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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Frank J. Ford has bought the home place of the late Rosa McNiff of the boys, Miles and Philip McNiff, and will assume possession at once. Hugh Waters takes the place of Mr. Ford at the farm of Carrie W. Hussey.

Miles McNiff has secured a position with the Boston Elevated Company at Boston as a motorman. Philip McNiff is to enter the employ of J. A. Barry at Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Yanke, with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kiley, of Allston, were guests at the Thanksgiving feast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Ripley.

William Ford spent Thanksgiving day with friends in Charlestown.

Miss Grace Willard, of New York city, is a guest this week at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Farwell.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee, of New York, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee, at their home here for a few days.

Mrs. Clara Clarke, of Fitchburg, formerly Miss Clara Drinkwine, and a school girl here, visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred St. John.

The annual family gathering of the Dickson families was held this year on Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. K. M. Bigelow. Besides her own family there were present Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Dickson and son, Henry Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Dickson and family, and A. J. Atwood, of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Thayer entertained at Fruit Acres, a number of friends from Newtonville and vicinity on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Archer are in town for a few days. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Houck.

Bromfield school closed on Wednesday noon for the remainder of the week. Miss Sears and Miss Chadwick, assistant teachers, went to Providence and West Somerville respectively, to celebrate the holiday with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lindley visited over the holidays with their folks at Waltham.

Miss Edith E. Hapgood, of Boston, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Hapgood.

At Mrs. S. J. Savage's home, the Thanksgiving feast was served to Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, of New York city, and Miss Susie Marsh, of Ware, as special guests.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hapgood gave a birthday party to their son, Kenneth Hapgood, aged six years. The guests were Stanley Turner, Luther Willard, Florence Gaberlisen, Emeline Fairbank and Mary Houghton. The rooms were decorated in evergreen and Jack-o'-lanterns, the effect being very tasty. Mrs. Hapgood served the young people with a lunch consisting of sandwiches, nuts, candy and lemonade. Games were played and a very pleasant time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mongovin are visiting this week since Thursday with friends in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mongovin, with their two children, spent Thursday with the latter's family, Thomas Hager, in East Bolton.

George C. Maynard entertained at dinner on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fairbank and Miss Mildred Fairbank.

Misses Carrie and Elizabeth Priest spent the day and took dinner with Miss Emily E. Hersey, at her home on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bigelow entertained on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bigelow, of Still River, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, of Hudson.

George F. Pollard, of Boston, spent the day at his home here on Thanksgiving with his sisters, the Misses Pollard.

Fred Wetherbee, Jr., of New York city, is at his father's here for the week-end.

Robert C. Abbot, of this town, and Miss Anna Abbot, of Ayer, were the guests at the holiday feast with Spurgeon M. Farnsworth and family.

Thomas J. Faherty, of Holy Cross, Worcester, spent this week-end at William J. Kerley's.

Miss Christine Webster, now teaching in the Springfield public schools, spent the last of this week with her folks here, F. B. Webster and family.

For other Harvard news see page three.

James H. Whitney, having been appointed special agent for the Pennsylvania, Springfield, Boston and National Security fire insurance companies, solicits the continuance of the business of the late Mrs. Susie E. Whitney.

Mrs. Adeliza Turner will hold an exhibition and sale of fancy work at The Kerley on Saturday afternoon, December 9, from two to four o'clock.

#### Annual Ball.

The annual ball given by the Harvard chemical company on Thursday night was a brilliant affair from a social point of view, everyone seemingly entering into the general spirit for a good time. The hall was decorated in good taste, the color scheme, in green and white, being very effective. Under the direction of Irving E. Morse, the stage was converted into an evergreen grove, the entrance being from the front, and closed by two rustic gates built to resemble the letters "H. F. D. Spruce trees completed the effect. The music by the Salem Cadet orchestra was faultless. Mr. Bernier, as a cornet soloist, was a special feature.

The townspeople of Harvard are very generous with the freemen in connection with their annual benefit, and the freemen in turn appreciate this fact, giving them as it does a little bank account on which to draw for incidental expenses that are occasionally arising, without making it necessary to put the charges to the town. Every cent made is expended entirely for equipment and repair in connection with the chemical engine and ladder truck.

#### Still River.

Mrs. Orde is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson.

Alfred McClintock concluded his work for Chester Willard on Wednesday morning, after working for him through the summer.

Miss Emeline Evans, of Boston, came up to dine with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah C. Scales. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson entertained Miss Adeliza Turner; also their son Hubert, and a friend from Fitchburg were with them. Hubert is on crutches, recovering from having had one of his toes amputated. The toe had given him much trouble for a long time and it was thought best to take it off.

#### Thanksgiving Guests.

Malcolm Campbell is at home from Amherst Agricultural college for the holiday. Misses Minnie, Grace and Edith Farnsworth, of Boston, Malden and Springfield are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth. Miss Katherine L. Lawrence spent the day with her sister, Mrs. A. M. L. Clark, at Lancaster. The latter is just recovering from an attack of whooping cough. Mrs. E. J. Parker spent the day in Boston.

Thanksgiving was spent quietly in Still River. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howard entertained at dinner, Mrs. and Miss Read. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone had at dinner Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Walter and Eleanor Haskell, Mrs. Sophia Stone and Fred and Eliza Bateman. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stone and daughter Esther of Ayer, and W. A. Harrod, of Pepperell, were guests of Mrs. Hannah D. Harrod. Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn, of Worcester, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Vaughn. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haskell took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Viles. Miss Laura

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A. Brown, of West Acton, spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Willard. Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse spent the day with relatives in Worcester.

#### Pleasantly Entertained.

On Wednesday evening, eighteen of the young people of the village met with Miss Ethelyn Russell for a whist party. There were five tables, and after the games were over a lunch was served and music was in order. Among the amusements was a unique candy contest. Four pieces of string of equal length were fastened to a piece of candy, and four contestants each took an end of the string in their mouth and commenced chewing it up to the candy and the one reaching it first won. There were four sets, and then the four winners had a tryout together, and Walter Haskell was the first winner in the first sets and also the winner in the last try. It was a very enjoyable evening as any entertainment at the Russells is sure to be.

#### Supper and Social.

On last week Friday evening, the Ladies' Benevolent society gave a supper and social in the chapel. It was a stormy evening and there were fears that the attendance would not be enough to pay the expenses, but to the surprise of all, there was an unusually large number out, and 115 sat down to the bountiful supper. After supper was over and the tables cleared, Rev. L. H. Morse introduced S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, who kept the audience intensely interested for about one and a half hours.

Mr. Blood is certainly an artist in his work as an impersonator, and while being a perfectly clean and up-to-date performance, kept his audience in an uproar of laughter most of the time, and his lightning changes were very interesting and instructive. About twelve dollars was the net addition to the treasury of the society, as the result of the evening's entertainment.

#### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

Mrs. B. B. Shattuck will have an exhibition and sale of handwoven and embroidered articles at her home, from December 4 to 9. Her home is just west of the Boxborough station, on the old Willard farm. The public cordially invited.

Charles Adams and daughter, Mrs. Harry Adams, spent Thanksgiving with Charles Kennedy in Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libbie entertained Dr. Harry R. Roberts, of Back Bay, Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ramus, of East Boston, last Sunday.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is gradually recovering from her illness.

Mr. Sawson is ill with typhoid fever.

Quite a number of our townspeople went to the Borough grange held in Stowe on November 23. The morning speaker was Francis S. Brick, superintendent of schools, who gave a very interesting address on "Education for the world." All report a fine time.

Mrs. Charles Knight has been quite sick, but is now recovering under Dr. Royal's care.

The last meeting of the grange was housekeepers' night, and because of the bad weather only a few were present. Interesting talks were given by Mrs. Viets and Miss Mary Nelson, with remarks from others. The evening passed quickly with the addition of vocal solos by Martha Hale and Mrs. Smiley. More applications for membership were received, making a total of twenty-five.

A meeting of the West Acton Woman's club was held last Monday. Rev. Samuel C. Bushnell, of Arlington, gave a lecture on "The Monitor and the Merrimac." Mr. Bushnell's father was the owner of the shipyard where the Monitor was built, and he spoke from personal knowledge. The club invited the school children to be present, and the meeting was largely attended. The next meeting will be held on December 11. The subject, "The intelligent management of our ordinary home," will be spoken on by Mrs. Isabell L. Heustis. Each member is requested to invite as a guest some housekeeper.

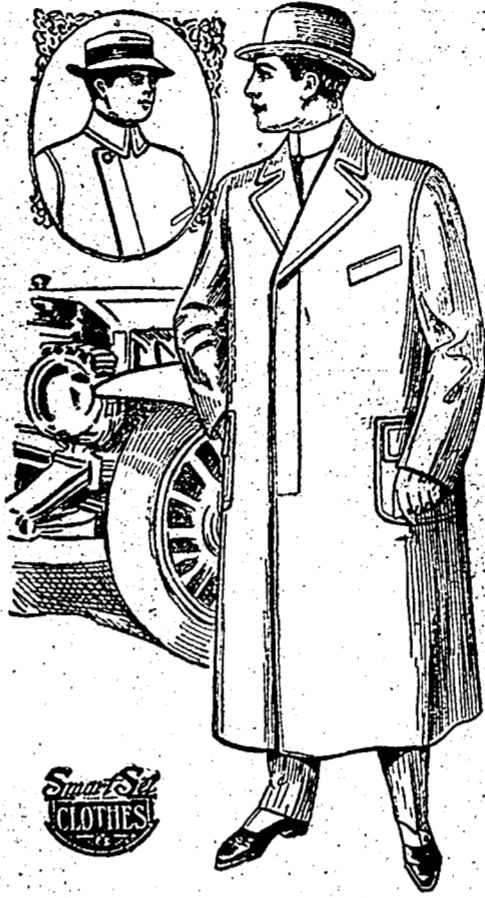
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield entertained from Wednesday until Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemenway and Miss Adams, of Framingham, and Miss Susie Littlefield. Mrs. Lizzie Bancroft, Miss Annette Bates and Miss May Hood, of Athol, visited with Mrs. Shattuck last week Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence was called to Stowe last Sunday because of illness in the family of Mr. Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Albion Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libbie spent Thanksgiving in Dorchester with Mr. Libbie's mother, Mrs. J. A. Libbie.

Daniel Wetherbee, of Worcester, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee.

Notice has been received of the death of Jerry Griffin, a former resident of this town, at South Acton.



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### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

William Howard, of Lunenburg, has been a recent visitor at the home of his brother, Calvin Howard. The latter has had a long, tedious time of many weeks of pain and inconvenience, the result of his accident, the injured knee still requiring medical as well as surgical attention.

Visitors at the Congregational parsonage last Sunday, coming up from Cambridge by automobile, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bonney, Mrs. Young and daughter, Miss Caroline Young, and Paul Danners, a student at Harvard. The entire party attended the morning church service. Mr. Bonney is a well-known Boston merchant, and Mrs. Bonney will be pleasantly remembered as one of the speakers at the Tadmuck club last season, when she gave "Greetings from the Cantabrigia club of Cambridge," of which she was president.

Miss Amelia W. Lambert, who recently went to Greensburg, Pa., to accept a position as dietitian in Westmoreland hospital, writes to the home friends of being pleasantly located and liking her new surroundings.

Miss Carrie E. and Florence H. Read, of Barre, who have recently bought a pleasant home for themselves there, were "at home" to their friends on Thanksgiving evening. The event proved a very pleasant one and their many Westford friends wish they might have been among those present to extend good wishes and greetings.

Oscar R. Spalding and John M. Fletcher are among the recent ones to equip their buildings with electric lighting.

Mrs. John B. Fletcher is quite seriously ill at her home with heart trouble. Dr. Wells has a trained nurse in attendance, and Miss Chandler is at home with her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson went this week to Newberne, N. C. to spend the winter. Mrs. Edmund Day will spend the winter with Westford and Groton relatives.

School closed Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving recess, lasting until Monday morning.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning, Rev. David Wallace preached most ably, drawing lessons from the closing events in the life of Joseph, his subject being, "Growing old gracefully," portraying the ideal old age of great memories and glorious visions. In the evening he gave echoes from the Ford hall meetings in Boston, and Rev. R. J. Campbell's address of London, to which he recently listened.

A Thanksgiving week wedding of much interest is that to Will E. Wright and Miss Ruby Carter. Further particulars next week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode, who after closing camp at Forge pond spent the later autumn weeks in Lowell, left there recently for their annual sojourn in New York.

Thanksgiving week visitors at the parsonage have been Miss Gertrude Hazen, of Hartford, Vt., and Mrs. Alice Martin, of Lebanon, N. H.

Wright & Fletcher have been painting the ceiling in their store, giving it a very light and clean appearance, especially at night, when the electric lights are turned on.

A large group of the members of the Tadmuck club, about twenty in all, enjoyed the hospitality of the neighborhood meeting of the Littleton Woman's club, at Littleton, on Monday afternoon. The good weather, the pleasant welcome and good entertainment made it a very enjoyable occasion. Miss Sarah W. Loker, president of the home club, represented her members most capably in the afternoon's program, with a review of one of E. S. Benson's, the well-known English author's books, "The silent isle," given with entertaining discernment.

George Albert Drew, with characteristic initiative and enterprise, is having a road built from the Drew home-place, through some of Providence swamp, coming out on Providence road. This enterprise is to facilitate getting back and forth from the Drew farm and the large Read farm, which Mr. Drew recently acquired.

The next meeting of the Mission Study class of the United Workers will be held at the home of Miss Florence Wilcox. "Alien admission and restriction," is the subject, and the program is in charge of Mrs. Charles F. Flagg.

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tertaind Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Wells and sons, Irving and Clayton, and Mrs. S. A. Hills and Miss Hannah Morrill, of Amesbury. James Kimball spent the day at the Luce homestead. At John M. Fletcher's were Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Chelmsford, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Naylor were at the Congregational parsonage. The Edward Fishers went to spend the day with Swampscott relatives, and the H. G. Oswood with Cambridge relatives.

### About Town.

At a meeting of the Unitarian church last Thursday evening to consider the question of pulpit supply, it was voted unanimously to invite Rev. Mr. Weeks to supply the pulpit for six months. He has been a preacher in the Methodist church for twenty years and is able, eloquent and logical. The society is fortunate in securing his leadership, he having declined several flattering calls elsewhere.

Charles Whitney has been ill at his home on the Lowell road, but is now able to be out in his usual door-yard review of farm work.

James H. O'Brien, on Pigeon hill, has sold his apples to Stiles, of Littleton. As soon as the apples are delivered and the cellar is clear, he will commence at once installing steam heat for his dwelling-house under the direction of Augustus Whidden.

Miss Ella Wright, of Cleveland, Ohio, has completed the construction of another new fancy built, well-nearly opposite her summer home on the Lowell road, at Brookside.

The Fortnightly club is on its feet and doing business at the old stand at the Wright schoolhouse on the Groton road. When the old West Chelmsford Debating society gets harnessed into its old-time record for discussion, these two literary organizations may tilt it a little along reciprocity lines.

The W. C. T. U. sent a Thanksgiving box to the W. C. T. U. home in Boston, to be distributed among the poor. Mrs. McMaster had charge of collecting and sending.

Mrs. Sidney Whitney, who has been ill for a long time, is gradually failing, it being an incurable case.

Seth Bannister is home from Amherst Agricultural college for the Thanksgiving holidays. Alister McDougall is also home from his junior year at Amherst, and will remain while Thanksgiving turkey keeps up its temptations.

### Forge Village.

Cameron school closed on Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays, reopening on Monday, December 4.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus will officiate at the services at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday evening.

The Abbot Worsted Company closed their mill on Thanksgiving day. Operations were begun again on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett spent the holiday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hennessey, of Lowell.

A theatre party is being formed in the village to witness the performance of "Chanticleer" at the Lowell Opera house next week.

Many from this village attended the sacred concert held in North Chelmsford last Sunday night.

Mrs. Dinah M. Murray is now much improved from her illness at her home on Pleasant street.

The Girls' Friendly society held their regular meeting in Recreation hall last Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday afternoon. A dainty collation was served after the meeting.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The Littleton lyceum will be addressed on Tuesday evening, December 5, by Prof. H. S. Cowell, principal of Cushing academy, Ashburnham. His subject, "The mission of wit and humor," is inviting, and those who knew Prof. Cowell are perfectly sure of hearing something of uncommon interest and value. One of the best lectures ever delivered before the Woman's club was that on "The New England village," given by Prof. Cowell four years ago.

The C. E. subject for tomorrow is "Lessons from great lives—Paul."

The Alliance meeting has been postponed.

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### Mock Trial.

It is very seldom that the town hall is so crowded, even to the gallery, as it was last week Thursday evening, when the Odd Fellows gave a mock court trial under the direction of Col. A. V. Newton, of Worcester. The entertainment progressed along the usual court lines and offered no end of innocent fun, which created continued laughter throughout the evening. The jury, called by fictitious names, responded as William H. Taft, Eugene N. Foss, Admiral Peary, Admiral Dewey, Pierpont Morgan and other public characters of note. The role of defendant was taken by Joseph A. Harwood, in the enforced absence of his brother, Richard Harwood, who was at the time in Philadelphia. The rest of the makeup was as given in this paper last week.

Original testimony amusing situations, local hits, play on words, and brief cross-questioning gave life and zest to the trial, and commanded the closest attention of the happy audience. A good sum was netted for the building fund and the Odd Fellows are generally well satisfied with results. It is even hinted that some are seriously considering the advisability of putting on the "breach of promise" case in the spring, "when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

### Neighborhood Meeting.

The auditorium of the Unitarian vestry proved an inspiring sight on Monday afternoon, when a 175 or more club women convened for a neighborhood meeting. Club members were present from Ayer, Shirley, Pepperell, Westford, West Acton and West Concord. Thirty women came from Ayer, a good number from Westford, and fair representations from the other towns. Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb and Miss Emma E. Tenney conveyed some of the guests by carriage from the station to the center and back, and others were carried in automobiles by E. P. Sheehan, A. H. McDonald, N. B. Conant, Miss E. M. Sweett and other drivers.

The president of the Littleton club, Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, welcomed the visiting club women and then announced the speaker of the next meeting, Dr. David Snedden, of Boston, state commissioner of the Board of Education, who will address the club on "Vocational training," at an open meeting to be held in the Unitarian vestry on Monday evening, December 11. All men and women who are interested will be cordially welcome to hear this able speaker discuss one of the vital topics of the present day.

Mrs. Priest then called upon the presidents of the various clubs represented and responses were given by six presidents. The audience then listened to the following delightful program:

Plano solo, Mrs. Page, of Ayer; reading, Miss Laura Brown, of West Acton; vocal solos, Mrs. Derby, of West Concord, Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton, of Littleton, piano accompanist; readings, "Where's the baby?" and "Thanksgiving," (Sam Walter Foss poems), Mrs. Martha J. Conant, of Shirley; book review, "The silent isle," written by Arthur Christopher Benson, given by Miss Sarah Loker, of Westford; vocal solos, Mrs. Derby.

At the close of the very pleasant literary and musical hour, the ladies enjoyed a social with light refreshments served by Mrs. Hattie W. Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Mary E. Dodge, Mrs. Alice H. Smith, Mrs. Louise D. Layton, and the club members.

Mrs. Gertrude H. Works was voted a member of the Littleton Woman's club.

### About Town.

Capt. W. H. Sawyer went Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with his niece, Mrs. Brennan, at Ware, going from there to Warren to spend Sunday with his cousin there.

J. T. Warren is about putting in a new heating plant and bathroom into his house.

Miss Lucy Houghton will lead the Guild meeting on the topic, "Self-Reliance."

Hon. and Mrs. F. A. Patch spent Sunday in Brighton, the guests of Miss Grace Prue, the well-known nurse.

The Woman's Alliance will hold its next meeting Friday, December 8, at the home of Mrs. S. E. Abbott at 10.30, an all-day affair, when she most graciously entertains. Rev. O. J. Fairfield will speak and Mrs. M. J. Priest will give the religious news.

Parker Gardner of Jamaica Plain was in town last week looking over and much pleased with the decided change in the Dr. Phelps place.

Mrs. Arthur Wright of Allston was a last week's guest at her sister's, Mrs. W. E. Conant.

After Thanksgiving the three teachers, who have been on the hill at Mr. Cox's for over a year, will room nearer their schools and boarding-place, at Rev. H. L. Packard's, the Orthodox parsonage.

The King's Daughters circle will hold its December meeting, Tuesday afternoon next at the home of Mrs. W. H. Davis.

Arthur Whitney and family of Lexington spent Thanksgiving as usual at Hon. F. A. Patch's.

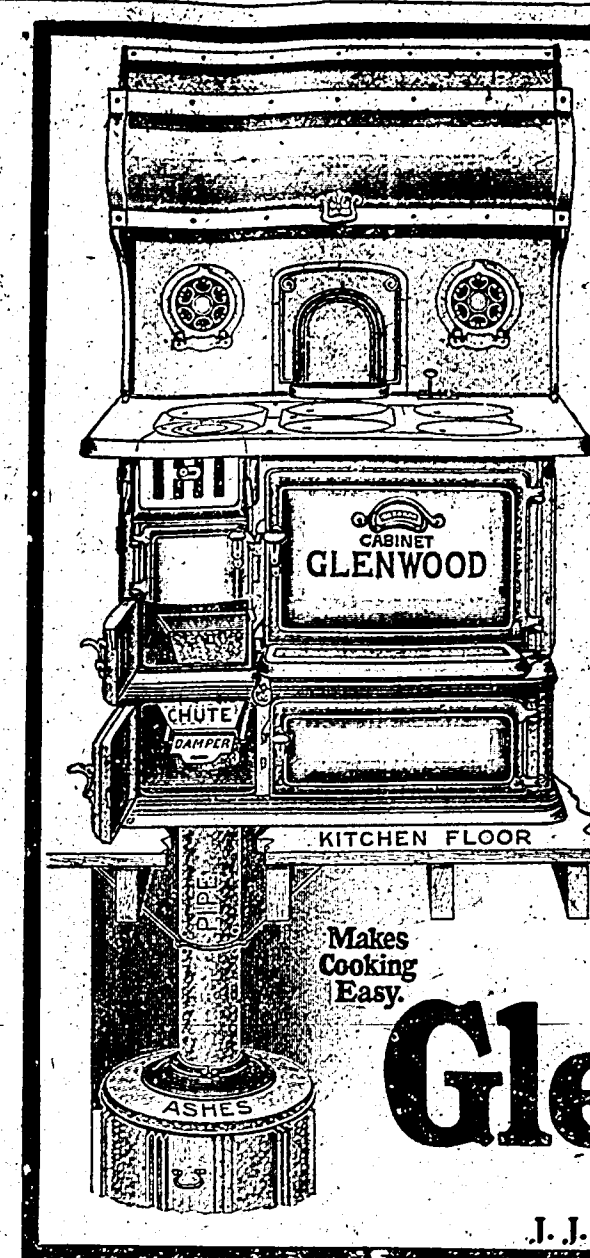
### A Good Sized Contract.

The American Liberty and Property Association has just been organized with headquarters at 29 Broadway (not 26), N. Y., the object of which organization is to put down and out the socialist movement.

It is needless to say the organizers of this movement are men of means and somebody who does the talking will get a good thing out of the combat. Strange to say the socialists are well pleased with the prospects of an argument.

In the past the opponents of socialism have held that the policy of ignoring the movement was the proper caper and the one best calculated to hold it back, but the election of mayors in nine different cities in Ohio at one election seems to have caused them to sit up and take notice, and jump to the conclusion that socialism needs combating.

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ism ten years ago the socialists would have elected double the number of officers they did at the last election.

Consider for a moment before you start the fight for how many years they have suppressing socialism in Germany and how that suppression has promoted the growth of the party there. Whatever may be said of the socialists they are frank and do not pretend their program will be particularly pleasing to multi-millionaires and that class that live off the exploitation of their fellow men, and they have been begging for years that the old parties meet them in debate and leave the result to the people.

They believe in their cause and in their ability to convince the people that their policy is the best visible and will result in the greatest good to the greatest number.

They have repeatedly challenged both the republican and democratic parties to send their best men to discuss the socialist platform in joint debate, but somehow the men to tackle the job have not been found in great numbers. For this reason the socialists themselves have had to do all the work.

Nearly every day something transpires in the business world and is published in the newspapers that shows the defects in the present capitalist system and makes good propaganda material.

If the A. L. and P. A. will put a hundred or two eloquent spell-binders into the field it will be a great boon to the socialist party and will be appreciated, but seriously, it seems a little late in the season to "start anything."

Every civilized country has its organized socialist party and has representatives in the national legislature, and the late fall elections show clearly it is breaking out in spots all over this blessed land, but if the gentlemen wish to combat it let the combating proceed by all means.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of JOHANNA F. CROWLEY, late of Groton in said County, deceased: Whereas, PATRICK H. CROWLEY the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twelfth day of December, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postage paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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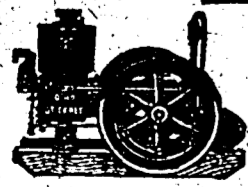
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### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

The R. H. club held its regular meeting last week Thursday evening with Miss Gertrude Provost. Refreshments were served and the evening very enjoyably spent.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold their monthly social, supper and entertainment on next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Entertainment at eight o'clock.

Miss Inez McMurray spent the week-end with her sister in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Somes, with daughter Nancy; also, W. Lloyd Allen, all of Boston, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Miss Etta Shearer has returned to her home in Warren after spending three weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Shearer.

Miss Annie Hale, of Cambridge, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wells.

The Shirley high school will hold a dance on Friday evening, December 8.

Miss Mary Desmond and Miss Gertrude McNally spent the week-end in Boston.

Miss Mabel Miner has returned home from a pleasant visit of two weeks spent in Keene, N. H.

Miss Jessie Love spent the week-end with relatives in Everett.

The well-known Davis hotel, so-called, occupied by the Charles E. Haskins family, will be sold by public auction on Monday, December 18.

John H. Will has purchased from Mr. Phelps, of Ayer, the two houses on Harvard road now occupied by the Medio Devarney family and the Frank Brockelman family. Mr. Will and family will occupy the house now occupied by the Devarney family as soon as it is vacated, which will in all probability take place in about two weeks. These houses are situated together with about one-half an acre of land in the deal.

A union Thanksgiving service was held at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. Special music by the combined choirs, and addresses by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker and Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon were the main features of the service.

Isley Beach was brought home from Carney hospital on Tuesday by Edward Davis. Mr. Beach is feeling fine considering his serious operation.

Mrs. Verne Bahlou, with daughter Hazel, spent the week-end with her sister in Beachmont.

#### Center.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter Allison have returned from a two-weeks' stay in New York.

Another social dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, December 2, under the management of the young people of Shirley grange. P. O. H. music will be furnished by the local orchestra.

The land belonging to the estate of the late William Neat was sold in three lots at public auction on Wednesday. The land is all situated in North Shirley, near the Lunenburg line.

Rev. A. J. Rich, of Belmont, conducted the services at the First Parish church on Sunday.

Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., is spending a few days at William E. Barnard's.

Mrs. M. W. Longley recently visited her daughter, Christine, who is attending Quincy Manssion school.

Walter Woods is soon to enter the Y. M. C. A. automobile school at Boston, to learn to become a chauffeur.

Charlie C. Longley, of Millbury, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Longley.

"The closed door," was the subject of an interesting sermon by Rev. A. L. Bumpus at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Holden is confined to her home this week with an attack of acute indigestion.

Ora E. Holden received a bad fall from the high school barge last week, and was confined to her home for the rest of the week. Mildred Evans was also home from high school last week on account of illness.

Miss Elsie Kirby closed up her house this week and went to Lynn for the winter. It is expected that the basketball practise will not be interfered with, however.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter Allison expect to move to Cambridge next week for the winter months.

Philip E. Wood, of Denver, Col., was in town on Saturday and Sunday, being the guest of Stanley F. White at the village.

It is reported that John W. Farrar has purchased a farm of 165 acres in Pomfret, Vt., and expects to move there as soon as he disposes of his grocery store, for which negotiations are now being made. Mr. Farrar will be greatly missed by everyone. He has become very popular as store-keeper and postmaster, and has served faithfully in town offices, being at present chairman of the selectmen. It is also reported that Elmer Hubbard and family are to move to Mr. Farrar's farm in Vermont next spring.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon, December 2, at the home of Miss Myrna Carter.

Frank Farnsworth, at the North, purchased a horse at Forge Village last week.

J. Walker Ward is gradually improving, but will be unable to resume his mail route for some time. Mrs. Ward is at present looking after the route.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman spoke last week before the Congregational club at Portland, Me., on the subject of "Congregational Investments."

Mrs. Marion L. Holden is home from Fitchburg State Normal school with an attack of pneumonia.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, spent the week-end with his daughter, Howard Fuller.

Miss Louise Rowe, who has been staying at Rev. Howard A. Bridgman's, left last week for her home in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Merrick W. Carey sprained his ankle quite badly last Sunday while lighting the street lamps. He is attending to his duties with the aid of crutches.

Robert H. J. Holden attended the scoreless game between Harvard and Yale at the Harvard Stadium on last Saturday afternoon.

The following are reported to have obtained deer during the open season in Worcester county last week: Ralph Thompson, D. Fred Carkins, Harry Hodgman, Edward R. Thompson and Edward Farnsworth.

Etta M. Holden visited friends in Leominster last week.

Mrs. J. E. Gardner is spending this week with her sons' families, Augustus Parker and Edward Stickney, at Jamaica Plain.

#### Grange Notes.

At the last meeting of Shirley grange, nomination of officers for the coming year took place. After the business meeting, a Thanksgiving program was given during the lecturer's hour consisting of the following:

Roll-call, "What our grange has to be thankful for," by the members; readings and stories, William Jubb; reading, "Old Thanksgiving," Margaret Evans; recitation, "Popping corn," Ruth M. Graves; reading, "Things ain't what they used to be," Ardie A. Adams; reading, "There's always something to be thankful for," Mrs. Norman R. Graves; songs, by the grange.

At the next meeting of the grange, on Tuesday evening, December 5, the election of officers for 1912 will take place. There will be no special program.

On Wednesday, December 6, the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will meet at the town hall for the election of officers for the coming year. In the afternoon the meeting will be thrown open to the public. William Jubb has charge of the preparations for the dinner.

#### Fair.

In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions, the fair held by the Matrons' Aid in the town hall on last week Friday, proved to be fairly successful. At the fair, which was held in the afternoon, the tables were arranged as follows:

Food and vegetables, Mrs. Luther Holden; ice cream and cake, Mrs. Ardie A. Adams and Mrs. J. W. Ward; lemonade and hot chocolate, Mrs. Homer P. Holden; aprons, Mrs. Alice Cummings; candy, Ora E. Holden; fancy work, Etta M. Holden and Ruth M. Graves; mystery, Mrs. John W. Evans.

In the evening a fine entertainment was given in charge of Mrs. Norman R. Graves and Miss Margaret Evans. The program was as follows:

Selection, orchestra; vocal solo, Miss Alison B. Winslow; violin solo, Miss Raymond Sleeper; readings, Miss Mildred Evans, of the Emerson School of Oratory in Boston; solo, Miss Alison B. Winslow; selection, orchestra.

Votes were sold during the evening for the most popular grange member. Ardie A. Adams received the greatest number of votes, with Edward Adams second. The prize was a fine hand-painted picture by Mr. Lewis, who is staying at Arthur R. Cummings. The articles left over were sold at auction, J. Edward Adams acting as auctioneer. After the entertainment dancing was enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by the local orchestra.

### LUNENBURG.

#### News Items.

Union services were held in the Congregational church on Thanksgiving day at 10.30 o'clock in the morning, with a sermon by Rev. G. R. Moody, pastor of the Methodist church, in which he told the history of Thanksgiving day and the manner of observing them in the olden time.

At the competitive meeting of the grange on Wednesday evening, November 22, the program was in the hands of the ladies, who produced a one-act farce, entitled "Scenes in a restaurant." Twenty-five of the ladies wore costumes suited to the occasion, and these with the many jokes created an unlimited amount of fun. The judges gave their decision in favor of the ladies. On December 6, will occur the annual election of officers, and on that evening the gentlemen will provide the refreshments for the winners and all others who may be in attendance.

In spite of a very rainy evening, the measuring social and the Mary Ann tea given by the Young People's society of the Methodist church on last week Friday evening, was most successful and netted about twenty-five dollars. A very pleasing program was given, including music both vocal and instrumental, and readings from members of the Willing Workers and a male quartet from the Lincoln club. Some of the young ladies presided at tables where they sold refreshments and other articles.

Miss Nannie Litchfield, whose illness was reported last week, is able to be out again a little. James Hildreth is also improving slowly.

The black bear which has been a drawing card at Whalom park for four years, and which has been such an attraction for both old and young, was shot on Monday by W. W. Sargent, president of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway. The bear was getting so old and ugly that it was deemed unwise to keep him longer. After being shot he was dressed and placed on exhibition in one of the Fitchburg markets.

#### Interesting Sermon.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning, Rev. Sumner P. Vinton gave a most interesting sermon. Mr. Vinton has for several been a missionary in India. He was born in Burmah of American parents, who were then missionaries there, as were his grandparents and also the parents of his wife, Rev. Dr. Bunker, now over eighty years of age. Knowing so much about India and China, what Mr. Vinton had to say on Sunday morning was doubly interesting, and held the closest attention of his audience until the end.

Mr. Vinton also gives illustrated lectures, and one on Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., was "From Jerusa-

lem to the uttermost parts of the earth." It is expected that he will visit Lunenburg again sometime this winter, when he will probably give his lecture "In Pagoda land." All who heard him this time will want to hear then, and a large audience is assured.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

George F. Pollard and family at Harvard received word this week of the birth of a daughter to his daughter, Mrs. David M. Morris at Pittsburg.

Frank Stanton of the Shaker village is at the hospital at Waltham, where he has undergone an operation for intestinal trouble. His case is a very serious one, but the attending physicians are very hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

Mrs. Isaac Crossley and son Richard are visiting this week with friends at Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard spent their Thanksgiving day with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine of Bolton.

The Evening Whist club begins its series of evening games, the first one to be at Oddfellows' hall on Tuesday, December 5.

The King's Daughters are cordially invited to hold their all-day meeting on Thursday, December 7, at the home of Mrs. Howard Stone. Lunch will be provided by the members residing in Still River.

The first meeting of the Harvard Choral union was held in the Memorial rooms on Tuesday evening, November 28. Prof. A. F. Leonard assumed the chair and after the object of the meeting had been stated the following officers were elected: Reuben A. Reed, pres.; Mrs. Emogene A. Gale, vice-pres.; Miss Helen Stone, sec.; Rev. George Jones, treas. After some discussion and suggestions the meeting adjourned to meet again on Wednesday evening, December 6, at the Memorial rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna went to Waltham this week to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hapenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of New Bedford and daughter Margaret are week-end guests with their father, Alfred Willard.

Workmen are busy trenching and piping between the Bromfield and Center school buildings, preparatory to connecting the water supply of the latter with the former.

#### ENDS WINTER'S TROUBLES.

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Littleton, Mass., Nov. 28, 1911.

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN SHIRLEY, MASS.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Charles E. Haskins of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Bartholomew McGrail of Ayer, in said County, dated December 28th, A. D. 1908, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in book 3077, page 207, will be sold at Public Auction upon the premises below described on Monday, the Eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1911, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:

"A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, containing Three Quarters of an acre of land, be the same more or less, situated near the Fitchburg Railroad Depot, in that part of said Shirley known as Shirley Village, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Southerly by said Railroad Company's land; Westerly by land now or formerly of R. M. Priest and Alvah A. Warner; and Northerly by the road leading from said Depot to Shirley Centre, so-called."

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Surviving administrator of the estate of said Bartholomew McGrail.  
November 24th, 1911. 3w11

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.  
To all persons interested in the estate of CLEMMA J. BLOOD late of Groton in said County deceased: Whereas, FANNY E. BLOOD the executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the eleventh day of December, 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 executrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Register, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 3111. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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### GROTON.

#### News Items.

Miss Annie L. Gilson, who is staying in Boston for the winter, came up Thursday to join others of the family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett, her sister. Mrs. E. A. Barrows and daughter, Miss Helen Barrows, also took dinner at Mr. Bennett's.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman, teacher at Chester, came home for the holiday recess.

The senior class of the high school will hold a dance in the town hall on the evening of December 22. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway, leaving on Tuesday, has gone to visit relatives in Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. Jane E. Clark spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Simonds, in Manchester, N. H.

Schools closed Wednesday afternoon for a Thanksgiving recess until next Monday.

The Freshman class of Groton high school chose the officers of the class Wednesday as follows: Kenneth Sawyer, pres.; Irene Peabody, sec.; William Connolly, treas.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. hold the election of officers for the ensuing year on Monday, December 4.

Mrs. T. G. Smith enjoyed a Thanksgiving visit from her sister, Miss Frances W. Kaan of Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier spent the holiday at the home of their son, E. D. Collier, at West Somerville.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Howe were at home Thanksgiving and had as guests their friend, Miss Laura Haraden, from Worcester, and their son, W. K. Howe, from Woonsocket, R. I.

Eber Kierstead went to Boston on Wednesday and attended the play, "Ben Hur."

Rev. H. A. Cornell left Wednesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with out-of-town friends. Services will be held as usual on Sunday, December 3, and large gatherings are earnestly requested.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish entertained their friend, Miss Annie Mooney, of Boston, on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence of Brookline was the guest of Mrs. Robert Forbes over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett had as Thanksgiving guests her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Gilson and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilson.

It was Thanksgiving evening at the grange meeting Tuesday night. Each one mentioned something for which he or she had reason to be thankful. Five members were received. Four—Mrs. Harry E. Nutting, Miss Gladys Swallow, Lewis M. Knapp and Harold Wright were initiated and one—Mrs. B. A. Miller was reinstated. The next meeting will be held next week Tuesday evening, and will be for the election of officers for the coming year.

Miss Gladys Minot of Gardner came home with Miss Mildred Brown, her room-mate at Simmons college, to attend the dance in town hall that night, returning to her own home in Gardner on Thursday.

Joseph B. Raddin had four of his children and their families home for a Thanksgiving gathering, making twenty-two in all to keep the holiday with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish and family, which included Mr. and Mrs. Ebert of Arlington, dined at Groton Inn Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Estelle Collier is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Parrie and family at New Haven, Conn.

The railing at the Pleasant street bridge is being put up, the engine that run the derrick has been removed, the sidewalk is about finished and everything moving along near to the completion of the whole work at the bridge.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held a social dance in the town hall Wednesday evening, November 29, Thayer's orchestra furnishing the music. It was a pleasant affair, successful in point of attendance, as a social gathering and financially. Many of the young people of the town, some bringing friends with them, were home from their schools and colleges and enjoyed the reunion. Ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. W. H. Whitehill, Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting and Mrs. G. H. Rockwood were the matrons present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence are at "The Homestead," their Groton home. Their daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence Emmons and her husband, Nathaniel Emmons, jr., and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence were over Sunday visitors of their parents at the old home.

The Union Thanksgiving meeting held at the Baptist church last Sunday evening called out a good attendance, there being representatives from all three of the village churches present. The services were deeply impressive and tender as they recalled the many vacant chairs made during the year past among households in town.

Coming from New York in an automobile, Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived at the home of Rev. Endicott Peabody on Wednesday. At 7.45 in the evening the ex-president appeared before the school boys assembled in a lecture hall and gave a talk on his adventures in Africa. He used lantern slides made from photographs taken by his son Kermit. His son Quentin, who is a student at Groton School, drove to Ayer on Wednesday morning, when he took a train for Worcester and meeting his father there returned to the school in the parental automobile. Col. Roosevelt also addressed the boys at St. Mark's school at Southboro on Thanksgiving evening.

Capt. J. S. Barnes, of Lenox and New York, died on Thursday of last week, the funeral services being held at New York last Saturday. Mrs. S. W. Sturges, Groton School, is his daughter.

Miss Mary A. Dunphy is at home from her school in North Attleboro for the holidays. Miss Dunphy at-

tended as bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Joanna Driscoll and John Carey, jr., at Natick on Wednesday. Miss Driscoll formerly lived in Pepperell and often visited here.

#### Death.

Mrs. Lucy A. Boshier, wife of George F. Boshier, of Manchester, N. H., a sister of Ex-mayor Samuel L. Graves of Fitchburg, and the late Mrs. Joseph G. Edgerly, died on Monday afternoon at her home in Manchester.

Mrs. Boshier was born at Groton and had been a resident of Manchester since her marriage, thirty-five years ago. Her brother, S. E. Graves, of Fitchburg, is the last surviving member of a family of ten children. Other surviving relatives include four children: Mrs. C. M. Edgerly and Mrs. W. P. Sargent, of Manchester, Charles C. Boshier, of Honolulu. The deceased was a devoted church woman and respected by an especially wide number of friends. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from her late home, on North River road, Manchester, at 1.30 o'clock.

#### Fair and Concert.

An event of interest for next week will be the Unitarian church fair held in the town hall on the afternoon of Thursday, December 7. There will be tables showing for sale fancy articles, aprons, home-made cake, candy and ice cream, children's table with a variety of articles, handkerchiefs and tie table. Very pretty and useful Christmas presents may be easily found among the goods offered. The ladies in charge confidently expect a share of public patronage, and that those who buy will feel satisfied with their purchases. The sale will open at 2.30 p. m.

In the evening the entertainment will consist of a concert, given by Mrs. Lew and Mr. Thomas, assisted by Mr. Rodgers. They will give musical numbers arranged as follows: Selections, banjo and mandolin, banjo and guitar. The reader, Miss Mae Churchill Deane, of Groton, will give for her leading numbers, "Nicoletta." The girl who telephones "and who's afraid?" For the dance, which will follow the entertainment, music will be furnished by four pieces—violin, piano, cornet and drum—of Mr. Thomas' orchestra. Those dancing will wear the ribbons which may be obtained from any of the committee—Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. George Woods, Mrs. Fred Porter and Mrs. Fanny Sampson—who will sell in the hall after the entertainment. The hours for the entertainment are from eight to nine. For the dance, from nine to twelve.

#### Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren, with their five children from Manchester, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, with two children from Littleton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Palmer and daughter were together to spend Thanksgiving with their father, Capt. M. P. Palmer, at his home on the Boston road.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Priest were guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Priest, at Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee and son Roger spent the day at the family bungalow in Pepperell. The day was also pleasantly observed as the seventh birthday of Roger, the little boy who is beloved as the child, grandchild and nephew of the family relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiting had a family gathering at their home on Thursday, the only out-of-town guest being Mr. Whiting's sister, Mrs. Day, from Westford.

Mrs. Fanny Sampson entertained for Thanksgiving her sister, Mrs. C. L. Wood, and husband, from Woburn; also, his father, Mr. Wood, sr., her mother and brother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson, and Howard L. Gilson, and aunt, Ellen Priest.

The home Thanksgiving gathering at H. Huebner's will be on Sunday, as the children were elsewhere on Thursday.

#### Lawrence Academy Notes.

In appreciation of the help given the football team during the present year by William F. Sherburne, the athletic association presented him with a gold watch; on the cover his monogram was engraved, and on the inside of the cover the words "Presented by the Lawrence Academy Athletic association." The presentation was made directly after the chapel exercises last Saturday morning. Mr. Sherburne expressed his appreciation of the gift in a few appropriate words, but more emphatically after the exercises when he could grasp the hands of the boys and say "Thank you," without embarrassment. Mr. Sherburne has coached the team for the past two years, and has made strong teams that have won a majority of the games played.

C. B. Hilton, of Oshkosh, Wis., who was a member of the school for a part of last year, has been elected president of his class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The next meeting of the Gamma Beta society will be held on Friday, December 8. The question for debate is: Resolved, "That education in the schools of the United States is detrimental to both boys and girls."

Thanksgiving recess began on Wednesday noon. School will reopen on Monday morning.

#### Death.

Charles Woolley, for many years a prominently active and useful citizen of this town, passed away at his home here at 5.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning. He endured a long and wearisome illness which confined him to his bed for the past eighteen months. The cause of his decease was the general breaking up of a strong constitution by ailments incident to advanced age.

Mr. Woolley was born in Pepperell on May 24, 1828, the eldest son of the late Charles and Catherine E. Woolley, of Waltham, who previous to their removal to that city lived in Groton with their family for years. He removed to Waltham to be nearer his work in Boston, where he was principal owner in the Boston Submarine Dredging Company.

His son, Charles, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the pub-

lic schools and academy of this town, and when a young man worked in a store and tailoring establishment in Boston. During the civil war he was paymaster's clerk, serving on different ships in the United States navy. He was an eye witness of the battle between the Kearsarge and the Alabama off the coast of France. By request, Mr. Woolley wrote and read a paper giving a vivid description of this celebrated naval battle before different gatherings.

After his return from the navy he opened a boot and shoe store, keeping periodicals and other wares in the building destroyed by fire in April, 1878. Of late years his attention was given to fruit raising and market gardening. Mr. Woolley was a well educated and widely traveled man, and had a bright, active mind of a naturally legal turn. He was well versed in parliamentary law. He presided for a long period of years over town or other meetings where a moderator was chosen, and he did a large amount of legal writing and business as justice of the peace. His advice in different matters was often sought.

Among other offices held, he was chief engineer of the fire department for a number of years, served as police, as committee to act on various town affairs, and was secretary for years of the Groton Cemetery association. He was a well-known auctioneer and served the town as tree warden, and was active along other town interests.

Mr. Woolley was the third in descent to bear the name of Charles, and there is local historical interest connected with the family. His grandfather, Charles Woolley, was born in England in 1768, and removed when a young man to this country and lived in Newport, R. I. He married Susannah Bentley, the granddaughter of Sir John Bentley, who came to New England in 1711, with an English fleet in an expedition against the French. He perished in a terrific storm encountered off the coast of Maine, but he left living in Boston a son Thomas, whose son, Joshua Bentley, became an active patriot in revolutionary times.

It was Joshua Bentley who rowed Paul Revere across the river Charles. This same Joshua Bentley is buried in Groton. It was his youngest daughter, Susannah Bentley, that married Capt. Charles Woolley, of Newport, R. I., commander of a ship. He died, leaving a son Charles two months old. His widow, Mrs. Susannah Bentley Woolley, afterward married David Childs, and with him and her little son came to Groton to live. The little boy was Charles Woolley, father of the subject of this sketch, whose mental characteristics bore a similarity to those of his ancestors.

Mr. Woolley was a democrat in politics, belonging to no fraternal or religious society, although his preferences were with the Unitarians. He was twice married, first to Miss Charlotte Rugg in May, 1854. They had three children, only one, Charles D., living to maturity. He married second in December, 1879, Miss Ella P. Bond, who survives him. They had three children, two of whom are now living—Mrs. Catharine E. wife of George H. Cook of Nashua, N. H., and Roderick, a student of the senior class at Groton high school. Besides these he leaves four grandchildren, two brothers—James Woolley of East Boston and George Woolley of Chestnut Hill, Boston, and one sister, Mrs. Mary W. Roberts of Waltham.

Although after a long life and many months of weakness and suffering, Mr. Woolley's death came as a release, it has cast a gloom upon the old home at this Thanksgiving season, which is particularly sad.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock, from the house.

#### West Groton.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge joined a family Thanksgiving party in Putnam, Conn., at the home of Mr. Trowbridge's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Webber and son Edward spent Thursday with Mrs. Webber's parents in Groton, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Aldrich, and Willard Terris in Worcester for the holiday with his nephew, Edward Perrin.

Mrs. A. W. Adams is being entertained for the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Champlin, of Worcester, Mr. Adams joining her for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. C. R. Bradley is spending a week with relatives, accompanied by her little son Elliott.

The house on Main street, for some time occupied by Joseph Lucia, is vacant. Mrs. Lucia has left town, and the usual household effects have also been shipped, but it is understood that Mr. Lucia is still employed at the paper mill.

Mrs. M. E. Williams is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Worster, of Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shores entertained a family party over Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Powers and son Henry, of Lynn; Mrs. Annie Powers and children, Ralph and Mabel, of Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Powers, of New York.

Guests to the number of eight gathered around the Thanksgiving board at F. L. Blood's. Mrs. Lamb, of Fitchburg, Mrs. Blood's mother, has been a visitor during the week.

Miss Grace Bixby, of Waltham hospital, was home for a flying visit on Monday, but was not able to remain for the Thanksgiving festivities. The family reunion was otherwise complete: Mr. and Mrs. George McCurdy and son Raydon, of Dorchester; Miss Isabel Bixby, of Boston, being present in addition to the usual home family.

Measles and whooping cough have again made their presence known in the village. The former in the home of Guy Wright, his little daughter being the victim. The Noonan family is reported as afflicted with whooping cough.

Miss Olive Tarbell, of Brookline, was a guest at her home here on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley accepted an invitation to partake of Thanksgiving dinner with friends in Lancaster, going on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blood, accompanied by their son Elliott, and daughters, Mildred and

Marion, spent Thanksgiving in Hyde Park, at the home of Mrs. Lewis. It is understood that Mrs. Blood will remain for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb, accompanied by their children, Barbara, Philip, James and Amella, spent Thanksgiving in Brighton with Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. Lamb's sister. It is expected they will return on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, of Groton, were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington, Mrs. Tuttle's parents.

Miss Bertha Bixby, going on Saturday, visited her sister, Mrs. McCurdy, of Dorchester, over Sunday, being joined there by her sisters, the Misses Isabel and Grace.

The paper mill has been shut down during the past week but it is expected will start again on Sunday night.

Mrs. George Wolaver and three children, visited her mother in Boston over Sunday, returning on Monday.

Harold Strand, of Fitchburg, was at home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

It is understood that the family gathering was complete at Martin O'Malley's on Thursday: Michael O'Malley and wife and Miss Kate O'Malley, of Leominster; also Martin O'Malley, Jr., returning to the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown, of Leominster, were guests on Thursday of Mrs. Enoch Small, Mrs. Brown's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blood and daughter Beatrice spent Thursday in Fitchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Blood's parents.

The selling of three farms within a week—as is understood—is a somewhat unusual occurrence in so small a locality as North Shirley. The places that have changed ownership so recently are: The Charles Holden place, the Neat farm, and the home- stead of Alonzo Jenkins. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are to leave by December 12, and will live with relatives in Townsend.

Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, was a guest of relatives here on Thursday.

The entertainment at the last meeting of the Ladies' Aid consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Miss Susie Hill, and readings by Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge and Mrs. H. D. Bowles. The next regular meeting of the society will be held with Mrs. A. W. Adams on Thursday, December 7.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby on Thursday were, it is understood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Jr., and daughter Marjorie of Winchester, also Clifford Bixby of Philadelphia, who joined Mrs. Bixby and little Dorothy for Thanksgiving. The latter have been staying for some weeks at G. H. Bixby's, with the exception of a short stay in Boston.

Mrs. Thomas Bixby is visiting in Groton with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dugan of Leominster with their daughter Catherine and sons, Elwin and Raymond, visited relatives here on Thursday.

#### A Success.

The fair and supper held under the auspices of the L. A. society on Thursday and Friday of last week were the usual success. The various tables were prettily decorated and well patronized. The exact sum netted has not been learned, but the amount taken was over ninety-three dollars. As the expenses to be deducted from the above amount are not heavy, we may safely assume that the net proceeds will prove satisfactory to all concerned. Those who gave free entertainment during both evenings were: Miss Edna Bowles, Mrs. Earle Sleeper, Mrs. Isabel Wiggins, piano solos; Miss Susie Hill, F. L. Blood, James Hill, vocal solos; Raymond Sleeper and Mrs. Earle Sleeper, xylophone and piano duet; little Gertrude Parker, lullaby; Jerome Bowles, readings, and a chorus of thirteen voices, Mrs. F. L. Blood, pianist.

The ladies in charge of the tables desire to express their appreciation of the generous patronage given them. Thanks are especially due to all those who have so willingly and ably given of their time and talent, not only during the evening of the fair, but throughout the year at various socials and entertainments, and at the regular meetings of the society. To all these helpers the chairman of the entertainment committee would express sincere appreciation of their kindness.

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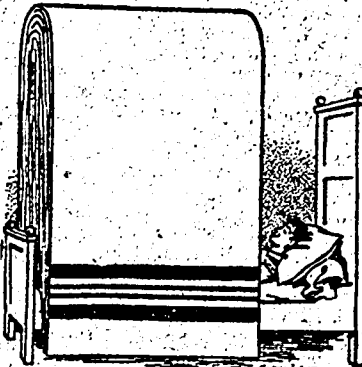
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News Items.

Chief of police Beatty captured two boys on Monday evening who had escaped from the industrial school at Shirley. They were returned to that institution.

The scholars of the first grade in all the schools will remain after recess beginning on Monday.

St. Andrew's Aids meet on Saturday at seven p. m. in the parish room on Washington street.

The officials of the Boston and Maine railroad, who have been toying the system with a view to reducing the operating expenses wherever practicable, were here last Monday. Their decision is not known, but it is safe to say that Ayer will not be affected much in the curtailment of help, or the taking off of trains. This idea seems to be strengthened by reports from other places. The geographical location of Ayer is a strong point in favor of its being made a large railroad center. It is said that several freight trains now stopping at Nashua will run to this town, which will be the headquarters of the train crews.

St. Andrew's Guild holds an important meeting next Tuesday at three o'clock in the parish room.

The selectmen have granted permission to the Ayer Electric Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for pole locations as asked for in the petition printed in this paper last week. The hearings were held last week Friday evening in the selectmen's room.

The N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad have completed double tracking their line between Nashua and Worcester and the first trains ran over the line on Tuesday. Since the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester railroad has been under the management of the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad there has been a large increase of business, both in the passenger and the freight traffic.

E. H. Longley is putting in the foundation for an addition to the house of Austin E. Lawrence on Washington street, which will be built to the north part of the present structure.

R. E. Sargent, of Groton, who has a milk route in town, while on horseback going for his cows, was thrown off the horse's back falling with considerable force on his head and shoulders, and was laid up for three weeks and under the care of a nurse. Last Monday he was able to take charge of his milk route.

John Frederick, car knocker, last week Saturday while at work in the upper railroad yard, had a large jack fall on his left foot, crushing the small toe of the foot so badly that Dr. Hopkins was called and dressed the wound. It will be several days yet before he will be able to return to his work.

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. next Sunday evening, Miss Lily Baker will be the leader.

Tickets are now on sale at Hill's drug store for the entertainment to be given by the Hayden concert company that is to take place in Page hall on Tuesday evening, December 12, the last in the series of three given by the Middlesex Country club.

Narcisse Cornellier of the Union Cash Market, opened last Saturday, the largest and one of the best markets in Concord, N. H., and is there this week. He will have a man from Worcester to take charge of it while he is not there. For the few days it has been opened, he had a rush of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden C. Harlow returned from their wedding journey last Sunday evening.

The twenty-third annual dancing party given by the Hartwell hose company in Page hall on Thursday evening, was largely attended and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Collins' orchestra of Marlboro furnished the music. Light refreshments were served at intermission.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley was confirmed by the governor's council as medical examiner of the tenth Middlesex district on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ernest Gleason, wife of Principal Gleason of the high school, went last week Saturday to her mother's in Somerville for a week. Mr. Gleason went to his father's in Mt. Vernon, N. H., last week Saturday and remained over Sunday. Mr. Gleason joined his wife at Somerville for Thanksgiving and will return tomorrow to be in readiness on Monday morning to take charge of his school.

Commander Edward E. Sawyer, of George S. Barrett camp, S. of V., will inspect A. D. Fessenden camp at Townsend next Monday evening. Several members of the camp will go to Townsend in automobiles with Commander Sawyer.

The horse attached to the wagon of the East Side Fish Market of Leominster, caused considerable excitement Friday forenoon by a wild dash up West street on the sidewalk. The wagon was stopped by a tree in front of the Phelps block and the horse went a short distance further where it was overtaken by the driver. The shafts and harness were broken and one of the horse's feet was slightly scratched. The horse was frightened by a passing train. The harness and wagon was patched up and proceeded on its way.

Kendall Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce, is confined to his home with an attack of malaria.

The family of F. W. Moses spent Thanksgiving here at their summer residence, and are in town to remain over Sunday, when they will return to their home in Providence.

F. J. Perry had an advertisement in this paper last week and there were so many who answered it in person, that he ordered it discontinued. Remember that we print 685 copies of the Public Spirit alone, and advertisers get good results.

Edward Fletcher, formerly of this town, and for the past fifteen years a resident of California, was in town calling on friends this week. He left here to spend Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. E. W. Fletcher, at New York, and from there will go to New York and thence home. Mr. Fletcher

since going west has been engaged in the fruit and produce business, and has met with much prosperity, being now the head of a large business. He is also interested in real estate. A number of years ago he married Miss Mary Batchelder, of this town, daughter of Clark A. Batchelder, who is now an associate justice of the police court of Fitchburg. They have several children.

The work of filling up the new standpipe began yesterday and the process will take a few days as it will be necessary to keep up the daily supply for consumers in the meantime. After the pipe is full it will be tested and when satisfactory will be cleaned out and then filled for permanent use. A telemeter is being installed by telephone connecting the tank with the yumping station, which will register the amount of water in the standpipe. An addition was made to the structure as a matter of necessity in erecting it so that the capacity of the pipe when full will be about 600,000 gallons. Instead of 435,000 gallons, which was the original figure.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Felch will leave Boston for Tampa, Fla., Saturday, December 9, on the Savannah steamer, City of Macon, for Savannah, Ga., where they will arrive the following Wednesday morning, spending a few days of observation in that city. From there they go by train to Jacksonville, Fla., where they will make a stay of a few days, and then go by train to Tampa, Fla., where they will remain for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Felch make this trip annually.

Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson and family spent Thanksgiving in West Acton with Mr. Sanderson's sister.

Bennett Sanderson, the oldest son of Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson, is in the sixth form, or senior class, at Groton School. He will enter Yale college next year, where he already has his room selected.

Mrs. John Quigley, of West Fitchburg, a native of this town, and daughter of the late Patrick Corbett, who resided on Forest street, died at her home on Monday evening, November 27, aged about forty-five years. Mrs. Quigley left town eighteen years ago, and was married sixteen years ago. The funeral was on Thanksgiving morning and burial was in Fitchburg. She is survived by her husband, a brother—John H. Corbett, of Lowell, and two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Mullin, of Ayer, and Miss Anna Corbett, of West Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White, who left on Saturday, November 18, to attend the annual meeting of the American Bankers' association at New Orleans, returned last Monday and had a most delightful trip, enjoying every minute of it.

Two loaded freight cars on a train due here from Worcester on Wednesday morning jumped the track in the upper yard and were badly damaged. On Thursday morning a locomotive backed into a freight on the siding on the cross over track near the cider mill and smashed the tender and later a car was derailed near the same point. The local wrecking crew righted matters.

The electric car which left here for Fitchburg at twelve o'clock yesterday noon, jumped the track in front of the residence of John Slocomb at Shirley. Clayton Wells, who was driving a two-horse team near the scene of the accident when it happened, had a narrow escape from injury. Traffic on the line was delayed for three hours. No one was injured as the car was running slow when the accident happened.

In order to keep the cars warm enough in cold weather with electric heaters installed under the seats, they become uncomfortable to sit on, and are the cause of many complaints. To overcome this the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co. have installed two hot water heaters with the piping like that of a steam car, the heaters being neat and compact in their construction and are working satisfactory so far. The electric heaters still remain intact and can be used in case of necessity.

Mrs. Harry Rothschilds, of New York city last week Friday visited her sister, Mrs. Albert G. Downing, returning to her home Saturday night.

At the next meeting of the Ayer Woman's club, December 6, Mrs. Fred H. Tucker, of Newton, chairman of the conservation committee of the state federation, will speak on conservation. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Nina H. Beverly.

Mr. Chandler, of the Chandler Planer Company, says he would give employment to forty men to go to work on Monday if he could only secure them. This is good news.

Michael McGrail, of Roxbury, was in town on Monday, looking after the estate of his deceased brother—Bartholomew McGrail, and sister, the late Mrs. James McGrail.

The moving picture show this week is to be featured by "The Cheyenne bride," "Swords and hearts," "How Millie became an actress," and "At Jones' ferry." Electric boots and two other of intense interest. Patron a Boston singer is to be in attendance.

Fatal Accident.

Thomas A. Fitzgerald, of this town, was fatally injured by a fall from the inward bound car of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company due here at six o'clock on Thursday evening, at the corner of West Main and Mechanic streets. He was taken to the home of Thomas McGuane, near the scene of the accident, and Dr. Sullivan was summoned to attend him, but the injuries were of such a serious nature that he lived but a few minutes in spite of all that could be done for him. An examination showed a badly fractured skull and the right wrist broken. Dr. Priest, assistant medical examiner, of Groton, was sent for and viewed the body. He ordered Chief of Police Beatty to make an investigation as to how the accident happened and to get, if possible, the real facts in the case. The chief immediately took up the work on which he spent the most of the night and is still busy on the case. The car was in charge of Conductor Joseph Allen and Motorman William Leblaut.

Just how the unfortunate accident happened is not at present known.

As near as can be learned the unfortunate man was returning from Leominster, where he had been visiting his parents. As he was nearing the scene of the accident, which is familiarly known as Brown's corner, he left his seat and went into the rear vestibule of the car with the evident intention of preparing to leave the car upon its arrival at the terminus of the road near the Globe hotel. From this position he was either jostled or fell off the car, resulting in the injuries above described.

Dr. Priest requested Undertaker W. Wright & Son to take charge of the remains. In the meantime the parents of the dead man were notified and came here with Undertaker Foster, of Leominster, and the remains were given in his charge and brought to this town.

Mr. Fitzgerald was about twenty-one years of age at the time of his death. He came here from Leominster four years ago, and has lived here since. For a time he worked for Eugene Rousseau as a barber. Later he started in business for himself in Turner's block in the place formerly occupied by George Teter, who conducted a similar business.

Mr. Fitzgerald was well-known and was very popular with all who knew him. His sudden death came as a severe shock to his friends and to his parents.

Changes Contemplated.

The presence of a number of New Haven railroad officials in Ayer on Monday gave rise to a number of contemplated changes in this vicinity. As near as can be learned this place is to become an important railroad center. It is said that the management of the road have of late taken off a number of regular freight trains and on December 1, will substitute seventeen extra-trains instead, the crews of which will be transferred from Nashua, with headquarters here. All the tracks in the new yards are to be extended so as to accommodate thirty additional cars.

Besides the above changes, it is rumored that after the first of the year, all passes to employees of the road working here will be discontinued. This will mean that employees, who have been residing in Nashua, Fitchburg and Worcester, will either have to pay their fare or else remove to Ayer. If the changes contemplated materialize, Ayer will receive a large number of desirable citizens, whose presence will be beneficial to the town in every respect.

Visited Groton School.

Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson went to Groton School on Wednesday evening, where their son Bennett is a student, and were present at the talk given by Ex-president Roosevelt to the boys of the school. In the first part of the address, Col. Roosevelt spoke of the life of boys after leaving school. He advised them to go to work at once upon something. Then he told them much of his experience on his recent hunting trip abroad, which was a repetition of what has been in print, but coming viva voce in a confidential talk to these boys was of very great interest. Col. Roosevelt also on his arrival in the afternoon visited the Civics class of the school and talked to the boys on that subject.

The ex-president was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Cowles, and came quietly to spend Thanksgiving with his son Quentin, who is a student at Groton School. They were guests of Rev. Endicott Peabody.

Entertainment.

A social was given in Page hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of St. Mary's church. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Ruth Griffin; recitation, Andrew Burke; vocal solo, "The rogues," Charles Lothrop; recitation, "The little school," Ruth Griffin; song, "Oh you beautiful doll," William Moore; recitation, Anthony Anno; vocal duet, Griffin, Miss Burgess; vocal duet, "The birds' ball," Ruth Griffin, Elizabeth Murray; selection, violin and piano, Matthew and Anthony Anno; vander-ville sketch, George Hickey and son of Nashua.

After the entertainment there was dancing, for which the American orchestra furnished music. Refreshments were on sale during the evening.

Is At Home.

Herbert Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Downing, who met with a very serious accident three weeks ago this Saturday, by the explosion of an empty gasoline barrel, part of which struck him in the forehead, returned to his home here the day before Thanksgiving, after remaining two weeks and four days at the Massachusetts General hospital. His head is bandaged and he is under the care of Dr. Hopkins.

When taken to the hospital in Boston the surgeons there gave no hope of his living, owing to the condition he was in, and the frequent convulsions he had, seventeen in all, one after another. His spine was seriously injured besides the fracture of his skull and a broken nose. Should he recover, the surgeons said, he could not leave the hospital for at least a month.

After the ceasing of the convulsions and taking of nourishment, and the constant good care at the hospital, he is in a fair way of recovering from the accident, and in all likelihood with no ill results.

Baptist Notes.

A union Thanksgiving service was held in the Baptist church last Sunday evening, beginning at seven o'clock. The meeting was in charge of Rev. J. W. Thomas, who gave the invocation, which was followed by the singing of the doxology by all. The governor's Thanksgiving proclamation was read by Mr. Thomas. The remainder of the program consisted of singing by the choir and congregation, scripture reading by Rev. P. E. Secret of the Methodist church, prayer by Rev. J. E. Whitley of the Congregational church, address by Rev. Richmond Flak, D. D., of the Unitarian church, a thank offering, singing of "America" by the choir and congregation and benediction by Rev. E. M. Ayers. Dr. Flak's address dealt with the great awakening that is going on over the whole world and the many ways in which efforts for social betterment are working. The resolutions

passed at the peace congress were read and unanimously adopted.

A harvest concert, given by the Sunday school classes, was held at 5.30 o'clock. The platform was decorated with fruits and vegetables appropriate to the occasion, representing the harvest. The program consisted of singing and recitations by the children, which proved very interesting.

Nine men connected with the church went to Leominster last week Thursday evening to attend a meeting in the interest of the Men's Movement, which is now spreading throughout the country. The speaker at the meeting was Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, of New York city, who made a splendid address to the 330 representative men present from the various towns and Fitchburg.

Although this meeting was called through the initiative of the Wachusett Baptist association, the membership in the movement is undenominational, and all are welcome to join. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one.

Ayer Woman's Club.

The club women who attended the neighborhood meeting of the Littleton Woman's club on Monday afternoon enjoyed a rare treat. By courtesy of the hostess' club, the guests were carried from the railroad station in Littleton to the clubroom in the vestry of the Unitarian church in autos, and a social hour was enjoyed before and after the program. This was very pleasant as all the neighboring clubs were represented. Those who attended from Ayer were the following:

Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, Mrs. Nina H. Beverly, Mrs. Charles E. Brown, Mrs. He Brown, Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Harriet H. Bixby, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, Miss Emma Butterfield, Miss Clara E. Blood, Mrs. Marie M. Clark, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. Mary J. Farr, Mrs. Stella Farnsworth, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, Mrs. Charles Hassam, Miss Mary B. Johnson, Mrs. Louise P. Kennison, Mrs. Charles Kennison, Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Mrs. Almida Lawton, Mrs. Laura M. Lewis, Mrs. E. E. Lewis, Miss Blanche Livingston, Mrs. Susan E. Preble, Mrs. Ida Preble, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Winifred E. Perkins, Mrs. Charles Perkins, Mrs. Ruth C. Sherman, Mrs. Hattie Taff, Miss Hattie Whitcomb, Mrs. Nellie A. Whitney, Mrs. Stella F. Stone.

Basketball.

The Civic gymnasium basketball team easily defeated the strong Fitchburg Scholastics five in the town hall on Thursday afternoon before an enthusiastic audience. The local team took the lead from the start and kept it to the end of the game. Donahue was the best player for the gymnasium team, he getting 22 of the 34 points made. For the other side there was no particularly feature. Goals from floor—Flynn, Phillips, Ayer, 2; Poland of Fitchburg; McGuane, Donahue 11; Green 4 of Ayer. Goals from foul—Poland 2, Sullivan 2.

The second game between the Ayer high school and the second gymnasium team resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 25 to 19. McGuane procured the most baskets for his side and scored five high school team goals from floor—Burley, Fillebrown, F. Donahue, McNeil 2, Rooney, M. Donahue 4, McGuane 5, William Sabell and Hedges from foul—Donahue, McGuane, Referee, Forbes, Timmer, Mullin. Time, two fifteen-minute periods.

Cross-Country Run.

The cross-country run under the direction of the Civic gymnasium committee on Thursday afternoon, proved a good deal of attention and many were on hand to witness the event. The start was made in front of the town hall a few minutes before seven o'clock, with six entries: Paul McGuane, Leonard Bowler, Joseph Hurley, William Sabell, Arthur Hart, and Frank Brown. The course was through these streets: Up Main to Washington to Washington court to Pleasant, Main, East Main, Hard road, Hedges road, pond road and East Main to finish at town hall.

Hurley was the winner of the first prize, a handsome silver watch. Bowler was second and was awarded the combination hair brush; and Frank Brown came in third and was given gymnasium shoes. Sabell and Hedges were the contestants when they had gone over a part of the course, and McGuane was disqualified because he failed to cover the entire distance. At the sound of the pistol fired by starter William Forbes of Fitchburg, the contestants started on their run. They kept their relative positions until they reached Washington court, when Hart passed Sabell, going from fifth to fourth position. On the Hard road Pleasant street, Hurley fell back to the next to the last position. Sabell and McGuane were in the lead, Sabell and McGuane in the order of first and second positions respectively.

At the corner of East Main street and Hart road, McGuane dropped out and Hart changed places with Sabell. These positions were held to the home stretch from Gibson's corner to the finish line. On the Hard road Sabell and the others finished in the order already stated. The time for the winner was 15 m. 47 s.

In the contest between William Forbes, of Fitchburg, starter and timer; John M. Maloney, George H. Brown, and William Brown were judges at the start and finish.

Results of Open Season.

The number of deer killed in the five counties of the state during the week ending last Saturday, that period being the open season, was 1291, and the total wounded forty-one, according to the official returns.

Worcester county had the largest number with a record of 279 deer killed and twelve wounded. Franklin county comes second with 239 killed and eight wounded. Hampden county is third with 187 killed and seven wounded. In Berkshire county there were 175 killed and five wounded and in Hampshire 162 killed and nine wounded.

The largest number killed in the various towns is Ludlow 33, Hubbardston 22, Hardwick 21, Chester 19, Becket 17, Deerfield 17, Harvard 10.

Fortune for Pages.

Charles N. Page of Des Moines, Iowa, is looking up descendants of Thomas Page, who lived in Leominster until 1781, moving from there to New Hampshire. There is a big fortune awaiting for someone, so a letter written by Mr. Page to the editor of this paper states. The letter is as follows: Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 24, 1911. Sir: You give me my name and information regarding the descendants of Thomas Page who at an early date lived in Leominster, Mass., but removed to New Hampshire in 1781. Some of his descendants are supposed to have located in your locality though possibly those now living there are not of his line. I am Mr. Wright, of Gurney, N. H., or some other name which married into the Page family at an early date. It appears that owing to the death of other heirs, a large property amounting to several million dollars reverts to this branch of the family.

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and has been lying dormant in the hands of the trustees and executors for many years past. It is supposed that Thomas Page lived until about 1830, but it now becomes important to trace the time and place of his death and names of his descendants. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Yours very truly, CHAS. N. PAGE.

The M. E. church fair, supper and entertainment will be given in the town hall on Thursday, December 7. Sale will open at three p. m., when you will find everything in fancy and home-made articles. Ice cream and cake will also be on sale. Clam supper will be served at six o'clock. Entertainment in the evening by Peter Gordon's orchestra and the Ennis, Towne and Clark comedy company of Boston. Letters remaining at the Ayer post office for the week ending November 27: J. Cassin, James Gillespie, Ernest Gordon, Hugh Mason, Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Mrs. Emma Stanley.

Waldron's glass blowers, spinners and weavers of hot glass will give an exhibition that will interest and amuse every intelligent lady, gentleman and child at Page hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6, at eight p. m. Specimens of glass work in its finest production of articles too numerous to mention will be given at each entertainment. An amusing competition in glass blowing will be given at five school boys. A glass souvenir will be given each visitor free. These entertainments are for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church. Services at St. Andrew's church on Sunday will be at 10.45 a. m., holy communion. Sunday school at twelve o'clock.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Loudon, of Cambridge, with daughter Bernice, visited relatives in town on Thanksgiving day.

Stanley F. White, of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is spending Thanksgiving holidays at home.

John Halpin spent Thanksgiving at his home in Littleton.

Herbert M. Dickson, who is confined at Faulkner hospital, Jamaica Plain, continues to improve and Shirley residents are now looking forward with pleasure to his return home. Mr. Dickson, though absent, is not forgotten, and we know he must certainly have been reminded of this fact since his confinement in the hospital. Indeed many acts of kindness to the people of Shirley have most assuredly been kindly remembered by the people as a whole, and Mr. Dickson must have been forcibly but pleasantly impressed with the fact of "What we sow, we reap."

Rev. Enoch F. Bell, of Boston, corresponding secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning, December 3, at 10.45 o'clock. Mr. Bell will speak from his own personal experience in foreign fields.

Miss Elsie Bohanon, of Nashua, N. H., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden.

Daniel Tetrault attended the wedding of his daughter, Miss Valida Tetrault, of Leominster, who was united in marriage on Monday to Alfred J. More, of Leominster. The ceremony took place in St. Cecilia's church, Rev. W. Balthazard officiating.

Mrs. Lucy (Graves) Boshier died the first of the week at her home in Manchester, N. H., the funeral taking place on Wednesday. Mrs. Boshier was seventy-three years of age and was a niece of Mrs. Mary Hastings and Mrs. Sarah Holt, of Harvard road. The amusing little farce, "Packing a missionary barrel," was presented in the vestry of the Congregational church last week Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., with the following cast of characters:

Mrs. Margaret Love, Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, Mrs. Harry Collins, Mr. Albert Dearn, Miss Blanche Wells, Mrs. George S. Wells, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, Mrs. Harding M. James and Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook.

There was also a well laden table of home-made candy, which was well patronized. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman are entertaining Mrs. Maynard Wilkie, of Kingsley Falls, P. Q. She is a niece of Mrs. Brockelman.

Miss Lillian Kelly of Lake George, N. B., has arrived at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Will Love. Miss Kelly will remain in Shirley and has accepted a position in the warping department of the C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co., to commence her duties next Monday morning.

The Tyrolean Alpine singers, of Boston, assisted by Miss Cora O. Remaden, reader, also of Boston, will

give an entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening, December 3, under the auspices of the Congregational church Brotherhood.

Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving day was very appropriately observed by the boys of the industrial school, sports, of various kinds being indulged in with a fine turkey dinner served at noon. In the evening a concert was given in the chapel under the direction of U. H. Barrows, musical director at the school. The program consisted of a farce and musical numbers by the boys at the school, and the day as a whole was passed in solid feasting and enjoyment. Miss Eva Beaudette spent Thanksgiving day in West Newbury with friends.

C. F. Edgerton and family of Concord, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Edgerton. John Gilmartin spent the day with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Cynthia E. Lynch entertained the following guests on Thursday: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roberts, Mrs. Charles Ferguson and Edward Randall, all of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Baldwin entertained their son Frank and family, of Baldwinville, and son Amasa and family from Boston. Howard Willoughby, head gardener for C. W. Marshall, spent the day at his home in Pepperell. Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Peavey, of Lynn, with daughter Ruth, were at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen entertained the following guests: Mrs. Mary Hastings, Mrs. Sarah Holt, Miss Helen M. Winslow, Miss Harriet Winslow, Miss Mabel Hazen, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, Mrs. Mary Tucker, Mrs. Mary Nickless and Miss Alison B. Winslow. Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronson spent the day with Mr. Bronson's mother in Baldwinville. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young, of Westminster, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch. Miss Mabel Hazen, school teacher in New Haven, Conn., is spending the Thanksgiving holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomret spent the day at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. George Pomret, of Westbury. Miss Mildred Tilden, of Smith's Falls, and Miss Arline Wilbur, of Ashmunham academy, are spending the Thanksgiving holidays at home.

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### STORMY CAMPAIGN DURING ANTI-MASONIC DAYS

Some of the things which happened among our forefathers when there was violent opposition to secret societies.

In the midst of the strenuousness of twelfth century political life it may be cool and refreshing to take a look backwards and for a moment enter the political arena of the fathers and grandfathers. A real rough and terrible campaign which runs swift and close is not wholly a product of the new century. In proof of this movement the following items about the anti-masonic period are presented:

The anti-masonic party and movement had its inception in the abduction and mysterious disappearance of William Morgan of Batavia, N. Y., in 1826. Morgan had threatened to publish a book giving away the secrets of the Masonic order and his unaccountable disappearance was charged up to that order.

The feeling grew to embrace a violent opposition to all secret societies and their friends. In 1828 Andrew Jackson, a Mason, was chosen president by the democratic party. The principal opposition at that time was the national republican party with John Quincy Adams as its candidate.

The anti-secret society sentiment waxed warm and strong until in 1832 a national anti-masonic party was organized, holding their own convention at Baltimore, September 26, 1832, and nominating William Wirt of Maryland and Amos Ellmaker of Pennsylvania for president and vice-president.

That the anti-masonic feeling was not wide spread, Henry Clay was the nominee for that year for the white party. He also was a Mason. Both Jackson and Clay were past grand masters in their states, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The following statement of the 1832 popular vote will show Jackson 687,502, Clay 539,209, William Wirt 33,108. During this interesting period Vermont cast seven votes for Wirt presidential electors (1832), being the only electoral votes given this candidate. Their names were Ezra Butler of Waterbury, Augustine Clarke of Danville, James Tarbox of Randolph, John S. Pettibone of Manchester, Nathan Leavenworth of Hinesburg, William Strong of Hartford, Amos Thompson of Poutney.

The state was represented in national congress as follows: Senate—Horatio Seymour 1821-1833, Samuel Prentiss 1831-1842, House—Jonathan Hunt 1827-1832, William Cahoon 1827-1833, Horace Everett 1829-1843, William Slade 1831-1843, Herman Allen 1832-1839.

The population of Vermont in 1830 was 280,852 and that of the United States 12,866,020. There were twenty-four states and the electoral college was composed of 288 members of which Vermont had seven in 1828 and 1829. Samuel C. Crafts of Craftsbury was governor. In 1830 three candidates came to the front with votes as follows: Mr. Crafts, the national republican and Masonic candidate 13,486, William A. Palmer of Danville, the Anti-Masonic candidate 10,925, Ezra Meech of Shelburne, the administration democratic candidate 6,285. There being no choice by the people, this drew the election into the legislature, which resulted in favor of Mr. Crafts on the thirty-second ballot, by a majority of one.

In 1831, on popular vote, Palmer, Anti-Masonic, received 15,258 votes, Herman Allen, national republican, 12,990, Ezra Meech, democratic, 6,158, scattering, 270. This election also went to the legislature with the above candidates in running, with the addition of Samuel C. Crafts, who ran on the national republican ticket. There were 227 votes in joint assembly, and on the ninth ballot Palmer was chosen by one majority, having 114 votes.

In 1832, the popular vote stood—William A. Palmer, Anti-Masonic, 17,318, Samuel C. Crafts, national republican, 15,499, Ezra Meech, democratic, 8,210. There being no choice by the people, the election went to the legislature. The record as taken from the journal in the office of the secretary of state, though interesting, is indefinite as to the result of the various balloting. As a sample of the record of the governor and council, we submit the following, which is a transcript of the proceeding:

"In joint committee, October 13, 1832, pursuant to adjournment, the council and house of representatives met in joint committee for the purpose of electing a governor and lieutenant-governor for the year ensuing. Hon. Benjamin F. Deming, of Danville, president of the council, in the chair, Timothy Merrill, of Montpelier, clerk. The committee proceeded to ballot for governor, and after several ballotings and no choice being made, on motion of Mr. Hale of Newbury, the committee adjourned until October 15.

"In joint committee, pursuant to adjournment, Hon. Benjamin F. Deming, president of the council in the chair, Timothy Merrill, clerk, the committee proceeded to ballot for governor, and after several ballotings and no election being made, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Castleton, the committee adjourned until ten o'clock the next day, the sixteenth of October.

"In joint committee, October 16, 1832, a. m. pursuant to adjournment, the committee proceeded to ballot for a governor, and after several ballotings and no choice being made, a motion was made by Mr. Hammond, of Middlebury, to suspend the balloting for governor and proceed immediately to the choice of lieutenant-governor, on which motion a debate arising. On motion of Mr. Smith, of St. Albans, the joint committee adjourned to two o'clock, p. m.

"In joint committee, October 16, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, the committee resumed the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Hammond in the forenoon, on which question, after debate, the yeas and nays were taken: Affirmative 113, negative 112.

"In joint committee, October 18, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, etc., Mr. Warner, of Andover, moved to suspend balloting for lieutenant-governor and proceed immediately to the election of governor. The question being taken was determined in the affirmative, whereupon the committee proceeded to ballot for governor. The

ballots having been taken and examined, William A. Palmer was duly elected governor."

Much of the political history of the state may be found in the Governor's annual report, edited and published some thirty years ago by E. P. Walton, of Montpelier. In Volume Eight, in a note at the bottom of page sixty, Mr. Walton says Gov. Palmer was elected on the forty-third ballot, receiving 111 votes against seventy-two for Gov. Crafts, and thirty-seven for Ezra Meech.

In 1833, the people elected the governor—Palmer 20,665, Meech 15,683, Horatio Seymour (Whig) 1,765, John Roberts 772, scattering 120. In 1834—Palmer 17,131, William C. Bradley, democrat, 10,385, Horatio Seymour, whig, 10,159, scattering 84. Mr. Palmer was chosen governor in joint assembly on the first ballot, having 126 votes out of 168 votes cast. The democratic and whig parties foreseeing the near dissolution of the Anti-Masonic party, did not wage an aggressive warfare. In joint assembly Mr. Seymour announced his withdrawal as a candidate before the joint assembly by letter, and it is assumed that Mr. Bradley did the same, both of these old parties making a bid for the support from the Anti-Masons when the hour of dissolution as a party should arrive.

In 1835, Palmer had 16,210, Bradley, democratic, had 13,254, Paine, whig, had 5,435, scattering fifty-four—no choice by the people. Lebbens Edgerton, of Randolph, was elected lieutenant-governor each time Palmer was governor.

The Anti-Masonic ticket of this year's election (1835), L. H. Wilbur, in his history of Vermont, Vol. 4, page 31, says: "The joint assembly balloted unsuccessfully for governor from October 9, until November 2. There were sixty-three ballotings taken and the highest vote that Palmer received was 112 out of a total of 226. The joint assembly was dissolved without the election of a governor by a vote of 113 to 100. Silas H. Jennison, of Shoreham, became acting governor."

It would seem that from 1835, the Anti-Masonic party dissolved into the whig party, for Silas H. Jennison, who was chosen lieutenant-governor on the Anti-Masonic ticket, received five successive elections on the whig ticket by popular vote. History and tradition are evidence that the period we have considered was one of the most exciting and closely contested in all our political history.

A rather unusual condition seems to have prevailed during this period as appears from the five annual speeches which correspond to our present day messages of the governor, delivered by Gov. Palmer, which appears in full in Vol. 8, of Governor and Council.

It would be no more than human to suppose that a governor elected on a distinctive party platform, with party issues at a white heat, should incorporate into his messages some Anti-Masonic ideas and recommendations. However, the speeches of Gov. Palmer discuss national issues and the more important state matters in a clear, concise and able manner. Like Abraham Lincoln, all of Gov. Palmer's speeches breathe deeply of peace and could come only from a man who loved all the people. If William A. Palmer was a bitter partisan, the head and center of the turbulent Anti-Masonic movement, he was broad-minded and patriotic enough to refrain from using his most formidable weapon of warfare.

Wilbur's history narrates an event showing something of the feeling of this period: "In 1829, Hon. John Cotton, a Mason, was superintendent of the state prison at Windsor. Joseph Burnham was convicted of a crime and sentenced to prison, where he died. Some time after, one Joshua Cobb claimed that he saw Burnham in New York city. Burnham's son, who was a Mason, had visited his father while sick in prison, and it was claimed by the Anti-Masons that through the collusion of the superintendent and son, the father was liberated and spirited away, and that the reported death and pretended burial was a sham. The matter grew to such importance that at the session of 1829, a committee of which Robert Pierpoint, a Mason, was chairman, was chosen to investigate the matter. The committee had the body exhumed and the remains identified by the widow, and the matter ended in a victory for the Masons.

Out of this affair came a political pamphlet, entitled "The doleful tragedy of the raising of Joe Burnham, or the cat let out of the bag," which was printed in Woodstock in 1832, its purpose being to satirize Anti-Masonry. This is one of Vermont's very rare pamphlets.

I believe from about 1828-1836, that Danville, Vt., was the Masonic, or perhaps the Anti-Masonic storm center in Vermont, which brings to mind an almost forgotten chapter in our civil, religious and political history. Probably no question ever stirred Vermonters entering into the whole life of the community equal to the Anti-Masonic movement. This movement was more vital than the anti-slavery question, because the yeomanry of the state were more equally divided on the former and the temper back of the Anti-Masonic movement was susceptible of heat and explosion. The fact that the period of Anti-Masonry belonged to a generation now extinct and almost forgotten, mellowed and softened while memory reaches back to the days of union, secession, nigger abolitionists and copperheads, bringing the bitterness of that period into plainer view.

Toucing the Anti-Masonic period, the late Dr. Spaulding, of Haverhill, N. H. says in his reminiscences: "The old federal party in Vermont, in consequence of this opposition to the War of 1812, had become so unpopular as to lose all political influence and therefore resolved to regain it by taking advantage of this excitement in New York, and was much encouraged by their success. They induced the editor of the North Star at Danville, an expelled Mason, August 20, 1828, whose name was Ebenezer Eaton, to take up the work and publish an Anti-Masonic paper. The institution was not only attacked but every Mason whatever his character might have been heretofore, was

denounced as a liar and a murderer, and unless he would renounce and denounce Masonry, was unworthy of being a fit member of society. Some went so far as to proscribe Masons in their business, and a few said they longed to see them put to the guillotine. Ministers were dismissed from their parishes and some of our most worthy members of our churches were excommunicated.

Such things as the above were printed in Eaton's paper. He stumped in every home, and in 1832, he succeeded in electing his neighbor, William A. Palmer, of Danville, as the Anti-Masonic governor, who reigned till 1835, when the Anti-Masonic party realized they were dead. In the History of Old Newbury Seminary, published by Horace W. Bailey, now U. S. Marshal, for Vermont in 1901, a sketch of Rev. Solomon Sias was presented from that sketch. The following paragraphs are taken, showing the standing of Father Sias and Anti-Masonic feeling of that period:

Mr. Sias was one of the first fruits of Methodism in Danville, joining the church soon after his conversion in 1804. He joined the N. E. conference on June 23, 1806, and was appointed to the Poland, Me., circuit in 1807, to the Barnard and Rochester circuit in 1808. He was ordained by Bishop Asbury, and held the Barre, Athens and Wethersfield circuits in 1811. He was appointed presiding elder of the New Hampshire district, continuing four years. His circuit reached from Connecticut river across New Hampshire and included the western towns in Maine and from Canada line on the north to Charlestown, N. H., on the south.

It was his custom to make the rounds every quarter. What would the presiding elder of the twentieth century think of such a district, and that too, with blazed trees to mark the highway, fording streams, and many times sleeping in the forest. He held pastorates in Lynn, Marblehead, Providence, R. I., Portland, Me., and other ones in Massachusetts. In Boston, in 1824, he was identified with Zion's Herald and was a candidate for bishop, but gave way for his friend, Elijah Hedding.

Mr. Sias was an enthusiastic Mason of high degree. He was a Royal Arch Mason in Providence, R. I., as early as 1818, and in 1820, he was Most Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar. While in Boston he was the officer in command of the Knights at the reception of Lafayette in 1825. Mr. Sias' prominence as a Mason brought down upon his head the vials of wrath and terrific storm of indignation.

On his retirement to Danville in 1828, that town was one of the head centers of Anti-Masonry. The little church that had called him to the ministry twenty-five years before, and had given him his license to preach, which hitherto had loved and honored him, yeal almost idolized him, which had filled the old church to overflowing on his occasional returns, now shunned him, closed the pulpit at his approach, refused him the privilege of his communion table. A child of one of his friends dying, he was asked to preach the funeral sermon. The officers of the church forbade his entering the pulpit, and the exercises were conducted in the open air on the common in front of the church.

But another blow was to fall heavier than that had a few years before, that had witnessed his successes with loud amens, and gloried in his achievements arraigned him at its bar and demanded that he renounce Masonry or be expelled. This Solomon Sias would never do. Straightening himself before the bishop, he said: "I have passed from an entered apprentice through the different degrees of Masonry until I have sat as Grand Master, and have found no fault in it. I cannot leave it, but for peace's sake, if my brothers wish, I will abstain from sitting in lodge. He would grant so much and nothing more." A stormy debate followed and at length this concession was accepted.

In Peacham, an adjoining town, the war on Masonry waged full as strong as in Danville. There had been a lodge by the name of Ancient Land Mark No. 62, formed there in 1824. The war was so strong against Masons and Masonry so much so, that the Anti-Masons upset the lodge in town in 1830. The Congregational minister, by the name of Leonard Worcester, who was made a Mason in 1808, renounced it and a Mrs. Dolly Varnum were generals in that war.

Priest Worcester pounded out his wrath against the Masonic order in great shape and a good many members renounced it. Alanson Stevens, a brother of the Hon. Thaddeus, congressman from Pennsylvania, who was so prominent in President Andrew Johnson's impeachment proceedings, was also one of the most rabid Anti-Masons. The feeling ran so high in town that there was a great amount of excitement. In 1832, some of the members of the old lodge gave the bible that they had used in the lodge to the new Methodist church in town that was organized that year, for a pulpit bible. This gift caused trouble at once. There was great opposition to the use of that bible and came near dividing the church. Everybody took it up, all hands of both churches and those that did not go to any, and the sentiment was so strong against it that it must be got rid of.

After the trouble had run six months, the bible disappeared from the church one night and was not heard from there till 1866, when a man, by the name of William Varnum, had sold his farm and was going west. He being a Methodist, called the people of that church to meet him at the church on an evening that he named, at early candle light, as he wanted to see them all before he went away. He had a story to tell them, so there was a good turn-out. The evening passed the usual way, and before it was over he said: "Perhaps some of you old members remember when this church was organized in 1832, that some of the members of an extinct lodge of Masons gave a bible to this church for the pulpit." Quite a number present did remember the bible, and the excitement it caused in the church and community that was a frenzy. Many a one lost his head

over the subject as it spread over the town like wildfire, and came near being very much like the ravings of what happened in eastern Massachusetts in 1692, in witchcraft days. Mr. Varnum said:

"I know something about that book. Those that were opposed to having it there put a boy through a window and he passed it out to those outside, and I was that boy." He added that he did not know what became of it, but it was probably burned as it never was heard from. He said: "I thought I would tell you this before I left." He was a boy of twelve years of age in 1832, and had kept that to himself all those years. At that time, in 1866, that church had a minister by the name of David Parker, who was a Mason.

The late Jonas Wilder, of Woodstock, Vt., who died in 1906, aged ninety-three, told the writer a couple of years before he died, that in 1875, he met a man by the name of Masters, who was an old sea captain, living at Schaghticoke, N. Y., ten miles from Troy, who had retired. This Capt. Masters wrote an article that was published in the Troy Times about meeting Morgan, who it was claimed was killed in 1826, in Turkey. Until then I supposed the Masons killed Morgan, same as many others did. When he met Capt. Masters, he was strongly impressed with him. He said he asked him about the details and if the article he published was true. He said yes. He gave me the date when it occurred and said he was in a Turkish port nearly three months, told what port. His mate was a man from Maine.

The mate had been ashore one day and when he came back told him he had met an old boy acquaintance and his name was Morgan, and was the man that it was said that the Masons killed in America. He said he dressed in Turkish costume and embraced their religion, and held quite an important office under the Turkish government. He knew him at once when he met him, as they were school boys together and knew him as a young man before he left Maine.

The next day the captain went ashore with the mate and they called on Morgan; after that met him many times. There were English ships in port. The captain and mate with officers from the English vessels went on shore, had a dinner with Morgan as a guest. They invited him to go aboard the vessels and have a dinner, but he could not accept, apparently for reason that they might kidnap him and bring him to America. Mr. Wilder said: "I firmly believe the captain told the truth. He was not a Mason, neither was his mate, so there was no incentive to make up the story."

The late Ben Perley Poore, the famous war correspondent, of Newburyport, Mass., wrote an article about meeting Morgan a little over fifty years ago, when he was traveling in Europe, at a port in Turkey, and Morgan admitted who he was.

In Anti-Masonic days there were two prominent editors who were the most furious against Masonry in New York—Horace Greeley and Thurlow Weed. At one time, after Greeley had made one of his furious editorials in the New York Tribune, against Masonry, a prominent Mason, a judge who lived in Utica, wrote an article and had it printed in a local paper in reply to Greeley's editorial, that matter if any one cared to look the matter up as why Greeley had so much opposition to Masonry, they could come to Utica and have a look at the records of a certain Masonic lodge that he named, and on a certain evening they could see why Greeley had so much objection to Masonry. That was the end of Greeley's raid on Masonry.

After the above article appeared, Thurlow Weed kept up his objection to Masonry and its principals to the end of his life, in 1878, at about eighty years of age.

The writer lived for thirty years in Peacham, Vt., which is the next town to Danville, the stronghold of Anti-Masonry in Vermont, and knew some of the actors in that war as old people when he was a boy.

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Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
4:49	12:30	5:46	12:49
6:55	2:04	6:25	1:42
8:15	2:45	7:00	2:49
8:54	4:00	7:55	3:42
9:30	4:29	8:10	4:22
11:00	5:08	8:30	5:53
11:30	5:34	9:15	6:11
	5:59	9:25	6:32
	6:19	10:35	7:42
	7:03	11:02	9:07
	7:30		
	9:15	5:46	4:11
	11:29	8:05	6:42
Sundays	12:30	10:08	5:53
	9:30	1:10	6:42
	11:00	2:00	7:42
		4:00	
		7:30	
		10:05	

Ayer to Fitchburg		Fitchburg to Ayer	
Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
5:57	1:30	6:25	1:17
8:08	3:43	7:30	2:28
9:14	3:46	8:05	3:10
10:25	5:13	7:45	4:00
10:31	6:10	9:03	5:27
11:58	6:25	10:12	5:38
	7:18	10:40	6:10
	7:29		7:20
	8:27		8:42
	11:02		
Sundays	3:32	5:20	3:50
	5:05	7:35	4:15
	8:27	9:03	5:27
	11:18	9:44	6:30

Ayer to Worcester		Worcester to Ayer	
Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
5:57	1:30	6:25	1:17
8:08	3:43	7:30	2:28
9:14	3:46	8:05	3:10
10:25	5:13	7:45	4:00
10:31	6:10	9:03	5:27
11:58	6:25	10:12	5:38
	7:18	10:40	6:10
	7:29		7:20
	8:27		8:42
	11:02		
Sundays	3:32	5:20	3:50
	5:05	7:35	4:15
	8:27	9:03	5:27
	11:18	9:44	6:30

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WEEK DAY TIME.

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day morning on "The time of the cru-  
sades," and at the evening service a  
report of the men's missionary meet-  
ing and banquet in Leominster last  
week Thursday evening was given in  
a very interesting manner by Benja-  
min Hodgman. The Y. P. S. C. E.  
service was conducted by Mrs. Fred  
A. Patch, on a Thanksgiving topic.

William Doolan, from Ayer, a former  
resident of this village for many  
years, has been employed here on the  
telephone wire works for a few days,  
and has been renewing old acquaint-  
ances.

Winifred Reed, from Boston, spent  
Sunday with his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Alexander Reed.

The Baptist pulpit will be occupied  
by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose,  
on Sunday morning and evening. The  
Y. P. S. C. E. will be led by Miss  
Alice Seaver, and the service will be  
followed by the regular monthly pray-  
er meeting. The cottage prayer  
meeting will be held at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle on  
next Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Study club will meet on  
next Thursday afternoon at the read-  
ing-room and take up the study of  
Macbeth, the reading being in charge  
of Mrs. George A. Seaver.

The Men's club held their regular  
meeting in the reading-room on Tues-  
day evening and discussed current  
events.

Mrs. Allison, who has been quite  
seriously ill at the home of her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, is much  
improved.

The Ladies' Literary and Social cir-  
cle, which was to meet with Mrs. Ed-  
ward A. Craig last week Friday after-  
noon, was postponed on account of the  
hunt supper, and will meet next  
Friday afternoon.

Charles and Benjamin Hodgman at-  
tended the meeting of the Men's Mis-  
sionary movement at Leominster last  
week Thursday evening.

The Misses Lottie and Myrtle Hor-  
bart, from Waltham, are at the home  
of their mother, Mrs. William Robbins.

Mrs. Luther Blood, who has rooms  
at the parsonage, is out-of-town for a  
few days.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselyn-  
ville, has returned from a few days'  
visit to friends in Boston and vicinity.

It is an interesting fact to note that  
carpets are being manufactured at the  
Belgrade rug factory at the present  
time for the homes of Henry Cabot  
Lodge, a famous politician, and Win-  
ston Churchill, a noted novelist and  
writer, and also for the Hotel Tour-  
aine, Boston.

Wilbur Z. Sherwin and his force of  
carpenters are employed upon a build-  
ing in Worcester.

Mrs. Charles B. Stickney has re-  
turned from a few days' visit to rela-  
tives in Somerville.

Henry B. Hathaway has been enjoy-  
ing a few days' vacation with friends  
in Boston.

Foster Hamilton and family have  
moved from the tenement in William  
Tenney's house on Main street, which  
they have occupied for several years  
into the lower tenement of the Moore  
house in Josselynville, formerly oc-  
cupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

The total number of library books  
distributed from the reading-room for  
the month of November is 178.

The schools were closed on Wed-  
nesday afternoon for the remainder  
of the week. Miss Blanche Sprague  
left on Wednesday noon for her home  
in Reedsboro, Vt., and Mrs. Alexan-  
der Reed substituted for her during  
the afternoon.

Hunt Supper.

Owing to the ill-health of Mrs. An-  
drew Shattuck, wife of the landlord  
of the Squannacook hotel, the annual  
hunt supper, which is usually in their  
charge, was handed over to the Lad-  
ies' Baptist Benevolent society, who  
very successfully served a chicken  
supper with fish at the Baptist ves-  
tries last week Thursday evening.

Twenty-seven of the thirty-two who  
participated in the hunt were present  
and did full justice to the ample pro-  
visions set before them and report  
one of the best served and most heart-  
ily enjoyed affairs of its kind. Mrs.  
Alert H. Wilson, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose,  
Miss Mabel Thompson and Miss Bertha  
Boynton acted as waitresses, and after  
the supper the men adjourned to the  
engine hall opposite where the even-  
ing was very pleasantly passed in  
billiards, checkers and other games  
and social amusements. On Friday  
noon, the ladies gave a chicken dinner  
in the vestry, which was well attended  
in spite of the storm.

Townsend Center.

The Monday club met this week with  
Mrs. Florence Fessenden and Mrs.  
Fessenden gave her guests a deli-  
cious treat in providing a myroscope  
entertainment which added greatly to  
the afternoon's enjoyment. She gave  
an interesting account of her recent  
motor trip through England and Scot-  
land, and by the aid of the myroscope  
she illustrated her talk by many beau-  
tiful post cards which were thrown  
upon a screen like magic lantern pic-  
tures. Mrs. Moore, of Quincy, sang  
English and Scotch songs during the  
afternoon which were greatly enjoyed  
by all. Refreshments were served  
in the dining-room during the social  
hour.

Mrs. Victor Miller and friend, Mrs.  
Moore, of Quincy, are the guests of  
Mrs. A. D. Fessenden this week.

The grange had a spelling match at  
their meeting on Monday evening, No-  
vember 27, the captains being George  
L. Whitcomb and Frank Knight. The  
time for spelling was limited and  
when the match was ended both sides  
had the same number, so the match  
was a draw. A dinner and lunch  
was in order, but there were few  
present with dinner walls. Stories of  
school days were told by different  
members and popcorn was served to  
all present. Four visitors from Brook-  
line, N. H., were present.

An oyster supper was held at the  
vestry of the M. E. church on Tues-  
day evening under the auspices of the  
Baraca club. In the evening there

was an enjoyable entertainment, com-  
prising tableaux, recitations, singing,  
etc., which showed that much work  
had been put forth in preparing it.

Mrs. Wood and granddaughter, of  
Eagle Bridge, N. Y., are guests at Dr.  
A. J. Atwood's. Mrs. Jane Atwood,  
who lives with her son, the doctor, is  
a great-grandmother of the little girl.

Miss Esther Eastman, who has been  
teaching at Walpole, N. H., has re-  
turned home for a several-weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son,  
of Waltham, are at T. E. Flarity's this  
week.

Mrs. Herbert Wilson has been quite  
ill this week with acute indigestion.

Cups Presented.

The winners of the nine silver cups  
presented this week Wednesday eve-  
ning at Memorial hall are as follows;  
each player having participated in  
sixty-five percent of the games played:  
Best general average, A. G. Eastman,  
475.

Highest batting average, Robert Teo-  
han, 367.

Best batting average, A. G. Eastman,  
366.

Scoring of largest number of runs,  
S. W. Keefe, 28.

First home run, Robert J. Teehan.

Reaching first base most times, S. W.  
Keefe, 52.

Most two-base hits, R. J. Teehan, 5.

Most stolen bases, A. Eastman, 11.

Most sacrifice hits, H. L. Whitcomb, 5.

It was decided when the cups were  
donated in the spring at the annual  
meeting that no hired players should  
be eligible to compete as the cups  
were offered to those who got no com-  
pense for their services during the  
year. The competition has been keen  
and very close, and all averages have  
been better than those of last year.

The table showing the fielding and  
batting averages of the players will be  
printed in this paper next week, as  
they were received too late for this  
issue. The boys are all home play-  
ers, but Bartlett, of Pepperell, and  
all have made a good record.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. R. Ernest Tarbell and Mrs.  
Julia Lawrence, of Pepperell, have  
been guests of Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall  
spent the holiday in Boston and vic-  
inity.

Miss Mildred Gilman enjoyed a day  
in New York while en route to Flori-  
da, being the guest of Alfred J. Cox.

Mrs. Fred Green, of Nashua, has  
been the guest of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Russell.

James H. S. Tucker made a brief  
visit at the Tucker homestead last  
week.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye were  
Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
Ernest Nye, at Sandown.

Miss M. Elizabeth Whitcomb of  
Townsend, was the guest of Mrs.  
Adella Whicom on last Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Gilman Bailey and little  
daughter Mildred, of Milford, are at  
the Gilman homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett spent  
the week at Linden and Dedham.

Members of the Sunbonnet club  
made an informal call at the Russell  
farm on Saturday afternoon, Novem-  
ber 25, and reminded Mrs. Clara Rus-  
sell that she had reached another  
milestone by presenting her with a  
Sunbonnet pitcher. A tempting lunch  
was served by the hostess. The pleas-  
ure of the afternoon was interrupted  
by the chimney catching fire, and for  
awhile serious results were appre-  
hended. It burned until midnight, but  
fortunately no damage was done.

Mrs. Oscar Elliott and little son  
Chester have been detained at home  
by illness.

Master Norman Frost is to return  
to Pittsfield, Me., with his aunt, Miss  
Florence Frost, for the winter.

Mrs. Edward C. Tucker is to spend  
part of the winter at Quincy, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Seaver,  
Mrs. Etta Seaver Clarke, of Wareham,  
Miss Jessie Seaver and Mrs. Mary  
Corey were the guests of Rev. and  
Mrs. James Nelson Seaver on Thank-  
sgiving.

Mrs. Florence Rockwood has re-  
turned to her home in the west part  
of the town.

Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton and Miss  
Marie Jordan, of Pepperell, were  
guests of Mrs. Edward C. Tucker on  
Monday.

Grange.

Wednesday evening, November 22,  
the fourth degree was conferred at  
the local grange and a very pleasing  
competitive entertainment given by the  
brothers and sisters. The brothers  
presented the amusing farce, "Look-  
ing for trouble," the cast including  
Alfred S. Barnaby, James Gilson,  
Fred Hall, Chester Barnaby and Wal-  
lace Jenness. Reading were given by  
Capt. Alexander Taylor and Clarence  
Russell.

The sisters gave a sketch by Mrs.  
Edna Hall and Miss Lila Barnaby,  
and a "Mother Goose party," the fol-  
lowing characters causing much mer-  
itement:

Simple Simon.....Miss Blanche Hall

Jack Sprit and wife.....Mrs. Hattie Pierce

Old woman whiner so high.....Mrs. Ella Rockwood

Mary, quite contrary.....Mrs. Edna Hall

Miss Mabel and Esther Farnsworth

Two little girls in blue.....Mrs. Maude Green

Miss Ethel Taylor, Mrs. Maude Green

Little Miss Muffet.....Miss Madie Nye

Mary and her little lamb.....Mrs. O'Connell and daughter Flor-

Little Nanetticoat.....Mrs. Della Hall

Mrs. Lucy Marshall, Mrs. Clara

Russell, Mrs. Lucretia Martin, Mar-  
ion Holcombe and Alice Whitcomb  
also participated in the festivities.

The sisters were the victors. Morton  
Campbell, Mrs. Mary Barber and Hen-  
ry Shattuck were the judges.

An excellent supper was served un-  
der the supervision of Mrs. Della Hall  
and Mrs. Lucretia Martin.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

John Corliss received a very serious  
injury last week by a kick from a  
horse. The horse was one Mr. Corliss  
had on trial. He kicked Mr. Corliss  
on the knee and literally shattered it.  
The physician could do little to re-  
store it to normal condition.

Friends of James Jewett of South  
Framingham, Mass., were sorry to  
hear of his serious illness in the hos-  
pital. Mr. Jewett visited his relatives  
in Hollis the last week in October.

About two weeks ago an open letter  
was addressed to Hon. Franklin Wor-  
cester of this town, asking him to  
favorably consider the requests which  
have been made to him, to become the  
candidate of the Republican party of  
New Hampshire for the next governor  
of the state. The Manchester Union  
and Nashua Telegraph came out em-  
phatically that Mr. Worcester is the  
man upon whom all factions can unite.  
No man is better known or more high-  
ly respected throughout Hillsborough  
county than Mr. Worcester. Rumor  
says that he has consented to stand as  
candidate, which the citizens of Hollis  
trust will be confirmed.

The Thanksgiving service of the  
church was held Wednesday evening,  
instead of Thursday forenoon. This  
was tried as an experiment last year,  
and proved so successful the pastor  
decided to continue the plan.

Last Sunday the pastor gave a forcible  
sermon in an eloquent manner on  
"God's call to man." The table front  
of the pulpit was suitably decorated  
with Thanksgiving fruit and vegeta-  
bles.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis entertain-  
ed Mr. Davis' four sisters with their  
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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jewett spent  
their Thanksgiving in Pepperell with  
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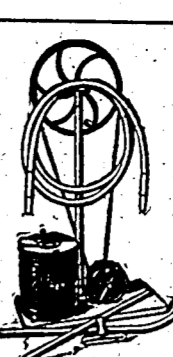
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### PEPPERELL.

#### Items of News.

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will hold their annual Christmas sale in Central hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, from 2.30 to 5.30 o'clock. Aprons, fancy articles, preserves, candy and mysteries will be for sale. A Christmas chicken pie supper will be served on Thursday evening, December 7, from 6.30 to 7.30, followed by an entertainment at eight o'clock, entitled "Carol's Christmas for the Ruggles children." The committee in charge is Mrs. E. A. Reed, Mrs. A. S. Woodward, Mrs. J. A. Frossard, Mrs. Addison Woodard, Mrs. L. P. Richardson.

Miss Edna Frances Bemis, of Pepperell, and Ernest Gurney Bartlett, of Somerville, formerly of Pepperell, were united in marriage on Monday, November 27, in Boston, Rev. C. L. Page, of the Dudley Street Baptist church, officiating clergyman. The new home is at 3 Carson street, Dorchester. The popular young couple are followed by many good wishes by a host of friends in this vicinity, and in Boston, where in various circles Mr. Bartlett has excellent standing.

A box party and dance will be held in Lawrence hall by the young ladies of the town on Thursday evening, December 7.

Thomas W. and John J. Phinney attended the funeral of Arnold F. Gray at Worcester on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. M. Coffin and nephew, Vernon C. Grant, were called to Worcester on Tuesday to the funeral of her brother, Arnold F. Gray, who died on Saturday at the city hospital, Worcester, after a few days' illness of pneumonia. He was a former resident of this town and for many years was employed as machine tender by the Fairchild Paper Co. here.

Arthur Winslow, of Ayer, is doing some plastering for Rev. Dudley R. Child, who is having extensive repairs made in his house.

Mrs. Charles Card of Brookline street has been very sick the past week with diabetes, and Mr. Card's sister, Mrs. Kimball, is taking care of her. Miss Carrie Scott of Oak Hill is also there.

Forrest O. Andrews of River street left Tuesday night for a trip over Thanksgiving to Richfield Springs, N. Y.

Tuesday, November 28, was guest night at Acoma lodge and a merry time they had. There was a light play and this was followed by a drill given by eight young lady guests, who made some excellent evolutions. After these a social and whist took up the time.

A cute birthday party was held at William Atkinson's on River street, Tuesday, November 28, it being the birthday anniversary of Henry Atkinson, who entertained twelve of his schoolmates. They had a nice time playing games and had refreshments.

In Groton and other towns the district nurse is furnished with a suite of rooms by the association and some change has got to be made in the arrangements for our district nurse.

The Walton and the old cemetery are the best cleared up for winter than they have been for years.

On Monday, November 27, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, president of the Woman's club, attended the convention at Littleton with several other club members.

Mr. Bailey, of Boston, is in the employ of P. F. Sullivan.

Miss Mabel Howe is spending a few days with her parents on Park street.

Among the visitors in town for Thanksgiving were Mrs. Spencer, of Boston, at her mother's, Mrs. Walter Jewett on Townsend street, Fred Bolles and family at his father's, Frank Bolles, on Head street, Isabelle Bancroft, at her brother's, Fred Bancroft's.

Mrs. A. N. Blood left town on Thursday morning for Springfield, where she will spend the winter with her son, Fred A. Blood.

Many persons on the rural mail route, over which Mr. Wright has so satisfactorily covered, will miss his cheerful way and the many little acts of special kindness. Several would have entered for the position had the full circumstances been known. It has been reported that Miss Florence Flynn and Fred O. Parker would have applied for it. Miss Flynn would certainly have made good as she is a young lady of superb health and very accommodating and would have been faithful. Roy Stryer, who has received the appointment, is a young man and a high school graduate who leaves his position at Whipple & Tow-

yellow chrysanthemums added to the beauty of the scene, the occasion being the marriage of their only daughter, Miss Anna Gertrude, to Harry Sawtelle Powers of Brookline, N. H. The bridal couple stood under a wedding bell of laurel and white lovers' knots, Rev. George L. Perrin, of Brookline, Mass., performing the ceremony. Miss Florence Gould, of Saranac, N. Y., was the bridesmaid, who is a cousin of the groom, while Gardner Willey, brother of the bride, was the groomsmen. The bride was gowned in white chiffon and the bridesmaid wore blue silk. A buffet lunch was served by a short reception was held.

Mrs. Powers had been connected with the telephone office for the last three years and had made many friends who remembered her on her wedding day.

Grange. The entertainment given by the men of Prescott grange was witnessed by a comparatively large audience considering the stormy night last week Friday. The program consisted of violin solos, a vocal solo, numerous readings, one of which was a character sketch, and a farce entitled "A telegram from father," by seven young men. Then followed two contests, the first a squash pie eating contest, in which five young ladies entered by request, Miss B. M. Farnsworth received first prize and Miss Blanche Supernault second, and a peanut eating contest with Emma Miller taking first prize and Miss Ellen Miller second. Refreshments of assorted cake and hot coffee were then served and a social followed.

After the social, the decision of the judges were listened to with much interest, and when the men were declared the winners the applauding of those present told that the men were satisfied, and the fate of the ladies is to give the supper at the Christmas entertainment.

The next meeting of Prescott grange, December 8, is nomination and election of officers, and at this time a very pretty ring or hoop drill will be given by twelve ladies.

Pomona Grange. The last meeting of the year of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange will take place on Wednesday, December 6, at Shirley, and will be held in the town hall. After the welcome by A. Adams, master of Shirley grange, the annual election of officers will take place. It is likely that the personnel of this grange will take quite a change, and the advent of the Ayer grange gives another grange to draw from.

The speaker of the day will be Rev. Dudley R. Child, Pepperell, on "Mexico," which under the present conditions is unusually interesting. The program for the afternoon is as follows:

Financial question and the position of the woman; E. M. Farnsworth; "In the acorn," Rev. H. A. Cornell, Groton; "How shall boys be encouraged to become farmers?" George S. Knapp, Groton; "Cultivation of melons for home use," Mrs. Vernal Barber, Townsend; "The pleasures of a greenhouse for a woman," E. M. Farnsworth; "Raising full blood poultry for profit," Miss Sadie Tucker, Pepperell; Paper bag baking, Mrs. Minnie Green, Pepperell; violin solos, Isabelle Woods, Groton.

Several other papers are in the lecturer's hand that may be read. News from Mrs. Flora E. Ingerson, historian of the traveling picnic, says it will be two weeks before she will be allowed by the doctor to put her foot on the floor.

Current Events. Mrs. Lizzie Curtice returned to her home from St. Joseph's hospital this week. She is greatly improved in her health.

Miss Bernice Phinney spent Thursday at the home of her parents on Franklin street, coming from Melrose for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott have moved from Mrs. H. O. Sattuck's house on Franklin street, to one owned by Fred Brown on the same street.

Roy Sylvester commenced his duties on Wednesday as rural mail carrier in place of Henry Wright, who resigned his position. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will spend the winter in Connecticut, to be near their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson.

A few in town attended the Harvard and Yale football game at Cambridge on Saturday last.

Otis Saunders went to Lunenburg on Wednesday to spend the holiday with his wife and son.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hanna's parents.

Acoma Rebekah lodge observed last Tuesday evening as guest night. A very pleasing entertainment, consisting of a farce, a musical number by eight young ladies, and instrumental music was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. Whist and dancing followed the entertainment.

There was a large family gathering on Thanksgiving day at the home of Llewellyn True on Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Andrews visited relatives in Boston and vicinity this week, being away over the holiday.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. Drinane, of Cross street, is sick with the measles.

Edward Blaisdell, a former blacksmith on Cross street, has returned to Herzhill. He, with his family, left town on Saturday. Mr. Blaisdell returned for his household goods on Wednesday.

At seven o'clock on Sunday evening, in the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. James Sutherland, will preach the third sermon in a series on "Peter the great apostle." Subject: "The denial of his master."

Mrs. E. E. Handley returned last week from a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Salem and Dorchester.

There was quite a large audience at the union service held in the Unitarian church last Sunday evening. The sermon was by the pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. He was assisted in the services by Rev. D. R. Child and Rev. J. M. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Glassey, of Pleasant street, were guests of their daughter and family in Fitchburg on Thursday.

Frank Darling, who occupies a responsible position on the renards at the Nashua River Paper Corporation, and had been in their employ for a number of years, resigned his position there on Saturday night.

Dr. Raymond Carter is closing out his business in this town and will soon leave for Chicago.

Glen Upson, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday at the home of his mother in this town.

Mrs. Maria Coffin, of Pleasant street, and Thomas Phinney, of Franklin street, went to Worcester on Monday last to attend the funeral of Arnold Gray, who was a brother of Mrs. Coffin and brother-in-law of Mr. Phinney. Mr. Gray was a former resident of this town and was employed in the paper mill here for a number of years. He was well-known by many of the older residents. His wife died quite a number of years ago. A large family of children and grandchildren survive him. The burial was in Worcester. Mr. Gray was sick but a short time. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

A. F. Parker has moved his hardware business and American Express office into the building in Railroad square owned and recently vacated by A. A. Tarbell.

E. E. Tarbell came over from Nashua by auto on Wednesday and after spending a few hours in town returned to the hospital in Nashua.

The mill of the Nashua River Paper Corporation was in operation all day Thanksgiving.

The Lynch children of Mill street, whose mother died last week, are sick with the measles. Miss Mary Mahony is keeping house for Mr. Lynch.

The Epworth league of the Methodist church will hold a cottage prayer meeting next Thursday evening at the home of Charles Stacey on Mill street.

Austin Saunders is quite sick with a severe heart trouble.

The members of the Methodist Sunday school sent a barrel of good things to eat to the Little Wanderers' home in Boston this week.

A family gathering was held at the home of Charles Stacey on Sunday last, eighteen sitting down to dinner.

At a meeting of the Sunday school board of the Methodist church last Sunday, arrangements were made for a Christmas concert the Sunday evening before Christmas and a tree on Christmas night.

Joseph Lawrence, of Nashua road, is spending a few days with his cousins, the Misses Lawrence, of Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Handley spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Handley's brother, James Ireland, in Littleton; Mrs. Susie Dort, with her sister, Mrs. Charles Balmforth, in Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard, with their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding, in Wilmington; Mrs. Jane Goodwin, with her niece in Hudson; Miss Drew at her home in Alfred, Me.

A. J. Woodward, of Park street, is confined to the house with a severe attack of neuralgia.

### TOWNSEND.

#### West Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. French and from Milford, N. H., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilder.

Mrs. Munroe, from Troy, N. H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, at the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Margaret Bell returned last week from the Burbank hospital, where she underwent an operation a few weeks ago, and is convalescent.

#### Death.

Mrs. Hattie Melvin, wife of Hiel Melvin, passed away at her home on Tuesday morning, after two weeks' illness with heart trouble. She was seventy-nine years of age and has been an invalid for the past few years. A native of this village, almost her entire life has been passed here, and although she has been confined to her home for the latter part of her life, she will be greatly missed by her neighbors and friends, who have helped cheer her lonely hours by their calls and sympathy.

Mrs. Melvin was born on what is known as the Drew place, on Bayberry hill, her parents being John and Mehitabel Whitcomb, and was married to Mr. Melvin about thirty-six years ago. She has been a member of the Baptist church here for many years, and the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, officiated at the funeral which took place at her late residence at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

She leaves no immediate relatives, being the last of her family, and only her husband survives her, for whom much sympathy is expressed in his time of affliction.

### LITTLETON.

The ladies of the Baptist society will hold their annual fair in the vestry on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 21. There will be a supper followed by an entertainment.

The annual fair of the United Workers of the Congregational society takes place on December 13, afternoon and evening. The ladies are busy with thimble and needle and have already completed a large variety of useful and fancy articles. Of particular interest is the gift table, which is to contain many articles for home ornamentation, neckwear and other desirable presents for Christmas. An exceptionally good entertainment is promised for the evening.

There are about 170 pupils in the grades and not the number printed by mistake in this column last week. More than a hundred are now depositors in the school savings bank.

Schools reopen for the winter term on Monday, December 4. Miss Mary Dodge, of Woolworth, Me., succeeds Miss Sargent at the West grammar school.

Dominic Napolitano found an immense American eagle fluttering about near the sandpit a week ago. Upon examination he discovered that the bird had been shot and was struggling for life. He took it to his board-

the measurement from tip to tip of the wings which is seven feet.

Harris Steele has bought of Smith & Leahy the Sawyer cottage on Kings street, where he now resides.

Dr. Emerick, secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary society, will address the people at the Congregational church tomorrow morning.

A recent transfer of real estate is that of the Major William H. Emery farm, known by the older residents as the Thomas Nye place at the Common, to Ensign George N. Barker and Harry S. Barker, who intend to subdivide a part into building sites and set out the remainder to fruit.

Edward Fletcher, of San Diego, Cal., paid a flying visit to relatives and friends in Littleton on Wednesday afternoon.

Littleton friends have received invitations from Dr. and Mrs. L. Roy Wood to the marriage of their daughter Mildred to Rev. Harold Bellows Drew on Tuesday evening, December 19, in the Second Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va.

Rev. Herbert Caulkins, from Hartland, Me., will preach as candidate at the Baptist church tomorrow.

#### Accidents.

Another of Fred A. Hosmer's horses ran away last Friday, injuring a new buggy. The shafts dropped down and scared the horse, which became unmanageable. Nobody was hurt this time.

As N. H. Whitcomb and family were driving to church last Sunday morning, the front axle broke and let the carriage down. Fortunately, Mr. Whitcomb was driving a safe horse and no serious results followed.

Everett Kimball's horse, usually considered very docile, took a notion to prance about and cut a few capers on the way to church last Sunday, and in less time than is required to tell it, tipped over the democrat, left the children on the ground, and chose his own course, breaking the harness, but doing very little if any other mischief.

#### Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Couper entertained the Allen Kimball families to the number of twenty or more on Thanksgiving day. Miss Mildred, of Pembroke college, came home for the day only. Elmer A. Flagg's family spent the day at Mrs. Wheeler's in Stow. Misses Abbie and Elizabeth McNeill went to Danvers to eat turkey with their sister, Mrs. Andrew McNeill, and daughter.

Mrs. William Adams entertained her mother from Portland, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were guests of their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox. Otto Frasch, of Seattle, Wash., a classmate and room-mate of Benjamin Conant at Harvard, was the guest of the A. F. Conants, Thanksgiving. Hon. G. W. Sanderson and daughters dined at Charles K. Doughton's. John W. George and family, of Concord, N. H., spent the day at J. E. Thatcher's.

Cora Warren, of Boston, was at her father's, Miss Augusta O. Dewey spent Thanksgiving with her sisters in Brookline. Mrs. Amelia Wakefield was the guest of her nephew, John Hardy. F. C. Hartwell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hartwell dined at Charles A. Hartwell's. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge entertained their nieces, Misses Annie and Esther Dodge, of Cambridge. F. S. Kimball and family dined at George H. Kimball's.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter, and Mrs. M. F. Warner, of Groton, were the guests of Mrs. John A. Kimball. The Arthur C. Whitney family, of Lexington, spent the day at Hon. Frank A. Patch's. Mrs. Annie C. Smith went to Winthrop for Thanksgiving and her mother, Mrs. Carrie Nye, and daughter Miss Mary Nye, with other Nye relatives, dined at E. W. Fletcher's. Rev. and Mrs. Packard went to her home in Antrim, N. H., for the day. Daniel Woodbury and family were the guests of Mrs. Woodbury's mother, in Charlestown. The E. M. Ruggles family went to her home in New Hampshire for Thanksgiving.

Capt. W. H. Sawkey visited relatives in Spencer the first of the week, going from that town to Ware for a visit of several days with his niece, Mrs. Brennan, in her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canney spent Thanksgiving with their son Elmer and family in Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Flagg entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks, of Fitchburg, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg, on Thursday.

Henry Robbins and family of Newton were the Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Robbins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Whitcomb. Four generations gathered at Elmer Boynton's on Goldsmith street on Thanksgiving day—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reed, their daughter, Mrs. Mary Reed Boynton, of Marlboro, her son, Elmer Boynton, and his infant son, besides other relatives from New Hampshire.

#### Accident Narrowly Averted.

Littleton passengers on the 5.09 p. m. train out of Boston, narrowly escaped a serious accident at Littleton station last Saturday evening. The train was crowded, many of the passengers having been to the Harvard and Yale football game. As the train pulled into this station some twenty-five or thirty passengers rose and advanced towards the platforms and to the coaches when the train crew sighted a fast freight approaching on the east-bound track. The passengers would have to cross this track to enter the station, and the conductor and brakemen realizing the immediate danger, shouted a cry of warning to the passengers, and at the same time rushed to the doors to protect lives.

The warning came none too soon, for as the passenger train came to a stop the freight thundered past the station at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. No one had stepped from the passenger train, but one man came so close that his wife fainted from fright, and others were much upset by the very close margin.

Ing-place, Louis de Silvo's, on Taylor street, where the bird has been an object of much curiosity. An idea of the bird's size can be imagined from Had the passenger train arrived at the station half a minute later there would probably have been a terrible accident. Passengers give the train

crow much credit for their presence of mind and prompt action in warding off the impending danger.

#### Engagement Announced.

The engagement is announced of Pres. Frederick W. Hamilton, of Tufts college, and Mrs. Emma Tuttle James, of Somerville. Mrs. James is delightfully remembered by members of the Woman's club, whom she entertained with masterly readings—some of her own authorship—on guest evening a few years ago. She has also appeared before Littleton audiences on other occasions, coming as an especial favor because of friendship with Mrs. Annie C. Smith. Mrs. James is a descendant of famous New England families, the Hulls, of Boston, and Ralph Waldo Emerson's family. She has studied and worked with Mme Rudersdorf, Mme. Jauschek, Mr. Neundorf, and other equally famous operatic and dramatic artists. Her first husband was Harry James, an English actor of great promise, whose death occurred in 1895, two years after their marriage. She has one daughter Dorothy, a member of the 1915 class in Jackson college.

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### For Sale

House and Lot on Washington Street, Ayer, belonging to the Estate of Rebecca B. Sanders.

Sale necessary for settlement of estate.

For terms apply to

ARTHUR FENNER

Executor,

Ayer, Mass.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

Ayer, December 1st, A. D. 1911.

Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office on East Main Street in said Ayer, on Saturday, January 6, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution, that Katie A. Hooper and Forest Hooper, both of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, had on at seven o'clock P. M., April A. D. 1910, of the seventh day of that month, that being the time attachment was made on mesne process, in and to the following described real estate: A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on Maple Street in that part of said Shirley called Shirley Village, and bounded as follows, namely:

Commencing at a stone bound on land now or formerly of Alexander L. Hume; thence running northerly on said street eighty-six (86) feet; thence turning at right angles and running easterly about one hundred ninety-four (194) feet to land now or formerly of Captain Collins; thence southerly on said Collins land eighty-six and five-tenths (86.5) feet to land now or formerly of said Hume; thence westerly by said Hume land to the point of beginning.

Being the premises described in a deed from M. Louise Butler to Katie A. Hooper, dated February 8, 1906, and recorded in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, book 3213, page 194, and subject to the restriction or reservation made in the last named deed; also, subject to a mortgage now held by Mary B. Jenkins to secure payment of the principal sum of one thousand dollars.

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN,  
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