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#### SHIRLEY.

Centre.

Miss May Frary is visiting relatives in Lynn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray of Brookline were at their summer home here last Saturday. They made the trip in their automobile.

Amos Farrar of North Shirley spent a few days last week with his son, J. W. Farrar at the Centre.

Mr. Chevrette has given up his job at West Groton and has secured a position in Fitchburg. He intends to move back with his family the first of April, into the Johnson house which owns here. -

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout entertained several of their friends at an im-promptu whist party last Saturday

Arthur R. Holden left Sunday afternoon to return to Middlebury col-lege, after a ten-days' Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden

Saturday afternoon of last week. Mr. Chevrette entertained nine of his friends from West Groton at a skating party at his farm here. The meadow near his house became flooded by the recent rains and furnished an ideal place for skating. The ice was good

and all spent a pleasant afternoon. The doors for the new concrete receiving tomb, in the Centre cemetery, have arrived. They are made of iron and will be put on the same as double for putting these doors on.

Miss Alison Winslow of Cambridge visited in town recently.

William Lawrence spent a few days last week with Mrs. Sargent of

Leominster.

On account of Christmas, the Ma-Aid met on Thursday of last week, instead of on Tuesday. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Norman R. Graves. Only nine of the members were present. At the next meeting, on Tuesday, January 10, the members will meet at Mrs. Homer P. Holden's for the purpose of electing

Parker's house. Mr. Parker started out for help and finally found Mr. Jubb, who succeeded in putting the fire out before much damage was

The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity with hands, eternal in the heavens; hapel will hold their next meeting a Resolved, That Shirley Grange, No. chapel will hold their next meeting on Saturday, January 14, at the home of Mrs. Edward Farnsworth at North

Howard Fuller expects that the house which he is erecting on the Fiske, place will be completed this and the place that once knew him week. It has been fitted up with hot can know him no more. and cold water, hardwood floors and . Resolved. That our warmest symall modern improvements. .:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth en-tertained guests from Jamaica Plain and New York over new year's day. Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett,

side. The services of a doctor were required, but he is now improving and hopes to be out again in a few

Miss Bessie Farnsworth, who has been spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, returned on Tuesday to Houghton, N. Y., to resume her position as teacher in the Wellesley Methodist seminary there.

The boiler and other equipments of there were 265, a gain of fifty-six in had left them. portable sawmill have arrived at five years. Woodsville for the purpose of cutting W. J. Kerley visited in Boston on in Worcester this week.

off the woodlot there which L. J. Farnsworth recently sold to Mr. Bigelow of New Hampshire.

Mr. Griswold of Groton school occupied the pulpit at Trinity chapel last Sunday.

The many friends of Percy Mackaye, the dramatist, who spends his summers here, will be interested to hear that his new play, crow," is being presented this week at the Tremont theatre in Boston.

Mr. Buxton at the East entertained his father over Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth is visiting relatives in Fitchburg.

#### Grange.

At the meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening, January 3, installation of officers took place. The installing was done by Mrs. Ella D. Rice of Leominster, assisted by Mrs. Smead, and was carried out in a very creditable manner. This is the third time that Mrs. Rice has installed the officers of the grange here.

During recess an excellent oyster supper was served in the dining hall under the management of Miss Ora Holden and Miss Elsie Holden. The Misses Holden deserve great credit, both for the fine supper and the man-ner in which the tables were spread

The officers installed at this meeting were as follows: Ardie A. Adams. master; George H. Farmer overseer Mrs. N. R. Graves lec - N. Otis Colburn, stew.; Alice E. Cummings, chap.; Edward Farnsworth, treas.; Robert Evans, sec.; Ora Holden, Ceres; The tomb is completed except Ruth Graves, Flora; Elsie M. Holden lady asst. stew.

The following officers were absent and will be installed at the next meeting: John H. Farrar, asst. stew.; William Thompson, gatekeeper; Margaret Evans, Pomona.

Members J. C. C. Parker and Fred Brown were reported sick: It was voted to postpone the meeting on July 4, until July 18, on account of the

The next meeting will be on January 17.

#### Resolutions of Respect.

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Since the Great Master has called from our grange brother Irvin Thompson, one of our earnest and interested members, to that Paradise not made

254, Patrons of Husbandry, remember the pleasant hours passed in his society, and now through these memories runs a vein of sadness, for we know that those hours can never be repeated

Resolved, That our warmest sympathy go out to his stricken family

Alice E. Cummings, Committee on Resolutions.

#### HARVARD.

News Items.

Christmas has come and gone, but winter has only commenced. You will surely need economical, that I have taken the agency for Warm Clothing, Heavy Underwear, Caps, Rubber Goods, Etc., these cold days and we are this section. There is no joint or packing in well prepared to take care of you. Everything in Wearing Apparel for Man and Boy at

Fletcher Bros., Opposite Depot, Ayer, Mass.

The deed of the farm property of George R. Houghton on the Ayer road changed hands on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Houghton sells to a Mr. Brewer, a lawyer from Boston

D. D. G. M., George F. Burton and suite of Shirley installed the officers last as follows:

George Hardy, n. g.: Gordon Mc Cleary, v. g.: Perley Beard, see Frank Houghton treas, James I Whitney, w.: A. F. Ripley, con.: I

A collation of sandwiches and coffee, cake and ice cream was served in the banquet hall after the work. The following officers were installed

into their respective offices of Harvard grange on Tuesday evening, Jan-

Henry Knights, m.: R. A. Reed, o. Mrs. A. F. Ripley, chap.: Annie M. Reed, lect.; John Harlow, treas.; Embline Knights, sec.; Benj. Keyes, stew. Harold Tooker, g. k.; Henry Waters asst. s.; Mildred Tooker, l. asst., s. Pauline Harlow, Flora; Catherine Madigan, Pomona; Elsle Knights, Ceres.

John St. John. aged twenty-five years, died on Wednesday after an illness of several months' duration of tuberculosis. He has lived and worked in Harvard considerable during the past few years, although a resident of New York. He is a brother of Fred St. John and Mrs., Levi Gebo of this town.

On Saturday evening, December 31 the 500 club held its annual mid-win-ter outing at Sheep Island, Bare hill pond. Refreshments, games and some heavy fireworks whiled the time away. Those who attended were: Harold Bigelow, Walter Dickson, Walter Farnsworth, Reuben Reed, Wallace Bigelow. Bryant and Henry Dickson. Some avenue of outlet seemed necessary for the surplus funds accumulated through the profits on dancing parties and this outing seemed to be just the proper thing for just that. Anyway

the boys say they had a good time. Kent Royal returned this week to his school duties at Worcester academy after a few days spent at home

Friday evening, January 20, Dr. G. M. Twitchell will lecture at the town hall. Subject, "Stumbling blocks." George W. Osborne of Waltham visited with his daughter, Mrs. R. M.

Miss Jennie Faulkenham leaves the nome of H. H. Gale, where she has served for over four years and goes to Quincy with better inducements.

The annual new year's dinner and reception of the Congregational church took place on Monday, Jannary 2, at the vestry of the Congregational church. Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Mason received the callers from ten to twelve a. m. Dinner was served at one p. m. by the ladies of the society. After dinner Miss L. W. Dyar, acting as toastmistress, called upon several to respond to their names which they did in various pleasing ways. Mrs. Mason responded for the church. Mr. Thaver answered to his name with a tenor solo which was very much enjoyed. Dea. Bacon gave reminiscences of the society which were very interesting. Miss Emily Hildreth made a few very well chosen remarks. Mrs. Sarah Lawrence gave an original monologue full of wit and pleasantry. There was a large at-tendance and all report a pleasant

#### Still River.

Last Thursday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a social in the vestry. The entertainment was arranged by Warren Harrod and con-sisted of piano duet by Misses Helen kind husband, and indulgent father; Stone and Alice Harrod, song by Rayand humbly pray that our Divine mond Whittemore, reading by Edna Master protect, guide and bless them Flanders, song by Mrs. Mary Haskell, all, now and evermore. turned home.

T. R. Thompson, while moving a sleigh one day last week, slipped and fell, receiving severe injuries in his side. The services of a doctor was larged and required a services of a doctor was larged.

Invitations are, out for the cele bration of the golden wedding anniver-sary of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard Monday Afternoon next.

Monday night foxes got at Chester Willard's hen roost and killed ten of According to the annual report of his pullets that were just beginning William D. T. Trefry, state tax commissioner, the number of dwellings in the short distance from the house, where Harvard in 1910, were 321. In 1905, the fox, after sucking out the blood

Mrs. L. H. Morse is visiting relative



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of the early passenger train for Nashua was derailed on the bridge across Accidents.

the cars to Worcester so that none Sunday morning the engine tender of the passengers were delayed very long.

engine came from Oakdale and took not very good.

Sunday afternoon John Bigelow and George Bagster were coming down the hill to the railroad station when the shaft shackle became loose and the shaft dropped down onto the the river near the station here. Fortunately the train was nearly over the bridge before leaving the iron, and the guard rail kept the derailed tender from going over into the river. Both pair of trucks on the tender were derailed and twisted so, that the wrecking train had to be sent out from Worcester, to but new trucks under it. It was a bard job and it was nearly three o'clock before it was done. The train for Worcester came to Still River and took the passengers from the wrecked train and the Worcester bound passengers were put into the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecked train and an engine came from Oakdale and took to the cars of the wrecke escapa broken bones.

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#### WESTFORD.

#### About Town.

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly street with ten-members-present. A a missionary in the Phillipines. life, schools, climate and productions. Mrs. Armond will be remembered as the wife of a former pastor of the aries. A letter was also read from Representative Edward Fisher in swer to a previous letter from the W. C. T. U. in relation to matters of temperance legislation.

A Boston party is soliciting milk of Westford farmers for Boston market. Patronage enough has already been secured to commence shipping from Westford station. It is being collected by Henry Kaum, living on the Blood farm.

The next Farmers' Institute given under the auspices of Middlesex Vickers. North Agricultural society will be Mr. an at the Yellow Meeting house, Dracut Centre, Thursday, January 12, at 10.30 a. m. H. O. Daniels of Middletown. Conn., will speak in the morning on "Crop rotation and economical dairy feeding." In the afternoon on "Why and how we keep milk records." Dinner and entertainment at 12.15.

Mrs. Edward Fletcher was in town Sunday, recalling the associations of scenes in the days when she was of the town prior to the death of her hus-band. The old farm homestead at Harmon's corner still retains its looks minus the long barn, but the personalities that knew it as home are mostly with the choir invisible.

Word was received in town on Monday of the death in Worcester of Mrs. Elizabeth Harwood, widow of Ephraim A. Harwood, at one time and for many years old-time residents at Brookside Burial in Westford on Thursday after-

#### Gatherings.

The Perley A. Wrights, who recently the large productive farm on the Tadmuck road, had a real Christmas tree gathering. Fourteen were present at the dinner and even this did not crowd hospitality. Among those present were Mrs. Robinson, seventy-two years old, mother of lis, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Youlden, pelled to work twelve hours each Hudson, N. H., representing Mr. wright's sisters. The usual Christmas tree surprises and good cheer on a Visit.

and garnished the way with enthusi-asm and from whom the respondents Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. John Feeny and John Feeny, jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher, Mrs. John McMaster, Mrs. Eben Prescott, Miss Lucinda Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Woods, Miss Ida Wakden, William Reuben Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel

#### Forge Village.

The mill of the Abbot worsted company resumed work on Monday morn- year: ing at the usual hour after being closed from Friday night for the annual stock taking.

Cameron school reopened on Monday after the Christmas vacation of

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael was the scene on Saturday evening of a most enfoyable new year party. It has been the custom for many years for the family and friends to gather here on new year's eve, and it certainly is looked forward to with anticipation yearly. The evening was spent in song and music and at midnight a bountiful supper was served by the hostess, after which the old custom of "letting the new year in" in various parts of the village took place.

Mrs. Felix Leclerc and daughter, Miss Annie Leclerc spent the new year holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Henry Byron of Marlboro.

The many friends of Mrs. Miles Collins, who has been quite ill the past week will be glad to know she is improving. Her daughter, Miss Violet Collins, is attending her mother.

Miss Annie Keefe of Townsend Harbor was the guest over new year at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Carmichael.

A very pretty surprise party took place on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Smith on Pond street, when the friends of Mrs. Katherine O'Hara presented her with a beautiful parlor lamp, centre table and cover. Although completely surprised, weighed eleven pounds, two rabbits and three muskrats. They proved themselves to be quite nimrods. start housekeeping shortly, and the well wishes of her friends go with her in her new home.

At the communion service held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday morn-

ing, there was an unusually large attendance, and in the evening also. Mr. Bumpus spoke before a large and appreciative audience.

The choir of St. Andrew's mission held their regular rehearsal on Wednesday evening, after which St. Andrew's guild and a special parish meeting was held in Recreation hall at eight o'clock. .

The Ladies' Sewing circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the usual The officers for the coming year were elected, the following being the ones chosen: Mrs. Richard D. Prescott, pres. and treas.; Mrs. Henry Catchpole, sec. After the business was transacted a dainty luncheon was enjoyed.

The Daniel Gage company, who were to cut ice on the pond on Tuesday, meeting on Tuesday afternoon with have had to postpone their work ow-Mrs. Emery J. Whitney on Main ing to the very warm weather of the past week, which has affected the ice letter was read from Mrs. Armond, to such an extent that it is now The only a few inches in thickness. letter gave an interesting description is hoped that the cold wave which of people's dress, social and religious came on Wednesday will freeze the ice so that work can be begun shortly.

Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., held their regular meeting on M. E. church at Graniteville. Both Monday evening. The following of-Mr. and Mrs. Armond are mission-ficers were installed: Fred Naylor, n. g.; Frederick Davis, v. g.; Charles Flanagan, elec. sec.; John Burnett, lec. mas. and chap.; John Shackleton, g. m.; Percy Wilson, w.; William DeRohen, i. g.; Harry White, r. s. to n. g.; William Burnett, treas.; William Baker, per, sec.

Mrs. Joseph Bennett spent the week end in Stafford Springs, Conn., as guest of her mother, Mrs. Vickers. She brought home with her Miss Ruth Bennett, her little daughter, who has been spending the winter with Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly were the guests of Mrs. Daly's mother in Leominster over Christmas.

Many people from this village attended the stereopticon lecture given by Prof. Turner in St. Catherine's church, Graniteville, on Tuesday evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the John Edwards hose company was held in their rooms on Wednesday evening. The meeting was called to order by Capt. Richard D. Prescott and proved to be a very enthusiastic one.

It is rumored that the one session will be tried in Cameron school shortly. Instead of opening schoo! at 8.45 a. m., as at present, the school will begin at 8.30 and close at 1.30 p. p. m. with the necessary recesses. thus making the usual number of study hours.

The Lowell and Fitchburg street railway company, who heretofore have in discussing current events. received their power from the Boston and Northern railway company, are now taking their power from the Lowell electric light corporation. This change went into effect on January first, and has necessitated the installation of two new transformers in the sub station of the Lowell and Fitchburg company in this village. The sub station is in charge of Mr. Wood Mrs. Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Graniteville, and Harry Brown of Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. Shute, Hol- this village, who now will be comof Graniteville, and Harry Brown of

Following close on this gathering, lage, but now a member of the United though treeless, not cheerless, was the States marines, is visiting relatives with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, have ver gathering on Monday even and friends here on a ten-days fur returned to their home in Providence and installing guide. though treeless, not cheerless, was the new year gathering on Monday even ing. A neighborhood friendship shake hand affair and get acquainted with these new acquisitions to town and years ago and has now eight months public library for the month of Descriptions and supper. This was done with conversation, games, phonograph, select readings and supper. Mrs. Clara Greig was imbuted with the pioneer home missionary spirit and cleared h brother, Reuben Orange, his grand-father and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, have all passed away, ent. got their cue for marching. More Joseph Bennett, have all passed away, such and life would always have an and his two youngest sisters are maredge. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had a host ried and live out-of-town. Mr. Orange of the spirit of the generous host and intends to return to the village after Those present included Mrs. he serves the remainder of his time of enlistment.

## LITTLETON.

#### About Town.

The annual Unitarian parish meeting on Monday evening called out a goodly number, considering the stormy evening. Joseph A. Harwood was chosen moderator. The following were elected officers for the coming

N. H. Whitcomb, clerk: F. B. Priest, J. M. Hartwell, Walter Titcomb, parish com.: D. G. Houghton, treas.: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mrs. Jessie Young, music com.: F. A. Hosmer, D. G. Hough-ton. F. C. Hartwell, com. on church legacies.

F. C. Hartwell has bought the Henry Ramsdell place.

Miss Emily Adams will lead the Guild meeting on the topic, "Use of time."

New year cards with cordial greetings and kind messages have been received by the members of the Congregational society.

Everett W. Lord, A. M., men's secretary of Boston university, a speaker and lecturer of note, will give the sermon-address at the Unitarian church tomorrow morning, presenting the work of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon league and an account of the progress of temperance and self-control during the past year. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield announced last Sunday that he would give a series of Sunday evenings with modern authors immediately following the meetings of the young people's guild. The aim will be to interpret the religious message of some of the noted writers of modern times, chiefly in their own vords. The author chosen for the readings next Sunday evening following the guild meeting is Robert Louis Stevenson.

George Hartwell and Ralph Edwards, while here during their Christmas vacation, caught a porcupine that

Littleton grange will hold a social tional church has been reorganized dance in the town hall on. Friday and held its first meeting at the ves-Cole's orchestra.

sister, Mrs. Rogers, in Berlin.

Hon. Frank A. Patch has a Wade automobile and is his own chauffeur. King's Daughters.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters' circle was held on Tues-Daughters circle was held on Mrs. day afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edna Davis. The year's reports of secretary and treasurer were read, showing what the circle has done during the past year in trying to add pleasure and sunshine to many a weary heart, for at some time, or in weary heart, for at some time, or in to Miss Smith, who responded with some way they have entered through fitting remarks which showed her apthe portals of nearly every home here and many's the loving message of ap-preciation and thankfulness to the circle, for which they thank all. It has on its list of elderly people about seventy names, yearly increasing, to timore. During Mr. Rockwood's abwill be held at the Congress which the last committee sent a box sence Miss Gertrude Rockwood and church next Sabbath evening.

Miss Lizzie Whitcomb are visiting at V. P. S. C. E. or more, the new committee may decide to vote the birthdays by some other token of remembrance. The following were elected officers for the coming year: Mrs. Alice Kimball, pres.; Mrs. Anna Brown, 1st vice pres.; Mrs. Gertrude Hosmer, 2d vice pres.; Miss Elizabeth Thacher, sec.; Mrs. Adaline Knowlton, treas: It was unanimously voted to hold the meetings from 2.30 to 4.30, instead of two o'clock for a while; also, to hold the meetings at the Davis homestead at present, being a more central and convenient place.

#### TOWNSEND.

#### West.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spaulding of Newport, Vt., and their daughter, Miss Claudia Spaulding of Westfield, have been spending-a few-days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson.

Mrs. J. H. Cox of Dorchester is visiting friends in town this week.

The new year's services at the Baptist church were well attended and at Henry Hathaway was received into membership upon confession of faith. The Y. P. S. C. E. was conducted by Mrs. Fred A. Patch in the absence of the president, Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

The week of prayer was observed by services conducted on Tuesday even-ing by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose; Wednesday evening by Rev. Victor Wachs of the Methodist church; Thursday evening by Rev. Mr. Hardy of-Bayberry hill, and Friday evening by Rev. Struthers of the Congregational church.

On Tuesday evening the Men's club held their meeting in the readingroom and passed a pleasant evening

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach on Sunday morning on the topic "Simor. lovest thou me," and in the evening "The guest chamber." The Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Miss M. Elinor Tower, and the topic will be "Blessed to bless."

The L. B. B. S. met on Wednesday for an all-day session at the home were installed: of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, and eighteen were present.

A supper will be served in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening. January 11, under the auspices of the L. B. B. S., followed by a social.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randell.

position with the Library Bureau association in Worcester, for the pres-

The public schools commenced on the winter term on Monday, after a week's vacation, the grammar teacher, home in Readsboro, Vt.

#### Death.

Mrs. Ellen A. Davis, aged 73 yrs., 5 days, passed away at her home on Main street on Saturday morning after suffering several months from a paralytic seizure. She was a native of Nashua, N. H., but she had spent nearly fifty years in this town, being the wife of the late Thomas Davis, a well-known resident and former hotel keeper here. She was the last of a family of four sisters, and is survived only by a son, T. Edward Davis of this village, and a niece, Mrs. Nellie Cressy of Beverly. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Monday afternoon and were con-ducted by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, and the body was placed in the tomb waiting interment in the family lot. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Farrar and a display of beautiful flowers testified to the sympathy of the friends and neighbors

#### Very Interesting Meeting.

On Monday evening the Ladies Study club met in the reading-room and discussed the holidays and customs of our country and a very interesting meeting was enjoyed by the nine members present. The second part of the program on the topic, 'Spanish missions," was omitted on account of the absence of Miss Agnes Thompson, and in its place a paper on "Boston" written by Mrs. R. S. Ely and read by Mrs. E. J. Lees was heartily enjoyed as also was a contribution on the "Mountain folk of Virginia," by Mrs. L. O. Barker. The next meeting will be under the direction of Miss Blanche Sprague on "In-dian schools," and Mrs. Fred Smith on "Negro schools."

#### Centre.

Mrs. Leon Watkins, who sustained a severe shock Christmas evening, is still very ill and it is feared she will not recover.

The C. E. society of the Congregaevening, January 20. Dancing from try Sunday evening. The following The pastor has made six hundred eight to twelve. Music by King & are officers for this year: Bertha calls, attended six funerals and sev-Drake, pres.; C. S. Howard, vice-pres;

During last week, Mrs. J. F. Dodge Gladys Farrar, rec. sec.; Edna F. bly of the marked cordiality of the and Mrs. F. A. Hosmer visited their Haynes, cor. sec.; Lester Swicker, people. Haybes, cor. sec.; Lester Swicker, chairmen of committeestreas.;

> presentation was made by Mrs. Fred Tenney, in behalf of Tent 38, of which Miss Smith has been president for three years. This came as a surprise preciation of the gift.

W. F. Rockwood and daughter Ethel have taken a southern trip. Miss the church by letter. Chester B. Rockwood will resume her studies at Valedge finely rendered a solo at the the John Hopkins medical school, Bal-R. B. Adams' at the Harbor.

Miss Hazel Harrington of Orange resigned her position here as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades at the beginning of the Christmas vacation, and there are rumors of a happy marriage to be. Miss Ruth Nowell of York, Me., is to be the new teacher.

Frank B. Higgins has been under the doctor's care this week, having suffered from a severe attack of in-digestion. Wilbur Scales has been running the drug store during Mr. Higgins enforced absence.

Herman R. Clarke, who has been at his mother's, Mrs. W. T. Cook's, has returned to his studies at the university of Maine.

A large class of young people joined the Congregational church last Sunday at the communion services and also several joined by letter.

Monday evening, January 9, will be musical night at the grange in charge of Prof. A. G. Seaver, and one of his excellent programs is expected.

The Club Union-will give their see of the communion service ond entertainment on Friday evening, January 13, at Memorial hall, and the Weslan quartet of Boston will be the drawing card. This ladies' quartet is considered one of the best in this section. Mrs. Henry A. Hill of Southbridge, already a favorite here will accompany them as reader.

D. D. M., W. H. Drury and suite of Beacon lodge, Pepperell, installed the officers of the North Star lodge on Wednesday evening as follows:

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Richard T. Eldridge, n. g., Frank R.

Jefts, v. g., George A. Wilder, sec.,
E. A. Blood, treas.; Spurgeon Misner,
warden; Enos C. Morgan, con.; H. J.

Miller, chap.; Stanley C. Warman, r.
s. s.; Adney W. Gray, l. s. s.; Robert
S. Misner, r. s. n. g.; F. B. Higgins, l.
s. n. g.; Joseph W. French, r. s. v. g.;
Charles Fuller, l. s. v. g.; A. L. Dow, l.
g. Herman Stickney, o. g.

The installation was followed by:

The installation was followed by a supper and speeches.

A joint installation of the officers of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans was held at Odd Fellows' hall, Tuesday evening, and the following officers

A. N. Fessenden camp—Melvin Davis, com.; Charles B. Shaw, s. v. c.: Leon Watkins, j. v. c.: A. N. Fessenden, p. l.: J. W. French, W. L. Bruce, Harold Parker, c. c.: Wilbur L. Bruce, chap.; T. J. Harvey, sec.: C. B. Willard, treas.; Frank W. Brown, c. b.: Roy P. Brown, g.: Harold Parker, c. g.: George C. Fessenden, p. g.

Installing officer and guide, Katherine R. A. Flood of Tent 2, Newton, and Amie Couzner, Tent 1, Dorchester.

#### neception.

Miss Blanche Sprague, returning to day evening of last week at the recepher boarding place at G. A. Seaver's, tion to Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Congregational church and his family. The vestries were tastefully decorated with green garlands and red bells and as the entertainment began, the word "welcome" suddenly appeared in an innocent looking green square which was placed among the decorations This was accomplished by means of Lewis Howard and the electric lights. The entertainment consisted of musical and literary selections by local talent and some original verses by Thomas Copeland, the poet of Townsend Hill. Remarks of welcome were made by Rev. Samuel Ringrose and Rev. Mr. Hardy of West Townsend and by Rev. V. H. Wachs of the M. E. church, to which Mr. Struthers heartily responded. At the reception, all had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Struthers and their four young people. The evening closed with a social time and light, refreshments were served.

#### Harbor.

The mid-week club, formerly known as the Remnant club, met Wednesday afternoon at Lakeview cottage with Mrs. Oren Ball. As it was the first meeting this season, Mrs. Helen Warner was elected treasurer and Mrs. Nora Doherty re-elected presi-For entertainment there was reading by Mrs. Ida Keenan and plano percent of lead, zinc, antimony or selections by Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding. The hostess served a dainty lunch. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Doherty at Brookside cottage.

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### Congregational.

warren L. Noyes. The clerk, reported a membership of eighty-five, twentymembership of eighty-five, twentyone of whom are absent. Sixteen new
members have been received into the
church during the year, ten by letter and six by confession. One beloved member, Mrs. Clara Rockwood,
has passed to the homeland. Six have
received the rite of baptism.

The pastor has made six hundred
calls, attended six funerals and seven weddings. He spoke very forci-

The following officers and commit-

treas.; chairmen of committees—
Bertha Drake, prayer meeting; Mrs.
Struthers, lookout; Mrs. Eldridge,
music; Miss Bessie Eastman, social.

After the joint installation of the
sons and daughters of veterans Tuesday evening, Miss Hattie M. Smith
was presented with a handsome charm
with appropriate inscription. The
presentation was made by Mrs. Fred
Tenney in hebalf of Tent 38, of which

About sixty partook of an excellent dinner served under the supervision of Mesdames Della Whitcomb, Helen Hall, Josephine Stiles. Sixtythree responded to the roll-call either by person or message.

Miss Grace Whitcomb united with Valedge finely rendered a solo at the morning service. A union service will be held at the Congregational

#### Y. P. S. C. E.

The officers and committees of the Y. P. S. C. E. for the ensuing year

are:

H. Arthur Brown, pres.; Edward P. Gerrish, V. p.; Miss Marion A. Stiles, sec. and trens.; Mrs. Bertha Brown, consec.; Edward P. Gerrish, H. Arthur Brown, James Hill, Norman Spencer. I. o. com.; Miss Alice Whitcomb, Miss Marion Holcombe, p. m. com.; Mrs. Adella Whitcomb, Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. N. J. Daniels, miss. com.; Miss Marion Stiles, H. A. Brown, Harlan Whitcomb, Alton Jensen, mus. com.; Mrs. Minnie T. Holcombe, Mrs. Mary Noyes, Mrs. James Hill, Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb, soc. com.

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood was held at the parsonage on Tuesday evening and ladies' night was observed.

#### News Items.

Edward C. Tucker commenced his duties as representative of the legislature at Concord on Tuesday.

Will A. Hobart attended court Manchester this week as juror. The Fresh-Pond Ice Co. are erecting anoth r icehouse at Lake Muscata-

nipus. Born December 21, a son to Mr and Mrs. Harry L. Whitney.

Born, December 27, a son to Mr and Mrs. William Butler. Mrs. Winnie Hall Nye returned to

Keene, N. Y., on Wednesday, January 4, and Miss Madie Nye to the seminary at Poultney, Vt. Ralph Greeley entertained his centlemen friends at the Corey clubhouse on Thursday evening, December 29, in honor of his recent mar-

rlage. Miss Clara Campbell has resigned as teacher of the village primary school and has accepted a position

at Easton, Mass. A public installation of the officers of Brookline grange will take place on Wednesday evening, January 11. George W. L. Hobart is ill at the home of Rev. George L. Perin and

wife at Brookline, Mass. Mrs. Celia A. Powers is at Brook-

line, Mass. One of the happy events of Christ-mas was the gathering held at the West primary schoolhouse by the residents in the west part of the town by the on Monday evening, December 26. Thirty-two were in attendance and enjoyed an old-fashioned Christmas. The Nissitissit Boys' club gave an excellent entertainment at the vestry

on Friday evening, December 30. Mrs. Emma Valedge of Rockland, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge.

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

#### Surprised.

About forty of the parishioners and friends of the Rev. James W Seaver assembled at the apartments of Mrs. Cora Boultenhouse last Saturday evening and completely surprised him. During the evening a purse of money was presented to him to remind him that he had reached another milestone new year's day. A shower of postal cards was also a pleasant reminder of the occasion. Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Mrs. Cora Boultenhouse, piano, Alfred S. Barnaby, cornet, and Frank Jenness, violin. Games were enjoyed and sociability prevailed. and coffee were served under the supervision of Mrs. Ella Nye and Mrs. Eliza Betterley. The Misees Lila Barnaby and Mabel Popple served as

#### waitresses. Items of Interest.

There is a rose tree on the wall of cathedral in Hildesheim, Germany, hat is known to have flourished since the eleventh century.

Much evidence has been found to support a theory advanced by a Washington physician of high reputation that mice are responsible for the

spread of measles. Norway has one pharmacy to every 16,000 inhabitants.

An electric sign recently erected in New York contains 20,000 bulbs and more than ninety-five miles of wire, and requires six hundred electrical horse-power to operate it.

The Argentine government has decreed that tins for foodstuffs shall be considered dangerous to the public health if they contain more than one arsenic.

More medicinal preparations are manufactured in Brazil than in all the other Latin-American countries combined.

### New Advertisements

The annual meeting, dinner and roll-call of the Congregational church took place on Thursday, December 29. The meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, Rev. Agt. Starr's Corner, Main Street, Peppered Porell.

# Falling Hair

Can Easily be Stopped; Also Dan-druff and Itching Scalp.

If Parisian Sage doesn't stop falling hair, itching scalp, and eradicate dandrum in two weeks, William Brown stands ready to refund your money without argument or red tape of any

Parisian Sage will put a fascinating radiance into any woman's hair in a few days.

Susanne Calahan, of Hotel Royal, Bucyrus, Ohio, on March 25, 1910, wrote: "Mother's hair began to come out very badly and her scalp was so sore it was hard to do anything for it. Parisian Sage proved a GRAND SUCCESS every way. Her hair stopped coming out, dandruff all disappeared, soreness all left the scalp and her hair is coming in again very nice-ly." Large bottle 50 cents at William

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Milddlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. ROBBINS late of
Littleton 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
HENRY W. ROBBINS who prays that
letters testamentary may be issued to
him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-fourth 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.

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 newspaperpublished 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 the fourth

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM POWELL late of
Townsend in said County, deceased:
Whereas. CARL B. WILLARD the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County on the twenty-fourth day of January A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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 fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heir-at-lew, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DANA A.
FLETCHER late of Townsend 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 MINNIE L. KNIGHT of
Townsend 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
twenty-fourth 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.

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

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM P. MILLS late of Ayer 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 CORA L. HILLS of Lunenburg in the County of Worcester 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 twenty-fourth 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.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

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

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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 WILLIAM WARD late of Groton 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 MARY WARD 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-third day of January A. D. 1511, 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 publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

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

Lady Helmsley's Gosnel of Health to Women.



LADY HRLMSLEY.

Viscountess Muriel Helmsley has organized a movement to preach the gospel of health to women throughout the British empire. It's just as good gospel in democratic America.

Caravans, with lecturers and moving pictures, will be dispatched to different parts of England, and from these lectures and demonstrations on health will be given.

Lady Helmsley has promulgated ten rules for the government of those who would enjoy good health. She calls them her "ten commandments." They

First.-Keep the windows open day and night.

Second.—Do not spit. Third.—Breathe through the nose by

keeping the mouth shut Fourth.-Drink pure water.

Fifth.—Eat slowly well cooked meals at regular hours. Sixth.-Wear loose clothing of sea-

sonable material. Seventh.-Take regular open air ex-

ercise in sunshine if possible. Eighth.-Wash the whole body at

least once a week. Ninth.-Work, but do not worry. Tenth.-Get house drains certified by sanitary authority.

#### Plaited Ruche Like Feathers.

As becoming as a fluffy feather boa for the women wearing mourning is this dainty ruche, which is made of net cut in points, each point being bordered with a half inch hem and the



A BECOMING NET BUCHE.

whole plaited before the net is gathered to the foundation. Ribbon bows and loops, which form a dressy chou, are arranged to come just back of one ear when the ruche is in place on the

Libraries In Out of the Way Places. Whatever the economists and sentimentalists may say as to the advisability of women working outside of the home—for very few have arisen who phiect to their drudgery inside of the home—the fact remains patent that women will work, and therefore those who have the ability and ambition ought to be directed to the occupations that are most congenial. The change in our social problems and the increasing scope of our country have opened up all kinds of new fields for women.

For instance, growing in numbers faster than the "little red schoolhouses" are the many district libraries in the country parts here or in the inaccessible regions. These demand women workers often, women who will not only help organize libraries in comparatively isolated districts, but who will start in operation circulating libraries in the very remote spots where books are a treat. In the larger towns and cities, too, there are numberless opportunities for women librarians. Of course to engage in such work it is necessary to have had specific training. There are in this vicinity a numter of library training schools, and their entrance, qualifications, vicinity, itc., can be discovered by application to any person already officially connected with a library. There are great opportunities for women to adrance in this field, and the salaries are fair, in some cases quite munificent as salaries go these days.

Way to Select Partners

A clever way to ask the men to select partners at an evening party is to get each girl to bring the earliest picpire of herself obtainable. The pictures are numbered, the hostess having a list of each name opposite the number, so when the time comes for making revelations she can do it quickly and with certainty. Just before time for the game or refreshments for which partners are necessary pass a basket or tray with the pictures turned face down; ask each man to draw one and find the original.

OLD FASHIONED DESSERTS.

How to Make a Thanksgiving Indian Pudding and Pumpkin Pie.

The Thanksgiving dinner would seem incomplete to many a New Engand family if among the desserts which close the feast Indian meal pudding and pumpkin ple were not to be found. Tradition has given these dainties a place second only to the turkey among the essentials of the real old

fashloned good time.

Baked Indian pudding has to be baked for six hours, and the recipe for k is as follows:

Three and one half quarts of milk three heaping tablespoonfuls of cornmeal, one tablespoonful of butter, one half pint of molasses, one teaspoonful of salt and ginger to taste. Scald one quart of milk, add to it the molasses. butter, salt and spice. Stir enough nilk into the comment to make it smooth, then add this to the milk mixture. Cook the whole together for five minutes, then turn into a greased baking dish. Have this dish large enough to allow for the increased bulk of the pudding after the cornmeal has cooked and the milk has been added. Put the pudding in a moderate oven and when crust forms on top stir it from the bottom of the dish and add one pint of cold milk. Be sure that this is thoroughly blended. Continue cooking, and repeat this process every half hour-if necessary at more frequent intervals if it browns too rapidly. The pudding should bake six hours in all, and the entire quantity of milk should be taken up by the-meal in the manner described. Serve the pudding hot with sauce. This sauce may consist of butter and sugar, creamed and flavored. A favorite mixture for this purpose consists of maple sugar stirred into rich cream and kept cold until poured over the pudding.

Boiled Indian pudding is a somewhat neavier dish than the baked article because of the suct added, and once it has cooled it cannot be heated to advantage. It is more easily prepared. however, as all the ingredients are put in at first, and it does not require the constant watching which the baked pudding receives. For these reasons it is frequently made to complete the menu of a "boiled dinner." For boiled Indian pudding the ingredients required are one quart of milk, one pint of Indian meal, five tablespoonfuls of dark molasses and two tablespoonfuls of suct chopped fine. Scald the milk and pour it over the meal. Add the other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Put in pudding bag or mold and boil four hours. Serve with any hard or liquid sauce.

The ingredients for pumpkin pie are one and a half cupfuls of pumpkin pulp, two cupfuls of milk, one teaspoonful each of salt, butter, cinnamon and ginger, one tablespoonful of molasses, two eggs and sugar to taste.

Cut the pumpkin into small pieces; remove the soft part and seeds. Cook in a steamer until tender, then remove cover and cook until the water has evaporated. This will require some care, as pumpkin burns easy. When it has become sufficiently day press the pulp through a colunder and it is ready to be mixed with the other ingredients. Stir in the salt, butter, cinnamon, ginger, molasses and sugar. When the mixture has cooled beat the eggs and stir them in. Line a deep nie dish with ple crust and fill with the mixture. Bake forty minutes in a moderately slow oven.

#### WINDOW CLEANING.

How the Panes Can Be Washed in an Economical Manner.

Strange as it may seem, there is a right and wrong way to wash windows, and as this operation is usually dreaded the following method will doubtless be appreciated, as it saves both time and labor: Choose a dull day or at least a time when the sun is not shining on the windows, for when the sun shines on the window it causes it to be dry streaked, no matter how much it is rubbed. Take a painter's brush and dust them inside and out, washing all the woodwork inside before touching the glass.

The latter must be washed slowly in warm water diluted with ammonia. Do not use soan. The a small cloth with a pointed stick to get the dust out of the corners. Wipe dry with a soft piece of cotton cloth. Do not use linen, as it makes the glass linty when dry. Polish with tissue paper or old newspaper. You will find that this can be done in half the time taken where soap is used, and the result will be brighter windows.-Storekeeper.

How to Boil Milk Successfully. The one sure way to count on heating milk correctly is to cook it in a double boiler. It takes longer, but the possibility of scorebing is eliminated. These boilers are now so cheap as to be within reach of most housekeepers, but if cost must be considered a small saucepan inside a larger one answers every purpose. As most of us know how quickly milk burns when heating it is well to know what to do when such a calamity overtakes us and there is no time or no milk to begin over again. Remove the pan quickly from the stove and stand it in a bowl of cold water. Add a pinch of salt and stir well. While this may not entirely destroy the scorched taste, it lessens it so that it can scarcely be detected.

How to Preserve Butter. To preserve butter any length of a cool place, and you will have nice for lost. butter for years if desired to keep so Nevertheless the next afternoon

## **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** Vindicated

A Story of the Football Gridiron

By FRED L. YOUNG

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One morning Elmer Ward, a freshman in Vernon college, was called up before the president, who thus addressed him:

"Mr. Ward, last night you were aught in one of those depredations which of late have been throwing discredit on the university. Peter Barber's grocery store was entered and liquors, and cigars taken. Barber, one recognized. He attracted little who lives over his store, hearing a noise below, put his head out of the window and saw several young men running away. He recognized you as one of them. If you will give me the names of the others your punishment will be far lighter." .

"Last night." replied the accused man, "I was in my room from 8 o'clock till 7 in the morning, never once leaving it.'

"That you would undoubtedly be able to prove by your fellow students, but not to the satisfaction of the fac ulty. You may consider your connection with the college severed." - ----

Elmer, after an interview with Barber, during which the latter maintain ed stoutly that he had seen the student running away from his store, saw no way to prove his innocence and. making a virtue of necessity, left the university. There was no legal prosecution for burglary since the matter was considered one of those indiscre tions common among college students.

The hardest part of the young man's college leaving was saying goodby to Della Trevor, the daughter of Professor Trevor. The two had been playmates, and Elmer had chosen Vernon college because she was there. They were neither of them quite of an age, certainly not in a position to pretend to any thing more than friendship. but there was an undercurrent of feeling that was liable to burst forth had overtaken the young man brought it all out. Together they talked over the situation as a matter of supreme interest to both, and the plan that Delia proposed was carried out to the letter. It was in substance that Elmer should not be deprived of a college education. When he left this was not only understood between them, but that the current of their lives should

Though Elmer had been in college but a few months, his expulsion was received by the students with marked lisapprobation. The spirit of rebellion ran so high that the president was burned in effigy on the campus. The freshman was not only the most popular man in his class, but was looked up to as the athletic Moses who bid fair to lead his fellow students out of the wilderness of defeat in which they had been wandering for several years. He stood six feet two in his stockings and was a Hercules for strength. And now that he had been expelled the expectation of great things he would do for the college was crushed in the bud. Interest in the annual football match for the next year died out, and it was supposed that Kendall university, which had downed Vernon so often, would do it again. And so it on him. He had been seen during the turned out, not only that year, but interval to speak to one of the most the next and the next. When the autumn of the third year

came around the Vernon undergraduates felt that something must be done to break this chain of defeats. A good man, Tom Muir, was selected for captain, and he worked hard to get together an efficient team. He succeeded far better than was to have been hoped; but, after all, the team as a whole was too light.

Muir during the early part of October succeeded in replacing four players with better men and one of the freshmen in the scientific school was discovered to be not only very strong and very heavy, but remarkably quick. In this way Muir brought the team up to a state of efficiency that began to awaken an interest in the annual game. A week before it was to come off so great had been the change that the betting, which had been five to one on Kendall, became five to four on Ver-

But alas for human hopes! One of Muir's best men was injured in practice so far as to be eliminated for that year at least from the team. Another crack player was taken ill. A third was called home on account of a family affliction. It was too late to replace these men with equally efficient ones even if it could have been done at all. The Vernon money was all up on the game and could not be withdrawn All hope of breaking in upon the vic

tories of Kendall was abandoned. The day before the match Muir as kler and runner as well, emerged a member of his class." time, first, work out all the butter- from a scrimmage with a broken leg. Then it was known that Ward and

there was a big crowd on the oval to victory for his alma mater.

witness Vernon's defeat. Captain Muir was walking across the gridiron with his head hanging in despondency when a man stepped up to him accontred for football and said:

"I'd like to be in this game." 'Do you know football?"

"You're big and strong enough apparently to do good work. It's pretty late, but I think I can take you onthat is, if you're really in college, I never saw you before, and I can't accept you without proof that you're in college and not a professional.' "Go ask the registrar. He's over

there in the west stand." Muir did as was suggested, came back satisfied and accepted the newcomer, placing him in the position of right tackle

This happened not ten minutes before the teams lined up. When the game began there were not a dozen persons on the ground that knew the Vernon team had got an accession. A man appeared in their line half a head above most of his fellows whom no attention, however, for every one knows that bigness is not the only faculty necessary to a great football player. Those most intimate with the personnel of the team noticed him as he took his position in the line and wondered where he had come from. Not one of them knew him. A member of the senior class said that his face was familiar to him, but he couldn't place him. Some felt a suspicion that he was a semiprofessional who had been shoved through the exams for some special course for this special occasion. But even if there had been time for this supposition to take root the unimpeachable character of

Captain Muir would have prevented. The game commenced with the butting of two wedges. The newcomer was seen in the center of the Vernon wedge apparently dragging half a dozen men with him as he advanced at a snail's pace. Then when the game became more open every one was surprised at the elasticity of his great body and his remarkable quickness.

The end of the first half is an interval of importance in football. Up to that point the game is developing. The comparative ability of the teams and of the individual players is being noted. No great interchange of views -among-those present is taking-place. Every one is intent on the game, look ing especially for scores. But the moment the haif is ended there is a hubbub as to what has taken place. at any moment. This trouble which One team or the other is marked for the better one. Some one player has shown especial ability as a tackler, a passer of the ball or a runner. One of whom great things was expected has failed lamentably. In this Vernon-Kendall match when the teams had lined up for the kick off a few bets were being made of 5 to 1 on Kendall. When they broke their formations. though Kendall had scored once and Vernon not at all. Vernon backers offered even money on their team. There being no takers, odds were given.

This change of feeling had been brought about mainly by the big man who had come into the game at the last moment. Twice by his own effort he had got the ball within six yards of goal, but for want of support had lost the ground he had gained. Once he had by a quick move got on the enemy's right and could have carried it to goal but for the same reason-the failure of his team to assist him. And now no one knew what he might succeed in doing unaided in the second half. Bettors are timid, and many be-

As soon as the second half opened this change in sentiment became a revolution. The new man entered the fight as if the fate of Vernon depended t interval to speak to one of the most popular young ladies belonging to the college coterie. She had smiled upon him, and when he had left her he had walked back on to the gridiron with a determination in his face and in his very gait that brooded no good to the Kendall team. And now that the game had recommenced—more open than before—his great frame was seen filting about like a featherweight. Within ten minutes he had run through a succession of tacklers, dodging and ducking, finally carrying the ball to a touchdown. Later while on the extreme right the ball was passed to him, and he made one of those famous runs with it to goal that never fail to elected to spear of the purpose of viewing the premium that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premium that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premium that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premium that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premium that said County said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of January A. D. 1911.

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And said county of Middlesex, on the said County of Middlesex, on the said County and the Boston and Maine Railroad on Monday the thirdeth day of January A. D. 1911.

And said county and the Boston and Rochester Railroad Company each with a copy of said Court, and if any on trify spectators. His last feat was to carry half a dozen men who were clinging to him and the ball as well for five yards and plant it over the

The half ended with this feat while Vernon rooters went wild with shouting. Their college had won and had won through the personal effort of one man.

The moment the game was ended he left the field

The next morning in change the president made the following announcement: "Three years ago a great injustice

was done a student of this university. Elmer Ward, a member of the present senior class, after being in college but a few months, was expelled for entering a store and taking away supplies. Recently a man who much resembled serted that two of his substitutes had Ward has been convicted of another turned out to be stunners and he felt offense and confessed that Ward had encouraged. Vernon plucked up cour been mistaken for him. The party age. A more hopeful feeling was wax that entered the store were not stuing when the very afternoon before dents, as was supposed. Mr. Ward, the match, while practicing, the man who has continued his studies with tufrom the scientific school, who had tors, has been again received among been relied upon for the principal tac- us and will henceforth be considered

milk: second, use salt; third, pack in That finished the rising anticipations the football hero were the same perair tight fars or cans; fourth, keep in of Vernon, and the game was given up son. It was also soon known that he was the lietrothed of Miss Trevor and that she had inspired him to gain a

#### LITTLETON.

Ships at Sea.

Where the wide ocean meets the sky, In the far distance I descry A lone vessel's white salls gleaming, And in the dim twilight seeming Like a loved soul just going far Beyond the realm of sun and star.

We see the ship, but soon its sail is lost where ocean winds prevail: When it returns we do not know—Perhaps it nevermore will show its white sails gleaming on the sea But will remain a mystery.

So when a soul is on the verge Of time, and will full soon emerge Upon the shores of worlds unknown. We look upon the face and mourn. The still white face of one we love So soon to soar to worlds above.

So soon to disappear from sight and leave behind a long, dark night in hearts of many, many friends Who grieve at what the Father sends To transient mortals here below and hides from us what we would know.

know.

ships at sea! O ships at sea!
alling so swiftly away from me!
Vill ye ever return again
rom afar on the restless main?
) souls that vanish from our sight,
Vill ye return from realms of light
and tell us what strange things are
seen

seen In heavenly gardens ever green? Beverly, Mass. S. Leander White.

#### Items of Interest.

A wealthy resident of Zurich, Switzerland, has given the money for one of the largest seismological observatories in the world, the city providing the site.

The thumb-print system is to be used by the city treasurer of Milwaukee in paying off municipal employees.

The vapor produced by dropping wenty drops of carbolic acid on t hot plate will kill all the flies in a moderate-sized room.

tion to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't, Clerk. Copy of petition and order thereon

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk.

A true copy, Attest; A. A. FILLEBROWN.

Deputy Sheriff.

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 LAURA E.
STRATTON late of Ayer 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 STELLA G. DOWNING of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.
You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth 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.
And the petitione: is hereby directed to give publis notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, fro three successive weeks, in Turners Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-

Court.
Witness. Charles J. McIntire. Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this twentyeighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3t16 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

# PURE RICH BLOOD

William Brown Sells a Prescription That Means Vigor, Vim, Vitality

Because MI-O-NA causes the blood to get better and more nourishment it at all times a valuable tonic. It puts vigor into the muscles, clears up the improperly nourished brain and makes strong nerves that will stand the severest test.

Men who feel that their vitality is slipping away; that the vim and energy that they formerly put into all their work is lacking; that ambition impulses and clever ideas do not come as they used to-are the kind of men that need MI-O-NA.

Besides being a peerless remedy for indigestion MI-O-NA is a most pronounced tonic.

you have that blue, discontented feeling through the day and pass rest-less nights, trying unsuccessfully to get a refreshing sleep, take a month's treatment of MI-O-NA stomach tablets

and bring the sunshine into your life.
MI-O-NA costs but 50 cents at William Brown's and druggists every-Guaranteed to cure indigestion and immediately relieve all stomack misery, or money back.

Readers of this paper should bear in mind that nothing will set the stom-ach right so quickly as MI-O-NA tablets. Take two after a hearty meal. and you need have no fear of stomach distress.

A free trial treatment of MI-O-NA stomach tablets will be sent to any address free on request, address Booth's Mi-o-na, Buffalo, N. Y.

moderate-sized room.

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Middlesex, ss. Superior Court

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Directors of the Boston & Maine Raiirroad, Petitioners for the Alteration of a Crossing at Main

Street in Groton.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex:

REPRESENTS your Petitioners, the Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad, that a public way in the town of Groton, in said County, known as Main Street, and the Railroad of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company, of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad Maine Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other is the Railroad is the lessee, cross each other is the Railr THE STRAND WAGON COMPANY,

Rochester Railroad Company, of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and that your petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security or convenience of the public that an alteration, which does not involve the abolition of a crossing at grade, should be made in the bridge at said crossing.

WHEREFORE your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Board, after public notice, hear all the parties interested, and, if it decides that such alteration is necessary, shall prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made, and shall forthwith certify its decision to the parties and to the Board of Reifroad Commissioners.

Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

By Edgar J. Rich and Thronton Alexander, their Attorneys.

A true copy Attest:

A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. This identification is necessary and the parties and to the Board of Reifroad Count, and said petityliner is hereby direction once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said Count, and by mailing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said Count, the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. FULLER late of Shirly in said Count, for Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. FULLER late of Shirly in said Count, for Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and others and without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby clied to appear at a probate Court, to be held at Camb

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Lowell, in said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, to wit, by adjournment at Cambridge on the sixteenth day of December A. D. 1910.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet to said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

thousand nine hundred and ten.

3115 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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 PATRICK, J. LAWLOR, late of Ayer 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 in the State of California without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Anidlesex, on the ninth 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.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public shirt, a newspapen publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspapen 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 nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

3t15 W. E. ROGERS; Register.

# For Sale

Cottage of six rooms with about Cottage of six rooms with about 250 feet of land fronting on West Main Street, Ayer. Land high and dry and well-drained. Would make three fine building lots. Will self. cheap if sold at once.

For particulars inquire of THOMAS F. MULLIN

Main Street, Ayer, Mass

Publication Office, Ayer, Mass. Saturday, January 7, 1911.

#### GROTON.

News Items.

Mrs. Almon Black, mother of Mrs Thomas Clough, is so poorly that she is confined to the bed. Mrs. Wild, who has been caring for her, was suddenly called away by the serious illness from pneumonia, of her mother who

Gilson Drake of Fitchburg, sister of Dr. F. E. Gilson of this town, are glad to hear that she is better. Mrs. Drake has been ill with pneumonia.

jocosely calls "horse distemper." His little granddaughter Elizabeth has also been ill and having a doctor's attention, but is now better.

There will be a supper with social and entertainment at the Congregational church on Thursday evening, January 12. - Supper served at 6.30. The entertainment beginning at eight c'clock will consist of instrumental music, reading, and a play, "Packing a missionary barrel," given by members of the Middlesex Rebekah lodge of Groton. There will be ten characters in this play.

Lawrence academy opened on Wednesday afternoon after the Christmas

for ear trouble at St. Joseph's hospital several weeks ago, is making good progress toward recovery. On her eighth birthday, which came one day last week, her Groton schoolmates remembered her with a shower of postal cards. Jessie Green, who was operated on of postal cards.

Roxbury, formerly a pupil at the Gro- orchestra of Brockton. ton high school, to hear of the arrival of a son, born on Tuesday, De-Roll Call. cember 27. It is named John Elliott.

The North Middlesex Unitarian Ministerial association met with Rev. P. H. Cressey at the parsonage of the First Parish church on Tuesday. An essay was read by Rev. Mr. Fairfield t Groton Inn.

Last week Friday, a large flock of geese flying southward, were seen and heard as they passed over Groton.

confined to the house for several vis weeks, is again able to be out driving. George Lewis is building an addition to his shop on Champney street and will soon install a new six horse

power gasolene engine.

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own home in Milford N. H., last week Monday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Adams who was a companied by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Adams who was a companied by her mother with the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine Coughlan of Mill street. a two days' stay with her daughter and left her doing finely.

nected with the head and nose, which

There are some in town who may not shave heard of the death of J.
Avison Baker at Lowell some two
weeks ago. Mr. Baker was the teacher
of vocal music in the Groton public
dergoing repairs. schools for many years. He was quite popular and successful. His concerts Joint Installation. in the town hall always drew a crowded attendance. During the last year or so his health has been failing. His work with the Groton schools closed

The December meeting of the Groton chapter, D. R., was necessarily-postponed until January 2, when Mrs. Arthur Clough entertained the chapter at her home. Though the weather was stormy, quite a number were present to hear a most interesting paper on Hawthorne by Mrs. H. N. Chase. Refreshments were served and a de-lightful social time was enjoyed.

The annual meeting of the Groton Improvement society was held at the home of Mrs. George D. Blood on Tuesday, January 3. Reports of the ear's work show good results in all Some new members have been added and more would be cordially welcomed. The following officers welcomed. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting, pres.; Mrs. F. A. Sherwin, 1st vice pres.; Mrs. George Woods, 2d vice pres.; Miss Nellie M. Richards, sec.; Miss Lillian Yane, treas.; Miss Boutwell, aud.; Mrs. Fred Mansur, Miss Charlotte Robbins, Mrs. Bickford, Mrs. Bruce, ex. com. Mrs., Bickford, Mrs., Whitehill,

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Fuller took their Christmas dinner in their new home, the house purchased of the Groton Historical society and since much renovated.

Mrs. Emily E. Parker of West Boyl-

late Rev. W. W. Parker, was formerly pastor of the church.

Mrs. Bagley of New Ipswich, N. H. was at the Congregational church din-ner on Wednesday. She is a cousin

The evengelia the Congregational church in New Ipswich. She is staying for a while as housekeeper for Dea: Daniel Pres-

Mr. Mead of West Acton, father of Mrs. Wallace A. Brown of this town, died at his home there last week. The over eighty.

The Groton friends of Mrs. Lillian Brown has been in West Acton for several weeks past assisting in the care of her father during his illness.

A word of commendation ought to be spoken concerning the rendering of Capt. Palmer has been kept in for Shakespeare's comedy of their departure. Mr. Lockrow expects some time with a severe cold which he Night by Marshall Darrach in the Lutheir departure. Mr. Lockrow expects his next series of meetings to be at Mr. Darrach gave a running account of the drama and recited the more dramatic parts with great effectiveness. Such entertainments are both instructive and enjoyable, and they ought to prove quite as popular as the more numerous moving picture shows. The next entertainment in the course is to be a reading by Miss Gertrude Canfield, a young woman who has an enviable reputation as a reader and interpreter.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, born on Christmas day, was christened last Sunday, receiving the name of Charles Edward.

Mrs. E. P. Shumway met with a mishap at her home last Tuesday

f postal cards.

It will be of interest to the friends will be held in town hall on Friday of Mrs. Helen Rand Cushing of evening, January 13. Music by Fogg's

The Congregational church reunion with dinner, roll-call and business meeting passed off satisfactorily and with a good attendance on Wednesday, January 4. There were seventy-five sat down to the well supplied dinner, of Littleton during the forenoon and there was a sermon by Rev. Mr. Cressey in the afternoon. They dined the course of remarks it was of ficially appeared to the went supplied dinner, and 154 responses by word or message were made at the roll-call. When in the course of remarks it was of ficially appeared to the went supplied dinner, and 154 responses by word or message were made at the roll-call. bly been deceived by the warm weather, into orawling out of its hole.

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bly Frazee was taken to the Groton hospital on Sunday, ill with acute congestion of the lungs. She has since been improving.

Mrs. John Trayne, who has been confined to the house for several weeks, is again able to be out deivised. lent objects and superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Grace Gibson was elected member of the music

committee. The report of the receiving of bequest of \$200 from the late Miss Har-Mrs. Sarah J. Whitney who was a riett Hemenway was made, this benative of Windham, N. H., died at the Groton hospital last Saturday night, aged sixty-four years. Mrs. Whitney church raised \$500 during the year, had been housekeeper for the past \$150 of this sum was given toward the course for Miss Helen M. Moore, the church debt.

honeymoon trip, returning from which they will be at the home of her sis-Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods was operated on at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, last week Friday for a trouble connected with the head and nose, which can war, and is employed on K. Fletcher's farm. Mrs. McMahon is well and most favorably known in has caused severe headaches. The operation was a delicate and skilful well and most favorably known in town. They have been the recipients town. They have been the recipients useful gifts, sufficiently to fit them dergoing repairs.

The joint installation of the officers of the E. S. Clark post and W. R. C., was held successfully at Grange hall on Monday afternoon, with Henry P. Shattuck and Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst as installing officers. The officers of the post have already been given in this column. The officers of given in this column. The o the W. R. C. are as follows:

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Mrs. Effic Harrington, pres.; Mrs. Blanche Brown, s. v.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, j. v.; Mrs. Emma Collier, chap.; Mrs. Mary Boynton, treas.; Mrs. Alice Rockwood, sec.; Mrs. Edith Benedict, con.; Mrs. Lillian Williams, asst. con.; Mrs. Maria Bowers, p. j.; Mrs. Con.; Mrs. Maria Bowers, p. j.; Mrs. Lura Adams, p. c.; Mrs. Bessie Sherwin, Mrs. Alice Gilson, Miss Elizabeth Gilson, Mrs. Grace Gilson, c. b.; Mrs. May Shattuck, f. g.; Mrs. Clara Torrey, o. g.; Miss Helen Barrows, pianist.

After the installation remarks were made by C. H. Berry, H. P. Shattuck and James Moore. Mrs. M. Parkhurst spoke feelingly in memory of those who not long ago had met with then but had passed on before—gone but not forgotten. Commander D. R. Steere gave an interesting talk on his recent visit to the west, where he found the Kansas people thrifty and exceedingly prosperous. An interesting incident of the meeting was the reading, by Mrs. Rockwood, of a letter from

the president of 1910, Mrs. Janet Wood; included in the letter was the card of her little daughter, Miss Ra-chel Barnes Wood, whose birthday was the week before, on Tuesday, December 27, and who, when of proper age, will join the W. R. C.

took their appointed places. A bouquet of pinks were sent to Capt. Palmer to show their remembrances.

former prominent citizen of Groton and for years deacon of the church, as well attended as would probably cape Hatteras he contracted a severe the Congregational church in New Ipswich. She is staying for a while Lockrow, the evangelist, is a forceful, directly to White Plains, where his and convincing speaker and an excelsolos at each service. Miss Edna until the end. The deceased was one church, has been detained of the church, has been detained at home by illness in the family, and Mrs. Lockrow has rendered very acceptable service at the plano. Mr. Lockrow's services here will be terminated by the service at the plano. services here will be terminated by his officiating at both the regular services place in St. Johnsbury last Wednesday officiating at both the regular services place in St. Johns of the church tomorrow. Both Mr. and in the family lot." Mrs. Lockrow have won friends here Shakespeare's comedy of Twelfth and will be kindly remembered after Pleasant Meeting. North Attleboro, and a later one at Plymouth.

The twenty-fourth annual roll-call and business meeting of the Baptist church was held on Wednesday of this week. At the business session in the morning the officers and permanent committees presented their reports of work done. In every case there was a re-election to another year's service. At noon an excellent and bountiful dinner was served in the vestry by a committee of which William Park-hurst was the efficient chairman. At two o'clock the roll-call and reunion began with an address by the pastor on "Delight in God's service." After

Miss Annie Foster of Charlestown S wedles and the week with Mrs. G. S. Webber. Miss Evelyn Fernald of Vassar college was also a guest of her sister, Mrs. Webber, on Thursday meeting held later in the church, the proliminary depotional events were and Friday of last week.

Miss Edith Bradley, drawing teacher in the public schools, is boarding at J. T. Shepley's.

of the treasurer for the year ending Lawrence Strand, Jr., employed renamed offices have been held almost cently in the papermili had a hand continuously for a quarter of a cenwas out of debt with a small balance caught by the buzz-saw and two tury by the present incumbents. O. in the treasury, joyful enthusiasm fingers badly injured. Dr. Kilbourn W. Lamb, Mrs. C. Bixby, Miss Kate placed the mutilated members in po-

in town on Wednesday as guest of Dr. S. T. Bowthorpe.

A third telephone line has been from Groton to this village with but two subscribers, A. W. Lamb and Rev. J. P. Trowbridge. The line is with four cents in the treasury the 109 and the rings for the mill super-intendent's residence and the par-

five or more years ago occupied the ed fifty-two names on the roll, eight

The Christian Endeavor society elected officers last Sunday evening as follows: Miss Sylvia Lawrence, pres.; Miss Esther Jarvis, vice pres.; Miss Bertha Bixby, sec.; Richard Lawrence, treas. Mrs. E. K. Harrington has filled the last named position since filled the last named position since the organization of the society, and it was at her urgent request that another was elected to the office.

At the meeting for election of officers the I. O. O. F. M. U., re-elected all officers for the ensuing term of six months.

The telephone, 104-13, has been removed from the Tarbeil school build-

Bixby hill is afflicted with whooping cough, also that of George Woolaver.

"An evening with Sumner," planned by Mr. Trowbridge to take place during this week in which occurs the mas remembrances that she particus system. Great inconvenience and morning and evening being expressly centennial of the great statesman's larly prizes is a beautiful greeting card hardship have been experienced by the appropriate. At the close of the morn-birth, is unavoidably postponed for a with autograph attached from Hon. protracted drouth. short time, but will be no less interesting when it comes.

On Friday evening a meeting was held at the church for the purpose of interesting boys from twelve to eighmore patrols in the organization known as the "Boy Scouts," intro-duced into this country by Ernest Seton Thompson. It is understood the instigator of this movement is Miss Bertha Bixby. Results of the meeting will be given later.

Death.

Old residents of our village who remember Miss Alice Shepley in her young girlhood will be interested in the following notice clipped from a

Sheldon, Vt., paper of recent date: "James E. Farrell, one time a well-known resident of this place, died at the home of his sister at White Plains, N. Y., on Sunday last. The deceased, forty years of age on the fifteenth of last July. was one time in business in our midst. He married Miss Alice A. Shepley, an accomplished young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley, later of Sheldon. Their wedded life was short, the bride hay

amination, was given a position in Boston, which he held until he chose to follow the practice of law. Later he drifted to Central America, remaining there until this fall, when he re-turned home at the time the great of the late Dea. Curtis Lawrence, a former prominent citizen of Groton tist church this week have not been storm swept the Atlantic coast. Off

directly to White Plains, where his sister and her husband both excel-

The Whist club passed a pleasant evening with the Misses Tarbell on Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. r. E. Harrington was present as substitute for Mrs. Isabel Wiggin and Miss Esther Jarvis and John Robinson for Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington. Owing to a sprained ankle Mrs. Dud-ley was unable to be present. In-vited guests were Winthrop Lamb, a West Groton visitor, and G. A. Proctor of Townsend. The tide of fortune turned so completely that the boobies of the last meeting were the winners of this, N. G. Proctor scoring fortysix points and Mrs. H. Spaulding thirty-two. Second place for the ladies was won by Mrs. G. S. Webber with thirty-one points, while L. G. Strand and H. Spaulding were tied for second place with thirty-two points each. The boobles of the evenon "Delight in the roll-call proper, a subscription made to cover a deficit in the treasury, Rev. Mr. Lockrow then made an address on "The purpose and reward of the christian's endeavor." The meeting adjourned at a little after four o'clock.

O'clock.

The meeting adjourned at a little after four will be entertained on Monday evening, January 9, by Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber.

The roll-call supper was well at-tended last Wednesday evening, sevpreliminary devotional exercises followed by the election of Charles Bixby as moderator. Business then went on in the usual manner and the following officers were elected: G. H. Another of our young men is a bixby, clerk; Charles Bixby, Sabbath school superintendent. The above named offices have been held almost

George McCurdy of Dorchester was proved. The church and all its aux-n town on Wednesday as guest of iliary societies were found to be financially strong, having a balance ranging from ten to fifty dollars in their treasuries. The report of the secretary of the L. A. society was parladies have earned during 1910, \$379. sonage are two and three respectively.

They of our needs who are two Those of our people who remember Sunshine club have taken in fifty-six the Washington family which twenty-dollars. The cradle-roll report show-

plication of troubles. The funeral was from Miss Moore's house on Monday with interment in Groton cemetery where a sister is buried.

Mrs. Louis Gates has been ill with severe tonsilitis this week having the attendance of Dr. Kilbourn. Mrs. Adolphus Gates, sr., has been suffering from a very bad cold and also under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Verena Duga returned to her a wedding breakfast at the home of the chirch of clock, Rev., worth & Vose Co.

The L. A. society will meet with the president. Mrs. G. H. Bixby, on the president. Mrs. G. H. Bixby, on the president. Mrs. G. H. Bixby, on the president of conficers.

The Sunshine club last Saturday afternoon elected as officers for the ensuing year: Ruth Mellish, pres.; of Waltham. Responges were sent by Marian Parker, vice pres.; Ruth Bixby and Hazel Thompson. Other The Christian Endeavor society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright attended the installation of officers at Littleton grange Wednesday evening.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at their headquarters on Boston road. There was a full attendance. An oyster supper was served by Fred A. Smith. Albert W. Heywood was voted into member-The family of Samuel Smith, on for the conpany's annual dance next Tuesday evening at the town hall. Brigham's orchestra will be in at-Business has called J. T. Shepley tendance and no pains will be spared to Sheldon, Vt., for an indefinite to make it a successful and enjoyable event. An oyster supper will be served during intermission.

One of Miss Miranda Luce's Christwith autograph attached from Hon. John D. Long of Hingham. Miss Luce was one of Mr. Long's pupils when he was preceptor of Westford academy and she with many others of the Westford friends enjoy the mutual treasuring of associations between Mr. Long and some of our residents.

Miss Margaret Blanchard of Som-erville has been a holiday visitor at the Congregational parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth quietly observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage December

A gathering of the Christian Entown artists An excellent old-fashion-deavor society was held with Mrs. ed supper will be served in lower Wallace at the parsonage on Monady town hall. and it proved a most successful gathering. Since its start several months ago, under the direction of the pastor's wife, it has strengthened in interest and in membership, and is in Preceding this will be a dinner served and approve condition. a prosperous condition. The following officers were chosen: Otis Day, pres.; prove the pleasant gathering together Ethel Richardson, vice pres.; Ida of the church family that it has in Trask, sec.; Pauline Wallace, treas. At the social hour refreshments were A bi-monthly distribution of a served.



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present "The spiritual message of held at the home of Mrs. John Mc-

Expressions of gratitude are heard

The John Edwards hose company will hold a social dance in Abbot's hall, Forge Village, Saturday evening, Jan-

At the Tadmuck club next Tuesday at the services. Appropriate to the ston, a guest of Mrs. E. P. Shumway,
A regular meeting of the W. R. C.
was at the church dinner of the Conwas held on the Tuesday following
gregational church. Her husband, the installation when the new officers ranked high in a Civil Service exbeen reversed and Mr. Wallace will vestry on Wednesday afternoon, was

Robert Browning." Let the members Master at the east village on Tuesday start the first meeting of the new evening. There was a good attendance ance for a rainy evening. ance for a rainy evening.

AYER

Last Sunday morning the first day of from many for the welcome rain from the year the services were of special those outside the limits of the water interest, the pastor's message both system. Great inconvenience and morning and evening being expressly ing service the communion service was observed.

New Advertisements.

uary 21. Music by Gilmore's orchestra of Lowell.

The first grand entertainment and social dance given by St. Catherine's termerance society will be held in Healy's hall, Graniteville, Friday evening, January 20. Music by the Elite importance in the social dance given by St. Catherine's and all other persons interested in termerance society will be held in ESTHER M. MEREDITH, otherwise known as ESTHER M. RAMSDELL, of Littleton, in said Gounty of Middlesex.

termerance society will be held in Healy's hall, Graniteville, Friday evening, January 20. Music by the Elite orchestra. An excellent program has been arranged, consisting of vocal and instrumental music of a high order by local talent, assisted by out-oftown artists. An excellent old-fashioned supper will be served in lower town hall.

Congregational.

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The annual roll call and business meeting of the Congregational church will be held next Monday at two p. m. Preceding this will be a dinner served at twelve oclock, which will probably prove the pleasant gathering together of the church family that it has in previous years.

A bi-monthly distribution of a church calendar is a recent innovation at the services. Appropriate to the

Court.
Witness, Charles, J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this fourth
day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.
3t17 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

officers and committees were chosen: omcers and committees were chosen:
Arthur Fenner, clerk; George H. Hill,
treas.; Charles Sherwin, S. L. Cotton
and Mrs. Susan M. Barker, parish com;
Mrs. Barker and Miss Emma E. Butterfield, collectors; Mrs. George J. Burns,
Mrs. J. W. Aittredge, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. A. B.
Fisher and Miss E. E. Butterfield, music
com.; Mrs. Barker, ways and means
com.; Mrs. and Mrs. A. C. Perkins, delegates to the A. U. A.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the music committee of last year for its excellent work.

A very pretty Sunday school concert-was-given-on-Sunday-afternoon in the Unitarian vestry by the chil-dren of the kindergarten class in charge of their teacher, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge. Those who took part were Dorothy and Willard Carman, Marion Dwinell, Helen Graydon, Lawrence Kennison, Hope and Martha Cowles, Gladys Proctor, Margery Sanderson, John Turner.

The cafeteria supper served by the ladies of St. Andrew's church in the lower town hall on last Saturday evening was a great success in every way. A large number attended and enjoyed the excellent supper prepared. Mrs. E. P. Hutchins had general charge and she was assisted by Miss Ruth Fenner, Miss Francis Ross, Mrs. W. H. Dudley, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Park, Miss Kate Lynch, Mrs. Berton Williams.

The recently organized patrols of boy scouts will meet in the lower town hall this Saturday afternoon at

The following officers of Division 7. A. O. H., were installed at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening by James J. Harold of Waltham and suite: Charles A. McCarthy, pres.; William F. Walsh, v. p.; Frank B. Sullivan, rec. sec.; Joseph McGuane, fin. sec.; Michael J. Carey, treas.; James Horan, s. a. a.; Daniel Burke, sent.; Thomas F. Walsh, d.

The officers of Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., will be installed next Sunday.

Superintendent of moths, Daniel W. Mason, has charge of a force of men which began work on Wednesday removing the brown tail moth nests from the trees on the highways in town. Joseph Gates and John Crowley of Groton are climbers and Michael Carey is assisting Mr. Mason.

The library opened last Saturday after having closed for a few weeks to take an inventory of the books. Northern Vermont on Friday, December 30, by the critical illness of her

C. C. Wood went to Hartford, Vt. Wednesday, to attend the funeral of monia and a nurse is caring for her. his brother, B. P. Wood, who died on She is under the care of Dr. Hopkins.

following Friday night.

Geo. S. Poulius & Co., proprietors of the fruit store, lost one of their valuable gray horses, worth at least for some time past. After her mar-\$300, by getting loose and overfeeding on the grain in the barn. The horse greatly for three or four hours before death. Everything was done in an effort to save the animal. -Bancroft Royal Arch chapter have a special convocation next Tuesday evening, and work the mark master on nine candidates. A lunch will be served.

The Fitchburg railway company was authorized by the Public Service commission of New York on Decem- Daughter." ber 30, to issue \$400,000 of its preferred stock which is to be sold at auction t not less than par and for cash. The proceeds are to be used for discharge of certain securities of the Conway street railway company of Massachusetts, purchased for the Fitchburg, and for improve-ments upon the lines of the Fitchburg company made by the Boston and Maine railroad company, amounting

We wish to state to our advertisers in Ayer that we printed 710 Public Spirits during each week in the month of December, 1910.

A. S. Willis, who has charge day time of the ball target at the bridge was sick for a week with tonsilitis and returned to his position last Sunday morning. During the illness of Willis, John Brooks took his place.

These officers of Ayer circle, Companions of the Forest, were installed on Tuesday evening by Deputy Margaret J. Murphy as follows:

Mrs. Julia O'Meara, chief com.: Miss Kate V. Faley, sub chief com.: Miss Minnie Murphy, fin. sec.; Miss Catherine O'Neill, treas.: Miss Jennie McGuane, r. g.; Mrs. Ida Cornellier, l. g.; Miss Julia Murphy, o. g.; Mrs. Nellie Madigan, l. g.

After installation light refreshments

The public schools reopened on Monday morning after the Christmas

M. D. McGrail of Roxbury was in

town on Tuesday. A store must be advertised regularly-on as sure a schedule as is followed in opening and closing of its doors. In fact the advertising should to all people, of what the store is-

what it offers.

Mrs. Winnifred T. Doherty, for cated. many years a resident of Ayer, died morning. She leaves three sons-William C. Doherty, James F. Doherty, The songs are "He got right up on the and John F. Doherty; three daughters wagon," and "Stop, stop, stop," and John F. Doherty; three daughters

—Mrs. W. W. Murphy, Miss Alice
Doherty, and Miss Annie Doherty, all
of Lowell. Previous to the family
that it has been difficult to keep the ducted a foundry business here under swing of them. Mr. Chesley the presthe name of Doherty Brothers and ent proprietor, is making an effort to have continued business under the establish a first-class restaurant and name firm since living in Lowell. The his patronage is increasing, and those down the banking two or three times. funeral, was held on Friday forencon with services at St. Peter's church, a coming. The interment was at Lowell.

There are three deputy state asses sors and one of them, Robert G. Patten, was here Wednesday, conferring with town assessors, Charles W. Mason and Warren L. Preble, and found everything satisfactory.

Arthur W. Gardner, formerly of Ayer, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. H. Atwood, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. A. Greene, pastor of the Grace Universalist church. The ceremony took place at the pastor's residence in that city. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gardner, parents of vicinity of eighty-five. Mrs. George the bridegroom, and Miss Marshall H. Hill went to Worcester on Friof Boston, a cousin of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner will live in San-

George J. Burns, general manager of the Chandler Planer company, left on Tuesday for Troy, N. Y., on a business trip and is not expected back for a couple of weeks. During his absence he will visit the large machine shops of some of the leading railroads of the country, in the hope to secure orders for the Chandler

William Pelletier is moving into his new residence on Cambridge street extension.

Owing to the slackness of orders, the Chandler Planer company let about twenty of their hands go last week Saturday. The machine business all over the country is quiet just at this time. The steel output is only about sixty percent.

Mrs. Ellen F. Whitman of South Paris, Me., is visiting her son, Prin-cipal H. L. Whitman of the high school.

The Unitarian Social Gathering will hold a business meeting in the vestry of the church on Tuesday afternoon, January 10, at three o'clock. In the evening at six, a baked-bean and salad supper will be served. There will be music during the supper hour.

Albert C. S. Raymond was in town Thursday calling on friends. At one time he lived here and worked for H. S. Turner at the printing business, but left town fifteen years ago. is now holding an important position with the Superior Tap company of Charlestown, N. H., where he resides and is part owner of the same. He has two children, both boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Clarke of Mr. and airs. Howard C. Clarke of Detroit, Mich., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murphy this week. Mr. Clarke is the representative of the E-M-F automobile company.

Ernest R. Palmer, who was injured by falling off a freight car, in the upper yard by the pulling off of the brake handle some time ago, and unable to labor, went to Boston Wednesday and we learn from Mr. Palmer that the sum decided upon to be paid Mrs. B. H. Church was called to him is satisfactory, and he is in anticipation of receiving the sum agreed upon before many days.

Mrs. Silas P. Morgan is ill at her home on East Main street with pneumonia and a nurse is caring for her.

tuberculosis and is at the home of her parents on East Main street where she has been cared for by her mother riage to Mr. Lovejoy they went from here to Lowell, where they resided with his family of five children.

W. E. Murphy, who represents the E-M-F automobile here, will leave on Monday evening, January 9, to at- O. Fillebrown, was of a rather untend the automobile show in New usual nature inasmuch as the install-York city. He expects to return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended in Brighton on Saturday a reception by the president of "New Hampshire's

Miss E. B. Patterson will be in town and: 14.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, January 11, at three o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. H. E. Fisher.

These members of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance attended a meeting of the Chelmsford Alliance on Thursday afternoon: Miss Emma Butter-field, Mrs. A. P. Perkins, Mrs. H. A. Bixby and Mrs. W. E. Murphy.

Both our senator and representative received good committee appointments at the opening of the legislature on Wednesday. Senator Bennett was again appointed to the chairmanship of the committee on street railways. and Edward Fisher, representative was appointed a member of the judi ciary committee of the house.

This week account of stock was taken of the Chandler Planer company. William W. Colton, who resides here. is district superintendent of gypsy

moths from Gardner to Lowell. The Sigsbee building is boarded in and work has been commenced in putting in the windows. It is an extensive building—34x126. Mr. Osgood expects to occupy it and have it in run ning order by the first of next month for his business.

Thomas Fisher came here last Saturday and his sister Ruth, on Monday, and they visited while here with Judge and Mrs. G. A. Sanderson, both leaving this week. They are children of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher is with her mother at Jamaica Plain, and expects to remain east for be the key and interpretation always, the present and will make the Sander-to all people, of what the store is—sons a visit before returning to Sioux Falls, Dakota, where Mr. Fisher is lo-

The feature pictures for the mov at her home in Lowell on Tuesday ing picture show on Saturday night morning. She leaves three sons—Wil- are "Dora Thorne," and "Phœnix."

who get a taste from his cuisine, keep

ruary, and the other soon after.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage, with lawellyn and Helen, expect to start for North Carolina on Monday or Tues-Lowell, but now of Sanbornville, N. for North Carolina on Monday or Tues-H., and Miss Theodora H. Atwood of day of next week and may remain there until the spring.

Esther L. Brown, for many years a resident of this town, and for the past few years at Worcester, is dangerously ill at her home there. The cause of her present illness is attributed to her age, being somewhere in the day morning, as word was sent her that her aunt was very low and might not live through the day.

over new year.

Andrew's church met at the vicarage on Thursday evening with the vicar, Mr. Bumpus, at his request, and the financial affairs of the church were gone over with. Among those present were Judge Sanderson, Lewis Robbins,

Edward James and Berton Williams.
On Thursday, while Thomas Mc-Laughlin was at work on the ice at Sandy pond, he fell into a hole made in the ice and came out all right with the exception of a ducking.

Services at St. Andrew's church to-morrow will consist of holy communion at ten o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon at 10.45. Sunday school at at ten o'clock. sermon at 10.45.

Rev. Dr. Fisk will preach at 10.45 tohorrow morning at the Unitarian church. Sunday school at twelve m. The Y. P. R. U. will be omitted, as Rev. Dr. Green, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Green, cannot attend. His exchange with Dr. Fisk is indefinitely postponed.

At the First Congregational church the subject of the morning service to-morrow will be "Restitution." The 8.30 service in the evening will be a union meeting of the Methodist and the Congregational audiences. Rev. Frank Hargraye will be the speaker.

Dickens' Day.

At the Woman's club on Wednes-day afternoon it was Dickens' day. The program was in charge of Mrs. Helen Reynolds. It consisted of tableaux accompanied by readings from Dickens in which the pictures were described. The reading was by Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman. Among those taking part in the pictures were Mrs. Eva Richardson, Mrs. Lucy Parsons, Mrs. Carl Proctor, Miss Belle Murphy. Mona Stedman and Priscilla Mullin. fred Hazard, J. J. Munroe, F. P. Lew. were also readings by Mrs. Viall and Mrs. Barker. The music was a club song; song, "The ivy program follows: green," Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, and a selection. Johnso piano solo by Miss Arline Wilbur of Shirley. The actors did their parts very well. It was a very interesting meeting.

Installation.

The lodge rooms of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M. were the meeting place on Monday night of the members of the Masonic fraternity in E. O. Proctor and Henry G. Turner start on Tuesday night, January 10, to attend the automobile show in New York city and expect to return the last Memorial day is very last ago elected officers of the local start of the last Memorial day is very last and the surrounding towns. They, together, with their families and friends gathered in large numbers to give a hearty send-off to the newly-last Memorial day is very last ago this and the surrounding towns. They, elected officers of the lodge who are of to assume its management for the coming year.

The first number on the program was a banquet served by E. H. Bigelow to 168 people. This being disposed of an adjournment was made to the main lodge room where the exercises of the evening were to be

The installation of the master, Geo. ing officer was a member of his own family and one who had occupied the for his past services. A committee chair as master of the lodge many years before. His father, Albert A. Fillebrown, was the official designated to perform this duty which he did and a social hour fellowing. Lunch with great credit. Worshipful Edward on Friday and Saturday, January 13 A. Richardson officiated as marshal to omcer

During the evening the audience was entertained by the Harvard quartet of Boston who rendered many pleasing selections and by the very popular reader, Miss Ada Phillips. also from Boston. The officers installed were as follows:

George O. Fillebrown, w. m.; Warren L. Preble, s. w.; Warren L. Fairbank of Harvard, j. w.; S. N. Lougee, chap.; George H. Bixby of West Groton, treas. E. H. Bigelow, sec.; Dr. B. H. Hopkins, s. d.; P. R. Andrew, j. d.; John H. Lentz, s. s.; Charles Kimbali of Littleton, j. s.; Jenness W. Brown, s. s.; Ellis B. Harlow, organist; Henry E. Sanderson, tyler.

A Veteran Railroad Man.

It has been learned that Leonard Felch, the well-known conductor on he Greenville branch, has just completed his forty-ninth year on the same line, all of which have been continuous, forty-seven and one-half of which have been as conductor. In 1861, before he reached his majority, he became a brakeman on a passenger train, on which Andrew Henry was engineer and L. W. Kingsbury was conductor. He remained in that capacity for about six months when was promoted to baggagemaster on the same train, to run between on the same train, to run between Mason Village, near Greenville, and Groton Junction. It was then known as the Peterboro and Shirley branch. Baggagemaster Felch made a host

of friends, among the patrons of the road, by his courteous and affable way of transacting his duties, while never forgetting the interests of those in whose employ he was. In recognition of his worth, the officials of the road of his worth, the officials of the road promoted him to conductor in 1862, although he had been in the employ less than a year and one-half. Very few railroaders, if any, have ran over the same route continually for forty nine years. For thirty years Mr. Felch and Engineer Henry worked together on the same train. The latter died about twenty years ago in Waltham. where he moved after retiring from railroad life. The train in which Mr. Felch punches tickets makes three

rips daily between Ayer and Green ville, 144 miles being made each day During his railroad experience he has never been in a wreck, although to use his own words, "We have been He takes pride in the fact that only coming.

four men have been killed by his same town. The double tenement house of Louis train, and one of those was his fire officers installed:

Lapointe on Central avenue, opposite man, who was killed only a few weeks the car barn, is approaching completion and one of the tenements will be life, Mr. Felch has lost three other occupied by a family the first of Febengineers and one a baggageman. of them having passed away within

He was born on April 26, 1841, in Greenville, N. H., about five minutes' walk from where he now lives. His parents were Daniel and Lucy R. (Hanniford) Felch. He was the third in the family of ten children, sons and seven daughters. His father carried on the manufacture of tin-war, and the subject of this sketch learned the trade but "jacked it up" for railroad life.

In 1870 he married Miss Sarah E. Willard of Harvard, who died after eighteen years of happy wedded life, in November, 1888. Mr. Felch reof Littleton visited at the home of their cousins, the George H. Willis family tered into matrimonial beautiful to matrimonial to matrimonial beautiful to matrimonial to matrim Miss Mary I. Gummock of Mason, N Some of the men members of St. H. Mr. Felch has had no children by indrew's church met at the vicarage either wife. "Len" Felch, as he is fam.liarly called, is one of the best known and popular men on the road and despite his sixty-nine years, is as strong as and younger looking tha: many men several years his junior, which he believes is partly due to daily exercise. Mr. Felch has had some attack of rheumatism, but saids from that he has near hear hear. aside from that he has never been

Emancipation Anniversary.

The Peace and Unity club, observed the forty-seventh anniversary of the emancipation proclamation on Monday evening in the town hall, when the annual concert and ball of the club was held. There was a large attendance, many white people as usual being present to emjoy the program arranged by their colored friends. The concert program was well rendered and all the numbers friends. were encored.

After the concert the hall was clear ed for the grand march after which dancing followed until the early hours of Tuesday morning. Served in the lower hall. Supper was

The committee having the successful affair in charge was Mrs. M. C. Chester, Mrs. Fred Hazard and Mrs. A. M Harris, The officers of the club are William Chester, pres.; David Rogers, vice pres.; Fred Hazard, treas.; Mrs. M. C. Chester, rec. sec.; Mrs. A. M. Harris, fin. sec. A. J. Chester was floor director for dancing and was assisted by the following aids: S Brown, C. C. Harris, S. Munroe, Win-Johnson's orchestra of Leominster furnished the music. The concert

program follows:
Selection, Johnson's orchestra; piano solo, "Clematis," G. H. Franklin: "Royal tourist march," "Red pepper rag," Majestic trio; xylopione solo, A. Johnson; reading, selected, F. Gaston Hill: song and chorus, "Band, band, "Garden of roses," Majestic trio; banjo solo, "Birth of the rose," "Cradle song," John R. Kingsbury; cornet solo, selected: reading, selected, F. Gaston Hill; piano solo, selected: "The Kelties," "Garden party Mazurka," Majestic trio.

Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Board Trade was held in its rooms on Wednesday evening. officers were elected: The following E. A. Richardonicers were elected: E. A. Richardson, pres.; George H. Brown, George H. Hill, vice pres.; Thomas F. Mullin, rec. sec.; J. J. O'Brien, fin. sec.; Frederick Whitney, treas.; George H. Brown, Eugene Barry, John M. Malloney, Charles E. Sherwin, Joseph D. was the outcome of an agistion start loney, Charles E. Sherwin, Joseph P. Mullin, Daniel W. Fletcher, directors. George H. Brown, who has faithfully curing a suitable memorial to the served the organization street form. served the organization since its formation about five years ago, as president, declined re-election to that ofwas appointed to name the various committees of the Board of Trade and and a social hour followed the busi-

An Unusual Case.

Judge E. P. Pierce, sitting at Lowell were one and the same person. The petition was brought by the administrator of Dr. Stone's estate to protect the interests of the Provident Cooperative bank of Chelsea, shares in which were issued in the name of Harry A. Stone to the value of \$1,800. against which there was a note of \$800 owed to the bank by. Dr. Stone. The signature to the note was Harry M Stone.

Several witnesses testified to have ing known Dr. Stone and done business with him under the different names and Judge Pierce returned a decision that all three names applied to one and the same person.

Joint Installation. The triple, joint installation of the officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. fire over a year ago.

A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, and Cap

Despondency over tain George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Wife, who died last spring, and con-Veterans, took place in Grand Army tinued poor health caused him to comhall on Thursday evening, and as usual was an interesting and enjoyable occasion. The exercises were held in the presence of an audience which crowd ed the hall and which included many

from out-of-town. Owing to the extreme length of the three installations and the length of time involved in the exercises, the

ceremonies began early.

The first officers to be installed were those of George S. Boutwell post, who were inducted into office by Captain George V. Barrett, assisted by gustus Loveloy as acting officer of the

day.

The next in order was the installation of the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, which was performed by Mrs. Annie Shattuck of Fitchburg, assisted by Mrs. Louise Kennison, past president of the local relief corps.

The next and last ceremony was the installation of the officers of Captain George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Veterans, the work being performed by Commander James C. Smith of INVESTIGATE OUR BARGAINS IN USED CARS

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Ruth C. Phelps, vice pres.; Mrs. Nina
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Mary Bartlett, mus.; Mrs. Boutwell, asst. g.; Mrs. F. C. Crawford, asst. con.; Mrs. Joseph Kyle, Miss Bessie Glazier, Mrs. Elsie Waterman, Miss Blanche L. Farrar, c. b.
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N. Scruton, guide; Henry S. Nutting,
i. g.; Gliman P. Beverly, o. g.; J. M.
Dolloff, c. b.; Walter S. Lougee, mus.

After the installation corresponses of

After the installation ceremonies of the evening were finished, commander Edward E. Sawyer took charge of the meeting and called upon Capt. George perance Legion held a very enjoyable V. Barrett. Mrs. Annie G. Shattuck, musical, the program being arranged

installation at the piano. Previous to the exercises, a supper was served to the members of the three above named organizations and their guests in the lower town hall by a committee of the

In his remarks, Capt. Barrett called attention to the photographs of seventy-six present and past members of the George S. Boutwell post which were shown for the first time, and were the subjects of many favorable remarks from those who inspected them. The pictures were hung in three substantial frames and suspended from the east wall of the hall. is proposed to procure at least twenty five more photographs to make the collection as complete as possible.

Capt. Barrett said much credit was due Comrade J. J. O'Brien for the

was the outcome of an agitation started many years ago in regard to pro-Relief Corps started a fund for that purpose, and after a time the organfurtherance of the work of raising money for the plan. After considerable discussion as to the form a memorial should take, it was finally decided to carry out the above plan, the outcome of which appeared to meet with general approbation.

Edward J. Moulton, formerly a resi superior court, had an unusual case dent here, where he was identified to decide. Wednesday afternoon, when with the firm of C. H. Moulton, as he heard a petition for a ruling as to superintendent, committed suicide in whether Henry M. Stone, who was the private office of the Foster-Moulmurdered at Harvard, over a year ago, ton shoe company at Brookfield last Harry A. Stone and Harry M. Stone Sunday afternoon. Sunday afternoon.

The plans for self-destruction were carefully laid, and in order to make death sure he employed gas and chloroform. A gas tube was attached to a gas let and the other end placed Mr. Moulton's mouth. A large roll of cloth saturated with chloroform could inhale the deadly fumes. He was discovered by a watchman at the fac-He leaves three sons-Guy Moulton of Wallingford, Conn.; Roy, of Brookfield, and Charles, a studen at Amherst college.

While Mr. Moulton lived here he made many friends and the shoe company of which he was superintendent done huginess in the huilding formerly occupied by the Haynes-Piper company, and which was destroyed by

Despondency over the death of his mit his act of self-destruction. Moulton was fifty-five years of age and was a native of Dover, N. H.

Patent for Shafting Coupling.

J. Franklin Wilkinson of Gloucester, a former resident of this town and an inventor of considerable note, has re cently been granted a patent on shafe coupling, a most ingenious device which will undoubtedly revolutionize the present methods employed in the construction of shafts of large and small sizes and of the finiversal joint.

The invention which not only fully anticipates and yields all of the mo tions of the universal joint now in general use, but also adjusts itself to and imparts rotation where the shafts centres are off-set. It has telescope mo tion both endwise and radically, sonsequently it is not necessary to assem-ble with so much care and accuracy as

required with those now in use. It has always been necessary for power boat builders, after having mounted the propellor shaft to use the the Leominster camp, assisted by Past utmost care in setting the engine, make Commander C. W. Rumwell of the ing sure that it is in perfect line with same town. The following were the the propellor shaft and even though this work is done perfectly, as soon as

the vessel has received a few knocks and strains occasioned by rough seas or heavy cargoes, the shaft becomes out of line and the result is a crystalized shaft or a dismantled stuffing box. This new joint eliminates all this difficulty, since it will act just as freely It is also valuable in automobile construction, inasmuch as it can be

put in place and removed without removing either member connected by it and fully compensates for and disalignment, it will be also be indispensable in the construction of airships, and all aerial onveyances, as well as in general mechanical construction.

Musical.

Edward E. Sawyer took charge of the Thursday afternoon the Loyal Tem-

W. Barrett, Mrs. Annie G. Shattuck, Mrs. Elleen G. Sawyer, Rev. E. B. Crooks of the Congregational church, Rev. Frank Hargrave of the M. E. church, and Commander Smith of the Leominster camp of Sons of Veterans, all of whom made appropriate remarks. During the evening music was furnished by an orchestra consisting of Huntley S. Turner, Ruel P. Lougee, Walter S. Lougee and Harry E. Fisher. Miss Ethel Andrew assisted in the installation at the piano Previous to The legion was presented with five The legion was presented with five

dollars by an unknown friend to be used towards paying for the plano recently purchased. The legion returned a rousing vote of thanks. A grand-mother and mother who were the guests of the legion received and the ushers were one from each class— Hazel Perry, Gertrude Briggs and Irene Carter. Light refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all. Forty responded to their names at roll-call.

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# GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE

It is Coming to Be Only a Name, Says Governor Foss

#### HIS ADDRESS TO LEGISLATURE

No Public Servant Must Have Any Other Master Than the People-Labor's Just Demands Must Be Met -People Against Return of Lodge-Initiative .-- Referendum -- and -- Recall Declared to Be Already at Hand

Gentlemen of the General Court of Massachusetts: -- We are here, in accord with time honored custom, to complete the inauguration of an executive. I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred and the obligation imposed There are, however, weightier matters than the mere formality of inauguration confronting us, and to these we must address ourselves.

#### Popular Government

We have reached a crisis in the affairs of this commonwealth. It is a crisis which our form of government is facing today not only in Massachusetts but in every state of the union. This crisis is all the more marked in our state because Massachusetts is the birthplace of popular govern-

The people, in all sections of the country, have lost confidence in many of their public servants. The dictatorship by political bosses and by representatives of special interests is hotly resented, for these men desire to control public servants and to direct legislation to their own ends. They do\_not desire the enactment of laws guaranteeing justice to all and privi-

Massachusetts has always been the leader at every great turning point in the policy of the nation, and she must lead today in restoring the government into the hands of the people. She must banish every power and every influence which is hostile to the rule of the people.

She must tolerate no public servant who arrogates to himself the prerogatives of government, or who turns his back to the people at the beck of special interests or their agents-it exists for the people. It belongs to the people.

That, gentlemen, is the ideal. Now, what are the conditions today? Government of the people is coming to be only a name. Representatives of the monopolistic interest have usurped the prerogatives of the people. They have acquired too great a control, and have too largely shaped the policy of federal and state af-

The usurpation of power can only be ended by the people taking into their own hands the direction and control of their government.

The first step is to abolish the boss and all his agencies; the caucus, the nominating convention and all political machinery which intervenes between the people and their government.

All candidates for public office without exception must be chosen by the people through the direct primary. Only by this means can they be held accountable. No public servant must have any other master than the peo-

Establish the direct primary, choose your own public servants without reference to any machine or faction, make them accountable only to yourselves, and popular government will be established.

To the direct primary must be joined the power of recall; so that any public servant who proves recreant to his trust may be immediately dismissed.

Important as these steps are, it is of far greater importance that the people keep their power over legislation through the initiative and the referendum.

Under the conditions which exist today, as I see them, these are the only true safeguards of representative government.

There can be no valid objection to these measures if we believe in the capacity, and therefore the right, of the people to govern themselves.

If the people are competent to exercise the power of the franchise, then they are competent to advise their public servants and recall them if they are not true to their trust.

The referendum provides that an important legislative measure shall be submitted to the people upon their request before it becomes a law.

The initiative provides that the prople themselves may prepare and pass a constitutional amendment or an important law if the legislature persistently refuses to enact it.

I urge upon you a resolve for a constitutional amendment to provide for the initiative and the referendum.

Labor

Labor is the foundation upon which the structure of popular government is built, and as such it must be recognized, its just demands met, its rights guarded and protected. It must have every legislative safeguard that capital has.

We all recognize the right of labor

to organize, and we must further, recognize that labor should be exempt from unfair injunction restrictions, citizen ought not to be taken from him without trial by jury.

-It is even more important that the compensation of labor be above a bare living. It must ensure to the workingman some measure of protection to

those dependent upon him. We must rigidly define and limit the hours of labor, especially for women indefensible. and children, with due regard to healthful conditions and educational

In safeguarding labor from unjust conditions and from destitution we can learn much from Germany, which isthe home of old-age pensions.

In particular I would direct your earnest attention to the subject of workingmen's compensation for injuries. Immediate and equitable legislation is demanded, not only by the employe but by the employer. A wise compensation act is a safeguard

to both capital and labor. The the company to issue bonds which criterion of such a law must be definite, certain and speedy adjustment of all claims, so that they may be discounted, alike by capital and labor.

The result of such a law is not to be measured merely by financial considerations, but by the better relationship which will be brought about between the employer and his employe.

Let Massachusetts take the lead along this humanitarian line of progress; for above everything else we are an industrial commonwealth. It is therefore vital that our industries be strengthened and our workmen safeguarded by wise and progressive legislation.

#### Vocational Training

And right here we must recognize that a sound body and an industrial training and education are the birthright of every citizen. This birthright must be ensured to him by an industrial education which fits him to earn his living.

We have technical colleges, but we need industrial kindergartens to teach our boys and girls how to do the simplest things in life, and to do them intelligently.

This is the age of specialization, even in the ordinary vocations. We are specializing to so great an extent that old methods no longer meet the industrial need of the present day Our educational institutions must keep pace with the new order of things; and for this reason attention must be given not merely to the higher forms of technical education, but to what are termed vocational and trade schools, in which the youth may fit himself for practical, every-day

This change in our educational sys tem must come immediately—even at the expense of academic work, if necessary; for our boys and girls on eaving school must have some practical training which will make an hon i livelihood possible.

#### Transportation

From labor we pass to the next vita necessity of industry-transportation. We must encourage and extend by wise and equitable legislation all the transportation facilities at our command. in a spirit not of hostility bu of fairness and co-operation.

We must legislate with a view to bringing the trunk lines not only of this country but of Canada to our great terminal and our ports, in order that we may have a wider distribution for our products and a freer communication by rail and water with the

We should recognize that Massa chusetts and all New England constitute a vast terminal for the creation of business, which requires for its products the widest distribution We must enlarge these means of distribution by every method in our power.

Above all things our transportation must not be confined to the railroads We have one of the finest seaports of the world, and its development and use depend upon broad legislation directed to both coastwise and foreign business.

The state must co-operate with it metropolis, Boston, in the ownership and development of docks and termi nals, in order that the largest and most modern steamships may unite with the railroads in the upbuilding of our industry and commerce.

The state must also take immediate steps to outline and construct a system of waterways and canals to supplement the railroads, so that raw materials may be secured to our industries at the lowest possible cost.

We have cause for gratification that work on the Cape Cod canal is progressing so rapidly, and that its early completion seems assured.

I believe that the dredging out of the Merrimac and Connecticut rivers. and the building of the so-called Weymouth canal from Fall River through the Bridgewaters and Brockton are among the first undertakings that should be inaugurated.

In the last session of the general court an expenditure of \$3,000,000 was authorized to provide for new piers, with the condition that they fied. should be leased before construction. I respectfully urge that this act be amended so that work may begin immediately, believing as I do that if, when the piers are completed, they ness character, and they should be are not quickly brought into useful conducted along well-established busiand profitable service by our dominant ness lines, such as prevail in any railroad corporations, then the state can and ought to take immediate steps to secure some other tenant.

#### Quasi-Public Corporations

"Right here let me say what I think the attitude of the state should be and that the liberty or property of any with reference to the quasi-public corporations. In the first place, I see nothing inimical in the mere size of a corporation, provided, of course, it is suitably regulated.

On the other hand, a holding company is in theory wholly at variance with the common law and with the statutes of the state. It is therefore

It can be regarded only as an act of legislative complaisance or of financial subterfuge, and on either of these grounds it is intolerable.

The incorporation of the Boston Holding company was special legislation in the interest of privilege. I regard it as one of the most flagrant examples of pernicious legislation enacted in recent years. It legalized some of the most objectionable corporate methods.

The people are to be congratulated that the original proposal, permitting were to be free from taxation, and which were to be a legal investment for savings banks, was thwarted. Legislation of this character should never again be permitted.

I would also call attention to the voluntary associations which issue shares evidencing a participating ownership, but which, under existing laws, are subject to none of the regulations as to publicity and taxation that apply to both business and public service corporations.

I do not recommend the appointment of a special commission to consider this subject, but I believe that the tax commissioner may well be directed to investigate the further regulation by the commonwealth of such voluntary associations, and to report thereon to the next general court. with specific recommendations.

I also think there should be change of method on the part of the public service corporations in seeking legislation from the general court. The old method of framing desired legislation behind closed doors through legislative agents and the lobby, should be entirely discontinued. There is no occasion for secrecy, but, on the contrary, for the

greatest degree of publicity. The corporation before coming to the legislature should put its case before the people themselves, through the press and by public meetings, if necessary, and in this way enlighten the people fully and frankly as to just what it wants and what it proposes to give in return.

The people will then be in a position to advise their legislators. The corporation should do this with the greatest frankness, revealing not merely a part of the truth, but the whole truth.

My own experience in corporate management is that when the people thoroughly understand a proposition they act with intelligence and fairness. If the corporation meets the public in this spirit of honesty and cooperation, then the public in return will grant more liberal concessions than can be secured in any other way. These methods will command the confidence and enlist the capital of the people for these enterprises.

This procedure on the part of the corporations will forever end the lobby and its attendant train, and it will inevitably give the corporation all that it is entitled to.

#### The Judiciary

I think we are all agreed that the first duty of a free government is to ensure the prompt enforcement of legal rights as between man and man. There is no excuse for a delay of years before a plaintiff can finally establish his rights, or a defendant be finally relieved of the trouble and uncertainty of a law suit.

I am well aware that in this state delays in the trial of causes have amounted to a practical denial of

It is evident that some method must be found of clearing the dockets of the superior court, so that cases may be speedily heard and determined; and to this end I recommend that the number of justices be increased.

I further recommend that the present salaries of the justices of the supreme and superior courts be increased; and, as a condition of this increase, I recommend that the courts open for their fall term on the Tuesday succeeding Labor day.

I would further recommend that this legislature carefully reconsider the report of the commission appointed to study the conditions in our courts, and see whether more of their recommendations cannot now be adopted.

I would also recommend that the supreme and superior courts be given full control and regulation of their trial dockets.

In respect to criminal cases, it is, in my judgment, outrageous that a suspected person must now remain imprisoned for a long period before a hearing can be given and his rights determined. This violates all public sense of justice, and should be reme-

#### Finance Board

The affairs of the commonwealth pertaining to the conduct of the public business are essentially of a busigreat corporation.

The Massachusetts commission on the cost of living says that "the meth-(Continued on page 7.)

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North Chelmsford—b. M. Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. Return—Leave
North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 50 mins. until 11.03 p. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.04 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 11.04 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 11.04 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 11.04 p. m.) Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for

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Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

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Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m., then same as week days,
Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Filchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.

Sundays—First car 8.20 a. m., then same as week days,
Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.00, 6.35 and 7.50 a. m., and 50 minutes past the hour up to and Including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.
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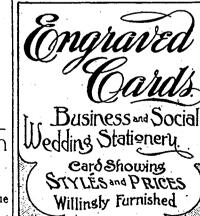
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and logical conclusion.'

In the administration of the several counties of this state officials have multiplied and expenses grown, until our election methods, let us give today it is virtually impossible to determine how much the counties cost or paign expenses. how many officers are employed, or to obtain any definite information regarding county affairs.

To accomplish this end, it is neces. sary that some central authority be appointed by the state, with power to investigate and report to the public on the business methods of the various state and county departments, and, when occasion demands, city and town governments.

Such a board, with powers covering the whole state, having authority to summons persons with papers, should be authorized by the legislature. This board, to reach its highest efficiency, should be non-partisan in its broadest sense. The result of its work will be of the highest importance as a means of preventing fraud and extravagance.

Another branch of the state's business in which a higher efficiency is demanded is that relating to the wards of the state.

During the past year we have spent more than the total amount of the direct state tax in the care of our charitable and correctional institutions: The tax amounted to \$4,500,000; the expense stated amounted to over \$4,-900.000

While it must ever remain our fixed duty to protect these helpless ones, yet immediate steps should be taken to prevent such a large and increasing number of persons from losing the power of self-support, either through mental, moral or physical sickness, or through that industrial inefficiency which leads to pauperism.

We should seek out all the causes which result in the loss of personal independence and self-supporting power, and apply scientific measures of personal help to all who are drifting toward our public institutions.

This is the greatest problem at present confronting us. In the endeavor to solve it, I call upon all citizens who are properly qualified by training and experience to advise the executive office freely, as a matter of public duty. I shall also at the earliest possible moment secure the services of the most competent experts, with a view to recommending the necessary legislation.

State Commissions

On business principles, I am not in favor of commissions as a means of transacting public business, unless they are appointed subject to recall. for I believe their tendency is not in accord with popular or representative government.

They have practically no check placed over them. They multiply unnecessary officers and clerks, and thereby increase the expense of carrying on the work of the different hranches of the state's activities.

I now advise the abolition of the following commissions which relate to quasi-public corporations, namely: the railroad commission, the gas and electric light commission, the Boston transit commission and the highway commission, which includes the supervision of the telephone and telecompanies. And in their places recommend the creation of a public utilities board, which should consolidate into itself the functions of these commissions, with the stipulation that the tax collecting function of the highway commission shall revert to the state treasurer's department.

This board should be composed of five members, whose terms should be for ten years, subject to the recall of any member at any state election. The chairman should be a lawyer. This board should have the right to employ and hear counsel; its decisions should be in writing, with the vote of each member recorded; and it should have the power of initiative. Home Rule For Cities

I regard home rule for cities as an essential part of popular government. The responsibility for good government in our municipalities must rest directly upon the citizens, and they should be sovereign in the affairs of their city.

federation of all the towns and cities within a radius of at least ten miles, and possibly more.

I maintain that our suburban citithem to Boston daily, who enjoy the parties, arrived at the same result. protection of her police and the use of her highways, and who are included of representatives given the twowithin her five-cent fare limit, have thirds vote required for an amendno right to stamp the dust from their ment of the constitution in this refeet at 5 o'clock, and assume that spect, and four times has the United they have no further responsibility States senate defeated the amendfor good government of the very city ment. The last vote of the house in which they earn their livelihood, in 1902 was unanimous. and where their commercial and financial interests are centered.

It is my observation that the peotaxes outside the city limits.

already part of the metropolitan dis- choice for United States senator. trict to unite with the city itself in the creation of a great metropolis. The federal law requires the re-This union should be not merely a districting of the state at this time. the councils of the nation. commercial, but also a political one.

(Continued from page 6.) We should have a union on the The purpose of this provision is not ods of compiling statistics in various borough system, under which these only to ensure a fair congressional state, county, city and town ad- several towns and cities might pre- apportionment, but to guarantee that ministrative departments . . . ap- serve their autonomy, their individ- the people shall be equitably reprepear to be an arithmetical chaos. They uality and historic interest, but under sented in the state legislature. need simplification and co-ordination; which they would contribute by their they should supplement and explain franchise and their personal service been governed too largely by partisan each other, and lead to some clear to the better government of the metropolitan city.

Election Reforms

Turning now to the consideration of earnest thought to the subject of cam-

The use of money in our elections has become a great evil, for it amounts to a substantial denial of the privilege of a man of moderate means to aspire to many public offices in the commonwealth; or else it overwhelmingly tempts him to make his secret peace with those private interests which will finance his campaign if he will serve them in office.

It has become no small part of the foré the caucuses, "setting up districts;" in other words, making private agreements to supply candidates with campaign funds if they will fronted with the possibility of returnpromise in return to be friendly to the interests the lobby is serving.

To correct this evil it is necessary to prohibit those methods of campaigning which cost so much money, and are not in themselves necessary for the proper enlightenment of the voters.

A healthy man does not need-and ought not to have—a carriage to convey him to the polls to perform a duty which he owes to his country, his state and his family.

The burden of hiring carriages and automobiles is too great for a candidate poor in his own purse, and not pledged to some strong financial interest, to assume.

The occasional carriage which is needed to convey an infirm man to the polls the state ought to furnish.

For these reasons I recommend that the general court prohibit the hiring of carriages to transport voters to the polls in any state, city or town election, except such as may be provided by the state for the use of the disabled.

As for the able-bodied voters i would be far better to provide a penalty for unreasonably neglecting to go to the polls, or to give the warden of the election precinct power to issue a warrant and bring him to the polls: just as the speaker of the house can order the sergeant-at-arms to arrest and bring a member to his seat when his presence is needed.

If it is not constitutional to compel citizens to do their civic duty, Massachusetts ought to take the lead in such wise legislation by making it so.

In my judgment, the state should provide the political parties with halls in which to hold rallies in state elections, and should also provide a circular in which the candidates may state to the voters the arguments in support of their candidacy. For the giving of political information to the voters and expounding the political principles of the candidates is not a privilege of the candidate, but is a privilege of the voters themselves; not a privilege of a political party but a privilege of government iselfsince those who are to handle the machinery of government must be chosen upon the fullest information and must conduct it upon correct principles.

The government itself is the chief beneficiary of the public meetings which are held to discuss political measures and candidates. Hence the government ought to supply hall in the different cities and towns once during a campaign for the candidates of all political parties.

I am of the opinion that the armories and assembly halls in cities and towns should be freely opened to the citizens for political meetings.

The meetings suggested will act to stimulate the citizen to take a closer and more personal interest in shaping the policies of their government.

This will tend to lessen the influence of the men or corporations offer ing to pay campaign expenses. It will give the man of moderate means a more equal chance to serve his state. and it will promote the independence of our public servants.

Direct Nominations

recommend that legislation be enacted calling for the popular nomination of United States senators. Twenty-nine state legislatures have now passed resolutions to this end. and all but two of the remaining Our first duty, as I see it, is to states have expressed themselves as create a greater Boston by the con- favoring direct elections in one form or another. Twenty-two states through various laws now nominate their senators by the vote of the peozens, whose business interests bring the voluntary action of the political ple; and seven states have, through

Last May the house of representatives of this commonwealth voted in favor of such direct vote, but the senple who have made the loudest pro- ate descated the resolution. Thus I test against the city government have have the endorsement of the popular been those who sleep and pay their branch of the general court in recom-I contend that it is the duty of these under which the legislators may be mending that a measure be passed, suburban towns and cities which are instructed by the people as to their

Legislative Districts

In the past this redistricting has considerations, and the districts have been laid out with a view to serving the interests of the dominant political party in the state.

The necessity of such a reform has just been clearly shown at our state election.

The plurality of over 35,000 which I received on clear-cut issues indicated unmistakably and overwhelmingly the will of the people.

Moreover, in the total popular vote for the lower house of our legislature a plurality of over \$8,000 was registered against the return of our senior senator to the United States senate. Yet, owing to our gerrymandered districts, we have today a small Relobby today to go about the state be- publican majority in the legislature, when an honest division of the state into districts would have shown a Democratic majority; and we are coning to the senate of the United States a man whose retirement the people have thus clearly demanded.

In view of these facts and figures, 1 confidently expect that this legislature will have the courage to obey the manifest will of the people, and elect a senator, irrespective of party, who represents the progressive platform for which the majority of the people

Our methods are not in accord with the new order of things, and I respectfully recommend that in the redistricting of the state no consideration whatever shall be given to partisan schemes, but that every district shall-be laid out on geometrical-lines by the state engineers.

I recommend that the boundaries of districts so far as possible shall conform to parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude; and that each district must possess the shortest possible boundary lines, and hence be rendered as compact as 4 is arbitrary method of surveying and the distribution of population will permit.

Popular Government

In spite of all opposition, the initiative, the referendum and the recall are already at hand. They represent popular government in its highest conception. We who know the town meeting should recognize the value of the principle when it is proposed to extend it to the state; it is Democratic to the core.

The intelligence of the people, of the press and of legislators will be heightened by the study of specific measures; better men will enter public life; class legislation will be discouraged by the united vote of all classes; the farmers and laboring men will secure the full measure of Let their influence in public affairs; restraints will be removed upon needed reforms, and respect for law will be increased when every statute represents the will of a majority of the people; the ignorant and indifferent will have less weight in such decisions, and the people can exercise their intelligence better in voting for certain measures than for uncertain

It is undoubtedly true that to a great extent the election this year has been a protest against Republican misgovernment and the failure of that party to redeem its pledges to honestly revise the tariff, and by so doing to remove the hurdens of unequal toation from the masses of the people.

Basis of Popular Verdict To my mind, the basis of the popular verdict is as plain as if it were written in unmistakable words: the people demand that the duties shall be removed from all food products, that raw materials shall be placed on the free list, and that substantial reductions shall be made in the duties on manufactured products; that the federal government shall take steps looking toward better trade relations with our neighbor Canada, and that as a proof of our earnestness we shall reduce our duties to a level with those of Canada, and then seek further reciprocal trade relations not only with her but with other countries as the wisest and most efficient method of securing wider markets for our products. They also demand that Massachusetts shall take her place alongside of other states in aiding the federal government in levying an income tax, that the burdens of taxation may fall more evenly upon the wealth of the country, where they

justly belong. This wise legislation will assist in securing the necessary revenue for the support of the general government, and permit the burdens of taxation to be lifted from food products and the necessities of life, in order to reduce the cost of living to the

mass of the people. To this end I strongly urge you to ratify the federal income tax amendment, and memorialize congress upon

the remaining points just enumerated Massachusetts has a great history and proud traditions. It rests with us to see that see has a great present and a great future. She has always led in industrial, commercial and educational lines, and has exercised great weight in the councils of the nation. She must not lag in the progressive legislation which the people are now

demanding. We must see to it that Massachu setts is in the forefront, and that the voice of her people is still potent in "An ounce of prevention

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#### Items of News.

Friday evening, December 30, one of the jolliest parties that has assembled in the town hall, danced the light fantastic toe to old time music in the old time way. Everyone spoke in the old time style to every other one. A A. Lawrence and John Bartz are respent a few days with Mr. Lakin's sponsible for this rocial and many parents on Cottage street. hope there will be others of the same kind to follow.

Mr. LaFord, who came a short time ago to work in the knife factory, found this place did not agree with his family and is preparing to return to

Walter Avery came from Tufts col-lege Thursday, December 27, and returned last Saturday, spending the the guest of Mrs. James Winch this time with Mrs. Lucius Wilson at the Week. Crosby place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Legg closed their house and left December 28 for

Tuesday, January 2, fourteen from here attended the dance at Hollis and reported a good time.

The steady rain is bringing up the water in the dry wells, much needed in this vicinity, and making the roads assume spring conditions.

The telephone patrons were delighted to hear Edward McCord's pleasant voice at the central, last week.

Forrest Winch has concluded his services running autos for this winter. Dr. L. R Qua is out on the streets in a new touring car.

church will hold its regular meeting was gone several days. on Thursday afternoon, January 12. The Burkinshaw knii at 2.30.

Among the guests in town during cation. the holidays was Stanley Banfield, whom friends of the family were glad to greet. It is eleven years since he left the town. He is now a student in Brown university to which he reguest of Winfred B. Boynton.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. M. M. Pond on Thursday afternoon, January 12, at 2.30 o'clock.

A telephone has been installed at F. Sheppard's and the call is 123-3, and the number of Morris L. Gilchrest is changed from 21-11 to 123-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wright were very pleasantly surprised by a party of their friends on new year's eve Whist was enjoyed until nearly time to bid good bye to the old and welcome the new year. All had a mersy

1. A very enjoyable new year's party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Parker on Saturday evening, December 31. Whist was enjoyed until a late hour followed by music and a collation which welcomed in the new year Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Curtis and daughter, Mr. and Henry Wilson and family, Mr. and of her approaching marriage.

Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton. Miss Otis D. Goodwin has return Marie Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew duties in Lynn after seve Lane, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bullock, visit at his home in Hollis. Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pike, Albert E. Chandler and daughters of Wakefield.

Unclaimed letters at East Peppereil burg, Fla., where Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Hollis are spending the winter. Charles Blanchard, Miss Loora Filood, Joseph Benault, Mrs. H. A. Blood, Mrs. Margaret Cahill, William Castor, John Daly, J. Hola, William F. Wallar, William Goodwin, Daniel Henry Goodwin, Sidniam G. Wright, Patrick H. Welsh John West, Mrs. Heien Wilson.

Mrs. Lena T. Phillips was granted Mrs. Lena T. Philips was granted a divorce decree by Judge Harris in the Superior Civil court from her husband, Eben B. Philips of Pepperell, on Friday, December 20, whom she had end on the ground of cruel and abusive treatment.

did not appear in court to contest his wife's allegations. They were married on March 2, 1902, and have lived in A little Swampscott and Pepperell.

Phillips, who is a millionaire turfman, caused a sensation in Essex county last July when he filed a bill for divorce against his wife, naming Raymond S. Joo, manager for a Boston automobile company. Within a short time Mrs. Phillips answered her husband's charge by filing a libel on her own behalf, and as he did not contest her charges his plea was dis-Joo added to the complication of suits by bringing action against Phillips for \$50,000, charging slander in naming him in the divorce case.

Mrs. Phillips becomes a divorcee for the second time, her first husband, from whom she was severed by the courts having been Amos P. Phillips, a Lynn barber. It was during her first marriage that her son, Harry F. Phillips, was born... Amos was of a most philosophical frame of mind at the time of the divorce and casually remarked that his successor paid his lawyer's fees and gave him \$250. Mrs. Phillips is a fascinating woman with beautiful black eyes. She is the daughter of a Marblehead expressman, and before her marriage was Miss Lena T. Fisher.

#### Gleanings.

Mrs. Thomas Graham and daughter, Miss Madeline, spent a few days in Boston last week.

Miss Carrie Shattuck, after spending a week's vacation with her mother. returned on Monday, January 2, to Sherburne Falls, where she is teach-

Miss Edna Tarbell spent her vacation with her parents in this town.

Mrs. E. E. Handley, who has been confined to the house for a number of weeks on account of a severe cold, is much better.

Norman Gutterson spent a part of his vacation in Waltham.

Earl Dunton was called to Bath,

Dunton accompanied him. Mrs. William Lackey (Maude Mar-

Samuel Lakin has closed his house and is now with his daughter, Mrs. Bert Gilbert, where he will probably remain for the winter.

Miss Alice Marshall has been visit-

Clarence Houston of Methuen has been visiting Roscoe Woodward.

Mrs. Charles Goff has returned from a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Chadwick of Hillsborough, N. H. Albert Baker of Hollis, N. H., was

recent visitor at L. H. Bean's. Miss Grace Morse of Newton was

#### About Town.

Fred Frothingham of New York city, traffic clerk of the Erie railroad, was in town on Tuesday and Wednesday, attending the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Kilburn Froth-ingham, wife of the late Edward Frothingham, who died about two years ago. Walter Avery has been spending a

few days at the home of Lucius Wilson.

Marion Clapp is working for H. B Foster during his wife's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepardson attended the funeral of Mrs. Shepardson's mother at Milford, N. H., last week Friday.

Earl Dunton went to Bath, Me., The L. B. S. of the Congregational attend the funeral of his father. He

> The Burkinshaw knife factory pened Tuesday after a ten days' va-

> Eddie Glow and wife, Harry Donnelly and Mr. and Mrs. Swain spent their vacation out of town.

At last reports, Charles Sylvester who is at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital in Groton, is gaining slowly after his serious operation.

Frank T. Marston and family left George Stuart's for their home in Mel-rose on Sunday. Mrs. Marston and children have been spending the last two months at the Stuart home.

George F. True of Worcester spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn True.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Shattuck hav been visiting since last Sunday with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Wm. Littlefield of Bridgewater visit ed his mother, Mrs. Littlefield, last Wednesday,

Mrs. Nathaniel Story of Boston was a guest of her sister, Mrs. P. J. Kemp, for several days this week.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

#### News Items.

The friends of Miss Clara Adams Mrs. M. E. Gaskill and son, Mr. and save her a linen shower at grange Mrs. Joseph Thibault, Mr. and Mrs. hall on Thursday afternoon in view

Otis D. Goodwin has returned to his

George Van Dyke and his sister ss Emma, let Hollis last Wednesday nd daughters of Wakefield.

B. W. Parker, superintendent of mandina, where Mr. and Mrs. F. A. town farm, had two hogs slaughtered Greenleaf of this town are spending recently which totaled dressed 1125 the winter. After stopping there a lbs. The best record to date in this while, the Van Dykes go to St. Petersburg, Fla., where Mr. and Mrs. Woods

Blood, Ruth Childs Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bolton received by letter from the church in Southboro, Mass.

A basketball game was played in A cross-libel had been filed by the the town hall last week Friday even-husband, but was dismissed, and he ing between the Wilton and Hollis The game was won by the

> A little daughter, Eunice Chandler was welcomed to the home of Mr. and

Mrs. B. S. Brown recently. A new year's barn dance was given under the management of F. M. Jameson and W. W. Worcester in town hall on Monday evening. Sixty couples were in attendance. An oyster supper was served, prepared by Mrs. A H. Spaulding and D. F. Pierce.

#### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The annual business meeting and oll-call of the Congregational church will take place in the vestry on Saturday afternoon, January 14. The meeting will be preceded by the usual

Tomorrow evening there will be a special service at the Congregational church. The subject will be "The story of the pradigal son," illustrated by songs.

At the parish meeting of the Unitarian society, held at the vestry last Monday evening, the officers of 1910 were all re-elected.

Chairman H. B. Drew and his committee are making preparations for 'home talent" night at the lyceum.

The entertainment by Ray Newton last Tuesday evening was one of much pleasure to those present, especially the children for whom it was planned Mr. Newton proved a talented artist in his profession.

Fred C. Hartwell has added to his real estate possessions by the recent purchase of the Henry Ramsdell farm which joins land previously owned by Mr. Hartwell.

James Piper and Lola Hamm, both of Littleton, and employed in the web bing factory, were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, January 4, at the Congregational parsonage by Rev

Mrs. Waldo E. Conant visited Wil-Me., one day last week to attend the liam F. Conant's family in Arlington funeral of his father. Miss Lillian Heights last Saturday and found them very happy. Mrs. William Wright, as housekeeper, mothers the three little shall) of Groton, who has been quite children, and with the assistance of

visiting relatives in Greater Boston a were Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding with a few days this week, while Miss Bartlett has assumed her domestic duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lakin returned to Greenfield on Saturday last, having spent a few days with Mr. Lakin returned banquet and installation of control of the same and the same ball was initiated into the office of assistant steward.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawton returned on Monday to their home in Mansfield, Ohio.

Tree warden, A. E. Hopkins and his men are doing thorough work in the clearing of moth nests from the Common this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell and baby daughter left Littleton last week for their new home in Detroit, Members-of-the-Hartwell family and Mrs. Hartwell's sister accompanied them a short distance.

for the afternoon last Saturday, in a very clever manner by her excellent variety of well chosen stories and illustrations with dolls representing the Indian, the Chinaman, the Red Princess, Santa Claus and other characters. Miss Wood is perfectly at home with her audience, in fact, her averyday, life places her larger than the same characters. every-day life places her in similar surroundings for she is a primary teacher in Brookline. With eager interest and close attention the children listened to one story after another, and at the close of the entertainment they were heard to inquire "When may we come and hear stories again?" The children, too, did their share of the entertaining, for pretty solos and other selections by some of their numbers were given with the sweet simplicity and modesty of childhood, Miss Tenney accompanying the songs at

the piano. Packages of candy were distributed among the little people by Mrs. Woodbury, chairman of the afternoon, and her assistants, and others completed a very happy hour for the children.

#### TOWNSEND.

#### Harbor.

On Wednesday morning, January 4. Frank Conant not only heard a robin blithely singing, but saw the plucky little fellow in a maple tree not fat from his house.

Mrs. Lorenzo Doran, who had been visiting relatives in Fitchburg returned last Monday.

Walter Lewis, who is in the employ of the electrical company at Sanford. Me., is enjoying a few weeks' vaca-tion at his home, Seven Pines. Miss Lizzie Whitcombe and Miss

Gertrude Rockwood were recent guests at Edgewood. Charles Dudley, who has been suf-ering from a severe cold and rheu-

matism, is somewhat improved. Miss Mary Doran of Fitchburg was at home for the holidays.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams attended the Universalist church at Fitchburg to listen to the new year's address by the pastor, Rev.

Saunders. Marion Dana and Harriet Lawrence were holiday guests of Mrs. A. D. Cooper. Miss Dana has resigned her position in the Beverly schools to accept a superior one in the Stratford, Conn., high school, as teacher of Eng-

Mr. and Mrs. Adney Gray spent the week-end with friends in Waltham. During their stay they visited Mr. Gray's brother, Everett Gray, who although better, is not able to leave the

During the holiday season the skating was unusually fine on the Harbor pond as was testified by the large umber of skaters both f lage and the center.

Miss Dana and Miss Lawrence, who occupied the old mansion house last summer, have recently purchased this old, historic, place and later will restore it to its former prestige.

Last Tuesday the As You Like It club met with Mrs. Doran at her home, Dinglewood. The greater part of the afternoon was devoted to needlework, after which refreshments were served The next meeting of the club will be with its president, Mrs. Fannie Adams.

On Saturday, December 24, A.r. Kelly, after a short sickness, died at his country home in this village. On the following Tuesday afternoon a prayer service was held at the house, conducted by Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Congregational church. After this service the body was taken to his town home in Dorchester, where the funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Kelly leaves a wife, two daughters and a son.

On account of a shortage in cows, parties from Cape Corner, who have been shipping their milk to the Boston Dairy Co., on January 1, began selling milk to a Fitchburg dealer. much to the advantage of those producing the milk.

#### Pleasant Meeting.

The whist club held one of its pleasantest meetings at West View last Saturday evening, during which time there were two events of unusual occur rence. One was the playing together of two members through the entire evening. This couple who had progressed to the head table at the first change, held that position throughout the playing of twenty-four hands up to the time for refreshments. The second event was the serving of a

most excellent oyster supper.

As Saturday evening was the last night of the old year the club resolved itself into a watch party and as the clock struck twelve many and hearty were the happy new years the club

members wished one another.
Will Wharff, who played as "lady,"
scored 46 points and Mrs. Taft took

The score of the preceding meeting appoint a committee of five to con-

ill, is now better and able to be out her daughter Mildred, is getting along is as follows: Mrs. Conant 41, Mrs. again.

Taft 38, Gilman Conant 47, Will Coop-Mrs. Charles A. Kimball has been er 43. The boobles of the evening

#### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

The installation of the officers elect of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., will take place on Thursday evening, January 12.

The many friends of Mrs. Charles W. Wolff, who is an inmate of the New England sanitarium at Melrose, will be pleased to know that she is slightly improved. Charles W. Wolff paid her a visit on Wednesday and is much impressed with the method and environments of the place and the prospects for the restoring to health and home of his wife.

J. Fred Brown is very dangerously ill at his home with bronchial trouble,

his old complaint. Esbon O. Mills of New Carlisle, P. Q., a former well-known resident of Entertainment.

Miss Ethel Wood entertained the members of the Woman's club and the children and parents who were guests and Mrs. Michael McIntyre, who left this town for the afternoon less Security in this story. this town for Los Angeles several years ago. Mr. Mills was in Shirley for a few days the first of the week. He has sold his farm at New Carlisle.

Arthur H. Gaskill of Leominster and Mrs. Jennie V. Young of Shirley were married on Saturday evening, December 31, by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon at the parsonage. They will reside in Leominster.

Joseph Allen, a former clerk at the store of Conant Bros., has given up his position as conductor of the F. & L. electric railroad to try his luck in the west and started on Wednesday for Spokane, Wash.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, January 9, when the officers elect will be installed by Deputy Albert W. Allen and suite of ster. At the close of the installation a collation will be served. Two members of the grand lodge staff will make addresses. A good delegation will also be present from Tahanto lodge of Leominster. Identification night will also be observed at this meeting with other attractive features of entertainment.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen is spending a couple of days with relatives in Bos-

The Societé l'Assumption held its regular meeting on Wednesday even-ing when officers elect for the ensuing ear were installed by Deputy Alphy Legere of Fitchburg, chancellor of

Court Deausejour, as follows: Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.: John J. Chaisson. chanc.: Edward Glonet, pres.; Philip Legere, v. p.; Richard Murray, 2d v. p.; Michael Glonet, fin. sec.: Felix Glonet, rec. sec.: Sylvester Thomas, asst. rec. sec.: Oxias Chaisson, treas.; William Glonet, Joseph Glonet, Maxim Glonet, dir.; Joseph Thomas, Charles Glonet, s. a.

Refreshments were served and remarks were made by the deputy and others. John J. Chaisson assisted the deputy and his suite in the installation of officers.

Regular meeting of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., was held on Monday evening with Mrs. Mary J. Harlow. Roll-call by national numbers was answered by Christmas or new Mrs. Harlow then year sketches. asked Mrs. Mary Hazen to tell about Christmas at the boys' farm and trades' school on Thompson's Island, and Miss Minnie Hobbs to tel! how new year's day is celebrated at Lorenzo Marquez, where many nationalities live. Both proved very interesting and those who braved the stormy weather and very bad walking felt well repaid. Now the holidays are over the rehearsals for the drama

are being pushed rapidly. The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a social and entertainment at the vestry on Wednesday evening, January 11. Suptions by a male and mixed quartet. George E. Byram will also appear and render a solo. The evening will be one of continuous enjoyment.

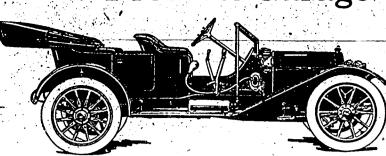
#### Fire.

An alarm on Tuesday noon was for fire in the north stock barn of the Industrial school for boys. The fire department responded and started in after a run of a mile from the en-gine house to help the fire squad of the school who had already got a stream of water playing on the fire and had it well under control. The fire was confined to the hav in one corner of the barn and about fifty dollars' worth was spoiled. There is no clue as to how the fire was started, although many theories and ideas in regard to it have been circulated through the town. Mr. Campbell, the new superintendent of the school, was at the fire and assisted in directing the operations of the school fire squad. The all out was sounded at

#### Roll Call.

The annual roll-call and dinner of the members of the Congregational church was held in the church vestry on Thursday evening. A bountiful supper was served under the direction of Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. M. Louise Butler, Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, Mrs. Frank P. Rugg, Miss Altie F. Howe, Mrs. Augustus B. Cram and Mrs. Walter Knowles. Roll-call of supper hour with many responses by various church officers was then given which were all of a very encouraging character: A brief address was then given by Rev. Dr. Howard A. Bridgman. The following officers were then elected to serve during the ensuing year: Miss Mary A. Park, clerk and treas.; Walter Knowles Sunday school second place with a tally of 36. N.G. supt.; Miss Altie F. Howe, asst.; Proctor won 46 points while Will Frank! P. Rugg Rodney Brown, Standoper stood second with 34. Those making the least number of points Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, church com. were the hostess 22 and Harold Gray 16.

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of the church for the past year.
The serious illness of J. Fred Bro well-known talent: Miss Phillips of Leominster, Miss Lyon of Ayer, Miss Bertha Weeks of Shirley and selections of the church for the past year.

The heat entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. G. M. Ballou, will be the members, when it was unanimous ly voted to send flowers and also a letter of sympathy to Mr. Brown. The doministrative capacity and as mining well-known talent: Miss Phillips of thirteenth annual roll-call then came to a close with the singing of Blest Campbell had charge of the fresh-air be that binds our hearts in camp for the poor boys at Groton and be the tie that binds our hearts in

#### christian love."

Officers Elected. The following is the list of C. E. officers of the Congregational church

for the year 1911:

E. H. Conant, pres.: Leonard Hooper, v. p.: Mary A. Park, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Frank Brockelman, planist; Andrew Phelps, cornetist; Joseph H. Mc-Cleilan, Miss Bessle Dadmun, Miss Jessle Love, Mrs. Frank Rugg, Miss Inez McMurray, l. o. com.; Mrs. Henry Collycr. Miss Grace Adams, Miss Nina Holbrook, Leonard Hooper, p. m. com.; Mrs. Herbert McCoy, Russell Miner, Arline Wilbur, Herbert McCoy, Miss Blanche Wells, soc. com.; Eugene Livermore, Mrs. Edwin Conant, Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Stanley Wells, Mrs. Ruth Phelps, miss. com.; Mrs. Alice Wright, Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Flora Shepard, Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Mary A. Bronsdon, calling com.; Miss Mary A. Bronsdon, calling com.; Miss Mary A. Park, Miss Sarah Stevenson, Miss Gladys Phelps, Miss Esther, Harris, flower com.; Leonard Hooper, Stanley Wells, Russell Miner, ushers. for the year 1911:

#### Bowling.

Last week Thursday evening the Fitchburg team of the Trolley league failed to appear in Shirley for the schedule match game with the Shirley bowlers. Consequently the Shirley team rolled against the agreed schedule 1200. The home team put up a good game/scoring a total pin-fall of 1402. The playing of Thomas C. Burrill was the star event in the game by rolling 80, 120 and 129, which registered him a total of 329. Oscar Sibley came next with a members took place at the close of the supper hour with many responses by McGinnis was the next best man with lettor from absentees. Reports of the a final record of 280 and he also went over the century mark in the flual string. Summary:

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sixtieth anniversary of the organiza- Campbell is thirty-eight years old and tion of the church in the village. It is a graduate of Worcester academy was also voted that the pastor and '96, and of Harvard 1900. After rechurch committee arrange for the next ceiving his degree at Harvard he annual roll-call and dinner. church committee arrange to annual roll-call and dinner.

The special feature of the evening academy. He then went to the Utah College of Agriculture and Mechanic the address of the pastor Rev. A. Arts where he was physical director and professor of physics and was closely connected with the industrial and trade training work of the school.

camp for the poor boys at Groton and during the following two years he conducted a boys' camp of his own at Squam lake in Holderness, N. H.

#### Items of Interest.

Maine has one real log cabin schoolhouse, the building being situated on the estate of C. O. DeMerritt, a 1,500acre farm in Riley Plantation, of which Ketchum is the postoffice. It is located some ten miles from Bethel, and about fifty people live thereabouts. The inhabitants pay no taxes except for the maintenance of the school and are not restricted by any special town laws

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