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After a great deal of investigation, have installed an Olds Engine in my Garage and Machine Works. It works so well and is so economical, that I have taken the agency for this section. There is no joint or packing in the head, so there is no danger of getting the water into the cylinders. It has 40 percent less parts than nearly any other engine made. If your governor spring breaks, it shuts itself down. Both inlet and exhaust valves are seated in cages, so the entire valve, seat and all can be almost instantly removed from engine without disturbing any of the adjustments.

The Olds have especial outfits for all classes of Electric Lighting, Pumping, Sawing and Spraying. In size, they vary from 1-2 Horse Power to 150 Horse Power. If interested, would be pleased to have you call and look over my plant.

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FOR SALE

One two-cylinder opposed Automobile Engine, 14 Horse Power. In fine condition. Two Running Gears and a number of Second-Hand Cars for sale at your own price.

E. O. PROCTOR, Ayer, Mass.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Austin Lawrence spent part of the spare time during his enforced stay in the house in making Christmas wreaths and evergreens for the Boston market. Fifty-eight dozen wreaths and one thousand feet of the evergreen were sent down by team and Mr. Lawrence was able to go on the cars to assist in the sale of the same.

The annual church meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4. Winslow Wetherbee, who has been clerk of the church for thirty-six years, was re-elected, but declined to serve longer. Arthur W. Nelson was then elected in his place. S. B. Hager was re-elected treasurer and col.; Dea. M. E. Woods, S. B. Hager, R. Y. Nelson, church com.; Miss Ethel W. Mead, organist; S. B. Hager, chor.; E. C. Mead and Paul W. Viets, ushers.

Walter Mead passed away at his home in West Acton on Thursday, December 29, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Mead was born in Boxborough on January 23, 1832, and lived here until about sixteen years ago. He sold his farm to Arthur Wetherbee and moved to West Acton. Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon, December 31, Rev. S. J. Willis officiating, and burial was in the family lot at Mt. Hope cemetery. He leaves two children, C. H. Mead of West Acton, and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Groton.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Albert Hartwell on December 30. Besides the members of the club, Mrs. Ring and Miss Cora Hartwell enjoyed the hospitalities of the afternoon.

Miss Catherine Sherry has entered the Fitchburg Normal school.

The Edward T. Harrington company report the sale of the E. C. Parker farm on the state road in Boxborough, to R. Mallock, who will occupy the place as a country residence.

The Ladies' circle held its annual meeting at the vestry on Thursday evening, January 5. The officers of last year had attended to their duties so efficiently that all were rewarded by re-elections.

David Wallace has gone to Portland to work.

Sam Wetherbee started on Thursday morning for California, where he will join Frank Litchfield's family.

Ralph Furbush and Harry Adams both have positions as firemen on the railroad.

Mrs. Crockett of Wakefield and Mr. Messenger of Princeton, Nova Scotia, were recent guests at Ernest Barreau's.

Miss Gale had a social party at her schoolhouse on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoar and son Rockwood from Norwood were at Mrs. C. B. Robbins' the first of the week.

Jerry McCarthy, who recently sold his farm in West Acton, started on Wednesday morning for California.

Alvin and George Richardson attended the installation of officers of Bolton grange on Monday evening, and report the work done by past master Wheeler in a very interesting manner.

HARVARD.

To the Editors:

If the reader considers the present population of this town small, it is very easily explained. Many years ago we numbered over 1,600 souls in the community. Today there are about 1,100 citizens all told.

During the days of our forefathers, large families were common; and it

was also considered proper to keep up the farm of one's parents, when such property came into the hands of the next generation.

Many changes have taken place here in the past fifteen years, especially since the new century began. A good number of our citizens today are summer residents, but most of these good townspeople are our heaviest taxpayers—with but few exceptions.

There are but few year-around families living on Oak hill at present. Nearly all the good building spots and farms are sold to recent purchasers.

Mr. Fiske Warren now owns a good portion of Bare hill, and is the heaviest taxpayer accordingly. At Bromfield lake there are over fifty cottages, which shows the worthiness of our atmosphere and scenic effects thereabouts. Here one finds a small village in itself during the summer months.

On Prospect hill two splendid houses are in progress of construction, together with several other buildings in connection therewith.

At Old Mill district the same change has occurred as elsewhere. Here a gentleman, Mr. W. H. Roberts of Boston, is erecting and improving an old landmark, recently known as the Lougee homestead.

The Bromfield or high school has been changed in management so that it is a free institution for all residents of Harvard henceforth.

A new grammar schoolhouse has been built, wherein the children gather from all the outlying districts, being conveyed in barges to and from the building.

What with a new store, various improvements and repairs to the town hall, an appreciative addition to the library building, and other minor benefits to the town, we ought to be thankful for the past and evermore hopeful for the future.

At present we begin to realize a continuous strip of state road from Harvard Centre to Concord; and before the year 1912, expect to benefit by a double track and improvements on this division of the Boston and Maine railroad. Is not Harvard a good place to build your future home, or rather continue with the farm?

News Items.

Alfred Willard is visiting at New Bedford with his daughter and family, Mrs. Harry Wright.

The annual ball of the Complimentary club promises to be one of the biggest parties yet—weather conditions being favorable. About one hundred invitations will be sent out exclusive of club members. Hibbard's orchestra of six pieces will furnish music. The ladies of the Unitarian society will prepare the supper as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton started west on Saturday last for their California trip. During their time away Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gabrielson are in charge of their farm.

Mrs. S. J. Savage returned on Monday after her trip to North Lawrence, N. Y., to attend the funeral of her uncle at that place.

Mrs. H. Emma Whitney is on the sick list with a severe attack of indigestion. Arthur Bigelow is confined to the house with the grippe.

Convalescent ones are Charles Russell, who is about again, and Miss Edith Lindley, who is up and about the house, but still unable to do anything in the line of work.

Miss Mary Davis, who has been under treatment by Dr. Hopkins, was taken to the hospital on Thursday for her third operation. She has not been in robust health since her last visit to the hospital, but it is hoped that this one may be of lasting benefit.

Winter Clothing and Rubber Goods

Christmas has come and gone, but winter has only commenced. You will surely need warm clothing, heavy underwear, caps, rubber goods, etc., these cold days and we are well prepared to take care of you. Everything in wearing apparel for man and boy at the lowest possible prices.

Fletcher Bros., Opposite Depot, Ayer, Mass.

Geo. F. Brown
RELIABLE CLOTHIER AYER, MASS.



Fancy Mixture Overcoats

for Men, Boys and Children and Men's FUR-LINED FUR COATS

are now offered at greatly reduced prices. The balance of our stock of Fancy Mixture Overcoats and also all our Fur-Lined and Fur Coats will now go at cut prices. Every garment is strictly up-to-date in cut and style. Lots of Overcoat weather still ahead, and this sale ought to be attractive to all in need of a good

stylish up-to-date Overcoat. We regarded these garments as of splendid values at the former price and now at the cost-price they are positive bargains. The sizes in the different lines are broken of course but you are pretty sure to find a garment in some one of the lines that will please you. If so, its your opportunity.

Men's Fancy Mixture Overcoats

\$12.00 Overcoats now reduced to	\$8.47
\$13.50 and \$15.00 Overcoats now reduced to	\$10.47
\$16.50 and \$18.00 Overcoats now reduced to	\$13.47
\$20.00 and \$22.00 Overcoats now reduced to	\$16.47

Boys' Fancy Mixture Overcoats

\$4.50 Overcoats reduced to	\$3.47
\$6.50 Overcoats reduced to	\$4.47
\$8.50 Overcoats reduced to	\$6.47

Children's Fancy Mixture Overcoats

Ages, 4 to 8

\$2.75 and \$3.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$1.98
\$4.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$2.50
\$5.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$3.47

MEN'S FUR-LINED OVERCOATS

Astrakhan Outside Dog-Skin Lined, splendid value for \$30.00, now go at	\$25.00
Kersey Outside, Dog-Skin Lined, cheap at \$35.00, now go at	\$27.47
Kersey Outside, Natural Muskrat Lined, splendid value for \$60.00, now go at	\$50.00

MEN'S FUR COATS.

\$20.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to	\$15.47
25.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to	20.00
30.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to	25.00
35.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to	30.00

Mrs. Carrie Hussey is visiting this week with her relatives in Concord, George Wright and family.

Still River.

Warren O. Willard started for southern Georgia on Monday, where, if everything is satisfactory, he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Clara Brown, housekeeper for Mr. Willard has gone to South Framingham where she has a situation.

Wendell B. Willard is visiting his sisters in Winchester.

Vera Willard, who has been in Winchester, since her home was burned here, has now returned home—now that her parents have got settled in the Thompson cottage.

Golden Wedding.

Last Monday was a day long to be remembered at the Willard homestead, it being the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Willard received their friends in the south parlor, the guests being presented by their nephews, Fred Bateman and Charles Haskell, after which they were taken to the dining room where caterer Whitney of Clinton served ice cream and cake. The dining table was a work of art, a variety of cakes, and assorted confectionery, made by their daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Merrifield, and all arranged in a most pleasing manner. Miss Elizabeth Bateman served fruit punch.

Although the invitations requested no presents, still in the north parlor was a display consisting of gold pieces from Still River and Harvard friends, a string of gold beads from Mr. Willard to his wife, a gold necklace with jeweled pendant from the children to their mother, and a Morris chair from them to their father, a framed Willard coat of arms, painted and given by Mrs. Merrifield. The grandchildren gave a beautiful lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Goddu gave a gold ornamented glass dish. Mr. Willard's sister, Mrs. Louisa Bateman, passed away last spring, and among the presents was a silver pitcher, with a card reading "From Louisa's children and grandchildren."

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Goddu, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard, and son from Winchester. Mrs. George Hudson, a daughter, and two children from Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Bateman and three children from Arlington, Miss. Laura Brown of West Acton, Miss Emma Butterfield, and Miss Butterfield of Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Haynes of Bolton, and a host of friends from Harvard and Still River, among them we noted E. Warren Houghton, a life-time neighbor, aged over eighty years, and Absalom Gale of Harvard, the eldest man in the town, and holder of the gold-headed cane, the gift of the Boston Post, who is in his ninety-seventh year.

After the reception was over, the guests gathered in the parlor, and Mrs. Morse sang "The old grey bonnet." Miss Laura Brown and Miss Katherine Lawrence read original papers, and Rev. L. H. Morse remarried the couple using a part of the Episcopal service, a gold ring was used, as it was done at the original wedding.

The old homestead has been in the Willard family for many years, Mr. Willard's father and grandfather certainly owned it, and whether any further back is not known.

Mr. Willard has spent nearly all of his life here. Mrs. Willard was Ellen Ruth Dudley, daughter of Silas and Charlotte Dudley, they were married by Rev. Andrew Dunn, in the Dudley home, which was afterward burned, where the house of Mr. Willard's brother Abel, now stands.

Mr. Willard was one of six children of whom three are now left, Abel Willard of Harvard, and Mrs. Julia Keyes, now stopping with her son Lester in Springfield, and Mr. Willard. Mrs. Keyes did not think it advisable to come on from Springfield to the golden wedding.

SHIRLEY.

Installation.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, when officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by deputy Frank A. Conant and suite of Popperell. A collation followed the ceremony. The following are a complete list of the officers installed: Ralph Jenkins, n. g.; George R. Hocquard, v. g.; George W. Balch, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; Frederick H. Jenkins, w.; James L. Holland, con.; Harry H. Lynch, r. s. n. g.; Charles H. Wear, jr., l. s. n. g.; Phillip E. Hocquard, r. s. v. g.; Harlan B. Howe, l. s. v. g.; Jacob C. Beach, chap.; Frank P. Rugg, r. s. s.; Eddie S. Baker, l. s. s.; Henry W. Eisner, l. g.; Isley H. Beach, o. g. The evening was pleasantly spent, remarks being made by the deputy and his suite, and the supper was excellent. Fifty-two were present, which included the suite.

Altrurian Meeting.

The Altrurians held their regular meeting at the club room on Thurs-

day afternoon. The president opened the session at 2.30. The secretary being absent, Mrs. F. M. Ballou was appointed secretary pro tem, who read the minutes of the last meeting and club correspondence. The delegates appointed to different federation meetings in Boston were Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Whitman, and Mrs. Wells. The subject for the afternoon was "New fields for women." Mrs. Kate E. Hazen gave a paper on "Women in business," referring to several prominent women who had been very successful as lecturers, writers and lawyers. Out of 303 different vocations women had entered into 295 of them.

Mrs. Louise Baker gave a reading on "In civic service," of the probation officers and matrons who endeavored to improve the conditions of prisons, and the young people they came in contact with, of the increasing number of playgrounds for the benefit of the young people; social work in hospitals and teaching mothers to take better care of their homes. Interesting discussions followed. The meeting closed by singing of national hymns, Mrs. Ballou presiding at the piano. The next meeting will be held at the Congregational vestry on January 26, at 2.30. Miss Mary Dewson will

give a talk on "What the state does with girls."
News Items.
Professor Harmon of Tufts college will occupy the pulpit of the Universalist church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.
Mrs. Charles W. Wolf, who is at the New England sanitarium at Melrose, continues to improve slowly and steadily.
Mrs. Elmer H. Allen read a paper before Capt. John Joslin, jr., chapter D. A. R. of Leominster on Thursday afternoon.

Good News

Every Sufferer from Catarrh, Coughs, Colds and Sore Throat Should Read It.

So many hundreds of catarrh victims who have taken the HYOMEI treatment, have written us letters thanking us for publishing our method of taking the HYOMEI vapor treatment in connection with the inhaler that we gladly publish it again.

The vapor treatment is especially recommended in stubborn cases of chronic catarrh of long standing, but remember that the inhaler should be used daily as usual.

This is the simple vapor treatment and only takes five minutes of your time before going to bed. Pour a teaspoonful of HYOMEI into a bowl of boiling water, cover head and bowl with towel and breathe for several minutes the vapor that arises.

You will be surprised at the result of this treatment; it makes the head feel fine and clear; you will sleep better, and that stuffed up feeling in the head will gradually disappear.

This same method will break up the worst cold in the head or chest in one night.

A bottle of HYOMEI costs 50 cents at William Brown's who guarantees it. If you want the complete outfit, which includes the little hard rubber pocket inhaler, the price is \$1.00.

No stomach dosing; just breathe HYOMEI and cure catarrh and all diseases of the breathing organs.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of EDWIN J. DENNIS late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas ALBERT J. ATWOOD, executor of the said said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, on and after such terms as may be adjudged best for the estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth 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 ordered to serve this citation on all persons known or supposed to be interested in the estate of said deceased, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

For Sale

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 sell cheap if sold at once.

For particulars inquire of THOMAS F. MULLIN, Main Street, Ayer, Mass.

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

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

3116 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

THE STRAND WAGON COMPANY, West Groton, Mass. will sell you for \$18, one set of steel double runners, suitable for Grocers, Express and Milk-horse Logging Sleds. Express and Milk-horse Logging Sleds with Body Shod for One-horse Sleds with Body Shod with Spring Steel; 435 sets one of those handy One-horse Farm Wagons with nine-foot Body and Sled-horn; 425 for a Two-horse Team Wagon with 2-inch Axles, 3x3/4 Tires, Body 12x1; 350 for Low Front Chariot, complete to go under your Pump Cart; \$100 for a Two-horse Tip Cart, complete with Low Front Wheels; \$37.50 takes One-horse Dump Cart with spear so made for it, your forward wheel, and cart built these Sleds, Wagons and Carts for years. We know they are built right and give good service, so look over your wagon and cart, and find out what repairs you need. Have plenty of stock on hand, such as Rims, Shafts, Hubs, Spokes, Axles, Iron and Steel. There is one fish in the sea. Give attention to—we hire good help and understand the work. Am willing to do your work at a price so that you can afford to have it done. Phone 101-24. L. G. STRAND.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, 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, and 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 the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

SHIRLEY

Wedding. St. Anthony's church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday morning at the eight o'clock mass, when Augustus Chaisson of Carraquet, N. B., was married to Miss Mary Glonet of this town. The bride was attended by Miss Alma Glonet of Boston, and Fred Pauline acted as best man. The bride was very neatly gowned in a cream colored suit with a picture hat to match, holding a rosary in her hand. The bridesmaid was gowned in a tan colored suit with a picture hat to match.

At the close of the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phileas Glonet where the day was spent in festivities, and the newly-married couple gave a reception to their large number of friends at the home of Auvixus Glonet, which was followed by a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Chaisson were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. They will reside in Shirley till the latter part of the week, when they will leave for New York, where they will make their home.

Installation Exercises. Court Delorme 101 Union St. Jean, held their installation exercises last Sunday at four p. m., in St. Anthony's hall. The installing officers were F. H. Morin and Andrew Cote of Court 87 of Fitchburg. Previous to the installation ceremony four applications for membership were received and favorably acted upon. At the close of the meeting a reception was given to the installing officers and the members by the newly-elected president, Simon Guerin, at his home. A bountiful turkey supper was served under the direction of Mrs. Guerin, who was ably assisted by a number of lady friends. The evening proved a most delightful one, and the entertainment consisted of national songs, instrumental music, and stories of ancient days in Canada, their native birthplace. Joseph Caserroy was the only invited guest present.

An address was made by Rev. J. H. Cote, who spoke at length on the good the St. Jean had done since their organization and complimented them on the manner their meetings were conducted, and encouraged all present for his sentiments of appreciation of the good results they had accomplished. Rev. Cote closed his address by urging the members to continue in the good work and he took his seat amid a tumult of applause. The hour being very late, Michael Glonet called for a vote of thanks for Mrs. Guerin and her assistants, who catered so efficiently in the preparation of the supper, and to Mr. and Mrs. Guerin for their cordial reception and entertainment of the members of Court Delorme and its guest. The happy party departed for home with the parting words, Au revoir compatriote. The following officers were installed:

Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.; Simon Guerin, pres.; Joseph Lozeau, Michael Glonet, v. p.; Michael Glonet, sec.; Ernest Michaud, treas.; Hebert Guilbault, cor. sec.; Narcisse Heroux, p. s.; Alphonse Harpin, 2d p. s.; Napoleon Gagnon, m. c.

Bowling. The Leominster team of bowlers connected with the trolley league paid a visit to Shirley last week Thursday evening to play a match game with the Shirley team on the local alleys. The Leominster team won out, taking all four points in the game by handsome margins.

St. George of the visiting team was the high roller in the contest, scoring 93, 97 and 108, which gave him a total of 298. Reagan, also of the visitors team was second, rolling 100, 94 and 98, giving him a total of 292. Abel Morin was the leading bowler of the home team with a score of 263.

The summary:

LEOMINSTER. Douglas 88 94 84—266
Lortout 88 88 88—264
Kilbr 93 81 76—250
Reagan 100 94 98—292
St. George 93 97 108—298
463 454 454—1361

SHIRLEY. A. Morin 89 86—265
T. Burrill 75 77 79—232
J. Gately 82 77 86—245
O. Sibley 86 88 85—259
J. McGinnis 88 80 77—245
419 412 414—1244

The first and second teams of Shirley bowlers played a match game at the local alleys on Tuesday evening. The second team won by winning the first two strings and captured the highest total pinfall by a majority of five pins. Joe McGinnis of the winning team did some good bowling for high man, rolling over the century mark on his first string and finishing with a total of 294. Guy Cook of the losing team was next high man with a score of 276.

The Ayer bowlers scheduled to appear in Shirley that night failed to show up and judging from the lack of interest shown by many of the leading teams, it would certainly indicate that the Trolley league had disbanded. The summary:

TEAM ONE. Bangs 85 75 73—233
O'Neill 80 75 72—228
E. Pomfret 81 74 73—228
Cook 91 91 91—273
Gately 76 82 192—260
416 400 437—1253

TEAM TWO. Dumbry 80 80 80—240
Bodah 80 91 75—246
Sibley 95 85 95—275
McGinnis 106 92 96—294
421 415 416—1258

No. 3 and No. 4 teams played a match game at the local alleys Wednesday evening. No. 3 team won the contest by being the victors in the rolling of the last two strings. However, No. 4 team won the highest total pinfall by a margin of 36 pins. The result of their good bowling in the first string. M. Day of team No. 4 did some good bowling, scoring 96, 97 and 101, which gave him a total of 294. Willie Gilmartin came second for individual honors with a total pinfall of 263. Bastien and LaRose of the winning team broke even, each recording a total of 290.

The summary.

TEAM THREE. Fraerlick 87 71 83—241
Bastien 81 88 91—260
Lakose 71 88 94—253
Trembley 71 95 68—237
Burrill 77 88 79—244
262 425 415—1212

TEAM FOUR. J. Gilmartin 81 75 66—222
W. Gilmartin 81 96 83—263
F. Rugg 84 86 82—252
Leopold 80 89 80—249
M. Day 96 97 101—294
422 412 415—1218

Death. Miss Emma Louise Clark died last Sunday morning at the home of her brother, E. Thornton Clark, of septic pneumonia. Miss Clark, who was housekeeper for her brother, was fifty years of age and was born in Granby. A service of prayer was held at the home of her brother on Harvard road on Tuesday morning, Rev. A. A. Bronson, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating.

The remains were taken on the train for burial in Granby, where a funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Clark home-stead.

Miss Clark was the daughter of Charles F. and Sarah A. Clark of Granby, and came to Shirley about a year ago to keep house for her brother, who is head farmer at the State Industrial school for boys. Mr. Clark lost his wife through death a little over a year ago and when the sudden and unexpected death of Miss Clark became known, it created a profound feeling of sadness among those who knew the Clark family and words of heartfelt sympathy were expressed for the brother, who has experienced a double affliction since his residence in Shirley.

Miss Clark, for some time past, had suffered from the effects of a hard cold, and had been confined to her room for only a few days previous to her death.

Miss Clark was a member of the Congregational church at Granby and was a lady of very quiet tastes and habits, and was a very sincere and devoted christian woman, whose gentle influence for good was a potent factor in her every day life. She was a regular attendant at the services of the Congregational church where she will be greatly missed.

Installation. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting on Monday evening when officers for the year 1911 were duly installed. The guests were Charles C. Fearing, grand recorder; William J. Sullivan, member of the committee in laws and appeals, and Chester Parsons, advisory counsel of the grand lodge. About seventy were present, including the deputy grand master, Albert W. Allen of Leominster and suite—W. Foster, m. w.; E. L. Edson, rec.; E. H. Harlow, L. C. Rolph, George Miller, Joseph Talbot and J. A. Perry, p. m.; M. F. Morse, Thomas Stacy, W. E. Perry and Joseph McCauley.

At the close of the installation ceremony, which was executed to perfection by Deputy Allen and suite, the retiring master workman, John H. Logue, was presented with a gold jeweled p. m. w. badge by the members of his lodge for the splendid service he has rendered during his term of office.

William J. Sullivan of the grand lodge made the presentation and in appreciative language voiced the sincere sentiments of the members of J. C. Ayer lodge.

Mr. Logue, in accepting the gift, thanked the members kindly for the token of good-will and esteem which he said, he would always cherish.

The gift was well earned as J. C. Ayer lodge has made substantial gains numerically and the true spirit of fraternalism has been well exemplified during the past year.

This did not end the pleasing features, as Thomas C. Burrill was escorted to the station of master workman and was presented with a handsome gold watch fob, the gift of grand master workman Albert H. Clement, for his untiring and successful efforts in procuring new members for his lodge during the past year.

Charles C. Fearing, grand recorder, made the presentation and in well chosen words voiced the appreciation of the members of J. C. Ayer lodge, and of the grand lodge, which was well merited. Mr. Burrill, who has just been elected to the position of foreman, received the grand lodge gift, thanking all for the substantial recognition of his work.

The lodge then closed and all adjourned to the banquet hall where a collation was served with Madeline Logue, Grace Adams, Gertrude Provost and Elsie Knowles doing excellent service as waiters.

At the close of the supper hour master workman Jacob C. Beach, toastmaster of the evening, called the meeting to order. Charles C. Fearing and William J. Sullivan delivered addresses on the great principles of the A. O. U. W. Remarks of a brief, but very cordial character were also made by the popular deputy Albert W. Allen, who has honorably served as the deputy of the lodge for the past fifteen years.

The meeting then came to a close and ended one of the most successful installations experienced by J. C. Ayer lodge, which now has a membership of ninety-four, with three more applications for membership received at this meeting. The lodge has also done a large amount of benevolent work during the past year and its members are ever on the alert for the carrying out of its ideals of "Charity, hope and protection."

The following are the list of officers installed: J. C. Beach, m. w.; T. C. Burrill, fore.; J. E. Adams, over.; W. A. Daley, g.; J. M. Leopold, fin.; C. W. Wolf, treas.; Walter Knowles, rec.; A. H. Bassett, l. w.; Sylvester Chishbrough, o. w.; A. L. Annis, trust; three boys.

Entertainment. The supper, social and entertainment of the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair. A fine supper was served at seven o'clock which was followed by an unusual program of entertainment as follows, which was in charge of Mrs. G. M. Ballou: Piano

solo, Miss Edith Lyon of Ayer; song, Miss Phillips of Leominster; mixed quartet, Mrs. G. M. Ballou, Miss Ruby Felch, J. Edwin Pomfret and Mrs. G. M. Byram; song, Miss Edith Lyon; reading, Miss Bertha Weeks; banjo solo, Miss Phillips; song, G. M. Byram; song, Miss Edith Lyon; song, mixed quartet, Messrs. Byram, Pomfret, Evans and Harlow.

Alliance Meeting. A good number were present at the meeting of the Alliance which was held at the home of Mrs. Bridgman last week Thursday. On account of illness, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen was unable to present her paper on the topic as previously announced. After the meeting adjourned, the hostess invited the ladies to the dining room where a cheerful blaze from the large old-fashioned fireplace gave additional welcome, and the appetizing lunch served by the hostess made the social hour one of unusual enjoyment. The date of the next meeting is on February 2, place of meeting to be announced.

The Alliance has received an invitation from the Fitchburg branch to attend a "Neighborhood meeting," in Phillips' chapel on January 17, beginning at eleven a. m., with an address by Mrs. Mary B. Davis. Lunch will be served at 12.30. In the afternoon interesting speakers will address the meeting.

Obituary. George Tuttle Carlton Holden, for years a prominent hotelman, died at his home in Hudson on January 2, after an illness of several months, aged seventy-six years.

Thousands of people the country over have enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Holden, his hotels in the mountains and in far away California having catered to patronage from all parts of the world. His connection with hostleries at summer resorts had made his name familiar even to those who had never visited his places, and his circle of friends and acquaintances was very large.

Mr. Holden was a man of whom only good can be spoken, and he had only good words for everybody in return. He had a wide range of interesting experiences in the business world, teacher, grocery clerk, merchant, shoemaker and hotel keeper, and in all he achieved success.

During the latter years of his hotel career he placed many young men and women from Hudson in employment at White Mountain resorts, notably at the Crawford house, and the care he exercised in selecting applicants for positions has given Hudson boys a prestige that enables them to obtain places there year after year.

Mr. Holden was born in Shirley on November 14, 1834, the son of Asa W. and Lucy Carlton Holden. His early education was obtained in the public schools and he completed his book learning with a four years' course at the Lawrence academy at Groton. The winter that he was eighteen years of age he taught school in Harvard.

The following spring he entered the store in South Acton conducted by Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, as clerk. He remained there three years, when he went to South Sudbury to work in the store of C. & E. Hunt. After being there for a time he went back to Shirley and worked for George Gates.

His next move was to Maynard, where he opened a general store under the firm name of Holden & Kilburn. He remained there four years, just before opening this store, Mr. Holden was married to Miss Frances Mossman of Searsport, Maine.

Disposing of his Maynard store, Mr. Holden went to Hudson and entered the employ of the Brigham factory, in the bottoming room, remaining a year, when he went to the Houghton shop. In company with his brother-in-law, A. M. Mossman, he soon after opened a general store again in Maynard, this time under the firm name of Holden & Co.

After conducting this store for a period of three years, he sold out to his partner, Mr. Mossman, and opened the Glendale house, now known as the Maynard house. He had charge of this hotel three years. At the end of the second year he bought the Mansion house in Hudson, and conducted the two hotels for a year, with a manager in the Mansion house.

He carried on the Mansion house for five years, but at the end of the fourth year bought the Farren house at Turner's Falls, and ran both houses for a year. He then disposed of the Mansion house and devoted his entire attention to the Turner's Falls hotel.

His next purchase was the Mansion house in Greenfield which he conducted in conjunction with the Turner's Falls place, finally disposing of the former and retaining only his Greenfield business.

In 1886 his health was poor and he spent the greater part of the year in Florida. The following year he went to California as assistant manager of the Raymond hotel at Pasadena. He remained there six seasons, conducting the Summit house on Mt. Washington four summer seasons of these years.

In 1894 Mr. Holden conducted the Preston house in Marlboro, and afterwards took charge of the Villa house at Sierra Madra for one year. The next year he remained out of business, but the following year took the management of a hotel at Santa Monica, Cal.

For many years he had maintained a home in Hudson, passing periods in Hudson when not engaged in his hotels. After 1890, he was connected with the Crawford house, White Mountains, in the summer months, passing his winters in California. About three years ago he retired from active labor.

Mr. Holden was twice married, his first wife passing away while they lived in California, in 1880. In 1892 he married Ida A. Boynton of Pasadena.

Mr. Holden was a member of Doric lodge, A. F. and A. M., Trinity Commandery, K. T., Corinthian chapter, O. E. S., and was an Odd Fellow. He was at one time a member of the board of selectmen in the town of Stow.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Phaneoph of St. Barnaby, and Isidore Martin of St.

Louis, Canada, are guests of their mother-in-law, Mrs. Provencal, for three or four weeks.

Miss Altie F. Howe, superintendent of the home department connected with the Sunday school of the Congregational church, assisted by Mrs. Eddie Baker, are doing excellent work in this department for the community. Both are well adapted for the work, and are meeting with success.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pevear in Lynn. Miss Caroline Kellogg returned to her home in Hebron, Conn., on Monday. She was a niece of the late Mrs. Abbie M. Plympton.

Elmer H. Allen represented the C. A. Edgerton Co., at a meeting of the directors of the Export association in New York city on Wednesday. Mr. Allen is one of the directors of the association.

The house adjoining the Congregational parsonage, owned by the late Abby Plympton, and recently sold by the heirs, Daniel and Miss Caroline Kellogg to the Congregational society, was transferred last Saturday through Lawyer W. Allen.

At the session of the Sunday school of the Congregational church last Sunday the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Miss Gladys Love, sec.; Joseph H. McClellan, treas.; Miss Bessie Daddum, lib.; Miss Bertha Love, pianist.

George Sanderson, jr., shot and killed a fox weighing fourteen pounds last week in the vicinity of the industrial school.

Joseph Jubb of Bennington, Vt., is visiting his brother, William Jubb for a few days.

The high school assembly held its regular session last week Friday afternoon when the following program was rendered: duet, Misses Christine and Margaret Longley; address, "First aid to the injured," Dr. Thomas E. Lilly; discussion, current events by the school.

J. Fred Brown, who has been confined to his home with sickness for a few weeks past, has recovered sufficiently to be able to sit out on his piazza a few times this week.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday evening. A supper will be served at 6.30, under the direction of the following committee: Herbert W. McCoy, chairman, Ezekiel Wilson, Henry W. Eisner, Clayton Wells and Chester Phelps. At the close of the supper hour, an address will be given by George P. Gallup, president of the State Federation of Men's clubs, who is a fine and able speaker.

Centre. Miss Mary Prescott has been very sick and unable to resume her duties as teacher of the Center primary school last week. Miss Johnson of Ayer was secured as a substitute.

Miss Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg high school spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings.

Howard Longley claims that he has a cow, which is a record breaker for high jumping. One day last week she cleared the barnyard gate, a height of four feet four inches.

The water supply in this section has been somewhat increased by the recent rains, but there are yet some who have to carry water.

Superintendent of moth work, Ardie A. Adams, has a force of five men at work, cutting off the moth nests around town.

Mrs. Fred Wyman spent Saturday at her summer home here.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Bolton of Brookline, who spend their summers here, have received a card in the form of a Christmas and new year's greeting from them. On the inside is a very beautiful little poem, written by Mr. Bolton, entitled, "The Christ."

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

Miss May Frary has obtained a position in Lynn.

Charles K. Bolton and son Geoffrey of Brookline spent Sunday at W. E. Barnard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard entertained several of their friends at a card party at their home on Saturday evening.

Mr. Sturgis of Groton school filled the pulpit at Trinity chapel, Sunday afternoon, January 8. Next Sunday at 3.15 p. m., Rev. Malbourne Brockhead, having returned from his vacation, will resume his regular duties as pastor. The regular Sunday school classes will again be resumed after the service.

A large mouse was seen recently near Hollis, N. H. It is thought to be the same one that was seen last month in the Baker woodlot at North Shirley.

The condition of I. C. C. Parker remains about the same, but his many friends hope to see him out again soon.

Miss Rae Carpenter has returned home from a visit with relatives in Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. William Wilkins, who has been suffering from a very painful felon on her thumb, has recovered sufficiently to be able to do her work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gould of Lunenburg spent Sunday with their cousins, Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett.

T. R. Thompson, who sustained severe injuries to his side while moving a sleigh, last week, has not yet recovered enough to resume his work at West Groton.

A portable sawmill has been set up, preparatory to cutting off the woodlot in back of J. C. C. Parker's house. It is owned by the Bean Lumber Co. of New Hampshire, and will probably be started up this week. Mr. Bigelow, who is superintending the work, has moved, with his family, into the house recently left vacant by Henry Farnsworth.

Mrs. Clough of West Groton has moved into the house recently erected on the Joseph Thompson place.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth has returned home from a visit with relatives in Fitchburg.

Mrs. John W. Evans and daughters Margaret and Olive are expected home this week, from their four weeks' visit in Irwin, Pa.

Miss Ora Holden picked a pansy blossom-out doors in the garden this week.

Henry Farnsworth has filled his icehouse at the East, with a good crop of ice.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph company have finished putting in new poles along their line through North Shirley, and are now engaged in cutting the brush along the line.

Leander Bowles and Mr. Fields of Lunenburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth over Sunday.

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, Tuesday afternoon, was well attended. It being the annual election of officers, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Eva L. Holden, pres.; Mrs. Julia E. Holden, v. p.; Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, sec.; Mrs. Hattie L. Adams, treas.; Mrs. Annie E. Ward, Mrs. Alice E. Cummings, Mrs. Julia E. Holden, ex. com. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Ardie Adams.

The regular meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday evening, January 17. It being poultry night, the subjects for the lecture hour will be, "Getting the best results from the hens," "Poultry production and care," and "Cooking eggs and their value as a food." Music and readings will help to make the program interesting.

A Most Estimable Woman. The body of Miss Esther Brown of Worcester, was brought here for burial in the Centre cemetery, Tuesday. Miss Brown was born in the house now occupied by Norman E. Graves, and lived there until 1878. She then moved to Ayer, where she lived until about ten years ago. After that she moved to Worcester to live with her niece, and died there last Sunday, at the age of eighty-five years. The interment was in the family lot here. Many beautiful floral offerings were donated by friends and relatives. Miss Brown was a very self-sacrificing woman and was greatly loved and respected by her many friends both in Shirley and Ayer. The only near relatives who survive her are three nieces, one in Worcester, one in Ayer, and one in Tomahawk, Wis.

New Advertisements. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 7, 1911.

Resources. Loans and Discounts \$243,100.71
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc. 41,933.81
Banking and Furniture, and Fixtures 1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents 16,693.76
Checks and other Cash Items 560.52
Notes of other National Banks 1,801.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Legal-tender notes, and U. S. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation) 5,200.00
Total \$422,278.12

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00
Surplus fund 20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid 23,228.67
National Bank Notes outstanding 100,000.00
Dividends unpaid 531.00
Individual deposits subject to check 177,768.45
Total \$422,278.12

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this eleventh day of January, 1911.
E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: Clarence Stickney, Chas. B. Stacey, J. W. Eastman, Directors.

REPORT OF

GROTON.

News Items.

Charles Thomas Crocker of Fitchburg, died on January 5, in that city, where he was born on March 2, 1833. In his boyhood he attended school at Lawrence academy, where he fitted for college, and graduated at Brown university in the class of 1854. He was connected with many financial and manufacturing institutions of his neighborhood. He leaves a widow, and several children and grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Miss Fannie E. Woods is to be installed worthy matron of the Ida McKinley chapter of the Eastern Star lodge, Ayer, on the evening of January 25. Miss Woods was one of some thirty members of the Ida McKinley chapter who went over to Fitchburg last week Friday night to the installation of the officers of the Lady Emma chapter.

Another flock of wild fowls either geese or ducks—was seen flying southward over Groton on last Sunday. They were noticed by J. L. Gilson as he was driving near H. C. Rockwood's on the West Groton road. This flight of fowl is rarely made at this time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMahon returned this week from their wedding trip and have been at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have made a change in their plans and will go to housekeeping in one of the tenements of Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck's house on Station avenue, instead of the house they first decided to occupy.

Mrs. Wild, who while acting as nurse for Mrs. Almon Black, was called to her sick mother at her home in Kennebunkport, Me., has returned to Mrs. Black. Mrs. Wild's mother had double pneumonia, and although eighty-five years old is making a good recovery.

The Pomona grange which was to meet at Fitchburg this week Wednesday, will meet there on Wednesday, January 18.

Arthur Sargent, who was in the railroad accident at Ayer last fall, is still confined at his home, and under treatment for injuries received.

The regular meeting of Groton grange, scheduled to come on Tuesday night, February 7, is to be held the previous Monday, February 6. This is to give all the members a chance to attend the concert by the Weber quartet of Boston, given on February 7, under the Luther Blood free course.

Miss Maude Bradley, the drawing teacher in the public schools, sent word to Groton that she did not feel equal to giving lessons on Thursday, which was her day for the schools here. Miss Bradley received a nervous shock at the time of the recent automobile accident from which she had not recovered.

The Reading club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Montague Chamberlain on the old Ayer road. There was eleven members and two guests present. The guests were Mrs. Brooks of Belmont, sister of Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence, and Mrs. Graham, a friend of Mrs. Chamberlain. The meeting was a most enjoyable one in every way. Afternoon tea was served in the library and Mrs. Chamberlain was found a perfect hostess. The house has been renovated and put in a beautiful condition, with some of the old-fashioned features retained and freshened up.

Charles H. Berry felt so ill Monday that he called in a doctor, who found he was suffering from severe tonsillitis.

Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods returned home last Saturday from hospital in Nashua and is feeling comfortable, but will be obliged to continue treatment under Dr. Kittredge for several weeks.

Mrs. Jerry Deney, senior, is sick and under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeffe P. Fletcher were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman at Ayer.

Joseph Paulus, shoemaker, has gone to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, to be operated on for gallstones.

Mrs. P. J. Benedict went this week for a two days' visit to her friend, Mrs. Charles Lawrence at Brookline.

The Groton friends of Merton O. Gowing of Springfield, Vt., recently bereaved of his wife by pneumonia, will feel interested to hear that his young son, Merton O. Gowing, Jr., who has been critically ill with pneumonia at a private hospital in Springfield, is recovering. Two others of his children, Mildred and Philip, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Smith in Dunstable. Mr. Gowing and his daughter Dorothy are stopping with relatives in Springfield.

The body of Mrs. Elizabeth A., widow of Ira Holmes, formerly of Groton, was brought from Concord, N. H., for interment in Groton cemetery, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Holmes was seventy-six years old and had been twice married. Her first husband was a soldier of the civil war, who served with some distinction and was killed in service. His name was Hitchings and he is buried in Groton cemetery.

Frank H. Palmer, who knows how to get foxes, has been successful in capturing five so far this winter. These skins are quite valuable.

James Bywater, who was drawn on the grand jury, is now serving at court in Cambridge.

J. E. Adams moved Joseph Gates' household goods to Ayer Tuesday. That same day, while working in Ayer, Mr. Gates fell from a tree and was brought to the hospital in Groton.

Miss Emma F. Blood was unable to resume her duties as librarian at the public library on Monday. Miss Ruth Rockwood has filled the position during Miss Blood's illness.

Capt. M. P. Palmer is suffering from an attack of the real grippe. He felt so poorly that he took to his bed some days ago and is now under the doctor's care. His little granddaughter Elizabeth is getting along nicely after her ill turn.

Groton school students returned on Tuesday from their vacation.

The church social of the Unitarian society was well attended last week Thursday night. A good supper was served and the entertainment was interesting. The play, "Murder will out," was well acted. Miss Bertha Perry of Hudson, N. H., and Miss Madeline Russell of Still River gave mad-dolin selections and Miss Perry also gave a reading. The gentleman soloist from out-of-town, who was expected, was not able to be present.

Frank W. Trask of Fitchburg, an employe in the Simonds Manufacturing Co., is at the Groton hospital, where he was operated on by Dr. Kilbourn for hernia and appendicitis last week Thursday. He is doing very well.

Leonard K. Dodge, the ten year-old son of Solon R. Dodge, was operated on by Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital last Sunday morning. The boy was suffering from a very acute case of appendicitis with which he was seized the day before. He is doing nicely.

Mrs. Frazee, a patient at the hospital, is getting on comfortably, able to sit up in bed a little once or twice every day.

Reading.
Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell read her paper, "Rulers of men whom I have seen and known," before the pupils of the Groton high school, on Wednesday forenoon. These young people doubtless enjoyed and appreciated the privilege given them as they certainly should of listening to this paper. Miss Boutwell is the only woman living today who can so speak from personal knowledge of these celebrities referred to in her paper. All these men with but one exception are dead, and their lives passed into history. Her honored father's national and other public service bringing him into intimate relationship or acquaintance with men of note, gave his daughter the opportunity of seeing or knowing these "rulers of men," such as few women have enjoyed.

Society Meeting.
The annual business meeting of the Groton Historical society was held on Tuesday evening. Samuel A. Green, M. D., was re-elected president; Capt. James P. Palmer, Rev. George M. Howe, Frank Lawrence Blood, esq., vice-presidents. Other officers remain the same as last year. Michael Shedy read a paper, giving a sketch of the life of the late Francis M. Boutwell. Capt. Palmer had been appointed to draw up resolutions on the death of Mr. Boutwell, who had been so prominent in the society. Hisness on the part of Capt. Palmer forbade his presence on Tuesday evening. The society will await his recovery, when Mr. Shedy's life sketch, and Capt. Palmer's resolutions will be placed on the records of the society.

Grange Installation.
The installation of the officers of Groton grange for 1911 took place at Grange hall, Tuesday evening, everything passing off smoothly and every way satisfactory. The installing officer was Willey M. Wright of Westford, a prominent granger and past master of Westford grange. He understood the work thoroughly and was ably assisted by Miss Bertha Farnsworth of Groton grange. There was a large turnout of members and visitors were also present from neighboring societies to witness the ceremonies. Millard S. Sawyer is the new president. As all the officers were given in this column at the time of election, they will not be here repeated. A fine hot oyster stew was served at the closing of meeting. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday evening, January 24, when the third and fourth degrees will be conferred.

A Close Call.
The squawk of a hen in the early evening last Sunday was a note of alarm that made Mark H. Blood investigate conditions at his henhouse. When he found a suspicious intruder there on the premises, he quickly called Fred Bywater, who works for his father, F. Lawrence Blood, and they gave the man chase. The thief concluded his pursuers were proving too much for him, and dropped his hen, making his escape in an auto going off towards Mr. Benedict's place. He had first wrung and then stuck the hen's neck. He got but one but probably intended to get a good bag full.

This may be a clue to the way some of the recent thefts of poultry have been made. Truly, it seems as if hen thieves must be getting quite tough and well-to-do when they can go around in their autos.

Warning by telephone was immediately sent around over town to those who keep poultry to be on guard. It is altogether likely that if any calls had been made that evening or should be made in the future at hen houses, by such thieving visitors they will get a welcome from a shot gun or rifle. This is the threat widely expressed here.

West Groton.
Mrs. R. H. Burgess, who, it is reported, has been in care of her physician, is able to be out.

Chester Hill is under the doctor's care with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

He was out for the first time on Wednesday.

Miss Addie Rudolph, sister of Mrs. W. V. Bixby, was taken to the Carney hospital on Tuesday by Mr. Bixby. Miss Rudolph has been an invalid for many weeks, suffering with some trouble in the hip, and her physician, Dr. Herbert Priest, has advised treatment by a specialist.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Carey has been ill quite recently.

Miss Jane Adams of Lunenburg is a guest of her niece, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Mrs. A. M. Lamb is entertaining her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vedder of Leeds, N. Y.

Mrs. W. F. Lane and Mrs. A. W. Adams spent Wednesday in Boston. Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge are spending some days with their daughter in Swampscott.

The question of how, when and where a water supply shall be obtained is agitating West Groton at the present time, as it has done more or less for several years past. A meeting was held on Tuesday evening and an investigating committee chosen as follows: G. H. Bixby, A. W. Lamb, A. H. Tompson, P. W. Kane, C. L. Roy, M. F. McGowan, L. G. Strand.

As these items are being written, word is received that Mrs. Della Donovan of Gardner, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Williams, is ill with pneumonia.

Friday of last week was "Dolls' day" in the Tarbell primary school; fourteen dolls were present and the stories and language lessons of the day were all given with reference to these little visitors. It is needless to add that the little ones and their teacher enjoyed an interesting day.

It is said that the filter intended by Hollingsworth & Vose Co. for the purification of Spuannacook water is not a success, or, at least, not an immediate one. It is also understood that water to be carried in pipes from the dam above the paper mill to feed the boilers in the leatherboard mill, and that work on the trenches is begun. This or other action on the part of Hollingsworth & Vose Co. was made necessary by the fact that the water used by the paper mill becomes so impregnated with chemicals and refuse that it is detrimental to the boilers of the leatherboard mill a half mile below.

Mrs. Isabel Wiggin was called to her home in Merrimack last Saturday by the death of her grandmother, and the probably fatal illness of an aunt. The former had attained the age of ninety and had been bedridden for some time. The grammar school was closed for the week.

It is an old saying that accidents and fatalities are apt to occur in groups of three. Of course no one gives credence to the old superstition and yet, three young men of our village, each with a bandaged hand were seen to compare notes recently. The injuries sustained by Henry Kittredge and Lawrence Strand were reported in previous issues; the latest victim, Dudley Richardson, employed in the leatherboard mill, had a hand caught between a cylinder and a roll. Mr. Kittredge has returned to the mill, though not able to take up his former work. The injury inflicted by the buzz planer on the hand of L. G. Strand, Jr., though it has been extremely painful, seems to be progressing well.

Last Monday evening found the assembled whist club enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber. Miss Sylvia Lawrence substituted for Mrs. Wiggin. The sixth table was filled by invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington. Highest score was won by Mr. Bixby with 43 points, James Hill's score of 40 points placing him second. Highest score for ladies was 41 points won by Mrs. Bixby, while Miss Kate Tarbell's score was 38. Booby scores were held by Mrs. G. G. Harrington and A. W. Lamb with 19 and 16 points, respectively. The club will meet Monday evening, January 23, with Mrs. George Harrington.

The Boy Scouts.
Eleven youths attended the meeting last week Friday evening for the purpose of forming a boy scouts' patrol. They organized with Lee Bixby, patrol leader and Jerome Bowles, corporal. Mr. Trowbridge received an unanimous vote to become scout master. This organization has grown rapidly in the United States, and thousands of boys are now numbered in its ranks. Room 327, Old South building, is the office for New England and Greater Boston. President Taft is honorary president and vice-president Roosevelt is honorary vice-president. Not only the popular writer and naturalist, Ernest Seton Thompson, but Jacob Riis, sociologist, and others of national reputation are behind the movement.

The object of the society is to inculcate habits of industry, observation, self-reliance and kindness, and to promote a love for nature and a keen interest in the lessons she teaches in her "many and varied forms." If entered into with earnestness and enthusiasm a membership in the Boy Scouts must result in a physical, mental and moral uplift for the boy.

Automobile Accident.
Mrs. J. T. Shepley is suffering from several broken ribs, a sprained ankle and a generally bruised condition, injuries sustained in an automobile accident last Monday evening. Mrs. Shepley formed one of a party of four who visited the Ford & Lyon garage in Fitchburg on Monday afternoon, others of the party being Miss E. Maude Bradley, Groton drawing teacher, Miss Flora Kemp and Harry Kemp, sister and brother of Mrs. Shepley. Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Shepley were inspecting cars with a possibility of a purchase. The party was started on its homeward journey by Ford & Lyon in a large Rambler, driven by Myron Sarsfield, a chauffeur of tested worth and many years' experience, who held a no-accident record.

On Fairbanks hill, not far out of the city where the road was covered with ice, a wagon came into view. The driver in charge, not heeding the signals sounded from the auto, Mr.

Sarsfield attempted to pass with the result that the auto skidded on the ice and crashed heavily into a tree. The occupants of the back seat, Mrs. Shepley, Miss Bradley and Mr. Kemp, were thrown violently to the ground, while Miss Kemp and the chauffeur were able to stay in the car though badly shaken up. Mrs. Shepley received bruises on head, arms and chest, and is suffering from nervous shock. Mr. Kemp, though bruised and lame, is not seriously injured.

The car was badly wrecked. Mr. Sarsfield, though somewhat dazed, was fortunately able to summon help by telephone from a nearby house. Dr. G. P. Norton responded to the call and help was sent from the garage.

Mrs. Shepley, supported by her sister, and accompanied by Dr. Norton, was taken to her home in West Groton. Mr. Ford followed with Miss Bradley and Mr. Kemp. Dr. Kilbourn was summoned, and with the assistance of Dr. Norton and Miss Riley, district nurse, made the injured ones as comfortable as possible. They are being cared for at Mrs. Shepley's home by Miss Kemp.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Mary Bradley is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, in Lawrence. Miss Grace Bradley has recently returned from a visit with the same relative.

A little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Knox of Taylor street on Thursday.

The missionary meeting of the Ladies' Circle of the Baptist church will be at Miss Augusta Nye's on next Wednesday afternoon.

A. H. McDonald, representative of the Overland for this district, went to New York on Wednesday evening to attend the automobile show.

The many friends of Mrs. C. E. Havens of Colorado Springs, Col., are happy to learn of her continued improvement in health since returning home from the hospital.

W. H. Titcomb, F. S. Kimball, A. T. Kimball, N. H. Whitcomb attended the Farmers' Institute at Dracut on Thursday.

Rev. H. L. Packard, pastor of the Congregational church, will preach tomorrow morning on "The Christian dignity and value of work." The subject of the evening meeting is "Wilfred T. Grenfell," C. E. subject, "Lessons from the life of Abraham." Leader, Miss Ella Schnair.

The Guild will be found on sale each week at the store of Conant & Co. at the Common.

Lodge Meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Loyal Nashoba lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., held Monday evening the following officers were installed by the lodge: George A. Cook, p. m.; Frank A. Smith, g. m.; Edgar Barteaux, n. g.; Ernest Stapleford, v. g.; James W. Dods, per. sec.; Roland Whittier, elec. sec.; Frank Gregory, treas.; William Showe, ward.; William Newell, con.; P. G. Herbert E. Whitney, del. to dis. con. The fifth annual balance shows the lodge to be in a sound financial condition: Sick and funeral fund, \$768.13; management fund, \$74.01; building fund, \$170.52; total lodge funds, \$1,012.66.

L. W. C.

The Woman's club furnished one of the leading social events of the season last Monday evening when it entertained about one hundred guests, chiefly townspeople. Balm air, a bright moon, and good travelling were favorable conditions for an unusually large number of club members and guests, and competent committees did the rest to make the evening one of great success.

The reception and entertainment were held in the Congregational vestry, and the pleasant auditorium took on an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality by the addition of evergreen trees, cut flowers, rugs and other furnishings and adornments in harmony with the spirit of the occasion.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Wright, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, Miss Blanche Skelton and Ex-supt. A. B. Webber and Mrs. Webber.

In the reception line were the handsomely gowned officers of the club: Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, pres.; Mrs. Charlotte A. Tenney, v. p.; Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb, cor. sec. Following the reception of guests which lasted for about an hour, the ladies' quartet made complete by the presence of Mrs. Webber of Stoneham, rendered several songs with charming effect and Mrs. Webber sang a beautiful solo in most artistic manner.

Mrs. Priest, in happy and cordial words, welcomed the guests and pointed to some of the aims and achievements of woman's clubs. She presented the chairman of the evening, Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, through whose influence the speaker, Alton C. Briggs, commissioner of the Board of Control in Chelsea, was persuaded to address the audience. Mrs. Lawrence viewed some of the work done by club women and threw upon the mental canvas, attractive scenes of future possibilities. In witty vein she portrayed a few political sins attributed in now way to the fair sex. Mrs. Lawrence introduced Mr. Briggs, whose address before the same organization three years ago had won for him a most cordial reception on this occasion.

Mr. Briggs pictured in graphic language the terrible scenes of conflagration, terror and suffering at the Chelsea fire; the feeding and sheltering of the masses of people, and the formation, of a temporary government through the establishment of a Board of Control. He sketched the tremendous work of that board, and presented some of the many perplexing problems and their solutions. The address was full of interest and instruction and at times very entertaining. Mr. Briggs is very pleasing in his personality, and speaks with positive assurance from his wealth of knowledge and large experience.

At the close of his address the quartet sang "Ave Maria," one of their favorite selections and the rest of the



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evening was devoted to sociability. Under the direction of Mrs. Lizzie A. Cox, a very delicious spread consisting of chicken salad, olives, sandwiches, nuts, ices, cake and coffee was served.

To all those in charge of affairs and their corps of assistants may be credited one of the memorable social gatherings of the season.

The past year in Littleton grange has been a very prosperous one. The meetings have been well attended, and the programs during the lecturer's hour have been of high order. The master and secretary were present at every meeting. The treasurer was absent one meeting on account of illness. W. Steward, L. A. Steward, Pomona and George H. Cahoon of the executive committee missed two meetings. Fifty-one have been initiated and one received by demit during the year, and a class of thirteen to be initiated in the near future.

Wednesday evening, January 4, past master of Acton grange, James H. Tuttle, assisted by Miss Minnie Gambol, with Mrs. Duesseault at the piano, installed the officers of 1911, as follows: Richard T. Barrows, m.; James Neagle, o.; Grace Cash, chap.; Fannie Barrows, lec.; Joseph McPherson, stew.; Edward Bigelow, treas.; Augusta Smith, sec.; Ethel Whittier, Pomona; Dorothy Roberts, Ceres; Della Stone, Flora; Cornelia Dalley, ass. stew.; Mary Callahan, lady ass. stew.; John Wright, ex. com. three years.

The work was performed in a very pleasing and impressive manner and a vote of thanks was extended past master Tuttle of Acton grange and

New Advertisements.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of MICHAEL D. MCGRAIL, late of Ayer in said County, deceased: Whereas, MICHAEL D. MCGRAIL, and DELIA MCGRAIL administrators of the estate of said deceased have presented to said Court their petition for license to sell at private sale in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be ordered by the Court, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of February 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 petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so notified, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.
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AYER.

News Items.

The regular convocation of Hancock Royal Arch chapter will be held next Tuesday evening. Work, past master degree. A lunch will be served.

A special meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held next Monday evening. Work, M. M. degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage left on Wednesday morning for Worcester and New York city, and after a stop in that city, they will leave for Washington and from there will go to Southern Pines, N. C., where they will make a stay there or nearby for a couple of months. Their son, Llewellyn, and their daughter Helen, were with them. They go to Southern Pines, as the climate there is very much better for their daughter, who has had pneumonia three times, the last time last winter. She was very sick with the dreaded disease.

Rev. J. W. Batt of Concord preached in the Unitarian church on Sunday owing to the illness of the regular pastor, Dr. Richmond Flisk.

The Unitarian Social Gathering held its first meeting of the year in the vestry on Tuesday afternoon. The directors elected were: Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. George H. Hill, Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. Franklin Lawton and Mrs. Sanford B. Preble were elected visiting committee. A fine supper was served at six o'clock in charge of Mrs. A. E. Lawrence and Mrs. George J. Burns, who were assisted by Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, Miss Emma Butterfield and Mrs. Barker. Music during the supper hour was piano solos by Miss Etta Green and Mona Stedman.

The Ayer branch Alliance is invited to a neighborhood meeting in Phillips' chapel, Fitchburg on January 19, at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Mary B. Davis, the national secretary, will address the meeting. Lunch will be served at noon. Other interesting speakers are expected at the afternoon session.

Charles E. Morrison of Laconia, N. H., visited his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Phelps, over Sunday, returning to Laconia on Monday morning by the way of Lowell. Mr. Morrison's birthday, his seventy-fifth, was on Sunday, January 8.

Joseph Gates, who has been working under the direction of superintendent of moths, Daniel W. Mason, fell from a tree on Columbia street, near the residence of Mrs. E. O. Harlow on Tuesday, and was quite severely injured. Mr. Gates was one of the climbers who cut off the moth nests from the trees. As he was coming down the tree, he stepped on a dead limb, which broke and he fell to the ground. He was taken to his home in Groton. There was a large wound on the forehead, necessitating the taking of four stitches, one of his ears was badly lacerated and a knee severely cut and bruised. He was otherwise injured about the body.

The Boy Scouts will meet every Saturday at two o'clock in the lower town hall until further notice. The patrols are drilling in view of entering the great parade in Boston on April 19, when it is hoped 20,000 boys will march. It is hoped to add new features to instruct in woodcraft and good citizenship. All boys between ten and eighteen are invited to enroll. We want at least forty boys to represent Ayer in the parade.

The local Greeks observed their Christmas last Saturday.

The annual supper and roll-call of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in the vestry of the church on Thursday evening, January 19. Supper will be served at 6.30, followed promptly by the roll-call, and that by a discussion of the church interests. It is the hope of the committee in charge—Rev. Frank Hargraves, pastor, H. J. Webb, Henry G. Turner, S. J. Andrew, Mrs. George Cobb, Mrs. John Wentworth and Miss M. L. Durgin—that all interested in the welfare of the church to be present and participate in the pleasure and profit of this reunion.

Mr. Hobart E. Mead, wishing to devote his whole time to other business, has resigned as cashier of the First National bank, his resignation to take effect on February first. Mr. Mead has been cashier since January, 1904, and has been very much liked by all connected with the bank. Much regret is expressed that he has decided to sever his official connection with the institution.

A large audience attended the presentation of the drama, "What's next," by local talent in Page hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Harbinger lodge, Knights of Pythias. After the drama there was dancing.

The Art class of the Woman's club met on Friday afternoon, January 6, with Miss Madolln Whitney. The program included current a. p. news, picture study and the topics, "Pausanias," by Mrs. Barker and "Socrates," by Mrs. Avis B. Fisher.

The members of Ayer Circle, Companions of the Forest, are making arrangements for a fair to be held in the near future.

George A. Reed, who has been on the Boston and Albany road for the past forty-five years, forty-two years of that time conductor, running from South Framingham to Boston and returning, came to town on Thursday evening, returning the following evening, on a visit with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Lynde.

Chief of Police Beatty, and officer Mullin arrested two girls who ran away from their home in a neighboring town on Thursday afternoon. The officers were notified to be on the watch for them, and found them near the railroad station about one o'clock. They were kept here until their father came and took them home. The girls said in explanation of their actions, that they wanted to join a circus. On account of the family and at the wishes of their father, the names are withheld.

The following officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. E., were installed last Sunday in their hall on West

Main street: Mrs. Annie Wilson, pres.; Miss Mary M. Skeritt, v. p.; Miss Susan F. Neylan, rec. sec.; Mrs. Maude Sullivan, fin. sec.; Miss Katherine McCarthy, treas.; Miss Mary Carrigan, m. a. a.; Miss Hannah Hackett, sent. The installation officers were Mrs. Jennie Gavin of Watertown, county president, who was assisted by Miss Courtney of the same place. After installation, refreshments were served and an informal social time followed.

Rev. William J. Batt will supply at the Unitarian church Sunday morning for Dr. Flisk. Miss Millie Beverly will have charge of the Y. P. R. U.

The democratic town committee organized on Wednesday evening. William Donlon was elected chairman, Charles A. McCarthy, secretary and Joseph P. McGuane, treasurer. These officers are elected for the current year.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank on Tuesday, Howard B. White was elected president and Hobart E. Mead, cashier. The following named directors were elected: Howard B. White, Thomas L. Hazen, Oliver K. Pierce, Daniel W. Fletcher, Hobart E. Mead and Waldo Spaulding.

All three children of S. Bassett Dickerman have been suffering for some time with the whooping cough. Wednesday, the youngest, contracted pneumonia in a severe form.

Tickets are issued by the Boston and Maine railroad for the annual week of sports at Montreal, commencing on January 28. The round trip tickets are good going on January 27 to 29, inclusive, and good for return passage until February 6, inclusive, and are on sale at several stations. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office here and the fare for the round trip from Ayer is \$12.60. The program for the entire week at Montreal is an extensive one, and takes in skating races, hockey matches, curling, tobogganing, ice trotting races, snowshoe tramps, fireworks display, "Fete de nuit," civic holiday, campfire on the mountains, ski jumping, etc.

John E. Hosmer was surprised at the residence of his daughter on the Groton road, on the evening of January 11, it being his eighty-first birthday, and a number of his friends and neighbors were present on this festive occasion. He was the recipient of a good-sized birthday cake and other remembrances were given him, and a social and happy time was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Hosmer is one of the oldest residents of Ayer, coming here nearly fifty years ago.

Charles E. Sherwin, son of William U. Sherwin, has entered the employ of the Superior Tap Co., Charlestown, N. H., and left here on Wednesday. Mrs. Sherwin will join him in about ten days. They will not move there for the present.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet in the Baptist vestry on Thursday afternoon, January 19. New members will be received and five badges will be presented. It will be necessary for those wishing to take part in the wand drill to be present.

The Congregational Ladies' Benevolent society served a fine supper on Wednesday night in the vestry of their church. The committee in charge was Mrs. F. C. Johnson, Mrs. Viell, Mrs. A. M. Winslow and Mrs. E. B. Parker.

The Sewing school of the Woman's club opened last Saturday with a large attendance of pupils, but not sufficient teaching forces. Some of the classes could not be attended to, but it is expected that things will be better in that respect today.

A special meeting of the Woman's club was held on Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. A. B. Fisher, to confirm the election of members.

The parish committee of the Unitarian church has organized with Charles Sherwin, chairman and Mrs. Barker, secretary.

Mrs. Grace Lovejoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burgess, who has been ill with tuberculosis for several months, is very low and death is expected at any moment.

Mrs. Silas P. Morgan is a very sick woman and at present has a nurse from Worcester, Miss Oliver. One lung is in a bad condition from congestion.

Howard B. White has been president of the First National bank of Ayer for seven years, and he has been connected with this financial institution for twenty years, thirteen years its cashier. The bank is in a very prosperous condition, which is largely owing to the superior business management of its president.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas spent two days in Worcester this week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Clara Thomas, daughter of Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church, started yesterday morning for Brunswick, Me., where she will visit for the coming week.

George L. Willert, now living at Panama, and formerly a resident of Lowell, and Miss Edythe Young of the same city, were married at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Augustus D. Scruton, on Thursday afternoon, by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church. After the ceremony, the married couple left for Panama by way of New York city, and will make their home in the former place.

The condition of Theodore, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry, is more favorable. The child is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Dr. Hopkins has charge of the case.

Edna Smith, who went to the Bay State hospital, Boston, for an operation on a deformed foot, from which she had suffered inconvenience since birth, is getting along finely and expects to return home within a few days. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith.

Edward E. Sawyer, commander of Captain George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., assisted by Holden C. Harlow, installed the officers of the Leominster camp on Thursday evening.

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sults by advertising in the Public Spirit and the eight other papers. The policy of this paper has always been to attract trade to this town and not pursue a policy to induce its readers to trade in nearby cities.

At the moving picture exhibition at Page hall last Saturday night a large audience of more than four hundred and fifty people filled the hall and they witnessed one of the best shows of that kind ever given in town. The films were all good and clean and perfect order was maintained. For this week for a special there will be three feature pictures, a Selig, "Golden secret," "Corp. Freeman's war story," and "Human hearts." For songs they have "Will you forgive if I forget" and "Why did you break my heart."

At the First Congregational church tomorrow the theme of the morning service will be "Retribution and mercy." In the evening there will be a union service of the Methodist and the Congregational churches, in the Methodist church, 6.30 o'clock.

Unclaimed letters at the Ayer post office for the week ending January 10, by Mrs. E. P. Bureau, Miss Edith Davis, Fred E. Orne, William H. Toobey.

Services tomorrow at St. Andrew's church, ten a. m., holy communion; 10.45, morning prayer and sermon. Sunday school at twelve.

Death.

Miss Esther L. Brown died on Sunday, January 8, at the home of her niece in Worcester, aged 83 yrs., 6 mos., and 18 days. She was the daughter of Zenas L. and Lydia (King) Brown of Shirley Centre, where she was born and passed her early years. Until quite recently she had been a resident of Ayer, for nearly fifty years. She was a member of the Congregational church of Ayer in which she took a deep interest. She exemplified the christian life in devoting herself to the service of others. The influence of her strong, pure, unselfish life will long be felt by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Funeral services were held in Worcester on Wednesday morning, January 10, and interment was in the family lot.

She is survived by three nieces—Mrs. George H. Hill of Ayer, Miss Helen A. Woods of Worcester, and Mrs. Warren Brooks of Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

More Shed Room.

Workmen in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad are busy in building an addition to the transfer shed in the upper railroad yard. The original platform was 380 feet in length and this will be extended two hundred feet more, and another new platform of 380 feet built, together with a shed to cover all the additional platform space. This will make a total length of the platform, when finished, of 960 feet. The new arrangement will enable the transfer men to handle about sixty cars a day, or nearly double the present day's work. The new platforms are so arranged that transfer of freight may be done on four tracks by members of the force engaged in that work. When this addition is completed, it is thought that the number of men at work will be materially increased.

Committed.

The cases of Salvan and Simon Panella, who were found guilty of assault and battery on William Hanlin, in the local court some time ago, came up before the superior court at Cambridge on an appeal on Wednesday. They, through their counsel, pleaded not guilty, and the evidence was all presented on Wednesday afternoon. The court announced that he would postpone the charge to the jury until Thursday morning. When the court came in at that time, the defendant retracted their plea of not guilty, and pleaded guilty. The lawyer for the defendants addressed the court, in which he stated that Simon Panella has a wife and family in Italy and if the court would impose a fine, that as soon as he paid it he would return to his family in the old country. The counsel also asked that the court impose a fine in the case of Salvan Panella. The judge in reply said that he would withhold his decision on the case, and the defendants were committed to jail to await the action of the court.

The above disposition of these cases was the outcome of an unusually interesting scene of events. When the cases were originally heard in the local district court, the defendants were each found guilty of the charge of assault and battery and sentenced to the house of correction at East Cambridge for six months. They afterward consulted a Boston lawyer who brought the case to the supreme court on an alleged writ of error, claiming that the defendants were not made acquainted with their legal rights in the lower court, and especially with regard to their right to appeal.

The supreme court sustained the contention of the counsel, and the defendants were later released on bail. The case was then brought to the district court here, in the hope that it might be settled. Judge Atwood imposed a sentence of three months in the house of correction at this time. The defendants through their counsel, then appealed and they furnished bonds for their appearance before the court last Wednesday, with the result as above stated.

Seniors' Dance.

The annual dance given by the senior class of the high school took place in Page hall last Friday night, and was successful far beyond the hopes of its managers. The financial returns and the number who attended were the largest of any similar event in the history of the school. There were 460 people present, and \$115 was taken at the door for admission. The net profit was sixty-five dollars.

Previous to the dance there was a reception the matrons being Mrs. Herbert L. Whitman and the following teachers of the high school: Ullra Benson, Miss Laura Keefe, Miss O'Neill and Miss Louise Keefe.

The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. The class colors in the form of streamers were suspended from the ceiling and caught up at the sides of the hall. Christmas trees adorned the stage, and the windows were draped in white surmounted by evergreen. The figures 1911, indicat-

ing the class which was giving the dance, were suspended over the top of the stage. The whole decorations made a fine effect. Light refreshments were served at intermission.

Installation.

These officers of Ayer Junction Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles were installed on Thursday evening by senior past president, William F. Fitzgerald, assisted by Patrick Cheasty of this town; William J. Donlon, pres.; Martin Scullane, v. p.; Joseph Foley, chap.; Charles A. McCarthy, sec.; T. F. Walsh, treas.; Leon D. Sullivan, phy.; M. J. Monohan, i. g.; Thomas Donahue, o. g.; Ephraim Gilman, William Cornellier, Dr. Leorn D. Sullivan, trust. After the installation, a banquet was served. William F. Fitzgerald, Martin Scullane and William J. Donlon were chosen delegates to the New England Field Day association, meeting at Providence, R. I., on January 30.

Peace Now Prevails.

The conflict of authority, which has been brewing for several months between moth superintendent, Daniel W. Mason, and tree warden, Calvin Blood, in regard to their duties, as town officials, reached an acute stage on Wednesday when tree warden Blood approached the men engaged in removing the moth nests on East Main street, who were working under Mr. Mason's orders, and ordered them to stop working in the maple trees on the thoroughfare, unless they did so without the use of spurs for climbing purposes.

The moth department had understood that this objection only applied to the use of spurs on the trunks of the maple trees, but that their use was permissible on the trees in the upper branches. Acting in accordance with the well-known wishes of the tree warden, the superintendent of moths, used ladders whenever practical to do so.

Great was the surprise therefore when the orders of Mr. Blood were given that spurs could not be used at all in doing the work on the maple trees on the public streets.

As the greater part of the trees on East Main street were of this variety, it at once became evident to the workers that they could not proceed to do the work in a thorough manner if they complied with Mr. Blood's orders.

Work was temporarily stopped and superintendent Mason was notified. He put the men at work on private trees, which was requested by the owners, and after this work was done, Mr. Mason proposed to have them do the work of removing the moth nests from the public shade trees, other than the prescribed maples. This action will be taken in compliance with the wishes of district superintendent of moths, W. L. Colton, who is permanently located here in the interest of the state forestry department, although such work would practically amount to nothing, as the elimination of the work on the maple trees would leave them infested, so that when the hatching season arrived, the moths would spread to all other trees, private and public.

Before proceeding with the work on the shade trees, as above outlined, superintendent Mason and Mr. Colton held a conference with tree warden Blood at the latter's residence on Thursday morning, and the result was that a compromise was effected, so that hereafter, the climbers on the trees may use spurs in any part of all the trees, above fifteen feet above the ground.

Mr. Mason says that if his men were allowed to use spurs, the accident which happened to Joseph Gates on Tuesday would have been avoided. Gates was working on a tree on Columbia street, and when the tree was cleared of the nests, he started to come down. Although wearing spurs, he did not use them out of respect to Mr. Blood's wishes. In his descent he stepped upon a dead limb which gave way and he fell to the ground.

At the present writing, both sides to the controversy have agreed on terms of peace, which it is hoped will permanently continue.

District Court.

John Smith of Pepperell, charged with disturbing the peace, was in court on January 2, and on trial was found guilty, and fined five dollars. He was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a loaded revolver was tried, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Herbert O. Craig of Ayer, charged with assault and battery at Ayer, December 30, James L. Chase complainant, was in court on January 4, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars. Sentence suspended until April 4. The trouble grew out of a missing muskrat trap belonging to the complainant.

John J. Thyne was found guilty of drunkenness, and in court on Monday was sentenced to the house of correction in Cambridge for three months.

Attended.

A delegation from Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. L., attended in Fitchburg, Friday evening, January 6, the installation in Lady Emma chapter. They returned in a special trolley car. Among those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce, Miss Fannie E. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fillebrown, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Miss Lily Wright, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. E. G. Danckle, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. Edna Zoller, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Stella Proctor, Mrs. William Reynolds, Mrs. Joseph Graves, John Hosmer, Mrs. Paul Fillebrown, Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Mrs. Lord Mrs. E. W. Carley, Mrs. L. H. Cushing.

Installation.

The following officers of Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus were installed by district deputy supreme knight, James M. Keefe, assisted by C. E. King, both of Athol, on Tues-

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day evening: John H. Burns, g. k.; Martin H. O'Neill, d. g. k.; Peter H. McNiff, chan.; Joseph P. Mullin, treas.; William R. Burns, fin. sec.; James H. Neagle, rec.; Michael J. Griffin, w.; William Tobin, i. g.; Miles McNiff, o. g.; Thomas F. Mullin, lec.; Hugh McDonald, ad.; Michael J. Griffin, trustee three years. After the installation ceremony there were remarks by district deputy Keefe, and an address on "Authority," by Rev. M. F. Callahan, the chaplain of the council. A social time followed, during which lunch was served.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Herbert Hall is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia at her home at Somerville, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley are at their summer home, to remain through the harvesting of ice, and Miss Edith Taylor is assisting in the household duties.

Mrs. Laura Gilman Webber and infant son are ill with scarlet fever at their home at Fitchburg, Mass. Mrs. Frank Gilman is caring for them.

Mrs. Annie Gilman Bailey of Pepperell and little Olive Webber spent the week-end and Sunday at Frank Gilman's.

Mrs. Ernest W. Nye and daughter Constance of Sandown, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott are spending part of the winter at Palm Beach, Florida.

The friends of Miss Constance Hungerford recently gave her a linen shower at her home at Hartford, Conn.

Married, at the Congregational parsonage, on Saturday evening, January 7, by Rev. Warren L. Noyes, Edward O'Heren, son of the late Thomas O'Heren of Brookline, and Miss Lora May Elliott of Mason. They will reside at the cottage owned by Samuel Swett. The bride and groom have many friends who extend congratulations and wishes for many years of happiness.

Clarence R. Russell installed the officers of Advance grange, at Wilton Centre on Thursday evening, January 5, assisted by Mrs. Clara Russell of Brookline, and Mrs. Minnie Grey of Wilton.

All of the schools closed yesterday. The Board of Education have failed to receive from the State a fund of \$118,666. The State appropriation being insufficient, twenty-nine towns have been cut out, among them Brookline.

The public library will be open on Saturday afternoons during January and February, and not in the evening.

Rev. James N. Seaver has entertained several of his friends with exhibits by the aid of the microscope this past week.

Rev. James N. Seaver, pastor of the M. E. church remembered his parishioners and friends with neat cards inscribed with the following new year's greeting:

Dear Friend: May God inspire in us all a spirit of thankfulness for his bounty throughout the year that is past, and of trustfulness for the year that is to come. Helpful as our fellowship has been in the past, may it be even more so in the future. Fraternally yours, J. N. Seaver.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Helen M. Hall, pres.; Miss Myrtle L. Shattuck, v. p.; Mrs. Nancy J. Daniels, sec.; Mrs. William Brown, treas.; Mrs. Adelia Whitcomb, Mrs. Mary Noyes, Mrs. Josephine Stiles, Mrs. Viella Dodge, managers.

The officers of the Loyal Workers for 1911 are: Mrs. Ellen S. Swett, pres.; Mrs. Nellie Gibson, v. p.; Miss Josephine Seaver, sec.; Mrs. Hattie Stiles, treas.; Mrs. Eliza Beterley, Mrs. Cora Brittenhouse, Mrs. Elva Corey, directresses; Mrs. Jennie Houtelle, entertainer.

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Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending January 9: Mrs. Boise Barry, Mrs. William Cassista, William Dec, Miss Nellie Deane, Mrs. Jean Jean, Everett Lawrence, Frank Newhall, Kostany Tomkiewicz, Karol Trombley, Mrs. Frank Trombley.

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

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All of the schools closed yesterday.

The Board of Education have failed to receive from the State a fund of \$118,666. The State appropriation being insufficient, twenty-nine towns have been cut out, among them Brookline.

The public library will be open on Saturday afternoons during January and February, and not in the evening.

Rev. James N. Seaver has entertained several of his friends with exhibits by the aid of the microscope this past week.

Rev. James N. Seaver, pastor of the M. E. church remembered his parishioners and friends with neat cards inscribed with the following new year's greeting:

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My Sympathetic Friend

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My father and mother both died when I was so young that I have no remembrance of them, and I was sent to an orphan asylum. When I was eighteen the matron one morning called me into her room and said to me:

"You have been very useful to us here since you passed out of childhood, but I am expected by the managers to get on without help. You are now old enough to be self supporting and must either work for yourself alone or in a home. I occasionally receive a letter from some man desiring one of our grown girls for a wife. I had one of these letters this morning from a young man in the west, who says that he has a good farm on which he lives alone, and he wishes me to send him some one for a helpmeet whom I can recommend, and he has forwarded letters recommending him. Let me know if you wish the position."

The matron was used to condensing everything she said just as she had spoken these words. She was a good woman, but was so intimately connected with the world's troubles that she could not give much attention to those of any one person. She turned to other duties, and I left her to go to my room to think.

The result of my tearful deliberations was that I was a few days later handed a ticket and what money I would need on the journey and took a train for the west. My leaving was telegraphed to my future husband, who was to meet me at the station, marry me and drive me twenty miles to his farm. I had no money with which to return or go anywhere else in case he should prove disagreeable. Indeed, I felt as though I had been pitched over a precipice.

The train had left Chicago and we were bowling along toward the Mississippi. I noticed a young man sitting near me who was looking at me. I thought, sympathetically. I must have shown my despondency in my face, for his own reflected it or, rather, bespoke commiseration. Presently he came over to me and said, with an encouraging smile:

"You look troubled. Is there anything I can do or say to make you feel happier?"

There was that in his honest face and eyes that invited confidence. I told him my story. He listened to it attentively and respectfully and when I had finished said:

"Has it occurred to you that the man who is to marry you is in the same position with regard to you that you are with regard to him?"

"I never thought of that."

"And do you know that many so called love matches turn out very unhappily?"

"I supposed," I replied, "that it was the forced marriages such as the one I am about to make that are failures."

"There is no truer saying than that marriage is a lottery. I think you have a better chance in yours than those people who, blinded by love, see no fault until a number of them are plainly visible after marriage. Un-biased persons have recommended this man to you and you to him. You both trust to them instead of your own judgment blinded by love. The chances are largely in your favor."

"What you say," I replied, "sounds encouraging, but it seems to me that I would rather begin with love even if I must end with disappointment."

"Spoken like a woman," he rejoined. "And I would rather begin without love and end with love."

What a treasure are these people who have the faculty of lifting the cloud that hangs over us and showing us the sun shining behind. This young man seemed to have only an ordinary education, but any deficiency was made up by common sense. Then, too, it was easy to see that he had a kind heart. He was constantly looking at me out of those sympathetic eyes of his, which said, "Poor child, how I pity you!" He was with me most of the morning and all the afternoon. He soon ceased to talk about my trouble, leading me into other paths, though he told me many instances of persons who had made marriage a matter of business and found it a matter of affection.

My lover—I was certainly thinking the word, mockery that it was—had written that my train would land me in the night at the last principal town on my route, and I was to remain there, taking another train the next morning. When I parted with my newly made friend I relapsed into the same miserable condition as before. But I was tired, and that night, though I went to sleep in tears, I got a fairly good rest. This and a bright morning kept me up the next day till I approached the last station, where I was to meet "my lover," when it was all I could do to resist a temptation to throw myself from the train. I permitted every one to go out before me and wished there were more of them. Then when alone I nerved myself for the ordeal and left the car.

My lover was there waiting for me, extending his hand to assist me down the steps.

A sudden wonder mixed with a wild fluttering of my heart caused me to pause. Was I in a dream or was I waking from sleep? The man waiting to hand me down was my sympathetic friend.

His Two Seats.

A large and pompous person, wearing a high hat, a long coat, yellow spats and a congenial sneer, for several days made himself obnoxious around a Washington hotel a bit ago. He announced he was from New York, ragged the bellboys, jawed the clerks, cussed the service, roared at the food, complained about his room and the elevator and the telephones and the bar and everything else.

One afternoon he walked over to the porter and said: "Here, you; I'm going to quit this town and go back to New York, where I can get some decent service. I want you to buy me two seats in a parlor car on the 4 o'clock New York train. Get me two seats, now, and meet me at the station with the tickets. I want one chair to sit in and one to put my feet in."

The seats were delivered at the train just before it pulled out. One of the seats was in car No. 3 and the other was located in car No. 4.—Saturday Evening Post.

Solon's Answer.

"What is the most perfect form of government?" was once propounded at the court of Pericles, king of Corinth, one of the seven wise men of Greece. His six fellows were present, and of them Bias answered first, giving as his opinion, "Where the laws have no superior." Thales of Miletus, the great astronomer, declared, "Where the people are neither too rich nor too poor." In his turn said Anacharsis, the Scythian, "Where virtue is honored and vice detested." Said Pittacus of Mitylene, "Where dignities are always conferred upon the virtuous and never upon the base." Said Cleobolus, "Where the citizens fear blame more than punishment." Said Chilo, the Spartan, "Where the laws are more regarded than the orators."

The last to reply was the youngest but wisest of them all, Solon of Athens, who said, "Where an injury done to the meanest subject is an insult to the whole community."

Its Purpose.

They stood in front of one of Washington's leading furniture stores. The windows were full of beautifully inlaid pieces of furniture, such things as are only within the reach of the rich and are meant to lend an additional touch to the already perfectly appointed home. Among them was an afternoon tea table. It was a frail, delicately constructed piece on rollers and brought to mind an artistically gowned hostess serving tea to a select coterie, while the conversation dealt with nothing more heavy than the latest fiction and comic operas. With a long drawn out sigh the woman contemplated it. The man, following her gaze, saw it and was unimpressed. She hastened to explain.

"That there is a tea table. It's just grand to use when you ain't got no cook in the house and have folks in."—Washington Star.

Feminine Resource.

Mr. D. went to the club, leaving Mrs. M. with a lady friend whose abilities as a scandal monger and mischief maker were pre-eminent. When he returned he just poked his head into the drawing room and said, with a sigh of relief, "That old cat's gone. I suppose?"

For an instant there was a profound silence, for as he uttered the last word he encountered the stony stare of the lady who had been in his mind. Then his wife came to the rescue.

"Oh, yes, dear," she said. "I sent it to the cats' home in a basket this morning."

Poison in War.

When the French beat the Formosans along the coast in 1881 the latter retired to the interior. When the French pursued them they found a queer line of defense, beyond which they could make no progress and in storming which many died. The Formosans had poisoned the springs, water courses, etc., as they retreated, and the campaigns of the French against them never got farther than the poison line. The poison was a native one, as deadly as arsenic or strychnine.

Argus Eyed and Hydra Headed.

The term "Argus eyed" means watchful. According to the Grecian fable, Argus had 100 eyes, and Juno set him to watch all of whom she was jealous. When Argus was slain she transplanted his eyes into the tail of the peacock. "Hydra headed" is a term derived from the fable of Hercules and the hydra. The hydra had nine heads, and Hercules was sent to kill it. As soon as he struck off one of its heads two shot up in its place.

No Fire Within.

Times have changed. Our fathers for some strange reason preferred a cold meeting house to one which was warmed by artificial heat. When a stove was put into the Old South church, Boston, in 1783 a newspaper of contemporary date contained this significant lament:

Extinct the sacred fire of love,
Our zeal grown cold and dead,
In the house of God we fixed a stove
To warm us in their stead.

The Better Way.

Barber—Shall I take a little of the ends of your hair off, sir? Customer—Yes, I think you had better take it off at the ends unless you can get it out of the middle.

What Did He Mean?

"Have you noticed, my friend, how many fools there are on earth?"
"Yes, and there's always one more than you think."—Sourire.

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Wagner.

Lucky He Stuck to His Opinion.

Pride of opinion is perhaps the most common fault of us fairly educated and intelligent moderns. We form our judgments and then, as it were, defy any one to change them. It is said that no one has ever been converted by abstract argument.

At the time of the great disaster to Martinique the Italian bark Orsolina was taking on a cargo of sugar there. Her captain was accustomed to volcanoes, and he did not like the appearance of Mount Pelee. Not half his cargo was on board, but he decided to sail for home.

"The volcano is all right," argued the shippers. "Finish your loading."
"I don't know anything about Mount Pelee," said the captain, "but if Vesuvius looked that way I'd get out of Naples, and I'm going to get right out of here."

The shippers threatened him with arrest. They sent customs officers to detain him, but the captain persisted in leaving. Twenty-four hours later the shippers and the customs officers lay dead in the ruins of St. Pierre.—Christian Herald.

A Miser's Luxury.

There was a Middlesex couple once who lived on a sum to shock the most reckless of our correspondents. Daniel Dancer was the man. He looked on saving as an art and saved for art's sake. His father left him a farm and eighty acres, and his sister helped him carry out his scheme of life. He let the land lie fallow, says the London Gist. It costs money to cultivate land. For food the couple believed in one day, one meal. The batch of dumplings baked on a Saturday lasted out the week. For clothing he depended on bay bands "swathed round his feet for boots and round his body for a coat." But Daniel had a weakness. He would buy a clean shirt each year. And out of this arose the tragedy of his life—a lost lawsuit over three-pence which, in Daniel's judgment, the shirt seller had wrongfully pocketed. He died in 1794 worth £3,000 a year.

Gypsy Wordless Language.

To communicate with one another gypsies now use letters—and they use the telegraph, too, when necessary—especially in this country. But the modern Romany also follows the "patteran," tracing the footsteps or wagon tracks of his friends on the road by the same method employed by his ancient prototype, reading directions where no words are written as clearly as the gorgio does a roadside signboard. But the patteran can be read by the gypsy only—it is hidden and secret, although it may be in plain sight, as a signboard is open and public. The patteran may be formed of sticks or stones or grass placed cross fashion at the parting of roads in such manner that only a gypsy would instantly notice and understand. To him it means much—first of all, the direction taken by Romany predecessors.—Century Magazine.

The Hungarian Crown.

The Hungarian crown worn at their accession by the emperors of Austria as kings of Hungary is the identical one made for Stephen and used at his coronation over 800 years ago. The whole is of pure gold, except the settings, and weighs almost exactly fourteen pounds. The settings above alluded to consist of fifty-three sapphires, fifty rubies, one emerald and 338 pearls. It will be noticed that there are no diamonds among these precious adornments. This is accounted for by the oft quoted story of Stephen's aversion to such gems because he considered them "unlucky."

Battle of the Herrings.

The battle of the herrings was the comical name given to a fight between an English force and a French detachment not far from Orleans in 1429. The English were conveying a large quantity of supplies, mainly herrings, for war was being waged. The English had 1,000 men, the French 6,000. The former repulsed the assaults and saved the herrings, so the battle was named in honor of the supplies.

Willing to Take Them Back.

A letter came from the clothing firm saying that the cloth that had been sent them was full of moths. Was the wholesale house taken aback? Not it. By return post went a missive to this effect:

"On looking over your order we find that you did not order any moths. It was our error, and you will please return them at once at our expense."—Argonaut.

Couldn't Help Himself.

"He lived next door to a man for ten years without even learning his neighbor's name."
"Can you imagine anybody being so unsofiable?"
"Oh, yes. You see, the warden wouldn't let them talk."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

One Consolation.

"My wife is suing me for divorce," sighed the man. "I wish I were dead."
"Cheer up, old boy. It's a whole lot better to have your wife spending all money than life insurance."—Detroit Free Press.

Close Mouted.

Caller—So your sister and her fiancé are very close mouted over their engagement? Little Ethel—Close mouted! You ought to see them together!—Auckland News.

His Love.

"A case of love at first sight, eh?"
"No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an heiress."

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Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

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"Get up; John's terribly ill. You must go for a doctor."

I heard the words as spoken from a distance or while in a dream, for I had been working night and day with but a few hours' sleep each night and was exhausted. Then I felt a violent shaking which caused me to open my eyes. After much repetition I was made to understand that I was to go at once for a doctor. I managed to get into my clothes, and, being told that the residence of the physician was 28 Hawthorne street, one of a row of stone front dwellings, I sallied forth. On the way I was obliged to pluck myself to keep sufficiently awake to avoid falling against objects I passed. On reaching the block I found the numbers were all in the vestibules where no light shone upon them. I finally found a number that appeared to be 28, but I could not be sure. I failed to find the doctor's sign, but the darkness of the street would account for that. I rang the bell. A colored girl came to the door. I asked if the doctor was at home. She said he was not; he had gone out to see a person who was at the point of death. I asked when he might be expected home, to which she replied that he might come any minute. I concluded to wait awhile and, going inside, sat down on a sofa in a far corner of the room. There was a light in the hall which was turned low, the only light on the main floor.

In a few minutes I was sound asleep. Again I heard a voice, this time a woman's, trying to awaken me.

"Wake up! We haven't a moment to lose. Father will be here in a few minutes, and it will be too late."

I roused myself and stood up. A soft hand took mine, and, only partly awake, I heard a man's voice mumbling something. There was no light in the hall or in the room I was in, though figures could be discerned from what light came from the street. The mumbling ended with the words "man and wife." Then the soft voice said: "Come quick."

I was led out of the house, the hand still holding mine, and found a carriage waiting at the door. The figure that led me got into it and shut the door.

"Remember," she said, "tomorrow at 4."

By this time I was sufficiently awake to realize that something of considerable importance was at hand—I thrust my hand into my pocket where I carried a box of matches, drew it forth, struck a light and revealed the astonished face of a girl apparently about twenty years of age.

"Oh, heavens!" she exclaimed. A clatter of wheels was heard coming rapidly.

"Drive on."

The coachman whipped up his horses and in another moment my unintentional bride was whirled away.

Her carriage had scarcely turned a corner where its rattle was not so distinctly heard when another came tearing down the street and stopped before the doctor's door. I concluded that, having got another man's sweetheart, I was liable to the wrath her father might be disposed to vent upon him. I moved away a few paces where I would not be seen and awaited further developments. A man jumped out of the carriage, ran up the steps of the doctor's residence and pulled the bell furiously. Some one came to the door, and I heard questions and answers, but not with sufficient distinctness to make out their purport. Then the man ran down the steps, got into the carriage and was driven away.

Notwithstanding the seriousness of the situation, there was something ludicrous about it. While John was suffering for the want of a doctor and might have died for all I knew, instead of getting him one I had got married. Could anything be more ridiculous? The curiosity that had led me to flash a match in my wife's face to see what she was like prompted me to investigate further. As soon as I was sure the last carriage was at a safe distance I mounted the steps of the doctor's house and rang the bell.

A man in clerical dress answered the summons. He seemed very much disturbed and in an irritated voice said: "Well, sir?"

"Does Dr. Brainard live here?"

"No, sir. Dr. Brainard lives next door, No. 28. This is 26."

I went home. My mother was the only one in the house still up. She was waiting for me.

"Where have you been all the time?" she asked impatiently.

"Mother, I'm married!"

"Married?"

"Yes, married."

"Why, I thought you went for the doctor."

"So I did."

"And got married instead! Oh, my goodness gracious!"

"I couldn't help it."

"Couldn't help getting married! Have you lost your senses?"

"I went to sleep."

"Oh, my dear boy," anxiously, "what is the matter with you?"

"I got into the house of a dominie

by mistake. A runaway couple, chased by the girl's father, came to the house in a hurry, and they were married in the dark."

"What's their marriage got to do with you?"

"Nothing, except they thought I was the groom who, I suppose, was to have met the bride there, and before I got fairly awake they married me."

"Oh, dear, oh, dear! What a terrible thing to happen!"

"If you saw my wife you wouldn't think so."

"I thought you said it was dark and you couldn't see her."

"I struck a match just as she was about to leave me."

"Well, my son, it's nearly day. Go to bed and get what sleep you can before you have to get up again. I'm sorry for the poor girl who made the mistake. I hope she won't have much trouble in getting her marriage with you annulled and being remarried to her rightful lover."

"I do. I hope she'll have a lot of trouble doing it."

"Why?"

"I'm satisfied."

"Oh, go to bed!"

The next day I went to see the clergyman who had married me, and he appointed a meeting between me and my wife to take place in the room where we were married the next day. When we came together I found her very angry.

"This is simply ridiculous," she said. "My dear, I couldn't help it."

"My dear!" she repeated, sniffing the air scornfully.

"What was the matter with—with your other husband?"

"My other husband! Do you take me for a bigamist?"

"Well, the man you were to have married instead of me."

"Don't call him a man; he hadn't the courage for such an affair. He was afraid of father and showed the white feather at the critical moment. But you will help me, of course, to annul this marriage."

"No, I won't."

"What do you mean?"

"I'm satisfied."

"Satisfied? Well, I like that! You don't mean that you have any idea of letting the matter stand as it is?"

"Why not?"

"For the land's sake! Why, this is the first time we have ever met."

"Except on the night of our wedding."

"Wedding! Do you call that a real wedding? Why, it wouldn't stand in law. That is, so my lawyer says, though one of us might make the other a lot of trouble."

"Did he say that?"

"Yes, I believe he said something like it."

"Well, I'm going to make the trouble. I won't give you up."

"Nonsense!"

I saw that she was pleased. Her lover had lost her by a want of pluck; I determined to win her by brazen audacity.

"Perhaps you think your intended husband will fight for you. I'm ready to die rather than give you up to him."

"Oh, no, he wouldn't fight on any account. But father! You'll find him terrible. He'll grind you to powder."

"I will have every drop of blood in his body."

"If Billy had only talked, or, rather, acted that way," she said sadly.

"But he didn't."

"What put it into your head that you wanted this—this so-called marriage to stand?"

"On seeing you I swore that you should remain my wife."

"Why, it was only by the light of a match."

"It was enough."

"And you're going," she said after a pause, "to fight my application for an annulment?"

"Yes, and I'll fight every one who presumes to help you."

"But you certainly don't want a wife whom you haven't seen but once?"

"Twice."

"Between whom and you there has been no courtship, no love passages, one whom you don't know anything about. I may be a Jezebel."

"And I may be an ogre."

She laughed.

"One thing I insist upon."

"You insist upon? What right have you?"

"A husband's right."

"Well, I declare!"

"I don't wish you to see again the man you were to have married."

"You don't, eh? Well, you may command me in that, for I don't wish to see him."

"That's lucky. We shall not have to quarrel about it; but, seriously, there is a saying, 'Act in haste and repent at leisure.' Now, suppose we both drop the matter for the present. I think it likely that some legal action should be taken if a separation is to be effected, and it will require time to determine what that action should be. Meanwhile I ask the same privileges as the man you were to have married and no more. I would like to call upon you."

I could see that this view of the case was a relief to her. She granted me the permission I desired, and when we separated by a few grotesque remarks on the situation I got her to laughing.

It turned out that so far as her intended marriage was concerned the episode with me that prevented it was a godsend. The man was worthless, and her father knew it. When he discovered my accidental part and how it had saved his daughter from a misalliance he became very friendly with me. He had a keen sense of humor, which I fed. The result was that he took a fancy to me, took me into his business, and I eventually became his son-in-law both in fact as well as in law.

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Tuesday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1911, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon.

MOSES P. PALMER,
Assignee of Mortgage.
Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 27th, 1910.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. 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. 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 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, Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. **CHARLES W. E. ROGERS,** Register.

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Next the bathroom needs your attention. Bathtub, washstands and toilet should have their dose of chloride at least once a week, but the oftener the better.

The sink needs a good scalding and scrubbing after each usage, and a dose of chloride or a little carbolic acid combined with the chloride should be administered to the drain every evening. Do not flush this through at once. Let it filter through during the night. This will serve to clean the pipes as well as disinfect and purify them.

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Then the final work can be attended to by a hired man, where all traps are lifted off and a like dose given, though this is necessary only every few months or twice yearly where proper care is given to the upper house throughout the year.

There is always an outside drain at the open hydrant, which is forgotten by most housewives when the weekly administration of chloride is in progress. Don't forget it, as this is a source that might contaminate the air before it enters the home.

Garbage, no matter how small the quantity, should not be deposited in the drain, as little by little this will surely clog the pipes and cause much trouble. Cities and towns pay large amounts of money each year to have this material carted away, and the housewife has no earthly excuse for not availing herself of this service.

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ADVICE FOR DOG FANCIERS.
How to Plan and Take Care of the Kennel Buildings.

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This, then, is the prime thing to be considered in establishing a place for the care and breeding of dogs of any type—Either unlimited money may be used to accomplish this result or a little common sense.

The points to be considered in planning kennel buildings are drainage, protection, food and water and room for exercise. The south side of a gently sloping hill offers the best site. Damp hollows must be avoided as a pestilence, and if the yards are not covered with concrete the less shade therein the better, for the sun itself is one of the best eradicators of disease germs.

The shape of the buildings matters little. If as many as ten dogs are kept it is well to build a simple wooden structure holding five or six stalls, each with a door opening upon an inner passage, a wired window for light and air and a small exit into the outer yard. The construction of one stall will serve as the model for many. It should be as large as possible, well lighted and well ventilated.

Cleanliness is always the thing. Let the whitewash brush and the disinfecting spray be used liberally. Insist on the absence of litter and provide fresh water and most of the persistent kennel troubles will vanish. Dogs, as do men, thrive best under the nearest possible approach to normal conditions. They need little luxury and are better without pampering.—Todd Russell in *Outing*.

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Items of News.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R. met with the registrar, Miss Sibley on the afternoon of January 6. A good number were present who paid their annual dues. The delegates were chosen for the continental congress in Washington. Mrs. E. A. Reed read a very interesting paper on the courtship and marriage of General Washington. Mrs. E. B. Heald read interesting selections from historical events. Tea was served in honor of Washington's wedding day.

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will serve a chicken supper in Central hall on Thursday evening, January 19, at 6:30 o'clock. At eight o'clock a short entertainment will be given.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Albert F. Parker, Brookline street, on Wednesday afternoon, January 18. Subject, "Home."

Fred Milan is taking a course in chemistry from a correspondence school.

Mrs. Silas Nokes went on January 5, to visit friends in Boston and vicinity for a two weeks' vacation.

James Starr left on Wednesday morning, January 11, to blow an artesian well in the solid rock at Children's Island, Marblehead, with dynamite. Mr. Starr has two rigs at work now, one in charge of Edwin P. Harmon, at work for C. V. Flagg at Littleton, the other in care of Fred Wheeler at N. D. Hardy's, South Acton.

Miss Beatrice B. Wallace has accepted a position as assistant teller and bookkeeper at the First National bank of Pepperell.

William Jewett of Pleasant street is quite sick with mumps and erysipelas. Mrs. Fannie Shattuck, librarian of the Lawrence library, is confined to her room with the grippe.

An extra meeting is called at the reading-room for all interested for Tuesday evening, January 18.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. I. J. Rowell on Wednesday, January 18, at three o'clock.

The meetings for practicing of hymns at the Unitarian church will be continued on Monday evenings, January 16 and 23.

January 17 is Federation day in the Woman's club. There will be biennial notes by Mrs. Marion A. Crocker, music and club tea. January 23, is gentlemen's night. There will be a drama by local talent. Remember the night.

The annual meeting of the L. A. S. of the M. E. church was held at the parsonage on January 4. A goodly number responded to the call. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed and refreshments were served. A very successful year was reported, \$411.76 having been received, which has been expended in repairs of church buildings and furnishings, and applied to current expenses. Thanks are extended to all who have so generously assisted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. I. J. Rowell, pres.; Mrs. J. E. Andrews, vice pres.; Mrs. G. W. Pierce, sec.; Mrs. D. E. Weston, treas. A board of twelve managers were appointed, one for each month in the year.

The Reading Room.

J. C. Rice has presented a gold watch to be used for the benefit of the reading-room, and the manner of disposal will be decided upon next Thursday at the committee meeting. A program for the week following will be made out with the idea of having one meeting a week open to the public with recitations and music. The Pepperell band will hold a public rehearsal one evening and other interesting features are promised. There seems to be a desire to have more books for use. The new piano that has been bought proves of greater value than anticipated. It was through the thoughtfulness of Warren Blood that this acquisition was possible, as he knew a party that had left town and would dispose of the piano at a price that anyone could afford, so it was bought by the reading-room. By the kindness of John Sawtell and E. E. Tarbell, in giving lumber for the shelving and tables which are now in use, and by labor contributed by William Brown, much has been added to the reading-room.

Grange Meetings.

An unusual interest is centered in the first meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange to be held on Wednesday, January 18, at Fitchburg, in G. A. R. hall. After the report of the master, Mrs. Clara Flarity, on the State grange, will come up the Pomona tax question, which effects this Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange, the most of any grange in the Commonwealth, being a return to the old time custom of twelve years ago. State master, Charles M. Gardner will be present at the morning session to inform the members in this jurisdiction of the new conditions. The matter of holding the grange meetings open to the public, as has been the policy, will be fully discussed and all meetings will be subject to the result of this vote. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:30 and it is hoped that the installation of the officers may take place before dinner, as there is a full program for the afternoon. The installation will be open to the public as will be the rest of the exercises. Installing officer, T. M. Flarity of Townsend.

The afternoon session will be under the direction of the new lecturer, Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf of Townsend, with the following program: The Groton school gardens, illustrated by photos; Miss Georganna A. Boutwell, Groton; "The economic place of women in 1911," Mrs. Harriet Boutelle, Leominster; song, Mrs. George Brackett, Townsend; reading, Miss Amy Andrews, Fitchburg; original poem, "Little pink toes," Mrs. E. A. Barrows, Groton; "New England Agricultural advantages," Clayton Stone, Lunenburg.

Gleanings.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Shattuck is quite sick with infantile paralysis. The family have been quarantined.

Miss Agnes O'Neal will accompany her relatives on Saturday to their home in South Boston, where she will make a short visit, and later will return to Leominster, where she is employed by Merriam, Hall & Co., as stenographer.

There will be an auction sale of the household goods of Mr. Lawrence at his home in the East Village on Saturday afternoon. After the sale Mr. Lawrence will accompany his daughter, Mrs. William Peach to her home in Fitchburg, where he will remain for the present. Mr. Lawrence is a native of this town and has always lived here, honored and respected by all who knew him, who sympathize with him in his loss.

Mrs. Carrie Pitman gave a birthday party on Sunday. Relatives and friends were present from Nashua, Lowell and Hollis.

Miss Jennie Sharp of West Groton, formerly of this town, was a weekend and over Sunday visitor here, returning to her home on Monday.

Miss Edna J. Bean of Gillette, Wyo., is visiting her parents in town, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Bean of Cross street.

Mrs. Barry of Tucker street was taken to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital in Groton on Monday, and an operation performed on Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Bemis of River street, who has been quite ill and under the care of a physician, is now able to be out again.

The D. D. G. M., E. A. Richardson and suite of Ayer installed the officers of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening, January 5. They are as follows: E. B. Soule, n. g.; L. P. Shattuck, v. g.; W. J. Rouse, r. s.; L. A. Johnson, f. s.; L. G. Robbins, treas.; G. Shaw, o. g.; A. Parker, chap.; H. C. Porter, r. s. s.; C. S. Shattuck, l. s. s.; F. A. Conant, r. s. W. C. Shattuck, l. s. g. v.; W. H. Drury, f. s. n. g.; J. L. Fliske, s. n. g.; D. R. Rivers, w.; C. D. Gilman, con.; M. I. Gilchrist, p. g. An oyster supper was served. Remarks and a social time followed.

The D. D. G. M., W. H. Drury and suite, consisting of L. G. Robbins, g. m.; L. M. Johnson, g. w.; G. V. Herzig, g. s.; J. G. Wiley, g. t.; E. Mason, chap.; N. McWilliams, g. g.; W. J. Rouse, g. h., installed the officers of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., of Townsend on Wednesday, January 4. Supper was served after which remarks were made by different members and a social time enjoyed. The delegation reached their homes in the "wee sma' hours."

Mr. Oberman of the Nashua river paper company has been quite sick.

Mrs. Nellie McGrath has let a tenement in her house to the draftsman at the Nashua river paper company.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson, Lydia Woodward of Milford, N. H., has been visiting at Mrs. David Cuthbertson's and Mrs. Rodman Blake's.

The following young people from this town attended the Ayer high school dance on Friday evening, January 6: Wendell Lovejoy, Leo Thayer, Grover Robbins, Harold Farley, Miss Florence Ames and Miss Bertha Johnson, the former as guest of her sister, Miss Helen Ames, and Miss Johnson as the guest of Miss Hattie Bonneyway.

Harry J. Bean and wife of Boston, Mrs. Albert Baker and daughter, Mrs. Frank Jameson of Hollis N. H., were visitors at the home of L. H. Bean this week.

Mrs. Frank Hall (Harriet Cummings) of Nashua, formerly of this town, is quite ill at a hospital in that city.

Installation.

The annual installation of the officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge was held in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, January 10. The following officers were installed by D. D. G. M., Mrs. Mary Bliss and suite of Townsend: Mrs. Cora Bemis, n. g.; Mrs. Louise Dunton, v. g.; Mrs. Effie Robbins, r. s.; Mrs. Abbie Shattuck, f. s.; Mrs. Nellie Gutterston, treas.; Mrs. Effie Smalley, w.; Miss Helen Robbins, con.; Mrs. Winnie Johnson, o. g.; Mrs. Augusta McWilliams, i. s.; Mrs. Idella Ward, r. s. g.; Mrs. Ella Farley, l. s. g.; Miss Anna Sartelle, r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Kate Dunlap, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Jessie Parker, chap.; Mrs. Susie Dort, p. n. g.; Miss Gladys Shattuck, pianist; L. G. Robbins, degree master. Supper was served, followed by remarks from visiting members, and a social time enjoyed until a late hour.

Deaths.

Mrs. Martha J. O'Neal, formerly of this town died at Hartford, Conn., on January 6, of cancer from which she has been a great sufferer for over a year. Mrs. O'Neal was born in Upper Coverdale, N. B., July 18, 1857, and came to Pepperell to live about twenty-two years ago. Her husband, John M. O'Neal, died seven years ago. Mrs. O'Neal is survived by a daughter, Miss Agnes of Leominster, a father and mother living in New Brunswick, and four sisters and three brothers. The body was brought to town on Sunday. Services were held at the Methodist church on Wednesday, Rev. A. W. Nelson was the officiating clergyman. The singing was by Mrs. G. W. Pierce and Mrs. Maynard Copp. Acoma Rebekah lodge, of which the deceased was a member, attended and conducted their funeral services.

The profusion of beautiful flowers attested the love and affection in which Mrs. O'Neal was held by her relatives and friends. Of her it can truly be said, "none knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." The bearers were H. N. Tower, L. G. Robbins, Elmer Mason and Charles Marshall.

Interment was in the tomb at Walton cemetery, R. H. Blood conductor. The following relatives and friends were present from out-of-town: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir and daughter, Newton Centre; Mrs. James Steeves of Cloverdale, N. B.; Charles Fowler of Malden; Edward C. Fowler, South Boston; William D. Smith, Dorchester; Frank and the Misses Blanche and

Jessie O'Neal of Norwood; Miss A. J. Hall and Miss Winnie L. Ryder of Leominster; Mrs. Rebecca Evans, West Acton; Miss Margaret O'Neal, South Boston; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stevens, Newton Centre.

Mrs. Susan Morrill, wife of N. A. Lawrence, died at her home in the East Village on Thursday, January 5. Mrs. Lawrence was born at Whitefield, N. H., in November, 1827. She was married to Mr. Lawrence and came here to live twenty-two years ago. Mrs. Lawrence has not been well for quite a long time, and suffered a paralytic shock in September, and since that time has been gradually failing. The funeral was held from her late home on Saturday, January 7, at three o'clock. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge was the officiating clergyman, and also sang at the request of the deceased, "Nearer my God to thee." The bearers were Rolan H. Blood, Winslow Parker and William Peuch. Relatives and friends sent flowers. Interment was in the Walton cemetery, in charge of Rolan H. Blood.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seavey of Chichester, N. H., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bean of Boston, spent Tuesday at Lewis Bean's of Cross street.

The employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company have installed a telephone at the pumping station.

We are pleased to learn that Arthur Bammon, who has been such a sufferer, is improving.

Edna Bean, who is engaged in the millinery business at Gillette, Wyo., arrived on Friday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bean of Cross street.

Mrs. Silas Nokes left town to visit Mrs. Fred Nokes of South Boston on Thursday.

Several from here attended the Pomona grange meeting at Nashua on Friday, January 6.

Mrs. Alfred Boynton and Mrs. Mary F. Peck are gaining slowly in health.

The day following the auction of Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. C. LeForge moved to Pine Bush, Orange County, N. Y., their former home before coming to Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boynton returned on Saturday evening from a visit with relatives in Swampscott.

Several of the farmers are harvesting their ice crops. Excellent ice is being obtained from Burkinshaw's pond. Dr. Merrill and Harry Hutchinson and others have their icehouses filled.

Marion Lovejoy, who is training for a nurse in the Massachusetts General hospital, returned Monday to her duties after a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy.

News Items.

The new telephone line from Oak hill street, over to the pumping station, is complete.

District Deputy G. M. F. A. Conant and suite of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Shirley on Thursday evening to install the officers of Fredonian lodge in that town.

B. A. Keith, n. g., and Chester Fuller treasurer of Oak lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., attend the exercises at Progressive lodge, Fitchburg, on Saturday and receive the degree of noble grand.

The following is copied from the Boston Post of December 12. Many are wondering who there is that is matrimonially at sea:

"Dear Miss Champagne: I am a young girl of eighteen, employed in a mill in Pepperell, and have been keeping company with a young man aged twenty-three for about ten days, who is a bookkeeper in the same mill. He has repeatedly told me that he loves me, and cannot live without me. Of course, it is rather sudden, but he seems very much in earnest, and my heart prompts me to believe him. What shall I do? Would you wait another week before accepting him, so as not to be too easily won, or say 'yes,' as I should like to?" A Village Belle.

O. H. I. S.

The election of officers at the O. H. I. S. on Wednesday evening was well attended, about twenty-five being present. The following were elected for this year: E. S. Blood, pres.; E. P. McCord, v. p.; Miss Florence Shattuck, treas.; A. C. Stewart, treas.; L. A. Parker and Mrs. E. S. Blood, dir. 3 yrs.

After the close of business a social hour was spent popping corn and enjoying it, also a lunch of sandwiches, cake and Pepperell Spring tonic; then glee songs, after which the home going time arrived and all sang good night.

Supper and Entertainment.

Thursday evening was an interesting one for those who attended the supper and entertainment in the vestry of the Congregational church, given under the auspices of the Village Aid society. There was a good attendance at the supper, and more at the entertainment which followed, and they were more than given the equivalent of the small admission charged. The supper of cold chicken, baked beans, mashed potatoes and choice delicacies was delightfully served in addition to having been tastily prepared.

The entertainment opened with a selection by the high school orchestra and this is the first opportunity many have had to hear them. Their perfect performance reflects great credit on the members and unusual praise for their principal and teachers. Recitation, "Somebody's mother," by Clifford Bailey was creditably spoken. Piano solo, Miss Margaret Boynton, followed by dialogues and recitations. All did splendidly, and special features were the exercises by the little ones, Charlie Dennen, Beatrice Boynton, Billy Hutchinson, Marion Gray, and Edward Durant, all very young and unusually cute, as well as interesting. In closing the program, Mrs. J. L. Boynton, president of the Village Aid, thanked all for their attention and the children who had entertained so nicely. She also extended an invitation to all to join and aid the district nurse association on Monday evening, January 30, in Prescott hall.

TOWNSEND.

Centre. Miss Nellie Weston, who recently slipped and fell down the whole length of the cellar stairs, and was quite badly bruised and shaken up, is able to be up and about.

Mrs. F. B. Fessenden and her two eldest children of Southington, Conn., were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fessenden's this week.

Cards have been received in town from Orange, announcing the marriage of Miss Hazel Mae Harrington, to Henry Clarence Clarke at Fitchburg, January 4. Miss Harrington was the popular young teacher who recently resigned her position here as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades.

At the annual parish meeting of the Congregational society, held last Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. B. Hildreth, mod.; A. S. Howard, clerk; T. J. Harvey, treas.; A. G. Fessenden, C. W. Hildreth, A. H. Bums, board of assessors; J. W. Eastman, ex. officer; Dr. L. G. Chandler, G. L. Whitcomb, H. B. Hildreth, an. com.; G. L. Whitcomb, agent rental of horse sheds; A. N. Fessenden, E. L. Haynes, Mrs. R. T. Eldridge, music com.

The Monday club held an interesting meeting at Mrs. Ellen Howard's this week, when the problem of the child before school age, was discussed. The subject was in charge of Mrs. Mary F. Haynes and various members were given a chance to discuss the same. Current events, at home and abroad, were in charge of Mrs. Angie Lang and Mrs. Abbie Barber. Mrs. Sylvia Wachs sang a Scotch song and refreshments were served, a social time enjoyed. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Helen P. Fessenden.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Graham of Greenville were in town this week, also Leon Watkins' father and sister from Milford, N. H.

Joseph Baxter has been quite ill. He had a fall and being in advanced years, it caused him to take his bed.

A little daughter of Austin Bollivar, who lives on the Dickey place, has been very sick this week with bronchitis.

Mrs. King, mother of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, is in very feeble health.

Mrs. Brooks Spaulding received news of the death of a brother this week.

Charles W. Hildreth had a telephone placed in his store this week.

Miss Bessie Eastman is supplying this week as teacher in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades at West Townsend, Miss Sprague having been summoned home by illness in her family.

Deputy T. E. Flarity installed the officers at the Templeton grange on Friday night.

Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and Gertrude Rockwood visited this week at Miss Whitcomb's brother's at Newtonville.

W. F. Rockwood returned from his southern trip this week Thursday.

The annual concert and ball of the Coopers' Union, Local 92, will be held at Memorial hall, Thursday evening, January 19, with Harry Brigham's orchestra of Marlboro as music.

D. D. Anna F. Bliss and suite of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, installed the officers of the Acoma Rebekah lodge at Pepperell on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Carrie F. Bowen of Fitchburg has brought a libel for divorce from Clarence B. Bowen of Keene, N. H., alleging gross and confirmed habits of intoxication and cruel and abusive treatment. They were married at White River Junction and lived together at Townsend and in Fitchburg. Mrs. Bowen asks the right to resume her maiden name of Carrie F. Slate. The writ is returnable in the superior court at Worcester, Monday, February 6.

Three from this town are to be installed as officers of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange at Fitchburg, Wednesday, January 18. They are Mrs. Annie Greenleaf, lecturer; Mrs. Minnie L. Knight, secretary and Mrs. Mary Spring, chaplain.

Frank Wood met with a painful accident Thursday morning nipping his finger slightly while at his work.

Mrs. H. B. Hildreth has been confined to the house for a few weeks with a severe cold, but is now much improved.

The L. B. A. of the Congregational society met in the church parlor Wednesday afternoon, for sewing. A supper was served in the vestry at six o'clock and in the evening there was a free entertainment, consisting of readings, songs and duets, after which there was a social time with promenading and games.

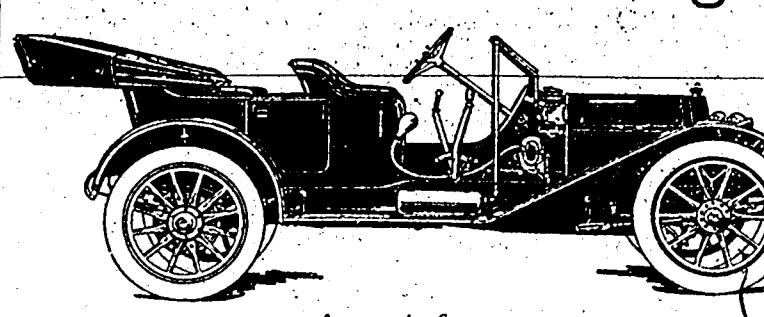
Death.

Mrs. Annie L. Watkins, wife of Leon Watkins, died from the effects of a paralytic shock, at her home on Brookline street on Saturday, January 7. The funeral was held at the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon, January 11, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating and the D. of V. service was also held, the daughters attending in a body. Mrs. Florence Gwin and Miss Hattie Saunders, tent mates of Mrs. Watkins sang "Abide with me," and "Some happy day." Mrs. Watkins was thirty-six years of age and leaves a husband and one daughter Ora. She also leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Fessenden of this town, one sister, Mrs. Eva Frye of Milford, N. H., and two brothers, Claude B. of this town and Chas. E. Fessenden of Peabody. The burial was in the family lot.

Wedding.

Miss Ruth Evelyn Warren, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Warren, and Louis Charles Shaal of Albany, N. Y., were united in marriage at the pleasant home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday afternoon, January 11, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. A. Willmott of Lowell. The rooms were prettily decorated with laurel roping, wreaths and bouquets of pinks and roses, and the bride wore a beautiful gown of white velveteen, with trimmings of white chiffon and satin, and under her full length tulle veil, caught up with orange blossoms, she looked very graceful and happy. After the cere-

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mony there was a reception, and congratulations were received by the happy pair from friends present, who came from Brookline, N. Y., Syracuse, Richfield Springs, Montclair, N. J., Cambridge, Lowell and Townsend. The bride is a graduate of Cushing academy, Wellesley college and the State Library school of Albany, N. Y., and has this early winter refused a desirable position as librarian at Seattle, Wash., in order that she might prepare for her future happy home in Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Shaal is a graduate of the engineering school of Syracuse university and holds a lucrative position with the Middle State inspection bureau of New York.

The happy young couple left on the evening train for their wedding trip. They received many beautiful and costly presents.

One pleasant feature of the wedding was the receipt of a telegram of congratulations from Spirit Lake, Idaho, the sender being a college chum of the bride's.

Grange.

At the grange on Monday night, Prof. A. G. Seaver had charge of the evening's entertainment, which, when under his direction, is always anticipated with pleasure. Vocal duets and trios by Mrs. Ethel Eldridge, Mrs. Icaea M. Cowdrey and Mrs. Margaret Higgins were much enjoyed. A reading, Will Carleton's "Church organ," and two piano duets were among the numbers on the program. Mrs. Flora I. Atwood read a brief account of the life of Chopin, the great musician, and how some of his works were written, after which Prof. Seaver played one selection especially referred to, which was written after the author had a terrible vision.

The next meeting will be the installation of the officers, January 23, and it is expected that Chas. M. Gardner, state master, will be the installing officer.

Petition Granted.

Judge Chamberlain of probate court gave a hearing Tuesday upon the petition of Mrs. Olive D. Wilkins of Leominster for a decree of justifiable separation from Nathan M. Wilkins, formerly of Townsend and now of Poncha Springs, Col., and the petition was granted. Mrs. Wilkins testified that in October, 1910, her husband disappeared from their home in Townsend, taking with him most of the personal property, and that a domestic employed at the house disappeared at the same time. She read letters received from him before and since the bringing of the petition in which he told of living at Poncha Springs, and that the girl who disappeared from Townsend at the same time he did was with him and both were happy, also that he would not contest the petition for a separation.

West.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox from Dorchester are visiting friends in town this week, and Mr. Cox occupied his former pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sarah Hodge has been called to Connecticut by the severe illness of one of her relatives.

James Dodds and Miss Bessie Conway returned last week to A. J. Manchester's in Josselynville, after spending the holidays at the home of Miss Conway in Salem.

Perry W. Sawtelle has been spending a few days with his wife in Worcester, where Mrs. Sawtelle is recuperating after her severe illness.

On Thursday evening a little son was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Carson.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a little son, who arrived on last Saturday morning.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose resumed his studies at the Boston university on Tuesday morning, going back and forth on the train every day.

Owing to the special interest shown, prayer meetings have been held in the Baptist vestry four evenings this week.

Owing to the special meetings the supper and social planned by the L. B. S. has been postponed until next Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Study club will meet in the reading-room on Monday evening to take up the topic, "Indian schools," under the direction of Miss Blanche Sprague, and "Negro schools," under the charge of Mrs. Fred Smith. There is also special business to come before the club and a full attendance is desired.

Miss Bessie Conway is ill with an attack of grippe at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester of Josselynville.

Miss Blanche Sprague, teacher of the grammar school, has been called to her home in Readsboro, Vt., by the illness of her mother, and Miss Bessie Eastman of the Centre is acting as substitute.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the Ladies' Literary and Social club met at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, to take up the study of the life and work of James Russell Lowell, and several selections from his poems were rendered by the members. They also had the pleasure of the presence of their former president, Mrs. J. H. Cox of Dorchester, who presided over the meeting. At the close of the program a social was enjoyed and light refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Charles Patch and the topic will be "Celia Thaxter."

HOLLIS, N. H.

Death.

Mrs. Mary F., the widow of the late C. B. Richardson, passed away at her late home last week Saturday. Mrs. Richardson has been in feeble health for several years, and at times has been a great sufferer, but at the last was sick only a few days with heart disease. Mrs. Richardson was a very benevolent woman, a warm friend, to those she loved. She spent the early years of her life in New Ipswich, but has lived in Hollis nearly sixty years, and has made many friends. She is survived by one daughter, who has been very devoted to her mother, and who did all that could be done to make her comfortable and happy. She has the heartfelt sympathy of all, in her bereavement.

The funeral was held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon. A large number of relatives and friends attended. Many floral tributes showed the esteem in which she was held. Rev. C. H. Davis was the officiating clergyman. Miss Grace Richardson, a niece, sang, "Face to face," and "The beautiful Isle of somewhere." Mrs. Richardson was buried beside her husband at Woodlawn.

SHIRLEY.

News Item.

The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley village water district will be held in the Engine hall on Monday evening, January 16, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing the annual report of the commissioners and to elect a commissioner for a term of three years, and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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