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#### LITTLETON.

**News Items.**  
E. E. Hendley of Pepperell has been a guest of his brother-in-law, J. W. Ireland. Mr. Hendley has recently suffered from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Dr. John Lemley is critically ill at his home in Albany, N. Y., with no possibility of recovery.

Lawyer Charles Conant of Lowell is suffering from a serious liver trouble that is causing the family much anxiety. Members of the Conant family in Littleton have visited him this week and found his physical prospects rather gloomy.

The subject of the C. E. meeting is "If we really love Jesus." Leader at the Baptist church is Miss Emily Robinson.

William Tuttle of Arlington, who was a Littleton boy of the Newtown district many years ago, is afflicted with Bright's disease from which recovery is not expected.

Mrs. Jeannette M. Tyler of Abington, addressed the Woman's club on Monday, on "Food sanitation and national vigor." Members of the club and guests present were allowed to question the speaker at the close of her instructive lecture. A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Tyler for the practical and helpful address. A social hour and food sale followed. Mrs. Grace Lawrence and assistants served an afternoon tea, and Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb, chairman of the pure food committee, conducted the sale. The next meeting, Saturday, December 31, will be children's afternoon, in charge of Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury.

E. P. Wilcox has increased his settlement on his hill by the addition of another henhouse and a cornhouse.

A full house greeted Mrs. Minna E. Tenney Peck at the town hall on Tuesday evening to hear her new lecture on "House life in Oberammergau, and the passion play of 1910." The speaker was presented by Rev. H. B. Drew, who fittingly placed Mrs. Peck in the hall of fame. The illustrations were numerous, clear and exquisite in coloring. Throughout the evening Mrs. Peck impressed her audience with a most intimate and complete knowledge of her subject, deeply reverent spirit and warm sympathy with the famous production.

A Christmas concert will be given by the Congregational Sunday school in place of the preaching service on Sunday morning, December 25. The children will have their annual Christmas party, with tree and other good things in the vestry on Saturday afternoon, December 24.

The Baptist Sunday school will observe Christmas by having a tree and exercises appropriate to the occasion at the vestry on Saturday evening and a concert in the church on Sunday evening. The regular meeting of the Lincoln class will be held on Monday evening in the vestry of the church.

Miss Gladys Kimball came home from Tilton, N. H., on Thursday for the holidays.

Mrs. Maria Shaw is out of health; also, Mrs. Elmer A. Flagg. The latter is suffering from bronchitis.

Miss Mildred Flagg arrives home from Providence next week; also, Miss Louise Flagg and Miss Lucy Houghton from Wheaton seminary; Miss Edith Flagg from Brooklyn, and Miss Clara Fletcher from Mattapoisett.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Littleton town hall, February 2, 1911.

The meeting of the Improvement society on Monday evening was not largely attended, but all necessary business received attention. All bills against the society were approved and have since been paid, and the sum of \$500 remains in the savings bank with a substantial balance besides. It is hoped later to hold a large meet-

ing that will create an interest in the spring work of the society.

The cause of the trouble in the water system supplying the new fountain at the Centre has been located and it is hoped overcome. The water however is shut off for the winter. The supply comes from William H. Davis' well, and is of good quality. Mr. Davis kindly donates the water, and Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb the fountain.

A hearing has been appointed for the Massachusetts highway commissioners next week to consider the completion of the macadam road on King street, towards the depot.

The Odd Fellows held their meeting last Monday night. Considerable routine business was transacted and three candidates were initiated. Owing to the Christmas holiday the annual meeting for the election of officers will be held on Tuesday, December 27.

#### About Town.

Miss Eliza Downs will speak before the Guild on "The life of Mary A. Livermore," Sunday evening, December 18, in the vestry of the Unitarian church.

Under the Back Log auspices, in town hall on Thursday evening, December 29, there will be a holiday dance with music by Thayer's orchestra. It is the time when the young people teaching, and at school, will all be at home to enjoy the evening together.

Chester Hartwell and family expect to leave about December 30, for their future home in Detroit, Mich., where he has engaged in the insurance business.

Mrs. Hattie Hopkins was called to Wakefield on Monday to the funeral of her aunt.

Schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation.

#### Celebration.

The Christmas celebration at the Unitarian church will begin on the afternoon before, with a party for the children and members of the Sunday school that will include a Christmas tree, recitations and songs by the children, a Christmas story by the minister, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, and candy, ice cream and cake for all. Each person coming is requested to bring some simple Christmas present for the big red Morgan memorial stocking for the poor children of Boston.

On Christmas morning, at the regular hour for the morning service, the children will take part with recitations and songs under the direction of the minister, who will add a short Christmas sermon. At the Sunday school hour, following, there will be the Christmas opening service with music, a talk by the superintendent and the presentation of the pins as a badge of faithful membership in the school.

#### List of New Books in the Reuben Honor Library.

Curiosities of the sky ..... Serviss  
Ether ..... Carey  
Louise Chandler Moulton ..... Whiting  
Wonder book of light ..... Houston  
Guide to modern opera ..... Singleton  
Piper ..... Peabody  
Melting-pot ..... Zangwill  
Character ..... Rowland  
Little ten minutes on pastor's talk with his children ..... Bailey  
Folk's folk ..... Philpotts  
Mistress of Shintone ..... Harelay  
White roses ..... Brown  
Klimeny of the orchard ..... Montgomery  
Teaching of citizenship ..... Plumtree  
Kings in exile ..... Roberts  
Master of the Inn ..... Herrieh  
Wind in the willows ..... Graham  
Pittocot rule ..... Grezy  
A fair of dishonour ..... DeMorgan  
Forge in the forest ..... Roberts  
Imperative duty ..... Howells  
Right stuff ..... Hay  
July ..... Bailey  
Washington's birthday ..... Schaulter  
Christian year ..... Koble  
Meddling of Fate ..... Hopkins  
Boy with the U. S. foresters ..... Wheeler  
My summer in London ..... Milne  
Earth's beginning ..... Ball  
Village of gabons ..... Smith  
Mr. Ingleside ..... Lucas

## Useful Holiday Gifts

If you are worrying about the selection of some of your Xmas Presents, "We can help you."

### A Few Christmas Suggestions:

Men's Sweater Coats	50c. to \$5.00
Boys' Sweater Coats	50c. to 2.00
Men's Umbrellas	50c. to 5.00
Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.00 to 5.00
Cuff Links and Pin to Match	75c. and 1.00
Gloves of all kinds	25c. to 5.00
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial	5c. to 50c.

Men's Slippers	50c. to \$2.00
Ladies' Furfelt Slippers	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Neckwear	25c., 50c., 1.00
Cuff Links	25c., 50c., 1.00
Mufflers	50c., 1.00
Fancy Arm Bands	25c., 50c.
Suspenders in fancy boxes	25c., 50c.

These are only a few suggestions, we are unable to catalogue the whole stock. COME IN AND SEE THEM.

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## USEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

Our stock of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts is most complete. Here are suggestions for gifts that are sure to please and be appreciated. You will find something for everybody in enclosed in handsome Christmas Boxes. Come and look our varied stock. Many of the articles for Holiday Gifts come of Christmas goods over. It will please you we are sure.

### Handkerchiefs for Christmas Gifts

Men's Linen Hem-stitched	15c., 25c., and 50c.
Men's Japanette, soft finished	5c., 10c. and 15c.
Men's Japanette Initial	10c. and 12c. each
Men's Linen Initial	25c. and 50c. each
Men's Linen finish Initial	15c. each
Men's Silk Initial	25c. and 50c.
Men's Linen, 6 handkerchiefs in a handsome Christmas box.	\$1.50 to \$2.50 per box
Men's Japanette handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome Christmas box	50c., 75c., and \$1.00 per box
Men's Fancy Colored Silk	25c. and 50c.
Men's and Boys' Fancy Bordered	5c. and 10c.
Ladies' Embroidered Silk, fancy	25c. and 50c.

### Gloves for Christmas Gifts

Men's Cape Gloves, unlined, for street wear	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Men's Cape Gloves, lined, for street wear	1.00 to 2.00
Men's Mocha Gloves in fleeced-lined	50c. and 1.00
Men's Mocha Gloves, silk and wool-lined	1.50
Men's Mocha Gloves, with squirrel lined	3.00 to 5.00
Men's Mocha Gloves, with lamb's wool lined	2.50 and 3.00
Men's Working Gloves, lined or unlined	50c. and 1.00
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens	25c. and 50c.
Men's Fur Gloves, Gauntlets	3.50 to 5.00
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Gloves, for dress wear	50c. to 1.00
Boys' Leather Gauntlets, lined or unlined	50c.
Children's Plush Mittens, in a pretty box	50c.

### Umbrellas

Always an acceptable gift. We have them for Men, Women and Children.

Men's Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Ladies' Umbrellas	1.00 to 4.00
Children's Umbrellas	50c. and 75c.

### Sweaters

A most acceptable gift. We have sweaters for every member of the family.

Men's Coat Sweaters	48c. to \$5.00
Boys' Coat Sweaters	79c. to 2.00
Ladies' Coat Sweaters	\$2.00 to \$6.00
Misses' Coat Sweaters	\$1.50 and \$2.00
Children's Coat Sweaters	50c. to 1.50

### A Few Suggestions from Our Furnishing Department

<b>NECKWEAR.</b> The very newest styles and colors, very attractive patterns in Four-in-Hands	25c. and 50c.
Boys in fancy Christmas Boxes	15c. and 25c.
<b>SUSPENDERS.</b> A great variety of styles, each pair in a hand Christmas Box	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Suspenders	15c. and 25c.
<b>ARM BANDS.</b> Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in a very handsome Christmas Box	25c. and 50c.
<b>HOSIERY.</b> For Men in plain and fancy colors. They come assorted colors, four and six pair in a Xmas Box	\$1.00 and \$1.50 a box
Silk Hose for Men	50c. pair
Everwear Hose, 6 pair in a Xmas Box	\$1.50 box
<b>DRESS SHIRT.</b> Made in Black Silk, lined with White.	
<b>PROTECTORS.</b>	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

### BATH ROBES.

Makes a most desirable Christmas gift. He will appreciate one

**NIGHT ROBES.** For Men, are made of fine cotton or domel flannel

For Boys, made of domel flannel

**MUFFLERS.** Every kind of Mufflers for every member of the family. The square Muller in the cashmere or silk

The Way Scarf Muller, in all the new colors,

**COMBINATION SETS.** Pair of Suspenders, pair of Garters and a pair of Arm Bands, all in a handsome Xmas Box

### Caps and Toques

Caps of every kind for Men and Boys. Toques of all kinds for Men and Boys and Children.

Men's Cloth Caps	50c. to \$1.00
Men's Fur Trimmed Caps	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Men's Fur Caps	2.00 to 5.50
Boys' Cloth Caps	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Toques	25c. and 50c.
Misses' and Children's Toques,	25c. and 50c.

### Jewelry.

An excellent assortment of Cuff Buttons and Scarf Pins, each in a handsome Xmas box.

Cuff Buttons	25c. to \$1.50
Scarf Pins	25c. to 1.50
Watch Fobs	50c. to 2.00
Nickel Watches for Boys	1.00

### Bags and Suit Cases

A practical and useful gift. Suit Cases made of Imitation Leather,

Suit Cases made of Leather

Suit Cases made of Japanese Matting,

Hand Bags made of Leather

### Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

**CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR MEN.** In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm Felts

**CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR BOYS.** In Black and Tan colored Leathers

**High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys.**

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**CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN.** In a great variety of warm Felt goods, in fancy colors, some with Fur Trimming; also, in Kid and Patent Leathers

**CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR GIRLS AND CHILDREN.** In Patent Leathers and also in warm Felt goods in fancy colors

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**Shoes of all kinds for the Boys and Girls.**

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It is none too early to buy now and there is no better place than

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### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR MEN

Neckwear in Xmas Boxes	25c. and 50c.
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$2.98
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs	50c.
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	25c.
Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	12½c. and 25c.
Suspenders in Fancy Boxes	25c. and 50c.
Travelling Bags	\$5.25 and \$7.50
Kid Gloves in Xmas Boxes	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Fine Sweaters	45c. to \$3.50

Bradley Mufflers, all colors	50c.
Fine Percale Shirts	50c., 95c. and \$1.25
Cuff Links	25c., 50c. and \$1.00
Arm Bands in Xmas Boxes	25c. and 50c.
Fine Mercerized Hosiery, 4 pairs in fancy box	\$1.00
Wool and Cashmere Hosiery	25c. and 50c.
Bow Ties, 2 in fancy box	25c.
Collar Bags	\$1.00 and \$1.25
Working Gloves	25c., 50c. and 98c.

Scotch Wool Gloves	25c. and 50c.
Shaving Pads	25c.
Ash Trays	25c.
Underwear	50c., 75c. and \$1.00
Night Shirts	50c., 75c. and \$1.00
Union Suits	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Travelling Cases	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Whisk Broom Holders	25c.
Desk Sets	\$5.00

Wisdom and economy both combine in the affairs of early shoppers.

### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Shirt Waist in Xmas Boxes	\$1.50 to \$3.25
Silk Petticoats in Xmas Boxes	\$4.50
Silk Waists, Black, in Xmas Boxes	\$2.98 and \$3.50
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Waist Patterns in Xmas Boxes	98c. and \$1.85
Dress Patterns in Xmas Boxes	\$1.35 to \$6.00
Silk Hose Supporters in Xmas Boxes	25c. and 50c.
Fancy Belts in Xmas Boxes	50c.
Tea Aprons	25c., 50c. and 75c.
Fancy Large Aprons	50c. and 75c.
Imported Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs	12½c., 15c., 25c. and 50c.

Silvereine Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c.
Mederia Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c.
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	25c.
Portfolio Handkerchiefs ¼ and ½ dozen	50c. and \$1.50
Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs	25c. and 50c.
Coat Sweaters, fine assortment	\$2.25 to \$3.50
Needle Cases	39c. to \$1.98
Automobile Veils in Xmas Boxes	\$1.00
Square Veils in Xmas Boxes	89c. and \$1.25
Fancy Silk Scarfs in Xmas Boxes	\$1.00 and \$1.25
Hand Bags	\$1.00 to \$3.98
Envelope Purses	50c. to \$1.50

Sterling Silver Thimbles	25c.
Brooch Pins in boxes	25c., 50c. and 75c.
Beauty Pins in boxes	25c., 50c. and 75c.
Belt Buckles	25c. and 50c.
Side and Back Combs	25c. and 50c.
Hat Pin Holders	25c.
Ward's Stationery in fancy boxes	25c. to \$3.00
Blankets	69c. to \$6.50
Fine Mercerized Hosiery, fancy colors, 4 pairs in box	\$1.00
Silk Hosiery, 1 pair in fancy box	\$1.00

Do part, if not all of your Xmas shopping at THE BOSTON STORE.

### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Ward's Stationery in fancy boxes	10c. to 50c.
Novelty Purses	25c.
Mesh Bags	50c.
Small Hand Bags, fancy leathers	50c.
Sweaters	89c. and \$1.00
Silk Hose Supporters in fancy boxes	25c.

Golf Gloves	25c. and 50c.
Kid Gloves	\$1.00
Jersey Leggings	50c. and \$1.00
Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes	
Stocking Caps	25c. and 50c.
Hair Ribbons	5c. to 39c. per yd.

Mittens	10c. to 25c.
Silk Covered Coat Hangers	50c.
White and Colored Tam-o'-shanters	50c. and 75c.
Green Cloth Bags	25c. and 50c.
Beauty Pins in boxes	25c. and 50c.
Embroidery Scissors in boxes	50c.

Sorry we cannot tell you more now. Come and see our Xmas display. Our store will be open every evening, the week before Christmas.

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Saturday, December 17, 1910.

WESTFORD.

Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright have been attending the State grange at Worcester this week, and Warren Carlin has been supplying Mr. Wright's place on the mail route.

Miss Eldora Jones of Lunenburg has been a guest during this week at the Congregational parsonage.

Banquet.

For the sixth consecutive season the annual banquet at the Congregational church which is the social for December, took place on Wednesday evening. The pleasant moonlit evening, the good supper and excellent program combined to make it a delightful gathering of social fellowship. The supper hour was seven o'clock and previous to that, while the company gathered, Miss May Atwood, the church organist, gave a short recital.

Promptly at the appointed hour adjournment was made to the long tables set in the vestry and they presented an attractive appearance with their array of good things. The menu consisted of chicken pies, mashed potatoes and squash, celery, rolls, coffee, cranberry jelly, pies of all kinds, sherbert, cake and fruit. A simple but effective decorative scheme in the Christmas colors of red and green was brought about with hemlock, red crepe paper and vases of red and white carnations. Fully one hundred and twenty-five people were seated at the tables.

After the supper had been faithfully and pleasantly attended to, the post-prandial exercises were carried out with John F. Wright presiding as

toastmaster, a place which he fills with genial and witty efficiency.

The first number was a song, "Christmas greeting," by Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, after which Harvey B. Green of Lowell, president of the Board of Trade and chairman of the park commission, was introduced who spoke most practically and interestingly on "Parks and playgrounds," sketching their development from the primitive village common or "green" to our present Metropolitan park system and State reservations, and finished by outlining what has been accomplished in this direction in our own nearby city of Lowell.

At the close of Mr. Green's talk, Miss Winnifred Burnham sang "Sweet bird of spring," after which Principal Dexter Cogshall of the academy gave a most enlightening talk on "Industrial education in the public schools." The next speaker was Arthur Hildreth, who gave a paper in "Industrial chemistry," a fine subject, finely treated. This was interspersed with a solo by E. G. Boynton, "Neath the pines of Maine."

The toastmaster then introduced Rev. H. L. Packard of the Congregational church of Littleton, who addressed the gathering briefly and to the point on "Men and the church." In the time allotted it was a nice treatment of an important question. At this point Miss Pond of the Parker-ville school sang "A winter lullaby."

The pastor of the church, Rev. David Wallace, spoke briefly on timely themes, and the last speaker was L. W. Wheeler, who gave an original skit on local happenings, demonstrating to his hearers the observant mind and a love of humor often found with quiet people. A quartet consisting of Messrs. Boynton, Osgood, Blaney and Day gave the closing number of the program entitled "Good night."

The committee in charge of the program were Rev. David Wallace, Chas. O. Prescott and L. W. Wheeler. Committee for the supper, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Miss J. E. Knight, Mrs. F. C. Bannister, Mrs. Alice Lambert, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Miss L. B. Atwood and Miss Ida Leighton.

The newly-installed dumb waiter fully proved its efficiency and demonstrated the wisdom of its installation.

Read the new advertisements on all the eight pages.

About Town.

C. R. P. Decatur has bought a tract of lumber and wood of Charles E. Walker near Tadmuck brook. The brook will have to become swollen or the lumber shriver if it is planned to raft it towards larger rivers.

Edmund B. Whitney has bought a building lot of Amos Polley on the Lowell road near land of George C. Moore. A house is expected to shade a part of the lot when present plans get out of the shade.

Those having potatoes to sell or buy will note that prices have not yet been affected by roasting to death of 80,000 bushels of potatoes and six potato bushes at Caribou, Me., early Sunday morning. The smoke was dense and immense and the wind, northeast, and Westford thought they smelled a gillmipse.

The large fire seen early Sunday morning by Westford people and which appeared to be on our own beloved Oak hill, was in Derry, N. H., and proved to be a large wood turning mill, employing two hundred hands.

Miss Elizabeth Cushing, a former teacher at the Frost school has resigned at the South Chelmsford school and leaves for California for the winter.

One of the several boys of Joseph T. Richardson is reported ill with typhoid fever at his home on the Lowell road.

The basketball academy team and friends held a successful doll ball dance on last Friday evening with a young ladies' orchestra from Lowell furnishing the music to tempt the feet to action. The matrons of the evening were Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, Mrs. Alma Richardson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlin.

Amos Polley is getting out lumber for a new cow stable to be fifty feet long. It will be for cows only and germs will be prohibited.

Farmers' Institute.

The first Farmers' Institute of the season will be held on Wednesday, December 21, at Lowell, in Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street. The morning address will be given by Mrs. Evelyn M. Adams of West Tisbury, subject, "Poultry for small city lots and small farms." Mrs. Adams is an expert

on this subject and a talker that entertains.

In the afternoon Mrs. Maddocks of Foxboro will give the address, subject to be announced. The usual farmers' dinner at noon.

Surely the institutes have started out with a preponderance and encouragement towards the larger view of life and larger opportunity for women. This is as it has got to be or continue to wither.

The trustees of Middlesex-North from Westford have already invited the next institute to be held in Westford in January.

Dedication.

The old First Parish church looked, in many respects last Sunday afternoon with the large congregation, like the olden days of the one church. The dedication of the memorial window, the gift of Col. Metcalf in memory of his mother, Nancy Elizabeth Metcalf, was appropriately celebrated. The window is perfect in the blending of beautiful colors. The subject, representing St. Elizabeth leading a child through the path of life, is most fitting as a memorial to Nancy Elizabeth Metcalf from her son.

The exercises commenced at 2.15 with an organ recital of appropriateness for the occasion by George R. Smith of Lowell, the organist of the church. The choir sang "Still, still with thee," with solos by Miss Gertrude D. Fletcher, soprano; Mrs. H. M. Seaver, alto and E. G. Boynton, bass. Albert E. Prescott sang with an inspirational effect, "A new heaven and new earth" from "The holy city." Especially charming was the duet, "The Lord is my shepherd," sung by Miss Gertrude D. Fletcher and Mr. Prescott. Owing to the illness of Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston, who was expected to give the address, Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey, the venerable minister of the old First Parish church, gave an eloquent address on the foundation principles of the Christian church in the rugged and barren days of early New England, and the easy going days of modern life, and neither philosophy, club life, home life, or the fraternal spirit of modern environments have proved a satisfactory substitute for "The salt of the earth."

Besides a congregation of three hundred, Col. Metcalf, wife and son Harold were also present, and friends

## SPECIAL SALE

As we shall move into our new factory sometime next month we are making a Special Sale of some of our Leather Goods, Novelties, Fittings, Etc., such as

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SAFETY POCKETS  
JEWEL BAGS, ETC.

You undoubtedly will want Fancy Xmas Pasteboard Boxes to use in sending your presents away and this is the only place in town where you can get them.

Call at the factory, West Main Street.

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from Lowell, including Judge F. A. Fisher, and our friendly town of Littleton. The choir was assisted besides those mentioned, by Henry Smith and Alfred Prinn of Graniteville and Principal Cogshall of the academy. The ushers were Edward Fisher, Edward M. Abbot, J. Herbert Fletcher and William L. Woods.

Meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees of Westford academy was held at Young's hotel, Boston, last Saturday. Those present were: Hon. John D. Long, J. Henry Fletcher, Henry M. Wright, J. Adams Bartlett, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, George T. Day, Charles O. Prescott, Abiel J. Abbot

and Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher. On account of illness, Rev. E. A. Horton was unable to be present. The following officers were elected: George T. Day, pres.; Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, vice-pres.; Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, sec.; Abiel J. Abbot, treas.; Rev. E. A. Horton, Abiel J. Abbot, Julian Cameron, committee on teachers. The committee on catalogue of former teachers and students reported that the work of preparing this far reaching history by Mrs. George T. Day will be ready for printing early next spring. This catalogue should make an inspiring appeal to all lovers of this old sturdy institution to bring forth intellect.



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A pure grape Cream of Tartar Powder.  
An aid to digestion—an assurance of  
healthful food.

The favorite baking powder with all good cooks.

## WESTFORD.

### Forge Village.

Miss Priscilla Bennett, who, since the death of her father, has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. August Meyers of Boston, has returned home.

Napoleon Lecleve, while engaged in work in the mill of the Abbot worsted company, severely injured his arm on last Saturday morning. Although he has still continued to work, the cut was very painful.

Mrs. Lewis E. Braddon of Tyngsboro is the substitute teacher in Cameron school in place of Miss Eva Pyne, who has taken charge of Miss Ward's room during the latter's absence. Miss Ward has been called away owing to the death of her father.

Cameron school closed on Friday afternoon, December 16, for the annual Christmas vacation. The school will reopen on the second of January.

John H. Brown of Manchester, N. H., who has been spending the last couple of weeks in the village visiting relatives and friends, has gone to Trenton, N. J., where he has received a remunerative position.

A large crowd of skaters have certainly enjoyed a treat on Forge pond this week. Although the ice is thick all over the pond, still it is not in very good condition for skating except in two places. One of these is a strip of clear black ice between the ice houses and what is known as "the cove," and the other place is from Cameron school shore to the other side of the pond.

On Monday evening, a large crowd took advantage of the moonlight and enjoyed skating until quite late. They reported the ice in fine condition and skating was excellent.

The stores in the village have put on their Christmas attire and look very pretty in their green decorations and Christmas bells.

The Girls' Friendly society held their regular meeting in Recreation

hall on Wednesday evening. Miss Isabelle Whipple of Salem, president of the society, was invited to be present and gave an interesting as well as an instructive sketch of the purpose of the society and its work. She proved to be a very able speaker and was very much appreciated by all present.

Miss Lillian Rose of Belmont, who, while attending the Lowell normal school, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine, has returned home. She is still continuing her studies at normal, however.

### Fire.

The fire whistle of the Abbot worsted company sounded late Tuesday night and summoned the firemen of this village to fight a fire which was raging in the boat house of John Sullivan of Pond street. The boat house is situated in the back yard of his home and was in a very dangerous quarter, as it is also adjacent to the property of George Jackson.

The fire was discovered by John Naylor who resides on Pond street, across the street from Mr. Sullivan's house. Mr. Naylor was retiring for the night when he noticed a red flickering light, and on going to the window found Mr. Sullivan's property on fire. Mr. Sullivan estimates the damage to be \$750, the boat house and contents—a goodly number of row boats and also a number of valuable tools, being totally destroyed. The property is partially covered by insurance.

### Death.

William Ward, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of Groton, died at his home on Groton road at 2.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, after a short illness, at the age of seventy-five years. The deceased was very well and favorably known in this village and beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Mr. Ward has not been in the very best of health of late, still his

death has come as a shock to his many relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed here, especially, as he has been a familiar figure for many years at the morning train, when he came to deliver milk on the freight cars, and always had a ready smile and pleasant word for every body. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, Mrs. Mary Gill Ward, six daughters—Mrs. George Rose of Cambridge, Mrs. William Leahy of Ayer, Miss Emma Ward of Groton, Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal of Cameron school this village and Miss Katherine Ward employed in the office of Abbot Worsted company, Grantville and two brothers—Thomas F. Ward of Ayer and Stephen Ward of North Chelmsford. He also leaves several grand children.

### Centre.

The resignation of Miss Elizabeth Cushing, who teaches at South Chelmsford, is noted. Miss Cushing plans to go to California soon after the new year for a prolonged stay with her sister, who is married and settled there. During the several years Miss Cushing taught here, first at the old Centre primary and later at the new Frost school, made many friends who wish her a pleasant sojourn west.

While linemen were removing some useless wire shortly after noon on Tuesday, a wire struck the telephone cable and the trolley wire at the same time. The repair men had fourteen wires to get into order again. The moral of this is, if you must touch the trolley wire, don't touch anything else at the same time.

We note the recent death of Abel C. Whittier at his home in suburban Boston at an advanced age. Mr. Whittier formerly owned the Nashoba farm, now owned by O. A. Foster. He was instrumental in developing the Nashoba springs, located on the place to considerable of a commercial enterprise. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whit-

tier, also deceased, are very pleasantly remembered by our Westford people.

A sorry automobile calamity happened on Tuesday afternoon on the Chelmsford road near the house of Albert E. Jenne. A big six-cylinder Stevens-Duryea car caught fire and was hopelessly damaged. It caught fire from the machinery in some way and the owner tried to smother it with the robe but without avail. Help was summoned from town by telephone and J. Herbert Fletcher and Robert Prescott responded with the fire extinguishers, but it was too late to do any good. The fine car was reduced to a veritable junk heap. It was valued at \$4,000, and owned by J. H. Mills of Lowell.

The date of the annual firemen's ball is set for January 10, with Brigham's orchestra as the attraction.

A new set of shelves have been installed in the conversation room at the library for the newer books. These books have previously found a place on the table, but there were too many of them to keep very orderly, and the new shelves accommodate them nicely, leaving the handsome big circular table free for special reference books.

Fred A. Hildreth of Malden was a Sunday guest at H. V. Hildreth's.

Mrs. Martha F. Cooper of Shirley was an over Sunday guest in town and an interested attendant at the special services at the Unitarian church.

### Tadmuck Club.

The Tadmuck club session on Tuesday afternoon was in its usual pleasant quarters in Library hall. There was a good attendance and the subject for the afternoon was a continuation of the general subject for the season's study of Spanish North America with "Louisiana," as the special topic. Miss Clara A. Smith, chairman, gave a studious, interesting and well-delivered paper of the history and development of this great territory west of the Mississippi. Miss Smith also read a paper prepared by Mrs. George T. Day of her personal recollections of a trip to Santa Fe some years ago. The subject of the next meeting, Tuesday, December 27, will be "Central America," in charge of Charles O. Prescott.

Owing to the shortness of the afternoons, as far as daylight is concerned, the club voted for the present to change the time of beginning from three to 2.30 o'clock.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Born on Thursday, December 8, at the Burbank hospital at Fitchburg, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Parker Webber, (Laura Gilman).

Among the successful local hunters were Ralph Perkins, who shot a fine buck that weighed over 300 pounds, on Wednesday, December 7; Frank Taylor, who captured a doe on Thursday, December 8, and Oscar Elliott brought in a doe on Saturday, December 10.

Will A. Hobart has been drawn as a petit juror to serve at the January term of the court at Manchester.

Mrs. Mary Scripture of Fitchburg was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Hall.

Little Miss Olive Webber is at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman.

The ice at Lake Muscatanipus is over eight inches thick and an early ice harvest is anticipated. The skating is ideal.

Owing to the illness of the Porter children with diphtheria, the village primary school has been closed until January 3.

The grammar, west and north primary schools will close on Friday, December 16, for a vacation of two weeks.

The Ladies' Aid met at the residence of Mrs. Frances Emery on Tuesday afternoon.

Howard Nye has returned to Keene, N. Y.

About sixty enjoyed the tempting supper that was served at the residence of Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Loyal Workers. A social hour with literary and musical selections added to the pleasure of the evening.

A family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye on Christmas.

A horse owned by Fred Tetlow, became uneasy while standing in front of the store of Walter E. Corey last Saturday and started off at a lively gait, but soon came to grief by running into a tree and breaking the crowbar to the wagon and freeing himself from the wagon. The horse was soon captured.

The Congregational Sunday school will participate in Christmas festivities at the vestry on Friday evening, December 23.

A Christmas concert will be given at the Congregational church on Christmas morning and a union service will be held in the evening.

The Methodist Episcopal church will hold their Christmas exercises for the Sunday school at Tarbell's hall on Friday evening, December 23, at eight o'clock. An appropriate program will be given. Refreshments consisting of cake, ice cream and delicacies will be on sale, followed by a social and promenading. The public are cordially invited to come and see Santa Claus, and join in the general good time, making use of the tree for an exchange of gifts as desired.

Bertha and Brooker Carter are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rockwood at Everett, Mass.

### Deaths.

Mrs. Mary Gilman Adams, the oldest person in town, died on Thursday, December 8, of apoplexy, aged 97 yrs., 6 mos. The funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge, where Mrs. Adams has resided for the past eleven years. Burial at Mason in the East cemetery on Saturday. Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating. She is survived by an aged brother, William Gilman of Mason, and several nephews and nieces.

Paul Vinton, little son of Delbert Porter, died on Sunday morning, after a brief illness, with bronchial pneu-

monia, aged 5 yrs., 3 mos. Private services were held on Monday morning at the home, burial in the family lot at the South cemetery. He was a bright, attractive little boy, who had endeared himself to many. Mabel, Milo, Kenneth and Ralph Porter are ill with diphtheria. Mr. Porter has the sympathy of the entire community in the sorrow caused by the death of his little son, following so soon that of the wife and mother. It is hoped that the four little people who are ill will have a speedy recovery.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

#### News Items.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis left Hollis last week for a visit in Boston. They returned early this week.

Henry Russell was taken sick last Sunday morning while attending to his work in the barn. He is one of the remarkable men of Hollis, eighty-five years "young." The doctor cautioned him to be careful and he would be in normal condition in about two weeks.

The Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Miss M. A. Hardy. Current events given by Miss Van Dyke and an interesting paper on the women of the French revolution was given by Miss R. Rogers.

The King's Daughters held a supper, sale and entertainment in the town hall, Wednesday evening. Fancy and useful articles were on sale and it was quite a successful affair.

Lewis G. Woods is very ill with bronchitis. His condition is more favorable now.

Mrs. Bena Farley has taken rooms in Nashua for the winter and will reside there.

Miss Ora Reed, who has spent the past three months in Orono, Me., with her brother and family, returned home this week.

### TOWNSEND.

#### West.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday, preaching in the morning on the topic, "The message of Hosea," and in the evening on "The pure of heart."

Mrs. Mary Brown, who is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Thompson, is spending a few days with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Frank Farnsworth has been visiting in Nashua, N. H., this week.

The L. L. A. S. of the Unitarian church met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Adams. They cleared about forty dollars at the fair and entertainment held in Seminary hall last week.

Dr. C. B. Shaw is moving from his cottage on the road to the Center into his new home in the cottage on Elm street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrar.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle met last week Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ellen Pratt. After the business meeting when Mrs. Pratt had been elected president for the ensuing month a discussion of Robert Browning was enjoyed followed by refreshments. The next meeting will be held on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman and the subject will be James Russell Lowell.

Miss M. A. Taff, who has been spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, has returned to Lowell for the present.

Mrs. James A. Willard, who has been visiting in Fitchburg, has returned and her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Tyler, who kept house for her during her absence, has returned to her home in Clinton.

Mrs. Lois Vose, who has been a guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney, has returned to Ashburnham.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Deacon and Mrs. L. F. Wood on Wednesday evening with a good attendance.

Mrs. George Thorning and son Charles are spending a few weeks with relatives in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have closed their residence on Main street and have gone to Southern Pines, N. C., for the winter.

A Unitarian service was held in Seminary hall last Sunday, conducted by Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby.

Mrs. Lettie Nickerson, who has been caring for her aged mother, the late Mrs. Mary King, has gone to the home of her sister in Cliftondale for the winter.

At the Baptist Sunday school the mite boxes which were given out about a year ago, were opened and the contents, amounting to about seven dollars, will be sent to an Alaskan mission.

At the business meeting of the Men's club on Tuesday evening at the reading room a set of by-laws, prepared by the committee in charge, Messrs. Boynton, Reed and Patch, were adopted, and the officers in charge were appointed a committee to increase the membership to which every male citizen of the village is eligible. Also, a banquet is planned for on the following week.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Florence Seaver Slocumb, who has visited frequently in town, and has spoken before the Back Log and Woman's clubs here, was a winner of the first prize in a Booklovers' puzzle carried on by a Worcester paper, the prize being a \$500 Strich & Zeldler piano. Of the 6,000 contestants, 206 were entitled to one of the many prizes offered. The six principal winners received awards varying from the \$500 and \$350 pianos to a \$75 millinery outfit.

At the recent business meeting of the Men's league of the Congregational church, the officers of last year were re-elected: C. A. Kimball, pres.; Frank Gregory, vice pres.; J. W. Dodds, sec. and C. K. Houghton, treas.

George Scott, whose recent tragic career has interested the people of this town, died at the Groton hospital on Saturday of last week and was laid to rest on Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards has been visiting friends in Westford a few days. Mr. and Mrs. James McManus had a young son born to them last week.

The grade schools closed yesterday afternoon for a vacation of two weeks. Christmas exercises and a tree with other happy occasions of the coming holidays filled the afternoon with pleasure for the children. The high school will close on December 23, for one week.

Miss Florence Whitcomb and Ruth Prescott arrived home from Cushing academy on Friday, for the holiday vacation.

Miss Miriam Conant of Oberlin college, 1911, came last Saturday, a little earlier than usual, that she might carry into effect directions of her physician and possibly return from Groton hospital in time to observe Christmas with the family. She was successfully operated on for appendicitis on Tuesday forenoon. The case was not considered especially serious, and only favorable symptoms have thus far revealed themselves.

Miss Grace P. Conant of Decatur, Ill., arrived in town on Thursday of this week for Christmas vacation.

Miss Gertrude Merrill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is at F. S. Kimball's for vacation from school.

Miss Elsie Barnes of Fitchburg normal, now teaching in Leominster, was a guest of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mollie Hayes of Waltham spent last Sunday at Charles L. Smith's.

Phillip Prescott and friend, both of Rindge, N. H., were over Sunday guests at John H. Kimball's.

The cold weather of last week threw the mercury as low down as six degrees below zero on Saturday morning in some places. The skating has consequently been made an additional pastime for our pleasure-seekers, and several moonlight parties have enjoyed the smooth surface of Mill and Long ponds.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard attended the banquet at the Congregational church in Westford on Wednesday evening.

### Back Log.

The Back Log club came out in good numbers last Thursday evening to enjoy a program planned by nine senior matrons of the society. This consisted of readings by Miss S. F. White, Mrs. F. B. Priest and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield, all proficient in the art, music by the Cynthian orchestra of increasing distinction and popularity, vocal duet by Misses Marion Whitcomb and Eunice Priest, who received gratifying encomiums from the audience, vocal solo by Miss Priest with delightful effect, and piano solo by Master Heywood Knowlton, whose accuracy and expression give most flattering promise. An hour following was devoted to games and a social time generally. Grape juice, popped corn and apples constituted the refreshments.

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Saturday, December 17, 1910.

## GROTON.

### News Items.

Miss Mary Woods, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Groton hospital several weeks ago, is now working at the hospital.

Mrs. Passmore from Minneapolis, Minn., is at the Groton Inn for a visit to her daughter during the Christmas holidays. Miss Passmore, the daughter, a student at Loxthorpe school, has been staying at the Inn since the opening of the fall term in September.

Jessie Green, who underwent two operations for ear trouble at St. Joseph's hospital, is seriously ill, but the outlook on Wednesday of this week, was more favorable for recovery.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Northrup, at Somerville for a week.

Mrs. Adolph Heber is at the sanitarium where she was before treated when ill.

A. H. Thompson of West Groton is putting in the steam heating plant for Herbert C. Rockwood's house on Champey street.

Electric lights have just been introduced at the Groton hospital, Walter H. Dodge doing the wiring.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson has passed the critical stage in her illness from pneumonia and is improving.

George Curtis is no better, but is gradually failing.

Charles Berger, a workman at the F. L. Blood farm, was taken by his physician, Dr. Priest, to the Groton hospital and operated on for appendicitis on Sunday afternoon.

One of the men who worked on the trees at Riverdale farm, a few weeks ago, sent a postcard to some acquaintances he had made here, telling of the warm beautiful weather he was enjoying in Savannah, Ga. He spoke of his just having had a swim. It came when all Groton was shivering in the zero weather of the past week.

Mrs. Wallace Brown is much missed by her Groton neighbors and other friends while attending to duties at the home in West Acton of her father, who is very ill. Having the services of a trained nurse and being more comfortable this week, Mrs. Brown planned to be away and attend the State Grange session in Worcester.

The selectmen have been having a booth put into the town hall. It is for the purpose of allowing moving picture shows of any reliable company to be given before the Groton public. This form of entertainment seems to be quite popular here. The booth is of iron and is not just now fully set up. It also awaits the approval of the insurance company.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard, who has been staying at her city home in New York, returned to Groton Wednesday and will probably remain into January. Mr. Southard and Madam Southard arrive the latter part of next week to remain through the holidays.

The exercises of the Christmas tree at the Unitarian church will be held at the early hour of five o'clock p. m., Saturday, December 24, to accommodate the little folks. The supper will follow after this Christmas tree part of the festival.

Miss Lillian K. Ames of Groton and Fred Stevenson of Clinton were married at Nashua, N. H., Saturday, December 10, Rev. E. C. Strout performing the ceremony. Miss Ames is the youngest daughter of Amos L. Ames, Jr., a well-known citizen of this town. Mr. Stevenson is employed by the telephone company stationed at Ayer.

Mrs. Mary Priest of Littleton is visiting her son, Dr. H. B. Priest.

The entertainment at Unitarian Christmas festival on Saturday evening, December 24, is under the charge of the four young ladies—Misses Helen Dodge, Edith Waters, Helen Eddy and Clara Robinson.

Miss Jennie Longley's school—the 'Charlin' primary—closed last week Friday, as did all the outlying schools also, for a three weeks' vacation. The other public schools closed this week Friday. All schools open the first Monday in January. Mrs. Wilson's and Miss Kane's schools had Christmas observance Friday afternoon, Miss Kimball's school on Thursday afternoon.

On Wednesday Miss Helen Eddy visited Groton street school, Pepperell, where her friends, Miss Mason and Miss Blood from Groton are teaching.

Mrs. Bastion of Clinton visited her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wood, last week.

Edward A. Roach, Jr., is working in Pepperell.

Miss Annie L. Gilson visited her cousin, Mrs. Vinton, at Somerville for two days this week.

Charles Gilson and family have moved into Dr. Steere's Stiles place, corner Chichester row and Longley streets.

Miss Jessie Shattuck was sufficiently recovered from the effects of operation to go home Thursday from the Groton hospital. R. M. Erving, another patient there, is getting along nicely.

Miss Alice H. Ames has returned from a several days' visit to friends in Boston.

The entertainment next week Tuesday evening at the Groton Grange will be the play, "How the story grew," which was given at a recent meeting of the Middlesex Babekah and will be repeated by the same cast of characters before the Grange. The first

and second degrees are to be conferred that evening on a new class.

Friends in the Groton Grange to which the Misses Ward of Forge Village belong, bear with sympathy for them of the death of their father.

James R. Hawkes and C. Frank Patterson attended the Massachusetts state grange session at Worcester on Wednesday and Thursday.

Families on the Boston road are much bothered by a scarcity of water. M. P. Palmer, who has been getting water from the Sidney Gilpatrick place, now has to go, that supply going out, to Pout pond. Others also with barrels and cans go to the same pond every morning getting water for family and stock use. N. L. Woods has no water in his well and draws from the Olson place, which is not occupied. W. H. Whitehill is suffering the same inconvenience, and the other day offered to pay for water. Mildred F. Sawyer has a small sufficiency, but don't feel sure about its holding out.

Mrs. John Trayne has been having more trouble with the thumb into which she thrust a silver some weeks ago. Dr. Kilbourn was called Tuesday and found inflammation had set in again. A trained nurse was called. On Wednesday Mrs. Trayne was better and continues to improve.

Mr. Gibson, father of David Gibson and Mrs. G. H. McKee, has been suffering an ill turn and under the physician's care. He is now more comfortable.

Miss Evelyn Fernald of Vassar college, returning home this week Friday, is the first of the Groton young collegians who will be among us shortly for the Christmas holidays.

Charles Sylvester of Pepperell, Dr. Heald's patient, was operated on at Groton hospital, Tuesday, for gallstones. Four about the size of a robin's egg were found. He is very sick. Mrs. Willard from Hudson, N. H., was operated on Thursday for another trouble at the hospital.

Miss Hattie Van Demark of Groton and William Kortwright of Kerhonkson, N. Y., were married Thursday evening, December 15, Rev. G. M. Howe of this town performing the ceremony. This interesting event took place at the Mrs. Milles Spaulding house on Main street, where of late the bride has made her home. A number of intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony and give congratulations and best wishes. Dainty and appropriate refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Kortwright left town Friday morning on the nine o'clock train for Albany, N. Y.

W. W. Ames has moved his shoe shop to Station Avenue, in the rear of Torrey's store, where he will be found every day and evening until eight o'clock.

### Deaths.

Jacob Parkhurst, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Dunstable, passed away at his home there on Thursday, December 16, after a period of failing health. He was born in Dunstable on October 14, 1819, and had always lived in his native town, a useful man, a kind neighbor and friend. He was the oldest in the family of six children of the late Jacob Parkhurst, who moved to Groton from Dunstable, and lived here many years, his home being in Chicopee row, until his decease.

The funeral was on Sunday, December 19, Rev. Mr. Weston, a former pastor, was very fortunately present to officiate. Mr. Weston is for the present, supplying as there is no settled pastor since the loss by fire of the church building.

The hymns, "When the mists have rolled away," and "Jesus, lover of my soul," were beautifully rendered.

The interment was in Dunstable cemetery where the wife of his young manhood is buried.

There were present at the funeral from Groton, his two brothers—William A. and Albert F. Parkhurst, and their wives; also, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood, the latter a niece. Besides these he leaves an only son, Lyman V. Parkhurst of Dunstable, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma B. Marshall of Roxbury, and Mrs. Mary A. Bennett of Tewksbury.

George Scott died at the Groton hospital on Saturday morning, December 10. He had been at the hospital since that fatal night of October 20, when he so rashly and perhaps insensibly sought death. He suffered during these weeks and the case has been viewed with pity. Undertaker G. H. Rockwood had care of the remains until a relative and Undertaker Harmon came over from Pepperell and took them in charge.

The funeral was in Pepperell on Monday afternoon with interment in the cemetery lot where his parents and two others of the family are buried. He is survived by brothers and one or more sisters.

The following obituary is from a Springfield, Vt., paper: "Fredella Maude (Evans), wife of Merton O. Gowing, died at her home, 180 Park street after an illness of less than a week from pneumonia. She was born in Newton-Lower Falls. When young with her father, she moved to Groton, Mass., where she attended school, graduating from the high school in class of '88. In the spring of '89 Miss Evans came to Springfield, where she went to work in the brush shop of the Parks & Woolson Machine Co. September 9, 1899, she married Merton O. Gowing. She is survived by her husband and four children—Mildred, Dorothy, Philip and Merton, Jr., one sister, Mrs. Richard Harrington of Hyde Park, Mass., two brothers, Harry R. Evans of Springfield and Leon C. Evans of Bellows Falls, Vt.

"Mrs. Gowing was a member of the Perkinsville, Vt., Baptist church, and of Columbia Babekah lodge. Much sympathy is expressed for the husband and motherless children. Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday, December 7, Rev. J. B. Reardon officiating. Burial was in Oakland cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful."

Mrs. Alta (Anderson), wife of William Sawtell, died on Monday, December 12, after a long illness from spinal trouble and inflammation of the brain. Her age was 81 yrs., 4 mos., 14 days. The funeral, which was private, was held on Thursday afternoon from the home of her father, Nathaniel An-

person, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating. Mrs. Sawtell is survived by her husband and six children; also, her parents, two brothers and four sisters. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

### West Groton.

The Misses Sarah and Ethel Roy of Walpole, N. H., left for their home on Wednesday, after a week's stay with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roy.

Mrs. G. A. Pequinot of Winthrop was a guest at Mrs. Tarbell's on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington and children, going on Monday, are visiting relatives in Leominster.

Henry Kittredg has returned from a visit with his uncle, Herbert Brown of Foxboro.

L. G. Strand has formed the Strand Wagon Company, to build wagons and continue in the same line as he has done in the past.

The Ladies Aid society held the last meeting of the year with Mrs. C. R. Dudley on last Thursday afternoon. The time was occupied in packing a barrel for the Salvation Army.

On Saturday afternoon of last week Mrs. Charles Bixby entertained for two hours, four little lasses and four little lads, the members of her Sabbath school class. Those fortunate young people were: Ruth Mellish, Marian Parker, Dorothy Thompson, Ruth Bixby, Donald Bixby, Provost Thompson, Robert Bixby, Walter Lindall. On opening their bank it was found that the pennies amounted to about four dollars.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington was called to Fitchburg on Friday of last week by the illness of Percy Briggs, her son-in-law, who was stricken with pneumonia. On Wednesday afternoon came the sad news of his death. At time of writing nothing further has been learned, but the hearts of all her home friends go out in sympathy to the young widow, so lately one of our village young people.

It is reported that Mr. Craft, who not long ago moved from Mill street to a farm in Shirley, is to return here. The family will occupy the house lately built by E. H. Kemp.

Martin Moran, though better, is still confined to the bed.

Mrs. Margaret Kane is spending the winter with friends.

Little Helen Labelle, who was lately operated on for appendicitis at Groton hospital, has returned home. Her father has recently undergone an operation at the same hospital for the same trouble and is doing well.

The Whist club was most pleasantly entertained last Monday evening by Mrs. Isabelle Wiggin. The highest score of the evening was forty-six points, won by H. Spaulding. Mrs. F. E. Harrington and Mrs. Wiggin scoring thirty-three points, held first place for ladies; second place was won by Miss Lillian Harrington, who scored thirty-two points. Clarence Thompson was second of the gentlemen with a score of thirty-three. Mrs. F. E. Harrington, one of the winners, was the guest of the evening. The boobies were Mrs. H. Spaulding and N. G. Proctor, each scoring nineteen points.

The next meeting will be on Thursday evening, December 29, with the Misses Kate and Elsie Tarbell.

In last week's report of the school entertainment, one pupil's name was unintentionally omitted. George Woolaver, one of the youngest pupils, gave two recitations and gave them well. He was also one of the six clowns whose somersaults so pleased the audience. The sum netted by the children was \$15.50.

The primary department of the Tarbell school closed on Friday of last week for the Christmas vacation of three weeks. The grammar department closed with simple Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Wiggin will spend the holidays at her home in Merrimack.

Mrs. Charles Andrews was called to Townsend last week to care for the family of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Sargent Hargreaves, who accompanied her husband to Grafton, where he was called by the sudden death of a sister.

Henry Farrar, who has been ill with the grippe, is out again.

A new building is going up on the Farrar place in North Shirley to be occupied, report says, by Mr. Bonnie, with Mrs. Bonnie as nurse; also, Mrs. Cora Sleeper Clough and possibly other patients of Dr. Kilbourn, who may need the cold-air treatment.

### A Missing Strand.

For weaving into a whole the various strands contained in last week's items concerning the social and sale, the printer omitted a very important Strand, the name of L. G. Jr., from the list of waiters; also, by prefixing the letter "s" to the word upper, he transported the decorations with their national colors and woody greenness from the upper to the supper hall. It was a clever sleight of hand performance, but while the ladies cheerfully give the gentlemen credit for a bountiful, delicious supper and beautifully lighted tables, they saw the line at the decorations, and respectfully ask the printer to return them forthwith to the upper hall and give the ladies due credit for the artistic display. About eighty-five dollars was netted by the combined forces of active and honorary members of the L. A. society. The Sunshine club realized about nine dollars from their table, which will be added to their floating hospital fund. In addition to their work for the sick babies and the sailors, these young people do many little acts of kindness in their own village.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Dr. H. B. Royal started on Wednesday night for a two days' visit to Philadelphia, Pa. He is traveling with Lester V. Bailey of Worcester, New England general agent for the Provident Life and Trust company. Although the trip will be one of pleasure and sightseeing, Dr. Royal goes as expert medical examiner for the insurance company, Mr. Bailey having some heavy insurance to place in that city. They returned on Friday night.

Last Tuesday evening, Ex-Gov. Frank Hanly of Indiana addressed the people here under the auspices of

the trustees of the Warner free lecture course. His subject, "The patriotism of peace," gave opportunity for eloquence and oratory in which the speaker reviewed the foundation of the American government and American achievement in the past 134 years. There was a large attendance.

Samuel Blanchard is pretty well used up with inflammatory rheumatism.

The annual meeting of the Complimentary ball club, to have been held on Thursday evening, was postponed for one week.

R. M. Lindley returned on Thursday from Newton hospital, where his wife is under treatment and reports her getting on in fine shape.

Dr. M. H. Palne, who has been located here for several months moved his family and household goods to Shirley this week Thursday. He is to occupy the residence formerly owned by Dr. Fernald.

Under the auspices of the 500 club, a social dance will be given in the town hall in Harvard on Monday evening, December 26, and the floor manager is R. Reed; aids, W. Bryant, H. Dickson, H. Bigelow, W. Dickson, H. Farnsworth. McNally's orchestra of Hudson will furnish the music. Dancing from eight to twelve. Refreshments.

Week-end guests at the home of H. A. Thayer last week were Miss Margaret Merrill and Miss Althea Shumway of Newtonville, friends of the Misses Thayer.

Word reaches us of the death of Mrs. Laura Stratton aged sixty-five years, the widow of the late Austin C. Stratton, who for several years was a resident of Harvard. Mrs. Stratton died on Monday night, December 12, at a hospital in Boston, where she had gone for treatment. She leaves one daughter Stella, who is married and lives in Ayer. Funeral services from her home. Burial to be at Bellevue cemetery here. Mrs. Stratton was a woman of sterling character and kindly nature as will be remembered by her friends in Harvard.

George C. Maynard is on the sick list with a severe cold.

Fiske Warren has bought the farm property of Oleo Gabelson, know as the B. K. Barnard place.

Miss Nora Brook, the teacher of our grammar school, left on Friday of last week to attend the sickness of her mother in Chelmsford. Word was received this week Thursday that her mother had passed away. In this sudden bereavement Miss Brook has the sympathy of the community. She will not return to her school duties until after the Christmas recess.

Miss Osce Webster is home for the winter from Cotuit, where she has been engaged as a milliner.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb at Hillcroft, Oak hill, are very much pleased over the arrival of a baby girl born to them last week.

### Still River.

Saturday and Sunday there were 158 freight cars brought to Still River for storage until the freight yard at Ayer could be cleared to take them. The long turnout at the station was filled with seventy-four cars, and the track to the brick yard was filled full with eighty-four. Monday the turnout was cleared, and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the cars were removed from the brick track.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson have gone from their cottage to the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. P. Seales, for the winter, and Wendell B. Willard is going to move right into the Thompson cottage for the winter. Mr. Willard has not yet decided whether to rebuild his house that was burned on Thanksgiving evening or not.

Miss Laura Brown attended a lecture by Dr. Eastman the Indian, who lectured in Harvard last winter, in West Acton on Tuesday evening.

Rogers Morse is at home for the Christmas vacation from his school in New London, Vt.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes has gone to Springfield to visit her son, Lester B. Keyes.

### Accident.

Tuesday forenoon one of the Italians working at the railroad bridge was injured by a stone falling out of the bucket which had been filled by the shovelers, and was being lifted by the derrick. It was about fifteen feet above the diggers, when the stone, about the size of a man's fist, fell and struck the man in the head. Dr. Royal was sent for. He saw at once that the injury was severe and took the man to the hospital in Clinton where it was found that there was a fracture to both plates of the skull, and a pressure on the brain and an operation was made at once, a small piece of the skull being removed, when a blood clot was found which was cleared away, the wound dressed and the man will probably recover. This is the first accident since work was started on the bridge.

### New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIETT A. CONANT late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SUSAN J. RICHARDSON of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. The petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Third Public Spirit, a newspaper published in said County; the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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### AYER.

#### News Items.

Mrs. W. W. Manning and two children of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., formerly of this town, are to arrive this Saturday and will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant of Shirley, until the new year. Mr. Manning is coming for the Christmas holidays.

George H. Brown, the clothier, and E. O. Proctor have new advertisements on the first page; on the second page, the Sigbee Co.; third page, J. J. Barry & Co. and William Brown, druggist. These advertisements with one exception, have particular references to goods for the Christmas trade. On the other pages you will find many new advertisements and they are well worth careful perusal. Read slowly, pause frequently, and when you have decided what you want to purchase, shop early and you will be more likely to find what you have selected in your mind.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Lovett to reopen a juvenile dancing class in Page hall on Friday afternoon, December 30, at four o'clock. Among the dances taught will be the popular folk dances and games which are being advocated by educational boards throughout the country.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the meeting of the Educational committee of the State Federation in Boston on Thursday.

Miss Keefe, teacher in the high school has resigned, her resignation to take place at the end of the term.

All the schools closed this week Friday for one week.

The Boy Scouts will meet on Saturday afternoon, December 17, at two o'clock, in the lower town hall, to complete their organization. Arrangements have been made for special instruction. The meeting will last about an hour, so as to give ample time for the gymnasium class later. Boys of all churches and creeds are eligible and are urged to come.

Edward H. Bliss has sold his farm at Slab City, Shirley, to Arthur St. John, who had been living nearby. This farm was recently bought by Mr. Bliss at the auction sale of George Vancello. Mr. Bliss has also sold to a Mr. Fraser, the 30-acre farm of F. A. McMurtry of Littleton. The sale included about 260 fowls, two fine cows and farming wagons and tools.

Red Cross Christmas seals are on sale at the store of P. Donlon & Co. In 1908 enough were sold of these little seals at one cent each to produce \$150,000. In 1909 the sale brought \$240,000. It is for a good object and the money from the sale of the seals is expended in the checking of tuberculosis. Decorate your Christmas letters and gifts with the Red Cross seals and help along the good cause.

Miss Hurlbert, teacher of the eighth grade, who was taken ill two weeks ago with tonsillitis, is now very sick. Miss Ruth Clarke, in her fourth year at the Fitchburg normal school, was engaged on Wednesday as teacher of her grade until Miss Hurlbert recovers from her illness. Miss Clarke is a daughter of Mrs. Della Clarke, whose husband, an engineer, was killed in a railroad wreck at Concord Junction four or five years ago. At the time of the accident Mr. Clarke was a resident of Ayer. Miss Hurlbert left Friday afternoon for the home of her sister at Arlington.

George G. Day, who was said to be very ill, two or three days ago, is now feeling a little more comfortable. He is seventy-seven years of age and one of our oldest residents, coming to this village when a part of the town of Groton, along in the early sixties. He has been a very active business man.

At the next meeting of the A. W. C., December 21, Mrs. E. H. Brennan of Danvers will give an informal talk on the Passion Play.

The Art class met Friday evening, December 9, with Mrs. Fisher. Papers were read by Mrs. Lynds, Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Fisher. A social hour followed during which refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Peace and Unity club will hold its forty-seventh Emancipation anniversary in town hall, Ayer, on Monday evening, January 2. The concert will consist of introductory remarks by the vice president; the Majestic Concert company will entertain; reading; piano solos; trio, who will play on banjos, guitars and mandolins, with songs and choruses; also, a banjo solo by John R. Kingsbury. The concert will be followed by a grand ball.

The property of the New England Paper and Stationery company was disposed of on Tuesday afternoon, December 13, and was bid in by the trustees of the company for the benefit of the creditors. What disposition will be made of the real estate and the machinery and stock in the building is not yet known.

A Christmas dance will be given by the George J. Burns hook and ladder company in Page hall, Monday evening, December 26. Music by Wilson's orchestra, five pieces. Dancing from eight until twelve o'clock.

There shall be an unusually good time at Mr. Lovett's dancing school on Friday night, December 23. The instructor will have a Christmas tree. Judging by the success in his other classes, there will be plenty of fun for all.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Social Gathering was held on Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. W. B. Cotton. Officers elected were: Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence, pres.; Mrs. George J. Burns, vice pres.; Mrs. A. C. Perkins, sec. and treas. The committees will be elected at the January meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher have

as guests their nephew and niece, Ernest and Miss Eva Simonds.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held on Monday evening. The election of officers and committees was as follows:

Augustus Lovejoy, mod.; Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; Supt. F. C. Johnson, treas.; Charles Wall, col.; C. H. Hardy, aud.; A. Lovejoy, Mrs. Clara B. Richardson, A. M. Winslow, prud. com.; Miss Clara E. Blood, Mrs. W. M. Sargent, church com.; C. H. Hardy, sup. of Sunday school; H. E. Evans, asst. sup.; Mrs. Clara Richardson, trustee; parsonage fund; H. E. Evans, dea.; E. B. Hallow, Miss Rachel Orgood, Francis Lovejoy, music com.; Miss Mary B. Johnson, Miss Minnie Evans, Mrs. G. M. Shattuck, soliciting committee.

The prudential committee was authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary of the church, which comes in April.

One hundred people enjoyed the fine supper served by the men of the Unitarian church on Tuesday evening. Those in charge were H. E. Bigelow, Dr. E. B. Butterfield, H. M. Beverly, Mr. Davenport, Fred Hosmer, A. E. Lawrence, W. C. Parsons and A. E. Perkins. It was an excellent supper well-served, and reflected great credit on those in charge. Music during the supper was by the orchestra composed of Harry Fisher, U. H. Barrows, H. S. Turner and George Barrows.

At the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons held on Monday evening, December 12, the following officers were elected: Geo. O. Fillebrown, master; Warren L. Preble, s. w.; Warren H. Fairbank of Harvard, j. w.; George H. Bixby of West Groton, treas.; Elson H. Bigelow, sec.; Dr. W. N. Cowles, trustee of charity fund for three year; Edward A. Richardson, associate member of the board of Masonic relief. These officers and the appointed ones will be installed on Monday evening, January 2. A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, December 19. Work, F. C. degree.

Unclaimed letters at the Ayer post-office for the week ending December 12: John J. Hannan, Peter Ladeau, George E. Parker, George Teter.

#### Deaths.

Mrs. Laura E. (Haskell) Stratton died on Monday night, December 12, after a successful operation at Elliott hospital, Boston, of heart trouble. Five years ago her husband, Austin Stratton, died in Harvard, and soon after his death removed to this town where she has since resided.

Mrs. Stratton was sixty-five years of age and she is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Herbert A. Downing, and grandchild, two brothers, A. A. and Andrew Haskell of Harvard, and two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Dadman and Mrs. Charlotte Dadman.

Mrs. Stratton was a most estimable and motherly woman, and loved her happy home here with her daughter and son-in-law. For years she was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church.

The funeral was on Friday afternoon, December 16, from her late residence on Prospect street, Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church here, and Rev. F. S. Leathers of Westwood, a former pastor here of the Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery, Harvard.

The singers were Jerry C. Reynolds, Warren Preble, Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Carrie Lowell. The bearers were the brothers and two nephews.

Percy E. Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. and Sarah Pitts Briggs, died at his home, 12 Everett street, Fitchburg, on Wednesday afternoon, from pneumonia contracted less than a week ago. He was a native of this town and was 29 yrs., 11 mos., 13 days of age. He had been employed at the Putnam Machine Company shops as a machinist for some time and was well known and popular in that city. He leaves his parents, a wife, and one son.

Funeral services were held at his late residence in Fitchburg this morning, and the remains brought here on the train due to leave here at 12:50, for Boston, and from here taken to Groton on the one o'clock train. Burial in Groton cemetery in the family lot of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Harrington of West Groton.

The daughter of the late P. J. Lawlor, who died so suddenly of pneumonia on December 5, and whose body was in charge of W. Wright & Son, undertakers, was buried in Woodlawn cemetery on Wednesday of this week. The funeral was delayed awaiting the arrival of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Fraser, from Los Angeles, Cal., who arrived east on Sunday last with her husband, to attend to the burial of her father. Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGrail and a Mr. Enright, friends of the deceased were here; also, his son of Malden. Mr. Lawlor was born in Somersworth, Me., and came to Malden when about nine years of age. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Thomas officiating.

Olive Ann Hosley, relict of the late James A. Hosley, died on Monday at her home here on Washington street at the advanced age of 82 yrs., 8 mos., 2 days. She was a native of Westford and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed of Westford. Her father also being a native of that town. Her mother's maiden name was Buel Farmer, born in Westford. She leaves one son and three daughters. The funeral was on Thursday afternoon and the body placed in tomb. Burial will be in Westford.

#### Fires.

There were two alarms of fire this week, the first one at the house of Stephen N. Lougee on Monday morning, the inmates of which were awakened by the strong smell of smoke. On investigation it was found that the cross timbers under the three inches of cement of the fireplace had taken fire from the heat. They were very much burned and from appearance had been smoldering for two or three days. The fire department were promptly on hand and were not long in putting out what might have been of a more serious nature. The loss is covered by insurance and is in the vicinity of a hundred dollars. The second alarm was the burning out of a chimney in the Brennan house, so-called, on Shirley street on Tuesday afternoon.

#### Of Unusual Merit.

The lecture before the Woman's club on Wednesday evening was of unusual interest. Dr. Charles A. Eastman, the speaker, held the close attention of the large audience for over an hour. The picture he presented of "The real Indian," showed a character very admirable, and presented the advantages of the simple life remarkably.

Dr. Eastman was given an informal reception at the close of the lecture, when a great many took advantage of this opportunity to greet a Sloux Indian who has a fine education and is in every way a remarkable man.

At the business meeting of this club, Mrs. A. B. Fisher and Miss S. A. Blood were made a committee to assist Mrs. Barker in the plans for the Educational conference to be held in Ayer in the near future.

#### Lodge Meeting.

A union meeting of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P. and of Watatic lodge of Fitchburg was held last Tuesday night in G. A. R. hall at which the new degree staff of Easter lodge initiated sixteen candidates. The work of the staff was highly complimented by F. T. Peabody, supreme past warden; C. A. L. Hubbard, grand vice warden and Fred F. Ryan of the grand finance committee, who were representatives from the supreme and grand lodges. The new staff were made up as follows: J. B. Washburn, warden; Mrs. A. S. Washburn, p. p. w.; George C. Peterson, v. w.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, chap.; Mrs. May Downing, guide; W. L. Preble and Albion Washburn, sentinels; Miss Lillian Proffitt, Mrs. L. Proffitt, Mrs. Elizabeth Scruton and Mrs. Charlotte Miller, b. b.; H. H. Pillman, guard; Thomas Ward, pianist. After the work refreshments and games were enjoyed by all.

#### Church Services.

At the First Congregational church the subject of the morning sermon tomorrow will be "The sovereignty of God." The address at the 6:30 p. m. service will be on the prophet beloved by fanatics, Ezekiel.

At St. Andrew's church on Sunday, December 18, ten a. m., holy communion; 10:15, morning prayer and sermon; twelve m. Sunday school. Rev. Dr. Fiske will preach Sunday morning at the Unitarian church on "The evolution of morality." Sunday school at twelve m. The Rev. George H. Cate of Boston, secretary of the Health Education league, will address the Y. P. R. U. at seven p. m. on "Education and the work of the league," which includes Catholics and Protestants alike. No address of more general interest and importance than this will be given in Ayer this winter, and everybody, young and old, is invited. Miss Myrtle Smith will be the reader.

#### Treadway Opposed.

Allan T. Treadway of Stockbridge, president of the state senate, has taken the initiative in the matter of preventing further open seasons on deer, as the following communication addressed by him to the Springfield Republican shows:

As the open season on deer has expired for this year it is fitting that the people of the counties affected by Chapter 545 of the Acts of 1910 should begin to plan for another year. Unless Section 2, of this act is repealed at the coming session of the legislature the open season will continue. As a member of last year's legislature I was opposed to having an open season and told the chairman of the committee on fisheries and game that I did not believe such legislation would meet with the approval of the people in this section. From every direction and from every view point there seems now to be the unanimity of opinion that the open season should not be allowed to longer continue. I, therefore, urge the circulation of petitions to the legislature in the various towns of Western Massachusetts in order that the whole legislature may early become conversant with public opinion on this question in the western counties.

#### TOWNSEND.

##### Centre.

The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Thirza A. Fessenden. The subject of the afternoon was "Celia Thaxter," and Mrs. V. E. Miller of Quincy gave an excellent and entertaining paper upon her life and works. Mrs. F. J. Moore of Quincy also sang several selections, accompanied by Miss Maud Hyde. These were much enjoyed, the selections being poems of Celia Thaxter set to music. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. The next meeting will be on December 28, Mrs. Florence Fessenden hostess.

Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth enjoyed a few days last week with Miss Lillian Hildreth at Waltham.

Clifford Lancy has been quite ill this past week and is still unable to be out.

The ladies of the M. E. church have received many contributions for the "memory" table for their annual sale to be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 21. Don't forget the laughable farce in the evening, "Packing the missionary barrel." The following officers were elected at the grange on Monday evening to serve during the coming year: Laura I. Richards, mag.; William Copeland, overseer; Ica L. Cowdry, lec.; Mrs. Emma F. Seaver, stew.; A. N. Fessenden, asst. stew.; Clara B. Clement, chap.; C. W. Hildreth, treas.; Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, sec.; Wilbur H. Scales, g. k.; Mrs. Lillia M. Seaver, Ceres; Alice Brown, Pomona; Mrs. E. Taylor, Flora; Mrs. Ethel Eldridge, l. a. s.; Frank B. Higgins, executive com. for 3 years.

Master Wilbur H. Scales and T. E. Flarity and wife, both past masters, attended the State grange meeting at Worcester this week.

#### Congregational Fair.

The fair, supper and entertainment given at Memorial hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, by the ladies of the Congregational society was a financial success and every booth was well patronized. The booths were prettily decorated and the wares were attractively displayed. One booth had a white parasol faintly trimmed with lavender and violet shades over the table. The color scheme was violet and white and the booth contained all kinds of fancy work bags. The candy

table was very attractive, the colors of the booth being green and yellow. Then came the aprons, delicacies, ice cream, fancy articles and the girls' table, all very prettily decorated. The "Goose," or grab-bag booth was a great success and netted over ten dollars.

There was a most excellent supper and the entertainment in charge of Mrs. Emma Josselyn was of its usual high order. The burlesque ladies' sewing circle caused much merriment the parts all being well taken. Prof. A. G. Seaver and Miss Letitia Van Elton received an encore on their piano duet as also did Mrs. George Brackett upon her song. Mr. and Mrs. H. Warren Seaver gave a cute sketch upon "Taking the census." The social hour ended with promenading.

#### Death at the Harbor.

Last Monday the funeral of Dana A. Fletcher was held in the church in this village. Mr. Fletcher was born in Groton, December 16, 1835. He attended school at Lawrence academy when that institution numbered three or four hundred pupils.

Young Fletcher, after leaving the academy, held the position of clerk for a considerable time in the old Milo Shattuck store. From the Groton store he came to this village and entered the employ of Spaulding & Emery. While identified with their store, Dana Fletcher and Elizabeth Lakin of Pepperell were married; and had Mr. Fletcher lived till another Thanksgiving, they would have celebrated their golden wedding.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher moved to Springfield, where he engaged in the meat and provision business. After some years Mr. Fletcher sold his market and came to Pepperell, where he bought a farm, the place now owned by Mrs. LePoer. He carried on the butchering business, selling meat in Pepperell, Groton, Townsend and Lunenburg.

From the farm in Pepperell, Mr. Fletcher and wife came to the Harbor where later he went into company with Charles Emery in the grocery and dry goods business. After some years Mr. Fletcher sold out his interest in the business to Mr. Emery and bought the place upon which he was living at the time of his death.

In his earlier life Mr. Fletcher attended the Groton Unitarian church and had charge of the ringing of the bell. Later he became interested in the truths of spiritualism and lived and died a staunch believer in that faith. For twenty-five summers he has attended the camp meetings at Lake Pleasant. These meetings to him were a great school from which he derived much benefit.

Death held no terror for Mr. Fletcher. He believed it was simply an event in life; a release from the sufferings of a worn out body. He was sick fourteen days with double pneumonia and although the disease abated somewhat, his system was too weak for him to rally. Mr. Fletcher fully realized his condition almost to the moment of his death at which time he wished all his family with him. Following prayers at the house, Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby conducted the funeral exercises at the church, after which a part of the ritual work of the Masons concluded the services. Mr. Dodd of West Townsend sang "Abide with me," and "Face to face." The high esteem in which Mr. Fletcher was held was made manifest by the large attendance at the funeral; also, the many beautiful floral offerings bore mute though eloquent testimony of the love and respect of those who were near and dear to the deceased. The interment took place in Walton cemetery, Pepperell.

Mr. Fletcher leaves a wife and a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Knight; also, a brother, Henry H. Fletcher of Greenfield, and a half sister, Mrs. Carrie Greenough of Pepperell.

#### Business Methods in the Home.

Coming into the town the other day a friend of mine fell to talking with his neighbor about what he described as business methods in the home. The neighbor pooh-poohed the use of carrying the business viewpoint into the family circle, but my friend, while admitting this, said he was not at all to forget a woman ought to be allowed to conduct her household on business principles similar to those a man handles in his office or on his farm. The successful merchant or farmer is always careful to keep in touch with the latest developments and improvements in his line, and wherever necessary, adopt the changes suggested. Yet this very concentration sometimes makes him overlook the necessity of providing his wife with an equipment for her house which is equally up-to-date and complete in its kind, although only so can she in her domestic sphere produce the best results.

Health in his home is one of the most valuable assets—to adopt a business phrase—any man can possess, and at this time of year nothing does more towards insuring health and comfort than properly warmed rooms. Ventilation presents special difficulties in winter. Some rooms usually get colder and more exposed than others, and if the windows are opened everyone is liable to catch a cold. On the other hand, with the windows always closed the air becomes unhealthy. What the wife and children need to keep them well is something that can give them heat surely and quickly whenever and wherever they want it.

It is just this need that the Standard Oil company has tried to meet with the Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. The efforts represented years of experience and costly labor. But that it has been successful seems proved by the favorable opinions expressed of this heater wherever it has been tried. Even in the foreign countries its usefulness and convenience have gained full acknowledgment, and in a recent Consular Report from the Argentine Republic to the United States Government special mention is made of the popularity of oil heaters in South America. Stress is laid on the ease with which it has been found an oil heater "can be put in place and started, will, and carried from one place to another as desired."

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#### New Advertisements

LOST—White Hound Dog, tan ears, happy face, of tall, heavy build, leg collar marked "G" in front of "Centre." Notify W. G. ATKINSON, East Pepperell, Tel. 44-6. 114

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LOST—On the four o'clock train, Saturday, December 10, between Brookline, N. H., and Ayer, a Ladies' Black Seal Ring, about the shape of a sum of money and a check from Mrs. E. Barber to Mrs. N. H. Suitable reward if returned to Mrs. CHARLES A. STICKNEY, Townsend, Mass. 214

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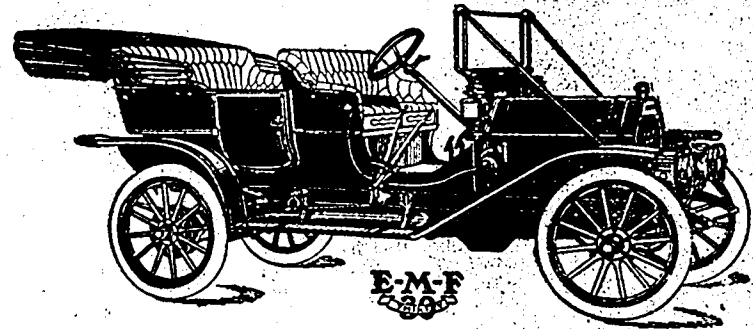
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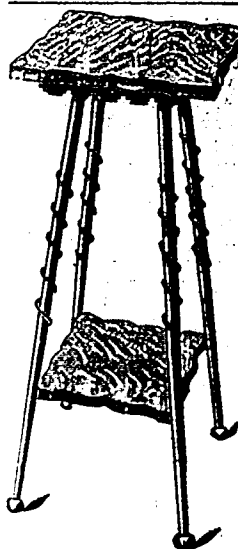
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#### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer will be held at the Banking Room in Ayer, Mass., on Wednesday, January 5, 1911, at one o'clock, for the purpose of acting upon the following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting. ROBERT MURPHY & SONS, Cashier. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 9, 1910. 114

NORTH MIDDLEBURY SAVINGS BANK. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, the second day of January 1911, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. E. T. TUTEN, Treasurer. 114

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth Rock Roosters. A. EUGENE ROBBINS, Tolland, Conn. 114



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Comprising the newest things in self-steering sleds as well as the ever popular high and chipper designs. We not only have a larger line this year, but the goods are better in many important particulars.	
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Best selling styles. Prices guaranteed to be the lowest. Full range of sizes.	
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Best seasoned lumber, natural hickory, good stout stick.	
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An improved line throughout. The demand for a fine type of dolls is constantly growing greater and our lines this year will satisfy every taste.	
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Moving eyes, natural flowing hair, side curls, fine features	
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Prices	25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00
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<b>DECORATED TIN TEA SETS.</b>	
Eleven pieces with tray. Butterfly and floral designs, attractive colors, price	
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Eight inches high, well modeled, natural white, curly, silky fur	
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Fine model, soft, stuffed white cotton plush	
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Blown Glass Ornaments, Beads, Tinsel, Garland Trimming, Silver Shower, Candles and Holders, Bells and Wreaths	
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All the new things. Pony Polo, Buccaneer, North Poles, Riding to Hounds, Etc., price	
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Trumpets, Whistles, Rattles, Horns, Brass Trombones, Cornets and French Horns	
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**WESTFORD.**  
**Graniteville.**  
The Sunday school teachers of St. Catherine's church are now making active preparations for the Christmas tree exercises to be held in the church, the date to be announced later. At both masses in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Edmund G. Schofield, gave a public acknowledgement of a substantial check recently received from the Abbot worsted company, the same to be used for the purchase of gifts for the children of St. Catherine's church. Fr. Schofield was profuse in his thanks, not only for the presentation of the check, but for the spirit of generosity that prompted it. He extended his sincere thanks to the donors, saying that the names of Abbot and Cameron should long be remembered by the people of St. Catherine's church.  
Mrs. W. A. Hawkes has been on the sick list for the past few days and is now under the doctor's care.  
Henry Smith and Alfred Prinn assisted in a musical way at the dedication of the memorial window in the Unitarian church in Westford on Sunday afternoon.  
The ice on the mill pond is now perfectly safe owing to the recent cold snap, but the skating has been very poor owing to the surface being covered with snow. It is reported that the skating on Forge pond is excellent.  
The regular meeting of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., was held in their rooms on Tuesday night when twenty-five names were balloted on and twenty more applications were received.  
The Sunday school children of the M. E. church will hold their annual Christmas tree exercises in the church on Saturday evening, December 24, and the committee in charge have already begun preparations for this important event. The members of the Epworth league will have general church of the Christmas tree festivities this year and promise a very enjoyable time for all, particularly the children.  
The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held on Thursday night, December 15, when the election of officers took place.  
**Interesting Meeting.**  
The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held a very interesting and well-attended meeting in their rooms on Monday night. Considerable business of importance was transacted and under the head of new business the following officers were elected: Thomas Hughes, pres.; A. R. Wall, vice pres.; J. A. Healy, treas.; Henry LeDuc, fin. sec.; G. Albert Hughes, rec. sec.; W. S. Wall, Edward DeLorenzo, William Ledwith, trustees; James B. Healy, Omer LeDuc, Michael Ledwith, aud. com.; Thomas Healy, doorkeeper. The following members were appointed a committee of five to look into the matter of running some

form of entertainment in the near future. Jas. B. Healy, William Wall, William Ledwith, Edward DeLorenzo and T. Alfred Hughes. This committee will report at the next regular meeting that will be held in the room on Monday night, December 19, at the usual hour.  
**BOXBOROUGH.**  
**News Items.**  
On Friday evening, December 9, the third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of nine candidates and a fine harvest supper was served. Then the following list of officers were elected for the coming year: Arthur W. Nelson, m.; Leo Cunningham, o.; Mrs. P. W. Cunningham, lec.; Charles Richardson, stew.; Alvin Richardson, asst. stew.; George W. Burroughs, chap.; R. Y. Nelson, treas.; S. D. Salmon, sec.; Paul Viets, g. k.; Mabel Lawrence, Ceres; Mabel Werthebe, Pomona; Edith Woodward, Flora; Vera Bradford, l. a. s.; C. E. Bradford, member of ex. com. for three years.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield spent Sunday in Framingham.  
B. C. Steele has moved his boiler from the Cunningham lot to Littleton preparatory to furnishing power for the ice cutting this winter.  
No. 2 school has the banner for the best attendance during the month of November. Working for the right to hold the banner seems to be quite an incentive to the children not to be absent or tardy.  
J. B. Losaw has sold his farm to Alfred W. Cobleigh, who will soon take possession of it.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford and Mrs. P. W. Cunningham attended the State grange meetings at Worcester.  
**New Advertisements**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court.  
To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY C. COREY late of Groton, in said County, deceased: Whereas JOHN L. BOYNTON, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition praying the Court to determine the amount of money which he may pay for the perpetual care of the lot in which the body of said deceased is buried, and to whom the same shall be paid in addition to the amount heretofore determined for such purpose the latter amount having been found insufficient.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.  
Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
In Groton, Mass.  
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin to Caleb Richardson dated March 23rd, 1908, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex So. Dist., libro 3359, folio 515, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday the twenty-eighth day of December 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed namely:  
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Groton Centre in said County on the Northernly side of Station Avenue and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone bound at said Avenue, and at land of the Worcester and Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company; thence Northeastly by said Avenue sixty-two feet to a stake and stones; thence Northwestly by land of Mary W. Shattuck one hundred and thirty-five feet to land of William A. Lawrence; thence Southwestly by said Lawrence land sixty-two feet to land of said Railroad Company; thence South-easterly by land of said Railroad Company one hundred and thirty-seven feet to point of beginning and being the same premises conveyed to the said Bessie E. A. Sherwin by deed of Henry M. Adams dated June 13, 1905, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds, Book 3174, page 50, and conveyed subject to the conditions contained in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams and recorded with said Deeds Book 2354, Page 524, and to a prior mortgage for \$2500.  
Said premises will be sold subject to said prior mortgage and all prior encumbrances of record and all unpaid taxes.  
\$200 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, other terms made known at time and place of sale.  
CALEB RICHARDSON, Mortgagee.  
3112 Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 1st, 1910.  
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**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary I. Stenstream to Frank H. Ward, dated February 23, 1909 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3426, Page 67, which mortgage has been assigned to Moses P. Palmer, for breach of conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, will be sold at public auction on the premises on Tuesday the 27th day of December, A. D. 1910, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.  
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Pepperell on the northerly side of Main Street leading from Centre Village in said Pepperell to the Depot on the Worcester and Nashua railroad in the easterly part of said Pepperell, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the premises at said Main Street and at Cross Street; thence northerly by said Cross Street sixty-one and 9-10 feet (61 9-10) to a corner; thence easterly by land now or formerly of Julia C. Dunn, sixty-one and one-third (61 1-3) feet to a stake and stones at land late of George Winch; thence southerly by land late of said Winch seventy-two (72) feet to said Main Street; thence westerly by said Main Street fifty-one (51) feet to the point of beginning. Together with a right to take water from the well of premises of said Julia C. Dunn through pipes now laid, also the right to repair such pipes or lay new pipes as may be needed from time to time.  
Premises will be conveyed subject to all taxes; terms made known at time and place of sale.  
MOSES P. PALMER, Assignee of Mortgage.  
3112 Pepperell, Mass., November 28, 1910.  
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**NOTICE.**  
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 2, 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.  
HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.  
Townsend, Mass., Dec. 6, 1910. 4113  
The circulation of the Public Spirit in town is ten times that of any other paper circulating through the post-office here, those sold at Sherwin's store and at the publication office.

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Melvin A. Childs to A. W. Wetherbee, dated January 1, 1909, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3416, Page 593, for breach of the condition of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of December, 1910, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, viz.:  
A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Ayer, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on westerly side of Maple Street, formerly called Cross Street and described as follows, viz.: beginning at northeast corner of premises at a stone bound at intersection of said Maple Street with a proposed street called Third Street; thence southerly by said Maple Street 132 feet; thence turning at right angles with said Maple Street westerly 66 feet; thence in a line parallel with the first described line, northerly 132 feet to a stone bound at said Third Street; thence easterly by said Third Street 66 feet to the point of beginning, containing about 8712 square feet, more or less.  
Said premises will be sold subject to unpaid taxes and assessments thereon if any there be.  
\$100 to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms at time and place of sale.  
A. W. WETHERBEE, Mortgagee.  
Boxboro, Mass., Dec. 1, 1910. 3112  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of **JONAH PARKER** late of Townsend in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased, not already administered, to **BENJAMIN W. PARKER** of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, 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 twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To **E. ALONZO BLOOD** of Townsend in said County, Commissioner appointed by said Court, March 10, A. D. 1910, to make partition of certain real estate among the tenants in common thereof, and to **ALBERT M. RICHARDS** of Clinton in our County of Worcester.

Whereas, **A. Z. GOODFELLOW** of Fitchburg in said County of Worcester has presented to said Court his petition, praying said Court to authorize and direct said E. Alonzo Blood, Commissioner as aforesaid to pay to said petitioner, for reasons set forth in said petition, the sum of three hundred eleven and 25-100 dollars, said sum being represented to be the amount of the share of said Albert M. Richards of the proceeds of the sale of said real estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or if any of you shall not be so found, either by delivering a copy thereof to you wherever found or by leaving a copy thereof at your usual place of abode, or by mailing a copy thereof to you at your last known post-office address, fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that you all have had actual notice of the proceeding, by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of **MARY F. PALMISTO** late of Groton in said County of Middlesex, deceased.

Whereas, **JAMES T. BENNETT** as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court, his petition representing that a claim has been presented against said estate by Sarah Whiting of Groton, and that he is in doubt as to the validity of said claim, and praying that he may be authorized to pay said debt or so much thereof as said Court may authorize.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you seven days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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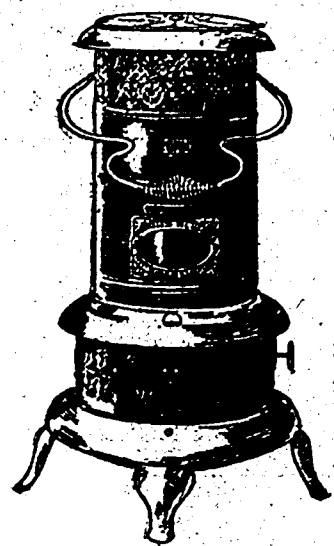
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In Groton, Massachusetts.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Hannah Reardon to Julia E. Hannis, dated April 3rd, 1901, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex So. Dist., libro 2887, folio 57, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

"A certain parcel of land situated in the Southerly part of said Groton on the westerly side of the main road leading from said Groton to Ayer, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the premises at the Northeasterly corner of land formerly of Lewis, now owned by Sargent; thence Westerly by said Sargent land One Hundred Sixty (160) feet more or less to land of George Whitney; thence Northerly by said Whitney's land Two Hundred and Sixty-Six (266) feet more or less to land this day conveyed by Julia E. Hannis to Ellen Powell; thence Easterly to said Powell's land One Hundred Sixty-Six (166) feet more or less to said road; thence Southerly by said road about Two Hundred Sixty-Six (266) feet to the point of beginning."

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale. \$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

**DELIA McRAY,**  
Assignee of said Mortgage.  
Ayer, Mass., Dec. 1st, 1910. 3112

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

IN AYER, MASS.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Clara C. Wentworth to John L. Farnsworth, dated April 24th, 1900, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex So. Dist., libro 2830, folio 321, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

"A certain parcel of land situated in Ayer in said County of Middlesex on the Westerly side of the road leading from said Ayer to North Shirley containing about ten acres, more or less and bounded: Southerly by the Peterborough and Shirley Railroad, so called, Northerly by the County road leading from said Ayer to North Shirley, and southerly by the North Road, so called, excepting saving and reserving thirty six hundred square feet more or less formerly conveyed by said John L. Farnsworth and Sarah Farnsworth to one James."

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes.

\$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, other terms made known at Sale.

**CHARLES F. WORCESTER,**  
Administrator of the Estate of John L. Farnsworth, Mortgagee.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of **CAROLINE E. KELLOGG** late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of said Caroline E. Kellogg deceased have been presented to said Court for Probate, by **ALFRED P. K. KNIGHT** of Ayer, **F. PARSONS** of Groton and **JOHN BYRON PEARSON** who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

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

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of **ABBY M. LIMPSON** late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by **CAROLINE E. KELLOGG** who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

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

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.





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Uncollected letters at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending December 12: John Deno, Antonia Danoseasey, Mitchell Francisco, Jerry Tessier, Gertrude Tessier, Gust Yngthone.

**Death.**

Charles Holmes, who was born in Pepperell, February, 1843, was found dead in his bed in Rockford, Ill., on Sunday, December 4, at the home of his son, William Holmes. The deceased was a veteran of the civil war, having served for four years in Co. F, of the Twenty-ninth Iowa Volunteers.

The widow, six sons and four daughters survive. They are William, Edward and Frank Holmes; Mrs. Clarence Leggett, Mrs. William Crowell, Rockford, Walter, Seattle, Wash.; Fred, Chicago; Mrs. Byron Walker, Belvidere, Ill.; Mrs. Frank Wagner, Charles City, Iowa; and another son in Cherry Valley. Ira Holmes living at East Pepperell is a brother and there are nineteen grandchildren living.

**About Town.**

Mrs. Harry Foster, while working in the attic of her home Tuesday met with an accident. She slipped and fell through the floor, causing severe injury which was attended to by Dr. Lovejoy, assisted by Dr. Qua. Mrs. Foster is doing as well as can be expected at the present time.

Mrs. Allen has been confined at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Woodward, for several weeks. Thursday Dr. Head consulted with Dr. Cabot of Boston in regard to her case.

Mrs. Alfred Boynton was taken suddenly ill Saturday night with general debility. She is being attended to by Dr. Head and the nurse, Miss Spragg, and is as comfortable as they can make her.

Arthur Bannon has been confined to the house with rheumatism; but is slowly improving and hopes to soon be again able to attend to his duties.

Leon Whitcomb, one of the jurors on the LeBlanc case, returned to his home Wednesday evening, after an absence of seventeen days.

Mrs. Mary F. Peck of Mt. Lebanon is sick with an attack of jaundice and is under the care of Dr. Lovejoy and the trained nurse, Miss Spragg.

Miss Sadie Tucker and Walter Shattuck were sent as delegates from Prescott grange to the annual state grange meetings held at Worcester, commencing Tuesday, December 13 and continuing for three days.

Mrs. George Noyce of Portland, Me., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Erbert Williams.

**SHIRLEY.**

**News Items.**

At the high school assembly on Friday, December 9, the following program was given:

Song, selected by the school; debate, "Should we have one session;" affirmative, John Logue, Christine Longley; negative, Albert Robinson, Elsie Holdier. The school then voted to vote on the question and awarded it to the negative side by a vote of 14 to 13. The following class held a class meeting and elected the following officers: Blanche Wells, pres.; Arthur Annie, vice pres.; Winifred Weeks, sec. and treasurer.

At the regular meeting of Court Delorme of the Union de St. Jean Baptiste of America, held last Sunday, the following officers were elected for 1911:

Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.; Simon Guerlin, pres.; Joseph Loeau, vice pres.; Michael Gionet, sec.; Ernest Michand, treas.; Herbert Guilbaut, Narcisse Fehoux, Alphonse Harpin, dir.; Napoleon Gagnon, mas. of cer.

Mrs. Herbert Richard of Rogersville, N. B.; also, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeBlanc of Millbury, were visiting at the home of Joseph Landry last Sunday.

Edwin H. Conant has been confined to his home for a week past with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Baker, who resided in Tinker hill, started on Tuesday for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Baker will work there at his trade of carpentering.

Sylvester Thomas has sold out his meat market to Stanley Forcier, who took possession on Tuesday, and Mr. Thomas who purchased the market from Mr. Forcier, will return to C. A. Edgarton Co., as a weaver.

Mrs. E. H. Allen spent a couple of days with relatives in Boston this week.

Col. W. H. Ralph of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Merriman of Clark road last Sunday. Mr. Ralph was, until recently, grand marshal of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts, and was on the board of grand lodge officers for five years. At the notable Odd Fellows' parade in Boston in 1898, Col. Ralph was aide to Mr. Merriman, who was the chief of staff. Col. Ralph also reports that John U. Perkins of Chelsea, grand scribe emeritus of the grand lodge is in a very dangerous condition at his home with paralysis of the legs.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin, school teacher, is assisting at the postoffice before and after school hours.

Arthur E. Felch, who is working in Gardner, spent the week-end at home with his family on Harvard road.

Herbert M. Dickson started on Wednesday for California to remain for the winter. Mr. Dickson will return to Shirley in the spring.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of the townspeople. Supper was served at seven o'clock, followed by the entertainment which consisted of the following: Piano solo, Mrs. Knox; readings from Mark Twain, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; song, Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce; selections by quartet consisting of Messrs. Pomfret, Harlow, Byram and Evans, assisted by Edwin R. Smith.

Mrs. Adeline Laforme and Mrs. Minnie Avey Fontaine of Woonsocket, R. I., were visitors at the home of Joseph Allen for a week or so. The former is a nephew, and the latter is a cousin to Mr. Allen. Accompanied by Mrs. Allen they visited Mrs. Laforme's son in Nashua, N. H., this week.

The Sunday school of the Universalist church will hold their Christmas tree exercises on Saturday evening, December 24, at 7.30 o'clock. Santa Claus will visit the children during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland started on Thursday afternoon for New York city, and will return home on Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will give an entertainment with a well-laden Christmas tree on Saturday evening, December 24. Santa Claus will arrive at 7.30 and talk to the children.

**Entertainment.**

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be held in the vestry of the church on Saturday evening, December 24, commencing at 7.30. Those having presents for the tree are requested to send them to the church vestry before five o'clock on Saturday afternoon of that date. Entertainment committee, Mrs. H. W. McCoy, Mrs. Collyer, Miss Daniels, Miss Gladys Love, have arranged a fine program. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Rugg will serve as a committee on decorations. Santa Claus will arrive at the church about eight in the evening.

**Birthday Surprise.**

Miss Rose Gionet was tendered a surprise party last week Friday evening in observance of her fifteenth birthday. Over a score of young friends assembled at her home and presented her with a fine photographing outfit. The young hostess was completely surprised, but in a few well chosen sentences, thanked her guests for their substantial remembrance of the anniversary of her birth. The evening was very enjoyable spent with games, songs, and music and a very appetizing supply

of refreshments added immensely to this birthday party.

Miss Gionet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gionet, and is a special favorite with the younger element of her acquaintances. Those present were:

Misses Jennie Pilote, Mabel Pilote, Eugenie Gionet, Josephine Perry, Emma Gionet, Molly Davarney, Gertrude Day, Flora Gionet, Lucie Chaisson and Emily Perry; also, George Thomas, Peter Perry, Alexander Gionet, Joseph Fourmier, Joseph Gionet, Stanley Monsky, Martin Hacc and Dolla Davarney.

**Alliance Meeting.**

A small but interesting meeting of the Alliance was held last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Carpenter, North Shirley. Those who braved the cold on that day were warmly repaid by the warmth of the welcome given by the hostess, which soon annulled the effects of the outer air. The fine paper on "Household economics," written especially for the Alliance by Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, was an interesting treat and thoroughly enjoyed by every housekeeper and home-maker present. The subject for the next meeting, which comes on January 5, is "Social economics as applied to our town," and is to take the form of a discussion which will be led by Mary Winslow Hazen. The place of meeting will be announced.

**Drowned.**

Frank C. Brill, nine years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brill of Slab City, was accidentally drowned while returning from school on Wednesday afternoon on the pond located on the southerly part of the trestle railroad bridge which is almost parallel with Tinker hill.

It appears that the unfortunate lad in company with his sister, Hazel, thirteen years of age, was returning from school wending their way home and like all children of similar ages they decided to cross the pond instead of taking the road. The girl crossed the pond first reaching the other side in safety. She was followed by her brother who waited for a minute or so and then walked slowly across and when within a few yards of the shore the ice broke letting him into the water. He immediately sank and his sister Hazel, who was the only witness, ran to Fred D. Weeks' mill nearby and informed Mr. Weeks, who gave the alarm.

A number of workmen, in charge of John M. Stevenson, from the leatherboard department of the C. A. Edgarton Co., near the pond hurried as fast as possible to the scene.

Sylvester Chesbrough and Charles Frederick ran out a boat that was on the shore of the ice they grappled with poles and in a few seconds got the boy who was apparently lifeless. He was taken to the home of Mr. Richard nearby and Dr. Lilly was called and reached the scene at once. The doctor worked over him for an hour and twenty minutes in an endeavor to revive him, but it proved useless. It is supposed he had been in the water about fifteen minutes. Dr. Cowles, the medical examiner, was notified and he gave permission for the removal of the body.

The boy was in Miss White's class at school and he was very much liked by everyone. He was nine years of age on the seventeenth day of last July. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Brill, as young Frank was their only son in a family of four children, the other children being all girls.

Mr. Brill purchased the Binney house some time ago at Slab City and is a hard working, honest and industrious man, and the family command the respect of the community at large.

**Altruism.**

The Altruists met at the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon at 2.30, to be entertained by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston, who gave a talk on "National dangers and national defence." Mrs. Mead is a very fluent speaker and her treatment of the subject was excellent, very interesting and instructive. Mrs. Mead thought there was a better way to establish peace among the nations than building so many expensive battleships. At the close of her speech, the president declared a recess and later called the meeting to order and the usual business of the session was attended to. Meeting adjourned for two weeks. The subject for the next meeting will be "Types of industrial organizations."

**Centre.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray spent the week-end at their summer home.

Miss Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg high school spent Sunday at home.

Ernest Bohanon is spending a few days with his aunt in Nashua.

Miss Clark, who has been taking Miss Gibb's place, as teacher of the Centre grammar school, has left. Miss Alma Bowles of Groton has been obtained to fill the vacancy.

The annual Sunday school Christmas tree will be held in Trinity chapel on Monday evening, December 19.

Harry N. Brown was elected secretary and treasurer of M. S. E. W. for 1911, at Concord last week.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams has returned home from visiting her father, J. D. Moulton, in Lunenburg.

Mrs. William Williams is very sick.

Mr. Craft and family are moving back to West Groton again.

Wesley Wyman, the pianist, who is traveling in Europe, reached London last month, and is staying there a short time.

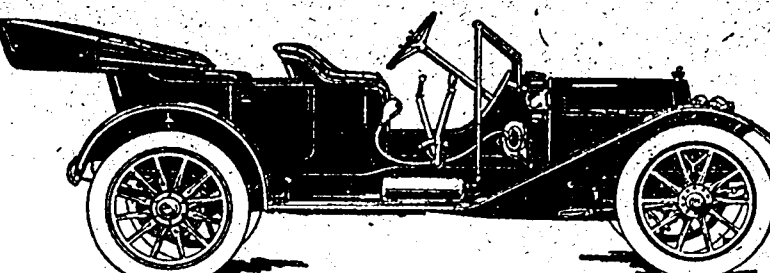
S. Leroy Longley has sold the farm owned by Elsie A. Kirby of Boston, and situated on Kitteridge road in the easterly part of Shirley, to Edward M. Sanders of Fitchburg. Mr. Sanders will make some improvements on the property and will occupy it as a home.

Mrs. Warren Wilson is moving into the Fuller house, with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Fuller.

Seth A. Holden shot a large buck deer on Tuesday afternoon while it was damaging his strawberry beds. The first shot mortally wounded the deer, but it got away. It was later found on the Horspond road, about a mile away from where it was shot. Mr. Holden is over eighty years old.

Miss Myrna Carter is working in J. W. Farrar's store while Mr. Farrar is recovering from his accident.

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**PEPPERELL.**

**News Items.**

The Village Aid society will hold a supper and entertainment on Thursday evening, January 12, in the vestry of the Congregational church.

At the regular meeting of the Warrens it was voted to hold their annual supper on Monday evening, February 20. Herbert Clark of Waltham has been engaged for the entertainment and a good time is assured.

Mrs. Sarah Dane has recently purchased the Sarah Fletcher place at the Center and T. E. Butler has purchased the Nancy Dudley residence on High street. Both places were sold through the agency of Kemp & Bennett.

The ladies of the Methodist society held their Christmas sale last week with very gratifying results. The booths were very tastefully decorated with wreaths of laurel and Christmas bells and were well patronized, while the supper was pronounced the best of the season. Much credit is due Miss Laura Herrig for arranging so fine a program at comparatively short notice. Her pupil, Miss Louise Lemery of Nashua, gave evidence of a technique in her violin solos very creditable to her teaching and highly appreciated by the audience. The ladies' society desire to thank all who aided in any way in making this affair a success.

Dr. Raymond has moved to his Boston office so as to devote his entire time to his city patrons.

Many skating parties have been in order the past two weeks. The ice is good on many ponds and much enjoyment results.

The announcement is made of the Pepperell high school class play, the three-act comedy, "The deacon's second wife," to be given on February 24, at Prescott hall. The students have entered into the rehearsals and other work with good spirit and when the time comes should be encouraged by a large audience. A new feature of this year's efforts will be the high school orchestra consisting of H. Shomb, cornet; Leo Thayer, trombone; Grover Robbins, drum and traps; T. Sullivan, violin; W. Lovejoy, drum and cymbals; Orin Savage, piano. They are making good progress and much enjoyment is experienced in their new accomplishments.

Charles Sylvester, who has been at the Carney hospital for several days, is reported doing as well as could be expected. He underwent an operation and several gall stones were removed.

Remember the poor and the sick. The village aid does if you do or not, so help them by a full attendance at their supper and entertainment on Thursday evening, January 12, at Central hall. Supper at 6.30 p. m.

The first track meet this year by the high school boys was held last week Friday. It has been a long time since our school held such rank in athletics and the boys showed good material and instruction in Friday's road race, distance four miles. Paul winning first, Chapman, Duffy, Tower, Jacobs and Lovejoy following. The time reported is thirty-eight minutes.

George Scott of Ayer, who shot himself at Littleton some weeks ago, passed away at the Groton hospital on last Saturday. Funeral was on Monday services in the Congregational church. The burial was at Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Drumney have received a Christmas gift of a nine pound girl.

No school from Saturday, December 17, to January 2. That pleases the children and teachers too, no doubt. Certainly the change will rest if Dr. L. R. Qua has a new auto.

**Cleanings.**

Rev. George Newhall of Westboro has purchased the farm and buildings on the Townsend road, formerly the homestead of the late Joseph Boyden, and, with his wife and family, are now occupants of the place. Mrs. Newhall before her marriage was Miss Alice Farnam and lived with her parents in this town. Her grandfather was Rev. J. L. Barnes at one time pastor of the Methodist church here. Mr. and Mrs. Newhall have two children. Mrs. Farnam, Mrs. Newhall's mother, is expected here soon to remain for the winter.

Mrs. Carrie Pitnam and daughter Ruth visited Mrs. Pitnam's father in Derry, going on Saturday last and returning Monday.

Herbert Wilson is at work for the Buffalo shoe manufacturing company.

Miss Jennie Sharp of West Groton was in town last week, coming to attend the sale and supper given by the ladies of the M. E. church.

Miss Ella Saunders is at work for Mrs. Elmer Mason.

Miss Ruth True of Worcester, daughter of Fred True, is visiting at Llewellyn True's.

Miss Mildred Lewis, who is attending the normal school at Fitchburg, was at the home of her parents over Sunday.

Leon Richardson is able to be out again after having been confined to the house with a severe cold.

Edward Butler has bought the Dudley house so-called on High street. Mr. Butler came here from Derry, N. H., recently and is an overseer in the shoeshop in this town.

M. C. Gilchrist is to move into the house on Main street, formerly occupied by M. Coffey and owned by Charles Jewett.

Miss Ada Whitney made a trip to Boston this week.

Mrs. Harris Tarbell of Boston was a recent visitor in town, coming to attend the funeral of an uncle, Dana A. Fletcher in Townsend Harbor.

Frank Fitzpatrick hurt his hand very badly, requiring the attendance of a physician, at the mill of the Nashua river paper company, recently.

Mrs. Charles S. Parker has been visiting friends in Ashby, returning Friday of this week.

Maurice Gilchrist visited Roger Taft at his new quarters in Boston on Sunday last.

E. E. Tarbell has discontinued delivering goods free of charge. The new arrangement went into effect last week.

E. E. Handley, who has been quite sick with rheumatism and confined to the house a number of weeks, returned to his work as clerk in E. E. Tarbell's store Wednesday.

The Christmas sales and suppers held last week by the Unitarian and Methodist ladies were well attended and a success socially and financially.

**Centre.**

At the meeting of Prescott grange on December 9, the following officers were elected:

Walter Shattuck, m.; Forest Andrews, o.; Sarah Tucker, l.; Lucy Perry, s.; George Mahony, a. s.; Mary F. Dennen, chap.; Parker J. Kemp, treas.; S. Lucia Parker, sec.; Ethel Brown, c.; Susie Andrews, p.; Ernest Melindy, g. k.; Mabel Cummings, f.; Alice Deware, l. a. s.; Maude Maxwell, chorister; W. P. Dennen, executive committee for three years.

At the next meeting on Friday, December 23, there will be a Christmas tree, each member to bring something, not costing over fifteen cents, for the tree.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held in Central hall on

December 20, at 2.45 o'clock. This is a day particularly interesting to the young friends of club members as each lady will invite some boy or girl, under fifteen years of age, to be her guest and listen to Ray D. Newthorpe the magician, who will entertain the club with his magic art. Don't fail to accept, young people, if you are so fortunate as to receive an invitation.

Mrs. Harriette A. S. Phelps is visiting her friends, the Griffins, in Gloucester.

**SHIRLEY.**

**News Items.**

At the high school assembly on Friday, December 9, the following program was given:

Song, selected by the school; debate, "Should we have one session;" affirmative, John Logue, Christine Longley; negative, Albert Robinson, Elsie Holdier. The school then voted to vote on the question and awarded it to the negative side by a vote of 14 to 13. The following class held a class meeting and elected the following officers: Blanche Wells, pres.; Arthur Annie, vice pres.; Winifred Weeks, sec. and treasurer.

At the regular meeting of Court Delorme of the Union de St. Jean Baptiste of America, held last Sunday, the following officers were elected for 1911:

Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.; Simon Guerlin, pres.; Joseph Loeau, vice pres.; Michael Gionet, sec.; Ernest Michand, treas.; Herbert Guilbaut, Narcisse Fehoux, Alphonse Harpin, dir.; Napoleon Gagnon, mas. of cer.

Mrs. Herbert Richard of Rogersville, N. B.; also, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeBlanc of Millbury, were visiting at the home of Joseph Landry last Sunday.

Edwin H. Conant has been confined to his home for a week past with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Baker, who resided in Tinker hill, started on Tuesday for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Baker will work there at his trade of carpentering.

Sylvester Thomas has sold out his meat market to Stanley Forcier, who took possession on Tuesday, and Mr. Thomas who purchased the market from Mr. Forcier, will return to C. A. Edgarton Co., as a weaver.

Mrs. E. H. Allen spent a couple of days with relatives in Boston this week.

Col. W. H. Ralph of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Merriman of Clark road last Sunday. Mr. Ralph was, until recently, grand marshal of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts, and was on the board of grand lodge officers for five years. At the notable Odd Fellows' parade in Boston in 1898, Col. Ralph was aide to Mr. Merriman, who was the chief of staff. Col. Ralph also reports that John U. Perkins of Chelsea, grand scribe emeritus of the grand lodge is in a very dangerous condition at his home with paralysis of the legs.

Miss Nellie F. Cronin, school teacher, is assisting at the postoffice before and after school hours.

Arthur E. Felch, who is working in Gardner, spent the week-end at home with his family on Harvard road.

Herbert M. Dickson started on Wednesday for California to remain for the winter. Mr. Dickson will return to Shirley in the spring.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of the townspeople. Supper was served at seven o'clock, followed by the entertainment which consisted of the following: Piano solo, Mrs. Knox; readings from Mark Twain, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; song, Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce; selections by quartet consisting of Messrs. Pomfret, Harlow, Byram and Evans, assisted by Edwin R. Smith.

Mrs. Adeline Laforme and Mrs. Minnie Avey Fontaine of Woonsocket, R. I., were visitors at the home of Joseph Allen for a week or so. The former is a nephew, and the latter is a cousin to Mr. Allen. Accompanied by Mrs. Allen they visited Mrs. Laforme's son in Nashua, N. H., this week.

The Sunday school of the Universalist church will hold their Christmas tree exercises on Saturday evening, December 24, at 7.30 o'clock. Santa Claus will visit the children during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland started on Thursday afternoon for New York city, and will return home on Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will give an entertainment with a well-laden Christmas tree on Saturday evening, December 24. Santa Claus will arrive at 7.30 and talk to the children.

**Entertainment.**

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be held in the vestry of the church on Saturday evening, December 24, commencing at 7.30. Those having presents for the tree are requested to send them to the church vestry before five o'clock on Saturday afternoon of that date. Entertainment committee, Mrs. H. W. McCoy, Mrs. Collyer, Miss Daniels, Miss Gladys Love, have arranged a fine program. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Rugg will serve as a committee on decorations. Santa Claus will arrive at the church about eight in the evening.

**Birthday Surprise.**

Miss Rose Gionet was tendered a surprise party last week Friday evening in observance of her fifteenth birthday. Over a score of young friends assembled at her home and presented her with a fine photographing outfit. The young hostess was completely surprised, but in a few well chosen sentences, thanked her guests for their substantial remembrance of the anniversary of her birth. The evening was very enjoyable spent with games, songs, and music and a very appetizing supply

of refreshments added immensely to this birthday party.

Miss Gionet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gionet, and is a special favorite with the younger element of her acquaintances. Those present were:

Misses Jennie Pilote, Mabel Pilote, Eugenie Gionet, Josephine Perry, Emma Gionet, Molly Davarney, Gertrude Day, Flora Gionet, Lucie Chaisson and Emily Perry; also, George Thomas, Peter Perry, Alexander Gionet, Joseph Fourmier, Joseph Gionet, Stanley Monsky, Martin Hacc and Dolla Davarney.

**Alliance Meeting.**

A small but interesting meeting of the Alliance was held last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Carpenter, North Shirley. Those who braved the cold on that day were warmly repaid by the warmth of the welcome given by the hostess, which soon annulled the effects of the outer air. The fine paper on "Household economics," written especially for the Alliance by Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, was an interesting treat and thoroughly enjoyed by every housekeeper and home-maker present. The subject for the next meeting, which comes on January 5, is "Social economics as applied to our town," and is to take the form of a discussion which will be led by Mary Winslow Hazen. The place of meeting will be announced.

**Drowned.**

Frank C. Brill, nine years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brill of Slab City, was accidentally drowned while returning from school on Wednesday afternoon on the pond located on the southerly part of the trestle railroad bridge which is almost parallel with Tinker hill.

It appears that the unfortunate lad in company with his sister, Hazel, thirteen years of age, was returning from school wending their way home and like all children of similar ages they decided to cross the pond instead of taking the road. The girl crossed the pond first reaching the other side in safety. She was followed by her brother who waited for a minute or so and then walked slowly across and when within a few yards of the shore the ice broke letting him into the water. He immediately sank and his sister Hazel, who was the only witness, ran to Fred D. Weeks' mill nearby and informed Mr. Weeks, who gave the alarm.

A number of workmen, in charge of John M. Stevenson, from the leatherboard department of the C. A. Edgarton Co., near the pond hurried as fast as possible to the scene.

Sylvester Chesbrough and Charles Frederick ran out a boat that was on the shore of the ice they grappled with poles and in a few seconds got the boy who was apparently lifeless. He was taken to the home of Mr. Richard nearby and Dr. Lilly was called and reached the scene at once. The doctor worked over him for an hour and twenty minutes in an endeavor to revive him, but it proved useless. It is supposed he had been in the water about fifteen minutes. Dr. Cowles, the medical examiner, was notified and he gave permission for the removal of the body.

The boy was in Miss White's class at school and he was very much liked by everyone. He was nine years of age on the seventeenth day of last July. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Brill, as young Frank was their only son in a family of four children, the other children being all girls.

Mr. Brill purchased the Binney house some time ago at Slab City and is a hard working, honest and industrious man, and the family command the respect of the community at large.

**Altruism.**

The Altruists met at the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon at 2.30, to be entertained by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston, who gave a talk on "National dangers and national defence." Mrs. Mead is a very fluent speaker and her treatment of the subject was excellent, very interesting and instructive. Mrs. Mead thought there was a better way to establish peace among the nations than building so many expensive battleships. At the close of her speech, the president declared a recess and later called the meeting to order and the usual business of the session was attended to. Meeting adjourned for two weeks. The subject for the next meeting will be "Types of industrial organizations."

**Centre.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray spent the week-end at their summer home.

Miss Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg high school spent Sunday at home.

Ernest Bohanon is spending a few days with his aunt in Nashua.

Miss Clark, who has been taking Miss Gibb's place, as teacher of the Centre grammar school, has left. Miss Alma Bowles of Groton has been obtained to fill the vacancy.

The annual Sunday school Christmas tree will be held in Trinity chapel on Monday evening, December 19.

Harry N. Brown was elected secretary and treasurer of M. S. E. W. for 1911, at Concord last week.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams has returned home from visiting her father, J. D. Moulton, in Lunenburg.

Mrs. William Williams is very sick.

Mr. Craft and family are moving back to West Groton again.

Wesley Wyman, the pianist, who is traveling in Europe, reached London last month, and is staying there a short time.

S. Leroy Longley has sold the farm owned by Elsie A. Kirby of Boston, and situated on Kitteridge road in the easterly part of Shirley, to Edward M. Sanders of Fitchburg. Mr. Sanders will make some improvements on the property and will occupy it as a home.

Mrs. Warren Wilson is moving into the Fuller house, with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Fuller.

Seth A. Holden shot a large buck deer on Tuesday afternoon while it was damaging his strawberry beds. The first shot mortally wounded the deer, but it got away. It was later found on the Horspond road, about a mile away from where it was shot. Mr. Holden is over eighty years old.

Miss Myrna Carter is working in J. W. Farrar's store while Mr. Farrar is recovering from his accident.

**Death.**

William H. Fuller passed away at his home on Friday, December 9, at the age of eighty years, after a ten weeks' illness from cancer in the stomach. Mr. Fuller was born on June 27, 1830, in Dorchester. His father was Dr. Daniel Fuller, D. D. In 1850, when Mr. Fuller was twenty years old he started to follow the sea and did so during a period of fifteen years. For some time he held the office of first mate, but was later made captain. From this office he obtained the title by which he was commonly known here.

Mr. Fuller was a famous skater having practically skated around the world. He was very skillful not only in ice skating, but also in roller skating, and in 1865 started on his skating trip around the world. The first country he visited was Australia, the only country where he was not well received. From there he went to Ceylon, India and Cairo, and then to the Pyramids. While at the Pyramids he climbed to the top of Cheops, the highest pyramid, being the first man to accomplish this. He next went to Alexandria and then to St. Petersburg by way of Moscow. At St. Petersburg he became very intimate with Alexis, who is now Czar of Russia. The last part of his trip included Germany, Belgium, England and Paris. He returned in 1870, having spent five years on his skating trip. While in these countries he gave exhibitions of his skating before their rulers and received many medals and rewards from them. Among these rewards is a golden star set with diamonds, which is valued at \$1,200.

In 1878 Mr. Fuller married Miss Emmaretta Bonney, granddaughter of Dr. Alexander Dwellleys of Lewiston, Me., and daughter of Mrs. Warren Wilson of this town. They moved here about thirty years ago and have lived here since then. Near relatives who survive Mr. Fuller are his wife, Mrs. E. B. Fuller; a brother, George Fuller, the artist, and a nephew, Charles E. Fuller, a prominent banker in Boston.

The funeral was held at his home on Sunday, December 11. Rev. A. A. Bronson of the village officiating. The body was carried to the village cemetery for burial.

**Accident.**

John W. Farrar while walking from his house to his store on Tuesday morning, was struck by a large touring car. At the time, a milk wagon was in front of the store and another team coming toward it. The driver of the automobile, thinking the road was clear, started to go between the two teams, just as Mr. Farrar started to cross the road. The machine hit him, knocking him down and bruising him so severely that he had to be carried home. Fortunately no bones were broken, and he expects to be out again in a few days.

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**NOTICE.**

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