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#### News Items.

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All Littleton schools will close November 29 and reopen December 4, inof the time designated in the calendar of the town report.

Warren Green opened a dancing school for children Thursday afternoon. The following one will be next Tuesday afternoon.

The harvest supper at the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening met with suc-cess. An appetizing supper was enjoyed by a large company of people. This was followed by a good enter-tainment of cornet, violin and plano music, reading by Miss Tenney, singing by E. W. Stone and an interesting account by A. F. Conant of his recent western trip. Misses Olive Flagg, El-sle Whitney and Katherine Kimball were some of the musicians of the evening. The sum of fifteen dollars was netted

The recount of votes for representative from this district was made on Wednesday evening and no error was discovered.

The ladies of the Baptist society will hold their monthly missionary meeting next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Miss Ellen Paine Huling of Cambridge will address the lyceum Tues-day evening, November 21, taking for her subject, "The people of Labrador; their costumes, curios and mode of living." She will have on exhibition curios, relics, etc., that she collected while will abrador. Mice Julia while visiting Labrador. Miss Huling has gained for herself a desirable reputation as lecturer and although she comes to Littleton next week for the first time she is not an entire strang-er to our people. Those who have once listened to Miss Huling are pleased of an opportunity to hear her again.

At the Congregational church tomorrow the pastor will take for his subject, "Beating swords into plow-shares." At the evening service Supt. of schools Frank H. Hill will speak. Mr. Hill's subject will be, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Unitarian church on the morning of Thanksgiving day. The address will be given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield.

Mrs. Paul G. Favor of Somerville is a week-end and over Sunday guest at W. E. Conant's. Mrs. Frank Worthen is visiting in

Arlington and Melrose. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hill and son

presented Mr. and Mrs. Bradley with a handsome leather rocking chair, the Sunshine club gave Mr. Bradley an umbrella with gold handle bearing his

initials; and his aunt, Mrs. Patrick McGovern of Shirley, gave a dozen silver teaspoons. Although Mr. Bradley was much surprised at the generous manifestation of regard for him and his family, he proved himself equal to the oc-casion and like Mr. Smith received a

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loud applause for his eloquence. An elaborate spread completed the entertainment and the evening closed with the farewells and good wishes of guests, hosts and hostess for one an-

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have enjoyed much popularity among their many friends in this community who wish them Godspeed in their new home. Death.

Mrs. Mary Sargent, whose death and burial were noted in the Ayer column last week, spent the greater part of her life in Littleton. She was born March 1, 1846, in Ireland. June 22, 1865, she married Samuel Sargent, whose death occurred three years ago. About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sargent left the farm in South Little-ton, where they had lived about fortyfive years and moved to West Acton. After Mr. Sargent's death his widow and their daughter Lucy moved to Ayer where Mrs. Sargent passed away last week Monday. She had been feeble for a long time and her death came not unexpectedly. Bright's disease and other complications had rendered her condition bevond recovery. Her suffering for two months previous to her death was very great and the close of life brought welcome

relief. Mrs. Sargent was of a domestic nature, always ambitious for the good of her family and an unceasing worker for their interest. Cheerful in dis-position and courageous, she met the joys and ills of life calmly and philosopically, content to bear her lot with sweet repose. She leaves a daughter Lucy of Ayer,

step-daughters and one step-son to mourn her loss.

#### A Public Court Trial.

For some time, it is alleged, one of our prominent citizens has been the happy possessor of a valuable Ply-mouth Rock rooster. He had no special qualities above roosters in gen-eral, except a degree of plumpness that has time and again excited the cupidity of epicures.

Not far from the residence of the gentleman mentioned above, lives another well-known citizen who has an unconquerable appetite for poultry. One evening recently, this roos-ter retired to his perch in the hen-Raiph and Mrs. Chas. A. Kimball at-tended the grange meeting at Acton Center Wednesday evening. They were treated to a fine musical pro-gram. The subject of "Education" try, had roast rooster for discussed

in public for the larceny of the fowl and his questionable attitude towards roosters in general will be given an airing in the near future.

The parties in the case are so prominent that it is feared no court room will hold the vast crowd desirous of attending the trial, so it will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening, November 23, under the auspices of Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M U., to whose benefit the proceeds will be devoted.

In other words it will be a mock court trial in which a large number of our most prominent and popular citizens will participate. The committee having the affair in

charge have engaged Col. A. V. New ton of Worcester, the veteran mana ger of these entertainments, to attend to the details and conduct the trial.

Col. Newton has had remarkable success in the leading cities of the country and without doubt the mock court will be here, as elsewhere one of the most pleasing and successful entertainment events of many seasons. The following is the make-up of the

court:

court: Frank A. Patch, judge; Charles A. Kimball, clerk; J. M. Hartweil, com-plainant: Richard Harwood, defend-ant; C. B. Perry, esg., of Worcester, prosecuting attorney; E. V. Newton, esg., of Worcester, defendant's at-torney; B. Frank Jacobs, court offleer; Daniel Stetson, crier. George A: Cook, George H. Cash, William Pickard, Har-rison L. Packard, Harold Conant, Dr. James D. Christle, witnesses, James Smith, foreman, Nahum H. Whitcomb, Harry W. Ireland, Frank Hill, J. N. Murray, Daniel H. Woodbury, Fd. A. Cox, Richard Barrows, Charles Smith, E. H. Woodbury, William Newell, George Canny, jurors.

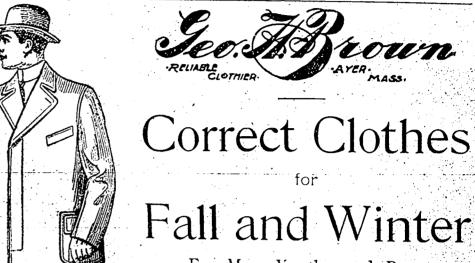
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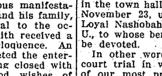
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was well discussed by several speak Among the latter was Mr. Hill, ers. who presented several phases of the subject, emphasizing particularly the benefits of cooperation between school board, teachers and parents,

William Brown of Harvard is putting in a steam heater for Edmond Wesley.

Mrs. Charles Johnson completed her inspection of Eastern Star orders last week.

The next meeting of the Oddfellows will be held Monday evening. November 20, instead of November 27. The meeting promises to be a busy one as a number of candidates will be init-iated and nomination of officers. A collation will be served at the close of the business.

#### Farewell Party.

About forty friends from West Lit-tleton, Littleton Common and Ayer were very cordially welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bradley at their home on Lactart road, where a fare-well party was given Saturday night, November 11, just previous to the re-moval of the Bradley family to Wamesit. Dancing and other amusements filled the evening with pleasure. Joseph Wainwright played the accordion and other music to the great satis-

This may, or may not, be regarded as a suspicious circumstance; but there is other evidence that forms a connecting link between the henhouse and his table.

The result is that he will be tried

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#### Saturday, November 18, 1911. WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Grace Lumbert underwent an operation for gall stones at the Low-General hospital on Thursday of this week.

Dr. O. V. Wells is having his home wired for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woodward have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

Reports from the Hamburg-American Line's cruise around the world of the S. S. Cleveland tell of the party, of which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney are members, being at Port Said and making trips to Cairo and the pyramids.

The trustees of the Union Congregational church have under considera-tion the installing of electric lights into the church.

America." Members are reminded of the change of time for the meetings. Beginning with this meeting the time low me to the vestibule of the car of commencing will be 2.30, instead of at three p. m.

Mrs. Helen R. Leighton was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher this week.

#### Banquet.

The annual banquet under the auspices of the Congregational church took place on Thursday evening. Ow-ing to the fact that the event came early this year and that weather conditions were quite ideal; also, that the new electric lights had just been pressed into service, the attendance was the largest ever. The seating room was taxed to its capacity and tables had to be reset. The tables, decorated with narrow central runners of crêpe paper in autumnal shades of green and maize color, with vases of chrysanthemums at regular intervals, and last but not least, an attractive menu of good viands, pre-sented a most attractive appearance. The pastor, Rev. David Wallace, said grace, and after the dinner had been thoroughly discussed the post prandial services took place.

Rev. Charles P. Marshall, of Quincy, a former favorite pastor, and Rev. Frank Hargraves of West Chelmsford were the speakers of the evening, in-terspersed with a musical program by those of the home church, assisted by the Graniteville male quartet. John P. Wright acted as toastmaster, as in former years, and introduced all with his usual wit and originality.

Mr. Marshall spoke on "Men and the church," and Mr. Hargraves' topic was "The boys and girls and the church," and both speakers were followed with close attention.

The musical numbers were as follows:

lows: . Plano duet. Miss Hazel Hartford and Miss Julia H. Fletcher: song, E. G. Boynton, with Miss Boynton at the plano; song, Miss Winnifred Bursham: song, Mrs. Norah Stearns Colburn, ac-companied by Miss Grace Lumbert: song, John S. Greig, accompanied by Miss Hazel Hartford; selections by the Graniteville male quartet. Henry Smith first tenor, Frank Caunter second ten-or, Fred Reed first bass, E. G. Boynton, second bass. While the nearby more second bins.

danced about, whither it would, The many friends of Dr. Varney of North Chelmsford will be sorry to

learn that he broke his right arm be-tween the elbow and wrist while crauking his auto recently. Has Arrived Home.

Our old townsman, Hiram Dane, who came from California in September to attend to the closing out sale of farm and personal property, writes from Glendara, Cal., of his return trip, leaving Westford on October 24. After reaching Springfield, a delay of an hour was caused by a freight wreck, which made it necessary to change the route, going by way of the Hoosac tunnel, reaching Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday morning at 8.15, and dinchicago at three o'clock in the afternoon, being three hours late and in consequence had to wait until 10.30 for another train without change for California, crossing the Missouri river on Thursday and reaching Topeka,

Kan, on Friday and reaching Top-Ka. Kan, on Friday, and dinner at nine a. m., at Trinidad, Cal. and Los Vegas, New Mexico. The weather was cold and snowing. Later he arrived at Arizona, where he had much merriment seeing the Indians ride the donkeys and make faces at each other Many of the passengers gave five cents to see the little pappoose carried in a basket on the side of the squaw.

He writes: "I have been entertained by a party from Inverness, Scotland, At the Tadmuck club next Tues-day afternoon, at Library hall, the subject will be a continuation of the subject will be a continuation of the subject will be a continuation of the season's special topic for study of South America. Miss Ella F. Hildreth, vice president of the club, will have charge of the afternoon's program, and will present "A few clties of South America." Members are reminded of the charge of time for the meetings. to say good-bye.

Later Mr. Dane will give a short account of his new home.

### Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shackelton sailed for Keighley, England, on the Franconia on Tuesday, where they are to settle with Mr. Shackelton's father, who had taken a house and awaited their coming. On last week Friday, word was received that Mr. Shackelton, sr., had died suddenly the past week, which caused a gloom to fall on their ocean trin. Mr. and Mrs. Shackelton will now return here in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodchild and Master Randolph Goodchild, and Mrs. Susan Reed of Lowell visited the past week at the home of Mrs. Lucretia Reed. Miss Luella Prescott of Andover

was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Prescott, over Sunday. A very pleasant home party was held at the home of Mrs. E. Oldham on Pond street, Saturday evening. The mills of the Abbot Worsted

Company started on Monday morning running on full time again. Daniel Sullivan of Boston is visiting

the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Richard Blank and sons, Le-land and Merrill, of St. Catherine, Canada, are the guests of her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of Pleasant street. Mr. Blank pected on Thanksgiving day. Mr. Blank is ex-

Arthur Parrott is building another cottage on the shore of Forge pond for a relative in North Adams. Miss Hattie Northrup is visiting at

the home of her sister, Mrs. Fennimore Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole and Miss Emily Catchpole were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilson of Gran-iteville on Friday evening of last week, at a party held in honor of Mr. Gil-son's brother, William Gilson, of New York. They reported a most enjoyable tributed an instrumental solo that was time.

second bass. While the people were assembling the first of the evening. Miss Grace Lumbert played organ selections with With a second basis of the second basis of the afternoon. Miss birthday party at her home on Pine hill on Friday evening of last week. With a second basis of the afternoon of the afternoon of the afternoon of the second basis of the afternoon of the second basis of the second ba Miss Wilkinson was the recipient of ed. Miss Warr n first outlined her

where the several booths were attrac-tively arranged with various kinds of useful and fancy articles, toys, etc. seemed at no time over-crowded, the receipts of some over two hundred dollars show that the purchasers were there and came prepared to exchange mensy for goods. The remembrance table yielded an especially good profit. A bountiful supper, consisting of all the good eatables that the harvest time suggests, was served at six o'clock, and many were present to do it justice. In the evening Joseph Wainwright entertained the company with music on his accordeon, accom-panled by Simon P. O'Banion, pianist. Mr. O'Banion also delighted the audience with vocal selections. John Fairfield contributed further to the program by a poem well read. This event auspiciously opens the sales and

Clipping.

From the Roanoke Evening News we quote the following article which will interest many in this commu-

"One of the most notable events and one of much social interest through-out Virginia, is the approaching marriage of Miss Hazel Wood to Rev. H. Bellows Drew of New Bedford Mass., which will be solemnized the early part of December. Miss Wood is the daughter of one of Roanoke's most prominent professionalists, Dr. and Mrs. F. Le Roy Wood.

By her charming personale and many accomplishments she has been a conspicuous figure in the social and literary circles throughout West Virginia, and is a great society favorite While Roanoke deeply regrets the loss of its young leader, still we are proud to send into the world one who bears

the pride and honor of Virginia. Mr. Drew is the son of an old distinguished family from Providence, R. I. and is a man of sterling character and very prominent in immigra-tion work in New Bedford, Mass. By his gentle manliness and nobleness of character he has won the interest and esteem throughout southwest Vir ginia."

We may add that Rev. H. B. Drew has been pastor of the Bantist church has been pastor of the Bartist church in this town for the last two years, his resignation having taken effect early in June. He entered his new field of service in the immigration department of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters at New Bedford. Miss Wood will be remembered as niece of Mrs. Alta Hollis, and granddaughter of Emery Fletcher of Aver of Emery Fletcher of Ayer.

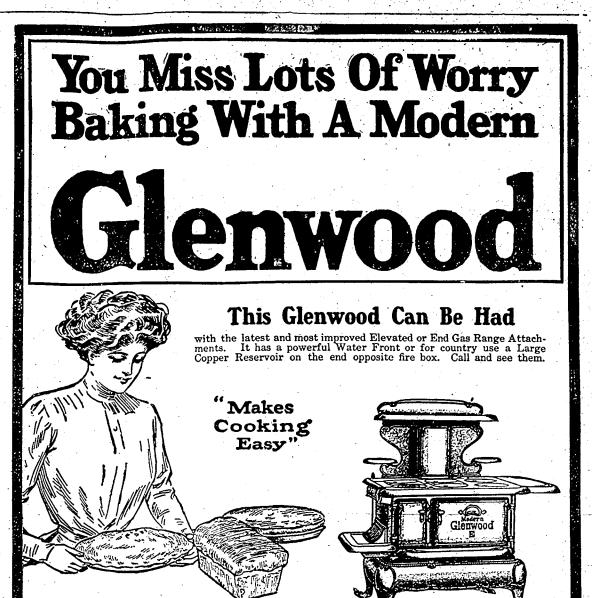
#### A Good Attendance.

The Woman's club enjoyed a rood attendance on Monday afternoon. Three new members were voted in— Mrs. Myra S. Keeler, Mrs. Gertrude M. Kimball and Miss Miriam A. Conant. The name of Mrs. Gertrude Holbrook Works was proposed for membership. The club is very happy to welcome all the new members and also those who have returned after an absence of a few years.

Several matters of business were discussed. Mrs. Nellie M. Hartwell was chosen delegate to the semi-annual meeting of the state federation in Haverhill. It was voted that con-tributions to the endowment fund for the general federation be made volun-tarily through Mrs. M. K. Priest, president. The balance of the way resident. The balance of the unexpended cash received from sale of red cross stamps last year was voted to the society for the prevention of tu-berculosis. Reports of the conference

berculosis. of local club officers, recently held in South Boston, were given by Mrs. E. H. Proctor, Mrs. N. M. Hartwell and Mrs. M. K. Priest. Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury gave a

clear and concise resume of the leading current events. The club was pleasantly entertained by Miss Emma E. Tenney, and her guest, Miss Craw-ford, of Boston, who rendered a planc dust. Miss Crawford he block duct. Miss Crawford also kindly conmuch appreciated.



school day for his grandchildren. Mrs Whitcomb occupies herself with house hold duties and keeps up her interes and assistance in King's Daughters charities and other good work. Both enjoy reading the daily papers and magazines, and keep in touch with the progress in affairs at home and

abroad.

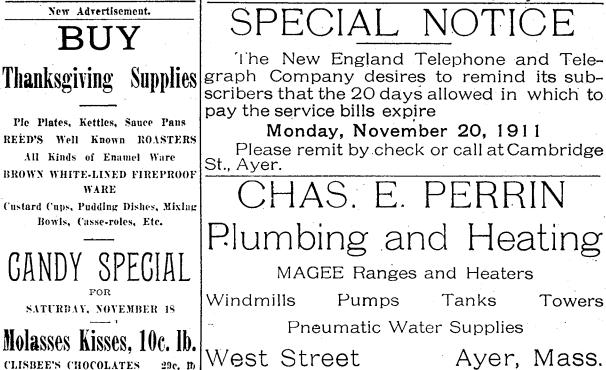
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excellent effect. 'After the entertain-ment, Mr. Wallace, in behalf of the committees in charge, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the affair Following are the committees:

Program-Rev. David Wallace, John-P. Wright and L. W. Wheeler, John-Dinner-Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. John P Wright, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Miss Florence Wilson, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. Ida M. Gould, Mrs. Ella Langley and Mrs. David L. Greig.

#### Birthday Surprise.

On Wednesday of this week, our townsman, David L. Greig, passed the forty-seventh milestone of life's journey. Of this fact the sturdy David had full cognizance, thinking it ended there. However, a group of con-genial friends thought otherwise, and in the early evening on Wednesday proceeded to disturb the pastoral quiet of Fairview farm with a visitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Greig, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Greig, jr., and son John were taken completely by surprise, but quickly adjusted themselves to circumstances and etxended a hearty Scotch welcome. The horses were snugly stabled in the barn and the guests given the liberty of the pleasant home. A collation of ice cream and cake;

also, home-made candles had been provided and was much enjoyed, as well as some merry hands of whist. The party broke up at a late hour, after many sincero wishes to their hosts for many happy returns of the day.

#### About Town.

Hugo T. Page, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is apparent-ly past the danger point, but is taking lots of time to recover

Mrs. Mary Naylor of West Chelmsford observed her ninety-second birthday on Wednesday. She is living with her daughter, Miss Arnes Naylor, who for many years was the village school teacher, giving up teaching to care for her mother.

J. Willard Fletcher has twenty-six feet of water in his newly drilled deepened well.

An electric car got temporarily stalled near the residence of Andrew G. Anderson on the Lowell road, by

Many from this village went to Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett spent last Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson at their home in West-

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#### News Items.

ford.

The work on the Dr. Phelps' buildings and grounds was undertaken the latter part of last week. M. W. Leahy has a large force of men at work re moving the terrace next to the house. A new cement foundation is to be made, a piazza will be built all around the house, and new doors will replace the old ones. Partitions are to be

torn down and two attractive, up-to-date tenements will be made. Little-

to her friends in the cast last week. She is now visiting Mr. Farwell's rel-atives, J. Hartwell Whitcomb and J. H. D. Whitcomb.

Mrs. Warren Flagg of Allston was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory.

Mrs. Lucy Pickard spent the week-end with her daughter Mabel in Boston.

Miss Cora Warren of Boston was at home from Friday until Monday even

ing. Miss Lucy Houghton has recently entertained her past room-mate of Wheaton seminary.

J. William Dodds spent Sunday with family at Arthur Wright's in his Allston.

Stanley Conant. B. U., class of 1915 was at home over Sunday.

The webbing factory has resumed its former time schedule.

Annual Foir.

G. Anderson on the Lowell road, by the cable breaking loose from the iron arm on Tuesday. After some wire togeling the trip to Westford was re-sumed. Near Proctor's lumber yard, as ever. Although the suditorium

tour through Italy, Switzerland and other countries to Liverpool, England, Graniteville last week to hear the Gospel Team at the M. E. church, who proved to be very efficient speakers. ted her attentive audience to those cities and rural communities that most appealed to her and revealed the splendor and beauty of natural scenery and the peculiarities that help in-dividualize some of the places visited. She illustrated her talk by using pictures and postcards which were passed around among the club wo-men. So full of interest and charm men. were the various scenes and experi-ences happily portrayed, that her audience lingered after the adjournment of the meeting to accompany Miss Warren further in her travels through conversation.

#### Off for Florida.

Leroy Jewett, Mrs. Jewett, and their torn down and the will be made. Little-date tenements will be made. Little-ton people are very glad to see this estate put into the good condition that will restore it to its former position of dignity and attractiveness among the best of the old residences. Corer Farwell, who has been in the best of the residences. Core Farwell, who has been in friends attend them.

Mr. Jewett carried with him a seed potato of marvelous size, from which he hones to raise some tubers that will make the natives sit up and take ten inches in length and five and a half inches in width. Its weight was said to be a little over three pounds. This giant potato raised in the State of Maine, was forwarded in a shoebox by Mrs. Nancy Wood of Houlton, Me. to her niece, Miss Ethel Shaw, in Lit-

#### Birthday Celebration.

tleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitcomb and daughter, Mrs. Paul Brown, were guests at John H. Whitcomb's in Ayer on Wednesday. Our venerable townsman on that date passed his eighty-third milestone, and the celebration also marked the near approach of Mrs. Whitcomb's birthday. Both retain their former vigor to a remarkable degree. Mr. Whitcomb enjoys a brisk

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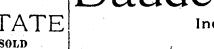
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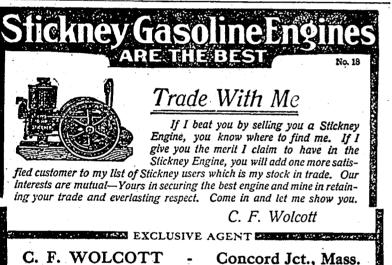
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Mrs. Goldthwaithe, who is suffering

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from a shock, is in a slightly improved condition. One side is paralyzed, but her mind is clear and she is able to talk, which is a great help to those who are attending her. Mrs. E. L. Haynes has been very

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ill the past week, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Barber have both been on the side list the past week.

The Board of Trade met on Tuesday evening and had an interesting discussion on the desirability of hav-

ing the parcel post. Mrs. Mabel Brackett has been suffering from neuralgia of the face this

week. T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange work at Wakefield last week

Wednesday evening, and the Wakefield paper complimented him upon his pleasing personality and efficient

work. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner left on

Monday for their southern home at Orlando, Fla., where they will remain until spring.

Miss Mabel Haynes was in town on Saturday visiting her mother, Mrs. Albert Turner.

The Monday club met this week at Mrs. Wilbur Bruce's, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Clara M. Farrar, hostesses. Each member responded to the roll-call by reading some short article on "Woman and her work." Miss Ellen Haynes read a most interestin" and instructive paper upon "The woman's clubhouses of America." Current events were given by several members. These were in charge of Mrs. Noah Wallace. After the program was over, a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

J. W. Eastman en'oyed a visit on Saturday and Sunday at his son Ar-thur's at Boston, who is pleasantly situated on Huntington avenue.

Carl Farrar, while playing football on Tuesday, came in contact with the knee of one of his schoolmates, which resulted in a broken nose for Carl. Although the injury is painful, he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Monday was visiting day and the teachers took the opportunity of visit-ing schools in several cities and towns near here.

'Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Paw-tucket, R. I., have been recent guests at George Gates'.

Elmer Wallace, Walter F. Rockwood, Charles Stickney and a party from Pepperell have been enjoying a hunt-ing trip up near the Connecticut lakes this week.

#### Surprise Party.

Harry Winchester gave a birthday surprise party to his room-mate, Hallet Misner, at "The Haldene" last week Misner, at "The Haldene" last week Friday evening, and there were eight-een present. Mr. Misner was invited over to Daniel McKenzie's for the evening about 8.30. Mrs. McKenzie sent her daughter and Mr. Misner up the street upon some errand, and on the way Mr. Misner was enticed into his home where he discovered the party awaiting his arrival.

The rooms were very prettily dec-orated with pinks and chrysanthemums of much beauty, and the guests as they entered were given a carnation, the white for the ladies, and the pinks for the gentlemen. These flow-ers were taken from the fine mission table which graced the center of the room, and were artistically arranged in sprays of pink and white.

Carl Willard acted as toastmaster and after greeting Mr. Misner and wishing him many happy returns of Wishing him many happy returns of the day, he announced the literary program which was as follows: Plano duet, Gertrude Rockwood and Maud Hyde, songs, Robert Copeland: duet, Violet McKenzie and Ella Mis-ner: reading, Clara M. Farrar: songs. Stella Farrar: planola selections, Mr. Winchester and Hallet Misner. After the program was over, the

party marched into the dining-room, where there was a beautifully decorated table filled with many dainties. The favors were bon-bons, and much

Agriculture, Electricity, Literature, Wealth, Science, Commerce and Integrity; Trio, "The runaway goosie," . Margaret B, Higgins, Icea L. Cowd-rey, Clara Heselton.

Program presented by the Brothers

Program presented by the Brothers Opening chorus. Original words by E. L. Haynes Original poem....H. Warren Seaver Lecturette, original....., J. Atwood Pantonime, showing how a batchelor sews on a button. Wilbur H. Scales, p. m. Recitation, "Knee deep in June," T. E. Flarity, p. m. Phano solo, Nocturne, "Mignon." Albert G. Scaver The weekly session of "That reminds me," club

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West Townsend.

Fred Coburn, from Lowell, spent Sunday with his wife at the home of

Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver of Nashua, N. H., spent Sunday at her home here. Miss M. Elinor Tower has left the home of Mrs. Alexander Reed, where she has been boarding since early

summer, and moved into her new cotage upon Elm street. Ford Reed, who has been quite ill at the home of his brother in Acton.

where he is visiting, is reported as improving. Rev. S. D. Ringrose had a very striking sermon last Sunday on "The march of time." The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by H. B. Hathaway and was made very interesting by readings, "Papa's pledge," by Rev.

S. D. Ringrose, and a poem, "Only a cup of wine," by Miss Bertha Boynton. At the close of the evening's ton. At the close of the evening's preaching service, a very beautiful vocal selection, "What will you do with Jesus," was given by a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Walter <u>F.</u> Wilder, Milton Wilder and Ashbel Streeter.

Charles B. Stickney is enjoying a vacation with friends in New Hamp-

shire. George and little daughter Mrs. from Lewiston, Me., are spending a few weeks with Mrs. West's parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman. Mrs. Lois Vose, who has been with her niece, Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, during the summer, has returned to her home in Ashburnham for a visit before leav-ing for New York, where she will spend the winter with her son's fam-

ly. Mrs. Lizzie McAllie, who has been with her sister, Mrs. George Roebuck, has taken a position to assist Mrs. Shattuck at the Squannacook

house. Edward Patch and Ralph H. Willard, from Boston, spent Sunday at their respective homes here.

Mrs. Caroline Sherwin of Nashua. has been spending a few weeks with relatives in town Word has been received of the se

vere illness of Ernest Cox of Boston, son of the former pastor of the Bap

Charles Hodgman, John Clark and Park Hotel William Lawrence from this village, and the interment was in the family lct in the West Townsend cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife, to whom he was only recently married, a broth-er, Daniel Robbins, of Mason, and a sister in England. He has been em-ployed in this village for many years and leaves many friends here who de-plore his sudden taking off in the prime of his life, and express great sympathy for the sorrowing widow so suddenly and terribly bereaved.

#### Birthday Celebration.

The venerable Deacon L. F. Wood celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on Thursday, November 9, and instead of a public recention at the church as has been customary, on account of the feeble health of both himself and his wife, the gifts were left at the par-sonage and Miss Tower's Sunday school class of boys carried them to the home of the seed counle. The old gentleman was greatly pleased by a postal shower of fifty-three cards, and he also received about forty dollars in money, many letters of con-

gratulations and calls from twentyfive of his friends and neighbors, making the day a very pleasant one for him.

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fun was derived from wearing the paper caps and reading the verses which came with them. Hot chocolate was served and Clara M. Farrar was chosen as pourer. The company stood around the table while Hallet cut his birthday cake, which Miss Hyde as sisted him in passing. In the cake there was a ring, banknote, thimble and doll, which were later found to have been in the cake served as fol lows: Robert Copeland, note; Stella Farrar, thimble; Parke Struthers, doll, and the ring in the remaining piece left.

Mr. Misner at this time thanked his room-mate for his kindness in viving him the party, after which the company adjourned to the sitting room, where they sang songs around the piano until they adjourned. A most enjoyable time was spent by all and Mr. Winchester proved to be a royal entertainer.

#### Grange.

Monday was competitive night at the grange and quite a few were pres witness the men trim the ladies which they easily did. The decision was announced by Rev. S. P. Robert son, chairman of the judges, and al though the ladies tried hard to win they were ready to acknowledge that the decision was a just one. Both entertainments were limited to forty five minutes, and both contained quite a variety of songs, readings, original lectures, etc.

The men were in charge of T. E Flarity, and the ladies in charge of Mrs. C. M. Farrar. After the program was over the judges and thos who came with them were treated to a lunch before leaving for home. Al enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The following is the program and also the names of the judges:

### bles were well supplied with goods and well patronized. The mystery boxes under the charge of Mrs. Justin CO. LOWFIL DIVISION C. Hodgman, were sold out early in the evening, while the fancy work and aprons met with a ready sale, as did the home-made candy under the charge of Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and Miss Mabel Thompson. Vegetables

Alle tuffeld was herd at his herd in the first at m., and every 15 mins, until 11.03 p. m., then 11.48 p. m., Sundays-S. D. Ringrose, of the Baptist church, officiating. Two selections, "Nearer my God to thee," and Rock of ares," were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose, and the subject of the sympathetic (5.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins, until 10.40 p. m. Sundays-address by the minister was "There is but a step between me and death." There were many beautiful floral tributes, expressing the loving sympa-thy of sorrowing relatives and friends, and a large number of friends and neighbors from this villace and Ma-to the dead. The pall bearers were Benjamin and the subject set the sumparison of the sympa-tic to the dead. The pall bearers were Benjamin and the subject set the sympa-tic the sumparison of the sympa-tic the sumparison of the sympa-tic the sumparison of the sympa-tere the sumparison of the sympa-tere the sumparison of the sympa-tic the sumparison of the sympa-tere the sumparison of the sympa-

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#### WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for

the nome-made candy under the charge of Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and Miss Mabel Thompson. Vegetables and cake were sold by Mrs. Oscar Evans and Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, to Sullvan Square Terminal, Charlestown-6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. that through some misunderstanding. A very pleasing musical program. Consisting of piano selections by Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, and songs by Alden Sherwin and Mervin Hodgman were received with hearty applause, and the program closed with an amusing farce, "No cure, no pay." The parts were well taken and it was received with much appreciation by the audience.
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Sudden Death.
The community was greatly shock do heart disease at his home just across the Mason line, early Saturday morning. Apparently in his usual health, he went to the barn to attend to his horses and had partly completed his work when he came to the dotor way and fell upon his face, dying instantly.
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#### GROTON

#### Nows Items.

Middlesex Rebekah lodge, 1. O. O. F will give a social dance in town hall. Groton, on Wednesday evening, No-vember 29. Music will be furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

Principal J. H. Manning of the high school was one of the spectators who witnessed the Andover-Exeter game at Excter last Saturday where his alma mater, Andover, won over her rival.

Miss Fannie E. Woods and others from here will attend the Harvard-Dartmouth game this Saturday if weather permits.

The Harvard 'Varsity Soccer team of which Daniel Needham is a mem-ber scored a 3-0 victory over Phillips Andover in game played on Soldiers' field Wednesday.

The McGovern family has been placed in guarantine on account of the of scarlet fever, so that there case need be no fear of the disease spreading.

Montague Chamberlain closed his house on the Ayer road Wednesday and has gone to Boston for the winter. Word has been received telling of

the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Ar-thur C. Tuttle at San Mateo, Fla. Mrs W F Patch has returned from

several weeks' visit with her son, a teacher, who spent his vacation at Amherst and also among her old friends and neighbors at Brattleboro, Vt., her former home.

Final papers have been passed in the sale of H. W. Whiting's shop on West street. Rev. C. A. Finnigan, the purchaser, will have this building, which will not be moved, made over into a barn or stable.

Rev. P. H. Cressey exchanges this Sunday with Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield of Littleton.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. S Evans are going to move into the Sherwin cottage on Hollis street. Mr. Evans has been working lately for Mr. Sherwin.

The Book and Thimble club met last week with Mrs. Thomas Gilson. The next meeting on Friday afternoon, November 24, will be with Mrs. Wm. Souther.

A large, beautiful bunch of violets went from Groton to the White House, Washington, D. C., a few days ago.

R. E. Learned, the Boston lawyer. who was hurt here two weeks ago at the Pleasant street bridge, is counsel for Groton in the demands made this meeting to complete their stewby the railroad in connection with ardship of forty-four years and make that bridge. The hearing, which was a final disbursement of the fund under postponed on account of the accident, their charge. Dr. Green, who has will be in Boston when Lawyer Learn-served longest on the board of trused is able to attend to it.

The youngest child in the family of Thomas McGovern has scarlet fever.

James Bywater was taken Sunday evening with a severe pain in his head, extending down into his shoulder, and also affecting his eyes. His physician was called and he is relieved, but not yet free from pain. The trouble seems to be a rheumatic one. Mr. Bywater has been serving on the grand jury, but the doctor has written that he will not be able to attend for a number of days.

The kitchen furnishings, range lamps, cooking utensils, chairs, table

West Upton, and that he has already been offered \$300 more than he gave for it.

Thomas Bywater burnt one of his fingers on a wire some days ago while working on the telephone line. During the time he was laid off work. Mr. and Mrs. Bywater visited in Boston and Mariboro. He has since returned to work.

Interesting exercises were held by the intermediate class of the Congre-gational Sunday school last Sunday. They were in observance of temperance Sunday, and in charge of Miss Elsie Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence were passengers on the Arabic, sailing on November 7, for the trip abroad, re turning on December 6.

J. Warren Wetherbee and family are vacating their house recently sold to Mr. Bishop, a business man employed in New York, and are moving into the Dr. Bristol house for the winter. There is a possibility, we hear, that Mr. Bishop may get New

England territory and wish to move into his house here. Samuel Ramsden on the Ayer road has sold his stock, tools, etc., and intends to move nearer Boston, wishing to be nearer his business in that vicinity. Mr. Ramsden is the "roprietor of the Rathskeller and furnishes lunches to Harvard students. The Thanksgiving union service will be held this year at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, November 26, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Rev. G. M. Howe will be the preach-

Willard Smith stepped on a rusty nail a week ago and has a bad foot as the result. He is able to get around now on his milk route, but the trouble doesn't seem to get better as fast as he could wish.

Rev. P. H. Cressey is to be one of speakers at the banquet of the Backlog club in Littleton next Thursday.

James R. Hawkes has taken a furnished house at Monument Beach, and with Mrs. Hawkes will occupy it for the winter.

Gen. Bancroft was un last Saturday, and while here sat for his "ic-ture at R. M. Erving's, Champney street.

Mrs. Cora Clough and nurse Mrs. Bonnev drove over to Groton last Saturday, calling on firends. Envelopes for the annual Thanks-

viving offering were distributed at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Officer Riley has had a peculiar case under investigation during the last week. A certain young lady in town complained to him that she had received several threatening letters. purporting to be signed by two of our well-known young ladies. The more the officer examined the matter the more skeptical he became until now he is said to be fully convinced that the recipient of the letters was also their author. Such cases have been known to occur in other places, but this is a new one for Groton.

#### Directors' Meeting.

Dr. Samuel A. Green and other di-rectors of the Peabody Educational fund assembled for their annual meet-ing at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on November 1. They had hoped at charge tees, was appointed spokesman and solos, etc., Christmas shopping, a good told of various reasons which prevent-supper, free entertainment, all suped the board from closing the ac-counts. Dr. Green told how the directors had been forced to continue the administration of funds fourteen to come. years beyond the original term set by the donor.

Many of the donors had hoped that this meeting would see the striking of the final balance. For one reason some were getting old—Dr. Green for instance 82, and his old friend and November 23. Mrs. W. E. Williams, Joe Choate is 79, Ex-Gov, James D. Mrs. MacChlerie, will sell aprons of Porter of Tennessee 84, Wm. C. Doane, bishop of Albany, 79, Richard Olney Mrs. E. K. Harrington will preside at the Misses Jennie and Annie Kerlev being in Boston for the day. of Boston 76, and Bishop Wm. Law- the fancy table, with a trio of assistrence is a comparative youngster at 61. The original fund endowed - by George Peabody was \$3,000.000. Until the next meeting in November, 1912. the sum of \$1,500,000 must remain

brook," Miss Dora Balley; song, "Love's own sweet song,". Wm. At-kinson of Pepperell; reading of se-lections from Mrs. E. A. Barrows' book of poems by Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and an unusual treat from George S. Knapp, who sang, "The bridge," ac-companied on the plano in an equally admirable manner by his son, Lewis M. Knapp. An historical literary sald was a novel dish served on the program. Sixty pleces of green paper were arranged in a glass dish and re-sembled closely a head of lettuce, on each leaf was pasted a question or an answer. The person pulling out a leaf of lettuce which had a question would call for its answer and so on until the lettuce was used up.

Vedding.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sturgis, Groton School, Tuesday afternoon, November 14, at 12.30 o'clock, when Miss Rosalic Lohmeyer became the bride of their cousin, Prof. John S. Humphreys of Cambridge. The cere-mony was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. Sturgis, who is a master at the school. Among those who witnessed the ceremony were two brothers of the groom and a sister of the bride. The house was, very prettily decorated for the occa-sion by H. Huebner, the local florist, who also furnished the exquisitely beautiful bridal bouquet, composed chiefly of rare lavender orchids with additions of maiden-hajr fern and fragrant white bowardias. Prof. and Mrs. Humphreys will 're-

side in Cambridge.

West Groton.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Mary Hammond, of Somerville

Mrs. Elliott of Danvers has been a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Miss Lottie Craft is employed in the home of G. H. Bixby.

E. R. Newell, the civil engineer in charge of laying the pipes for the wa-ter supply, who was treated for ap-pendicitis at the Groton hospital last week, is doing well, according to reports that have reached us. The work excavation is progressing in charge of another engineer. The men are now (Wednesday) working in front of the store of Bixby-Webber Company, having completed the trenches on Mill street.

A pair of large oxen passing through the village recently were an unusual sight and proved especially interest-ing to the children.

Mrs. E. P. Shores, with her daughter Winifred, and her mother, Mrs. Powers, is spending some days this week with friends in Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Kierstead were called to Lowell on Wednesday by a message which acquainted them with the critical condition of Mrs. Kierstead's brother. No details were given and nothing further is known at this time.

On Friday evening November 24. a supper will be served at the usual time and place by Mrs. C. L. Roy and a corps of able assistants. A con-tinuation of the sale will follow. Short entertainments under the direction of the permanent literary committee will be presented each evening free of

Miss Susie Hill will give vocal solos and Raymond Sleeper a xylophone solo. Other numbers will consist of solo, quartet and chorus singing, piano supper, free entertainment, all sup-plied by the ladies on Thursday afternoon and Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. Don't forget

L. A. S. Sale.

The ladies of the L. A. society most cordially invite the public to be present at their sale in Squannacook hall on Thursday afternoon and evening,

bership list. The literary exercises consisted of selections from favorite authors. After partaking of a bounti-ful lunch the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. George Jones.

WESTFORD.

Graniteville.

Rev. Fr. Schofield, pastor of St. Catherine's church, celebrated both masses in the church on Sunday morning, during which he told that it was his pleasure and honor to be present among those who wished Cardinal O'Connell bon voyage from the deck of the steamer Canonic that sailed from Boston on last Saturday bound for Naples.

Miss Inez McLenna, who sprained her ankle a few days ago, is now rapidly improving.

F. J. LeDuc, better known to his friends as "Chick," is now at the Low-ell general hospital where he recently underwent an operation.

The gospel team from Boston university have recently brought to a close a very successful series of meetings that were held in the M. E. church here on Friday, Saturday and

Sunday evenings. The many friends of Miss Margaret Driscoll, who left here Sunday for Lynn, where she will reside with her parents in the future, wish her every success in her new home.

Miss Mary C. Healy has recently left here to accept a position as waitress in Brookline.

Miss Mary Rafferty is now located at the Ocean house, New Smyrna, Fla., doing table work for the winter months.

The regular meeting of the A. R. choate hose company was held in Choate Healy's hall on Monday evening after the routine business had been transacted, a social hour was enjoyed. The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held in their rooms Thursday evening. Quite

a number of applications were read. HARVARD.

News Items. Dr. S. A. Ellis and family will close

pect hill this week and go for the winter to their winter residence at Brookline. Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Hapgood and daughter, Edith Hapgood, have completed arrangements for their trip to California. They intend to start on December 12.

their beautiful summer home on Pros-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Savage of cominster were down in their auto last Sunday and spent the day with their father, William H. Savage, and

family. At the annual basketball game for the school championship at Bromfield. held on Thursday of this week, the junior team defeated the seniors. There has been considerable rivalry between these two classes, and the defeat of the seniors is a source of much elation by the winning team.

Mrs. J. E. Crossley, who has been for the past two months a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Crossley, returned to her home at Orange N. J., on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Cottle, have closed their summer home"The Crossways" for this season, and are now at Dorchester, their winter residence.

Ellery Royal, Herbert Dickson and Edwin Sawyer have received tickets of the Harvard-Dartmouth football game and will attend the game on Soldiers' field today.

Last Sunday, at the Unitarian church, Mrs. Louise Atwood of Fitch-burg; and Mr. West sang a duet during the regular morning service. This Sunday the young ladies from Ayer are expected to furnish music. Painters are at work in Old Mill

district putting on a finishing coat of paint on the buildings of Samuel Blanchard and George A. Folsom.

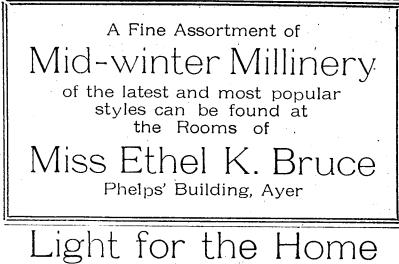
Mrs. Doris Wilder of Marlboro was



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and some other articles, including some coal and wood and tools belong-ing to the G. E. H. Abbot estate will be sold by public auction on the premises Friday, November 24. The sale will open at 9.30 a.m.

The Ladies' Benevoient society of the Congregational church sent two barrels filled with clothing, etc., to a home missionary in North Dakota last week.

Samuel H. Williams of New Haven, Conn., is here visiting relatives

R. E. Learned, the Boston lawyer who met with the accident here two weeks ago, was so much better that he returned home last Monday.

The church supper and social at the Congregational church last week was well attended and successful. The ex-cellent supper was under the charge of Mrs. W. H. Bruce, and the fine mis-cellaneous program of the entertain-ment was prepared by Mrs. P. J. Ben-edict and Mrs. Charles Harrington and was as follows:

was as 10110WS: Piano solo, Mrs. Greene, of Lawrence academy; reading, Bertha Rose; violin solo, F. W. Mansur; reading, Mrs. Henry Whiting; vocal duet, the Misses bavis; reading, Miss Batchelder; violin solo, Mr. Mansur; reading, Beatrice Murphy.

Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody assisted in the marriage ceremony at St. Peter's church, Albany, N. Y., on Sat-urday, November 11, of Miss Dorthea Douglas, daughter of Ex-senator and Mrs. C. N. Douglas of that city, and George Cabot Ward Low of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Low prepared for col-lege at Groton School.

Two recent telephone subscribers are Walter H. Dodge, call 62-2, and Charles H. Gerrish, call 9-3.

One of the little boys in the village who frequently brings a smile to the faces of his older friends, thought last week that he had been abused by some of his playfellows about five cr six years old—his own age. He scolded about it considerably and finally called on the chief of police and laid the grievance before him.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge will hold a dance in the town hall next week Wednesday evening.

George W. Lewis, who recently as having a very enjoyable program moved from Groton to West Upton, was in town last week. He says he consisted of a reading from Browning has a nice place, favorably situated in by Miss Marion Hart; song, "The

undistributed.

Church Fair.

The Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian church are to hold their annual church fair in the town hall on the afternoon of December 7 with the usual variety of goods on sale. For the evening a pleasant en-tertainment is arranged by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Fanny Sampson, chairman, Mrs. F. A. Sherwin, Mrs. George H. Woods and Mrs. Fred O. Porter. Mrs. Lew and Mr. Thomas will give selections on the banjo, mandolin and ruitar, Miss Mae Church Deane from Brockton will give selections in reading and at the dance, which will follow the entertainment, music will be furnished on the piano

by Mrs. Lew, on the violin by Mr. Thomas, and on the cornet by Mr. Henessev The fully arranged program will be

given later.

#### Grange Food Sale.

The food sale held in the lower town hall Tuesday afternoon, November 14, realized about twenty dollars for the grange object for which it was held. The affair was very dis-appointing in that the supply of food was too scanty, not nearly enough to meet the demand. Judging from the

number of people present who were attracted by the announcement of the sale and had come to buy, the patronage would have been very satisfactory f the good cooks of the grange had brought in more food. It reminds one of the old-fashioned story where an unexpected guest says to the lady of the house "its good enough what there is of it." The rest of the old story doesn't apply.

Grange.

The regular meeting of Groton grange Tuesday evening is reported

ants, Mrs. A. W. Adams, Mrs. E. P. Shores, Mrs. John Young. The children will be particularly interested in the doll table of which

Mrs. Charles Bixby is chairman, with Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge and Mrs. H. D. Bowles, assistants.

Those who desire to satisfy the cravings of a sweet tooth will have ample opportunity at the table of Mrs. C. L. Roy, who with Miss K. A. Tarbell and Mrs. W. F. Lane, will dispense various confections.

A fifth table in charge of Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, assisted by Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Mrs. L. G. Strand, will be filled with mysteries which can be unveiled only by the magic nickels and dimes.

TOWNSEND.

#### Townsend Harbor.

Mrs. Mary Taylor has returned from Fitchburg, where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

As a result of Mr. Dana's work, there is a decided improvement in the appearance of the old Mansion house.

Myron Peffers, during the present week, has shipped a carload of stove wood from his summer home near this village to his residence in Stoneham.

Frank Gilchrist has recently moved from the house opposite the leatherboard mill, to the apartment over the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray left on Thursday to spend the week-end with friends in Waltham.

Since last February, Will Smart has drawn about a million feet of lumber sawed last year by Dubreau's mill, from the stacking yards to the railroad.

On Thursday evening, Willard E. Gray and Nillo G. Proctor attended the military whist at Ayer, given by the Eastern Star.

Mrs. S. T. Locke has left Pinehurst for St. Louis, where she will spend the winter with her son, Harold Locke. En route, Mrs. Locke will visit friends. in New York and Chicago.

The As You Like It club held its The name of Mrs. Cummings was vot-ed upon and enrolled upon the mem- of the Public spirit alone every week.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will have a supper and entertainment at the vestry Friday evening. November 24. The first tables will be ready at 6.30 and later comers will be served at second table. For entertainment they have secured S. Thompson Blood

Still River.

of Concord Junction. Mr. Blood is an impersonator of marked ability and he will entertain for an hour and it will surely be a treat to listen to him. There will be a small admission fee at the door in addition to the charge for supper. The ladies' treasury is rather depleted from paying for some of the improvements that have been

made on the church and they are anxious to get ahead once more, to be in readiness for future contingences. Mrs. Haynes is expected home from the Worcester Memorial hospital on Sunday.

Miss Cole of Ayer is at the Haynes home to help out during Mrs. Haynes convalescence.

Fred Bateman has been in Springfield, Vt., this week on civil engineering work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnsworth of Lancaster were guests of their daugh-ter, Mrs. Alfred McClintock Wednesday.

Miss Mary Cummings is visiting her sister's family in New York. Word was received the first of the

week of the death at his Arlington home of A. H. Seaver, who has for several years occupied his summer cottage on the Prospect hill road. Mr Seaver was a very pleasant man and made many friends here. Last win-ter he underwent a very severe surgical operation and although he par-tially recovered yet he was closely confined to his cottage the past sum mer and toward the last grew much

weaker so that his friends were not surprised to hear of his death. Work is now being hurried on Wen-

dell Willard's new house. The frame is nearly up and it will soon be cov ered in.

A. A. Hutcherson and C. L. Russell have just built garages for their automobiles.

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### Saturday, November 18, 1911.

#### AYER.

News Items.

James C. Turner, an Ayer boy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Turner. now of Lowell, who has been acting for some months past as the superintendent of the gas plant of the North Adams Gas Light Company, has recently been promoted to the position of cashier of the company, and will look after all the finances of the gas company there. This son of Eu-gene A. Turner, was named after J. C. Ayer, being the first boy born here after being incorporated as the town of Ayer.

The Boys' club of the Congregational church will serve a bean supper in the church vestry on Friday evening, November 24.

George L. Donahue and Thomas A. Fitzgerald left on Monday morning in an automobile for New York city, and is expected back the latter part of this week. Mr. Fitzgerald's cous-in; from Leominster, has been taking his place at the barber shop.

Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., are going to put on a play entitled "The shamrock and the rose," in the near future. This play has been a great success wherever it has been played. will be put on by the Payne. Dramatic Company of Lowell, the com-pany that played "The parish priest" here a short time ago.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, November 21. Work Past. Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. Lunch after the work.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held this year at the Baptist church on Sunday evening. November 26, at seven o'clock. Exercises by the children are to precede the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White leave this Saturday for New Orleans. Mr. White while there will attend the annual meeting of the American Bankers' association. Mr. and Mrs. White expect to return in about ten days.

Mrs. Herbert A. Lang with her baby, who has been here on a visit for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wood, returned to her home in Manchester, N. H., on Wednesday.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., will be held on Monday evening, November 20. Work—F. C. degree.

The Isle of Pines, where Mrs. S. M Davis, formerly of this town, is now residing, is a possession of the island of Cuba, and not under the Spanish rule.

In accordance with a petition filed for a recount of the votes for representative in Ayer at the recent state election, the board of registrars of voters performed that duty on Wed-nesday evening. No change was found in the original vote. The recounts in Littleton and Acton showed a like result. Representative Fisher gained one vote in Westford, his home town, and two in Chelmsford. There was no recount in Carlisle, there being no petition filed asking it. This increases Mr. Fisher's vote by three, making his majority over Mr. Taylor, his opponent, seventeen throughout the district.

Presiding justice, Warren H. Atyood, of the district court, left on Wednesday afternoon on the 5.01 o'clock express for Des Moines, Iowa. From there he will go to Kansas City and other points in the west. He intends to be absent three or four weeks.

where they are to erect a standpipe for the new water works in that enterprising village. Clarence Moore, who for a few

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weeks past has been traveling for a wholesale liquor house in Boston, and enjoys his position very much, is meeting with excellent success. Miss Emily Cole is staying in Still River for a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Whiten of Lowell spent Sunday with her mother,

Mrs. P. Clark. James Smith, p. m., of Leominster will inspect Capt. George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Veterans, next Thursday evening.

These members of the Woman's club attended the federation meeting at Haverhill on Thursday: Mrs. Carie B. Bigelow, Mrs. Geo. J. Burns, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Mary J. Farr and Mrs. Avis B. Fisher.

Miss K. E. Lynch and niece Sylvia spent the week-end with her brother, T. Worcester Lynch, of Nashua.

Mrs. Geo. H. Hill has entertained this week her friend, Mrs. Peck from Providence, R. I.

Miss' Mabel Sargent is the guest of her brother, Lewis Sargent, a student at the Worcester Teck.

Mrs. Carrie Lynds attended a meeting of the D. A. R. in Nashua on Thursday.

Charles Viall and family are soon o return to their old home in Royalston.

Mr. Lovett, the dancing master, has a class here of over fifty pupils. He is very popular with both pupils and their parents and every Friday evening the seats for spectators in the hall are well filled with an appreciative audience. Some of the little tots of the afternoon class in their graceful movement attract considerable attention.

Mrs. Nellie Williamson is spending a few days at her sister's, Mrs. Her bert Eaton, of Lunenburg.

According to the expense returns filed with the secretary of state by candidates for office at the recent state election, Frank P. Bennett, jr., of Saugus, for his campaign for re-election as senator, spent \$307.50; Philip A. Kiely of Lynn, his opponent, \$225.05. Herbert E. Fletcher spent of Westford, candidate for councillor, spent \$263.80.

Mrs. Stella Ross of Somerville, and little daughter Catherine, spent Sunday with her brother, James Lynch. An interesting meeting of the grange was held on Thursday evening hights so that hereafter they will be hights so that hereafter they will be held on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday evenings of the month at Grand Army hall. At the next meeting, on December 6, the election of officers will take place. One candidate was admitted to membership and two others voted upon. Daniel W. Mason, the local moth superintendent, is busy getting rid of the gypsy and brown tail moth nests in the shade trees of the town.

Miss Bertha Cole, stenographer in the office of C. F. Worcester, dislocated her left knee while coming down the steps at the store of George L. Davis on Monday evening. She will probably be able to return to her duties in about a week.

Patrick Clark of Grove street has been confined to the house with neuralgia of the muscles.

The features of the moving picture show tonight are "The state line," "The tribe's penalty," "A dead man's honor," and "The ruling passion," Biograph. William C. Waugh, bari-tone, of Boston, will sing three illus-trated songs. On next Wednesday might the moving pictures of the night the moving pictures of the World's Series championship games of baseball between the Philadelphia and New York teams will be given. In addition to these, 4,000 feet of other pictures will be shown.

Since we have given notice of the lvance price c

Mrs. J. W. Thomas returned on Wednesday from a three-weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant, of Boston.

J. Hartwell Whitcomb of Littleton, with his wife and daughter, Mrs. Paul Brown, were guests of his brother, J. Henry Whitcomb. East Main street, on Wednesday. it being his eighty-third birthday. He bears his age remark-ably well, and is one of Littleton's most respected cit.zens.

Edward A. Richardson is having a stone wall laid fronting forty feet on Central avenue, and extending along Cross street about one hundred feet. Having the stone he concluded to use t up in laying this stone wall and later he may put up a building with a basement entrance on the south side. Mr. Richardson has a large stretch of land on this avenue and the lots are very desirable and contrally located for business purposes.

Mr. Hardy, carpender and builder, instead of having his building one story and basement, is making it two stories, the upper one to be used for a hall, for which there is a demand. The building is being very substantially constructed and is a valbeing very uable addition to this avenue, that may in the future be one of the principal thoroughfares in the town, and which is the widest, sixty feet. The new advertisement in another part of this paper tells the story what Mr. Hardy intends doing.

Vesta Rebecca lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Thursday afternoon, November 23, at 2.30 o'clock.

Thirty-five members have enrolled in the senior class at the Civic gymnasium, which is very satisfactory to the management, although there is room for more. The junior class is not so large and it is hoped that the boys will come forward and increase its membership in the near future. Considerable attention is being given to basketball and two games are expected on Thanksgiving day, Novem-ber 30. The teams which are expected to play are the first gymnasium and the Fitchburg high school teams, and the second gymnasium and the Ayer high school fives.

The Woman's club celebrated its fourteenth birthday on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting took the form of a social afternoon. There was a plano duet by Mrs. Avis B. Fisher and Miss Etta Green, a piano solo by Miss Mabel Sargent, readings by Mrs. Frances E. Viall and vocal solos by Mrs Huntley S. Turner and Mrs. Daisy Beckford. Refreshments were served at the close by Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, Mrs. Lucy M. Parsons and Mrs. Nellie E. Fox. An invitation was change was held on finitistical evening sits, tende 2, for an interface and a method with the second a meeting to be held the meeting to be held to be hel club to attend a meeting to be held in Wallace hall on November 22.

in Wallace hall on November 22. Services at the Baptist church will consist of preaching by the pastor. Rev. J. W. Thomas. at 10.45 a. m. Sunday school at twelve. Praise serv-ice and short address by the pastor at seven in the evening. Unitarian church services: 10.45. ser-mon by the pastor. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Y. P. R. U. at seven p. m. Speaker. Mrs. Avis Fisher. Sub-ject, "Life at Smith college."

Accident.

Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Downing, met with a serious accident about three o'clock on last Sat-

urday morning. Howard is employed in the engine house in the upper yard as a wiper and was called to assist in holding a torch while repairs were being made on a pump on an engine that was out of order. The man in making the repairs, stood on an empty gasolene barrel, and when through with it, Howard was ordered to take it away With his lighted torch in his hand he removed the empty gasolene barrel by tipping it over endways, and in so doing the bung fell out and the gas caught fire from the lighted torch, and the barrel was blown with terrific force upward, Howard receiving a glancing blow from it on the forehead, crushing the bone, and forcing him against the engine, partially stunned, and falling into the engine

pit which is of considerable depth among the ashes. He was assisted in getting up out of the pit, bleeding profusely from the wound. Dr. Hopkins was called the wound. Dr. Hopkins was called and he took him to his house and attended to him until the first passen ger train arrived at the station, when he was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, accompanied by Dr. Hopkins, where he was immediately attended to. At that time no hope was given that he would re-cover from the injury. His father has visited him at the hospital and his mother goes daily since the accident, and the last report is that he is getting along as comfortably as possible under the cir-cumstances, but the surgeons at the hospital say that he is not out of danger, and lies in a critical condition and that they will not be able for another week to tell if he will recover. He is taking some nourishment, and has not suffered from it. The barrel at the time of the accident was blown upward with such force that it made a large dent in one of the heavy timbers of the engine house.

caterer served refreshments. Mr. and at the railroad crossing at the cider Mrs. Harlow received many beauti-ful gifts, consisting of a plano, sliver, o'clock. As he was leaving the premout glass, china, furniture and gold coins

On their return from their wedding journey they will live on Cambridge street, Ayer, where a furnished house s ready for them. Those who attended the wedding

Those who attended the wedding from Ayer were Mrs. Mary L. Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow and daughter Ruth, Miss Addie S. Har-low, Mrs. George G. Osgood, Miss Rachael A. Osgood and Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Honkins were attached to the train behind the caboose, which on account of the darkness could not be seen and Mr. B. H. Hopkins. His clothing caught in one of the

Military Whist Party.

Page hall presented a very bright pulled him out of danger, and forpicture on Thursday evening on the occasion of the military whist given by Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. The tunately escaped with slight injuries. The crossing is a dangerous one, especially when trains are approachwas adorned with the national hall ing from the west. As the view is obstructed by the cars on the sidecolors; flags curtained the stage, and the colors stretched around the room. track, which is more or less occupied. Flags festooned the windows, which After dark the conditions are much were further adorned with flags as worse in this respect. fans. The white curtains at the windows were fastened with stars of red, Chapter Exemplification. white and blue: There were thirty-two tables. The affair was planned cellent and Royal Arch degrees of the Royal Arch chapter for the eleventh Woods of Groton, the worthy matron, who was assisted by other officers of Fitchburg on Wednesday afternoon, November 22, at four o'clock. Supper the chapter. The signals for chang-ing tables were by the bugie in will be served at 6.45. The work will charge of Roger Lawrence.

After the game refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Alma Brown and Mrs. William M. Sargent. Souvenirs of boxes of candy priest; Charles W. Delano, grand lecturer; Fred A. Mason, deputy grand were given to: Mrs. Benjamin Taft, Mrs. Howard B. White, Mrs. Edward captain of the host. of the work is as follows: of the work is as follows: Royal Arch degree 1. Thomas chapter, Flitchburg, 2. Gardner chap-ter, Gardner, 3. North Star chapter, Winchendon, Most Excellent Master degree 1. Bancroft chapter, Ayer: 2. Clinton chapter, Clinton. Whitney and Mrs. O. P. Robinson, who had the largest score, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, Henry Turner and Mrs. Grace Lentz, who were second.

Clipping.

Alliance Entertainment.-

From the Fitchburg Sentinel of Fri-day, November 10: Don't forget the entertainment, under the auspices of the Alliance, in the Unitarian vestry Thursday even-ing, November 23, at eight o'clock. ing, November 23, at eight o clock. There will be vocal solos by Frank Harlow of Shirley, piano solos by Miss Ada May Parker of Leominster and selections by the trio-violin, mittee has in hand. His dividing lines and selections by the trio—violin, 'cello and piano—Messrs. Lougee and Fisher. As the closing number of the program, the farce, "How the story grew," is to be given with following cast of characters: Mrs. Brown.....Mrs. Clara F. Hill Mrs. Green....Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow

Cast of Characters: Mrs. Brown.....Mrs. Clara F. Hill Mrs. Green...Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow Mrs. Bean...Mrs. Daisy B. Beckford Mrs. Rice...Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing Mrs. Doolittle...Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence Mrs. Snow.....Mrs. Ida C. Perkins Mrs. Taylor...Mrs. Harriet H. Bixby The Archive Mith. Harriet H. Bixby The socks which have been dis-tributed among the Alliance and their friends will be gathered in on the evening of the entertainment and it is

hoped that a large sum will be realized from them.

District Court.

John Dedolcho of Lawrence, charged with disturbing the peace at Westford on November 12, was in court on November 13, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars. A charge of drunkenness was placed on file.

Timothy J. Monahan of Sudbury, charged with drunkenness at Ayer on and dearest to him; therefore, be it Resolved,-that it is but a just trib. November 13, was in court on November 14, and on trial found guilty and placed on probation until May 14, 1912, and may expenses taxed at \$2.30.

from our midst, we mourn for one Ephraim Reed of Westford, charged with drunkenness at Ayer on November 13, was in court on November 14, and on trial found guilty and placed on probation until May 14, 1912.

Division No. 7, sincerely condole with the relatives of the deceased on the Elof Backstrom of Westford, charged with assault and battery at Westdispensation with which it has pleased divine Providence to afflict them, and ford, November 14, was in court on November 15, and on trial was found guilty and fined twenty dollars. James commend them for consolation to him whose chastisements are meant in Burns was the complainant. mercy.

Timothy Martin, charged with drunkenness at Pepperell on November 15 was in court on November 16, and on trial was found guilty and case placed on file.

Unitarian.

The Unitarian vestry was filled to ted to the Ayer Public Spirit

The paper referred to reads as follows: Received of R. P. Woods, Lewis Blood and Henry C. Rolfe, Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine 66/100 Dollars in full for the Principal and Interest of the Ayer Fund. best, in company with Walter S. Lougee, his brother, and foreman Henry J. Zoller, they were stopped by a freight train which was then

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ougee walked directly into them.

The assignment

Former Senator Elmer C. Potter of

Worcester appeared before the legisla-

Dunstable and Ayer on the east, Marl-boro and Westboro on the south and

For this proposed district Mr. Pot-

ter claims that it is largely agricul-

tural with a people largely homogene-

ous. Population there is so sparsely

settled, that the district must be large

In area to get the required number of

voters. He says, for his whole plan,

that he has ignored the political as-

pects of the cities and towns, and that

there would be no claim of gerryman-

Whereas, in view of the loss we have

sustained by the untimely death of our friend and brother member, James

McNiff, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest

ute to the memory of the departed to

who was in every way worthy of our

Resolved,-that we, the members of

who orders all things for the best and

Resolved,-that this heartfelt testi-

Resolved,-that these resolutions be

spread upon the records of our Divi-

sion, and a copy thereof be transmit-

monial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the bereaved rela-

tives of our departed brother

the state line on the north.

dering laid against him.

In Memoriam.

respect and regard.

JAMES C. AYER.

The signature is in Dr. Ayer's own hand and in reading the same one is led to investigate the purpose for which Dr. Ayer received from these former citizens this sum of money. The records or "doings" of the town for that period show that this sum was originally the sum donated by Dr. Ayer, shortly after the formation of He grasped Mr. Zoller, who the town and refunded by the above gentlemen as trustees as a part of the town's contribution to the building of the town house-all in accordance with the vote of the citizens.

The first extract pertinent to the subject is taken from the town war-

Article II. To 'choose a committee of three to confer with Dr. J. C. Ayer, in relation to the public improvements and best interests of the town. An exemplification of the Most Ex-

at Union hall:

Article 2nd: Voted the selectmen be a committee to confer with Dr. J. C. Ayer and report at an adjourned meet-ing.

hall, September 18, 1871:

Article 2nd: The committee reported that they had not been to confer\_with the loctor, on account of previous pressing business on his part, but that he would attend to it at his earliest convenience.

At an adjourned meeting held on October 2, 1871, at eight p. m., the committee, that is the selectmen then serving-E. C. Willard, Lewis Blood nd O. K. Pierce-reported that they ad seen Dr. Ayer, and would subhit the following:

Lowell, Sept. 26, 1871. intiemen: Wishing to acknowledge he high and generous distinction con-erred upon me by the residents of yer in adopting my name for their own and in view of the uncertainty f human life and fortune. I desire o accomplish and perfect the follow-ne:

of human life and fortune. I desire to accomplish and perfect the follow-ing: To donate the sum of \$10,500 to three trustees, who shall be chosen by the town for the purposes of this trust. as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years and their, successors to be chosen ever after-wards one each year for the term of three years. These Trustees shall receive and in-vest the money safely and from the annual interest thereof. shall provide a sliver medal to be given each year to the best scholar in the public schools during the year, none to be but once eligible, the award to be made by the School Committee. Of the remaining interest four fifths shall be annually paid over by the trustees to the school committee of Ayer, to be by them applied for pro-moting the education of youth in the town in such way and manner as to the shall seem best to further. the purposes of the grant, the remaining one fifth to be added to the principal for its preservation and increase. In case of loss to this fund reducing' the blow ten thousand dollars, then the transfer of interest annually to the school committee as hereinabove pro-vided shall cease until the sum in-

the transfer of interest annually to the school committee as hereinabove pro-vided shall cease until the sum in-vested shall again reach the original capital intended of ten thousand doi-lars. Whenever the Trustees for this fund are elected I desire to place the money in their hands. Availing myself of this opportunity to present through you, to your fellow citizens, the assurance of my grateful regards for them and my sincere de-sire for their future prosperity, T am sirs, Yours very truly JAMES C. AYER

say that in regretting his removal

JAMES C. AYER. Ebenezer C. Willard,

Devis Blood, Oliver K. Pierce, Selectmen of the Town of Ayer.

Vote: To accept the report of the committee and lay the communication from Dr. J. C. Ayer on the table. At this meeting, also before and

after, the question of the best use of this money was often discussed and to quote from the record:

to quote from the record: The sense of the meeting was called as to the understanding had from what Dr. J. C. Ayer said at inauguration, about giving for educational purposes. Most of the meeting were silent, but a few thought he did not confine his liberality to educational purposes. At the inauguration of the town pro-mark of the general prosperity of the town born for the general prosperity of the town.

Chas. A. McCarthy, Frank B. Sullivan, Joseph F. McGuane. THE TOWN HOUSE, AYER, MASS. By Edward A. Richardson

passing in east-bound direction. After the caboose of the freight had passed, they naturally supposed there was no further obstruction to their passage over the crossing. Several flat cars

rant for a town meeting, called for September 4, 1871, which contained

Town meeting, September 4, 1871, capitular district will be given in

be given under the direction of Chas. W. Godfrey, district deputy grand high Adjourned town meeting at Union

The selectmen perambulated the town line with the selectmen of Littleton on Thursday. Yesterday they did similar service with the selectmen of Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord of Sullivan, Me., came on Wednesday to spend the with their daughter, Mrs. winter George L. Osgood.

Miss Kate M. Gibbs, of Framingham. who taught from 1898 to 1900, the sixth grade in the Washington street school, has for the past nine years teaching in one of the schools in Washington, D. C., and now is teacher of the fifth grade. She has an excellent position in the school there and enjoys teaching in that city.

Miss Laura D. Amsden is prepared to give private or class instruction in raised metal, jewelry and leather work at her craft shop, one-half mile from the Willows. All communications should be addressed to Laura D. Amsden, Littleton, Mass.

Clarence H. Kinney is to occupy the tenement of Mrs. Knowlton on Williams street December first, moving from the house of Mr. Phelps that he and his family have occupied for some time, known years back as the Valancourt Stone place.

The new house of Frank S. Bennett on Washington street is plastered, the skim coat on and the windows are in. Mr. Hardy, the builder, expects to start in early next week to put on the finish.

Mrs. Canning, who has taken the management of the Taylor house, the name of which she has changed to Park hotel, opens it for business this Saturday, and in connection with the hotel will still retain her lunch-room on Merchants' row, where she has carried on a very successful business, Mrs. Canning is a thorough going business woman and feels equal to the occasion in running both places to the entire satisfaction of all patrons.

The iron roof is on the standpipe and it will be all finished next week. A coat of paint has been put on the A coat of paint has been but on the floor inside, and two coats on the out-side of the standpine. The water is to be let in on Monday or Tuesday of next week to test it. The company pect to move all their machinery and

paper to \$1.50 per year on and after January 1, 1912. we have received a large number of subscriptions from subscribers in advance, taking up the offer of the saving of fifty cents. Some of them have paid up to 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and the last one received, from Boston. on going to press, was a check paying up to June, 1916.

Mr. Osgood inserted last week an advertisement of a henhouse for sale in this paper, and Friday evening, after the large number of copies of the Public Spirit were distributed in the postoffice boxes, the telephone of Mr. Osgood was kept busy into the evening in response to the ad. Satur-day morning there was a steady stream of purchasers for the hen-

house calling at Mr. Oscood's house. There will be a public hearing in the selectmen's rooms, town building, next Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock, on the petition of the Ayer Electric Light Company for permission to locate nine pells on Central avenue and three poles on Shirley street, together with wires and necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures. fixtures. Two other public hearings will be held on the same evening at the same place upon the petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to attach its wires and fixtures to the existing poles of the Ayer Electric Light Company and to construct a line of poles on Shirley road, consisting of two new and two relocations.

Francis Lovejoy attended the union of the Association of Co. H, 7th New Hampshire regiment at Hollis N. H., on Thursday, November 9, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their going out to the civil war, of which Mr. Lovejoy was a member of Co. H. He is president of the association and gave the words of welcome, Miss Hazel Wood, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emery Fletcher, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. Le Roy Wood of Roanoke, Va., is to be married in the early part of December to Rev. H. Bellows Drew of New Bedford, a former pastor of the Baptist church in Littleton.

The F. W. Moses family left last Sunday for their home in Providence. who constructed the standpipe ex- after spending the summer months pect to move all their machinery and at their summer residence here on apparatus to West Groton next week, Pleasant street.

#### Wedding.

Holden C. Harlow of this town, and Miss Eva May Wright of Lynn were married at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Wright, 16 Thompson terrace, Lynn, on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The ceremony was perform-ed by Rev. Mr. Chase of the Congregational church of Lynn, in the pres-ence of twenty-five of the near relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

The bride was attired in white crèpe de chene over white muslin, and wore a veil with orange blos-She carried a bouquet of roses. oms. After the coremony there was a re-ception to which there were 150 invitations sent out. The bridesmaids were Miss Mar-

garet Johnson, Miss Gladys Ham and Miss Bertha Cobb, all of Lynn. Wal-ton Wright of Lynn was best man. The ushers were Herbert Allen of Ayer and E. Lester Marshall and C. The ushers were Herbert Allen of Mrs. Charles Sherwin, Mrs. Nina Bev-Ayer and E. Lester Marshall and C. erly and Mrs. Stella Farnsworth. At Thurston Chase of Lynn. Mendels- the business meeting plans were made solar's modeling. sohn's wedding march may played by for a sale to be held on December 14. Miss Rachael Osgood of Ayer.

its limit on Sunday evening at the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. It was in the form of a union temperance meeting of the Congregational, Methodist Baptist and Unitarian churches. The meeting was brought about by the efforts of Rev. Dr. Fisk, and was the most successful in point of numbers of all similar previous gatherings. The leader was Miss Natalie Eigelow. president of the Y, P, R. U. and Mrs. Avis B. Fisher was the pianist.

The special interest of the evening was the address of Rev. Arthur P. Wedge, a field secretary of the Anti-Saloon league. He told of the work of the league, especially in influencing egislation, and explained the working of some of the recent laws. It was a fine address, which every voter ought to have heard.

The Unitarian Sunday school held program was presented. The chilthe audience sang, "Onward Christian soldier." There followed an anthem by the choir and a harvest service by The children's morning the school. song and hymn were given by the very little people. There were:

Recitations. Gladys Porter, Dorothy Carman, Beryl Proctor, Hope Cowles, Helen Graydon, Margaret and Cather-ine Hall, Marion Dwinell, Ireno McCol-lester, Lawrence Kennison, Gladys Proctor, Caryl Pierce: songs, Mona Steadman and Martha Cowles: recita-tion, John Turner, Theodore Barry and Williard Carman, a biblical alphabet, the kindergarten close: a damme umb. Willard Carman, a biblical alphabet, the kindergarten class; a drama, "The finding of Moses," read by Miss Amy Lougee and presented by this cast of characters—Miriam, Dorothy Carman; Pharaoh's daughter, Marion Dwineli; attendants of the king's daughter, Beryl Proctor and Helen Graydon; Mirlam's mother, Hope Cowles, There were also hymns by the the choir and brief remarks by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Fisk, '

The Unitarian Social Gathering serv ed a fine supper on Tuesday night to a large number of people. The committee in charge was Mrs. Franklin Lawton and Mrs. George H. Hill, and these were assisted in the serving by

The town building at the corner of Main and Columbia streets in this town was dedicated to public purposes on November 1, 1876, and has so occupied nearly thirty-five been years. A description of the manner in which it came to be built may be interesting to many of the present inhabitants and especially to those who have become residents of the town since 1876, the year of the dedication In the early seventies the desires of many of the citizens of the southern part of old Groton to be incorporated

with their estates into a new town was fulfilled and Dr. James C. Ayer its annual harvest concert last Sun-day morning in place of the usual do something of lasting benefit to morning service. A very interesting the new town should its citizens adopt his family name for that of the dren marched to their places while new municipality. This took definite form in the incorporation of the new town of Ayer, on February 14, 1871 and the pledge of Dr. Ayer to donate to the town a certain sum of \$10,500 which is hereafter referred to as the Ayer fund.

Until the dedication of the town house the town meetings were held first in Union hall, burned in the great fire on April 14, 1872, and afterwards in the new Page hall, erected shortly after the fire on the same location. This same fire was the means of making available lots on Main street from which a location for a public building could be selected. Furthermore, from the very inception of the town many of the citizens had not lost sight of a public building, as the various letters and discussions in town meetings will show.

The writer has recently had placed in his hands a paper of historical value to the town of Ayer. Henry C. Rolfe of Concord, Mass., a former resident here, in sending the same to this town, expresses a wish that it may be preserved in a proper place and this brings the questions of the need of a historical cabinet at the library building, a presumably fire-proof building. Valuable town papers are often lost in the shuffle of town

In the receiving line at the recep-tion were Mr. and Mrs. Wright, par-tion were Mr. and Mrs. Wright, par-Harlow, mother of the groom. A near meeting with a serious accident repository of a town safe is much like

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the general prosperity of the town, Dr. Ayer in particular said: town, Dr. Ayer in particular said: Build schools for your children, and find talent to teach them. Then in-telligence and integrity, in prosper-ous and happy homes, will be your sure reward. Associated, as you have-made me, with your weal and wo, T wish I might be allowed to contribute from my means, such as they are something towards this first founda-tion of the public good.

To continue with this town meeting of October 2, 1871:

of October 2, 18/11: Voted to take the communication from Dr. J. C. Ayer from the table. Voted: That when we adjourn we adjourn for one week and before we adjourn we will raise a committee. to wait upon Dr. J. C. Ayer, to see if he will not modify the terms of his doma-tion, better to meet the wishes of the town.

(Continued on page 8).

New Advertisements.



Druggist

#### SHIRLEY.

#### Center.

John W. Farrar, proprietor of the general grocery store and chairman of the board of selectmen, together with Mrs. Minnie Hodgman, who has kept house for him since the death oi wife a year ago, started Tuesday morning for a carriage drive to Vermont to the home of Mrs. Hodgman's sister. If all reports are true this trip to Vermont is intended for wed-ding trip. Mr. Farrar and Mrs. Hodgman left Tuesday mornign for Ayer, going from there to White River Junction, Vt., where it is reported they were married. They expect to return home the latter part of this week.

Miss Myrna Carter is tending in the store during Mr. Farrar's absence. Rev. William Lindsay of Boston preached a strong sermon on "Faith," at the First Parish church last Sunday. Mr. Lindsav will supply the pul pit on Sunday, November 19.

Miss Viola Parker of Harvard was a recent guest of Ruth M. Graves. The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday after-noon, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Grout.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline recently spent a couple of days at their summer home on Center

road. Mrs. Thomas Moore of Littleton was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs.

George Holden.

Mrs. Johnson of Waltham was a guest at Harry Stone's this week.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman has returned from a visit in Wilton, N. H. Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter, Alison, started on Monday for a two-weeks' stay in New York city.

J. Walker Ward is at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, in a serious condition. He underwent an operation on his nose there recently. After he re-turned home the stitches burst and he nearly bled to death, so that he had to be taken back to the hospital. Henry W. Eisner of the village is substituting on the mail route during Mr. Ward's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson ex pect to move next week from the house at North Shirley owned by John W. Farrar, to the home of Mr. Moore on Flat hill, Lunenburg.

on Flat min, Lunenburg. The following changes have been made recently in the telephone num-bers in this vicinity: Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, 9-3 to 36-3; John W. Farrar, store, 9-4 to 36-4; John W. Farrar, house, 9-14 to 36-14; S. LeRoy Long-ley, 9-5 to 36-12; Miss Helen M. Wins-low, 9-22 to 36-2.

Mrs. Frank Wood and son Philip expect to leave Denver for a short visit in this vicinity, November 21.

Friends of Wesley Weyman, the planist, will be glad to hear of his safe arrival at London. Elsie M. Holden left last week to

take care of her aunt, Miss Elsie Bo hanon, of Nashua, who is very ill with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Lottie Bohanon, a student a Boston university, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley. Mrs. Blake of Worcester, and Miss

Annie Costern of Lynn, have been guests of Miss Elsie Kirby. Merle Crockett of North Shirley has obtained a position with Mr. Taylor, who recently moved from Flat hill to Lunenburg Center.

Charles Bisbee, who has been visit-ing with Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. John-son, at the North, started on Monday for California.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus of Aver addressed a large congregation on Sunday at Trinity chapel on the subject of "Mercy and truth." A special vocal solo was rendered by Miss Alison B. Winslow. During the service, the in-fant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boutillier was christened Victor Ru-dolph Boutillier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. Alice Cummings and N. Otis Colburn attended the meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange at Groton

on Wednesday of last week

resided until 1906, when they moved to North Shirley to make their home with their son, Harry N. Brown. Mr. Brown was a man of sterling character and his sunshiny disposi-tion made him many friends wherever he went. He was a kind husband and ing of settling there permanently.

Reunion

The Association of Co. H. 7th New

in the town hall on Thursday, No-

bers of Co. H. A few of the members

The veterans and their guests met

In the upper town hall in the fore-

noon for a social time. The hall was

decorated with the Stars and Stripes,

a stack of muskets, a blue army over-

coat, pictures in frames of officers of the company—Capt. Nathan Ames,

who died two years ago, and others. At twelve o'clock the company and their guests repaired to the lower hall, where a bountiful dinner was served

under the direction of Miss Hattie B. Hayden with helpers. Beside the ap-petizing dinner, the tables were beau-

tifully decorated with asters, present-

ed by the East Hollis greenhouses.

There were twenty veterans present; not all members of Co. H. After dinner all returned to the up-

per hall, for the anniversary exer-

cises, which were as follows:

father and was very much interested in the young people for whom he always had a pleasant smile and kind word. Although afflicted with partial blindness for twenty years he always looked on the bright side of all things and his presence will be greatly missed by all.

The funeral services were held at the residence of his daughter, Mra. L. J. Farnsworth, last Sunday after-ncon, Rev. A. T. Kempton, pastor of the Congregational church of Lunen-burg officiating. Interment was in the South cemetery at Lunenburg. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters—Mrs. Emma O. Graves of Fitchburg and Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth of Shirley, and one son—Harry N. Brown of Shirley, to mourn his loss. There were some very beautiful tributes consisting of

tributes consisting of Pillow, with word "Father," Mr. and Mrs. L. Farnsworth: wreath, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Graves; anchor, Miss Bessle V. Farnsworth and Harry N. Brown: spray of binks, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett and family; bunch of white binks, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stevens; chrysanthemams and lilles, Woman's Alliance.

#### Grange Notes.

At the last meeting of Shirley grange, the third and fourth degrees were worked on a class of five by the adies' degree team, made up as follows:

lows: Mrs. Alice Cummings, m.: Mrs. Homer P. Holden, o.: Mrs. Annie B. Ward, leć.: Margaret Evans, chap.: Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, see: Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, treas.; Mrs. Luther Holden, stew.: Elsie M. Holden, asst. stew.: Mrs. John W. Evans, 2. K.: Mrs. Eldon Price, Po-mona: Etta M. Holden, Ceres: Mrs. Norman R. Graves, Flora: Ruth M. Graves, L.a. s.

The fourth degree was worked by the regular officers. Visitors were present from Lunenburg, Groton, Har-vard, Westford, Ayer, Ashby, Little-ton and Freedom, Me. After the degree work a fine harvest supper was served in the lower hall by an able corps of waiters, under the manage-ment of a committee of three. After supper all returned to the upper hall for the lecturer's hour. The program consisted of the "Grange Journal," read by Ruth M. Graves, and an original poem by Mrs. Alice Cummings. This was followed by remarks by Mr. West, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Wil-lard of Harvard; Arthur W. Rock-wood and Edgar E. Rines of Lunen-burg; Millard F. Sawyer of Groton; Mr. Smith of Westford and Mr. Lam-oreaux of Ayer,

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The last meeting of the grange was poultry night, and interesting and instructive talks on the subject were given by Mrs. Ada Durkee, Mrs. C. B. Robbins, Mrs. J. R. Cobleigh, Rev. F. H. Viets and Charles Richardson. F. H. Viets and charles references of Miss Mabel Lawrence assisted in the entertainment by a vocal solo, and Miss Ethel Mead a piano solo. Fol-lowing this was a peanut hunt. Eight more applications for membership were received.

Miss Ethel Mead went to Townsend last Saturday night with her brother Eben, and remained over Sunday.

Miss Izette Farnsworth was a weekend guest of Mrs. Henry Lawrence at Silver hill.

A large delegation of Boxborough people enjoyed the play "Thompkins' hired man," given at West Acton on Wednesday evening. November 8, in which S. D. Salmon, 3d, of this town, appeared in the title role. The proceeds of the entertainment were to go towards the purchase of a new piano for the Baptist vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thompson and on of Weston were Sunday guests son of of Harold Priest.

Mary Hager returned last Monday from a week's visit with her cousin, Miss Savage, of Harvard.

Oliver P. Shattuck has passed the examination for a cadet on the Mass-achusetts training ship Ranger, and vill **report** for duty or

in Florida. They will go first to Or-lando, but are not fully decided on spending the winter there. They spent ast winter in Fernandina, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. John Woods have also left town for Florida. They are think-Worthy the Attention of People Who

Wish to Preserve the Hair

Have your own brush and comb at home and at hair dressers. Never use a brush or comb in public Hampshire regiment, held a reunion places, they are usually covered with dandruff germs. Wash your hair brush once a week

vember 9, to celebrate the fiftieth an-niversary of their going out to the civil war. There were visiting veter-ans as guests of the surviving memwith soap and warm water to which is added a disinfectant. Shampoo the hair once a week with

pure soap and water. USE PARISIAN SAGE every day, of the company are living in the south and west, who were not present. rubbing thoroughly into scalp. PARISIAN SAGE is guaranteed by

William Brown to destroy dandruff germs and abolish dandruff, or money back.

To stop hair from falling and scalp from itching, or money back. To put life and beauty into dull, the company—Capt. Nathan Ames, Lieut. John H. Worcester, Lieut. Chas. Farley, Corporal Henry Day, and a fine picture of J. Newton Hayden, who was a member of the company, and

faded hair, or money back. Price 50 cents.

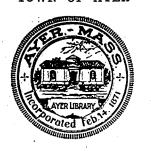
THE AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COM-PANY

Respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strength-ening fixtures and wires, in the following named strepts and highways of said Town, viz:

Central Avenue, 9 poles. Shirley Street, 3 poles. Said locations to be in accordance with plans, dated November 4, 1911,

filed herewith. L. WHITCOMB, Superintendent.

TOWN OF AYER



In Board of Selectmen

Nov. 7, 1911. Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered: That a public hearing be held in the

Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer, on Friday, November 24, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard and that the petitioner give notice thereof by pub-lighting an attested cover of soid polishing an attested copy of said pe-tition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days prior there-to, and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven

of the way upon, along, across or un der which the line is to be constructed. as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for tax-

> Elisha D. Stone, Frank S. Pierce, John M. Maloney, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order thereon. Attest:

JOHN M. MALONEY, Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer. PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ATTACH ITS WIRES AND FIXTURES TO THE EXISTING POLES OF AYER ELECTRIC LIGT COMPANY.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

permission to erect and maintain permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessarv, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 4, dated Sept. 25, '11, proposed loca-tions and relocations of the N. E. T. & T. Co & T. Co. Your petitioner agrees to reserve

space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes,

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: Shirley Road near the Boston and Maine Railroad, two new and two relocations.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, C. L. S.

General Manager. Dated this twenty-fifth day of Sep-

tember, 1911. TOWN OF AYER



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That a public hearing be held in the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer, on Fridny, November 24, 1911, at 7.30 o'clock P. U., at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard; and that the petitioner give notice there-of by publishing an attested copy of raid witting. said petitions and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days prior thereto: and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing, at least seven days prior thereto, to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is deter-mined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

> Elisha D. Stone, Frank S. Pierce. John M. Maloney, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petitions and order there on. Attest:

JOHN M. MALONEY, Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer.

Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer. Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of MELVIN W. LONGLEY late of Shirley in said County, deceased: Whereas HERMAN S. HAZEN the administrator of the estate of said de-ceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased: You are hereby clted to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge. in said County, on the twenty-second day of November A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three succes-sive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit. a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the es-tate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court

Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of November in the year one thou-sand nine hundred and eleven. 315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LYDIA P. WING late of Har-vard in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument pur-porting to be the last will and testa-ment of said deceased has been pre-sented to said Court. for Probate, by LEORA L. COCHRAN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexced may be issued to her, or some other suitable person, no executor be-ing named in said will. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said Court of November A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not we granted. And said petitioner is hereby direc-ted to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publica-tion to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or de-livering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the es-tate, seven days, at least, before said Court. Witness, William T. Forbas, Esquire. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-



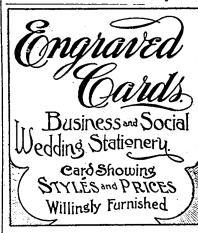
## Good Custom Tailored Clothes

should cost no more than the average man can afford to pay for them. When we take your correct measure and send your order to our famous Chicago tailors.

## Ed. V. Price & Co.

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After different affection for the apper hall, for the anniversary exer-cises, which were as follows: Words of welcome, by the president of the association, Francis Lovejoy, now of Ayer, Mass.; singing, Miss Ber-tha Hayden, Mrs. Annie V. Colburn and Mrs. George A. Ladd, "Marching through Georgia," and "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching;" Mrs. G. A. Ladd, planist: reading the roll-call of the company. The history and the experiences of Company H were then given by different comrades from the time of enlistment to the time of their arrival at Folly Island, given by Francis Lovejoy; the story was then taken up by Daniel W. Hayden; when the company arrived at Folly Island they had lost by death and discharge thirty men. The work there was most arduous. He toid of their experiences at Morris Island, attack on Fort. Wag-mer, with the retreat. At this point Ois Merrill of Pepperell took up the story until the evacuation of the fort. Then Comrade Hayden resumed tell-ing of the building of the swamp bat-tery. They afterwards went to Fort Raleigh, off North Carotina, when George A. Burge of Nashua, took the story. Then Comrade Charles A. Hale told of the hospital service. Comrade the story. Then Comrade Charles A. Hale told of the hospital service. Comrade the startle mother." Then Comrade Mer-rill toid of the capture of Fort Fisher, which was a stronghold of the Confed-erates for food and ammunition. Com-rade George A. Burge read a letter from Comrade tharles Burge of Kan-sas. Comrade Hayden paid tribute to the officers of the seventh regiment. The reunion came to a close by the singing of "America." Woman's Club, Woman's Club.

Hollis Woman's club met en Wednesday afternoon with Miss Arvilla Hardy. The roll-call was answered by those present with current events. This was followed by a paper by Mrs.

C. H. Davis on "Changes that made a new Japan." Her paper covered a period of twenty years, between the days prior thereto, to all owners of time of Perry's expedition to Japan, real estate abutting upon that part and the Korean question.

This was followed by a paper given by Miss Mabel Hinckley, on "The Korean question and its effects." After a short intermission for sociability, a paper on forestrv by Miss Bertha Hayden was given. This paper be-longed to last year's program, but

Miss Hayden was unable to be pres-ent at the time it was to be given.

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At the next meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening November 21, a Thanksgiving program will be given during the lecturer's hour A roll call will also take place.

A movement is on foot to establish a basket-ball team in the Center. Miss Elsie Kirby has kindly consented to allow a portion of her barn to be used as a practice room.

The Matron's aid will hold their anon Friday, November 24. The fair will take place in the afternoon and will consist of the usual apron, fancy work, candy, fruit, vegetables, food, ice cream and cake and mystery tables. It is expected that a reader will furnish the entertainment in the eve ning, after which dancing will take place. Music for dancing by the local orchestra.

#### Deaths:

Mrs. Catherine Carter Chandler passed away Friday morning of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Hazen at the age of seventy seven years, lacking two days. She was born in Lowell in 1834, her father being Daniel Phelps of Lancaster. She was married to Francis H. H. Chandler of Shirley, who died about two years ago. She came here to live with Mr. and Mrs. Hazen immediately after her husband's death. The cause of her death was valvular heart dis-case from which she had been ill for about six weeks. Dr. Lilly was the attending physician.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Herbert Mott of Nashua officiating and the body was taken to the Center cemetery for burial. She is survived by a brother and several nephows and nieces.

The pall bearers were Elmer A Hubbard, William E. Barnard, How ard A. Fuller and Sydney A. Carter.

On last Friday morning, November 10, the spirit of John H. P. Brown passed to its maker. Mr. Brown was born at Marblehead on December 11. 1833, and was 78 yrs. and 11 mos. of He was united in marriage to

Augustine Wetherbee has gone on business trip to Warwick, the inn in that town in which he was interest ed, has been recently sold.

Frank Grant of Framingham, Geo. Braman of Westboro, Charles Wilson of Charlestown were the recent guests of Mrs. James Braman, coming to enjoy a hunting trip.

Mrs. Frank Davidson of Lincolr has returned to Boxborough for a short visit with her mother. Mrs. Withington. Mrs. Davidson is in very poor health and has come here in order to be treated by Dr. Royal of Harvard,



#### News Items.

Miss Mabel Parker has been engaged to teach music in the school. This instruction, with the drill given by her and Miss Kendall to the children's club, will do much to develop a taste in the art.

Miss Frances Brow attended the Kimball-Dodge wedding in Pennerell last week Wednesday.

Mr. Austin is having an orchard of five hundred trees laid out on his es-Mr. Tarbell of Lowell directs tate. the work.

HOLLIS, N. H.

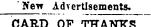
News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Blood are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born on November 13.

Miss L. R. Eaton recently returned from a visit at Hampton Falls.

At the annual meeting of the Auxilary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. E. K. Jewett was elected secretary and treasurer in place of Mrs. E. S. Russell, who declined serving another year. Mrs. C. H. Da-vis was reëlected president.

George Van Dyke and his sister, Miss Emma, left Hollis on November 8, for California, to spend the winter. Miss Van Dyke is not in her usual age. He was united in marriage to Miss van Dyke is not in her usual Miss Hattie A. Humphey, daughter of health, and it is expected the Cali-Capt. and Mrs. Edward Humphey of fornia climate will prove beneficial. Marblehead on April 15, 1855. Later Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf left they moved to Lunenburg, where they Hollis on November 10, for a winter



### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our kind friends and neighbors for their kindness during our father's illness, and also for the beau-tiful flowers at the funeral. Mrs. John H. P. Brown, Mrs. Emira O. Graves, Harry N. Brown, Schelley, November 14, 1911,

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Arthur Dumas, a former well-known resident, arrived in Shirley from the far west, where he has been for two years, on Monday evening, and started on Tuesday to work again for the C. A. Edgarton Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen spent the week-end with friends in Boston.

The Congregational Brotherhood held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. A good substantial supper was served at 6.30 under the direction of Oliver W. Bal-Hon. John L. Harvey of Waltham, on the subject of "International arbitra-Dr." At a short business session, H. Fowler, clerk at the State Intion.' dustrial school, was elected president, and Ezekiel J. Wilson was elected vice president

Mrs. Clementine McMichael is spend-ing a week with her granddaughter, Mrs. Dana Somes.

Miss Sadie Knowles spent the weekand with relatives in Revere. Miss Lena Gately is spending two

weeks at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately, of Ashmont.

Herbert M. Dickson, who is at Faulkner hospital in Jamaica Plain, is recovering splendidly from the effects of the amputation of his leg. His sister, Mrs. Louise Livermore, paid him a visit the first of the week, and his friends in Shirley and neighboring towns will be glad to know that he

was able to partly sit up in bed.

William H. Wilbur has been chosen secretary of the Shirley Coöperative bank, succeeding James L. Holland, who resigned owing to the pressure of his own personal business.

Stanley F. White, of Worcester Polytechnic institute, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer observding last Saturday evening at their home on Mill street. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. Refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Collyer were the recipients of a chafing-dish and ten chrysanthemums. A goodly number were present, including relatives from Boston, Fitchburg and Leominster.

At the session of the Sunday school of the Congregational church last Sunday, Leonard Hooper, Stanley Wells and Lenten Ward gave very interesting reports of the Boys' Sunday School convention held in Fitch-burg on November 3, 4 and 5.

Rev. P. A. Gould, one of the field secretaries of the Anti-Saloon league, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday morning gave a splendid review of the work of the league in Massachusetts Mr. Gould also cited many cases of importance relative to bills in the interest of temperance that had been favorably acted upon and passed by the legislature through the efforts of the officers of the Anti-Saloon league. F. H. Lawton, the secretary who agreed to make the address, was unable to be present owing to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby, with young daughter of Pepperell, spent last Sunday with Howard Willoughby in Shirley.

Mrs. Samuel B. Scott went to Rotterdam on Monday for a two-weeks' visit with her son, G. F. Scott. Mrs. G. F. Scott and daughter came from

Misses Annie and Martha Hunter started on Wednesday afternoon for California, where they will remain until next April. They have closed their residence here on Harvard road. J. Walker Ward has returned from St. Joseph's hospital where he went a couple of weeks ago and under went an operation for adenoids.

Miss Amy Lougee of Ayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Lougee, has accepted a position in the office of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co. arton Mfg. Co.

Mrs. J. A. Hall and Mrs. Horace of D. H. Woodbury and to match the Nye were at Fitchburg on Thursday, November 9, being called their by the illness of Miss Dorcas Foster, who re-the glass case articles have been put Ilness of Miss Dorcas Foster, who re-the glass case articles have been put on them, while the place they had A large automobile truck moved the will be fixed up for the children's decently sustained a shock of paralysis. household, goods of Mrs. Burke to Dorchester last week Friday.

Orin Thomas of Fitchburg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell on Sunday.

The men and women of the Congre-gational church assembled on Wed-nesday. November 15, to clean the auditorium. Basket bunch was par-taken of at noon. A special business meeting was held

Congregational church on Thursday evening.

Arthur Greeley and Wendall Tayfor have been camping at the Talbot place and enjoying a : « days' hunting.

#### Grange.

The following program was "leas-ingly given at the grange on Wednesday evening, November 8, under the supervision of Alfred Barnaby:

Readings, Capt. Alexander Taylor; vocal duets, Mrs. Maude Greeley, Miss Ethel Taylor; Sketch, "A hotel ro-mance," Miss Lila Barnaby, Miss Mil-dred-Gilman, Alfred S. Barnaby, Ches-ter Barnaby, Wallace Jenness.

The following new members united with the grange; Mrs. Lura Barn-aby, Miss Madie Nye, Miss Myrtie Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. George Cady, Forace Hall, Walter Farnsworth. Wednesday evening November 22, will be brothers' and sisters' nicht at the local grange. Competitive.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Some agitation is felt among the more patriotic minded citizens here in regard to the condition of the old powder house situated in the rear of the Unitarian church sheds. This historic building was built ninety-nine years ago, in the year 1812, at a cost of eighty-seven dollars. Its present condition is rather shabby, the roof being entirely rotted away. Why not at a very small expense put this old-time war relic in presentable con-dition, clean up around it and make it accessible to the public?

On Monday evening, November 20, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, d. d. g. m., of Shirley, will make an official visit of inspection to Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F. Light refreshments will be served. It is very desirous that a large rep-resentation of members here be present.

Mrs. Alice F. S. Bigelow visited this week with her sister, Miss Lou Sawer, at Worcester.

W. F. Dickson, with his men, have been busy putting up apples in North-boro and Westboro during the past wo weeks.

John Lee went to Nashua, N. H., last Saturday to attend the funeral services of an uncle, a brother to the late Thomas Lee of this town.

On Tuesday evening. November 21, the grange will discuss the merits of the question "Shall equal suffrage be granted to the women of our land." Musical numbers are to be interspersed. All patrons are welcome. The next meeting following this one, which will be on Tuesday. December 5, will be the annual election of officers.

The open season for the hunting of deer will begin at sunrise on Mon-day, November 20, and continue until sunset the following Saturday. From general observation it is safe to say

at San Diego, Cal., where they have bought a place.

Letters remaining at the Harvard postoffice for the week ending Novem-ber 13: H. W. Graves, H. N. Towne, A. M. Gray, Mrs. J. C. Sharpe, Daniel Murray, H. S. Kazarian, John Lang. The first half of Miss N. T. Harts-orn's dancing school closed on Tuespartment.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Unitarian church at the usual hour, and let the people heed the president's request for church attendance,

Mrs. Grace Lawrence has been visiting friends in Lynn and Wakefield for the past two weeks, and will not eturn home until about December 1.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stiles on Friday, November 10. MAKES GOOD, HEALTHY FLESH

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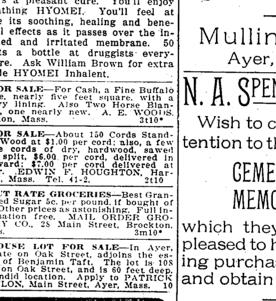
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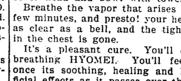
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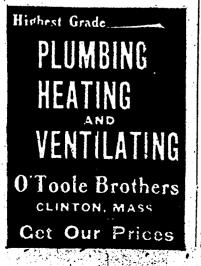
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Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins was unit ed in marriage on Tuesday afternoor to Miss Myrtle G. Allen at Malden Mr. Desjardins was formerly pastor of the Baptist church here. Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronsdon attended the

D. A. R. A regular meeting of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., was held on Monday evening with Mrs. George O. Evans. The committee to attend the bazar are Mrs. Elmer Allen, Mrs. Thomas Hazen, Mrs. George O. Evans, Mrs. Dana Somes, Mrs. Herbert Lawrence, Mrs. George S. Wells, Massachusetts song books are reported ready for sale. The chapter had as guests Miss Adelberta Haskins, regent of Fitch-burg chapter, Miss Elzo Wheelock, secretary, and Miss Edith Bigelow. An entertainment in charge of Mrs. Allen was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Eleanor Miner; readings, Blanche Wells; vocal solos, Miss Ruby Felch, Eleanor Miner accompanist. Mrs. Eleanor Miner accompanist. Mrs. Lillian R. Pratt of the Fitchburg chap-ter gave a very interesting paper on The history and lecends of the Indians of the New England coast.' The hostess served delicious re-freshments, assisted by the young la-

dies.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

wedding.

Born at Milford on November 7, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey (Annie Gilman), Mildred Gwendolyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett spent part of last week at Nashua, guests of Mrs. R. S. Patch.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Maynard on Wednesday afternoon, November 22.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye have been enjoying a vacation at Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Abbott of Dan

vers, were week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. James Nelson Seaver.

Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb, Miss Ger-trude Rockwood, Mrs. H. Warren Seaver of Townsend, Mrs. Lillian Seaver Cook and little son Warren of Harwich were guests in town on Sat-urday, November 11.

completing the present term at the grammar school.

Service States

day afternoon. Arrangements for the last half of the school including the reception, may be made by applying to Miss Hartshorn.

#### Ordered Off.

One day last week, F. J. Kibble, farm farm manager at Allerton farms, owned by the Misses Cushman of Newton, discovered two men hunting on the farms which are posted against hunting. He ordered them off, and to be sure they went, took pains to see them safely off the premises. I would seem that the hunters took ex ceptions to this voluntary escort and ordered Mr. Kibble to retreat. Mr. Kibble being in the minority, and furthermore without arms, acceded to the request. He, however, obtain-ed the number of their auto runabout, and Constable Hanna now has posses-sion of the name of the owner of the car. The way this affair is reported makes it look very much like a case of assault with dangerous and if it has come to the point where owners are not allowed to protect their premises without being threatened, then certainly for the good of this community this case ought to be dealt with according to law.

#### About Town.

Oliver W. Hartwell of Somerville whose headquarters in government service has ben at Salt Lake City. Utah, has just been transferred to Albany, N. Y., where he is now lo-cated, much to his satisfaction.

Mrs. Julia Davis, a native of this place, whom many will remember had a narrow escape recently in a burning building at Waltham. Only partly dressed, and with some of her valuables, sho slid down the fire escape, until taken by the firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch visited with friends in Brockton over Sunday.

"William G. Eilot and our pioneer churches," is the topic on which Miss Priscilla Fairfield will speak before the Guild on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins spent Sunday in Wakefield, going in their new auto. Roy Jewett and family started on Tuesday afternoon for Florida.

The new cabinets furnished by the Miss Johnson of Newport, a grad-uate of the Keene Normal school, is completing the present term at the reading-room of the library last Saturday. They are made after the plan





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#### Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett (Alice Blood) were given a shower by the seriously hurt, members of tre Epworth league of the Mrs. Lvdia M Methodist church. It was a complete surprise. There were a large number present. The evening was spent in games and sociability. Light refreshments were served.

Marion Bartlett had an operation performed at the Massachusetts General hospital on Monday. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Frank Woodward, a civil engineer employed by a Boston firm, spent the week-end and a part of Sunday with M. C. Gilchrist. his mother, Mrs. Abbie Woodward.

Mrs. Nellie Glover, who has been housekeeping for Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parker, is soon to return to her form-er home in Leominster. Mr. Supernault, who has been living

at the North Village, has, with his wife and family, moved into the Varnum house, so-called, on Hollis street. Mrs. Joseph Davis of Ayer recently visited her mother here.

Sunday evening, at seven o'clock the Methodist church, the pastor will preach the second in a series of sermons on "Peter, the great apostle." Subject, "The great declaration."

The cottage prayer meeting on next Thursday evening will be held at the

Mrs. Ella Staples is not well and is confined to the house.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson and infant son have been visiting in Nashua. The date of the annual mid-winter sale of the L. A. S. of the M. E. church has been changed from December 6 and 7, to Tuesday and Wednes-day, December 12 and 13, on account of December 6 and 7, having been pre-viously chosen for the annual Christmas sale of the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck entertained the Art club at her home on Park street on Monday afternoon of this week. Papers were read by Mrs. Elizabeth Heald and Miss Ruth Rogers. Lyman Canney has been confined to the bed four weeks with inflammatory rheumatism in his feet. He is a little better this week.

Mrs. Emma Hill of West Groton visited her daughter, Mrs. Neil McWill-iams, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dodge (Elsie Kimball) have returned from their wedding trip and are occupying their home on Chicopee row in Groton.

Frank Belyea of West Groton, formerly of this town, while playing foot-ball one day last week, was injured in such a way that he became unconscious for a short time, but soon recovered and seems not to have been

Mrs. Lydia Mahar of Sheffield Mills, N. S., is visiting Mrs. Isaac Margge-son, of Nashua road. Louis Hinterner, employed in the

office of the Larkin Shoe Company, has finished work here and on Tuesday returned to Buffalo.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent a few days in Hollis recently, calling on old friends and neighbors. Mrs. William Foster and her grand-

daughter from Maine are guests of E. E. Tarbell is at St. Joseph's

hospital in Nashua, where he was op-erated on for a nasal trouble last Monday. Dr. Kittredge performed the operation. Mr. Tarbell is doing as well as could be avported. well as could be expected.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Charles Chapman on Brookline street, Wednesday, Novem-ber 22. Subject, "Miscellaneous."

#### Wedding.

Miss Mary West, daughter of Mrs. Mary West, and Thomas Lynch were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 15, at St. Josept's church by Rev. T. I. Coehlan. The bride's white veil. The attendants were Miss Mary West is the bride and and witness the pro-did not witness the pro-men members as it had

Brookline, N. H., and 'Miss Gertrude Willey of this town are the happy couple.

John Kerrin is spending a vacation in Canaan, N. H., on a hunting trip. On Friday, November 24, there will be something doing at Prescott grange as the men have their competitive evening, and the ladies have a hoop drill.

Mrs. Bowman of Park street, who has had an attack of tonsilitis, is able to be out again.

Mr. Hall, master of Nashua grange. and his sister, were in town last week Friday, calling on friends.

Frank Bolles has taken charge of the town scales in place of Mrs. L. E. Starr, who resigned.

Mr. Balch moved last Monday into the Emery Darling house on Foster street.

Miss Anna Mae Shaw came home last Monday from Worcester, where she was operated upon at a hospital in that city for a severe case of ap-pendicitis, and has recovered from the operation very nicely.

The ladies of the Congregational church had a harvest supper on Thursday evening, and the savory meats, the delicious pies and cake were greatly relished by the many who partook of the supper, and quite a sum was realized.

The Ladies' Social circle of the Uniarian church will hold their annual Christmas sale of fancy and useful articles in Central hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, and will have a supper and entertainment on Thursday evening, December 7.

A food sale will take place on Thursday, November 23, at the reading-room in the evening, consisting. of bread, cookies, cakes, home-made candy and preserves, under the care of Miss Gertrude Nokes. The proceeds for the sale is for the benefit of the reading-room. All are cordially in-vited to attend.

The photographs now on exhibition at the Ayer public library will be at the East Pepperell reading-room on November 30, for a limited stay. They are loaned by the Woman's Educational Union of Boston, and be sure and go and see them.

Letters remaining at the East Pep-perell postoffice for the week ending November 13: Mrs. E. Burgess, J. E. Blosser, F. H. Bryant, William Gibert, Patrick Horan, Timothy Horan.

#### Annual Meeting.

The East Pepperell Reading assothe East repperent formed a ciation held its annual meeting at Tuesday evening. The its rooms on Tuesday evening. The treasurer, Rev. Dudley R. Child, made the report that the room started on October 3, 1910, and in the year took in \$105.85, and paid out \$101.62, and the only out-standing bill was of four dollars for care and kerosene; \$21.50 was expended in getting the room in readiness, \$10.00 spent for new books. Fuel and care are the largest bills.

The reading-room started without funds or material and the first help was the gift of books from the Groton School, and generous gifts from the people of the town of magazines that kept the reading table filled with good and interesting reading. There is a need of chairs now.

The gift of thirty-six bound volumes was from Mrs. Charles Boynton, and the Handy Encyclopedia, three vol-umes, from the Woman's Educational Union brought the number of bound volumes to about five hundred. As Miss Crotty, principal of the Groton street school, has not had time to has been allowed to a few children that were taking lessons. There are several years of magazines that the association would like to have bound

because of the valuable contents. The same committee will solicit membership as last year and it is hoped that the same interest that helped start it will be continued to The definition of the same interest that helped start it will be continued to

Prescott grange 1.3d their regular letter read in town meeting on June meeting on Friday. November 10, but did not witness the program by the Main street just three weeks before and all the late there weeks before had to be nost-Deghlan Lynch, brother of the groom, poned to November 24, owing to sickness of some of Greparticipants. The milk test with a Pabeock testing ma-chine by Earl Farnsworth was successful and interesting, and although this was to be a part of the men's entertainment, it was necessary to give it at this time, for the machine had to be sent back. The rest of the program was as follows: Duet, Mr. and Miss Andrews: Duet, Mr. and Miss Andrews: Doubling, "The man who snores," Mrs. Millie Richards; "Teddy O'Rourke," Miss B. M. Farns-worth; "The new cooking," Mrs. Min-nie D. Green; "The crchard," William Lowatt Jewett.

Voted: To accept the report of the committee. The following resolution was then

offered:

offered: Whereas Dr. J. C. Ayer of Lowell has proposed to make a donation to this town in honor of the name it has taken and whereas: He has signified his de-sire to make said donation in such manner as will most please and ben-efit the town and is also d-stroug of conferring with any party or parties coverly authorized by said town to that end therefore; Resolved: That a committee of three he chosen by the town to confer with the said Donor as to the best mode of conferring said gift; and that said Committee be and they are hereby in-structed that it is the wish of the town, that either a public building for town purposes be erected in honor of our esteemed Donor, or that the said sum proposed be appropriated toward the cancellation of our town debt. The resolution was adopted and

The resolution was adopted and John Spaulding, Harvey A. Woods and E. D. Bancroft were chosen a committee to wait upon Mr. Ayer and act in agreement with the resolution. Voted: That Dr. J. C. Ayer be in-vited to attend our next meeting and that the visiting committee invite him.

The town debt above referred to con-

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Newton street.

may be added. These five lots were secured as the

location of the new town building and formed a rectangular piece ex-

tending from Main street through to

At a town meeting held on June 15, 1872, a letter from Dr. Ayer was pre-

Lowell, Mass., June 11, 1872.

sented and read as follows:

sisted mainly of the approximate sum due the old town of Groton at the time of separation and finally adjusted by joint committees of the two towns by agreement signed on February 28, 1872, and this amounted to \$15,100, as therein stated. The acts of the joint committees were approved in town meeting held on May 6, 1872. At the meeting on October 17, 1871,

of \$8148.73, to which the value of the engine house lot owned by the town the record says:

the record says: The Doctor was here introduced and spoke at some length, expressing his desire, to do for the town in the mat-ter of the proposed donation, that which would most please and benefit her citizens, preferring that the money should go for educational purposes, but was ready to place the money in the hands of the town and let her citizens do what they thought best with it.

Adjourned town meeting, October 24, 1871, communication from Dr. J. C. Aver read to the meeting as follows:

Lowell. Mass., 21st Oct. 1871,

E. Dana Bancroft, Esq., Moderator, etc., Ayer, Mass.

Moderator, etc., Ayer, Mass, My dear sir: On reflection it seems to me desirable in view of the fact that your citizens differ somewhat as to the disposition of the donation I desire to make, that all my condition and suggestions which might embarrans them should be withdrawn leaving it entirely at their discretion. Therefore I beg you sir to submit my readiness to pay over the amount, coe the selectmen of Ayer or any person authorized by them, upon call, for the bonefit of the Town, its schools, or whatever its peonle shall direct. Trusting that this may relieve the question of its complication and be found more acceptable. I remain sir. Yours and truly.

sented and read as follows: Lowell; Mass., June 11, 1872. Henry A. Woods, Charles Brown, G. C. Brock, Committee, Ayer, Mass. Gentlemen: My architects advise me that we can more conveniently accom-plish our wishes in building a town-house for your people if we have the construction of the whole shell of the house. Therefore permit me to substi-tute for my proposition addressed to Mr. Woods, the following: If it is your pleasure to provide the land shown to Mr. Weston, grade and prepare it to his acceptation and build a foundation, thereon up to the brick. conformably to his requirements: I will build the walls thereupon one story high to contain library, post-office, and other rooms, not ordinarily pertaining to a townhouse, as has been suggested. J will build above and upon that the townhouse; you to cut up and furnish the lower story as you desire in com-formity with the general style and finish of the building and with the re-quirements of the architects. The amount already given being re-turned to me. I shall build upon the first story above mentioned a town-house for the town of Aver, accord-ing to plans, and specifications, which architeets shall prepare. In restating my suggestion more clearly, you provide and urepare ite-land and foundation up to the level of the first story including fence, stone walks, etc., according to the require-ments of architects. If this fails to be clear to you in any particular. I will at once respond to your request for further explanation. Yours very truly. JAMES C. AYER. Yours and truly.

JAMES C. AYER.

Voted to receive the Donation pro-osed to be made by Dr. J. C. Ayer.

At meeting, November 7, 1871:

At meeting, November 1, 1841: Article 2. Voted to elect three trus-tres, to take charge of and invest the money of the Ayer Donation to the best of their ability for the purpose and use of the Town and that it shall be used for the erection of a nublic building, of for the purchase of land for the benefit of the town. Trustees chosen: Robert P. Woods. Lewis Blood, H. C. Rolfe.

These trustees received the amount

of \$10,500 from Dr. Ayer, and in their capacity as trustees, loaned it to the town of Ayer for general purposes. Rolfe is the only surviving Mr.

member of these trustees. In the spring of 1872, the subject of a townhouse was taken up again. In April, 1872, some hopes were en-

tertained of securing a county building for a district courthouse, or of erecting a townhouse which might contain also the county district court. At the April town meeting: Voted, to build a townhouse on the Fuller lot between the houses of J. M. Chick

and L. J. Spaulding. May 7, 1872: Voted, to rescind the above vote.

May 7, 1872: Voted, to build the townhouse somewhere between Washington and Columbia streets, if agree-

desirability of this location building and to the return through the seemed also to meet with the approval of 'Dr. Ayer, as was shown by his



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house and Dr. James C. Ayer. This had particular reference to the town's part in the cost of the land and building and to the seture through the originally \$10,500. This was done shortly afterwards. May 8, 1873, as

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home of Charles I. Marshall on Pleasant street.

Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor of the M. E. church in Townsend will preach in the M. E. church in this town in exchange with the pastor.

Miss Ada Whitney spent the week end and over Sunday with her cousin in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Parker of Fitchburg came on Saturday to visit Mr. Parker's parents in this town. Mr. Parker returned to Fitchburg on Monday, Mrs. Parker remaining until Tuesday.

Mrs. Ann Davis is visiting in Lawrence at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank R. Morrill,

Mr. and Mrs. Allingham are mov-ing from Brookline street into Frank Behrens' cottage on Cottage street.

Mrs. Ellery Davis returned recently from a visit to her sister in Concord N. H.

Mrs. Sarah M. Dow, formerly of this town, and her daughters are important witnesses in the trial at Springfield of Bertram G. Spencer for the murder of Miss Martha E. Blackstone, who was their guest. It will be remembered that Miss Harriet Dow was also shot by Spencer at the same time, and it was months before she recovered from her injuries. Mrs. Dow and her daughters have many friends in this who smypathize with them in their trouble.

Willis Gillespie of the South road is at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital in Groton. He had a tumor removed from his ankle on Tuesday. This is the fourth operation he has had for the same trouble; the one previous to the last, was about a year ago. Mr. Gillespie has been a great sufferer, and his friends hope he will not have a return of his trouble.

There are quite a few cases of measles in town.

Miss Susie Andrews has been kept at home for a few days on account of sickness.

Miss Lydia Ann Goodnough is quite sick with an attack of the shingles.

Leon Woodward has obtained employment in a store in Wilmington , and is boarding with his sister, Mrs. Thomas Parker.

Mrs. Frank Farley has been a re-

Alice West, sister of the bride, and men members, as it A largely attended reception to the newly-wedded couple was held at the home of the bride's mother. After the reception they left town on the four o'clock train for a short wedding journey. They were the recipients of a large number of presents, useful as well as volumble.

Mrs. Lynch has been employed in the finishing room of the Nashua River Paper Corporation for a number of years, and her associates in that room presented her with a number of pieces of silver. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch will occupy the

house owned by Wells Woodward on Groton street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker.

#### Items of News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Foster of Rowley were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Saunders,

Mrs. F. D. Farley has returned from visit with friends in Ayer, Shirley and Fitchburg.

Richard Tumpney has moved into the house on Groton street, lately vacated by T. M. Parker, who has moved his family to Somersworth, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling started last Monday for Orlando, Fla., where they expect to spend the winter.

Mr. Balch, a clerk at the Nashua River Paper Corporation, will occupy the Darling cottage during their stay in Florida.

Mr. Harris of Petersham is a guest of H. N. Tower.

The Woman's club will hold their regular meeting at Central hall on Tuesday afternoon, November 21, and will be in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Taft. A club tea will be served. A full attendance is desired.

The concert to be given under the auspices of the Woman's club by the Weber male quartet, with Grace Sanborn Cole as reader, takes place on Monday evening. November 20, in Prescott hall. It will be an enter-

tainment of merit. Many are looking forward with an-Many are rooking forward with an-ticipation for the wedding of one of our well-known young ladies, which is understood to be the day before Thanksgiving. Harry F. Powers of

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THE TOWN HOUSE, AYER, MASS. (Concluded from page 5).

The meeting from pass ar. The meeting then voted that the committee to wait upon Dr. J. C. Ayer consist of three and elected the fol-lowing, viz: John Spaulding, Benjamin F. Felch, Gibson Smith. Voted, an adjournment to meet next Monday evening at 7½ o'clock.

Adjourned town meeting, October 9, 1871, the committee previously ap-pointed made report that they had seen Dr. Ayer and would submit the following from him:

seen Dr. Ayer and would submit the follewing from him: Lowell, Mass., Oct. 5, 1871. John Spaulding, Esg. Of committee of Conference, etc. Ayer, Mass. Dear Sir: In answer to your enquiry whether my proposition to the people of Ayer can be changed from the form in which it was presented, I beg ot say: I feel constrained by a promise publicly stated in an assembly of your citizens, at the inauguration of the Town to make my donation for the benefit of education therein. How best to do this and nearest to meet the wishes of the people. I have for several months endeavored to learn from such of your citizens as I could meet and such other counsel as could he obtained. The result in accordance with my best judgment in accordance of making the proposal is before you. If it can be improved or made more acceptable to your fellow citizens, I shall be glad to assist in such a change. Indeed suggestions have already been made, which seem to me judicious; and t shall be happy to meet any party representing the people of the town for the better perfection of my propo-sition and its botter adaptation to what is desired; my sole wish being the gratification and benefit of the people who have, honored me. I shall be thankful for any assistance to that end. Very respectfully and truly yours,

Very respectfully and truly yours, JAMES C. AYER.

and all the lots between Park street and Columbia street were free from buildings, hence the allusion to the "better choice of land" in the letter. Lowell, June 4th, 1872.

Henry A. Woods, Ayer, Mass.

Henry A. Woods, Ayer, Mass, Dear Sir: Since we met I have con-sidered further the matter of a town-house for Ayer: and after consultation with the architects sent there, to ex-amine the locality, have felt like pro-posing as follows: He advises that one of the lots he-tween Washington and Columbia streets be selected fronting on Main street of dimensions about one hun-dred or more feet front by 150 or more feet deep.

dred or more feet front by 150 or more feet deep. If the town can obtain such a lot and build a foundation thereupon in accordance with the sneetileation of the architects. I have employed for that purpose. (Messrs, Weston and Rand) of a building about fifty feet front and about one hundred and iffeen feet deep, up one story. I would place there-upon and finish a townhouse to con-tain a hall, ante-room, and appliances. finish and complete the same. The foundation to be built up one story by the town in accordance with the style and plan of the architects and to their acceptance as shall be the entire building.

the style and poin of the arcantects and to their acceptance as shall be the entire building. I should wish to employ the amount already given to the town of Ayer and pay the balance myself. I forward these suggestions now be-cause it seems to me that you can have a better choice of land, than might be open to you at some later day. I am, however, in ho haste and only offer this suggestion supposing that your people may be. If they are de-sirous of my immediate attention I shall give it to the best of my ability. Yous very respectfully. Yous very respectfully, JAMES C. AYER, · .

At this meeting it was voted to purchase a lot of land for a new townhouse and put in a foundation in accordance with the plans of Dr. J. C. Ayer's architects, as set forth in his (Dr. J. C. Ayer's) letter read in this meeting.

At this meeting Henry A. Woods G. C. Brock and Charles Brown were elected a committee to purchase a lot and they were instructed to purchase and build on the Church and Nahum Sawyer lots which were secured for \$2500 and \$4000, respectively, as shown in the February, 1873, report. Voted, that the amount of the Ayer

Fund be appropriated in building a townhouse as indicated in Dr. J. C. Ayer's letter. Voted, that the Trustees of the Ayer

Fund hold it at the order of Dr. J. C. Ayer, to be used in building a townhouse.

shown by the date of the receipt giv-Aver.

The building of the townhouse went on through the years 1872-3-4-5, and on November 2, 1875, the members of the board of selectmen for the active vears of building, R. T. Bartlett, O. K Pierce, A. W. Felch, joined with one of the original members of the build-ing committee, Charles Brown, in making a report, in which the extown was set down at \$24,979,19, including cost of lots, the stone fence and that part of the building devolving upon the town to construct.

Yours very truly

Voted, that we accept and adopt the proposition made by Dr. J. C. Aver in

his letter read to this meeting, this

Voted, we do not rescind the vote

of last meeting, whereby we voted to purchase the Church and Nahum Sawyer lands and build a townhouse,

and that we substitute Dr. J. C. Aver's letter of this meeting for his letter

Voted, to leave this whole matter of

buying land for a townhouse and building the same to the committee.

At meeting on May 3, 1873, it was voted to instruct the treasurer to bor-

row \$30,000 to pay the bills on town-house and Dr. James C. Ayer.

evening.

of that meeting.

JAMES C. AYER.

The contract price for the granite fence included in the above was \$2000 Oliver K. Pierce is the only one living of the selectmen serving during the construction of the townhouse,

The April meeting in 1876, was held in Page hall, and on November 7, 1876 the fall election was held in the new townhouse. During the year of the great fire, one meeting, July 10, was held at the then vacant brick chair shop, later known as the Union Furniture Company shop.

For some years rooms in the Colum-bia street side was used for the public library, until 1894, when the new and substantial library building on East Main street was provided by the generosity of the son of Dr. Aver. Fred-

erick Fanning Ayer. In the townhouse for several years has been located the postoffice which was moved to another location along the street on October 23. Many will recall that here they first exercised their franchise as citizens of the com-

monwealth and the nation. The townhouse is a public institution and is the visible exponent of citizenship, the place of meeting for the discussion, the election or rejection of the local issues of the town and the business office of the municipality.

October, 1911.

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MRS. MARY S. TAYLOR. Townsend Harbor, Mass., Nov. 15, 1911.

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