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News Items.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman, coming on Friday, December 1, was an over Sunday guest at Groton Inn. Mrs. Harriman's youngest son is a student at Groton School.

Rev. Charles B. Ames has accepted a call to Belfast, Me., and begins work there the middle of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins and son, Lowell Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, from Manchester, N. H., and others who are also accustomed to spend their summers at Groton Inn, took their Thanksgiving dinner at the Inn last week Thursday. The party consisted of twenty-five, coming in their different autos, for the day. Other guests made the whole number eighty-four, who dined that day at the Inn.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church meet in their parlor for sewing on Thursday afternoon, December 1, at two o'clock. Mrs. E. C. Leonard is president of the society. In the evening there will be a supper at 6.30 o'clock, followed by an entertainment at eight o'clock. Mrs. H. W. Whiting, with assistants, has charge of the supper. Mrs. Mary D. Boynton and Mrs. Janet P. Wood are to prepare the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and two sons came from Nashua, N. H., last week Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry, Mrs. Campbell's parents.

Dr. D. R. Steere is going west to spend the month of January.

At the meeting last Saturday night for election of officers, the E. S. Clark post chose as follows:

D. R. Steere, com.; C. H. Berry, senior vice; H. P. Shattuck, junior vice; Dr. S. A. Green, surgeon; M. P. Palmer, quartermaster; C. H. Torrey, adj.; Thomas Gilson, officer at the home of James Moore, chap.; Warner Souther, officer of the guard.

It is reported that M. Chamberlain offers his place on the old Ayer road for sale. If this is true, it opens up the probability of losing Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, which will be greatly regretted by the Groton people who have regarded them as acquisitions to the number of good and desirable citizens.

Among the passengers arriving on the Franconia in Boston, on Thursday, was Mrs. J. K. Bennett, sister of Miss Rebekah Torrey. Mrs. Bennett has been staying in Switzerland for quite a length of time. She will spend the winter in Groton with Miss Torrey, whose her daughter, Mrs. Mapp, from Buena Vista, Va., is also visiting. Miss Nellie M. Hill is in Boston to spend the winter.

The meeting of the E. S. Clark W. R. C. for election of officers, on Monday afternoon, resulted in the following choice:

Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, pres.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, senior vice; Mrs. Bessie Sherwin, junior vice; Mrs. Eme Harrington, treas.; Mrs. Emma Collier, chap.; Mrs. Edith Benedict, com.; Mrs. Mary Shattuck, guard; Mrs. Maria Bowers, delegate at annual convention. Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst, alternate. Other officers of the corps are to be appointed by the president.

Mrs. Arthur A. Wood went over to Clinton on Sunday to spend the day with her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Perry, who left from Ayer the next day on route for California.

At the meeting of the Groton grange on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Sarah Wood has returned from Westfield and is at the home of her son, Arthur A. Wood, to spend the winter.

Reginald Huebner, went on Friday, after school, for a week-end visit to his sister, Mrs. Edward Stewart, of Clinton.

James Bywater, accompanied by his wife and his physician, went over to Nashua, on the noon train on Thursday, to consult an eye specialist. Mr. Bywater has not seemed of late to be making much improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bywater are going to housekeeping in the tenement vacated by Edward Roache and family on Hollis street.

Mrs. John Carey was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital Sunday and also had her teeth extracted. Mrs. Carey, when able to leave the hospital, is going to live with her sister, Mrs. Thomas E. Bywater, on Hollis street.

Mrs. Sullivan, of Pepperell, bought the lumber of the Itallans' shanty that the wind blew over near Pleasant street and moved it to her bungalow, which she is going to enlarge later on.

At a meeting of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club last week Monday, the following officers were chosen:

William T. Taylor, pres.; F. P. Waters, v. p.; J. J. Heady, sec.; J. M. Davis, treas.; M. J. Cleary, W. A. Goble, M. S. Sawyer, Joseph F. Peabody, William Sanderson and Daniel Mason, ex. com.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer attended the election of officers at the Ayer grange on Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary W. Condon went to Leominster to call on her friend, Miss Mary Fitzgerald, whose brother met with the fatal accident at Ayer on Thanksgiving evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dilbert announces the engagement of their daughter, Catherine May, to T. J. O'Connor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fire.

A kerosene lamp was over-turned in one of the boys' rooms on Wednesday evening at Dana hall, the oil catching fire. Mr. Green, teacher, and one of the boys put out the fire, as they thought, but some of the oil soaked down between the wall and the floor, and in an hour it was discovered the house was on fire. The fire department was called, and in two hours the fire was out. As the blaze was between partitions, it was difficult for the firemen to get at it, and was only done by tearing up the floor. Boys' rooms were sadly demolished by fire and smoke, and the halls and other rooms were badly damaged by smoke and water. There were five boys in the house and Mr. and Mrs. Green. Mr. Green is a teacher of physics and chemistry.

Most of the furniture was removed from the building, but was damaged mostly by water. As soon as the insurance is adjusted, the building will be repaired and will be ready for use the next term. The boys who were in the building have been transferred to Bigelow hall, and school is going on just the same. The loss is fully covered by insurance. There are about thirty scholars attending the academy at present.

Death.

Mrs. Mary E. Prescott, died in Crookston, Minn., on October 29, at the age of 83 yrs. 2 mos. and 26 days. She was the daughter of Capt. John Bulkeley Prescott, of Groton, and was married to Lorenzo Davis on December 22, 1853, moving to Dublin, N. H., and then to Minnesota in 1856. She was the mother of seven children, two dying in infancy. She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Davis and her husband are members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers association. She was a devoted mother to her family and beloved by all who knew her. Her ancestors of the Prescott family were prominent in the early affairs of Massachusetts and she was of the eighth generation, being born in that state.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Charles Woolley were held at his late home on Friday afternoon, December 1, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating. The bearers were W. A. Lawrence, F. A. Sherwin, J. T. Bennett and F. L. Blood, the latter also acted as conductor.

The attendance of relatives and friends was large and the sympathy and attentions expressed at this and previous times were deeply felt and appreciated by the family. The floral offerings, numerous and beautiful, were:

Wreath, galax leaves and chrysanthemums, Mrs. M. P. and Harvey H. Roberts; wreath, violets and chrysanthemums, Groton Cemetery association; spray chrysanthemums, Mrs. Aitken and Dr. Goble; spray chrysanthemums, Mrs. J. R. Hemenway; spray snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bennett; sheaf of wheat, with violets, Groton grange; sprays—pink and chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gerrish; carnations and violets, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Richards; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lawrence; chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Edly; chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley; red and white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin Stone; wreath, violets, maiden-hair ferns and laurel, the Ladies' Whist club.

The interment was in the lot in Groton cemetery where the parents of the deceased are buried.

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber spent Wednesday in Boston, in the afternoon enjoying Ben Hur at the Boston theatre.

Mrs. John Carey was taken to Groton hospital on Saturday and underwent an operation for appendicitis on the following morning. Reports of her condition are very favorable.

Veronica Donovan, of Gardner, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Mrs. Earle Sleeper, going on Tuesday, accompanied by her two little sons, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slocum, of Yonkers, N. Y.

Miss Cottrell, sister of Frank Cottrell, was entertained this week at Mrs. A. L. Harrington's, her brother's boarding place.

An entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, will be given in Squannacook hall on Friday evening, December 15. The principal feature will be a play entitled "Freemasonry outdone," in which a well-known citizen of the place will be initiated into a new, up-to-date order by the following officers: w. m. g. m. w. p. m. e. a. p. s. m. b. g. s. s. r. h. m. p. d. w. a. r. c. m. g. s. s. r. e. k. e. p.

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WESTFORD:

Center.

Report comes of the burning of the high school building in East Bridge-water. This is of interest to Westford people from the fact that this was where Mr. Woodward, our former academy preceptor, taught. The building was completely destroyed and will be replaced at once.

Thanksgiving guests at Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard's were all the children and grandchildren as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and son John, of Concord, N. H., Miss Alice Howard, of Cotuit, and Mr. and Mrs. George Howard and son Philip, from Littleton.

Every morning of this week proved to be the coldest of the season thus far, with a temperature of eight above zero.

With a happy advance measure of the Christmas spirit, Mrs. Lucy A. Lambert invited the children of their neighborhood to their home on the Providence road one day last week. There were sixteen in all, and they had a most enjoyable time with games and refreshments.

Postponement of meetings in the Tadmuck club are not frequent, but the regular meeting of the club last Tuesday afternoon was postponed to next week Tuesday at the usual time and place. This change by the members was out of respect for their departed member, Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, whose funeral took place that afternoon. Next Tuesday afternoon, Rev. David Wallace will address the club on "Sam Walter Foss—poet, philosopher and preacher."

The last word from the Hamburg-American SS. Cleveland in the around-the-world cruise of which Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney are passengers, was from Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, where the party had arrived from Bombay. All well on board and perfect weather during the entire stay in India.

The regular monthly meeting of the Edward M. Abbot hose company was held at Tuesday evening. An excellent oyster supper was served by Geo. E. Gould. Plans are being made for the annual firemen's ball on January 5, with Brigham's orchestra.

Wedding.

A Thanksgiving week wedding of interest was that of Miss Ruby Winifred Carter and William Eldridge Wright, which took place on Friday evening, December 1, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eliza A. Carter, on the Boston road. The ceremony took place at 7.30 o'clock in the evening in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alfred Woods, a long time friend of the groom's family. Miss Adrith Carter, the bride's younger sister, presided at the piano for the ceremony.

Obituary.

It was a shock to all who heard it and especially to the immediate family circle when word was received last Sunday morning of the death from drowning of Mrs. Sarah J. Hildreth, wife of Frank C. Hildreth. Mrs. Hildreth was staying at Bedford, where she had gone for treatment for a serious nervous trouble. She had appeared considerably improved and was contemplating soon, with her physician's advice, returning to her home, but Sunday morning walked out by herself and in an attack of mental aberration drowned herself in the Shawheen river.

The deceased was fifty-eight years of age, and is survived by her husband and four sons, Albert, Clarence, Arthur and Morton Alward; also, several grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Union Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. David Wallace was the officiating clergyman, and C. S. Holcomb, of Boston, sang with very sympathetic expressiveness two beautiful selections, "Pass me not" and "Abide with me."

There were many beautiful floral offerings, the W. C. T. U. of which Mrs. Hildreth had been president, sent a beautiful spray of white tube roses. Westford grange, of which Mrs. Hildreth was a charter member, sent a beautiful spray, and the Union Congregational church was represented with its token of sympathy. There was a large pillow from the bereaved husband, and a large wreath from the four sons, a wreath from Miss Ella F. Hildreth, and various and beautiful sprays from the following:

A. J. Abbot, F. C. Wright and family, E. B. Wright and family, Miss Winifred Burnham and Miss Bertha Norris, Anson Griffin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whithead, E. E. Smith and family, Mrs. Alma M. Richardson, Mrs. H. S. Parker and Mr. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. A. A. Hildreth and children, S. L. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Frank Griffin, Misses McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbot, Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Wells, Mrs. Sarah Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Joseph Griffin, Allen Smith.

The bearers were the four sons of the deceased and interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery in charge of Undertaker David L. Greig.

About Town.

A grass fire burned over land of George W. Bussey and George C. Moore at Brookside on Tuesday. The fire evidently was of Stony Brook railroad responsibility.

Daniel H. Sheehan is still busy extracting apple juice at his cider mill on Tadmuck brook.

The Fortnightly club will hold its next regular meeting at the Wright schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 15, at which time the club will reorganize under the direction of the new president, William Wyman. After organizing, a voluntary program will be given as entertainment.

George E. Gould, in his usual tastefully arranged style, catered to the supper of the Abbot hose company on Tuesday evening. It added cheer to this fireless gathering.

Westford was well represented at the Middlesex North Pomona meeting at Chelmsford last week Friday. The morning session was occupied with the election of officers which was mostly a reelection of the officers of last year. The afternoon session was devoted largely to a discussion of the questions, "If you were to start in life again, what occupation would you choose?" and "Which will a person succeed with best, money or method?" Opinion seemed to agree quite largely that method was the most valuable asset. The next meeting will be held in Billerica on the first Friday in January.

Marshall's hall at Westford Corner was well filled on Tuesday evening by the members of Chums' Cozy Corner club and their friends. The music for the social dance was furnished by the Vesper orchestra of North Chelmsford, seven pieces. Westford was well represented at the gathering.

W. R. Taylor has received a letter from George Decatur, who is teaching at Albonito, Porto Rico. The weather is warm and straw hats are just the fit for the weather. Fruit is very abundant and cheap, oranges selling at twenty-five cents per hundred, bananas twenty cents a bunch and large grape fruit one cent each. In contrast with this, W. R. Taylor has just received a letter from John A. Taylor from Grand Forks, N. D., who reports the cold twenty-four below zero, and an abundance of snow.

George H. McGregor, formerly watchman at the Brookside mills, has accepted the position as watchman on the steam shovel at Fletcher's quarry.

The old members and friends of the old-time West Chelmsford Debating society will hold a meeting to reorganize next Tuesday evening at Winship hall. All orators and those who think they ought to be, and all others who have not any orator ambition are invited to join hands for a start.

William Wyman, on the Groton road, is having his house wired for electricity, Philip Keon, formerly of the firm of Peck & Keon, doing the work.

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting with Mrs. Andrew Wright, nineteen members being present. This organization has taken steps to introduce the school banking system at the request of Superintendent Hill. Mrs. Seavey was elected to take charge. Two new members were added, and after the business session a social hour was enjoyed, and chocolate, cake, fancy crackers and candy was served by the hostess, assisted by her niece, Mrs. Etta Garven Lewis.

Quarry Notes.

West Chelmsford branch quarry workers' union have presented bills of prices to take effect March 1, 1912, to the following contractors: H. E. Fletcher, Frank Mallory, Perley Carkin, Peterson Bros., John Toms, Charles Carkin, De Carbert Bros., H. V. Hildreth, Harry Fletcher, Louis Palmer, Charles Cummings, Thomas Rafferty. This branch has jurisdiction over Chelmsford, Westford and Tyngsboro, and the twelve named firms have signed contracts, which expires on March 1, 1912, and no trouble is expected in renewing the contract. The engineers have presented their bills of prices to take effect on March 1 to the following firms: H. E. Fletcher, Perley Carkin, Frank Mallory, Louis Palmer, H. V. Hildreth, Harry Fletcher and Peterson Bros. These contractors also have a bill which runs out on that date, and will be renewed without trouble.

The H. E. Fletcher stone quarry on Oak Hill is busy with the steam shovel. This with the rush of other work has made it necessary to run an extra locomotive, which is run by Harold Fletcher, superintendent. Another boat is soon to be loaded in Boston with seawall stone and shipped to New York. Fifty carloads of stone will be loaded on Tuesday, the cutters at the sheds having the day off so that the lumpers may devote the entire day to loading. Foreman John Anderson and Philip Vasselin will have charge of the loading.

Graniteville.

Rinaldo R. Somers died on Sunday at his home in Melrose Highlands as the result of injuries when he was run over by a United States mail wagon at Federal and Milk streets, Boston, Friday morning of last week. Mr. Somers, who was seventy-five years of age, was born in Laconia, N. H., and was married fifty-three years ago to Anna M. Peabody, of Graniteville. As first lieutenant Mr. Somers served with distinction throughout the four years of the civil war in the Fifth New Hampshire regiment. He is survived by his widow and two children, Edgar R. Somers, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. E. L. Craigin, of Melrose Highlands, with whom he had made his home. He was a member of U. S. Grant post 4, G. A. R., and a Mason.

Forge Village.

Miss Christina Lowther and her nieces, Misses and Annie Cherry, spent Thanksgiving with their sister and aunt, Miss Catherine Lowther, of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc held a family reunion at their home on last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Daly and children were guests of Mrs. Daly's sister, Mrs. Downey, at her home in Marlboro on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett spent the holiday with friends in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole visited Mr. and Mrs. Hans C. Dege, of North Billerica on Thursday.

A life and drum corps has been organized by some of the young men of the town. Rehearsals are held weekly. John Edwards is musical director.

Mrs. Walter Brooks, of Brockton, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Price and family, of North Chelmsford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tenney Martin on Sunday.

Little Raymond Caisse, of Leominster, is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin.

Advent services were held at St. Andrew's mission on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Next Wednesday evening services will be held at the same hour.

Miss Eva Pyne enjoyed her holiday vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. B. Guyer, of Dorchester.

Cameron school opened for the winter term on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Weaver have moved to North Littleton, their future residence. Mr. Weaver has accepted a position as manager of Mr. Priest's poultry farm.

Miss Sarah McIntyre, of Shrewsbury, is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Mary I. Drake and Mrs. Lucretia Reed.

The annual Christmas tree given by Groton School will be held in Recreation hall on Tuesday evening, December 19. The Sunday school children are busy rehearsing for the concert to be given before the distribution of the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Groton Ridges, visited in Lowell last week Thursday.

Mrs. Katherine O'Hara, of Pond Street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blodgett and little daughter Florence, of Groton, at her home on Thanksgiving day.

Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton was the scene on Thanksgiving day of a very pretty wedding, when Mrs. Morton's sister, Miss Hattie Northrup became the bride of Alfred R. Shaw, of Milo Junction, Me. Rev. Louis Havermale, of the Graniteville M. E. church, performed the ceremony in the presence of many friends and relatives. Miss Lillian Estabrook, of Lowell, acted as bridesmaid, and Andrew Jenkins, of Lowell, was best man.

The bride was very becomingly gowned in white batiste and wore a veil. Her bouquet was white carnations. Miss Estabrook also wore white and carried pink carnations. Miss Emily Catchpole played the wedding march as the bridal couple came into the parlor.

A wedding supper was served, after which the happy couple departed amid showers of confetti and rice on their honeymoon trip. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will reside in Milo Junction, Me.

Among the guests at the wedding were many from Lowell, Pepperell, Haverhill, Boston, Ayer, Nashua and this village.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The public are invited to the free lecture on "Vocational training" to be given before the Woman's club in the Unitarian vestry on Monday evening, December 11, at 7.30 o'clock by Dr. David Snedden, commissioner of the State Board of Education.

The Backlog club calendar announces a whist evening for December 14, with Hon. and Mrs. Frank A. Patch and eight others in charge.

Burton S. Flagg's family, from Andover, who were guests of Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton on Thanksgiving day, remained for a visit at Charles F. Flagg's.

Miss Marion Flagg, of Newton, came home for the Thanksgiving recess.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, teacher in Morristown, N. J., has been granted a leave of absence for ten days for the purpose of having her eyes treated. She returns to Morristown in time to resume schoolwork next Monday.

Mrs. John Ames, of Somerville, has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, this week.

Mrs. Clarence Jackson is at present entertaining two sisters.

Leander Fisher's family in the Edward Frost house is quarantined on account of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Titcomb and Miss Maria Fletcher, of Boston, were at home for the holiday last week.

Dr. Emerick, secretary of the Home Missionary society, preached a beautiful sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday in which he suggested that the missionary problems may be solved through kindness, justice and jumbly walking with Jesus. The collection for the aid of home missionary work will be taken tomorrow morning. Mrs. Emerick accompanied her husband. In the evening, Rev. H. L. Packard gave an eloquent address. His subject was "Wendell Phillips," the centenary of whose birth has been recognized in pulpit and on lecture platforms throughout the country last week.

Miss Mary Stevens, daughter of the late George Stevens, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball Stephens, of Lowell, has been the guest of Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Julia S. Conant.

The Congregational church fair will be held in the vestry on December 13, afternoon and evening. Miss Marion Sweet and the orchestra of which she is a member, are expected to furnish part of the entertainment.

W. L. Pickard and Charles V. Flagg have bought a power spraying engine with complete equipment.

Ex-principal John A. Backus, and Mrs. Backus visited Littleton friends during the Thanksgiving recess.

Leon Nash and Leander Fisher will move their families to Lowell the middle of this month.

Dorothy Blodgett, Wellesley 1912, and Ruth Thacher, of Lasell seminary, were at home last week.

Miss Grace Prue, of Brighton, spent Thursday of last week at Hon. Frank A. Patch's.

E. P. Wilcox has taken down the fence east of the Wilcox house and next to the highway, and has removed the granite to the hill northwest of the buildings where is making an incubator house.

The work of laying pipe for town water has been completed on the main line and the men are now busy on Harwood avenue and Sandersen street. The pumping station is practically finished.

Charles H. Yapp began on December first, his new duties on the New town milk route, which he has purchased with milk wagon and one horse from Fred S. Kimball. Mr. Kimball had been in possession of the route exactly ten years.

The Backlog club ball was not as largely attended as some of the Thanksgiving dances, but there was no lack of enthusiasm and genuine enjoyment among those who were present. Few came from the neighboring town excepting people who had spent the day in town.

The subject for the C. E. meeting tomorrow evening will be "The source of a worker's strength."

Miss Florence Whitcomb, who is staying at Mt. Holyoke college, was unable to return to her college work the first of the week as she had anticipated.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and Mr. Brown, of Belmont, were the week-end guests of Arthur Brown.

B. E. Viets, of Suffield, Conn., has been visiting with Rev. F. H. Viets.

James Knight has enlisted in the standing army for three years and is at present located at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. but he later expects to go to the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight spent Thanksgiving in Lexington with their daughter, Mrs. Hattie Thurston.

Oliver Shattuck was one of the twenty-seven new cadets to begin the winter term at the Massachusetts nautical school last Monday. With the second-class men there is now a total of ninety-seven cadets on the Ranger.

William Welland, of Weare, N. H., has come to spend the winter with Mrs. Bertha Shattuck.

Mrs. Amy Lawrence and children of Silver Hill have been visiting at R. Y. Nelson's.

Mrs. Minnie Decoster is keeping house for George Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmund, 2d, have returned to Somerville.

The church fair was a great success and many enjoyed Albert Conant's interesting talk upon his western trip. A supper was served and the tables were very well patronized, both upstairs and down.

Asa Frost spent Thanksgiving in South Framingham with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Cadwell.

Albert Littlefield is building a new icehouse.

Arthur Houghton and sister Mabel, of Worcester, spent Sunday at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Dr. Harry R. Roberts, of Boston, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libbie.

Mrs. Charles Waitt spent Thanksgiving with his brother George in Warren, and Mrs. Craswell, of Boston, and Mrs. Woolner, of Waltham, visited at his home.

Frank Davidson, of Wayland, spent Thanksgiving at William Withington's.

Andrew Walker is spending two weeks with his sister in Spencer.

Fifty new books have been added to the library, containing some of the latest fiction.

A special meeting of the grange was held on Monday night, so that more applications could come in.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Monday, December 11, at nine a. m., cows, heifers, bulls, horses, four tons of hay, etc., the property of Fred H. Ball, Boxborough.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hills went to Brookline, Mass., for Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hills' parents. They made a two-days' visit.

Mrs. Goodwin entertained all her children and grandchildren on Thursday of last week; also, Miss Lucy Goodwin, of Mason, and Miss Mary Blood, of Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pierce went to Concord recently and spent two days with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brooks.

Mrs. Lawrence, of Beverly, Mass., is visiting at Mrs. Jason Read's, who has been ill since last week Tuesday.

Fred Hills came from New York and remained in town only a few hours on Thanksgiving day. He has been in the extreme west and Alaska the past seven years, and determined to enjoy a New England Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Henry A. Leslie, of Worcester spent two days with his family on a week-end visit.

At the Thanksgiving dance there were about fifty couples present.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. George Woodin. Tea was served at five o'clock.

Charlie Bell, of the state college, spent two days at home last week.

The Hillsboro County W. C. T. U. met in Hudson on Wednesday. Five members of the Hollis union were present: Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Jewett, who gave the response to the welcome given by Hudson union.

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

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 the seventh day of April A. D. 1910, at seven o'clock P. M., 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 at 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 Mt. Louise Butler to Katie A. Hooper, dated February 8, 1906, and recorded in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, book 3212, 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, Deputy Sheriff.



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TOWNSEND.

Center.
Norman F. Daby, of Fitchburg, has sold to William F. Harris, of this town, 20 1/2 acres of land and buildings in the southeast part of Townsend.

Ed. Sanders, of Malden, was a guest week Friday.

Miss Martha Harrington enjoyed a short vacation with her parents at North Amherst last week; also, Miss Hyde visited her parents at Somersworth, N. H.

The Congregational fair, supper and entertainment will be held at Memorial hall on Friday, December 15. There will be the usual booths for fancy articles, aprons, candy, etc., and a table in charge of the girls of the C. E. society will also be a feature.

The Monday club will meet with Mrs. Helen Potter Fessenden this next Monday; subject, "An afternoon with the Players."

Next Monday evening will be election of officers at the grange, instead of the date scheduled upon the yearly programs.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Whitcomb on Tuesday morning, December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith are enjoying a visit at their son's home in Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce spent Thanksgiving day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pingrey, at Littleton.

Mrs. Ellen Richards and Eldon Sanders enjoyed Thanksgiving day at Malden, visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Sanders.

The wedding of Miss Edith Athena Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando D. Barber, of this town, and Herbert Nelson Wright, of 19, Forbes street, Worcester, will be one of the December ceremonials. It will be simple and will be performed in the home of Mr. Wright's mother, Mrs. George F. Wright, of 19 Forbes street, December 6. Miss Barber, who was supervisor of drawing in the Newport public schools, has been extensively entertained in Newport, Boston and Worcester since the announcement of her approaching marriage to Mr. Wright, who is vice president and treasurer of the Wright Wire Company.

The Indian drama, "Mogg Megone," given by the high school students at Memorial hall on Thanksgiving evening was enjoyed by a large audience. All the parts were well taken and the stage settings and scenic effects were all originated by the students, and the whole affair was a great credit to them. After the drama there was a social time. Ice cream and cake were for sale.

Mrs. Annie Greenleaf and Mrs. Clara Flarity attended the Pomona grange at Shirley on Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Withers and Miss Grace Tarbell, of Boston, were at home the past week; also, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley, of Lynn, and Miss Lillian Hildreth, of Waltham, were at H. B. Hildreth's.

The M. E. church fair, supper and entertainment will be held at their vestry on Wednesday, December 20. They are to have the usual booths and the suppers are always of the best.

Miss Viola Misner is working at Nichols & Frost's, Fitchburg, this week.

The officers elected at the meeting of the D. of V., Tuesday evening are to be as follows:
Margaret J. Wilson, pres.; Ella C. Wilson, senior vice; Edith F. Brown, junior vice; Hattie E. Smith, chap.; L. Elnora Smith, treas.; L. Blanche Shaw, Mary E. Taylor, Hattie E. Misner, ex. com.; Mrs. Lillian Floyd, patriotic com.

There will be no supper after the Congregational society's fair on December 15, as formerly stated, but the following program will be given in the evening, in charge of Mrs. Emma Josselyn.

Piano duet, Mr. Proctor and Miss McKenzie; Japanese fantasia—Princess Kiku, Miss Farrar; Goshia girls, Misses Struthers, Bliss, Temple, Clarke, Johnson, Higgins, Brown and Whitcomb; character sketch, "The difference in clocks," Emma F. Seaver and F. B. Higgins; solo, Robert Copeland; playlet, "Bachelor maids," Misses Johnson, Mabel Bliss, Temple, Ariene Clarke, Struthers, Whitcomb.

The E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge held a supper at the banquet hall, Odd Fellows' hall this Friday evening. The supper was in charge of Mrs. Emma Lancey and assistants.

Officers Elected.
Commander E. E. Sawyer, of the Ayer camp, S. of V., inspected the A. D. Fessenden camp at their meeting on Monday night. Quite a number were present from Ayer. It was the night for election of officers and the following were elected:
Leon Z. Watkins, com.; Roy Brown, s. of V.; A. L. Bow, J. V. C.; W. F. Fessenden, Frank Brown, Wilbur L. Bruce, camp coun.; T. J. Harvey, sec.; Carl B. Willard, treas.; Roy Brown and Ralph Willard, delegates to state encampment; Fred Davis and T. J. Harvey, alternates.

After the election a social time was enjoyed. Speeches were made by Messrs. Farnum and Davenport, of the Ayer camp.

Cups Presented.
A large number of baseball fans and friends of the team were in attendance at Memorial hall last week Wednesday evening when the nine silver cups were presented to the winners as given in last week's paper. President William Copeland also got everyone in good humor the first of the evening during his opening speech. Friends and members of the association were also invited to speak, and among those who responded were A. D. Bagley, A. N. Fessenden, R. G. Fessenden, manager, W. F. Rockwood, Dr. H. B. Boynton and John J. Piper.

At the end of his speech Capt. Whitcomb presented Manager Fessenden, in behalf of the baseball team, with a handsome watch fob with a solid gold baseball as a pendant. The gift was a great surprise to Mr. Fessenden and he could hardly find words to ex-

press his thanks. After a reception dancing was enjoyed to excellent music furnished by Miss Etta L. Green, of Ayer.

Holiday Guests.
Among the many holiday home-comers were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawton, of Leominster, at their residence, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Symonds, of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. George Irish, of Everett, at E. A. Flarity's; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gates and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter, of Waltham, at George Gates' and E. Flarity's; Winnie Morse, Beattie McGuire, Fred Davis, Harry Spaulding and Bert Gurley, of Boston, at their respective homes; Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Miller, of Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harvey, of Nashua, at George Clarke's; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Finckan and child, of North Rochester, N. H., at John Finnegan's; Arthur Eastman and George Duncan, of M. I. T., and Alice B. Eastman and Miss Lane, of Dover, at J. W. Eastman's; Robert Teahan, of Boston, and Louise Teahan, of Lowell, at their home; Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Burton Whidden, of M. I. T., Annie Spring and Edna Wilder, of Lunenburg, at their homes; Iva Stearns, of Lincoln, H. A. and S. J. Stearns, Parker Higgins, at M. T. Higgins'.

West Townsend.
Mrs. Nathan Veno, who has been seriously ill at her home here, is said to be improving.

Miss Blanche Sprague returned on Saturday from her vacation at her home in Readsboro, Vt., and schools commence on Monday morning to close again December 15 for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Munroe, of Worcester, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh, of Somerville, spent Sunday with their relatives here.

Carl B. Willard is boarding at the Center during the absence of his parents, who are visiting for a few weeks in Dorchester.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Wednesday, from ten o'clock until four. Twenty-two were present, and a bountiful dinner was served at noon.

The L. L. A. S. will hold their annual Christmas sale and entertainment in Seminary hall on Wednesday evening, December 13. The entertainment will consist of a musical program, A Christmas cantata, "The adoration," will be given by a chorus of mixed voices, assisted by Miss Mildred A. Sanders, soprano. There will be a varied assortment of dress and work aprons; fancy articles; also, home-made candies and ice cream and cake for sale.

Miss Grace Thompson from Simmons college, Boston, has been spending a few days' vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch.

Fred A. Patch and party enjoyed their last trip cooking for the season. Mr. Patch returning with his twenty-first coon.

Miss Ina Wilder, of Josselynville, spent a few days last week with relatives at the Center; Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds spent the holidays at the home of the latter in Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig left on Friday for a few weeks' visit with relatives in Troy, N. H.

Mrs. George West and daughter Marion, who have been for the past few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, have returned to Lewiston, Me.

Miss Ruth Hayden, a student at the Fitchburg Normal school, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship.

Roy Kaddy, a resident of this village, who is at present employed in Boston, met with quite a serious accident last week, stepping into an elevator shaft and falling about ten feet, breaking some of the bones in his foot.

Miss Inez McElligott, a former resident of this village, who recently moved to Somerville, is visiting friends in the village this week.

Mrs. William Robbins and daughter have moved from her home on the Mason road to a cottage on School street at the Center.

Mrs. M. C. Prime, from Ayer, a former resident of the village, is assisting at the home of Quincy Adams for the present.

Mrs. Fred Lowe, from Fitchburg, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig.

Deacon L. F. Wood has been on the sick list and under the doctor's care the past week, but is now improving.

A cottage prayer meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle with twenty-five in attendance.

Funeral.
The funeral of Mrs. Hiel Melvin, who passed away at her home on the cross road on Tuesday morning, November 28, after a two weeks' illness from heart disease, was held at her late residence on Friday afternoon of last week, Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Baptist church, of which she was a member, officiating, his text for the service being, "No night there." Miss Stella Farrar of the Center beautifully rendered two solos—"Some day we'll understand" and "Rock of ages." The bearers were taken from the families of her near neighbors—William Lawrence, Augustus Bruce, Frank Parsons and Clarence E. Seester, and the interment was in the West Townsend cemetery.

Many beautiful flowers testified to the sympathy of the sorrowing friends and neighbors for the bereaved husband, who is left alone by her departure.

She was seventy-nine years of age and her entire life was spent in this village where she was born at what is known as the Drew place on Bayberry hill, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb. A faithful wife, kind neighbor and a woman of consistent christian character she will be missed by her circle of friends and neighbors who have known her many years, and although the latter part of her life was one of illness which kept her confined to her home, she kept her interest in the neighborhood and church till the last, and much sympathy is expressed for the husband who is left alone after thirty-six years of her companionship.

Thanksgiving.
Among the guests in town for Thanksgiving were Harry Streeter, from Waltham, and the Streeter brothers, from Nashua, at Mrs. Mary Streeter's in Josselynville; Miss Bessie Barrett, from Worcester with Mrs. O. A. Waters; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, from Beverly, and Arthur Smith, from Waltham, and Miss Eva Smith, from Waltham, and E. W. Seaver, from Nashua; Mrs. Mildred Seaver, from Nashua; Mrs. E. W. Seaver, from Nashua; Mrs. Myrtle Hobart and Miss Lottie Hobart, from Waltham, with their mother, Mrs. William Robbins; Edward Welch and family, from North Rochester, N. H., at Mrs. Maurice Welch's; Albert Adams, from Providence, at G. A. Adams'; Miss Nancy Reed, from Cushing academy, Ashburnham, at Mr. and Mrs. Alexander O. Waters; Mrs. O. O. Craig, from Lebanon, N. H., at E. A. Flarity's; Mr. and Mrs. George Ball and little daughter, and their niece, Miss Freda Jodery, at L. E. Woods'; Mrs. Munroe, from Troy, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. D. Ringrose; George Kaddy, from Boston, with relatives in town; Miss Nellie C. Clarke, with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Clarke; E. J. Pratt and family, from Leominster, with Mrs. Ellen Pratt; Ernest Wilson and Miss Ruth Wilson, from Waltham, at their home on Main street; Edward Patch, from Boston, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville.

Those spending the holiday out-of-town were Dr. H. E. Boynton, Mrs. Josephine Boynton and Mrs. Belle Wilson with relatives in Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin, at the home of the latter in Quincy, returning Thanksgiving day to attend the family gathering at S. Ely's; Mrs. Herman Lawrence, at her home in Mason, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Ely, on Thanksgiving day, in Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donley, with relatives in New Ipswich, N. H.; James E. Willard and family with his daughter, Mrs. E. Ely, at their home in Boston; R. Morgan with Kingsbury Morgan, of the Ashby road; Charles and Clara Keefe, with their sister in Clinton; Miss M. Elinor Towse, with her sister at the Center; and Mrs. Lucy Lawrence with her brother in Ashby.

A special and very pleasing feature of Thanksgiving day was the revival of the old-time custom of morning preaching service at the Baptist church, the first held on that day for present, the service being held from eleven till noon and the exercises consisted of a praise service, prayer and scripture reading, and a brief address on "Early Thanksgiving days," by the pastor.

A most enjoyable family gathering was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. Ely on Thanksgiving day, at which twenty-two partook of the traditional bird. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ely, Mrs. Elinor Towse, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherwin and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Leominster, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and little children from the Center, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely, Helen Plummer and John Keefe.

Another family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, at which Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Mrs. George West and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Hodgman attended.

On Thanksgiving evening, Boynton's barge carried a load of the berries to attend the play given by the high school at the Center, a presentation of Whittier's poem, "Mogg Megone," in which Miss Alice Welch of this village, rendered very creditably a prominent part, and also received hearty applause and encores for her vocal selections.

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To all persons interested in the estate of CLEMMIA J. BLOOD late of Groton in said County deceased: Whereas FANNY F. 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 said estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the said estate seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.
J. W. E. ROGERS, Register.



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Men's Cape Gloves, Spear Back, Fine Quality, at... \$1.50
Men's Fine Kid Dress Gloves, Heavy Stitched Backs, at... \$1.00
Men's Fur Plush Gauntlet Driving Gloves at... \$1.00
Men's Lined Mocha-Gloves, Heavy Wool Gloves and Mittens at 50¢
Ladies' Two-clasp French Kid Gloves, in Tans, Grays, Modes, Black and White, at... \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Cape Gloves, Spear Point Backs, Out Seam, Fine Quality, at... \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Heavy Golf Gloves and Silk-lined Cashmere Gloves at 50¢
Children's Cape Gloves, Spear Point Backs, Out Seam, at \$1.00
Children's Fur Plush Gauntlet and Indian Gloves at... 50¢
Children's Mittens at... 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢
Children's Heavy Wool Gloves at... 25¢

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Ladies' Plain Hemstitched, All Linen Handkerchiefs at 10¢, 12½¢ and 25¢
Ladies' Madeira and Silverine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, in All Linen and Swiss, splendid assortment of patterns, at... 25¢ and 50¢
Ladies' All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at... 25¢
Ladies' All Linen, Val and Point Venice Lace Trimmed, at 50¢ and \$1.00
Boys' and Girls' Handkerchiefs, three in box, at... 15¢
Ladies' Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, all new patterns, at... 5¢, 10¢ and 12½¢
Large Assortment of Fancy Work Handkerchiefs at... 10¢
Men's Handkerchiefs, All Linen, at... 12½¢ and 25¢
Men's Handkerchiefs, All Linen, Initials, at... 25¢
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with Embroidered Initials at... 50¢
Men's Handkerchiefs, Colored Borders, at... 10¢

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Genuine Bradley Mufflers, all colors... 50¢
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UMBRELLAS, A SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT
Men's 28-inch Umbrellas, made on Paragon Frames, Mission Wood and Box Wood Handles, at... \$1.00 to \$3.00
Ladies' 26-inch Suit Case Umbrellas at... \$1.50
Ladies' 26-inch Union Taffeta Umbrellas, made on Paragon Frames, Mission Handles, at... \$1.00 to \$4.00
Ladies' Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, Colors Red, Green, Blue and Black, at... \$3.50

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Stamped Tea Aprons at... 15¢ and 25¢
Stamped Belts at... 10¢
Stamped Jabots, White and Colored, at... 10¢
Stamped Work Bags of Art Linen at... 25¢
Stamped Burlap Pillow Covers at... 50¢
Full-Assortment of Tico Letter Forms, Small and Large Old English Letters for Embroidery
Damask Towels for Embroidery... 50¢
Ward's Holiday Stationery... 10¢ to \$3.00

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR FOR LADIES
Each in Fancy Christmas Box, All New Patterns
Evening Scarfs, in Plain and Fancy Flowered Crepe de Chene and Silk Muslins at... 50¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Fancy Stocks, Lace Trimmed, Lace and Embroidered Jabots and Cascades at... 25¢ and 50¢
Bows in Silk and Velvet, Rosebud Ties and Side Fulls at... 25¢
Square Veils in Christmas Boxes at... 98¢

CHRISTMAS LEATHER GOODS AND VELVET BAGS
New Assortment of Envelope Purses, all new, at 50¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Genuine Leather Hand Bags, Silk and Leather-lined, New Christmas Patterns, at... \$1.00 to \$5.00
Black Velvet and Heavy Plush Hand Bags, Gilt and Oxadized Frames at... \$1.00, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50
Swede Bags, Gilt Frames, Colors Black, Green, Navy, Gray at \$1.00

POPULAR CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN JEWELRY AND FANCY ARTICLES
Mesh Bags, German Silver Engraved Frames, Lined with White Leather, at... \$2.75, \$3.98, \$4.50 and \$5.98
Hat Pins, Hand Painted, at... 25¢ and 50¢
Hat Pins, Set with White Stones, at... 50¢
Beauty Pins, Each Pair in Lined Box, at... 25¢ and 50¢
Back Combs and Comb Sets, Set with Fine White Stones, at 50¢, 69¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per set
Rosaries—Amethyst Beads, at... \$1.25
Perfume in Fancy Boxes at... 50¢ and 69¢
Belt Buckles, New Patterns, at... 50¢ and \$1.00
Fancy Belts in Boxes at... 50¢
Flat English Brushes for Hair, Clothes and Hats in Leather Cases, one of the season's newest novelties, prices \$1.00 to \$3.00
Fancy Hose Supporters in Boxes at... 25¢ and 50¢
Brooch Pins, New Patterns, at... 25¢ and 50¢
Fancy Needle Books at... 50¢ 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50

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For Christmas Packages. Full assortment of Crepe Paper at 8¢ per roll. Christmas Garlands and Bells for decorations. Narrow Christmas Ribbons for Christmas packages.

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MEN'S CHRISTMAS FURNISHINGS
Suspenders in Christmas Boxes at... 25¢ and 50¢
Knitted Neckwear in Boxes at... 50¢
Silk Neckwear in Boxes at... 25¢ and 50¢
Bradley Mufflers in Boxes at... 50¢
Suspenders, Armbands and Hose Supporters Sets, in Boxes, at \$1.00
Suspenders and Hose Supporter Sets, in Boxes, at... 50¢
Silk Lisle Hose, Four Pair in Boxes, Assorted Colors, at \$1.00 per box
Negligee Shirts, New Patterns, Coat Style, Collars to Match, at 95¢
New Assortment Scarf Pins in Boxes at... 50¢
New Cuff Links and Scarf Pin Sets at... 50¢ and \$1.00
Bow Ties in Fancy Boxes at... 15¢
Fancy Silk Arm Bands in Boxes at... 25¢ and 50¢
Heavy Outing Night Shirts at... 50¢, 75¢ and 98¢
Underwear of all kinds... 50¢ to \$1.50
Sweaters, Fine Assortment... 50¢ to \$5.00

CHRISTMAS SHIRT WAISTS
Fancy Shirt Waists in Holly Boxes at \$1.75, \$1.98 and \$2.50
Shirt Waist and Dress Patterns in Holly Boxes at 98¢ to \$5.00
Kimonos and Dressing Sacques 50¢, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.69

AVIATION CAPS—ALL COLORS
Ladies'... 98¢ and \$1.25 Children's... 50¢
Boys' and Girls' Stocking Caps and Skating Caps 25¢ and 50¢

SUGGESTIONS FOR BABY
Carriage Robes... 50¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50
White Worsted Leggings... 50¢ and \$1.00
White Mittens, Silk Trimmed, at... 25¢
Crocheted Sacques, White, Pink, Blue, at... 50¢ and 75¢

ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD GIFTS
Fine Wool Blankets... \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50
Fine Cotton Blankets... 69¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25
Puffs and Comfortables... \$1.00 to \$4.00
White Bed Spreads... \$1.00 to \$3.00
Hemstitched Linen Table Sets... \$5.50
Damask and Huckaback Towels... 25¢, 50¢ and 75¢
Tray Cloths... 12½¢, 25¢, 37½¢ and 50¢
Couch Covers... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.89, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.98
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HARVARD.

News Items.

Harvard grange elected officers at their regular meeting on Tuesday night, with these results:

Henry Knights, m.; Henry Waters, o.; Benj. Keyes, stew.; James Madigan, asst. stew.; Grace Morse, l. a. s.; Mrs. F. M. Ripley, sec.; Harold Tooker, g. k.; Mildred Tooker, sec. John B. Harlow, treas.; Cedric Webster, chap.

The music committee for the Complimentary Ball club, who by vote of the club were empowered to hire music and arrange the date for the next annual ball, have engaged their orchestra and set the date, January 4, 1912, for the annual ball.

Miss Osee Webster, who has been at Dennisport, Mass., for the fall months, is in town here with her parents for the present.

The furniture of Walter I. Archer is being moved out of the house of W. P. Farwell and stored at the residence of Benjamin Houck. It is understood that Mrs. Archer is going to Maine, where their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Goodwin is settled, for the winter. Mr. Archer has a position in Boston.

Miss Lucy T. Savage, who has spent some months past at Bangor, Me., is at home with her father here for a few days.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Frank M. Hynes was taken to the Clinton hospital, where she was operated on for acute appendicitis. The operation was considered very successful and at this writing Mrs. Hynes is coming along as well as consistent. She has the assurance that she may come home in two weeks. Mrs. Hynes has suffered with previous attacks, but has always been able to bring about

relief until this time. Miss Nellie Hynes, of Worcester, was down on Wednesday assisting Mrs. Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Hapgood and daughter, Edith Hapgood, start on Tuesday, December 12, for their trip to California. They intend to spend the winter months there and return in the spring. Their many friends wish them a pleasant journey. Mrs. John B. Harlow and daughter, Miss Miriam Harlow, also start on Tuesday for California. Mrs. Harlow expects to be gone several weeks. In her absence, Mrs. G. B. Beane will manage the household affairs at Mr. Harlow's.

Mrs. D. W. Ellis and daughter, Miss Georgia Ellis, returned from Keene, N. H., last Saturday. They are now guests at the Maynard house.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Worcester, are engaged and are now at the farm working for H. F. Whitney.

By-Laws Adopted.

At the meeting of the Harvard Musical society held on Wednesday night, at the Memorial room, the committee offered a set of by-laws, which after some discussion and changes, were accepted. In substance they are as follows:

First, the name—Harvard Musical society, which admits of both singers and instrumentalists. This was thought to be more desirable than strictly a choral society.
Anyone may become a member of this society by paying a fee of one dollar and giving their name to the secretary which for this year and next is Miss Helen Stone, of Still River.
The first meeting is to be in the town hall on Monday evening January 2. The annual meeting for the election of officers is to be in October of each year.
It was also the idea of the society to hire a director to arrange the rehearsals, with a view of giving a concert

in the spring. Rehearsals are to be held every week.

Not only musical people are welcome to become members, but all who are interested in the musical life of the town are earnestly invited to contribute toward the support of this organization.

Still River.

The King's Daughters' circle of Harvard met for an all day meeting on Thursday with Mrs. Hattie Stone. There were nearly thirty members present.

Henry Sanderson, of Westfield, was the guest of Parker Willard last week Friday.

Rev. Frank Reed, of Ossipee, N. H., was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Sarah Seales, the first of the week.

Chester Willard is removing the old Atherton barn up into the field back of his own buildings.

Men are now at work at the railroad bridge removing the old piling that formed the old bridge. They are cutting off the piles six feet under water so as to leave a clear passage for boats, etc. All of the buildings put up by the bridge builders have been sold and taken away, so that everything is now pretty well cleared up.

Entertainment.

"My cousin Timmy," will be presented by the class of 1912, Bromfield school, at the town hall, Harvard, on Tuesday evening, December 12, at eight o'clock, with the following cast of characters:

Miss Bethia Alderney, mistress of a select school for girls... Olive Houghton
Fannie Holland, a recent arrival... Harriet B. Thayer
Fudge Tooley, her chum... Ernie B. Wilett
Stella Mayburn, formerly the most popular pupil... Helen E. Whitney

Pupils—Rita Garland.

E. Catherine Hazard
Mollie Spooner... Sarah L. Jones
Jonas Chorker... I. Oressa Webster
Blery E. Royal
Maggie Bings, the maid.
Elsie F. Knight
Prof. Timothy Adles, Miss Alderney's cousin... Cedric F. Webster

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Morton Alward attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Hildreth, in the Union Congregational church at Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephens spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Plummer, in Maynard.

Ladies of the Congregational society announce a lunch at the vestry at five o'clock, Wednesday, December 13, the day of the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, of Forge Village, have moved into George Priest's house at North Littleton. Mr. Weaver has charge of Mr. Priest's poultry farm.

Marriage Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hartwell quietly observed the sixty-second anniversary of their marriage on Wednesday. No demonstrations were attempted, but some of their children and grandchildren were present to help make the occasion pleasant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell continue for the most part in their usual health and occupations. They are frequently seen driving together on the streets of Littleton and they take the same interest in town and home that have characterized them in the past. In the home, Mrs. Hartwell performs the household duties, practically unaided, and busies herself with sewing and

knitting. Mr. Hartwell occupies himself with the reading of the daily and other papers, and an occasional library book.

The house in which Mr. Hartwell was born, and where they have lived together for more than sixty years, has recently undergone a grand transformation. Some five years ago, the youngest son, Charles A. Hartwell, who also lives in the house and carries on the farm, made over the interior, converting it into a delightful modern home. This fall he has continued repairs and improvements on the exterior until the house has become one of the most pretentious and attractive dwellings in town.

He has made over the dormer windows, made new coverings, put on new corner boards, added a spacious veranda on front and side facing the highway, and also a piazza on the northeast side. The entire set of buildings has received fresh coats of paint. The fence has been removed from the front yard and the grounds have been newly graded and seeded down. Mr. Hartwell has put in an enormous amount of work and a good deal of expense, and the buildings and the surrounding grounds are the object of much pleasant comment.

About Town.

Walter Borlane, of Clark college, was at his old home here, A. T. Kimball's, the week-end and over Sunday. He is a member of the college glee club, who gave a concert in Whitinsville to a large and appreciative audience, and also in Worcester on last week Thursday evening.

There were twenty-three gathered around Malcolm Priest's family festival board on Thanksgiving day, sixteen at Mrs. E. K. Adams', and fourteen at C. S. Robbins'.

Mrs. Mary Ames, of Somerville, has been here visiting a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Adaline Knowlton.

One of the large chimneys in the Phelps' house has been taken partly down as it was found unsafe, and rebuilt.

Theodore W. Hanson, the long and trusted foreman of D. G. Houghton, in his will left five hundred dollars to the King's Daughters' circle, which Mr. Houghton, as executor, has just paid over to the circle—a thoughtful, timely gift.

The connections for water service pipe to nearly all the houses on Foster street is completed and is satisfactory. Mr. Burns, the contractor, says he shall have all the main piping finished in about the time scheduled for it. Men are now digging on Harwood avenue, and will eventually go as far as the quarantine grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Heyward, of Ashby, were guests of his sister last week, Mrs. Charles Houghton.

Harry Barker will speak before the Guild on "Old California missions," tomorrow evening.

Monday afternoon, December 11, the Woman's club meets in the Unitarian vestry, when reports of state committees and current events will be given.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 1, 1912, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.
Townsend, Mass., Dec. 5, 1911. 4113

AYER.

News Items.

Mrs. Georgianna Cushing, of Kingston, mother of L. H. Cushing, superintendent of the Fitchburg and Lowell electric railway, was taken to the Groton hospital on Monday night by Dr. Hopkins in his auto and an operation was performed for an intestinal obstruction that night. Dr. Mixer, of Boston, performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Hopkins. Mrs. Cushing is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Nellie McNiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNiff, a school teacher at Coventry, R. I., was in town with her parents over Thanksgiving, returning last Monday.

Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Sullivan, school teachers at Oakland, daughters of Mrs. Dennis Sullivan, were here with their mother over Thanksgiving, returning on Monday.

Miss Irene McMahon, of Groton, was a recent visitor at her aunt's, Mrs. Maud McMahon.

James Ross, of Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, was here to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

The department aids of the W. R. C., are to hold a whist party and dance in Page hall on Thursday evening, December 14. The proceeds are to be used to place flags in the schools of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley.

The literature committee of the Woman's club invite club members who are interested in Dickens' works to meet with them at Mrs. Clara Hill's on Friday afternoon, December 15, at three o'clock. Those attending are requested to bring a copy of one of Dickens' works that they prefer.

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. on Sunday evening Miss Marlon Proctor will be leader. There will be a paper on Fletcherism by Mrs. Ella A. Church, and special music in charge of Mrs. George J. Burns.

At a regular meeting of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., on Thursday evening, December 7, the following officers were elected:

E. D. Martell, com.; J. O'Brien, v. c.; W. C. Norris, J. V. c.; Augustus Lovejoy, sur.; S. N. Lougee, chap.; G. S. Sherwin, g. m.; H. M. Charik, o. r.; George G. Puffer, tru.; J. D. H. Dickinson, Francis Lovejoy, representatives; George V. Barrett, Augustus Lovejoy, alt.

Miss Clara B. Thomas, daughter of Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, returned on Thursday from Brunswick, Me., where she has been for several weeks.

These officers of the Woman's Relief corps were elected at the last meeting on Tuesday afternoon:

Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, pres.; Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, senior vice; Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps, junior vice; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, treas.; Mrs. Augustus D. Scruton, chap.; Mrs. Alice Crawford, con.; Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, g.; Mrs. Martha A. Mason, delegate to department convention; Miss Mary B. Johnson, alt.

Three candidates were initiated. A delegation of twenty-three members of E. S. Clark corps, of Groton, was present. After the meeting refreshments were served and a general social time enjoyed.

The annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 11. The election of officers will take place.

The Unitarian Social Gathering will postpone the regular meeting until later in December, date to be announced later.

The standpipe has been filled and the workmen are calking the joints so as to stop the leaks which have appeared. After this work is done, the pipe will be emptied, washed out and then be re-filled for permanent use. The work will be completed sometime during the coming week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Connors on Tuesday.

Beginning on Monday, December 11, all the regular freight trains, with possibly one exception, on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division will be run as extras. This arrangement is expected to work to the advantage of the railroad company and the shippers and receivers of freight.

The new house that Fred W. Hosmer is building on Cambridge street extension is shingled and the work of clappingboard nearly done. The house is a one and one-half story cottage, and is located on an elevation that adds to its attractiveness.

John E. Hosmer is assisting his son in doing the work. It will take some time yet before the house is ready for occupancy.

Some one stole an overcoat belonging to Albert F. Arlen at the engine house in the upper railroad yard on Monday. Neither the thief or the article have as yet been found.

C. H. Kinney finished moving his household goods into the tenement in Mrs. L. M. Knowlton's home on Wednesday.

At the regular meeting of the A. O. H. on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

C. A. McCarthy, pres.; Frank B. Sullivan, v. p.; George McGuane, rec. sec.; James J. Horan, fin. sec.; Daniel Burke, treas.; Timothy Hurley, sergt. arms; David Walsh, s.

James Prouty, of North Easton, and Fred Giguere, of Everett, both charged with vagrancy at Groton, were found guilty by Judge Worcester in the district court on Wednesday, and each was sentenced to three months in the house of correction. Chief Riley, of Groton, took them to that institution.

The household goods of William J. Costello were moved to South Framingham on Tuesday, where Mr. Costello is engaged in the carriage painting business.

D. Chester Parsons, assistant clerk of the district court, Lyman K. Clark and associate justice, John M. Maloney, attended the banquet of the Middlesex Bar association at Young's hotel, Boston, on Wednesday evening.

James J. O'Brien attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Accident association, in Boston, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at the Parker house. He was appointed by the officials of the com-

pany to make the response to the president's welcome address on behalf of the agents on Thursday, the opening day. Mr. O'Brien is the senior agent in point of service, having been with the association twenty-eight out of the twenty-eight years since it was formed.

Mrs. George G. Osgood announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Rachael A. Osgood, to Eugene S. Barry.

Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, attended the conference of the New England ministers at Ford hall, Boston, on Tuesday. While in the city he visited his daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant.

The annual election of officers of Ayer Council, K. C., will take place at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

Commander Edward E. Sawyer inspected A. D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., on Monday evening at Townsend. After the business meeting there was a general good time. The party broke up about midnight. These members of the local camp who accompanied him were J. C. Davenport, Henry Farnum, Hartwell Kidder, Joseph Allen of Shirley and Carl Proctor.

Five new street lights have been put in—one on Shirley street, near Michael Shea's house, one corner of Jackson and Taft streets, three on Central avenue—one near the residence of Archie Nutting, one near the new building of C. H. Hardy and one near the Chandler paint shop.

The annual election of officers of Capt. Geo. V. Barrett camp, S. of V., will take place next Thursday evening.

Marjorie, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Fletcher, is ill with scarlet fever. Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, her grandmother, is taking care of her.

Born at Waltham hospital, December 6, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bumpus.

Born in Dorchester, December 7, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelley.

The meeting of the Y. P. R. U. was held on Sunday evening by Miss Lily Baker. Miss Ruth Sherwin was pianist. The program included readings by Miss Pauline Sherwin, Miss Natalie Bigelow, Miss Margaret Hume, Miss Doris Fletcher, Miss Evelyn Sanderson and Mrs. Susan M. Barker. A report of the seventh annual bazaar was given.

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Littlefield passed through Ayer on the 1.30 train for the west on Thursday afternoon. They were on their way to Los Angeles, Cal. They are both looking well and Mrs. Littlefield was as smiling as ever. Both were quite gray. Both left kind greetings for their friends. Mr. Littlefield was a former pastor of the Unitarian church here. The Flanders "20," Witt model, which established the world's class record for stock cars at Indianapolis speedway on November 13, from one to twenty miles, averaging 53.74 seconds per mile, will be exhibited at the Ayer Auto Station on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Don't forget the moving picture show on Saturday evening. Some of the best feature pictures have been secured for that evening, and they are among the best that have been shown here. Hereafter, Biograph pictures will be given every Wednesday and Saturday evening. Next Wednesday will be some special feature. "The two orphans" will be out on Saturday, December 16.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Kenney sisters' annual sale of embroideries, fancy and useful articles at their home, corner of Nashua and Williams street from December 11, to December 21.

Thursday, December 14, the ladies of the Unitarian society will hold a sale in the church vestry, opening at four o'clock. There will be food, aprons, fancy, candy and mystery tables. The entertainment at 7.30 p. m., will consist of "Jerusha Dow's family album No. 2."

St. Andrew's Guild will hold a Christmas sale and oyster and cold meat supper on Tuesday, December 12, at three o'clock at the lower town hall. Fancy work, apron and candy tables and mystery maids. Supper at 5.20 p. m.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 4: C. Baneroff, Mrs. Andrew Leitfried, Margaret Nash, Mrs. Lena Tyler.

Next Monday, Mr. Worrick will be prepared to do all kinds of boot and shoe repairing at the old stand of the late S. P. Morgan, on East Main street, Ayer.

For other Ayer news see page eight.

Fatal Accident.

Thomas O'Malley of this town was killed in the Clinton railroad yard late last Saturday evening. The cause of death is not positively known, but appearances indicate that he was killed by a freight train which leaves Clinton for Ayer about eleven o'clock, upon which he was in the habit of riding home Saturday nights after visiting relatives in Clinton. He was well known to all the trainmen on the road, having worked on the section at Clinton for three years and for a similar time here, where he worked as a section-hand on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division.

The body was viewed by medical examiner Tobey, who ordered the remains to be taken in charge by a Clinton undertaker. The body when found was at right angles with the track with the feet near the Ayer bound track, which gives rise to the theory that he was struck by the train bound for Ayer.

Mr. O'Malley was a native of Ireland where he was born about forty-five years ago. He came to this country six years ago and during that time was employed on the Boston and Maine railroad. He has a large number of friends and relatives in Clinton. He leaves a wife, one son four sisters, one brother and a mother, all of whom live in Ireland.

Fair.

The annual fair of the Methodist church was held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. Pretty decorated tables were:

Candy, in charge of Mrs. S. J. Andrew and Ethel Andrews; fancy, Mrs. George B. Turner and Mrs. John F. Lantz; aprons, Mrs. W. W. Wentworth; Larkin booth, Mrs. Alfred Yates and Miss Elsie Waterman; ice cream and cake, Mrs. J. W. Wentworth and Miss Mildred McNeill.

A fine supper was served by this committee.



If you are worrying about the selection of some of your Christmas Presents, we can help you.

A Few Christmas Suggestions:

Men's Sweater Coats	50¢ to \$5.00	Men's Slippers	50¢ to \$2.00
Boys' Sweater Coats	50¢ to \$2.00	Ladies' Furfelt Slippers	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Men's Umbrellas	50¢ to \$5.00	Neckwear	25¢, 50¢, \$1.00
Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$5.00	Cuff Links	25¢, 50¢, \$1.00
Cuff Links and Pin to Match	75¢ and \$1.00	Mufflers	50¢, \$1.00
Gloves of all kinds	25¢ to \$5.00	Fancy Arm Bands	25¢, 50¢
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial	5¢ to 50¢	Suspenders in fancy boxes	25¢, 50¢

These are only a few suggestions, we are unable to catalogue the whole stock

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In the evening an interesting entertainment was given by the Ennis, Towne and Clark Comedy Co., of Boston. This was varied with selections by Peterson's orchestra.

Woman's Alliance.

A very interesting meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance was held on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ellen F. Kittredge. Three ladies were elected to membership. An appropriation was made to a western Alliance. It was voted to pay five dollars to the A. U. A., and fifty dollars to the church treasurer for church expenses. It was announced that Mrs. George J. Burns collected the largest amount at the recent sock party.

A very interesting letter was read from Miss Emma C. Low, president of the National Alliance, telling that the two chief objects for Alliance work this year were intelligent and active support of the Sunday school and work of the postoffice mission. Miss Low urged the Alliance to cooperate in this work and report progress to the director or to herself. The program included:

Song, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Mrs. Avis Fisher, accompanist; piano duo, Misses Etta Green and Mona Steadman; paper on "Harriet Beecher Stowe," Mrs. Lyman Clark; reading, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, and piano solo, Miss Steadman.

Refreshments were served by the hostess during a social hour.

Wedding.

In Fitchburg on Saturday, December 2, at four o'clock, a very pretty home wedding took place at 48 Mount Vernon street, when Miss Gertrude Agnes Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Stevens, was united in marriage with Leon Warren Kenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenney of Fitchburg, by Rev. George H. Thomas of Christ church.

The bride, charmingly gowned in crepe-de-chene over silk, with Princess lace garniture, wearing a tulle veil caught with lilies of the valley and carrying a white prayer book, was given away by her father. The maid of honor, Miss Madolin R. Whitney of Ayer, wore a "sunset" yellow satin messaline gown with a net tunic and pearl empiement and carried Mrs. Ward roses. The groom was attended by his cousin, Clyde Warren of Fitchburg.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by the bride's sister, Miss Dorothy Stevens, who wore a pink mousseline de sole gown. Edwin Stevens, brother of the bride, acted as usher. The rooms were tastefully decorated with laurel, evergreen and cut flowers. The lunch was attractively served by Miss S. Catherine Dunbar of Baldwinville. Miss Georgianna Wheelock of Fitchburg and Miss Dorothy Stevens.

The gifts, many and beautiful, included silver, cut glass, hand-painted china, linen, money, etc. About forty guests, relatives of the bride and groom and intimate friends, were present.

On their return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Kenney will reside at their home, Sheldon road, West Fitchburg.

Resolutions.

Since it has pleased the Almighty in his Divine Wisdom to take from our midst, our beloved brother, Thomas A. Fitzgerald, who was so recently among us in all the health and vigor of his life;

Since his cheerful countenance and helping hand shall be so sorrowfully missed by us;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the members of Division 7, A. O. H., lament, beyond measure, the death of our brother, and sorrowfully sympathize with the family in their hour of desolation.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy be sent to the parents of our deceased brother and inserted in the local press.

James J. Horan,
Joseph Foley,
John W. McGuane,
Committee on Resolutions.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 5, 1911.

Funeral.

The people of Leominster witnessed one of the largest and most impressive funerals seen in that town in a good many years last Monday when the remains of Thomas A. Fitzgerald were taken to their final resting place.

The deceased met with a fatal accident Thanksgiving night while returning here from his home in North Leominster, where his parents reside. As the car rounded the bend at the junction of West Main and Mechanic streets the jar threw him from the rear platform where he had been standing. It appears evident that when he fell he had his hands in his overcoat pockets and had no way to protect himself from the fall. He was picked up and taken to the home of Thomas McGuane, where he was attended by Dr. Sullivan, but he was gone beyond all medical treatment and died in six or seven minutes.

A special car left here at eight a. m. taking the members of Div. 7, A. O. H., and Aerie No. 1610, F. O. E., to attend the funeral. The funeral procession left the house at nine o'clock and proceeded to St. Leo's church at Leominster, where a solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Eugene Toher, pastor of St. Leo's church, assisted by Rev. P. J. Sheedy of Ayer, deacon, and Rev. Philip J. Lee, sub-deacon.

Mrs. Henry Sullivan sang, "Thy will be done," and was assisted during the mass by the church choir.

Among the floral tributes were a handsome cross about five feet high from Ayer friends, a cross from Div. 7, A. O. H., a pillow from F. O. E. No. 1610, and a harp from Ayer friends. There were also several other beautiful pieces from friends from Lowell, Fitchburg, Nashua, N. H., and Leominster. The bearers were Thomas S. Hackett and John H. Coburn of Leominster, E. Gilman, Chas. A. Lothrop, J. B. O'Connell, Jr., and Martin Scullane of Ayer.

The funeral procession was led to St. Leo's cemetery by Div. 7, A. O. H. in full funeral regalia, followed by the F. O. E., both societies having about one hundred in line. "The services at the grave were held by Rev. P. J. Sheedy of Ayer, assisted by two priests from St. Leo's church.

The deceased was born in Nashua, N. H., October 28, 1890. His father moved to Lowell soon after and from there to North Leominster, where he has since resided. At the age of fourteen he went to work at the barber business and was later made foreman of one of his father's shops. In 1906 he came to this town to work for Eugene Rousseau and in 1908 purchased the shop vacated by George Teter in Turner's block. He started alone in this shop and in a short time hired a second barber and later when his business increased added a third chair, refitted the shop and up to the time of his death was one of the most successful young men in the town.

He was without exception one of the most popular young men here, considering the short time he had been

in town and will be sadly missed by all. He was a member of Division 7, A. O. H., and Aerie 1610, F. O. E.

He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fitzgerald, three sisters and two brothers.

His business in which he has been so successful has been sold to E. Gilman, who worked for him for the past year.

Inquest.—The inquest on the death of Thomas A. Fitzgerald, which resulted from a fall from a Fitchburg and Leominster electric car here last week Thursday was held in the district court room on Tuesday morning before associate justice John M. Maloney. Twelve witnesses were called upon to testify. Dr. Sullivan was called, who stated that he saw Fitzgerald at Thomas McGuane's house, where he was taken prior to the doctor's arrival. He remained with the injured man until the latter died. An examination showed a badly fractured skull and a broken right wrist. The cause of death was the injury to the skull.

Dr. Priest, of Groton, assistant medical examiner, said that after being notified he came here and viewed the body at Mr. McGuane's house. He found a fracture of the skull, a broken neck and right wrist. From the appearance of the wounds, he thought Fitzgerald must have fallen off the car backwards, which resulted in death.

George B. Crowley, of Fitchburg, a passenger on the car, said he saw Fitzgerald get on the car at North Leominster. As the car was approaching the place where the accident occurred, Fitzgerald was standing on the left side of the rear vestibule of the car, facing toward Ayer. When the car came to the place where the accident happened, he fell and landed on his back.

Joseph A. Allen, conductor, said he did not see the accident as he was in the car attending to his duties at the time. Stopped at rear of catholic church. Did not stop again until the end of the line, near Globe hotel. Then he heard some one say that a passenger had fell off, went back and found Fitzgerald unconscious.

Charles Revor, of Fitchburg, mortician of the car, said he heard signal to stop after passing Brown's corner, but he did not stop, as there was no stopping places between that point and the end of the line.

Charles A. Lothrop, of Ayer, said he was with Fitzgerald from 2.40 o'clock on the day of the accident until he met with the fatal injuries. They left here on the three o'clock car for North Leominster, where they visited Fitzgerald's parents. They left there at 5.30. Lothrop got off car before it reached Brown's corner and did not see the accident. Later came and saw injured man lying on the street, went to Proctor's garage and telephoned for Dr. Sullivan.

C. F. Baker, of Fitchburg, was present at the inquest as counsel for the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company. H. K. Bennett, claim agent for the company, was also present. H. Parents of Worcester appeared in behalf of the state railroad commissioners.

Death.

Isaac T. Nutting, who formerly lived here for several years, died at the State hospital at Tewksbury on Monday afternoon, aged fifty-seven years. Death was due to general debility. He was brought here Saturday to the home of his sister, Mrs. Josephine Hatch, and on Sunday he was removed to the State hospital where his death occurred. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Hatch, of Ayer, and Mrs. Sarah A. Carlin, of Groton, a daughter.

ter, Mrs. Mary Snow, of Willimansett, and two sons, James Nutting and Charles Nutting, of this town. The burial was at Lowell. Mr. Nutting, when living here, worked for L. W. Phelps for several years at the sawmill, and was well-known.

New Advertisements.

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I will open on Monday, Dec. 11, at the old stand on East Main St. the Boot and Shoe Repairing Business of the late S. P. Morgan.

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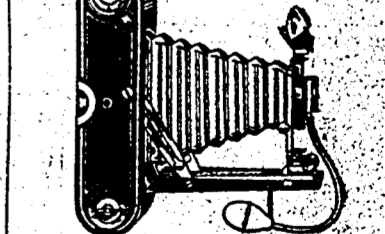
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday evening in the church vestry. An oyster supper will be served at 6:30, under the direction of a committee of which John G. Conant is the chairman. An address will then be given by Hon. George J. Burns, of Ayer; subject, "Hobbies."

The following nineteen members of the Franco Independent club went to Boston last week Friday and received their second and final naturalization papers, which will entitle them to cast their first vote at the next town meeting, in March, 1912:

Joseph, sr., Joseph, jr., William, Charles, Felix, Roger, Frank, James, Gionet, Richard, John, Frank, Cormier, John J. Chaisson, George Sidelou, Fred Smith, Emile Carter, Phillip Lezer.

The following have received their first papers of naturalization: Joseph Descoteaux, Levi Landry and Frank A. Gionet.

Elmer H. Allen spent a few days this week in New York city on business.

John H. Will and family will move into the house which they recently purchased on Harvard road, on Saturday, December 16.

The week-end attraction in Shirley, which without doubt will be exceptionally fine, will be the appearance in Odd Fellows' hall, December 9, of the Tyrolean Singers, six in number, including female voices. They will be assisted by Miss Cora Ramsden, reader, all of Boston. This entertainment, which is being given under the auspices of the Congregational Brotherhood, will be of a strictly high-class character; and a treat is in store for all who attend.

The ladies of the Congregational church held its regular monthly social and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening. A fine supper was served at seven o'clock, under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. McCoy, chairman; Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Maggie Love, Miss Inez McMuray, Miss Sadie Knowles and Mrs. Harding James. The entertainment commenced at eight o'clock, under the direction of Miss Althea Howe and Mrs. Frank P. Rugg. A very pleasing program was rendered.

Mrs. Frank Lee (nee Ford) of Fall River, has arrived at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Logue, in company with her young son Donald and little daughter Dorothy. Her husband, Mr. Lee, will join his family at the Logue homestead next week for a brief visit.

Morris Cutler has bought the house and barn owned and occupied by Joseph Descoteaux, the price paid being \$2500, and does not include Mr. Descoteaux's grocery stock, as Mr. Cutler intends to stock the store with his own goods. Mr. Cutler and family will move into their new house on December 27, this being the date set by Mr. Cutler for Mr. Descoteaux and family to vacate. The Descoteaux family will go to live for a time with his son-in-law, Mr. Forcier, and in the spring intends to locate on a farm in Connecticut.

The St. Jean Baptiste society will hold its regular meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 10, at the usual hour. At this meeting officers for the year 1912, will be elected.

Alex Gionet is confined to his home with the grippe.

Miss Marion Holden, who has been confined to home with an attack of pneumonia, is recovering nicely and expects to return to her studies at the Fitchburg Normal school next week.

Dr. Charles J. Pierce has been suffering the past two weeks with an attack of his old trouble, a form of chronic rheumatism. However, the doctor is treating patients as usual at his office.

Latest reports from the Faulkner hospital say Herbert M. Dickson is about the same and is fairly on the way to ultimate recovery.

The remains of Horace Balcom, who died at his home in Webster last Saturday night at ten o'clock, was brought to this town for burial in the family lot in the village cemetery on Tuesday. Mr. Balcom died from heart trouble and enlargement of the liver. He was seventy-four years of age and was like his brother, Oliver W. Balcom, a member of the G. A. R. Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday morning. Besides a wife, he leaves one daughter and two step-daughters.

The Charles H. Miner family moved the latter part of last week into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Ida M. Warren.

Mrs. Josephine Love, of Concord, visited friends in town recently.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, December 11, when officers for the year of 1912, will be nominated.

Mrs. Lancy, with children, Raymond and Gladys, returned to her home in North Leominster the first of the week, after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, of Lancaster road.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Scott have returned home from a pleasant visit with their son, Fred and family at Rotterdam, N. Y.

The Medie Devarney family moved on Tuesday to Ayer, where Mr. Devarney is employed in the cider mill.

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles in their room at the high school building on Friday afternoon, December 15. Miss Margaret McMillan, the teacher, has cooperated with her pupils to make the sale a success and the patronage of the parents and friends are very sincerely solicited. Many articles suitable for little Christmas gifts will be on sale.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen and Mrs. E. E. Edgarton went on Thursday to attend the D. A. R. bazaar held in Boston. They will remain over Friday. Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, Mrs. George O. Evans and Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence went on Friday and remained all day. They are the duly elected representatives from Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R.

John W. Farrar has sold out his store at the Center to Ernest E. Baxter, who has taken possession. He will reside with his wife in the tenement over the store, which has been occupied by Elmer Hubbard, driver for Mr. Devarney. Mr. Hubbard will continue to work in the store for a time and has moved into Mr. Farrar's house opposite the store.

Mrs. Sandy Gionet is confined to her home with sickness, and her husband, who has been sick with tuberculosis for the past six months, is no better, and is trying to be admitted to a sanitarium for treatment.

Interesting Address.

Rev. Enoch Bell, of Boston, field secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, gave a very interesting address in the Congregational church last Sunday morning. Mr. Bell is a native of North Leominster, where he spent his early school days. He visited this church some years ago, and consequently a good sized audience was present to hear him. Mr. Bell has spent about ten years as a missionary in Japan and gave a good general account of the work being done in that country by missionaries, and also the type of men and women who engage in the work. Mr. Bell is a very pleasing and attractive speaker and his discourse as a whole showed a decided broadness in his views that could not fail to make him a winner in his chosen profession.

Death.

Francis L'Ecuyer, a resident of Shirley for the past twenty years, died at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gionet, on Leominster road, last Saturday, after an illness of about ten days. Mr. L'Ecuyer was 80 yrs. 8 mos. and 6 days old, and his death was caused from a general and final breaking up of old age. He followed the occupation of laborer for a living, but has not been engaged in any regular capacity for the past twelve years, during his residence with his daughter. He was born in Canada, and is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Patrick Gionet, Mrs. Richard Cormier, Mrs. Richard Murray and Mrs. George Devarney, all of Shirley, and two sons, Francis and George, who reside in Canada, and one sister, Mrs. Esther Vincent, of Gardner.

Funeral services were held in St. Anthony's church on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The pall bearers were five sons-in-law, Patrick Gionet, Richard Murray, Richard Cormier, George Devarney and Louis Boucher, and a nephew, John L'Ecuyer. Relatives were present at the funeral from nearby towns.

D. A. R.

Regular meeting of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., was held on Monday evening with Mrs. Nellie Holbrook. A short business session included the endorsement of a resolution sent out by a joint committee of the three chapters of Indianapolis, that the name of the president-general's room in Continental Memorial hall shall not be changed from Indiana to Caroline Scott Harrison. The entertainment in charge of Mrs. Anna Cram and Mrs. E. E. Edgarton consisted of an interesting paper on the life and writings of Francis Parkman by Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, and a dialogue "Those landladies," read by Mrs. Edgarton.

Those who attend the bazaar are: Thursday and Friday, Mrs. Allen at the information bureau. Thursday, Mrs. E. E. Edgarton, treasurer, at the pillow and cushion table. Friday, Mrs. Ella Lawrence as treasurer. Mrs. Mary W. Hazen and Mrs. Hattie Evans at the table. Twenty-five pillows and cushions have been sent in by the chapter, including a baby pillow sent by Mrs. Mathew J. Scott, embroiderer. Pillow and cushion sent by Mrs. William Cummings Story, hand embroidered pillow from Mrs. Eugene N. Foss, and a pillow made from badges used at Continental Memorial hall by Mrs. Mary Harlow.

Wedding.

Otis Evans and Miss Myrna Carter, of the Center, were married in Cambridge on November 22. The marriage came as a surprise to their large number of friends in Shirley and surrounding towns as the affair was private, being known only to the members of the families to which the couple are connected. However, at a dance held in town hall, Shirley Center, which the newly married couple attended last Saturday evening, the public announcement of the marriage was made and congratulations were then in order.

Mr. Evans is twenty-seven years of age and Miss Carter is twenty-four. They are both highly respected and popular, having endeared themselves to the people of the community in and around the Center, including the patrons of the grange, to which they both belong. A reception was planned for them on Monday evening and terminated with charming results when friends and neighbors gathered at the town hall. Among this number were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar, who also were recently married.

The happy gathering wended their way to the Mary Anna home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and greatly surprised them by an invasion which had for its object the love which had been gradually cemented by long years of neighborly fellowship together. The exercises of the evening commenced with music, Miss Chevette presiding at the piano, while games and refreshments added to the festivities of the evening.

However, the newly-wedded couples were given another surprise when a halt was called in the festivities of the evening and Mrs. Arthur E. Cummings stepped forward and in language which voiced the appreciative good-will sentiments of the guests of the evening and in their behalf presented Mr. and Mrs. Evans with three pieces of silver table service and while they were recovering from this pleasant surprise Mrs. Cummings in equally appropriate and well-defined sentences presented Mr. and Mrs. Farrar with a three-piece silver service.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Farrar responded in words of gratitude for the substantial tokens of esteem which would always be inspiring memories through

life. Timely remarks were also made by Arthur E. Cummings and William Jubb and as the clock tolled the hour of eleven, the happy guests left for their homes, leaving in its wake memories that will never be forgotten by the newly weds and their guests.

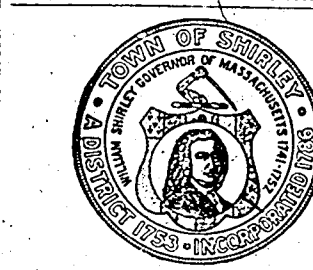
Mr. and Mrs. Evans will leave Shirley early in the spring for Pennsylvania where Mr. Evans will again resume his duties as foreman for a mining corporation and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar will depart for their new home in Pomfret, Vt., in the course of a short time.

Both couples leave Shirley with the kindest of wishes of the people at large for a happy and successful future.

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shirley, Massachusetts, duly warned as required by law and held November seventh, 1911, under the following article in the Warrant for calling the same, to wit:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following additional by-laws to provide for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within the limits of the highways or Town ways of the Town, and instruct the Selectmen to take the necessary steps to have the same approved and become effective, or act thereon.

Section 1. The tenant, occupant or owner of any estate abutting on any street, highway or Town way in the Town, and where there now is, or hereafter may be, a sidewalk constructed of or covered with concrete, brick, cement, stone, wood or any other material than earth, ashes, or gravel, shall within twelve hours after the ceasing to fall, form or drift thereon, of any snow, sleet or ice, remove or cause to be removed such snow, sleet or ice therefrom so far as it can be removed, and, if the same cannot be wholly removed, shall sprinkle or cause to be sprinkled thereon sand, ashes, sawdust, or other suitable substances, so that such sidewalk shall not be slippery and shall be safe and convenient for public travel.

Section 2. Whoever violates the provision of the preceding section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten Dollars.

It was voted to adopt the above article as one of the by-laws of the Town.

HERMAN S. HAZEN,
Town Clerk of Shirley,
Shirley, Mass., November 20th, 1911.

Boston, December 1, 1911.
I approve the foregoing by-laws.
JAMES M. SWIFT,
3113 Attorney-General.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN TOWNSEND, MASS.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Clifford R. Keenan, of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Joel S. Cook, of said Townsend, dated November 28th, A. D. 1910, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 3564, page 525, will be sold at Public Auction upon the premises hereinafter described on Monday, the first day of January A. D. 1912, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:

"A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Townsend and on the Northernly side of the road, leading from the old Isaac Spaulding place to Townsend Harbor, so called, bounded as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at a stone monument at the Southeastly corner of the premises and at a corner of land now or formerly of John M. Campbell on the northernly side of said road; thence northernly by said Campbell land ten rods to a stake and stones; thence Westerly by land now or formerly of Lucy C. Mitchell, sixteen rods to a stake and stones; thence southerly by said Mitchell land ten rods to said road; thence Easterly by said road to the bound first mentioned, containing one acre of land be the same more or less."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

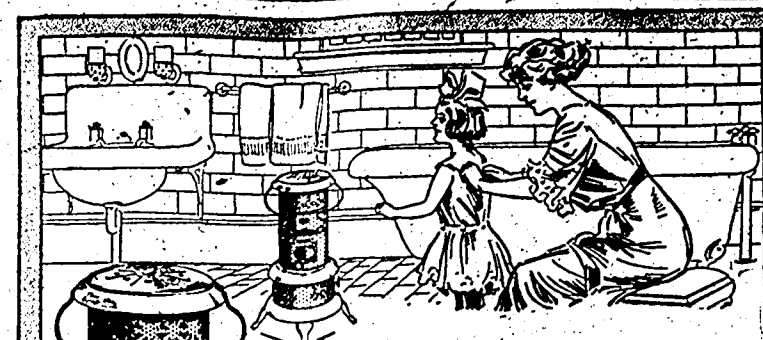
JOEL S. COOK, Mortgagee.
Townsend, Mass., Dec. 8th, 1911.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank all our friends who did so much by their words of consolation and beautiful floral tributes to lighten the burden of our grief in our great loss. We desire especially to thank the A. O. U. W. and F. O. E. of Ayer, also, Dr. Shedy for his many acts of kindness and sympathy.

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SHIRLEY.
Center.
Mrs. Hargraves and daughter, Mar-
guerite, of Townsend Center, were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles An-
drews at the North last week.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted
daughter, Allison, left last Monday for
Cambridge, where they are to spend
the winter at Felton hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley and
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longley were
guests of Mrs. Sara Longley and S.
LeRoy Longley over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and
sons Stanwood and Geoffrey, of Brook-
line, spent last week at their summer
home on Center road.

Miss Christine G. Longley returned
on Monday to Quincy Mansion school
after spending a short Thanksgiving
recess with her mother, Mrs. M. W.
Longley.

Miss Lottie Bohanon, of Boston uni-
versity, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Longley for several days last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard and
family have moved from the tenement
over the grocery store into the house
belonging to J. W. Farrar.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and son Rob-
ert H. J. Holden, of Harvard universi-
ty, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P.
Barnard at the village over Thank-
sgiving.

The Alonzo Jenkins farm at the
North is reported to be sold. Mr. and
Mrs. Jenkins are to move to Town-
send to reside with relatives there.

Miss Kittredge, of Brookline, was a
recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. H.
A. Bridgman.

Elsie M. Holden has returned home
from Nashua, where she has been for
several weeks caring for her aunt,
who was ill with pneumonia.

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

Robert J. Evans returned on Mon-
day to Bowdoin college after spending
a short vacation with his mother, Mrs.
John W. Evans.

Mrs. M. W. Longley is confined to
her home with a severe attack of
rheumatism.

Miss Marion L. Holden is rapidly
recovering from an attack of pneu-
monia and will soon be able to return
to Fitchburg State Normal school.

Mr. Dexter was confined to the
house with illness and under the care
of Dr. T. E. Lilly last week, but has
improved sufficiently to take up his
duties in the store.

Little Redna Wildman recently un-
derwent an operation on her neck.

Merrick W. Carey is rapidly recov-
ering from his sprain received while
caring for the street lamps.

J. Walker Ward has nearly recov-
ered from his operation and will resume
his mail route next week.

Walter Woods has entered the em-
ploy of A. B. Cram, during the illness
of Mr. Nutting.

Bessie V. Farnsworth was a guest
of Miss Rachael Osgood at Ayer last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey
spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Carey at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams spent a few
days this week at the home of Sidney
Peabody at Lunenburg.

grammar school, under Miss Alma
Bowles, united last week for Thank-
sgiving exercises. The program, which
was carried out in a manner to give
credit to both pupils and teachers,
was as follows:

Recitations: "Festival day," Gladys
Leahy; "Story of the Pilgrims," Phillis
Farrar; song, "The breaking waves
dashed high," grammar school; recita-
tion, "Governor Bradford's proclama-
tion," Elmer E. Wilkins; exercise by
ten primary scholars; recitation, "First
Thanksgiving," John Groat; song, "Mr.
Duck" and "Mr. Turkey," primary
school; recitations: "The Mayflower,"
Everett Buxton; "The Pilgrim Fath-
er," Marion Moulton; exercise, pri-
mary school; recitations: "Something
to be thankful for," Alta Graves;
"Tommy's Thanksgiving," George Bou-
tiller; song, "Over the river and
through the wood," primary school.

Wherefore it prays that after due
notice and hearing as provided by
law, it may be granted a location for
and permission to erect and maintain
poles and wires, together with such
sustaining or protecting fixtures as it
may find necessary, said poles to be
erected substantially in accordance
with the plan filed herewith marked
5, dated Nov. 9, 1911, proposed pole
locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve
space for one cross-arm at a suitable
point on said poles for the telephone,
fire and police signal wires owned by
the town, and used for municipal pur-
poses.

The following are the streets and
highways above referred to:
Shaker Village Road from the end
of the present pole line to the resi-
dence of B. C. Goss.

The New England Telephone and Tel-
egraph Company of Massachusetts,
By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON,
C. L. S.
General Manager.

Dated this ninth day of November,
1911.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF HARVARD, MASS.
INCORPORATED JUNE 29, 1732.

On the foregoing petition it is
Ordered that a public hearing be
given at the Selectmen's Rooms, Town
hall, Harvard, Mass., on Saturday,
December sixteenth, 1911, at eight o'clock
P. M., and that the petitioner cause
notice of said hearing to be given by
publishing the same in The Harvard
Hillsides, a paper published in Ayer,
Mass., the last publication to be at
least seven days before said hearing,
and that the petitioner also cause writ-
ten notices of the time and place of
said hearing to be mailed to each of
the owners of real estate (as deter-
mined by the last preceding assess-
ment for taxation) along the ways or
parts of ways in which it is proposed
to construct a line of poles, wires
and fixtures, including the necessary
sustaining and protecting fixtures, or
to relocate the same, that all persons
may be heard relative to the matter
of said petitions.

**WILLIAM B. WILLARD,
BENJ. J. PRIEST,
WARREN H. FAIRBANK**
Selectmen of Harvard.

A copy of the petitions and order
thereon. Attest:
WARREN H. FAIRBANK, Clerk.
Harvard, Mass., December 2, 1911.

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The following are the streets and
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Ayer and Harvard Road near the
residence of W. H. Roberts, one new
and five relocated.
The New England Telephone and Tel-
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By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON,
C. L. S.
General Manager.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of
October, 1911.

**PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS
FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCA-
TIONS.**

To the Board of Selectmen of the
Town of Harvard, Massachusetts:
Respectfully represents The New
England Telephone and Telegraph
Company of Massachusetts that it de-
sires to construct a line of poles,
wires and fixtures, including the nec-
essary sustaining and protecting fix-
tures, along and across the public
way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due
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SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the es-
tate of JOHANN F. CROWLEY, late
of Groton in said County, deceased:

Whereas, PATRICK H. CROWLEY
administrator of the estate of said de-
ceased, has petitioned said Court his
petition praying the Court to deter-
mine the amount of money which he
may pay for the erection of a head-
stone on the lot in which the body of
said deceased is buried, and to whom
the same shall be paid:

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
granted.

And said administrator is ordered to
serve this citation by delivering a copy
thereof to all persons interested in the
estate fourteen days at least before
said Court, or by publishing the same
once in each week, for three suc-
cessive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit,
a newspaper published in Ayer the last
publication to be one day at least be-
fore said Court, and by mailing, post-
paid, a copy of this citation to all
known persons interested in the estate
seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this twenty-
first day of November in the year one
thousand nine hundred and eleven.
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By virtue of a power of sale con-
tained in a certain mortgage deed
given by Charles E. Haskins of Shir-
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the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
to Bartholomew McGrail of Ayer, in
said County, dated December 28th,
A. D. 1903, and recorded with Mid-
dlessex South District Registry of
Deeds in book 3077, page 207, will be
sold at Public Auction upon the pre-
mises 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 con-
veyed by said mortgage deed and
therein described as follows:

"A certain lot of land with
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 fol-
lows, viz:

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

Terms: Said premises will be sold
subject to all unpaid taxes, a deposit
of \$500.00 in part payment will be
required and other terms will be
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November 16, 1911.

PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

At a special meeting it was decided to change the date of the oyster supper of the Oak Hill Improvement society to Friday, December 15.

Frank H. Parker and family of Forest Hills spent Thanksgiving at W. S. Parker's.

Russell R. Shattuck of Worcester and Edgar W. Shattuck of Newton were visitors in town for the holidays.

Rupert Blood and family of Worcester were visitors at his father's home here on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Alice Blood Bartlett went last Saturday to Fitchburg to attend the wedding of Miss Gertrude Stevens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, formerly of this town, and while Mr. Stevens lived here he was in the clothing business with Arthur P. Wright.

Mrs. Ann Murray of River street is spending the winter in Nashua.

Monday, December 4, was the eighty-seventh birthday of Mrs. Jewett of Townsend street and her daughter, Mrs. Spencer of Boston was with her. Many of her friends called upon her.

Mrs. Ida Kendall Peckham of Boston spent the week-end of Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. William Kendall, who is better this winter than she has been for several seasons. Mrs. Peckham is an active member in the Congregational Trinitarian church of Rev. Dr. Berle of Boston, advocating in a way that christian duties extend to all of humanity in its civic relations and that each life is worth while in any community.

The paper bottle factory is adding new machinery and is able to place the entire output very satisfactorily.

Next Sunday afternoon at 5.30, the Y. P. S. C. E., the Epworth league and the Babbidge Guild will join in a union chorus choir under the direction of Miss Maynard. Dev. D. R. Child will speak of "The craftsman." There are many in town not identified with any religious movement or who are strangers, and all connected with this meeting wish to extend the invitation to all, young or old, to be present to hear the good singing which is promised, under the supervision of Miss Maynard and enjoy the fellowship.

Rev. S. L. Elberfeld, of Charlestown, N. H., visited Rev. D. R. Child this week.

All grangers should remember that on Friday, December 22, the ladies of Prescott grange give the brothers a supper.

Mrs. L. E. Starr refused all work in the grange for the coming year as she is planning for a small party to go to Florida, starting about the middle of January.

Mrs. Shattuck, the wife of the late Col. S. P. Shattuck, celebrated her nineteenth birthday on December 7, and was so well at Thanksgiving that she was able to make eighteen of the good old-fashioned pies that are seldom found now-a-days. Her family and friends kept the day most suitably and all were very happy.

A business meeting of the Village Aid society will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 14, at three o'clock, at the residence of Dr. Chas. G. Heald. A full attendance is particularly requested.

Roger Robbins has been spending the past week at his home here, returning on Monday to Tufts college, where he is attending school.

Horace Patterson, of South Merrimack, N. H., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris.

Entertainment. On Tuesday, December 26, the Glee and Mandolin club of Tufts college will give a concert in Prescott hall. This is a great honor to the town and everybody should improve this chance by hearing a musical club composed of college men. This club is known far and wide and they have "made a hit" in the large cities like Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit. On account of taking their annual trip through Maine during the Christmas vacation, they have been asked by one of the college members to stop in Pepperell. To show your appreciation don't let this concert go by without hearing these trained voices.

To the Editor: Henry A. Wright concluded his service as R. F. D. carrier on route one, East Pepperell, on November 18, and Charles F. Spaulding then took the place and drove the week of November 20 to 25, and November 27 to December 2.

On November 27, I was notified from Washington that on the examination which I took on November 11, I had received 39 1/2 percent, and stood first on the list, which meant the appointment to the position, and the official appointment I received the afternoon of December 6, but having received an advantageous offer from the Pepperell Card and Paper Company, in whose employ I have been for fourteen years, to remain in their employ, which I accepted. I then resigned on the R. F. D. position and Roy Sylvester was appointed by A. P. Wright, postmaster, to fill the vacancy caused by my resignation, and he took charge of the mail route on December 4, for the first day. Charles F. Spaulding.

Woman's Club. The Pepperell Woman's club met on Tuesday, December 5, at Saunders' corner. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, and Mrs. Nelson Tower was appointed secretary pro tem. After the reading of current events by Mrs. Ida Boynton, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. S. Denham. The subject of the meeting was Nova Scotia.

The program was as follows: The geographical side was given by Mrs. Denham, after which a historical paper was read by Mrs. A. R. Paul. Mrs. Tower then gave recitations from "Evangeline." Mrs. Abbie Woodward gave an account of her recent trip to Nova Scotia, principally of her stay at Meteghan. Miss Mary Wood read selections on the subject, and the

geographical part was illustrated by Mrs. C. S. Denham with mineral selections. The meeting was entertaining as well as instructive. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19. Subject, "Wild birds and their music."

Current Events.

There will be a meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., at the home of Mrs. Lura Weston on Mill street, Saturday, December 16, at 2.30 p. m. The executive board will meet at two o'clock. A paper will be given by Mrs. Jennie B. Drury. The hostesses are Mrs. Lura Weston, Mrs. Carrie Herrig and Mrs. Carrie S. Tarbell.

Miss Sadie Woodward, of Milford, N. H., has been spending a few days with Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson.

Mrs. Albert Parker is quite sick at her home on Brookline street.

Mrs. Charles Card, who was reported ill last week, is much better, and is able to be out again.

Mrs. Carrie Pitman has returned to her work in Boston, after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Alida Elkins, of Brookline road.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Doby have moved into the house on Brookline road recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Allingham.

Mrs. Roswell Lawson is enjoying a visit from her father, Mr. Simmons, of Haverhill.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sutherland spent their Thanksgiving in Westboro, Mr. Sutherland's charge before coming to Pepperell, where Mr. Sutherland officiated at a wedding. The contracting parties were Albert H. Alden and Myrtle Alvira Norton.

The cottage prayer meeting will be held on Thursday evening, December 14, at the home of Mrs. Sarah Patch, on the Nashua road.

At the seven o'clock service at the M. E. church on Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Sutherland, will continue his very interesting series of sermons on "Peter the great apostle." Subject, "Peter reinstated."

There will be no meeting of the Epworth league at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, as they will join in a union service of the Young People's league to be held at 5.30 o'clock at the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Frank Gilman, of Brookline, N. H., is the guest of Mrs. Freeman Simmons.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding and little daughters, of Wilmington, are spending a few weeks at the home of her parents in this town.

Mrs. S. J. Barker, Mrs. Frank Jameson and son Kenneth have been recent guests of Mrs. E. H. Bean.

The many friends of Mrs. H. A. Parker will be pleased to know that she is enjoying good health this winter and is very happy in her new home.

Mrs. Isaac Margeson and her sister, Mrs. Susie Mahar, of Nova Scotia, who is visiting her, have gone on a trip to Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Sarah Patch enjoyed a visit on Sunday last from Mrs. Ansel Shattuck, and Mrs. Jessie Shattuck, of Grotton, who had with them their guest, Mrs. James Mitchell (Ellen Shattuck) formerly of this town, now of Williamsville.

Miss Mildred Gilman, of Brookline, N. H., formerly of this town, has gone to Florida to spend the winter, starting on Thursday, November 23.

The annual meeting of the Pepperell Cemetery association was held at the office of Dr. C. G. Heald on Monday afternoon, J. A. Saunders was reelected president; Dr. C. G. Heald, clerk; P. J. Kemp, treasurer, and Col. A. D. Dennen, director.

D. Brainard Shattuck, who has been such a severe sufferer from rheumatism, is better and able to walk down town once more.

Some of the Townsend as well as the Pepperell readers will be interested in the following: Miss Annie Coffey, formerly of Townsend, was united in marriage to Charles W. Duffy, of Waltham, November 29. The couple are spending a few days with the bride's sister, Mrs. Margaret Whitney.

William Hannah was quite sick for a few days last week with pleurisy, but is better now and is at work again.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, of Concord, for so many years a resident in this town, has been a visitor here this week.

Thomas Murray has left the employ of J. A. Saunders, and will work for Lane Bros., until after the holidays.

Mrs. E. E. Tarbell, who has been quite ill with an attack of acute indigestion, is now convalescent.

Miss Edith Gerrish, of Worcester, formerly of this town, visited the latter part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mault.

Mrs. Kate Blake, who recently suffered an operation at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, returned to her home in this town on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. T. Blood had quite a family gathering at Thanksgiving—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blood and three children, Miss Hattie White and Sylvester Blood being with them.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett (Alice Blood) was a guest at the wedding in Fitchburg on Saturday, of Miss Gertrude Agness Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Stevens, formerly of this town, and Leon Warren Kenney, of Fitchburg.

Walter Sullivan, of the East Village, has been employed by Whipple & Tower in place of Roy Sylvester, who has commenced his duties as rural delivery man.

F. Taylor, of Cambridge, is spending a few days with C. P. Lawrence. They were comrades in the civil war and have since been intimate friends.

There has been a change in the choir of the M. E. church. Mrs. Arthur Bartlett will have charge of the singing, and Miss Laura Herrig will act as organist for the present.

Cards have been received in town from Rev. and Mrs. Putnam Webber, of Andover, formerly of this town, an-

nouncing the marriage of their daughter, Marion Ellingwood, to Lester Lewis Hager, Friday, December 1, Mr. and Mrs. Hager will be at home after January 1, in North Dana. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, of Main street, for a short time on their wedding trip.

Entertainment.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, December 14, at 2.30 o'clock. The annual clock supper will be served in the vestry at 6.30, to which all are invited.

There will be a Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts. An entertainment will follow at eight o'clock, in the church, given by Floating Cloud, an Indian maiden.

She appears in full costume and speaks of the home life and customs of her people. She will play the Indian Melodion on her harp. Miss Alice says is the best instrument with which to imitate the music of her people. Floating Cloud has appeared before many large audiences and never fails to please.

Sale. The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will hold their annual Christmas sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12 and 13, commencing at three o'clock each afternoon. The committee in charge are: Mrs. M. J. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, Miss Laura Herrig; apron, Mrs. Freeman Simmons, Mrs. Chas. Marshall; curtains, Mrs. Abbott; and Behrens; household supplies, Miss H. L. Lawrence. On Tuesday evening, a chicken-pie supper will be served from six to 7.30 o'clock. On Wednesday evening there will be musical entertainment, followed by a farce. Program as follows: Piano solo, Miss Beatrice Wallace; vocal solo, Miss Alice Marshall; duet, Misses Butler; piano solo, Miss Katherine Rouse; vocal solo, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett; farce, "A slight mistake," Miss Margaret Burns; Miss Alice Deware, Miss Susie Andrews, Miss Alice Marshall, Miss Carrie Sylvester.

Thanksgiving. Among those who spent Thanksgiving out-of-town are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Simmons, in Grotton; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Barker, in Fitchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman; Amos Mahony with friends in Athol; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foss, in Fitchburg; Miss Amelia Supernault spent the day with friends in Nashua; Mrs. Georgianna Kimball with her son in Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward with their son, Harold Woodward, at Tilton, N. H.; Mrs. Earl Menton, of Fitchburg, at the home of her father, Henry Shattuck; Mrs. Lucy Page with her son and daughter in Pawtucket, R. I.; Mrs. Page intending to make a visit to her mother, Mrs. Fred Foss, of Grotton, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foss.

Among the guests in town for the holiday not mentioned in last week's paper were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiley, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mrs. Annie Wiley; Leslie Read, of Boston, at the home of his mother, Glen Upson, of Leominster, with his mother, Mrs. Adda Upson; Minot Blood, of Boston, and Miss Cora DeLoach, of Boston, at the home of Mrs. Miss Barbara Bancroft, of Boston, at the parental home on Townsend road; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lakin, of Grotton, at the home of Mrs. Hattie Gutterer; Chester Gutterer, of Waltham, at his mother's, Mrs. Hattie Gutterer; Russell Shattuck, of Worcester, at his father's on Oak Hill; Howard Denham, of Lowell, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham; Bernard Shattuck, of Boston, at the parental home; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman (Cora Kemp) at the home of Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kemp; Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Cleary (Clara Duppich) of Leominster, at the home of Mrs. Cleary; Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Herrick and daughter Doris, of Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Duncklee, of Boston, at the home of Mrs. G. W. Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thurston and granddaughter, Miss Gertrude Cherry, were guests at dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lakin, of Lowell, with Mr. Lakin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lakin, Misses Harriet and Lucy Dow, of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wells, of Lowell; Misses Edith Wells and Marian Ames, of the Bridge-water Normal school, at their respective homes; Mrs. Edna Farrell, of Westford, at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tarbell; Miss Gladys Williams, of Nashua, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erbert Williams.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Mrs. Josephine Ballentyne, of Fitchburg, is expected to speak in the vestry of the Congregational church on Sunday evening, December 17, on "Missions in India" under the auspices of the C. E. S. Mrs. Ballentyne, with her husband, spent several years in India, and is a very interesting speaker.

Work is to be started right away to change over the automatic telephones in town to a magneto system, and a central office will be established with two or three operators giving both day and night service. Central will probably be located over the post-office in rooms where all the central apparatus is now stored.

Rev. William W. Locke, of Boston, will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday, December 10, at 11.15.

The First Parish branch Alliance will meet on Thursday, December 14, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Miller. The ladies of the Alliance are to hold a sale of food and fancy articles at the village on Saturday, December 16.

At the social to be given on next Wednesday evening in the Universalist vestry, Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher, of Ayer, will give an address on "Bermuda." The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. George O. Evans, who is arranging other attractions. Supper will be served at seven o'clock.

The R. H. club met on Thursday evening with Miss Grace Adams.

Grange. The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange held the last session of 1911 at Shirley on Wednesday, December 6, and decided upon the change of the Pomona day from Wednesday to Thursday, and the first meeting of the year is to be held in Fitchburg, subject to the date to be made by the lecturer-elect and the executive committee. All of the officers were elected before dinner, and are as follows:

Millard Sawyer, Grotton, m.; Henry Robbins, Ayer, o.; Mrs. Blanche Brown, Grotton, sec.; Ed. Barrow, Grotton, treas.; Arthur Rockwood, Lunenburg, asst. stew.; Mrs. Richard Barrows, Littleton, chap.; H. A. Hill, Fitchburg, area; Mrs. E. K. Kinsley, Townsend Harbor, sec.; I. O. Bascumb, Fitchburg, g. k.; Mrs. Alice Cummings, Shirley, Pomona; Mrs. Charles Stone, Ayer, Ceres; Mrs. Ella Sawyer, Townsend, Fla.; Charles E. Cox, Lunenburg, ex. com., 3 yrs.

The afternoon session was called to order and the first subject taken

up was "Paper bag cooking." Mrs. Minnie D. Green, of Pepperell; Rev. Dudley R. Child, Pepperell, followed with a very interesting talk on "Mexico."

Some unfinished business was attended to when Mrs. Blanche Brown read the paper prepared by Mrs. Flora Holden, "Stunks, as the farmers' friend." Mrs. Emma Scaver substituted a paper on poultry for Mrs. Vernal Barber. Miss Bertha M. Farnsworth had an excellent paper on "The pleasures of a greenhouse for a woman." Miss Sadie Tucker's talk on poultry was excellent and she invited all to see some new "silkies."

The hour was late when the financial question was touched upon, and all felt that the important question should have a chance, but the work had to be concluded. Shirley grange was given the credit of having one of the best dinners served during the year, and the hot mashed potatoes and turnip were greatly relished in addition to all of the rest, and William Jubb is to be congratulated on his success as dinner director.

Altruism.

The Altruists were highly favored at their Thursday meeting by the presence of Preston Smith, of the State Normal school, Fitchburg, who gave a very instructive lecture on "The story of the rocks." Mr. Smith exhibited many specimens of rocks and crystals, explaining their different formations and where usually found; a most interesting study. A rising vote of thanks was given him from all present.

The president opened the meeting at 2.30, the time being changed during the short days of December, January and February. Mrs. Dr. Schenck announced that the Red Cross Christmas seals were on sale and it is to be hoped that everyone will purchase as many as possible to help stamp out the dreaded disease of tuberculosis. The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks.

LITTLETON.

News Item. The next regular meeting of the Odd Fellows will be held in town hall on Monday evening, December 11. At the close of the business a smoke talk will be held.

Lyceum.

A perfect moonlight evening with balmy air favored the lyceum on Tuesday, making it possible for a large audience to gather in the town hall to hear Prof. Cowell's scholarly lecture on "The mission of wit and humor." The speaker introduced the address by contrasting the impressions made up on two persons who looked at one and the same painting by Rembrandt. In like manner wit and humor differ in degree and kind with different individual persons. Then followed a depiction of terms with appropriate illustrations, their power and effect as illustrated in literature and history, their value when legitimately employed, and special benefit in meeting the trying problems and experiences in daily pursuits.

The brief address was listened to with close attention and thoroughly appreciated. Prof. Cowell was entertained at D. G. Houghton's, and was accompanied by Roland Houghton, a student in Cushing academy.

Death.

Rev. Paul G. Favor was recently called to his home in Lowell by the death of his father, William A. Favor, assistant city engineer, whose kindness, faithfulness, industry and modesty had created for him a high place in the regard of his fellow townsmen. Funeral services were held at his late home on Chester street, Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by his son, Rev. Paul G. Favor. A large number of Masons of Ancient lodge, of which Mr. Favor was secretary and past master, attended the funeral and read the Masonic committal service.

Business associates and a large delegation from the various offices in city hall testified by their presence to the high esteem and affectionate regard in which Mr. Favor was held by his associates. The host of friends also bore witness of their sincere friendship by their presence and by the wealth of beautiful flowers. The deceased leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Grange Notes.

The officers elected at the grange last Wednesday evening were as follows:

Richard T. Barrows, m.; James Nagle, o.; Mrs. R. T. Barrows, sec.; Rev. H. L. Packard, chap.; Joseph M. person, stew.; Warren Moore, asst. stew.; Miss Mary Callahan, l. a. s.; Miss Annie Coughlin, Ceres; Miss Josephine Foley, Flora; Miss May Quarrie, Pomona; George H. Cash, ex. com., 3 yrs.

Twelve persons from the Littleton grange attended the Pomona grange at Shirley this week, when the election of officers took place. Mrs. Barrows, of Littleton, was chosen chaplain, and Mr. Barrows was elected steward. Henry Robbins, formerly of Littleton grange, now master of Ayer grange, was chosen overseer.

Interesting Meeting.

A most interesting and enthusiastic meeting of the Mission Study class of the United Workers met on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Florence Wilcox. Twenty or more women were present. Mrs. Charles F. Flagg had charge of the program. Devotions were led by Miss Julia S. Conant. Miss Elizabeth Houghton sang two national hymns and the entire company sang "America."

The general subject, "Immigration," was continued. Miss Fannie Sanderson gave an account of a Swedish woman's leaving home and coming to America, including the various experiences en route, as well as the problems faced at the outset and upon arrival in America. Miss Louisa Flagg told of the work at Ellis Island as it had come under her observation. Miss Miriam Conant reviewed the laws and regulations regarding immigrants. Mrs. V. T. Esten spoke on "The restriction of Chinese immigration." Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton read a letter from

Miss Gertrude Blanchard, a new missionary in China.

Rev. H. L. Packard talked on the religious of the immigrants. A letter from Mrs. Eliza Hartwell, of Somerville, thanking her friends for the shower of postcards received from them on her eighty-second birthday, was read. The program was concluded by the recitation of an appropriate poem written by Kipling, and recited by Mrs. Charles F. Flagg.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Frances Evans, from Boston, is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott, of New York city, are at the home of Miss Josie Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles.

Mrs. Ella W. Tucker left on Thursday for the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Badger, at Quincy, Mass., where she intends to spend part of the winter.

Mrs. Augustus Smith attended the wedding of Miss Gertrude Willey and Harry Powers at Pepperell on Wednesday, November 29.

Frank Gilman was at home from Gardner, Mass., for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Boutelle were at Milford on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels spent Thanksgiving at Mrs. Nancy Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Simmons, of Pepperell, on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, of Wilton, was recently a guest of Mrs. Ella Rockwood.

Mrs. Augusta Smith and son Edwin spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace at Townsend.

The Sunbonnets called at the library on December 2, and presented Miss Blanche Hall with a pitcher, the occasion being her birthday.

Mrs. Louise Bragg entertained a party of young people on Saturday evening, December 2. Fine music was furnished for dancing.

Frank Hammond has returned from Grotton, to work for Harry Campbell.

Mrs. Ella W. Tucker, of this town, Mr. and Mrs. George Badger, of Quincy, Mass., were the guests of James Tucker at the Tremont House, Nashua, on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Grace Gould and family, from Saranac Lake, N. Y., and Mrs. Florence Perrin, sons Elwood and Donald, and daughter Mary, from Brookline, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers.

Mrs. Lovinia Eddy is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hesolton and family, from Townsend, were recent guests of Mrs. Etta Rockwood.

Mrs. Mary Davis has gone to Holyoke, Mass., to spend the winter.

Miss Kate and Helen O'Hern, from Fitchburg, were among the guests entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hern on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. J. A. Hall entertained at her home on Thanksgiving day, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nye and daughter Mada, from Keene, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, of West Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall and son Forace, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and family, and Miss Blanche hall of this town.

Lewis Poppel and family attended the funeral of their aunt at Marlboro the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nye have returned from Sandown, Mr. Nye bringing with him a deer which he shot while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Littlefield announce the marriage of Miss Hannah Amelia Boyce to John Marston Chase on Wednesday, November 29, at Peabody, Mass.

Miss Grace Whitcomb and Miss Merle Witcher, of Fitchburg, have been the guests of Mrs. Della Whitcomb.

Harry Gilson and family spent Thanksgiving day at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. D. Gilson.

Charles W. Shattuck, of Maynard, Mass., spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Shattuck, a guest of Mrs. C. D. Gilson.

AYER.

Woman's Club. A program of unusual interest was given before the Woman's club at its meeting in the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon. There was an address on "Conservation and its allied subjects," by Mrs. Fred Tucker, chairman of the committee on conservation of the State Federation. Mrs. Tucker is an interesting and earnest speaker, filled with her subject and capable and desirous of working it clear and of interest to others. She showed how soil, minerals, trees and water supply were of vital importance to life; made clear the need of reforesting waste places, pointing out the need of it in Ayer, where there is much land that has been denuded of its trees and with other waste land should be planted to trees. She told how forest fires could be and were controlled in many places.

She told of the ways of working against the moth pests and elm beetle. Her explanation of the proper way of pruning trees was very clear and was illustrated with pictures and specimens from actual trees. The whole address was a valuable piece of education to those so fortunate as to hear it. There was a large audience present, and the meeting was in charge of the forestry committee of the club. The music was piano solos by Misses Edith Longley, Pearl Carley and Mona Steadman.

At the business meeting six names were added to the membership. There was a report of the stamp savings in the public by Mrs. Susan M. Barker, which showed 180 children in the depositors who have saved eighty dollars in the last six weeks.

Grange. At the meeting of the Ayer grange on Wednesday evening, officers for the coming year were chosen as follows:

Henry W. Robbins, m.; Walter C. Winslow, o.; Mrs. Margaret Band, sec.; Leroy C. Smith, stew.; F. T. Auld, asst. stew.; Mrs. Emma Wood, chap.; Augustus Lovejoy, treas.; Chester P. Fortin, sec.; Harvey Winslow, g. k.; Miss Grace Dottridge, Ceres; Mrs. Charles E. Stone, Pomona; Miss Martha Willson, Flora; Mrs. Walter C. Winslow, l. a. s.; Ed. W. Carley, l. a. s.; Burton Williams 2 yrs., John L. Kennison 3 yrs., ex. com.

These officers are to be installed by Charles M. Gardner, state master, on Wednesday evening, January 3. Thirty-four members were present, and grangers from the neighboring towns were present. Millard Sawyer, master of Grotton grange, gave the obligation to Stanley Cotton, and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Clark and Mrs. Caning were voted in on demit. The next meeting comes on Thursday evening, December 21. Mr. Robbins, master of the Ayer grange, was chosen overseer of the Pomona grange at Shirley on Wednesday.

L. O. F.

There were quite a number in attendance, Tuesday evening at the social given by Robert Burns lodge of Oddfellows. Many of the families of the members and a number from Vesta Rebekah lodge were present. The musical part of the program was given by Ruel P. Louges, violin; W. S. Louge, cello; H. S. Turner, fute; Miss E. Marion Sweet of Forge Village, pianist; address of welcome by Joseph Kyle, n. g.; readings by Pierre H. Autbier, song, Reginald MacDonnell; remarks, E. A. Richardson and S. N. Louges; vocal solo, Miss Myrtle B. Smith. Mr. Louges also read a paper, written by Geo. W. Stuart, giving a historical sketch of Robert Burns lodge. At the close a lunch was served in the Banquet hall.

Surprise Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Profit on Park street was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Monday night, when about fifty of their friends and neighbors invaded their home, the occasion being a surprise to Mrs. Profit. She was completely overcome with emotion when Harry Woods stepped forward and in one of his characteristic speeches, presented her with a handsome fur muff. Regainine herself she thanked the donors for their liberality. A bountiful repast was served, after which dancing and singing filled in the time until the "wee sma' hours." An improvised glee club rendered "Silver threads among the gold," and other vocal selections in exquisite taste. Prof. J. A. McDonald furnished the dancing music and Louis Saboll did the honors of prompting.

Basketball.

The regular Y. M. C. A. basketball team of Fitchburg and the Civic gymnasium team will play a game in the town hall on next Friday evening. On the same evening, the gymnasium second team and the Ayer high school five will play the second game of the season. The first game will be called at eight o'clock. The Fitchburg team is the strongest one in that city, but the gymnasium boys are confident of giving them an interesting contest. Reserved seats for the games will be on sale at Brown's drug store. On next Saturday evening, the local team will play a return game with the Fitchburg five in that city.

Railroad Passes.

While free travel on the railroads has been much restricted by law, passes are still available for the families of employees, as is apparent from the following statement in the Railroad World:

In compliance with a ruling of the inter-state commerce commission made last September, every railroad company in the United States must, beginning January 1, next, establish and maintain a pass bureau at the general offices of each company in charge of a superintendent. This official must pass upon and sign every authorized all-trip or complimentary pass for the wives or other dependent members of the families of paid employees before it can be issued over any line.

It is understood that the general managers' association of Chicago—a national body of operating officials—has taken action