. Bennett of Somerville the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason and little son Clayton of Lowell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

The Groton School orchestra will give their annual concert in Recreation hall in the near future.

Michael LeDuc, a pole, had his right arm broken, Wednesday afternoon, while employed in the mills of Abbot & Co. Dr. O. V. Wells set the injured member.

Miss Genevieve Jantson of Lowell was a visitor at Cameron school Wednesday. Miss Jantson was a former teacher.

William Morton of Bridgeport, Conn., came on to accompany his wife, formerly Miss Mamie Murray, home. Mrs. Morton and little daughter, Mildred H., have been visiting at her mother's since the first of December.

George Howard, a former clerk for Conant & Co., Littleton, is to be taken

into the above-named firm as a partner the first of the month. Mr. Howard was a drummer for a well-known wholesale firm of Boston. His many customers will be pleased to have him on his former route.

Mrs. Delmege and two daughters, Mattie and Stella, of North Billerica, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Collins, Wednesday.

#### Dance.

The members of the John E. Edwards hose company held its second annual dance in Abbot's hall, Friday evening, January 21, which was attended by a large number. Dancing was enjoyed from eight till one. McNally's orchestra of Hudson furnished the music. At 10.30 oyster supper, cake and coffee was served in the anterooms. The night proved to be a stormy one, rain fell in torrents and the streets were in a slippery condition that made travelling almost impossible, nevertheless, a large number of people from Graniteville came by way of trolley. Visitors were also present from Groton, Ayer and Littleton. The Westford fire department were detained at home by the storm, but aided the treasury by purchasing several tickets. The committee in charge of the affair were Edward T. Hanley, Walter Precious, John W. Catchpole and James Whigham.

#### Death.

The many friends of Reuben Orange will be sorry to learn of his death, which occurred at four o'clock Saturday afternoon in Providence, R. I., after a long and painful illness of blood poisoning. Mr. Orange came to this village from Bradford, England, twenty-three years ago with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Orange. While still a young boy, he moved with his parents to Worcester, where he had the misfortune to be run over by a freight train and had one foot amputated. The family moved back to this village again, where they resided for many years. When St. Andrew's mission was founded he became one of the leading singers in the choir. He also sang frequently at concerts and was a moving spirit in the life of the town. A few years ago he went to Providence, R. I., where he learned the trade of plumber.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Susie, two small children, three sisters, Mrs. Samuel Blowey and Miss Elizabeth Orange of this village, and Mrs. Joseph Perkins of Graniteville, and two brothers, William Orange, who is in company I, Eleventh infantry, now at Fort Russell, Wyoming, and Joseph Orange, formerly of the U. S. S. Vermont, but now of company C, First regiment, stationed at Cavite, Philippine Islands. His age was twenty-eight years.

Funeral service was held Tuesday at one p. m., at the Roger William Baptist church, corner of Westminster and Knight streets, Providence, R. I.

### TOWNSEND.

#### Center.

William Lang of Boston was in town over Sunday.

An interesting discussion upon roads filled the evening's entertainment at the grange Monday night. The subject was ably discussed by T. E. Flarity, Galen Proctor, Dr. A. J. Atwood, F. B. Higgins, F. J. Knight and others. There were also several selections upon the graphophone.

Supt. of schools E. L. Haynes' class in Sunday school entertained Mrs. Leander Jeff's class and Mrs. Howard's at the Congregational vestry on Monday evening, the occasion being one of the fireside gatherings so popular last season. There was an excellent entertainment given by various members of the class and a general good time was enjoyed.

The Monday club held its meeting this week at the Congregational vestry, Mrs. Helen Potter hostess. After the business meeting there was an interesting debate upon "Is emigration an advantage to the country?" affirmative, Mrs. Abbie Barber, Mrs. Margaret Higgins; negative, Mrs. Evelyn Warren, Mrs. Noah Wallace. The question was decided by vote as follows: The negative won on the merits of the question and the affirmative won on the force of the argument. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

The Chamberlain Patten Co. of Nashua, N. H., will hold a One-Day Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Suits at the Park Hotel, Townsend, Tuesday, February 1. An opportunity will be offered the ladies of Townsend and vicinity to buy a Suit or Coat at city mark-down prices. Remember the date. Everybody invited.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence of Pepperell is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Ezra S. Wright, a veteran of the civil war, and a charter member of John H. Worcester post of Hollis, died Thursday, January 20, after an illness of several weeks with valvular disease of the heart, aged eighty-three years. The funeral took place Saturday from his late home on the Milford road, Rev. W. L. Noyes officiating. A large delegation from the John Worcester post were in attendance. The casket was covered with the flag he honored and the post colors draped in mourning. The burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery, Commander Charles Hale, Daniel Hayden, John Coburn and Henry Cameron serving as bearers. He is survived by two sons, George of Nashua, and Frank of Townsend. A courteous gentleman at all times.

Mrs. George L. Perin and little son, George L. Jr., of Brookline, Mass., have been guests of Mrs. L. E. Powers.

Married, Wednesday evening, January 19, at the Congregational parsonage, by Rev. W. L. Noyes, Ivan Parker and Christy P. Corbett, both of Pepperell.

Elmer L. Wallace has been enjoying a fishing trip to Lake Winnepesaukee, the guest of G. A. Homer.

Rev. W. L. Noyes, pastor of the Congregational church here, has recently declined a call to a larger parish with an increase of salary.

Mrs. Phoebe Jenness Randall, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Miss Ethel Patch, who has been a guest at the Russell farm, returned to Malden, Mass., Saturday.

Mr. Higgins of Montana, who is extremely engaged in stock raising, Mrs. May Hadley and Harold Hadley of Cambridge, Mass., have been guests at the Elmwood.

The Chamberlain Patten Co. of Nashua, N. H., will hold a One-Day Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Suits at the Park Hotel, Townsend, Tuesday, February 1. An opportunity will be offered the ladies of Townsend and vicinity to buy a Suit or Coat at city mark-down prices. Remember the date. Everybody invited.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

#### News Items.

Miss Lizzie Worcester went to Boston last week and underwent the removal of a cataract from one eye.

Miss Mary E. Frost of Nashua visited Hollis Y. P. S. C. E. at the regular meeting last week Friday and gave an account of the International C. E. convention, held in St. Paul last July. Owing to the stormy weather, many were unable to hear who planned to.

Fred Pollock has quite a swollen foot caused by stepping on a rusty nail.

Rev. Mr. Hyde of Jamaica Plain, Mass., supplied the pulpit last Sunday for Rev. C. H. Davis, whose throat is very bad. He is unable to talk at all. It is quite the result of his sickness of three weeks ago.

Andrew Jewett went to North Billerica, Wednesday, to attend the Farmers' Institute there.

The Hollis Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dudley. Twenty-three ladies were present. In the absence of the president, who was ill, Miss Emma Van Dyke, the chairman of the executive committee, presided. Current events given by Miss Hincley; a paper, "The events of 1909 given by Mrs. Jewett; music by Miss Eastman; a paper on Rembrandt and other artists of his time, by Miss Bertha Hayden.

Bambridge Wheeler, one of Hollis' aged citizens, passed away Saturday, January 22. Mr. Wheeler was a quiet man who lived a retired life on his farm. He is survived by a widow. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

The community was shocked Tuesday afternoon to hear of the sudden death of Noah Hardy after an illness of only twenty-five minutes. He suffered an attack of heart failure, which terminated fatally. Mr. Hardy was eighty-three years old, but was remarkably active and able to do much work. He was a man highly respected by all, a native of Hollis, which has always been his home. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bushee, with whom he made his home, and one grandson, Clifford Bushee.

### LITTLETON.

#### About Town.

Last week Friday evening, in the Unitarian vestry, the knights and ladies of King Arthur gave a very pretty little two-act play, "Bide a wee bairn," under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Drummond, and they all did credit to themselves. Mrs. Young, pianist, with Miss Barrows, cornetist, rendered sweet music.

Guild meeting topic, "The peace movement," leader, Miss Emily Adams. Unitarian vestry, Sunday evening, January 30.

The Forget-Not Circle of King's Daughters will hold their meeting, Tuesday afternoon, February 1, with Mrs. Anna Brown, when it is expected that Mrs. Smarden, county treasurer of the order, will speak.

The American club of the Orthodox church will hold its February meeting, Wednesday afternoon, February 2, with Mrs. J. P. Thacher.

Last week Thursday afternoon, at the meeting of the Daughters of Vermont, held at the Vendome, Boston, Mrs. Minnie G. Peck gave a stereopticon lecture on Ireland.

As Rev. Paul G. Favor leaves town next week, the teachers having rooms where he resides have been obliged to seek new quarters and are located in the home of Frank Dodge.

George A. Lovejoy of Cincinnati, Ohio, was an over-Sunday guest with Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, his wife's parents.

This week seems to be moving week in this town. Clarence Crosby moves into the house vacated by the Angus Smith family. Edgar Bartheau and Elmer Boynton families move into the new double tenement house belonging to Conant, Houghton & Co. on Goldsmith street.

### New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SHIRAMUS W. ANDREWS, 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, HERMAN S. HAZEN, of Shirley, 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 fourteenth 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, or three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

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

3120\* W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of Thomas I. Groton, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The masquerade party given by Mr. Lovett in town hall, Groton, January 20, was a great success, people having come from far and near to attend.

Miss Yssabella G. Waters, when leaving here, after her recent visit to her brother, F. F. Waters and family, received from them and her Groton friends best wishes of "bon voyage" and a restful as well as interesting visit abroad.

Among the recent gifts to the Groton public library is the book, "Visiting nursing in the United States," presented by the author, Miss Yssabella Waters, who is spending her life in this settlement work.

John A. Kimball, recently deceased in Littleton, was a brother of Miss Martha Kimball of this town. She was unable to attend the funeral on Tuesday.

Mrs. William A. Lawrence received word Tuesday morning of the death of her brother, Frank K. Porter, a bank official of Waltham. He was the oldest son of K. Porter of Leominster, and at one time a resident of Groton.

Miss Helen Peabody, eldest daughter of Rev. Endicott Peabody, was operated on last Sunday for appendicitis. Boston surgeons performed the operation.

Miss Gertrude Gerrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerrish, came home for a short visit a few days ago.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blood on Thursday, January 20. It is named Helen Elizabeth.

Miss Lottie Woods, coming Saturday from Boston, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woods, over Sunday.

Andrew Blood is working in the finishing room in the paper mill at West Groton. He has moved into one of the Hollingsworth cottages on Bixby hill.

The recent rains and thaw raised the water in all our ponds and streams. On the Nashua, near the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill, the ice became so soft and unsafe that the neighbors there forbade the boys to continue their skating.

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer has gone to Westbrook, Me., to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. William French.

The date set for the annual gentlemen's night and supper at the Congregational church is Thursday evening, February 10. J. F. Peabody to serve as chairman of the committee.

F. F. Waters has just had the electric lighting service put in his residence. The residences and places of business taking the electric light are, up to date, as follows: C. E. Bigelow, J. H. Robbins, Groton Inn, W. H. Bruce, W. A. Lawrence, F. A. Sherwin's grain store, Fred Tuttle's pool-room, Groton railway station, George E. Hodgman's market, Boynton bread and cake bakery, J. W. Wetherbee's shop, Dr. H. B. Priest, Dr. D. R. Steere, J. E. Adams' livery stable, Geo. Tuttle's pool-room in Palmer's block, F. F. Waters, Miss Webster. Have we left out anybody?

At the annual business meeting of the Baptist church a committee was chosen to get estimates as to cost of putting electric lights in vestry of the church.

Mrs. Belle Jacques of Brattleboro, Vt., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ada Nutting.

The Groton friends of Ernest L. Sawyer of Winchendon will be interested to hear that he is wintering in Florida, going with his daughter Ruth, who is not in good health.

The rain and January thaw melted away the snow, spoiling several anticipated sleigh-rides. On Sunday three different kinds of vehicles, sleighs, wagons and automobiles were all used.

Mrs. Trevitt, who went to take care of her son sick with diphtheria, took the disease and both are now sick with it at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rand in Roxbury. Mrs. Trevitt is the sister of Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, and has been housekeeper for their mother, Mrs. Margaret Benedict, who is for the present staying with her daughter, Mrs. Shattuck.

The Brown Loaf club meets Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Estelle Collier at J. B. Raddin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hodgdon of Cambridge and baby boy have been sojourning at Groton Inn for a week. Mr. Hodgdon's mother, who was Allina Catherine Gilbert Brown, youngest daughter of the late George H. Brown, of this town, and whose husband was the late Sylvester Hodgdon, a landscape painter of Boston, is buried in Groton cemetery in her family lot.

The first game in the tournament of a thousand ball run between G. A. Tuttle's team and Rice's team of Pepperell was played in Groton, Wednesday, at two p. m. Pepperell won, 250 to 119. There will be four games in all; the next played in Pepperell, Wednesday, February 2. At the close of the tournament the winning team will be presented a twenty-five dollar watch.

There was a good chance to see the comet Wednesday night. If anybody wants to see it, he must improve the clear nights for its stay will be for only two weeks longer. Astronomers say that this comet never visited the earth before and will never come again. It is in the west near the setting sun and can be seen only in the early evening.

"The village schoolm'am," staged by the Beacon club of Pepperell, was well rendered in Groton town hall, Monday evening, and heartily enjoyed by an estimated audience of three hundred. The music was good and the dancing party after the play was a pleasant one.

Mrs. Charles Duren of Boxborough was in town recently. Mr. and Mrs. Duren are on the Blanchard farm of that town. Their son Irving works in Boston, but with his wife makes his home with his parents.

James Watson Webb, son of Dr. W. Seward Webb, and Miss Electra Havemeyer, a daughter of the late H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, secured a marriage license at the city hall, New York, Tuesday. Mr. Webb, who is a graduate of Groton School, class of 1903, is a grandson of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and gave his age as twenty-five years. No date was set for the wedding.

The Groton chapter, D. R., met on Thursday, January 20, with Mrs. W. A. Lawrence. A large number of members and guests were present. A paper on "Virginia home life" was read by Mrs. Chase, who presented the subject in a most interesting manner. Violin solos by Miss Willoughby and songs by Mr. Chaussee with Mr. Estabrook accompanying, completed the program.

Among the list of people given in the Boston papers as being doubtless in the Paris flood zone is noticed the names of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence.

Notwithstanding the stormy night, there was a good attendance at the regular grange meeting on Tuesday night.

One of the men on moth work, under Casey, fell the other day from a tree on Main street and was taken to the hospital. As he walked out the next morning, his injury was probably only a shaking up or bruises.

Miss Annie L. Gilson, who is spending the winter in Malden, was in town for a few days' visit this week.

Keenie Fletcher entertained a fishing party this week at Conch Rock camp.

Miss Kate Whalen is able to walk out every pleasant day.

Elwin Kemp is still at the Massachusetts General hospital and reported in a critical condition.

Mrs. H. Frazee, suffering from a relapse, was taken to Groton hospital, Tuesday morning, and is reported as poorly.

C. E. Bigelow, with his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Robbins, left for Eustis, Fla., on Tuesday, as they had arranged, and J. H. Robbins left for Pasadena, Cal., on Thursday, according to his arrangements.

The Baptist Men's supper will be held in March.

E. J. Erving from Walpole visited his parents for a few days this week.

Miss Florence Southern likes telephone work so far very much. She is learning at the local office, taking the position of relief assistant operator. Miss Southern has planned to train at some hospital for permanent work as a nurse, expecting to go in training next year.

Numbers of Groton people have been out scanning the heavens for the comet now visible. On Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights it was easily discerned, these nights being clear. Look for it in the western sky not far from the brilliant planet Venus, but lower down towards the horizon and farther to the northwest than Venus. Although hazy and not large or brilliant, it is still an interesting spectacle. This, it will be remembered, is not Halley's comet, coming this spring within our vision, but is an unexpected visitor.

Not long since a lace peddler passed through our village, calling at the houses to sell her wares. One of our elderly women gave her entrance to her home, bought lace of her and paid her, placing the money on the table near which she was sitting. At this point the peddler asked for a drink of water. When Mrs. returned from getting the water the peddler was standing in the middle of the room to take it, after drinking which, she left. Some little time after, when the purchaser went to take care of her lace, she found it missing and also the money, a new pair of shears and her spectacles.

The masquerade ball of last week called out a good-sized attendance. Considerable time and expense had been put upon the costumes, which were both either striking or interesting. It is reported an enjoyable affair, except for the incident of Officer Shattuck on somebody's complaint appearing to enforce the law, which exists against publicly advertised masquerade balls.

Edward Howard Griggs will give a second lecture on Wednesday evening, February 2, in town hall at 8.15 o'clock. His subject will be "Self-culture through the vacation."

The regular business meeting of the Improvement society will be held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Needham/Tuesday, February 1, at 3.30 p. m.

Death.

George W. Canney, a resident of this village for over thirty years, died Thursday, January 20, of pneumonia, at his old home in Ossipee, N. H., where he was born, and where he has lived for some time past, aged 73 years, 9 months. He was taken ill Sunday, January 16, and the following Monday his physician pronounced it pneumonia. The interment was on Tuesday, January 25, in the family lot in Groton cemetery in this town. The two sons, George and Paul Canney, were both here at the burial. It will be remembered that their mother died at West Groton, February 22, 1906.

Mr. Canney was, when he resided in West Groton for long time, an employe in the paper mill of Hollingsworth & Vose, and held several positions of prominence. Paul Canney, who has been in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co. of Pittsburg, Penn., for the past ten years, travels all over the country for them, and his brother George is with the same company and for the past twelve years has held the very important position of superintendent of construction, both worthy young men.

Lawrence Academy Notes. The vesper service last Sunday was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Cressy gave a very helpful talk on "The code of honor." The solo by H. C. Chaussee was rendered in an efficient manner and was highly appreciated.

The Chinese club held its meeting January 22. The debate was on the comparative merits of the large and small college. The decision was in favor of the small one.

The pupils are making preparation for an entertainment to be given in the town hall, February 5, for the benefit of the Athletic association.

Yield of Corn in Groton.

The high prices of meat and the boycott, although the latter did not reach Groton, have raised the question whether it would not be a wise plan and a good boycott for Groton farmers and farmers everywhere in New England to raise their own beef and pork just as "they used to do," selling the surplus over their own needs to local markets.

This would make the raising of corn necessary. Frank F. Waters raised this last season on a half acre of land fifty bushels of unshelled corn, and in 1908 on the same piece of land seventy bushels. This last year the Lawrence Brooks' farm had a twenty-five-acre cornfield that yielded about 2500 bushels of corn on the cob. Shawfieldmont has acres of corn every year, but only for its own use, and there are probably some others who raise in a smaller way for home use, but Lawrence Brooks farm marketed in Worcester this last season a carload of its corn crop at a good price. This is thought to be the first time in the history of Groton that field corn has ever been marketed. Groton poultry raisers with one accord, unless it be some fancy breeders, agree that there is little or no profit in poultry and egg production, unless one raises his own feed. Corn in some form enters largely into their feed.

There are many things that have been theoretically demonstrated that have not been practically proved. Those with experience can tell whether it is cheaper and better to buy entirely their meat and grain supplies, or raise the whole or apart. Increased interest may lead to larger cultivation of land this spring. Imagination shows the fields of waving corn, and waxing poetical, we quote from the corn song by the poet, John G. Whittier:

"But let the good old crop adorn The hills our fathers trod; Still let us for the golden corn, Send up our thanks to God."

THE RED STORE.

A. E. Lawrence & Son, having moved into their commodious new quarters on Park street, desire to entertain all their friends, both old and new, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to visit them on Wednesday, February 2, 1910, from ten to five o'clock p. m. Pleasant greetings of 1910. Most sincerely yours, A. E. LAWRENCE & SON, Ayer, Mass., Jan. 27, 1910.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

Mrs. Hagar, taking advantage of the fine sleighing last Monday, treated the members of the Monday club to a sled ride; the objective point being Mrs. Josselyn's. It was a genuine surprise to the president of the club, who for more than a month has been unable to leave her home. Mrs. Knight, who is secretary, read the minutes of the meetings Mrs. Josselyn was unable to attend. After the report, Mrs. Florence Conant was unanimously voted an active member. The exercises consisted of a literary program to which each member contributed. A dainty lunch was prepared and served by the guests. Mrs. Greenleaf was guest of honor. The next meeting is with Mrs. McCarthy.

The Jennie Wren club met with Amy Rexford last Saturday. The girls did needle work for an hour, after which games were played and refreshments served.

Bern LePoer has entered the employ of Spaulding Brothers at the leatherboard mill.

Charles Conant is making preparations to move into the Hazard-house. Mr. Batchelder, who died on the Curtis place, was taken Thursday to Mason for burial.

Ralph Kilbourne has left the employ of Vose & Co., to accept a position offered by the subway company of New York. Mr. Kilbourne is to do the surveying and have charge of the men putting in the new platforms around the subway stations.

G. A. Proctor is piping his house for running water. A never-failing spring, twelve hundred feet distant, furnishes the water supply for the buildings.

The Whist club met with Mrs. Hagar last Saturday evening. The winners were Mrs. Farnam and Frank Knight. Mrs. McCarthy and Harry Knight received booby prizes. This evening Mrs. Bagley entertains the club.

Center.

There was a free social and entertainment at the Congregational vestry, Wednesday evening, given by the L. B. S., who met and had supper there during the afternoon and evening. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Ethel Eldridge and consisted of a

piano solo by Violet McKenzie; reading, Mrs. Noah Wallace; song, Helen Farbell, reading, Arlene Clark; and harmonica solo, Wilbur Bruce. Short humorous stories were read by various ones and there was a spelling match, the words having to be correctly spelled backwards. A social time and promenade ended the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. A. S. Howard enjoyed a short visit to Boston this week. Everett Seaver of Boston was in town this week.

Jessie J. Batchelder, aged 82 years, 6 months, died at the residence of his son, George Batchelder on the Pepperell road, Tuesday. The body was sent to Mason, N. H., Thursday. He leaves three sons, John of Fitchburg, Charles of Greenville, N. H., and George of this town. He was also one of the old veterans now growing fewer each year.

R. F. D. Notice.

The following will be of interest to rural free delivery patrons. In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardships imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

West. Benjamin Seabon, who has been quite sick with a severe cold at his home on Main street, is recovering.

Miss Maria Piper of the Fitchburg road, is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. E. J. Lees, Mrs. R. S. Ely, Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, Mrs. Ina Sargent and Miss Bessie Conway attended the performance of the oratorio Elijah at city hall, Fitchburg, Monday evening.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence entertained the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at her home on Elm street last Friday afternoon, and a most enjoyable time was reported, the reading being from J. G. Holland's Katharina, and refreshments were served during the social hour. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Mr. Carer and son Fred, from the Oren Manning place, are out of town for the present.

Miss Isabelle Hellur, who has been spending a few days at her home in Jostynville, returned to Worcester, Wednesday.

Elbridge Haggood has been confined to his bed for several days as a result of an accident, falling upon the ice and injuring his back.

At the meeting of the Men's club in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, it was voted to give a banquet Tuesday evening, February 8, and entertain the members of the Monday and Friday clubs. The committee on invitation was Carl B. Willard; entertainment committee, L. C. Barker and Carl B. Willard; supper committee, Alexander Reed, Walter Wilder, Willis Nelson, J. H. Cox and F. A. Patch.

Mrs. Amos Jodery has returned to Boston this week.

Miss Mabel Patch has been on the sick list for a few days this week and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Jostynville has substituted in her stead in the post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Edward Davis are spending a few days in Boston and vicinity.

LITTLETON.

Woman's Club.

The last meeting of the Woman's club, held in the Baptist vestry on Monday last, was a number eagerly looked forward to by the club members. "Merrie England" was the subject, and the good attendance, including not a few of the thoughtful men of the town, was proof of the genuine interest felt.

Mrs. Lawrence is an easy speaker on any occasion, and during her stay in England the past summer gathered through keenness of perception a rich store of knowledge on general and various matters not suggestive of the guide book course resorted to by the usual traveller. It was her good fortune to be taken into the inner circle of English home life, and little glimpses of this life were very entertainingly blended with experiences of trips on the double motor-cycle, which the excellent roads in England make an attractive mode of touring the country.

The rural scenic beauties of England, the picturesque hamlets, the noble architecture in the cities and college towns, the antiquities, flowers, plants, haymaking, farm and city life, road building, peculiarities of speech and custom, all drawn out by that "touch of nature that makes the world akin," and developed by the sense of humor that Mrs. Lawrence possesses to a great degree.

Altogether, the speaker, without notes, presented to the imagination of her audience a fascinating, quickly-moving panorama most charmingly told in words. At the close a rising vote of thanks tendered by the club was given her.

Selections, "Old English songs," were given by the club quartet, and solo by Mrs. Mattie Priest. "Old Twickenham ferry" a place visited by Mrs. Lawrence with great delight, still possessing its environment centuries old.

The afternoon closed with a well-given piano solo by Miss Emma Tenney.

Entertainment.

Last week Saturday night the knights and ladies of King Arthur gave their first entertainment in the Unitarian vestry. In spite of storm and very slippery walking, a good number came out to hear the two-act farce, "The bid-a-we bears," given by members of the club. It was the first appearance of many of the actors, and it is very plain to be seen that Littleton will always have a Backlog drama to look forward to as far as talent is concerned. An original poem was read

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by Miss Lorna Chandler; Miss Barrows of Ayer played most acceptably on the cornet with Mrs. Young as accompanist. Miss Ruth Prescott sang very sweetly. Miss Marian Whitcomb and A. Heywood Knowlton played a piano duo.

We cannot refrain from giving much credit for the evening's entertainment to Rev. C. A. Drummond, who has the interests of the club at heart and directed all their work as well as their good times. Candy and peanuts were for sale and the net proceeds were about fourteen dollars.

News Items.

The many Littleton shareholders of the Shirley cooperative bank will be pleased to know that their collector, Frank Gregory, has been informed by J. L. Holland, its secretary, that sixty-six shares have been sold in this the fifth series, and that the total shares in force are 410, and that the bank was two years old January 1, 1910. The directors at their regular meeting last week declared an annual dividend of four percent for six months ending December 31, 1909, upon recommendation of the finance committee. The bank has a prosperous future before it.

There will be an administrator's sale of personal property at the farm of the late John Daley of Littleton, the second farm east of Nashoba schoolhouse, on the Great road to Boston, Saturday, February 5, at 12.30 p. m. F. H. Farmer, auctioneer.

Next Friday, February 4, brings an eagerly expected number on the social calendar, the complimentary ball, tendered by Mrs. White to the pupils

of her dancing class the past season at town hall. There will be the usual interesting dances by the children and a fancy dance and song, "The glow-worm," by six young ladies. Dancing for all at 9.30. Good music and one of the very best of good times ensured to all. Usual admission.

Frank Murray, seventeen years old, of South Ashburnham, was taken from the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, Wednesday evening, to the Massachusetts eye and ear infirmary at Boston, for treatment for his right eye, which was badly injured at Littleton, Wednesday, while at work with a signal crew on the Boston and Maine railroad. There is an even chance that the sight of the eye will be saved.

Fred S. Kimball and Miss Martha H. Kimball attended the funeral of their cousin, Frank K. Porter of Waltham, Thursday.

John Adams Kimball, whose illness of bronchial pneumonia was noted in last week's issue, passed into the life more abundant, Saturday evening, January 22, and was laid to rest in Westlawn cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, January 25.

George A. Cook met with an accident this week. While at work with his axe in the woods he cut an ugly gash in his foot, requiring several stitches. Wm. H. Davis is also much inconvenienced by a deep cut in his wrist made while using the axe Monday.

The mail bag on the east bound express, Thursday morning of last week, was drawn under the wheels of the cars, cutting the bag quite badly and a few of the papers.



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To the Pen and Press we mortals owe, we believe, and almost all we know.

Saturday, January 29, 1910.

AYER.

Haynes-Piper Company. Ruel P. L'Orange, who has charge of the Haynes-Piper property here, has thirty-five men engaged in cleaning up the debris from the fire and in drawing the vinegar from the vats damaged by the late fire into barrels that are being shipped as fast as filled to the parties who have purchased the vinegar. Three carloads were shipped Tuesday and another three carloads Wednesday, and this drawing of the vinegar from the five tanks will be continued until all of them are empty.

The Haynes-Piper Co. had their fire losses adjusted Tuesday and orders have been sent here from headquarters to clear up the debris as fast as possible to secure it, which is being done. Ever since the company located here, it being such a valuable point for shipment of their products—vinegar and refined cider, known all over the country for their superior qualities, they have been of benefit to the town.

Last fall, for labor and apples, they paid out the large sum of \$27,000, which went to the farmers all about Ayer, and the merchants and industries of Ayer have been benefitted to the extent of \$4500. The company have given employment for the fifty-two weeks of last year an average of thirty-two men a week, paying them all good wages, which amounted to \$20,000. Their freight bills reached \$20,000 last year, and their business hundreds of thousands. They paid a tax last year of \$575, and for town water paid \$338.51.

It is evident from present indications that they are going away and no more cider and vinegar will be made here by the Haynes-Piper Co., which will be a great loss to the town and to the farmers especially who found a ready market for their surplus apples. The company paid last fall the highest price ever paid by them for fifty apples and the farmers received fifty cents a 100 pounds for them.

The buildings not destroyed by the late fire, which was intimated at the time of being of incendiary origin, will be used only for the storage of their barrels, and two or three men can take care of all their business in town.

Other railroad companies are after the Haynes-Piper business and private parties in cities and towns near us have offered the company favorable inducements to locate with them.

We have just been informed that they have closed arrangements with a large agricultural company for the storage of their agricultural implements in the cider mill building here.

Clipping.

The following clipping is taken from The Metropolis, Jacksonville, Fla., dated Kansas City, January 18:

If the suspicions concerning the death of Thomas H. Swope, millionaire, and Christian Swope, his nephew, as well founded, they were the victims of a poison plot. The man who compassed the deaths, it is alleged, is a sign called on science to aid him, since evidence has been produced to show that he administered to his victims the serum of typhoid fever as well as poison. Thomas H. Swope died in October, and his nephew passed away suddenly last month. Others of the Swope heirs fell ill by the same means, and it is alleged that one of the heirs to the Swope fortune plotted the deaths of the others in order to become the sole beneficiary of the aged millionaire's will. The investigation into the deaths is engaging the attention of the attorneys for the Swope estate, among them John H. Atwood, one of the West's most prominent lawyers and democratic politicians.

Hon. John H. Atwood, formerly of this town, son of the late Andrew Atwood, the first president of the First National Bank of Ayer, is a brother of Judge Warren H. Atwood.

Extensive Outlay.

The Boston and Maine are to lay out about \$200,000 in the replacing and repairing of twelve bridges on the Fitchburg division the coming season between Boston and North Adams. Some are to be rebuilt and others are to be strengthened. This is necessary as the railroad company are to have immense new passenger and freight locomotives of the Pacific type, weighing with tender 351,200 pounds; and the entire length of engine and tender is seventy-two feet, five inches. The heaviest engines now in use on the road are 290,000 pounds, including tender, freight engines, and 285,400 pounds, including tender, passenger engines. The new locomotives are adapted for either freight or passenger work, and any one of them will haul twelve passenger cars and make regular time all the way. These heavy locomotives, known as the Pacific type, will be put on the White Mountain division, and the traveling public will get the benefit of that much improved service. In addition to the new bridge work there will be a large outlay for much heavier rails this summer on the Fitchburg line.

To the Editor:

We had a fine trip on the boat and were in Charleston, S. C., for six or eight hours, where we took a sight-seeing auto and did the city. Charleston is quite a dilapidated and historic old city. We passed quite near Fort Sumter.

In going up the St. Johns river from Jacksonville, owing to a thick fog, our boat got stuck in mud and it took us three hours and three lugs to get out of it. We remained in Jacksonville a week and had a good chance to see this most up-to-date Southern city. It surely is pretty and is quite a busy place.

We were a month at San Mateo, which is a small place sixty-five miles south of Jacksonville, and exclusively an orange town, nearly every man having an orange grove of from three to sixty acres, with a very big crop this year. We intend to stay here about a month and visit at St. Augustine and Daytona, then go to Orlando and Tampa for another month; or more, then take steamer at Tampa for New York, stopping one day at Havana, Cuba. The climate here is as changeable as at home. Friday the temperature at

noon was seventy-eight, while the next day at noon it was fifty-eight. People don't know the meaning of "sunny south," till they try it. The sun is very hot and it has shone some part of every day since we hit Florida; about six weeks ago. The nights are cool. Our pump at San Mateo froze three nights, but as soon as the sun struck it, it thawed out. They say it is an extra cold winter here.

This morning you had about twenty degrees below zero temperature; we were on the banks of the river picking wild violets and other flowers. We have had no trouble with or seen any fleas, mosquitoes, or bugs of any kind. The water is all right. We have two kinds, the city water, which is harder than ours at home, and the sulphur water, which smells like an egg that didn't hatch. Some like the latter, but I will take mine straight.

I saw by the papers that we have escaped a very strenuous winter, and we ought to be thankful for getting out of it so easily. I think the climate or something else agrees with me here, as I feel much better and stronger than when I left home.

F. B. FELCH. Palatka, Fla., January 15, 1910.

Will be Missed.

Walter W. Manning has accepted the position of advertising solicitor for McClure's Magazine in New York city and a part of the state of New York. He will enter upon his duties the middle of February, and in the summer will take his family to New York for permanent residence. Mr. Manning is one of the substantial citizens of our town, progressive and active in all lines tending to the improvement of the place. He was one of the leaders in the establishment of the Middlesex Country club, and has done much to interest the young men in that and similar work, and helped to give the town a desirable reputation in many ways. In this he has been ably assisted by Mrs. Manning. Our townspeople will regret very much the loss of this most excellent family, who have been residents in Ayer for the past eight and a half years. Two boys have been born to them since their residence here, Conant and Gordon.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

One of the important events of the winter took place in Page hall, Thursday evening, when the W. R. C. celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. The hall was prettily furnished for the occasion with chairs, tables and curtains, while shields and flags in various decorations showed the patriotic nature of the event. Ten of the seventeen charter members are living and served as the reception committee: Mrs. Nina E. Lovejoy, Mrs. Lucy M. Parsons, Mrs. Martha J. Mason, Mrs. Mary J. Waitaker, Mrs. Emily M. Robinson, Mrs. Susan E. Preble, Mrs. Mary L. Harlow, Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, Mrs. Ellen L. Puffer, Mrs. Julia A. Craig. The past presidents are: Mrs. Dovejoy, Mrs. Mary L. Harlow, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Preble, Mrs. Clara C. Wentworth, Mrs. Puffer, Mrs. Abbie A. Lewis, Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson, Mrs. Lizzie A. Sartell, Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, Mrs. Mary A. Beverly, Mrs. Louise P. Kennison; the last five of whom served as ushers Thursday evening.

The past presidents who were charter members were in the receiving line together with Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, a past department president, Mrs. Lue Stewart, Wadsworth, the department president, and Miss Male B. Shepard, national aide.

The reception was followed by an interesting entertainment, of which the program included selections by the High School Mandolin club; cornet solo by Roger Lawrence; Miss Ethel Andrew, accompanist; vocal solos by J. W. Wentworth; readings by Miss Mabel Puffer and Mrs. Viall; a history of the organization by Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson; remarks by Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Wadsworth.

The honored guests of the evening were the members of the G. A. R. and the S. of V. To each of these organizations Mrs. L. Lovejoy, in behalf of the W. R. C. presented twenty-five dollars. Mrs. Lovejoy also gave to the charter members special badges as souvenirs of the anniversary.

Refreshments were served in charge of Miss Millie Beverly. Mrs. L. W. Brissontet, Mrs. Lorraine Sherman, Mrs. Alice Crawford, Mrs. Jessie Crawford, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. J. Kyle, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. F. E. Tarrant, Mrs. Elsie Waterman and the Misses Blanche Farrar, Bessie Glazier and Dorcas Scruton.

Eastern Star Installation.

Masonic hall was the scene of a very enjoyable gathering Wednesday evening on the occasion of the installation of the officers of Ida McKieley Chapter, O. E. S. A fine supper was served at 6.30. In the hall the guests were welcomed by the retiring matron, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, who appointed a committee, E. D. Stone, Mrs. Lucy Parsons and Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, to introduce the installing officers: Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, a past matron of the chapter, who was acting grand matron, and her suite, Mrs. Annie Weston of Framingham, acting grand marshal; Edward A. Richardson, acting grand patron, and Mrs. Ellen Sawyer as acting grand chaplain. The graceful ceremony was efficiently and acceptably performed by these officers in the presence of a large and interested audience. The officers installed were: Mrs. Flora L. Pierce, w. m.; E. D. Stone, w. p.; Miss Fannie E. Woods, s. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Filibrown, sec.; Mrs. Geo. W. C. Turner, treas.; Mrs. Ada Irwin, com.; Mrs. Marie A. Carley, s. c.; Mrs. Eva Richardson, organist; Mrs. Alma L. Brown, chap.; Mrs. Edna E. Zoller, marshal; Mrs. Georgia R. Kibb, adm.; Mrs. Lillian Wright, Ruth; Mrs. Margaret Cushing, Ethor; Miss Helen Dickson, Martha; Miss Nannie M. White, s. d.; Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, s. e.; E. H. Bigelow, s. e.

After the formal exercises the meeting was put into the hands of the new

matron, Mrs. Flora L. Pierce, who presided at the very interesting entertainment that followed. The program included selections by the quartet, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Marie A. Carley, Mrs. Eva Richardson and Mrs. Gertrude P. Turner, Mrs. A. D. Stroud, accompanist; vocal solos by Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Daisy Beckford; and readings by Miss Irene Bewley of Tennessee. Miss Bewley has been a student at the Leland Powers' school in Boston, and the varied program that she gave showed a wide range of remarkable ability. Every selection was encoored. Her program included a selection from "Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch," "Mud pies," "The lost word" by Van Dyke, "My ships," and a monologue by Ruth Kimball Gardner. A past matron's badge was presented to the retiring matron, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, by A. A. Filibrown in behalf of the chapter. Souvenirs were also presented to the installing officers, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Weston by E. D. Stone. The ladies responded to the gifts very appreciatively. Mrs. Reynolds, who has been ill much of her year, very feellingly.

To the Editor:

In reference to your issue of December 11, 1909, concerning the hearing to determine the cause of the lack of water pressure at the fire which destroyed the Haynes-Piper company vinegar factory on November 30. We repeat and call the attention of the citizens to the closing paragraph of the article: "The facts thus presented at the hearing December 8, 1909, showed quite conclusively that it was on account of the four inch valve, being open that there was no pressure of water for the firemen to use." Other newspaper reports, including Boston and Lowell, stated practically the same thing, that the "valve must have been opened, thus letting the water go to waste and causing the low pressure which prevented the hose companies from being of much service."

Many of the citizens of the town have perhaps been led to believe by the publication of only a portion of the unsworn testimony that the cause of the lack of water pressure was due to the waste of water on account of the open four inch valve. We feel it our duty to keep aloof from local politics, but at the same time say to the citizens that the four inch valve was not open or closed before or during the fire.

During the first few minutes of the fire when the water was turned on the first line of hose from the hydrant on our premises and but one line of hose only, there was not enough force to throw a stream of water fifteen feet. At this time the four inch valve, was not open, neither was any other valve in the water system open on our premises and neither was there any valve open on the adjoining property of Levi W. Phelps, all of which are facts and contrary to some of the "talk about town."

If we are correctly informed, no person testified that he saw water running out of the four inch valve. One McDonald, however, said that he saw water running out of a pipe which was a pipe, as a matter of fact, the two inch pipe below the valve connecting the meters. This was seen by several other persons at the same time that McDonald saw it, about three hours after the fire broke out, some of whom have made affidavits to it. If any citizen takes exception to the foregoing and wishes additional conclusive proof that he may evidence by his own eyes, we invite him to view the standpipes and four inch valve, to which has been unjustly contributed the cause of the lack of water pressure, before it is removed from the ruins.

The paint on the pipe is intact and in a good state of preservation right up to the point in the valve where the gate was closed. In fact, a sharp horizontal line is well defined in contrast with the painted and burned portion of the valve below and above the gate. The upper half of the valve and nipple is burned clean and rid of every particle of paint which existed before the fire. Had the valve been open, the upper part of the valve and nipple would have shown no effects of the fire, having been amply protected by the flow of water.

HAYNES-PIPER COMPANY. January 27, 1910.

In our next issue we will publish the sworn affidavits, which we have in our possession, of several townspeople, as referred to in this article by the Haynes-Piper Company.

News Items.

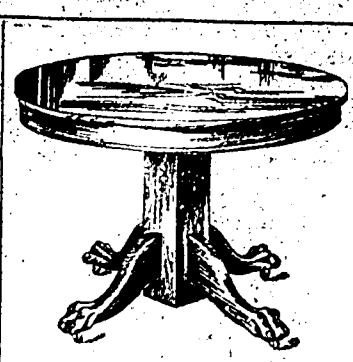
George L. Davis went to New York city Monday to be away a week on business and attend the spring millinery openings in that city.

January 24 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Griffin, Prospect street. There are now seven children, six boys and the girl.

Mr. White, who is connected with the postoffice department, was in town for the first part of the week with Postmaster Robinson looked over the store recently vacated by A. E. Lawrence & Son. The quarters of the present postoffice are not sufficiently large enough to handle the mail matter with facility, being so cramped for room a place is needed for the postoffice about twenty feet wide and fifty feet in depth.

Ether Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Washburn, East Main street, was operated upon for appendicitis at her home, Thursday noon. Dr. Howe of Boston performed the operation and was assisted by Dr. Bulkley, Helena A. McGovern is the nurse caring for her, and she is doing nicely.

Frederick Cressy, who is here in the interest of the Connecticut River Power Co., has been looking over the town and the outskirts, but nothing definite as yet is known, and what the outcome may be should they decide



WE SHOW HERE

One of the Splendid Values we are offering to the Holiday Shopper, a 6 ft. Extension Table in American Quartered Oak polished top with heavy claw feet, a bargain at \$9.50.

Fancy Rockers, Rugs, Pedestal Centre Tables, Desks, Buffets, Children's Rockers, Taborets, Pictures, Etc., in large and varied assortment, making selections an easy matter.

W. WRIGHT & SON, AYER.

to enter the town for the purpose of furnishing power. It would be of great benefit to the town should they decide to enter here.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Scruton on Friday, February 4 at three o'clock.

Mrs. W. N. Cowles of Ayer, while in Boston for a few days, is a guest at the Hotel Lenox.

The trial of Mrs. Mary Kelleher of Somerville, charged with murder on six counts, which had been set for February 7 at East Cambridge, was Tuesday postponed until February 14, because many of the government's witnesses have to appear in Worcester county on February 7 in the trial of the Stone case.

Readings were given by G. W. Shattuck before the Reform club in Fitchburg, Sunday evening, January 23, which were well received.

The reception and ball of Mrs. C. R. White will be held in Page's hall, Ayer, Thursday evening, February 3.

The carpenters of the Boston and Maine railroad are adding hoods to the west end entrances of the three buildings leading to the subway as a protection, in a measure, from the stormy weather.

Lawrence P. Somers of Boston will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, January 30, at 10.45.

The New England Paper and Stationery Co. have purchased a new two-revolution Whitlock press, 25 by 38, one of the latest models, and it is an excellent machine.

Charles Feeney of Harvard, drunkenness at Ayer, Jan. 24, was tried January 25, and found guilty and fined ten dollars. January 27 was in court again for being drunk and committed to the house of correction for two months.

In the death notice of Mrs. Mary E. Crombie, it was printed Sunday night, have been January 16, and instead of nineteen, it should have read twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

There was a very notable gathering recently at Madame Sembrick's concert, given at Los Angeles, Cal., and among the audience was Mrs. Florence Vermille of Santa Maria, formerly of this town. Mrs. Charles Brown is spending the winter with her daughter.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mary (Haley) Keating died at her home on East Main street, Wednesday evening, January 26, of pneumonia. Early in the week it was thought she might recover, but she had not the strength to rally. She was born in Ireland, came to Groton and lived there till she married Patrick Keating, and they lived in Littleton. She has resided in Ayer about thirty years. Her husband was insane and died a few years ago. She was seventy years of age. She leaves two children, Patrick Keating and Mrs. M. J. Griffin in Ayer, two sisters, Mrs. John Wiseman in Groton, Mrs. Hannah Kelleher in Ayer, and a brother, Patrick Haley in Ayer. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Friday morning, and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. James Conway, who has been at the town farm for a couple of months, died January 17, from the result of a shock previous to going to the farm. She was aged 73 years, 2 months, and is survived by two sons, James and John, a son's wife, a grandson, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Shea of Billerica. The funeral was January 20, and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

About Town.

The Art class of the Woman's club met last Friday evening with Miss S. A. Blood. The program was a report by Mrs. Barker of the Art conference of the State Federation held in the new art museum in Boston on January 13, and a paper on Dr. Schlieffen's excavations in Greece by Miss Avis Burns.

A son, Raymond Albert, was born Wednesday, January 19, to Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Evans of Fort Plain, N. Y. Mr. Evans was pastor of the Unitarian church here till January 1.

The Sewing school opened last Saturday with an attendance of seventy-five children. These women will assist in the work: Mrs. Mary Hutchins as superintendent; Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, who prepares the material; and these as teachers, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. T. L. Fisher, Mrs. George Cole, Miss Emily Cole, Mrs. W. H. Dudley, Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth, Mrs. Joseph Kyle, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. William M. Sargent, Mrs. A. D. Stroud, Mrs. Charles Hassam. All children who desire to join the school must be present this Saturday as registration will close then and no pupil will be admitted later.

The Royal Temperance Legion will give an entertainment, and serve ice cream and cake in the Baptist vestry, Monday evening, January 31, at 7.30. The entertainment will consist of a program arranged especially for the L. T. S., also solos, recitations, exercises, songs and a whistling solo. Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon, acting state president of the W. C. T. U., is expected to be present.

The bal masque, held in town hall, Tuesday evening, by the George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Co. was a very jolly party; all had a thoroughly good time. There was a good attendance. Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg furnished music and gave a brief concert at the opening. The grand march was led by Hon. George J. Burns and his daughter, Miss Avis. They were followed by a line extending the four sides of the room. Refreshments were served.

The executive board of the Woman's club meets this Friday evening, Janu-

ary 28, with Mrs. Nina Beverly. Wednesday evening, February 2, is gentleman's night.

N. E. O. P. Installation.

The officers of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., were installed Tuesday evening by Deputy Louise A. Staus, assisted by Misses Green and Neylan, all of Waltham. There was a large attendance. Remarks were made by the visiting officers and members. These officers were elected:

H. H. Sullivan, J. p. w.; W. L. Preble, w.; A. Holz, v. w. Mrs. Ann Washburn, sec.; Nellie H. Carrigan, fin. sec.; Mrs. Susie R. Bales, treas.; Laura R. Downing, chap.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, guide; Mrs. A. Holm, guardian; George H. Baker, sentinel; John M. Stevenson, trustee for three years.

Refreshments were served during a social hour. The order now numbers seventy. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in G. A. R. hall. Mrs. Margaret Rand reported at the meeting that the receipts of the entertainment given on December 7 were \$55.38.

Basket Ball.

The Civic club gymnasium team was again victorious in the basket ball game last Saturday evening in the contest with the team of the Lowell clerks of the N. Y. N. H. and H. The score was 49 to 26. The playing was good on both sides. The second contest was between an afternoon and evening class of the gymnasium, the former winning by a score of 22 to 12.

CIVIC GYMNASIUM. N. Y. N. H. & H. CLERKS.

Sullivan, r. f. Moore Coughlin, f. Filibrown Brown, c. Silcox Donahue, rb. Donahue, lb. Ryan Summary: Score, 49 to 26. Goals from floor, Green 9, Brown 7, Donahue 6, Hooley 2, Brock 2, Mason 5, Silcox 3. Goals from fouls, Cunningham 2, Donahue 2, Sullivan 1, Kitteredge 1. Scorer, Murphy. Timer, McDonald.

AFTERNOON CLASS. NIGHT CLASS.

McGuane, r. f. Moore Coughlin, f. Filibrown Brown, c. Silcox Sanderson, Maynard, rb. Donahue, lb. Ryan Summary: Score, 22 to 12. Goals from floor, Coughlin 7, McGuane 2, Moore 2, Filibrown 2, Donahue 3. Goals from fouls, Coughlin 3, McGuane, Moore, Donahue. Referee, Merriam. Scorer, Murphy. Timer, McDonald.

Moving Pictures.

The feature picture for this Saturday evening is the Biographic film, "The dramatic's honor." The dramatic possibilities in the standard of honor recognized by the mountaineers of Kentucky or some other southern states have never been adequately recognized. The capable Biograph company has succeeded in reproducing graphically and convincingly one of these picturesque, though pathetic scenes. It can be understood how ferociously a brother might follow and attack the betrayer of a sister, but the peculiar standards which make hanging such an ignoble form of execution will be scarcely comprehensible to one who has never known of the peculiarities. Under such circumstances it may, perhaps, be plain why a father should drive his daughter away. No matter how unsophisticated one may be, the parents are not likely to display any compassion, and this scene is unquestionably accurately reproduced. Not all unfortunate girls have a lover ready to accept them regardless of what has occurred. This human touch by the Biograph people gives a more pleasing ending than would the stern justice of the parents who turn their daughter away. More sinned against than sinning, and therefore entitled to charity, such girls excite pity rather than a sense of justice. Dramatically this picture displays great strength. Photographically it is clear, and the action of the characters is smooth and without unnecessary waits or melodramatic movements.

The management have at great expense secured the Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures for Wednesday evening, February 9. This will be the first time they have been shown outside of the large cities, and the one which comes here is a new film just made, so they will be perfectly clear. They are pronounced by critics as the clearest fight pictures ever seen. A more extended notice will be given next week.

THE RED STORE.

A. E. Lawrence & Son, having moved into their commodious new quarters on Park street, desire to entertain all their friends, both old and new, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to visit them on Wednesday, February 2, 1910, from two to five o'clock p. m. Pleasant greetings of 1910. Most sincerely yours, A. E. LAWRENCE & SON, Ayer, Mass., Jan. 27, 1910.

BOXBOROUGH.

Miss Mary E. Hager is at Charles Waitt's, taking care of Madame Waitt. Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield and Leo Cunningham attended the Borough Pomona meeting at Marlborough, Wednesday. At the morning session the score card system of dairy inspection was discussed. In the afternoon Mayor J. J. Shaungnessy gave an interesting and instructive talk on farm law. Over three hundred patrons were present at dinner time, after which many accepted an invitation of Elmer D. Howe to visit his farm and inspect the model new barn which he has recently erected.

Mr. and Mrs. David Varley of Fair Haven are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter last Sunday. Friends here may remember Mrs. Varley better as Alice Willard. It is reported that Herbert Hale sold his farm to the Middlesex Cooperative Garden Co., who are planning to raise there a large quantity of asparagus, which is to be under the supervision

of Charles W. Prescott of Concord, one of the leading asparagus growers in New England, and who is also one of the advisory board of this new company.

Week-end guests at R. Y. Nelson's were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and Miss Bertha De Groot. Rev. F. H. Viets and Deacon M. E. Woods were delegates to the council called at Littleton to consider the resignation of Rev. Paul G. Favor.

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WESTFORD.

Graniteville. The heavy rains for the past few days have caused the snow to rapidly disappear, but left the roads in a very icy condition. It is neither sleighing nor good wheeling at the present time.

Mrs. Jimmie Carmichael, mother of J. B. Carmichael, is now quite ill at her home in this village, and at time of writing very low. Mrs. Janet Agnew has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is now improving in health.

Rachel Wall has been visiting relatives in Lowell for the past few days. William S. Wall has recently returned from a very pleasant visit spent with friends in Fitchburg.

The Pony club will hold a social dancing party in this village on Saturday evening.

The smoke-talk that was to have been held at the rooms of Court Graniteville 179, F. of A., on last Thursday night, has been postponed till the first meeting night in February.

The regular meeting of Court Westford 170, M. C. O. F., was held on Thursday evening, when plans for the coming entertainment were discussed. At the 9.45 o'clock mass in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning, Rev. J. J. McNamara gave a very able sermon on "The holy name," which made a deep impression on the large congregation present.

Rev. S. H. Armand, who has been the pastor of the M. E. church for nearly two years, has resigned his position and left here Tuesday morning for his former home in Indiana. Later both Mr. and Mrs. Armand will take up missionary work in the Philippines. The best wishes of his former parishioners here go with them in their chosen work.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Healy of this village, Tuesday morning, January 24. Michael J. and John F. Rafferty left here this week for Boston where they both have accepted positions.

There was a special meeting of the St. Catherine's Temperance society in the rooms of the organization on Wednesday evening.

A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson of this village on Wednesday of this week.

The regular meeting of Cameron circle 823, C. T. of A., was held in its rooms on Tuesday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted, after which a social hour was enjoyed, during which dancing was enjoyed by many of the members and their friends.

New Advertisements.

Indigestion

Relief in Five Minutes and Permanent Cure or Money Back.

When William Brown states that he has a remedy that is guaranteed to cure any man or woman who suffers from food fermentation which causes belching, sour stomach, gas eructations, heartburn and that lump of lead feeling in the abdomen or money back what are the poor stomach sufferers in Ayer and vicinity going to do about it?

The name of this most remarkable stomach prescription is MI-O-NA. It's a certain cure for indigestion or stomach disorders. Here is one opinion: "I have been troubled with indigestion for more than a year. I bought one box of MI-O-NA and it cured me. Now I would not be without a box in the house for \$50.00. It saves a lot when you can be cured for 50 cents."—Arthur Soderquest, 6 Nichols' St., Wakefield, Mass.; Nov. 7, 1909. MI-O-NA stomach tablets cost 50 cents a box at druggists everywhere, and at William Brown's. Booth's Pills will give constipation sufferers a joyful surprise.—25c.

ORDERS FOR COAL

All orders for coal list at the H. A. Stone Jewelry Store, Ayer, will be promptly attended to.

H. C. HARLOW, Ayer, Mass. Telephone, 3020. 3ma9

Notice

Having purchased the Insurance Business of Boynton & Parker, in the town of Groton, Westford and Dunstable, is now carried on by HARRY P. TAINTER, Insurance Agent, GROTON, MASS. 3m19



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## Woman's World

SHE GETS NOBEL PRIZE.

Selma Lagerlof, the Popular Swedish Writer, is Honored This Year.

Miss Selma Lagerlof, the Swedish writer, best known in this country for her stories "The Wonderful Adventures of Nils" and the "Christ Legends," has been awarded the \$40,000 Nobel prize for literature—another triumph for the new woman, since this is the first time a member of the feminine sex has been so honored. Miss Lagerlof has a pleasant habit of taking prizes for literary work. Two years ago the University of Upsala gave her the degree of doctor of literature, and the laurel wreath was placed upon her brow in the cathedral, where she stood directly beneath the tablet of Linnaeus, father of botany. Then on another occasion she won a literary prize of a large sum of money from a magazine.

Miss Lagerlof is a pretty little woman with fair hair and expressive blue eyes and a gentle, unassuming manner. She was thirty years old before she began to write. Her father, who is not now living, was an army officer,



MISS SELMA LAGERLOF.

and her mother's brother, Christian Wallruth, is a celebrated landscape painter. Miss Lagerlof is a graduate of the Teachers' college, Stockholm, and was for a few years a teacher. Her "Adventures of Nils" has been adopted as a text book by the National Teachers' association of her native country and is now in use in the folk schools of Sweden.

Miss Lagerlof is a suffragist and a member of the Fredrika Bremer association, a powerful woman's club for social betterment and the enfranchisement of women. While as a writer she is an idealist and an optimist, she does not in her stories deal with practical subjects in a practical manner. She depicts life as it is, but her sentiment is always uplifting. Her work has revolutionized Swedish literature. To her translator, Mrs. Velma Swanson Howard, a Swede by birth and an American by adoption, Miss Lagerlof owes much of her popularity in this country. Mrs. Howard has put into beautiful English the thoughts of this celebrated Swedish author.

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Indeed, many a man can't quite believe in the virtue of a woman under forty-five who knows a good dinner when she eats it and really enjoys it.

### Miss Gude a Hopeful Suffragist.

Miss Sigrid Gude, daughter of the Norwegian minister to Washington, is an ardent suffragist. She has spent many years in England, where she was educated, and she is in active sympathy with the fight of the Englishwomen for the franchise. She believes women in this country and throughout Europe will be voting within a few years and is proud of the fact that equal suffrage got its practical start in the old world in the Scandinavian peninsula and Finland. Miss Gude will not side openly with the suffragists in this country by reason of the diplomatic post filled by her father. She intends, however, to keep close watch on the movement. She is a clever musician, and, as she speaks English as fluently as her native tongue, she will find herself at home in Washington society.

### Choose a Sunny House.

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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 Slarsky.

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 Levi 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 Tannery 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-eighths of an acre, more or less.

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

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## SELECTION OF SHEEP.

Some Points on Choosing the Best Breeds For Crosses.

An authority on the breeding of sheep for wool and mutton expresses his opinion on the subject in the following manner: To develop a good flock of breeding sheep for wool and mutton begin with the ewes that are half Cotswold and half Merino and be sure that you select a buck that is a full blooded Shropshire. In this cross you get a grade of sheep that is hard to surpass both for wool and mutton. In an experiment this method proved a good one. A twin lamb sheared when



FINE PAIR OF MERINOS.  
[From Breeder's Gazette, Chicago.]

A little more than a year old sixteen pounds of good wool, and when a year and a half old the carcass weighed 100 pounds.

If the sheep are getting too wrinkly and the wool too short I get either a Cotswold, Oxford or Shropshire buck, and if the fleece is getting too hairy and light in weight I breed back to the Merinos.

Sheep like rape, but they should not be kept on rape alone.

During this the cold period of the year, when the pastures do not furnish enough feed to keep them thrifty and growing nicely, it is a good idea to begin feeding corn and fodder, cowpeas and clover hay and sometimes thrashed oats or sheep oats.

Ten sheep will eat as much as one cow, and every farmer should aim to feed accordingly.

Some breeders prefer to have lambs come in February. Although it may require care to save them during cold weather, they will go through the winter better and make better sheep than do late lambs.

### Freshening Cows.

On a successful dairy farm, where a large number of cows are kept and milked, special attention is given to the freshening and drying cows. Three weeks before a cow freshens, if this occurs during the winter feeding period, the owner begins feeding about two pounds of wheat bran a day. No shorts are fed until after calving. This feed is gradually increased until at calving time the cow is receiving about four pounds of bran daily.

After freshening the cow's grain ration is gradually increased by adding shorts until the amount fed reaches a maximum of eight pounds for the best cows in the herd. In the case of the smallest milkers shorts are gradually substituted for half the bran after the cow freshens, so that these cows get only four pounds of bran and shorts as a maximum grain feed. The average cow in the herd gets about six pounds of bran and shorts when in full flow of milk in the winter.

An effort is made to have each cow dry from six to eight weeks each year. The cows are milked regularly twice a day up to a week of the time they are to be turned dry. They are then milked once a day for three or four days, a small quantity of milk being left in the udder each time. After this they are turned out to pasture and are not milked again until the next period of lactation begins.—Journal of Agriculture.

### A Good Cure For Foot Rot.

Stockmen having trouble with foot rot in their sheep and unable to obtain a means of ridding them of the disease will find that the following solution is beneficial: Mix thirty grains of corrosive sublimate in one pint of turpentine and apply with a swab after thoroughly paring the hoofs. The advantages of this mixture are: First, cheapness (the turpentine is the principal expense); second, convenience and safety in use (while corrosive sublimate is extremely poisonous if taken internally, it is not caustic in the above mixture, and if it gets on the sound flesh of the sheep, even on the tender skin of the udder, it does no harm, or if the operator gets it on his hands it makes no trouble); third, the penetrating properties of the turpentine carry the germicide deeply into the diseased tissues and insure a prompt and radical cure.

### Helpful Dairy Hints.

The great drawback about dairying with grades is the loss of the male calves. You should not sell them for stirs, and they seem too valuable, for veal.

The flesh that the good dairy cow puts on her back when dry is the deposit upon which she can draw when she freshens.

A frequent change of feed will keep the cow's appetite keen, and her production will depend upon what she eats.

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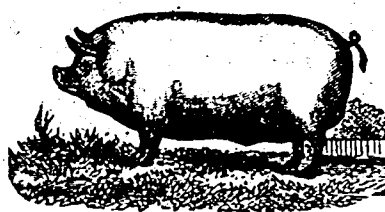
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Saturday, January 29, 1910.

**PEPPERELL.**

**East.**  
A business meeting of the Ladies' Social circle will be held Thursday, February 3, in Central hall.

The lecture, under the auspices of the Woman's club, by Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, although given under very trying circumstances to herself, was of intense interest to her audience. Mrs. Todd has a natural easy manner on the platform, seldom equaled by any public speaker. Those unable to attend missed a pleasure long to be remembered.

The sewing class will meet Saturday afternoon, January 29, at three, at the Main Street schoolhouse. Holidays and bad weather have prevented the meeting of this class for weeks, and the officers are anxious to have a full attendance. An advanced class is to be started for girls of high school age. This class will be in charge of Miss Josephine Lawrence, and members may count themselves most fortunate to have instruction from so competent a teacher.

Secretary Charles F. Spaulding of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club is sending out notices of a meeting to be held at the town hall next Monday evening, January 31, at eight o'clock. Every citizen interested in the work of the club should be present.

The Woman's club will hold a meeting Wednesday afternoon, February 2, at Saunders' corner. Subject, "Eugene Field's life." Poems and music. A noted feature of the afternoon program will be the shingle meeting. Be sure and bring a shingle.

Mrs. Frost, wife of John W. Frost, Leighton street, died at her home on Thursday morning, of consumption, with which she has been a sufferer for many years.

Minot Blood is home from Boston for a stay with his parents.

A large boiler, formerly used at McDonald's mill, near Hollis, was shipped to Maine this week. W. M. Blood did the moving.

Edwin P. Kemp went to Boston, Tuesday, to see his brother, Elwin, who is so ill at the hospital. His recovery is now looked for.

It is understood that the committee have chosen the new district nurse.

James Stenstream went to Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday, on a business trip.

Russell P. Wright went to Boston, Tuesday.

Herbert Sprague of this town is employed at the Brookline icehouses.

Miss Harriet Morgan had her residence connected by telephone—No. 63-4. The following have been changed: Waldo Spaulding to 24-4; Dr. Charles G. Heald's residence to 71-2; Rev. D. R. Child to 71-3; C. D. Hutchinson's store to 48-4 and residence to 48-2.

Lots of people in town have enjoyed the good fortune of seeing the comet. Many seem to think it the noted Halley comet, but it is the Innes comet, "Alpha 1910." The Halley comet is due some time during the month of May.

Miss F. J. Bowser, Mrs. S. E. Truman and Mrs. H. E. McCord of Winchester have arrived at their new home on Oak Hill street, recently purchased of E. M. Stewart.

On her thirteenth birthday, Miss Alma Hills, daughter of Mrs. P. H. Hills, Brookline street, was the evening favorite last Tuesday, when about forty of her friends surprised her with birthday greetings and many valuable gifts, including a purse. A presentation speech was made by Charles Kenfield, and Miss Hills replied very fittingly. A pleasant evening was enjoyed with games and music. Refreshments were served.

The telephone as an emergency weapon is unequalled. After midnight, Wednesday, Mrs. C. H. Beaulieu, proprietor of the five and ten cent store, called for assistance, as there were several persons prowling around her store. It was only a few moments and acting chief G. G. Tarbell and Constable A. A. Lawrence were on the scene, and the tracks about the building seemed to indicate her suspicions well founded.

The next dance will be in Lawrence hall, Monday evening, February 7, in charge of the young men of Pepperell. Herbert Stenstream, brother of Jas. Stenstream, of Stenstream & DeLoid, is quite ill with pneumonia.

The East Village Social club meets with Miss Marie Jordan on Wednesday, February 21, at two p. m. An afternoon tea will be given in honor of the president's birthday. The subject of the meeting will be music.

Prescott grange is preparing for an interesting program, Friday evening, April 1, which will consist of a presentation by local talent of the five-act drama entitled, "The country minister."

The Chamberlain Patten Co. of Nashua, N. H. will hold a One-Day Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Suits at the Park Hotel, Townsend, Tuesday, February 1. An opportunity will be offered the ladies of Townsend and vicinity to buy a Suit or Coat at city mark-down prices. Remember the date. Everybody invited.

**Town Election.**  
The usual changes in town officers are looked for at the coming municipal election. There are a number of candidates mentioned for the different of-

ices. This, of course, is also in line with the customary program. There is no doubt of the importance of each and every office to be filled. The schools use a good third of our total tax raised. The water works is a tremendous load to carry, but an easy profit maker if we have the right men on our board of water commissioners. There seems to be, as is the case with most every public office, a lot of fault finding, and of this one department on which the town is spending over one-eighth of a million. Discussion is heard on all sides. But rather than repeat the many criticisms and the different opinions expressed. We think it quite proper to quote from the acts of 1908, which grant us the right to put in these water works, and which assures us the privilege of controlling the same. In chap. 111 of these acts, it states, "Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge, and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures." It is stated that a low rate per day per men employed is not proof of economy for an inexperienced engineer may cause the very finely adjusted engines to be extra expensive, which would not occur with a higher-priced man. The same with the records and card tests prepared by Mr. Bannion. He can no doubt save the town many times his salary by his experience with these records and business in general.

**Death.**

Charles L. Blood died last Saturday morning at the town farm. Heart disease is given as causing his death in the seventy-fourth year of his age. Mr. Blood was a familiar figure to a great many, often going about fixing clocks and up to a short time ago he was able to do odd jobs and earned his own board. He was very proud spirited and disliked very much the idea that he must make his stop at this home permanently. It is said a perpetual vote of gratitude is due him by the laboring men, for it was a good part of his activity about twenty years ago that it was voted by the town and placed on record that \$1.50 per day was the minimum charge to be paid by the town to its workmen.

His funeral was Monday. His son, Nathan of Worcester, attended. Services by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge.

**District Nurse Association.**

A large number of interested citizens met at Saunderson's hall, last Monday night, to form a District Nurse association. Considerable business of importance was done, including election of officers, appointment of committees, and the acceptance of by-laws as drawn up by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, pres.; E. L. Tarbell, sec. and treas.; Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, Rev. P. Webber, vice-pres.; 1 year, Miss Mary Kerlin, Rev. D. R. Child, vice-pres., 2 years; Dr. F. W. Lovejoy, Mrs. L. R. Qua, 1 year, Mrs. P. Flynn, Rev. D. R. Child, 2 year, directors.

These were elected after being nominated by committee.

The executive board consists of the officers. They met after their meeting and chose Mrs. Qua, Lovejoy and Heald a committee to chose the nurse.

**Center.**

Rev. Emeline Harrington of St. Paul, Minn., formerly the pastor of the Unitarian church of Pepperell, remembered her friends here during the holidays by picture cards of the natural scenery in her far-away home.

Rev. Dudley R. Child based his sermon of last Sunday on the fourteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Proverbs. "Obeying the laws of life to attain a long and healthy life and a young old age," was the subject.

The annual supper of the Congregationalist church was given Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Marshall Meriam and Mrs. Adelia Carter were two of the pourers.

S. Thompson Blood was in town on Thursday and Friday, leaving for Belovs Falls to entertain on Friday night. He enjoyed the trip to Maryland very much, entertaining in several places successfully. In New York at the Metropolitan temple, in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, York, Penn., and his native town, Hagerstown, Md. He found great pleasure in recalling the scenes and experiences of his early life, and meeting those who were scholars at the academy where his father was the principal for nine years.

Have you seen the comet? is the general question. It can be seen after sunset on a clear evening in the west quite early.

The lecture which was given on Tuesday evening last at Prescott hall under the auspices of the Woman's club was a rare production, such as is seldom heard by a country audience. The speaker is the wife of Professor David Todd, Ph. D., professor of astronomy and navigation, director of the observatory, secretary of the faculty. She has aided her husband in many of his travels to all parts of the earth, and has been the only white woman ever in many of these places. She is distinguished as a writer. The audience was not as large as the intensely interesting occasion deserved.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chapman has been named Rachel, for their aunt, Mrs. Daniel E. Lawrence.

Mrs. Durgin of Boston, a summer resident of Shattuck street, on their farm, that was formerly the Dana Jewett place, has been a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. Alice (Jewett) Spencer of Roxbury has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett, this week.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the First Parish will serve a supper in Central hall on Thursday evening, February 3, at 6.30, to be followed by an entertainment in which a short drama will be presented by eleven ladies, entitled, "Aunt Matilda's birthday party," with the following cast of characters:

Rose, Mrs. Bessie Wright; Margaret, Mrs. D. R. Child; Katherine, Miss Florence Kemp; Phyllis, Miss Helen Wiley; Harry, Miss Amy Aldrich; Cleo, Miss Lillian P. French; Newbold, Mrs. B. B. Bailey; Mrs. Sparling, Mrs. J. O. Bennett; Miss Garland, Mrs. N. S. Shattuck; Mrs. W. Parker, Miss Bertha Colson. Music and a social hour.

Jeanette Corbett, sister of Mrs. Ivan Parker, is ill in a hospital in Boston.

**About Town.**

The annual dinner and rollcall at the Congregational church was held Thursday, January 27.

Charles Blood died at the town farm, Saturday morning, at six o'clock, from heart disease. He was seventy-three years of age and leaves one son, Nathan Blood of Worcester. Mr. Blood has lived in this town for several years, coming here from Townsend Harbor.

It is said that William Thorpe has bought Elijah Ames' place, so-called, on Oak Hill of E. A. Williams.

The sleigh-ride to Nashua, which the young people of the Methodist church expected to enjoy last week Friday evening, was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

Quite a number from Pepperell drove to Brookline Sunday to watch the Fresh Pond Ice Co. filling their large icehouses at Lake Potanopo.

John Lillis, formerly in the employ of E. S. Durant, is working on the paper team for A. S. Parker.

Mr. Roberts, who purchased the portable sawmill of William McDonald, has loaded it on the cars at East Pepperell for Maine.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Prescott grange passed off very successfully last week Friday evening, and a number of grangers from other towns were present. The following officers were installed by T. E. Flarity of Townsend:

Walter Shattuck, m.; Forest Andrews, o.; Sadie Tucker, lec.; P. J. Kemp, treas.; S. Luella Parker, sec.; Fred Banford, g. k.; Earl Stewart, s. w.; George Gutterston, a. s.; Carrie Dennen, Carrie Stewart, Lena McGrath, graces.

**SHIRLEY.**

**News Items.**

Reception and ball for Mrs. C. R. White's dancing class, Thursday evening, February 3, at Ayer, and Friday evening, February 4, at Littleton. Both of these will be select and interesting social events. A goodly number from Shirley will attend the Ayer ball.

Mrs. Henry T. Balcom, who is very critically ill, remains almost the same.

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, who has been confined to the house with sickness, is some better.

The Alliance will meet on Thursday, afternoon, February 3, at the home of Mrs. E. E. Edgerton. At this time Mrs. M. E. Cooper will give a paper entitled, "Progress of art in the last half century."

Mrs. Harian B. Howe of Lunenburg, well known in Shirley, is critically ill. Herbert M. Dickson, who has been spending the greater part of the last six months with his sister, Mrs. Louise Livermore, left town last week Thursday for a trip through the south, and before returning home will visit some of the cities in the middle west.

A match game of basket ball will be held in Oddfellows' hall, Saturday evening, January 29, between the Ayer team and the Shirley Crescents.

Herbert F. Taylor, superintendent of the Industrial school here, gave an address Monday evening to the Brotherhood of Dr. Chalmers' church, Fitchburg.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Boston.

The musical entertainment, "An impromptu dress rehearsal," which will be presented in I. O. O. F. hall, Wednesday evening, February 2, by the Shirley high school, will be an event of enjoyment for all who attend. Preparations have been going forward on a very elaborate scale, and the affair gives promise of being a pronounced success.

A grand concert will be given at the Baptist church, Monday evening, January 31, at eight o'clock, by the Newton quartet with a beautiful array of musicians and vocatists from the Newton seminary, assisted by Mr. Drew of Littleton and others. This will be a very exceptional treat for lovers of music.

The Shirley Co-operative bank, which was sixty-one on January 1, 1910, and James L. Hollan, its secretary, states that six-sixty new shares were sold in this the fifth series, making a total of 410 shares now in force. The directors at their regular meeting last week declared an annual dividend of four percent for the six months ending December 31, 1909. Upon recommendation of the finance committee, several of the new shares in the above series were taken by Townsend people. It is needless to say the bank has a promising future before it.

Miss Pauline McGrath and Chester Gonet of Leominster visited friends in town last Sunday. L. Albert of South Fitchburg was also a visitor in town last Sunday.

David Gonet left town Monday to join his family in Carraquette, N. B.

William E. Gonet of the coast artillery corps of Fort Strong, Boston, was the guest of his brother Roger last Sunday.

W. Lloyd Allen of the Boston University Law school and a graduate of Yale college, attended the banquet at Hotel Somerset, Boston, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Rockelman, mother of Henry and Frank Brockelman, died at her home in Lancaster, Wednesday.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold a fair in Oddfellows' hall on the afternoon of February 8. Supper will be served at six o'clock, followed by an entertainment and dancing in the evening.

Frank P. Rugg moved this week into his own house on Davis street. Mr. Rugg has renovated the house throughout while it has been vacant, and intends making extensive repairs as his leisure time permits. Mr. Rugg's brother, Fred from Marlborough, has been doing the interior work for the past five weeks.

A goodly number attended the supper and entertainment at the Congregational church Wednesday evening. The program of entertainment was as follows: Flano duet, Sarah Stevens and Doris White; song, Kathleen Miner; readings, Miss Effie Hanna and Mrs. Frank Snell; vocal solo, Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce; vocal solo, Mrs. Harry Collyer; recitation, Lester James; recitation, Master Albert Deardon.

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Phonograph selections were given under the direction of Shipley Ricker.

**Bowling.**

Day's and Hocquard's teams of the Shirley bowling league assembled at the local alleys, Wednesday evening, for a match game with the pins.

Day's team won by taking everything, three straight and the highest total pin-fall.

Sibley was the highest individual roller of the evening, scoring 93, 96 and 86, giving him a total pin-fall of 275.

Joe Gately also rolled a total of 275, scoring 101 in the middle string.

Day was new in line with a total of 270 and rolled 205 on his second string. The summary:

DAY'S TEAM.			
Manser	87	77	84-248
Stebbins	82	89	84-255
E. Gately	83	86	87-256
Sibley	93	96	86-275
Day	82	105	83-270
Total			
	427	433	424-1284

**HOCQUARD'S TEAM.**

J. Gately	80	71	94-245
Bodaly	85	76	94-255
E. O'Neill	89	68	72-227
McGinness	99	71	84-245
Hocquard	65	85	73-223
Total			
	409	399	417-1225

Collyer's and Burrill's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys, Tuesday evening. Burrill's team won, taking the last two strings and the highest total pin-fall. However, no very fast rolling was accomplished, as no player reached the century mark in a single string.

F. Pierce was the highest individual scorer of the evening, with a total to his credit of 279. Burrill came next with a score of 270. Most of the players in this game fell below their average. The summary:

COLLYER'S TEAM.			
Dummy	80	80	80-240
R. Pomfret	80	80	83-243
J. Leopold	76	96	84-256
G. Cook	99	75	80-245
H. Collyer	83	84	79-246
Totals			
	409	415	408-1230

**BURRILL'S TEAM.**

L. Allen	71	74	64-209
E. Tromblay	70	85	78-233
W. Gilmartin	79	90	82-252
Burrill	82	94	93-270
F. Pierce	96	89	94-279
Totals			
	399	432	412-1243

A match game of basket ball between the Shirley high school team and the Shirley Crescents was held at Oddfellows' hall last Saturday evening. The Crescents won by the score of 33 to 12. W. Lloyd Allen acted as referee.

The King's Daughters met Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon at the parsonage.

The Children of Mary held a whist party at St. Anthony's hall, last week Thursday evening, under the direction of Miss Bella Descoteaux. The winners of prizes were Mrs. Sylvester Thomas and Albert Gonet; other prizes were also awarded to Miss Mary Chaisson, Levi Landry and Mrs. Sylvester Thomas. Consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Lucy Chaisson and Joseph Hache. Miss Lulu Rodah and Fred Arsenault of Leominster were present and participated in the game.

**The Churches.**  
Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will occupy his pulpit on Sunday, January 30, at eleven a. m. Regular meeting of the Y. P. C. U. in the vestry at seven p. m. Subject, "Y. P. C. U. day," leader, Miss Ethel Divoll.

There will be a very interesting entertainment at St. Anthony's church, Sunday evening, January 30, by the children of St. Anthony's parochial school, under the direction of the sisters. The proceeds will be used for repairs on the school buildings.

Rev. James Walsh of the arch-diocese of Boston will deliver a sermon in English "On the propagation of the faith" at high mass, Sunday morning, January 30, at St. Anthony's church.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, January 30, at 10.45 a. m. and seven p. m.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit Sunday, January 30, at 10.45 a. m. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the vestry at seven p. m. Subject, "The most stirring events of foreign missionary history."

**Altruism.**

Dr. Annie Lee Hamilton of the American association, Boston, addressed the members of the Altruism club Thursday afternoon, at the Universalist vestry. Dr. Hamilton's subject was on nervous prostration and exhaustion of young people. She spoke of many habits to be avoided, especially to shut out the worry. Worry, hurry and fear will break down any constitution. Dr. Lee concluded with the statement that people were learning very rapidly to take care of themselves. The lecture was an interesting one, containing

much sensible advice to nervous people. At the close the usual routine of business was conducted.

Mrs. Mary W. Hazen presiding, the secretary, Miss Grace Kilburn, gave the minutes of the last meeting and read a letter of thanks from the Women's club of Ayer for their invitation to the lecture by Mrs. Clara B. Beasley at the last meeting. Miss Kilburn was appointed a delegate to the State Federation at Boston next Tuesday. The club also voted to support the measures for the Child Labor law. It was decided to start the sewing school very soon, it having been so successful last year under the superintendency of Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman. Adjournment for two weeks.

**THE RED STORE.**

A. E. Lawrence & Son, having moved into their commodious new quarters on Park street, desire to entertain all their friends, both old and new, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to visit them on Wednesday, February 2, 1910, from two to five o'clock p. m. Pleasant greetings of 1910.

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Ayer, Mass., Jan. 27, 1910.

**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**

Clarence Crosby moved his household goods to his new home on Great road on Wednesday.

W. H. Davis received a bad cut on his wrist, Tuesday, while working at Woodlawn cemetery. Several stitches were needed to be taken. It came near being a bad arterial cut.

An escaped oyster supper will be held in the Congregational vestry, Thursday at 6.30 p. m. Although the cost of living is high, the price of admission remains the same as the other suppers.

The Lincoln class of the Baptist church will celebrate Lincoln's day this year on Thursday, February 10, by a chicken pie supper and entertainment in the town hall.

William D. Showe is confined to the house with a bad attack of dysentery. The supper planned by the Congregational society for February 3 has been indefinitely postponed.

Seventeen pupils are at home from school sick with measles, mumps and severe colds.