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HARVARD.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hynes, of Worcester, visited over Sunday with Frank M. Hynes and family. Mrs. Hynes has been with Mrs. Sawyer for a few days, assisting in the care of the home. Mrs. Frank Hynes, who is in the hospital at Clinton, is improving will be able to be home sometime the first of next week.

Over last Saturday night and Sunday, Miss Nina Perkins, our popular second primary teacher, entertained her brother, Eugene Perkins, of Franklin, N. H., at her home here with Miss Hartshorn.

Miss Emily Hersey enjoyed a few days' visit this week from her cousin, Miss Mary Hersey, from Chelsea.

Visiting this week with Mrs. Annie Craggs, are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donovan, the latter formerly Miss Eva Craggs, of this town, now of Wal-

Mrs. Etta Ripley spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Worand Thursday of this week in Worcester, where she was in attendance at the meeting of the state grange. She was one of a large class to take the sixth degree of the order. It is expected she will give a report of the state grange. expected she will give a report of the meeting at our next local grange meeting, on Tuesday, December 19.

Frank Ford, who has bought the McNiff farm on the Littleton road, has moved his goods and is now keeping house there.

Miss Vera Willard, of Still River, was the week-end guest with Miss Dorothy West at Harvard center.

Alex Duff, of Plainfield, Vt., who has been with his brother's folks, R. C. Davis and family here, left on Wednesday for his home in Vermont.

Charles P. Atherton has been on the sick list for a day or two this week with a severe cold.

Roscoe M. Lindley, who settled here two years ago in the undertaking business, has decided to move to Newton next month, as he has better inducements offered him there. His place on the Still River road over looking the pond, is for sale. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lindley are very agree-able young people and they have many friends who will be sorry to see then leaving town. Mr. Lindley is a first class undertaker and has at his com-mand a full line of equipment to meet any demands in funeral settings, and in a business way he will be missed.

Gentlemen's Night.

Gentlemen's night at the town hall last week Friday night, was a success, the male members of the Unitarian society doing the supper and entertainment work to a nicety. One hundred and fifty plates were served at the two suppers given at six and seven o'clock. Cold meats, baked beans with rolls, coffee, cake and pastry was the bill of fare.

At eight o'clock the entertainment

At eight o'clock the entertainment was staged and consisted of a farce in one act, entitled "A regular fix." The parts, all well taken, were assign

De Brass	Prof. A. F. Leonard
Lawyer Surplus.	
Sheriff	
Porter	Herbert Dickson
Mrs. Surplus	Walter Dickson
Emily	Philip Watson
Mrs. Carter	R. A. Reed
Matilda Jane	Henry Dickson

Mrs. E. P. Watson assisted in the makeup of the feminine parts, and her News Items.

the success of their night. After the entertainment, dancing was engaged in until 10.30, Miss Cleaves at the

"Cousin Timmy" a Success. On last Tuesday evening, the senior

On last Tuesday evening, the senior class of the Bromfield school gave the two-act comedy entitled "My cousin Timmy," followed by a social dance until twelve o'clock. The music was by Thayer's orchestra. A little more than fifty dollars was cleared. The junior class put out a good assertment of conditions with the continuous con sortment of candies during the evening. All the parts in the play were well taken. Perhaps it would not be unfair to any one to mention the exceptionally good work of Ellery Royal as old Jonas, the gardner or of Olive Houghton, as the dignified mistress of the school. The male part assumed by Harriet Thayer, who with her chum Ermee Willett, conceived the school girls' prank, and so successfully carried it out, also deserves mention for good stage work, Miss Thayer being at her best as the assumed

ster, as Prof. Addles, the real Cousin Timmy, came in for final honors. It as is now proposed by Prof. Leonard, the school put on a drama later in the winter, they will certainly have a full house.

Still River.

Next Saturday evening there will be a tree and Christmas exercises in the vestry. This is a village tree, and everyone is invited to be present.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus A. Hutcherson attended a la-dies' meeting of the Knight Templars at the Masonic hall in Hudson, and report a very pleasant evening. Miss Nellie Blood, of Lancaster, was

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mc-Clintock on Wednesday.

Willis Walker, who has spent the summer in Canada, returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker, this week. Miss Blanche Willard has been visiting friends in Arlington. Rogers Morse is at home for the Boys' Cloth Caps...... 25¢ and 50¢

christmas vacation from his studies at Colby academy, New London, Vt. Mrs. Herbert Atherton, of Holyoke was the guest of her sister, Mrs Adeliza Turner on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Clifford L. Russell started on Thursday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Sheafe, at New Comerstown, Ohio.

Hubert Robinson returned to his work on Monday, after a two-weeks layoff on account of having one of his toes amputated.

Dennis Neyland of Hyde Park was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland, on Thursday. Michael Coffey concluded his duties as crossing tender at the railroad crossing on Wednesday night, and Richard E. Pertley is back again at

Miss Emily Cole attended the Baptist fair at Ayer on Wednesday even

LITTLETON.

results were certainly a credit to her. attended the meetings of the state the men were very much pleased with grange at Worcester this week.

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, December 16, 1911.

Miss Florence M. 1036. of Concord, daughter of Dr. and 1036. of Concord, daughter of Dr. and 1036. of Concord, Rose, formerly of Intition. All the Mode of the Congregational Church Washington, D. C., this week Monday. The pastor of the Congregational church will preach tomorrow forenoon on "Proparing the way for the Lord," In the September 10, 100 mm. The September 10, 100 mm. The September 10 mm. The Sep



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Saturday, December 16, 1911. WESTFORD.

The Christmas tree exercises of the Unitarian church will take place on Saturday evening. December 23, in the vestry. All are cordially invited. There will be a collection taken at the Sunday morning service for the same.

This week's messages from the SS. Cleveland on the around-the-world trip, of which Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright are members, are from Calcutta, and from Rangoon in Burma. The party enjoyed their turkey dinner on board Thanksgiving day. All well and the trip proving delightful.

Mrs. Etta Tyler moved into her pretty new home from Arlington this last week. The best of weather and Miss Mary Moran's capable assistance have greatly facilitated getting there-

Mrs. Lucy M. Keyes attended the funeral of her cousin, Miss Betsy Tolles, in Nashua, N. H., last week.

Some of the pupils of the academy under the direction of their teachers, are rehearsing for a dramatic entertainment to be given in the town hall soon after the holidays.

Thoughtful people are reminded that the Red Cross stamps for the Christmas trade are on sale at the postoffice. The revenue from the sale of these stamps go to help tight the scourge of thereulosis. of tuberculosis.

Interested friends are reminded of the basketball games at the academy on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, under the direction Dexter Cogshall. There will be no admission charged.

Mrs. Abiel J. Abbott is confined to her home, suffering with an abscess of the throat. A charming set of views of Ireland on exhibition at the library, loaned the Library Art club.

One of the appreciated phases of progress connected with the new electric lights is the turning on of the lights at 5.30 these dark mornings, making it cheerful to look out upon and for those who may be obliged to be abroad early.

Edson G. Boynton has recently

be abroad early.

Edson G. Boynton has recently purchased a new Buick automobile.

At this writing the report from the sick ones is that Mrs. John B. Fretcher is resting comiortably and sitting up a little. Mrs. Mary E. pletcher's many friends are sorry to know of another serious ill turn with attendant suffering. A trained nurse is in attendance. Mrs. Rose E. Green, who is suffering seriously with pneumonia, had a fairly comtortable day, which is good news.

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Tadmuck Club.

The gathering of the Tadmuck club on Tuesday at Library hall, owing to many good reasons, was not so largely attended as sometimes. This was to be regretted as far as the program was concerned, for it was one of genuine literary merit. Rev. David Wallace was the chairman of the afternoon, with "Sam Walter Foss, poet, philosopher and preacher." as his subject. Mr. Wallace sketched the life and development of this big hearted, large minded and courageous man in the three different phases with sympathetic insight, conveying what Mr. Foss message to the world really was, through a wise selection from his poems.

Mrs. Perley E. Wright, who has a

poems.

Mrs. Perley E. Wright, who has a special gift in this direction, recited with excellent effect "Jack Dawson's pligrimage," and "The big four."

Among those that Mr. Wallace had selected wore "The work was been detected. Among those that Mr. Wallace had selected were "The men who miss the train," "Spring housecleaning," "The man by the side of the road," and "The trumpets are calling to me," this last being written with sublime courage in the face of mortal illness. A fine picture of Mr. Foss, loaned to Mr. Wallace by Mrs. Bonney, of Cambridge, who was a personal friend of Mr. Foss, graced the speaker's table.

The name of Mrs. Goldsmith Conant.

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The name of Mrs. Goldsmith Conant.
of South Westford, has been proposed
and accepted into membership into the
club. The next meeting, on Tuesday
afternoon, December 19. will be a continuation of the season's special study,
and will be "Northern countries of
South America," Miss Clara A. Smith,
chairman.

Mrs. William E. Green is ill with pneumonia at her home on the Providence road, but appears to be past the extreme danger point. Dr. C. A. Blancy is faithfully administering the case.

The Brookside mills are running on fuller time to the extent of using steam. For some time water alone answered all the demands of speed.

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A private way is being built from the George Albert Drew farm on the Boston road to the Providence road familiarly known as the Bunce road. This is being built by George A. Drew to shorten the distance to the Read farm, which he purchased recentry. Henry B. Read is superintendent of construction.

The usual services at the Unitarian church next Sunday, conducted by Rev. Lyman B. Weeks, with an evening service at five o'clock. A service of song will precede the address of Mr. Weeks. This is the beginning of a series of Sunday evening meetings. Under this new Unitarian-Methodist, viewpoint the congregation has trebled. He certainly has the inspiration of courage and eloquent delivery.

The large tract of woodland known

The large tract of woodland known as the Fletcher and Heywood lot near Westford station, has been sold to Oscar R. Spauiding. This lot is heavily timbered and well located, being bounded southerly by the Stony brook railroad and notherly by Burgess pond. Rev. Mr. Fenn, dean at Harvard divinity school, and Mrs. renn, were recent visitors at the home of John Mc-Master. The McMaster home was a favorable resort of Mr. Fenn in his younger days, and where his aged aunt, Mrs. Clough, now resides.

Charles E. Walker, the pioneer proprietor at present of the old Walker homestead, spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Clara Littlefield, at a citchburg.

The weather continues spring like and planting like. The wild geese are getting uneasy to do something spring ike and were seen last week Wednesday flying northward.

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Some of those attending the state grange at Worcester this week are W. R. Taylor, master elect, Mrs. Fred L. Snow, Mrs. May Gould, Mrs. Eben Prescott, Miss Lucindia Prescott, lecturer, Mrs. Pavid L. Greig, Mrs. J. Mrs. Pavid L. Greig, Mrs. J. Mrs. Wright, postmaster, and Mrs. Wright were unable to attend on account of installing steam heat in their house.

Mrs. Fanny Sherburne, who died in Littleton on Tuesday was the widow of James Sherburne, who was a native of Westford, and a well-known citizen, Later he removed to Groton.

The first farmers' institute of the season was held at Dracut on Wednesday. The attendance was not very large owing to the spring like weather.

Graniteville.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held a very successful banquet and stag party at Camp Comfort, near Flushing pond, last Saturday evening. The full roster of the company was present and after an elaborate spread, a musical and literary entertainment was given, but owing to the becoming modesty of severali of the participants, the full program is withheld for the time being, suffice to say that a very good time was enjoyed by ail and the different stunis were liberally applauded. The next social function that the firemen will give will take the form of a Ladies' night, and this event is scheduled to take place the latter part of January.

Handley sang the Tie Jesu and as the body was being borne from the church the choir sang the "De profundis."

The services were largely 'attended and aside from the many in the immediate vicinity, many were present from Lowell, Lawrence, Ayer, Haverhill, Cheimsford, Westford and Littleton. There many floral offerings which testified in a marked degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was heid. Among the many were the following: Large pillow of roses, chrysanthemums and galax leaves with the words, "wife and mother." from the family: cross of roses, carnations and ferns with the word, "grandma," Mr. and Mrs. George Morris and sons, Vernon and Russell; wreath of roses, carnations and galax leaves, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coughlin: wreath of roses, carnations and ferns, Mrs. J. C. Donovan and Miss Ella M. Burke; spray of red and white carnations, Mrs. Myrtle C. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Snow; large spray of American Beauty roses. John T. Kelley; spray of white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Snow; large spray of American Beauty roses. John T. Kelley; spray of white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blodgett; large wreath of roses, carnations and chrysanthemums, tied with lavender chiffon ribbon, from the employees of the Creamery lunch. Lowell; spray, Mrs. Curtis Gifford; spray Mrs. Curtis Gifford; spray Mrs. Struts Gifford; spray Mrs. Struts Gifford; spray Mrs. Richard Courtney; spray of white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riney and Missès Etta Man and Aliec C. Shechan; spray of Jack roses, from employees of Page's Soa; large spray of Junk carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilson.

The bearers were Timothy D. Riney, James H. O'Brien, Charles Couture, James Connors. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael was the guest on Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Bicknell, of Som-erville.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday after

Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting has returned from a very pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Rose, of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett spent Saturday and Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hennessey, of Lowell.

John W. Catchpole and Larry Mc-Laughlin spent Sunday in Lawrence.

Laughlin spent Sunday in Lawrence. Randolph Reed, of Leominster, and Mr. Reed, of Pitchburg, visited Mrs. Lucretia Reed recently.

The many friends of Fred Reed, of Graniteville, will be integested to hear of his marriage in Worcester to Miss Edith Normington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Normington, formerly of this village, at their home in Worcester on Thursday, December 14. Only the families of the happy couple attended the ceremony. After their wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Reed will reside in the Highlands, Lowell, where Mr. Reed has purchased a home. Francis Lowther and George San-Francis Lowther and George San-born were present at the lecture of lr. Wilfred T. Grenfell in Colonial hall, Lowell, on Tuesday evening.

hall, Lowell, on Tuesday evening.

Through the courtesy of Rev. Endicott Peabody, the choir of St. Andrew's mission attended the concert held in Page hall. Ayer, by the Hayden concert company on Tuesday evening given under the auspices of the Middlesex Country club.

On Tuesday evening December 15 the annual Christmas tree exercises will be held in Recreation hall by St. Andrew's mission. Santa Claus will make his usual visit and expects to be laden with a large assortment of presents for all the faithful members of the Sunday sehool. The children are, preparing an excellent program to welcome him this year.

Word was received on Monday by

to welcome him this year.

Word was received on Monday by Mrs. Charles Blodgett of Groton of the death of her frichd Mrs. James Cummings of New Bedford which occurred last week Friday at her home. Mrs. Cummings was very well known in this viliage being formerly Miss Nellie Stubbs coming from England a few years ago. Her many friends here will be extremely sorry to hear of her death, as her genial disposition certainly won for her numerous friendships during her stay in the viliage. Mrs. Cummings leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, a little daughter three years old, her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Concert.

Abbot hall was the scene on Friday evening of last week, of one of the most successful concerts and dances given within its doors for a long time. The concert was given under the auspices of Loyal, Seif Heip lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The numbers were very well rendered and deserve much applause. Some of Graniteville's well-known talent and the "Uneek" Mandolin club assisted the local talent in making the entertainment a success. The closing number. "Donovan and the Dago," won much applause. Charles Flanagan impersonated Donovan, and William DeRoehn certainly made a fine Dago with his banans to sell.

The program which will prove of much interest follows:

Opening number. . "The masterstroke" 1st mandolins, Mrs. John E. Burnett, Arthur Charlton; 2d mandolins, Mrs. Lester McLenna, Miss Agnes Charlton. Mrs. Charles McLenna, plano accompanist.

Song, "Sing me to sleep."

Alfred Pruin

Reading, selected,
Mrs. A. A. Nelson

Robert Cunningham went to Milton on Friday night of last week and came home with Bernice on Saturday. Mr. Ball had a very successful auction last Monday. Mr. Costello, who has bought the farm and who owns a large hotel in the southend, Boston, expects to take possession in January. An automobile party from New York, containing Mr. and Mrs. Louis Charles Maurer and Miss Rena Collier, of Boston, spent last Sunday at Sunshine farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F.

The latest news from George Braman, who met with an accident and is an officer of the Lyman school, is that he will soon be able to leave the hospital and return to his home in Westborn

Westboro. Charles Woodward, a former resident of this town, is seriously ill at his home in West Acton.

Missès Etta Man and Alice C. Shechan; spray of Jack roses, from employees of Page's Spa; large spray of link carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilson.
The bearers were Timothy D. Riney, James H. O'Brien. Charles Couture.
James H. O'Brien. Charles Couture.
James H. O'Brien. Charles Couture.
Catherine's cemetery, Lowell.

Forge Village.
Services at St. Andrew's mission will be held on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.
Advent services wehe held at St.
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Andrew's mission on Wednesday evening. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will preach at these services on next Wednesday, evening at 7.30 o'clock.

ENDS WINTER'S TROUBLES.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilbiains, coid-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles my before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruisses, Eccama and Sprains. Only 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

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	Resources.	
ſ	Loans and Discounts	\$240,325,32
r	Overdrafts, secured and un-	
3	l secured	246.05
	U. S. Bonds to secure circu-	
- 1	l lation	100,000.00
1	Bonds, Securities, etc	62,590.38
٠,	Banking house. Furniture.	
•	and Fixtures	1,000.00
	Due from approved Reserve	
1	Agents	39,022.54
٠ ا	hecks and other Cash Items	1,207.56
٠ ا	Notes of other National	
1	Banks	7,618.00
-	Fractional Paper Currency.	
1	Nickels, and Cents	56.63
- 1	Lawful Money Reserve in	** .
. !	Bank, viz:	
1	Specie\$8,218,00	
1	Legal-tender notes 8,000,00	16.218.00
ì	Redemption fund with U.S.	
1	Treasurer (5 percent of	
1	circulation)	5,000.00
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Total \$473,284,48 Capital stock paid in.... Capital stock paid in ...
Surplus fund
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid
National Bank Notes outstanding ...
Due to approved Reserve
Agents ...
Dividends unpaid ...
Individual deposits subject to check 30.842.48 212,391.00

\$473,284,48 State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex ss.

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

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me his eighth day of December, 1911, E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

Clarence Stickney, J. W. Eastman, Alfred N. Fessenden, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Ayer, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 5, 1911.

Resources. U. S. Bonds to secure circulation
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Postal Savings
Bonds. Securities, etc.
Due from approved Reserve
Agents
Notes of other National
Banks
Fractional Paper Currency,
Nickels, and Cents.
Lawful Money Reserve in
Bank, viz:
Specie \$23,322,25
Legal-tender notes 10,000,00
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Treasurer (5 percent of circulation) 20,000.00

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Surplus fund
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid
National Bank Notes Out-27,527.94 National Bank Notes Outstanding
Due to other National Banks
Due to State and Private
Bank and Bankers.
Due to Trust Companies
and Savings Banks.
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to check
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State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss: Chas. A. Normand, Cashler of the ve-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier, Subscribed and sworn to before me this ninth day of December, 1911.
D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:

Howard B. White, Daniel W. Wietcher

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massaclose of business chusetts, at the December 5, 1911

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I. H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1911. George G. Tarbell, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

Chas. S. Denham, Harry F. Hobart, Arthur P. Wright, Directors.

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporators of the North Middlesex Sayings Bank will be held at its Banking House on Mouday, the first day of January, 1912, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

1114 S. T. TUTEN, Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of ELIZA M. HOBART late of Pepperell in the County of Middle-sex, deceased, intestate, represented insolvent.

The Probate Court for said County will receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said J.IZA M. HOBART and notice is hereby given that six months from the sixth day of December A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that the Court will receive and examine the claims of creditors at Cambridge, on the eighth day of January, 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and at Cambridge, on the twelfth day of February, 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

M. PERRY SARGENT,

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M. PERRY SARGENT. Administrator.

3t14 COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

Estate of ANN DOWNS, late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, represented insolvent.

The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County, commissioners to receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said ANN DOWNS, hereby give notice that six months from the twenty-ninth day of November A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at the Selectmen's Room, Town-Hail, in said Groton, on the sixth day of January and the eleventh day of May A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN M. MALONEY, APPLETON H. TORREY, Commissioners. Groton, Dec. 15, 1911.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE Estate of THOMAS DOWNS, late of

Estate of THOMAS DOWNS, late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, represented insolvent.

The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County, commissioners to receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said THOMAS DOWNS, hereby give notice that six months from the twenty-ninth day of November A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, in said Groton, on the sixth day of January and the eleventh day of May A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the JOHN M. MALONEY,

JOHN M. MALONEY, APPLETON H. TORREY, Commissioners, Groton, Dec. 15, 1911.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To all the persons interested in the estate of DORCAS W. WRIGHT late of Harvard in said County, deceased.
Whereas. GEORGIA E. WHITNEY, executrix of the will of WALTER H. WHITNEY who was executor of the will of said deceased has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased and also her own first and final account as administratix with the will annexed of the remaining estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the second day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering of acceptable place for comfort and rest.

you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administratrix 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 the Harvard Hillside a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, William T. Forbés, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December in the year of our Lordone thousand nine hundred and eleven. 314 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3t14 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARGARET LEAHY late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a copy of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate. By JOHN LEAHY who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester in said County of Worcester, on the second day of January A. D. 1912 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said potitioner is hereby directed to give publishing this citation once in each week! for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside a newspapper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

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Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December in the year of our Lordone thousand nine hundred and sieven.

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children of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the Union building had their exercises together in Miss Andrew's room, the pupils of the first and second grades in Miss Davis' noom celebrated with songs and a Christmas tree. At the west school friends.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The body of Dea. John Plerce, of Hyde Park, was brought to town on Sunday morning and was followed by many relatives and friends to West-lawn cemetery, where interment in the family lot took place. Mr. Pierce's

The out-of-town teachers are leavdeath came very suddenly at the age of eighty-nine years. He was formerly a resident of Littleton, living in the east part of the town. He was deacon of the Baptist church which honors his name with a memorial window.

At a business meting of the Baptist church held on Menday evening, it was unanimously voted to extend to Rev. Herbert Caulkins, of Hartland, an invitation to become pastor of the church and society.

Leon Nash has been suffering from severe attack of lumbago.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reed, jr., on Wednesday, December 6. Mrs. Reed is reported critically ill.

Miss Myrtle Case is confined to the house because of illness.

Frank Eugene Rivers and Della May Case, both of North Littleton, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. Harrison L. Packard on Saturday evening, December 9. The bridal couple was attended by the parents of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kimball at-ended the funeral of Mrs. Kimball's aunt, Mrs. Maria Cleaves, at Arlington on Tuesday afternoon.

M. W. Leahy was very pleasantly surprised a few eyenings ago by the Fourth of July committee, who called at his home and presented him with a valuable horse blanket. Mr. Leahy was much pleased with the gift, and especially grateful for the manifestation of good will and friendship that prompted the generous act.

Mrs. Frank Dodge and Evelyn Kimball enjoyed a week-end visit with Miss Jackson at Leominster.

Rev. P. J. Sheedy, of Ayer, will hold a service in the town hall on Christmas morning at eleven o'clock. It is expected that services will be continued every Sunday at the town hall or people of the catholic faith. Notice will be given later in regard to the hour and other particulars.

Rev. Herbert Caulkins, who preached at the Baptist church on Sunday, was entertained at Joseph Dodge'

Leander Fisher's little daughter Alma, who has been a victim of infantile paralysis, was taken to the children's hospital last week for medical advice. A support for the affected limb has been made with the hope of lending assistance in walk-

Rev. H. L. Packard continued his series of addresses on the great reformers last Sunday evening, taking for his subject, "John Wesley and the evangelical movement in England."
These addresses have been listened to with deep interest and won the high commendation of those who have enjoyed the privilege of attending them.

Mrs. James C. Houghton, of Albany, N. Y., observed her seventy-seventh birthday last week Saturday. Littleton friends who were aware of the fact were happy to contribute to the postcard and letter shower given her

Charles A. Kimball attended the annual dinner of the New England Association of Phipils Exeter academy alumni held at the American house in Boston last Saturday night. Among the speakers were Gov. R. P. Bass of New Hampshire, Pres. A. L. Low-ell of Harvard university, H. P. Amen, principal of Exeter academy, A. E. Association of Phillips Exeter academy academy, Gifford Pinchot, class of '84 and Hon. Winfred Denison, assistant attorney general of the United States. Mrs. Emma Byam, of Foster street.

has been visiting friends in Chelmsford the last two weeks.

The ladies of the Baptist society wish to remind the public of their fair which will be held at the vestry on Thursday, December 21, afternoon and evening. There will be a substantial supper at six o'clock. The entertain-supper at six o'clock at supper at six o'clock at year 1855." This was given by the Dorchester Woman's club last spring and was much enjoyed by a very large

Alliance Meeting.

The ladies of the Alliance met with Mrs. S. E. Abbott at her pleasant home, The Blossoms, on King street last week Friday for an all-day session. Thirty-three members were re-ceived with charming hospitality by the gracious hostess. After the business meeting, Mrs. Mary J. Priest read a paper on religious news, which covered many topics of interest in the religious world. The most painstak-ing preparation was evident in every item, and the whole was woven into a comprehensive and educative address whose worth was highly appreciated and praised.

followed by a delicious luncheon, daintily served by Mrs. Ab-bott, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Wakefield and Mrs. Paul Brown; Mrs. D. G. Houghton and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, pouring.

In the afternoon several other la-

dies were present and Rev. Q. J. Fairfield gave a synopsis of Masterlink's "Bluedre," and readings from the play with frequent explanations. This too, was greatly enjoyed by all who had the opportunity to listen to our able literary critic and reader. The day will be remembered as one of exceptional pleasure and inspiration.

Christmas School Exercises.

The grade schools closed yesterday and the high school will close next week Friday. All schools will begin again on Monday, January 1. Christmas was observed by singing of Christmas carols, recitations and other exercises at the various schools. The children of the third, fourth, fifth and

all the grades united in Miss Whit-tier's room, where exercises and singing and a Christmas tree, with Santa Claus, created a real Christmas at-mosphere. Neat invitations, artistically decorated by the children were sent to parents and friends who were

ing for their homes today: Miss Cornwell spends the vacation in Roslindale, Miss Andrews in Portland, Me, Miss Davis in Concord, Miss Bowley in Milton, and Miss Dodge in Wool-

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Three new houses are well under way and more are planned for the coming spring and summer. Frank Hurley has his cellar dug and walled, and the first floor laid. Batters are up for a new house on Cunningham avenue; just below John Davidson's, and other batters were set for a house of the bungalow style on Massachusetts avenue for Prof. Elwin R. Bemis principal of the high school.

Augustus Taylor has sold his saw mill and it is to be moved out-of-town The boiler was taken out last week.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs Charles E. Wylie (Marian Burrage), Fitchburg, will be interested to know that an eight-pound baby boy came to make his home with them on Sunday, December 3: Both mother and son are doing nicely, and receiving congratu-lations from hosts of friends.

All who heard Rev. Sumner P. Vinton in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, November 26, will be very glad to know that he has planned to come here again in February and deliver one of his illustrated lectures, probably "In Burmese land."

Loren Brown, one of Lunenburg's successful poultry raiser of thoroughsuccessful poultry raiser of thorough-bred stock, sent two Golden Wyan-dotte cockerels to the Agricultural college in Tokio, Japan, for breeding purposes recently. He also sent two cockerels and two pullets to Kentucky, about the same time. Later they will be taken to the great poultry fair in Chicago for exhibition.

Mrs. Harvey Page and Mrs. Barney took a trip to Templeton on Tues-day, and will spend a few days visit-ing with friends there and in Gard-

Henry D. Kelley, who has been in Burbank hospital, where he under-went surgical treatment for appendicitis, is at home now and reports himself as well again.

Little Glennis Brown, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Brown, is seriously ill with tonsilitis and bronchitis combined. Dr. C. E. Woods is attending him.

The Congregational church held its annual banquet, business meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening, December 7, with the following result:

result:

E. S. Francis, cl.; G. C. Jewett, treas.: John Davidson, aud.: William A. Warren, col.; Charles Allen, ex. com. 3 yrs.: Mrs. Maud McIntire, exam. com. 3 yrs.: Samuel A. Warren, dea. 3 yrs.: Mrs. Mary Sands, Mrs. Lulu Francis, Mrs. Nettie Barter, social com.: Ulmer McIntire, Hoyt Barter, John Davidson, William Glen, William Warren and Joseph Glichrist, ushers: John Davidson, supt. Sunday school: E. S. Francis, asst supt.: Mrs. Edith Harley, treas.: Eleanor Harley, lib.: Miss Mabel Allen, supt home dept.

Miss. Florence, Burrage, wast the

Miss Florence Burrage went to Worcester last week by invitation to spend a few days with her friend, Mrs. C. C. Allen. Her mother received a letter from her on Tuesday saying that Mrs. Allen had been taken with diphtheria and as they were quaran-tined she would remain with her, but had no fear of taking the disease, as the doctor had examined her throat, and as yet there were no signs of it. He had given her a preventive and would watch it closely, and she did not think she would take it, and they must not worry about her at home.

Deaths.

ment of the evening will be given by three years ago. His wife died about the ladies of the church, who will sixteen years ago, and he lived with present "The graduating exercises of his youngest son and family until his the Littleton Female academy of the eyesight and health began to fail, when he went to his daughter, only a few rods from his old home. At his death he was totally blind. Several years ago he received the sold-headed cane from the Boston Post, and it was highly prized by him. The funeral was held from his late home on Wednesday, and the burial was in the family lot in the North cometery

> George H. Smith received a very severe paralytic shock some time during Saturday night, which affected his entire right side. He remained unconscious all day Sunday, and died on Monday evening. His age was 66 yrs. 6 mos. 8 days, and he had been a resident of Lunenburg for many years. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, several sons and grandchildren. The funeral was held at his late home on Thursday after-noon, and interment was in the South cemetery.

TOWNSEND.

Townsend Harbor.

The following items were received too late for last week's issue and are printed to read as last week's news: Miss Hazel Cummings is doing sub-stitute school work for Miss Melora Warner, who has been called home on account of her mother's illness. Mrs. Strout is in Mason, visiting her brother, Mr. Reed.

The early part of the week, Mrs. Clarence LeFontaine returned from a visit with friends in Leominster.

On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Miss Mary Dorah, of Fitchburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Dorah.

Mr. Cummings has recently sold his farm in this village to his son-in-law. Mr. Glison, who at present is in the employ of Spaulding Bros. As the house is arranged for two families, Mr. Cummings will continue to reside here and carry on the poultry business as formerly.

Mr. Josselyn has purchased from the farbor farm, two acres of grass land Harbor farm, two acres of grass land adjoining his estate on which he is building an lechouse with a capacity of five hundred cakes.

of five hundred cakes.

Daisy, a pet horse of Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn, and one that had been of faithful service to the family for nearly sixteen years, met its death recently at the kindly hand of Frank Knight. The horse, which so many years had been driven by Mrs. Josselyn, was greatly beloved by its mistress. Daisy was thirty years old and on account of her age it was thought best to lay her away.

The As You Like It club had a more

The As You Like It club had a most pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Leadbetter last Tuesday. A prominent feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the reviewing of the Shakespeare play. "As you like it," from which the club takes its name. While serving junch the school barge arrived and Mrs. Leadbetter invited the schoolmates of her son Hubert to a share of the refreshments. The invitation was most happily accented. Miss Dorothy Smith assisted the hostess in serving. The next meeting of the club will be at Fairview farm.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. orace Nye have been spending a few days in Boston, and Sandown, N. H., and Mr. Nye has returned to Keene, N. Y.

About thirty couple, attended the social dance on December 5. There will be another held on December 19, Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell, furnishing music.

Miss Eva Sawyer has returned to her aunt's, Mrs. Etta Rockwood. Elmer Corey has bene on the sick list the past week.

Wednesday evening, December 13, is election of officers in Brookline grange.

Miss Florence Frost returned to Maine last week, taking Master Norman Frost with her to spend the

The Loyal Workers met with Mrs. Clinton Gilson on Wednesday after-noon and enjoyed a very social time.

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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 Aver, 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 as

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 eightysix and five-tenths (86.5) feet to land now or formerly of said Hume; thence westerly by said Hume land to the point of beginning.

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

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MEN'S CHRISTMAS FURNISHINGS Suspenders, Armbands and Hose Supporters Sets, in Boxes, at \$1.00 Suspender and Hose Supporter Sets, in Boxes, at

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	White Mittens, Silk Trimmed, at
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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

White Bed Spreads...... \$1.00 to \$3.00 Damask and Huckaback Towels...... 25¢, 50¢ and 75¢ Tray Cloths 121/2¢, 25¢, 371/2¢ and 50¢ Couch Covers.... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.89, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.98 Drawn Work Sideboard and Table Covers, New Patterns, at

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$2.98 All Kinds of Empty Christmas Boxes for Gloves, Neckwear. Shirt Waists, Candy, Etc.

Store will be open every Evening the week before Christmas

GROTON.

News Items.

The fourteenth annual concert and ball of Engine and Hose company 1, will be held in town hall, Friday evening, January 12. Music by Nev-ers' Second Regt. orchestra of Concord, N. H., eight pieces.

Mrs. Mary E. Prescott, wife of Lorenzo Davis of Crookston, Minn., and daughter of Capt. John Prescott, formerly of Groton, was a cousin of Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows, also a cousin of Mrs. Eugene O. Collier, both now living here in Groton. Mrs. Mary (Prescott) Davis' death was given in this column last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer went to Worcester on Tuesday to attend the meeting of the state grange which held a three days' session there this week.

Milo Harrington, R. F. D. carrier, is off his route on account of a severe attrack of tonsilitis. The doctor was called Sunday. H. L. Gilson is substituting on the mail route during Mr. Harrington's illness.

James Bywater, whose eye trouble was pronounced glaucoma by an ev specialist at Nashua, went to that city last week with his wife and Dr. Kilbourn and was fitted to glasses. The last reports are that he was much benefitted and had walked out.

Abram Miller has had a telephone put in his residence on Champney street, call 61-21.

The first of the Luther Blood series of free lectures was held Saturday evening, December 9, greatly to the tist, gave selections most effectively like weather. from Longfellow, Poe, Mark Twain, The primar

say nothing of the others in his program, the whole of which was ad-mirable. The next in the course comes

Miss Nellie Bywater is assisting at Moores' during the Christmas trade which is in full swing.

Dana house is being repaired, Henry Adams doing the carpenter work. Lawrence academy closes next week Yednesday for a two-weeks' vacation. C. B. Eddy has a telephone, call 117-3. G. A. Tuttle's call is changed

from 61-3 to 52-12. Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence refrom Europe, passengers on the Franconia, last week.

Hon, and Mrs. William F. Wharton closed their Groton residence on Thursday for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins left last

Saturday for their usual winter stay at Pasadena, Cal. Edward Wharton, brother of Hon. W. F. Wharton, and husband of Edith

Wharton, the authoress, is at Groton Inn for a few days.

Groton School closes next week for the holidays.

Frank Toomey is taking James Dunphy's place at the freight depot during the latter's illness.

There will be Christmas tree exercises and a short entertainment for the children at the Unitarian vestry on Saturday evening, December 23, at five o'clock.

"I would walk five miles to hear his day school are preparing to send a rendering of "The psalm of life," to little Christmas cheer and sunshine into a number of homes in town. They will bring their gifts next Sunday, when they come to Sunday school, and Miss Riley will distribute them according to her judgment.

Born at Denver, Col., Friday, December 1, a son, Wilmer Archibald Parker, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Parker, (née Miss Abbie Archibald), of that city.

The Neighborhood club met very pleasantly with Mrs. Joseph Graves pleasantiv with Mrs. Joseph Graves last week Friday afternoon. There were seventeen present. Mrs. Susan Barker, of Ayer, gave a talk, her subject being "What some Woman's clubs are doing." After her interesting talk, Mrs. Graves, the gracious hostess, served dainty refreshments. This club meets fortnightly.

The vestry of the Congregational church was filled to overflowing last Sunday evening by those who had come to see and hear Miss Charlotte Grant, a returned missionary trained nurse, tell of her experience in Aintab ture. pleased to meet Miss Grant again. .

A. A. Wood is putting in a bathroom with heat at Michael Denahy's house on Pleasant street.

Appointed.

Maj. Gen. Hugh Bancroft, of Bos-Pussy willows are in blossom here evening, December 9, greatly to the satisfaction of the large sized audience. Sidney Landon, character are ence. Sidney Landon, character are from Longfellow, Poe, Mark Twain, Bill Nye and others. One person says:

| Maj. Gen. Hugh Bancrott, of Boston of Maj. Gen. William A. Bancrott, of Cambridge and Cohasset, son of Maj. Gen. Welfore to and Cohasset, son of Maj. Gen. Welfore and Cohasset, son of Maj. Gen. Welfore and Before he was 21 be engaged in a profitable publishing business, and had spent several summer vacations. The Unitarian church fair in the Commission of Boston. Gen. Hugh Bancrott is only just turned 32, but, banking, insurance and business cort.

by his character and ability, has advanced much beyond his years. Graduating from a Cambridge grammar school at the head of his class at 10 Bancroft years of age, he finished the five facturer. years' course in the Latin school in four years, entered Harvard college at 14 with fourteen honors; graduated in three years at 17, receiving his A. B. degree magna cum laude; studied engineering for one year, receiving an A. M. degree for his work in the Lawrence Scientific school. Studied law in Harvard Law schoolgraduating at 21 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar the same year, and the following year was appointed assistant district attorney by district attorney, now Judge Sanderson, and later district attorney by Gov. Guild, to fill an unexpired term.

For the five years following his admission to the bar, Gen. Hugh Bancroft was constantly employed in trying both civil and criminal cases, and at 27 had probably tried more jury cases than any other English speak ing lawyer at that age. He enlisted and vicinity, Turkey, during several in the Massachusetts militia at 14, years past. She spoke of the religious and after serving as private, corporal work carried on, the conditions under and sergeant, and having studied milthe new government, the Mohamme-itary science under the instruction of dans, etc. Altogether there seemed to be hope for a brighter religious fu-made a captain and engineer on his Many old friends here were 18th birthday, a lieutenant colonel and that there existed some doubt as to adjutant general of brigade at 23, a brigadier general (judge advocate general of Massachusetts) at 26, and was retired as a major general at 28. Durgives us pleasure to have them join present. ing the Spanish war, at 18 he was addutant of the 5th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

practice to become treasurer of the chasers many and generous in patron-Boston News Bureau. Gen. Hugh age. It was a fine success. Bancroft is also an extensive manu-He is a member of Boston and New

York clubs, and of military societies by right of service. Besides being a member of the Harvard Varsity crew for three years, he is an enthusiastic yachtsman and horseman, and is vice president of the Union Boat club. Gen. Hugh Bancroft, it will be recalled, delivered a-Memorial-day-address-in Groton a few years ago.

Besides his school and college train-

ing, he has had good training in law, business, manufacturing and public office. Gen. Hugh Bancroft's salary of \$15,000 annually is by far the largest naid to any public official in New tension of the whole are over \$250.

Hospital Notes.

There are at present fourteen public official in New tension of the whole are over \$250.

To the Editor:

Will you kindly allow me to make use of your paper to assure the citiof Groton that we are always glad to welcome them at our school

During term time, we have morning service on Sundays at eleven o'clock; evening service at 7.15.

I write this letter because a neigh-

bor mentioned to me the other day us in our worship.

Very truly yours.
ENDICOTT PEABODY.

porations, and in 1909, gave up court ful, the attendance large, the

the time for preparation became limited, decided on making an experiment or venture, which would be a departure from an ordinary effort to entertain the public. This was to engage available nearby musical talent, which gave good promise of pleasing.

The inability of the cornet player

to be present was a disappointment to the committee as well as the musicians, but several numbers of the reader's and the musical program were given hearty encores.

There are at present fourteen patients at the Groton hospital and all seem to be doing well. Last Sunday, Miss Mary Woods, who works at the hospital, was operated on about five o'clock in the afternoon for the removal of a cyst. The same night, at eleven o'clock, James Dunphy was operated on for appendicitis. The case was acute and the operation very imperative. The young man had suffered milder attacks previously, but that afternoon had been riding in a motor car with a friend, and upon arriving home grew seriously ill, and was taken to the hospital, where Dr. Kilbourn performed the operation, Dr. Priest etherized. Dr. Goble gave the gas, and Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer, was also

Rita Naylor, a girl twelve or thir-een years old, from Lowell, had been

New / Items.

Main street, east of his garage, for a Reynolds, Mrs. Oscar Rand, Mrs. lunch cart that is to be conducted by Charles Washburn. Mrs. John Wash-F. A. Houle & Son of Nashua, and burn, Mrs. Howard Pillman and Mrs. they expect to be ready in a couple of S. B. Gelo. weeks to do business.

started Wednesday with her husband from New York for Europe, the continent, Mr. Felton going on a business trip for a drug company of Detroit, Mich.

Sanderson. There will ing by S. N. Lougee.

These officers of C. Pawett comp. S. of V.

Page hall last week, the prize given to the baby under five years of age who received the most votes, was won by Edward T. Pillman, and H. Irwin

Miss Hope Robinson who is em-ployed in the Worcester library, is ill

Dr. L. D. Sullivan has purchased this week the Flanders "20" Witt 1912 model of the Ayer Auto Station.

Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 18. Work—M. M. degree. A lunch will be for six months and ordered by the served after the work.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be opened at Masonic hall, Tuesday evening, December 19. Work-Royal Arch december 19. Work-Royal Arch de gree. Lunch served after the work.

A black Morgan mare belonging to George H. Hill has just died at the age of thirty-seven years. She was born on July 25, 1875, and was owned by Mr. Hill thirty-two years. So far as known she was the oldest horse in Three candida

There was a very interesting program at the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. on Sunday evening. The leader was Miss Marion Proctor. The address by Mrs. Ella A. Church upon Fletcherism was a very interesting presentation of an important subject. The music added much to the interest of the meeting. It was in charge of Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. Avis Fish-er accompanist, and these in the choir: Dr. Butterfield, Harry Fisher, Mrs. Ida Perkins, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow and Miss Emma Butter-

At the next meeting of Ayer grange, Thursday evening, December 21, there will be a Christmas tree. All lady patrons are requested to bring two paper napkins full of candy, popcorn, All gentlemen patrons are to bring a present, not to cost over five

dicated by the frequent orders received that affect the many train crews running out of that city. Changes that affect eleven of the sixteen regular freight trains running out of that yard daily have already been received. necessitating the removal of the members of the train crews to Ayer, where the trains are now being made up.

Judge Warren H. Atwood was elec-

road station shortly before one o'clock on Thursday morning. They gave their names as James Turner, of England, Samuel Bass, of Boston, and Fayette Snowdale. Although they all looked the worse for wear, they told sufficiently good stories of themselves and their wanderings as to merit release without arraignment. They were therefore discharged from custody.

St. Andrew's Aids meet at the narish room on Saturday night at seven

On Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, St. Andrew's Guild meets at the parish room.

Judge George A. Sanderson, of the superior court, will preside at the trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, in the immediate future.

which will begin on January 15. Chief The location of two large railroad which will begin on January 15. Chief Justice Aiker assigned Judge Sanderson to the case on Thursday.

These officers of Ayer council, K. of C. were elected at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening:

J. H. Burns, g. k.; Peter McNiff, d. g. k.; John Hooley, c.; M. H. O'Neill, f. s.; Joseph McCarthy, rec.; J. P. Mullin, treas.; M. J. Griffin, w.; J. P. Markham, i. g.; David Walsh, o. g.; Hueh McDonald, adv.; A. H. McDonald, trus. 3 yrs.; T. F. Mullin, lec.

Employees of the Boston and Maine railroad company are putting and Nashua railroad crossing on Main

At a special meeting of Ida Mc-Kinley chapter, O. E. S., held on Wednesday evening, a hundred or more were present to witness the initiation of sixteen candidates. There was also an exemplification of the floral work, which was very impres-A lunch was served after the

The following officers were elected the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons held on Mon-

day evening:

W. L. Preble, m.; W. H. Fairbank,
Haryard, s. w.; B. H. Hopkins, j. w.;
G. H. Bixby, West Groton, treas.; E. H.
Bigelow, sec.; O. K. Pierce, trus. 3 yrs.;
A. A. Fillebrown, proxy; E. A. Richardson, associate member of the Masonic
relief committee of the grand lodge.

The Baptist ladies held a sale on wednesday afternoon in the lower town hall. The decorations were all viewpoint than on account of the passor and white paper. The candy senger traffic bandled.

table was in charge of Mrs. George Cole and Miss Dorcas Scruton; pop corn, Mrs. L. E. Sprague; fancy and aprons, Mrs. Byron Murphy, Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Fred Lowell. A A platform is being built by Mr. fine supper was served by Mrs. Ida King bury for E. O. Proctor on West Preble, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. Jerry

weeks to do business.

Mrs. S. M. Felton, formerly of this been quite ill for some time with a town, and better known as Clara stomach trouble, is on the gain, slowly but surely.

The leader at the Y. P. R. U. on to be absent for some time. While Sunday evening will be Miss Alice there they will travel extensively over Sanderson. There will be select read-

usiness trip for a drug company of letroit, Mich.

At the glass blowers' exhibition in the glass blowers' exhibition in the glass blowers' exhibition in the regular meeting on Thursday. evening:

Page hall last week the prize given to the baby under five years of age who received the most votes, was won by Edward T. Pillman, and H. Irwin Pillman won the prize for being the school boys.

A teachers' meeting in charge of F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, was held in the high school building on Tuesday afternoon. "What to do in the teaching of English," "How to arrange for games and play among pupils," and "Home and school asso-

pupils," and "Home and school asso-ciations," were some of the points day evening, January 11.

The following officers of Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., were chosen at the regular meeting on Thursday even-

Dr. L. D. Sullivan has purchased this week the Flanders "20" Witt 1912 model of the Ayer Auto Station.

E. O. Proctor has orders for delivery in April of six Buicks. He has at his garage a model 34 little roadster, Buick, that is attracting a good deal of attention.

A special communication of Caleb Buicks of Marcant States of Ayer shored with he held.

court to pay three dollars per week for the support of his wife in court on Wednesday morning.

house will be built by C. H. Hardy, who expects to begin work about Jan-The house will be a two-

Three candidates were initiated at Three candidates were initiated at the regular meeting of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Margaret Brunet, of Roxbury, Mrs. Estelle Evans, of Cambridgeport, and William H. T. Read, of Dorchester, were present as representatives of the grand lodge. After the meeting re-freshments were served and a social nour enjoyed.

The work of re-filling the standpipe is now going on and it is expected that it will be filled by tonight, and from now on the added pressure from this source will be permanent.

Two wheels of a passenger coach on the 12.50 p. m. train for Lowell left the track near the overhead bridge on Tuesday, delaying the train for a short

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood are on their way home from the west where they have been for three or four weeks on a visit to relatives in Iowa and Kansas. They are expected That the Boston and Maine railroad here today or Monday. During the officials have practically decided to absence of Judge Atwood, associate eventually abolish the east yard in Fitchburg is being more and more incourt business.

Big Freight Yard at Ayer.

The abolition of the Boston and Maine east yard at Fitchburg, and the removal of its freight activities to Ayer and necessitating the removal of several hundred railroad men from Fitchburg in the near future, is the latest plan that is being considered ted a member of the executive council by the Boston and Maine and New for three years of the Middlesex Bar Haven officials as one of the next for three years of the Middlesex Bar claven omegation at the annual steps in systematizing the operating Woodsville, N. H., as a part of the meeting held in Cambridge on Mon-departments of the road with a view Passumpsic division. The other sec-Chief Beatty and Officer Mullin possible point in all branches of the rounded up three hoboes at the rail-service.

portant one yet advanced for the Fitchburg division. The plan will not only require the removal of all freight trainmen from that city, but large numbers of other employees as well, including switching crews, yard employees and many employees of the locomotive department as the proposed changes include the removal of all the freight locomotives to Ayer. All inspection of the facilities at Ayer showed plenty of land to provide for the consolidation with room enough for further expansion. The change is now under advisement by the officials of the two roads and it is considered probable by those conversant with their attitude toward the matter that the plan will be carried through

yards within thirteen miles of each other was never contemplated by railroad men and is the result of developments not anticipated in the original plans of the road. While the change is so important that it was not taken seriously by local railroad men when the rumor was first heard, it has gradually become evident that the plan is being seriously considered and that all indications point to its being carried through, everyone admitting that there is no necessity for two large yards so near to each other and that a great saving could be effected through the proposed consolida-

The removal of the freight loco-motives to Aver would necessitate the building of a new roundhouse there which, with a comparatively small amount of new trackage, will be about the only expense involved in making the change. It is contended that the saving in the operating expense would soon offset the expense of improvements at Ayer, where the railroad company already owns land enough to meet all their needs for many years to come. Railroad men in general pronounce the plan as entirely feasible and many express surprise that the change was not made years ago when Ayer first came into its own as a rail-

road center and the junction point to



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

A Few Christmas Suggestions:

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

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

COME IN AND SEE THEM

Opposite Depot

al of about two hundred railroad men, with their families, from Fitchburg to this' town.

It is expected that the change will be Otis Kittredge started on Tuesday gradually effected by the occasional reputting in the cellar for the new moval of the headquarters of trains house which will be built for Harvey W. Winslow on Highland avenue. The venience of the operating departments, a sufficient number of changes having already been made to greatly decrease the amount of work done at Fitchburg and to promise the carrying out of the entire plan in the near future.

Change In B. and M. Freight.

A readjustment of the freight service between Portland and Ayer on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railvision of the Boston and Maine rail-thusiasm. The management of the Country club was excellent in every detail. This evening was a fitting trains there is an increase in the capacity of the new service.

Several trains were taken off by way of Nashua and Rochester but two of them were transferred to the other line, via Lowell, Lawrence and Dover, which is three miles longer. This was done because of a difficult grade between Rochester and Portland, where locomotives of class 70 were used. The

To Combine Divisions.

Plans leading to a further consolidation of divisions of the Boston and Maine railroad system are said to be under consideration by the officials of that road, with the object of dispensing with the services of some of the di-vision heads and other high salaried men and reducing operating expenses through combining the smaller divisions with the larger ones wherever the plan can be worked out on a practical basis.

Plans under consideration will provide for including that part of the Massachusetts Central division, north of Oakdale in the Worcester, Nashua Portland division, and that part of the White Mountain division north of tions of these two divisions will probably be annexed to adjoining divisions at a later date. The Manchester and Portsmouth divisions may be made a part of the Portland division and the inclusion of some of the intersecting lines of the Fitchburg division as part of that division are also possibilitles of the future.

After Boys Who Escaped.

Chief of police, Beatty received word from the Shirley Industrial school escaped and might come toward Ayer. The chief failed to find any trace of them. The same night he received a message from the home for the feeble minded at Baldwinville that two of the inmates had escaped. The chief caught one of them, but the other has so far eluded capture. The one who was captured gave his name as Victor Bigwold, seventeen years of age. He was held till the arrival of the officials from the institution, who took the lugitive back on the five o'clock ex-press on Wednesday afternoon.

Bigwold appeared to be anything but feeble minded as he told the story

was given on Tuesday evening in Page hall before a large and appreciarage nail before a large and appreciative audience. The artists were the Hayden concert company. Miss Eleanor Soule Hayden played the organ chimes, xylophone and mandolin. Miss Hayden's musical talent is of high order and is the only person playing the organ chimes this side of Chicago. Miss Edith Gertrude Wales is an exceedingly sweet planist. Edwin By-ron Powell is a thorough master of the violin and his selections were greatly enjoyed. The reader, Miss Maud Huntington Benjamin, in the different and difficult parts rendered by her, were of a superior order. They gave a generous program and every number was received with en-

Fatal Accident.

Nicolas Fafutes, an employee of the Ayer Tanning Company, was killed while at work there on Tuesday foreof the accident he was engaged in taking skins out of what is known larger type of locomotive, known as as a drum. This drum is a large class 85, has been substituted, representing a larger carrying capacity which the skins are placed for the purpose of coloring them. When a sufficient amount of skins is placed in the drum it is made to revolve by means of machinery, a belt being attached to a pulley from an overhead

shafting for that purpose.

When the work of coloring is done the drum is stopped by throwing off the belt onto the loose pulley. The drum was stopped and the door of it opened, and the young man was removing the skins when the drum started to revolve. Before he could get clear of it his head was caught petween the drum and a post and crushed. The belt was thrown off the pulley as quickly as possible, but it was too late

Medical aid was quickly summoned and Drs. Hopkins and Cowles responded, but their services were not required as the young man was beyond aid when they arrived, death being instantaneous. Medical examiner, Frank S. Bulkeley, of this town, came to the scene of the accident and viewed the body of the young man. An examination showed that the neck was broken and he was otherwise bruised about the head.

Mr. Fafutes was a native of Thes-saly, Greece, and had lived here for the past four months with his uncles. John Manyrais and Peter Auton, on Forest street. Besides there relatives he leaves a father and one sister in Greece. He was twenty-three rears of age. The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Wright and prepared for burial.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. Services were performed at St. Andrew's church by K. Hagidimitrion, a Greek priest from Lowell. The in-terment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Sale and Supper.

A sale was held in the lower town hall on Tuesday aftermoon. Street on the five o'clock express on Wednesday aftermoon. Bigwold appeared to be anything but feeble minded as he told the story of his life to the chief. He said that this was his fourth escape from the Baldwinville institution.

On Wednesday forenoon it was learned that a boy supposedly the one who was with Bigwold when he escaped, was seen on the Littleton road, but nothing further was heard of it.

Death.

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Patrick Francis, an employee of the Boston Ice Company at Sandy pond, dided at St. John's hospital, Lowell, last Sunday of Brights disease of the kidneys, agad forty years, He was taken to the hospital last Saturday. He had been sick and unable to work for some time, and was cared for at the boarding house at Sandy pond by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Daley, Mr. Daley being foreman for the Boston Ice Company. The sick man continued to gradually grow wors until the end despite of all the care that could be given him. He was a stranger here and little is known of him or his family. He worked for the company at Sandy pond on the company of the company is at Sandy pond by Mr. But we work in the content of the Company is at Sandy pond by Mr. He was the work of the most been deeplife of all the care that could be given him. He was a stranger here and little is known of him or his family. He worked for the company at Sandy pond only hall on Tuesday afternoon in charge of the members of St. Andrew's Guild.

sold in a booth artistically decorated with college banners by the Misses Nettie Roe, Eunice, Alice and Evelyn Sanderson. Handkerchiefs and mystery parcels were sold at a booth having a pretty fire place and a Christmas tree at each end and at this place there was great merriment.
In the evening there was an enter-

tainment representing Aunt Jerusha's album. It was in charge of Mrs. Geo. J. Burns and Mrs. Harry Fisher Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield was reader The album was opened by Miss Gladys Porter. Among those who represent-ed the pictures were Mrs. A. E. Law-rence, Mrs. Daisy Beckford, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Miss Amy Lougee, Miss Mona Steadman, Dr. E. B. Butterfield, S. N. Lougee.

Redistricting.

The work of the special legislative redistricting committee has been pushed along so well that nine of the sixteen districts of this state have virtually been laid out as they will finally be reported to the legislature of 1912. It is possible by taking up these nine to forecast fairly well what the other seven will be. As it looks now, the state will be made up so that there will be three sure democratic districts, all to be in Boston, where the three present safe democratic districts are

The districts which are practically fixed include the fourth, which is the home of Congressman W. H. Wilder of Gardner.

To the present fourth district, which now has a population of 229,612, Athol, Petersham, Royalston and Philipston, in Worcester county, are added from the second district, and Shrewsbury and Westboro from the third, giving the district a population of 247,515. To reduce this so as to approximate the standard number, there are taken from the present dis-trict the towns of Ashland, Ayer, Bedford, Concord, Groton, Lexington, Lit-tleton, Natick, Pepperell and West-

Taking the vote for governor in 1910, as a basis of calculation, the new fourth district is fully as strongly republican (which isn't, saying much as the old one. The total republicar vote in Athol, Royalston, Petersham Phillipston, Shrewsbury and West-boro, the added towns, was 1633 in 1910, while the total democratic vote

that year was 933. The total vote in the towns taker away from the district, Ashland. Ayer Bedford, Concord, Groton, Lexington Littleton, Natick, Pepperell and Westford-was as follows in 1910: Republican 3198, Democratic 2746.

The republican margin in 1910, in the towns taken from the district was 452, while the republican margin in the added towns in the same year was an even 700. This means on the same basis a republican gain of 248 votes. That isn't much, but in the election of 1910, Wilder defeated Mitchell for the long term by only 130 votes, and Mitchell defeated Wilder for the short term by twenty-four

Has Moved Away.

from Worcester and occupied the shops where was manufactured mowing machines, hay tedders and other implements of agriculture.

When the Ames Plow Company were enjoying their palmiest days here they gave employment to at least two hundred skilled workmen, and some part of the time to 275. It is said that the present owners of the Ames Plow Company are the Moline Plow Company, of Moline, III,

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New Advertisements.

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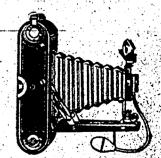
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Geo. H. Hall

Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth and Mrs. La Forrest J. Carpenter visited in Lowell last week.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and two daughters, Marlon and Ruth, of West Groton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth at the North, last week.

week.

Mrs. Susan E. Farnsworth, of Woodsville, visited with relatives in Leominster several days last week.

Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Cambridge, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Harriet Winslow.

Sidney A. Carter was a guest last week of Charles Clapham, of Boston.

Walter Woods, who has for the past two weeks been employed by A. B. Cram, left on Tuesday for Boston to enter the Boston Y. M. C. A. school on St. Botolph street, in order to learn to become a chauffeur.

Rev. William Ware Locke, of Boston. onducted the services at the First arish church last Sunday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Graves, of Boxborough, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves over Sunday.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, the lecturer's hour will be devoted to a Christmas program. Each member is requested to bring a Christmas present and to be prepared with a Christmas reading or recitation. The Grange Journal will be a special feature of the entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Ardier A. Adams were appointed to attend the state grange meeting at tend the lecturers' convention. Their reports will also be heard at the next meeting on Tuesday evening. December 19.

Florence Wilkins, at the East, is recovering nicely from her recent operation and is now able to attend school.

James Barton, of Barre, a former resident of this town, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was a weekend visitor with his brother, Howard Fuller.

Remuse! Bave on of Mrs. Mabel delight to grown-ups as well as children.

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Fuller.

Russell Blood has returned to Boston after spending a few days with his parents at Woodsville.

The Trinity chapel Christmas tree will be held in the chapel on Monday evening, December 1. A program or songs and recitations will be given by the members of the Sunday school.

Rev A. L. Burnbus presched. Rev. A. L. Bumpus preached a fine sermon to the children at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon, on the subject of "Hungering after righteous-ness,"

J. Walker Ward has returned to his mail route after several weeks absence on account of an operation.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth was a recent visitor with Mrs. William Berger at Fitchburg.

The telephones of Grace E. Winslow. H. Price and B. S. Pray have been sconnected.

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Otis Evans expects to leave this month for Pennsylvania to resume his duties there. Mrs. Evans will remain here until spring with her father, Sidney A. Carter.

Ernest E. Dexter has recovered from his recent illness and is able to attend to his duties in the store again.

One item which appeared under the Shirley column last week should be corrected. The purchaser of the grocery store is Ernest E. Dexter, and not Ernest E. Baxter. Also the statement in regard to Elmer Hubbard being driver for Mr. Devarney is badly in error as Mr. Hubbard carries on the market business for J. W. Farrar.

A movement is on foot to run a series of dances during this winter for the benefit, of the Shirley Center baseball team.

J. Edward Adams is confined to his home under the care of the correct of the store of the shirley Center baseball team.

J. Edward Adams is confined to his home under the care of a doctor, with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Marion L. Holden has recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia and has returned to her studies at Fitchburg State Normal school.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. John. It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard will move to their new home in Pomfret, Vt., during the month of Moreh

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The body of D. W. Ladd, of South Ashburnham, was brought here for burial on Wednesday, Mr. Ladd leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Effie Brown, of this village.

Mrs. Evelyn Warren gave a talk on "Reference books," at the library on Wednesday afternoon. The talk was for the benefit of the upper classes of the high school. They were invited to the library, Mrs. Warren gave them much valuable information in regard to selecting reference books and treated the students to ice cream and fancy cookies. Miss Hattle Smith, Helen Dobsan and Wes Enrich Brown, aggleted Mrs. Evelyn Warren gave a talk on "Reference books," at the library on Wednesday afternoon. The talk was for the benefit of the upper classes of the high school. They were invited to the library. Mrs. Warren gave them much valuable information in regard to selecting reference books and treated the students to lee cream and fancy cookies. Miss Hattie Smith, Helen Dobson and Mrs. Eunice Bruce assisted in serving.

given numbered clothespins to fasten their rubbers together with. These were left in the vestibule and the checks to correspond were kept until needed. Stanley and Donald Fessenden and made admirable ushers, each wearing a red sash cross ways over one shoulder. Upon cach sash the word "usher" was marked in kilt lettering. Upon taking their seats the guests all found an opera glass awalting them, which made charming souvenirs of the occasion. The programs were arranged as they are in Keith's thenite and large lettered placards upon an easel designated which number was going on. In fact it was a continuous all-star performance, and every star deserved the greatest credit in making the entertainment a success. The music between the acts was furnished by the Victrola, operated by Stanley Fessenden, and the guests were not obliged to leave the theatre between acts on account of the very efficient service of the ushers in passing water and bon bons.

The opening overture was much enjoyed; also, the song of the milk maid by Estella Farrar. Houdini and his famous trunk trick pleased and mystified the audience very much. This act was given by Miss Ruth Potter, of Worcester, assisted by Mrs. John J. Piper.

Mrs. Evelyn Warren and Mrs. Iva Worcester gave one of the "Uncle Remus" sketches, which are always a delight to grown-ups as well as children to company took in Bostock

Ernest G. Wilson has been at his home here for a few days on account of illness, but has resumed his work in Waltham.

Benjamin Seabon, who is employed at Stickney's mill, was confined to his home in Josselynville last week by a severe cold. Miss Addie R. Sanders is spending a few weeks with relatives in Cambridge and vicinity.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt has closed her cot-tage here for a few weeks and gone to New Jersey to spend the holidays with her eldest son.

Charles B. Stickney spent a few days n New Hampshire, deer hunting, last

week.

Edmund Bowen, of Fitchburg, spent last Sunday with his father, Leroy Bowen, at their home on Stevens hill.

It is expected that Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and that the Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Walter E. Wilder on the subject, "Missions in the West Indies."

Miss Ellen Bennett, of Pepperell, spent last Sunday in town as a guest of Miss Elinor Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Tenney are closing their house here and are moving to Townsend Center, where they expect to spend the remainder of the winter.

Entertainment and Sale.

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Haynes, rec. sec.

Henry Spear, who is over eighty years of age. left this week for Los Angeles, Cal., where he is to live with his brother. He is to make the trip alone, and he has left behind many friends who wish him well in his new how how how how how how him well in his new how no savings bank is to be started in the contained numerous, beautif which atlon as to rules and regulations will be gladly given by the postmaster, H.

B. Hildreth. Anyone over ten years of age may be a depositor and one dollar is the smallest amount which with the received to start an account with the presentation of the start grange convention at Wordester on Wednesday.

Mrs. Frangk Sanders, of Ayer, visited relatives in town this week.

The A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge had a supper and initiation last week Friday evening. An interesting end of the many of the men was also given in charge of the men was also give

News Items.
Walter B. Stickney, one of our oldest citizens, spent two days in Nashua last week; the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Greenleaf.

Mrs. E. K. Jewett left Hollis on Wednesday for a visit with friends in Lowell, Mass.

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Station agent J. F. Lee at Hollis station, was called to Nashua last week to attend the funeral of his cousin. George W. Hardy served as station agent during his absence.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, of Pepperell, occupied the puloit last Sunday in exchange with Rev. C. H. Davis. At the close of the service he read the resignation of Mr. Davis as pastor of this church to take effect on February I, as he has accepted a call to the Second Parish church of Portland, Me. Mr. Davis has served the Hollis church very faithfully the past five years, and his people regret to have him go.

At the regular meeting of Hollis graves last week the following were

years, and his people regret to have him go.

At the regular meeting of Hollis grange last week the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Fred Willoby, m.; Harold Hardy, o., Mrs. Harrlet Dudley, lec.; Mrs. M. Jameson, chap.; W. W. Worcester, stew.; Hobert Leslie, asst. stew.; Mrs. Charlotte Leslie, l. a. s.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Colburn. The following dropping was carried out: Current events, given by the members present at roll-call; two dupers on the Russo-Japanese war by Miss Ruth Hogers and Miss. Emma L. Van Dyke; a paner on "Postal savings banks," Mrs. Colburn.

One evening last week, Miss Ruth

Ings banks" Mrs. Colburn.

One evening last week. Miss Ruth Goodwin went to the door in response to a rap and found to her complete surprise a company of twenty-three of her schoolmates to assure her they knew that it was her birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and a social time. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served. Before the party broke up she was presented by the company with a signet ring that she might be constantly reminded of their affection and esteem. The presentation speech was made by Miss Evelyn Brown.

The John H. Worcester W. R. C. held its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon at their headquarters and the following officers were elected: Mrs. M. Jameson, pres. Miss K. Hurd, s. v.; Mrs. Nellie L. Hall, j. v.; Mrs. Locke, chap.; Mrs. H. Hazard, treas.; Mrs. F. L. McInnes, con.; Mrs. S. Messer, g.

Mrs. Ellmer Wallace. Miss Estella Farrar of Townsend.

West Townsend.

Young Russell Hayward, of Bayberry hill, was the much surprised recipient of an early Christmas present of a horse and buggy from two strangares last Friday afternoon. During the noon hour the boy was going skating on the pond near the schoolhouse and jumped on the back of a passing team containing two men. One of them after entering into conversation with the lad asked him if he would like the horse and carriage. The boy, thinking him joking, replied that he would and the men saying that they would continue their journey by rail sprang out, handing him the reins and walked. The horse, a small chestnut mare, seemed to be about exhausted, and the boy drove her to the stable of Alexander Reedswhere she was cared for until the next morning when the boy took it to his home. Nothing has been their action remains a mystery.

Miss Marion Boutelle has been on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold for the past week.

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Supper and Sale.

Tuesday evening, December 12 the King's Daughters' circle held a supper and sale in the town hall. The bountil supper was served in the lower hall from six to eight o'clock, after which the audistance adjourned to the upper hall for, the entertainment, which consisted of a piano solo by Miss Stearns concluded the criterial ment. The mystery, Ianey articles, apron and home-made candy tables were well patronized. This circles were well patronized. This circles, apron and home-made composed of the members of her Sunday school class, when they were little girls, and it is the only one of the four circles that have not given up the organization. They deserve great redit for their perseverance. Many have married and are in handing him the reins and walked, which was prettily rendered. A plano solo by Miss Stearns concluded the criterial ment. The mystery, Ianey articles, apron and home-made candy tables Supper and Sale.

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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 soverth 105 ovember 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.

Article 5.

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 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

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

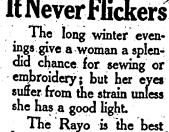
Boston, December 1, 1911. I approve the foregoing by-laws. JAMES M. SWIFT. Attorney-General.

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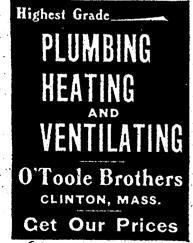
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News Item.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was a very pleasant af-\$590, F.O.B. Detroit fair A substantial supper was serv-ed at seven o'clock.' The entertainconsisted of an address' by Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher, of Ayer, which was particularly fine, her subject be-"Bermuda as I saw it." and was the star attraction of the evening, being immensely enjoyed by all present. The program of entertainment closed a piano solo by Miss Margretta Hastings.

The King's Daughters met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon at the parsonage.

Dr. Charles J. Pierce was taken to the Clinton hospital on Wednesday afternoon for treatment of sciatic rheumatism, which has confined him to his home for the past three weeks.

The grand master and suite of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., will pay Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge an of-ficial visit next Friday evening.

A meeting of the twelfth district conference of Universalist churches will be held in Fitchburg on Wednesday, December 20, at ten a. m. The speakers will include Rev. Charles kindly remembered by her little Conklin, D. D., Rev. V. E. Tomlinson, D. D., Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker and little tokens of birthday remembran-Mr. Jordan, of Gardner. Box lunch.

Rev. J. V. Bandy, of Brookline, will occupy the pulpit of the Universalist church on Sunday morning at eleven

Rev. A. F. Newton, of North Leominster, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor.

Frank Lee, of Fall River, has joined his wife for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Logue. two candidates at its regular meeting on Thursday evening.

Peter Petersen, of Nebraska, has arrived at the home of his cousin, Charles Hanson, to remain indefinite-

Mrs. Emma Farwell has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden, after an extended trip through the west. Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge

held its regular meeting last week Friday evening. Besides other important business, officers for the year of 1912 were nominated.

Misses Maggie and Nan Leve spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon commenced his pastorate at the Shirley Congregational church five years ago last Sunday, and in view of that fact preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, which was of special interest to his parishioners.

The high school dance held at Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evenng was well attended. Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell, furnished music The matrons were Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson and Mrs. Mabel Goodwin. Brockelman Bros. served refreshments.

The Tyrolean Alpine singers, assisted by Miss Cora G. Remsden, reader, and Mr. Parker, an expert sketch artist, appeared in Odd Fellows' hall last week Saturday evening under the auspices of the Congregational Brotherhood and gave a fine entertainment as encore after encore was the order of the evening. Mr. Parker, the sketch artist, was wonderful, and his work showed him to be a master and genius in his line. He was most certainly the strong attractive feature of the evening. About 150 were present.

The Union St. Jean Baptiste held its regular meeting last Sunday, when the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1912:

serve for the year 1912;

Rev. J. H. Cote, spiritual dir.; Daniel Tetrault, pres.; Joseph L'Ecuyer, v. p.; Emlie Carter, cor. sec.; Ernest Michaud, treas.; Rudolph Poutbriand, fin. sec.; Hector Poutbriand, Nazalre, ins. of fin.; Theophile Lambert, m. of cer.; Octave Poutbriand, 1st sgt. at arms: Nazalre Martin, 2d sgt. at arms. The installation will take place on Supday, January 14, 1912.

At a meeting of the Children of Mary held the first of the week, the following officers were elected to serve during the year 1912: Miss Mary Chaisson, pres.; Miss Eva Heroux, v. p.; Mrs. Elphina l'Ecuyer sec.; Miss Clara Gionet, Miss Madeline

Cormier, directors. Jerry Mushrall has arrived from Gloversville, N. Y., to visit his wife, who is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

Michael Gionet. Sandy Gionet is confined to his bed with tuberculosis and his condition is very serious.

Rev. J. H. Cote, parish priest at St. Anthony's church, was in Brockton on Monday and Tuesday for the fortyhours' devotion of the French parish of that city.

William H. Brown, who is confined to his home with pneumonia, remains about the same.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening, December 26, owing this year to Christmas day falling on Mon-

Latest reports from the Faulkner hospital at Jamaica Plain are very discouraging regarding Herbert M. Dickson, who has experienced a decided change for the worse. Compli-cations have developed, causing the attending physicians at the hospital grave concern. Mr. Dickson's niece, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, has been at the hospital since first of the week, and relatives and friends are eagerly waiting and hoping for better news.

The following tells of the death of Arthur Oliver Burke, who, about fifteen years ago, was a school teacher in Shirley. He comes from a promi-nent and well-known Brockton family, and those who remember well will and those who remember well will a brief business meeting it was voted that the society take charge of the an educator and man of worth:

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an educator and man of worth:

Mrs. L. Adeline Burke, of Brockton. Instruction of a Men's Sunday bible class in the near future. of her son, Arthur Oliver Burke, in his forty-third year. Mr. Burke had been in ill health for some time, but his death was unexpected by his mother and sisters.

Mr. Burke was born in Brockton. He are future.

Mr. Burke was born in Brockton. He are fortnightly Club.

The Ladies' Study club held their fortnightly meeting at the reading-room on Thursday afternoon of last wated after a four-year term from week, and took up the study of Mac-

education at Berkeley college, California.

He was considered an educator of special ability, and at Riverside, Cal., he specialized in college, work. At different times he was principal of the Fall Brook, Ventura, Burlington and Wheatland, Cal., high schools, until last year he went to his home in Los Angeles, where he died. His services as an instructor were always in demand. Four years ago he visited his mother and sisters on his wedding trip.

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Mr. Burke was a man of high christian character, and when here was a member of the First Congregational church, being transferred to the First Congregational church in Los Angeles.

He was a Knight Templar, and a member of the Knightsof Pythias, His wife survives. The funeral was held at his home in Los Angeles.

Gladys Eisner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Eisner, observed the twelfth anniversary of her birth last week Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock, at her home on Har-vard road. Mrs. Harry P. Barnard assisted Mrs. Eisner in the entertaining of the score of young people who were present. Games, music and refreshments were the features of entertainment and was heartily enjoyed

ces. Those present were: Blanche Barnard, Hazel Balloù Wes-ley Elsner, Freddie Lynch, Hattle Adams, Mildred Elsner, Ernest Bar-nard, Ada Elsner, Bessie Elsner, Ab-bott Bronsdon, Edward Lilly, Ruth Lynch, Edith Eisner and Ruth Knowles.

by the merry party. Gladys was very

Sudden Death.

Birthday Party.

John R. Lakeman, of Salem, a widely known and prominent member of the A. O. U. W., died suddenly at a hotel in Salem last week Thursday evening, while attending a banque Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., initiated of the members of the G. A. R., of which he was a member, expiring in two minutes after he sat down to the festive board from heart disease

Mr. Lakeman gave the address of the day at the observance of Memorial Sunday by J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., last July. He was a man of sympathetic tendencies and high ideals of character with a cheery disposition, and his death will be a dis-tinct loss to Salem and the A. O. U.

Funeral services were held from Grace church, Salem, last Sunday, and was attended by the members of the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W., and men prominent in the business and social life of Salem.

TOWNSEND.

West Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig have closed their house here and left on Friday for Troy, N. Y., where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Craig's mother. Miss Lena Thompson is at present

employed in teaching in Fitchburg, a part of her Normal school work, and, boards in the city during the week instead of taking the trip on the train every day.

I. P. Sherwin is carrying the Red Cross stamps for the holiday packages in the postoffice this season. Mrs. George Ball and little daugh-

ter returned to their home in Concord Junction last week Friday morning, having been detained by the illness of her father, Deacon L. F. Wood, who is much improved. Miss Inez McElligott, who has been

visiting in town, returned to her home in Somerville on Saturday, accompan-ied by Miss Mabel Thompson, who will spend a few days with her. Miss Edith Tenney is recovering

from a severe attack of blood poison-ing in her hands, and Mrs. Luther Blood has been assisting her during Miss Blanche Sprague, grammar

Normal school, has been spending a lew days with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship.

Social Circle.

Six were present at the postponed neeting of the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman last week Friday afternoon and the study of the life and work of William Makepeace Thackary was taken up. Extracts from his writings were read at the close of current events, and a naper upon his life, written by Mrs. E. A. Craig, was read by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Craig being out-of-town. A social hour and refreshments folowed the program and the next meet that date, the place of meeting not yet being decided. The topic for the next occasion will be the life of Lord Alfred Tenneyson.

Baptist Notes.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose occupied his pulpit on Sunday morning and even ing, preaching stirring sermons, and much interest was manifested at the evening service, three men coming forward and confessing to conversion, while others were much impressed.

At a business meeting of the Bap-tist Sunday school, it was voted to make a change in the usual observ-ance of Christmas and instead of a tree in Seminary hall in the even ing it was decided to make it a day time observance and give a dinner to the members of the school in the ves tries at noon, holding the tree and Christmas exercises in the auditorium upstairs during the afternoon. Further particulars will be given next week in regard to the arrangements which are under the charge of the su-perintendent, W. E. Wilder, Rev. S. D.

Ringrose, Perry W. Sawtelle and Fred A. Patch. The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by Benjamin Hodgman, and at banquet to be given upon the organization of a Men's Sunday bible class

Brigewater Normal school. Before beth. As the chairman, Mrs. Mabel leaving for California in 1894, he was principal of the Norwell and Beverly arms high school. He finished his ond chairman, Mrs. R. S. Ely, the education at Berkeley college, Califors third chairman, Mrs. G. A. Seaver beth. As the chairman, Mrs. Made. Wilson, was absent, and also the second chairman, Mrs. R. S. Ely, the third chairman, Mrs. G. A. Seaver presided and also had the charge of the reading. Seven were present and for reports on current events, Mrs. Lees wave an interesting article on Lees gave an interesting article on Germany. Mrs. Thompson gave an Germany. Mrs. Thompson gave an account of the Italian side of the war with Turkey, and an account of the caurch of St. Mark's at Venice. Mrs. Patch reported from the war in Turkey and Mrs. key, and Miss Seaver gave a brief note from Russia. Mrs. G. A. Seaver reported on the Chinese rebellion, and Mrs. Charles B. Stickney gave an account of the lecture by Mrs. Pank-hurst at Harvard college. The next meeting will be on Thursday evening December 21, under the direction of Mrs. R. S. Ely.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Mrs. J. H. Dixon has started for the south, where she will spend the winter. She will first visit her daughter, Mrs. Joiner, in North Carolina, and then go on to Jacksonville; Fla., where will make an extended stay with another daughter, Mrs. Bettes. Mr. Boutwell is moving into Mrs. Dixon's

Mrs. Lizzie Woodward will stop with

It is reported that Harry Swallow, while engaged in machine sawing of wood in Tyngsboro, last week, met with a serious accident to his left hand, severing three fingers. He was taken to a Nashua hospital for treat-

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certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the center of Groton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the northwesterly side of Station Avenue and bounded as fol-

Beginning at a stone bound at said Avenue and at land of the Worcester Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company; thence northeasterly by said Miss Blanche Sprague, gramma, school teacher, has been on the sick and stones; thence northwesterly by list for a few days, suffering from a land of Mary W. Shattuck one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet to land Miss Ruth Hayden, of the Fitchburg of William A. Lawrence: thence south westerly by said Lawrence land sixty-two (62) feet to land of said Railroad Company; thence southeasterly by land of said Railroad Company one hundred and thirty-seven (137) feet to the point of beginning.

The above premises are conveyed subject to the conditions in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams, recorded with Middlesex Adams, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2354, Page

Said premises will be sold subject to a first mortgage of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500.) Dollars, a second mortgage of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500.) Dollars and unpaid interest thereon and unpaid taxes. Terms at sale. MORTIMER B. WILLIAMS.

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

to wit:
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Items of News.

Prescott grange held their regular meeting on Friday evening of last week and elected officers for 1912. their next meeting they have a Christmas tree and members present are requested to donate a ten-cent gift for the tree. All gifts are to be obtained by drawing a slip containing the same number as on the tree." Let all come and have a good time.

Thursday evening, December 14, the annual clock supper was served in the vestry of the Congregational church to a large company, which shows how much the clock is appreciated. Following the supper was an interesting lecture by Pe-ahm-e-squeet, or loating Cloud from the Chippewah tribe of Indians. She described many legends and customs of her

The Christmas party of the Congregational Sunday school will be held in the vestry on Saturday after-noon, December 23, from three to six

The schools throughout the town closed on Friday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks. The children of the Townsend street school enjoyed a Christmas tree, each receiving a present with candy and oranges.

On Tuesday, December 12, Mrs. James H. Gilson entertained her husband's brothers and sisters in recogniband's brothers and sisters in recogni-tion of the eightieth birthday of her sister, Mrs. Lucy A. Boynton. There were present Mrs. Mary E. Swasey, East Pepperell, E. T. Colburn, Grove-land, J. T. Colburn, Westford. One sister, Mrs. Sarah T. Palmer, of Hol-yoke, was unable to be present as she is in feeble health. It has been the custom of this family of six brothers and sisters to meet together once a year when circumstances permit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower will be at home to their friends on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Monday afternoon, December 25. from three to six o'clock.

Mrs. Effie F. Ross, of Bennington, N. H., is a guest of Mrs. D. E. Weston and Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson.

Miss Ann Goodnow, who has been ill a few weeks past, is being cared

The members of the high school would be well paid if they attend the concert of the Tufts college glee and mandolin clubs in order that they
might choose a satisfactory college
to complete their education. The club
represents the college in many respects and it is judged by the work of the club on the stage. Tickets will be on exchange at Canney's drug store and C. D. Hutchinson's store, December 20, at noon. There will be dancing after the concert until one o'clock. Music by Thayer's orchestra. Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending December 11: Mrs. Malvina Dunton, J. A. Dütness, Victor Dupois, F. Putesky, Tgnacy Takustic.

Current Events.

Mrs. Jennie McCullough Hazen, of parcels. Fitchburg, formerly of this town, spent Thursday of last week with Mrs. George Shaw.

Miss Doris Hartwell has returned to the Normal school in Fitchburg, after having been quarantined for two weeks on account of measles in the

S. Thompson Blood, of Concord, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood. Mr. Blood was en route to Vermont, where he has been engaged to give a number of his

Mrs. Chester Parker and daughter.

to the house for a few days on account of a severe cold that is very

prevalent in town. Shattuck are at work for the holiday season for C. A. Swasey.

The next regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held in Central hall on Tuesday, December 19, at the usual hour. The subject will be "Wild birds and their music," by Schuyler Matthews. Children's day will be observed. Each member is privileged to invite one child, fifteen A spcial board meeting or under. will be held at 2.15, preceding the regular meeting.

The cottage prayer meeting or Thursday evening of next week will be held at the home of Mrs. Burns on Pleasant street.

Miss Lena Brown, of Cottage street returned on Friday of last week from New York, where she had been spending a number of weeks with friends Sherman Cleveland is quite sick with a cold, and has been unable to work for a number of days.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck has returned to her home with her daughter in Concord, going from here to Nashua on Thursday, later to Concord. Mrs Shattuck has many friends in town who were glad to see her, but sorry that she is not in better health.

Rev. J. M. Sutherland will speak at the Methodist church at seven o'clock on Sunday evening. Subject The strong man, who made a great

Rev. Charles Davis, of Hollis, N. H. has accepted a call to a Congregational church in Portland. Me. I expects to leave Hollis in January.

GROTON.

News Items.

The primary grades of the public schools closed this week Friday for a three-weeks' vacation. The other grades and high school close next week for a two-weeks' vacation.

There will be the usual Christmas tree festivities for the children at the Baptist vestry Saturday evening. December 23, and on Sunday, December 24, there will be special Christmas excises at the Sunday school session of the same church.

service with Christmas music at the Unitarian church.

There will be a Christmas tree and a short entertainment for the children at the Congregational vestry on Saturday evening, December 23.

Mrs. Blanche M. Brown went to Worcester on Wednesday to attend the meeting of the state grange.

James Hill, William Gale, Henry Woods, Henry Erving, Patrick Ryan and J. F. Peabody were close competitors in a shooting match at the gallery at Palmer's block last week! Henry Woods won out by a score of 210 out of a possible fifteen shots and took the umbrella prize. He shot at a 3% in. hole at 35 feet distance. This was called fine markmanship and the other contestants came close to him. Many of the well-known and respected citi-She described zens who like the sport are often customs of her in to watch or take part in a match. Not long ago, one of the Groton young women who was at home from her work in Boston, tried her hand there at shooting, though not in a match. Her score was sixty-five in five shots, which was rather amusing to Mr. Tuttle, the proprietor, as that beat his record.

On a European Trip.

S. M. Felton and wife, née Miss Clara Stone, formerly of Groton, sailed Wednesday from New York en route for Europe. They will travel all over the country, being gone for sometime. Mr. Felton, who is a druggist, goes in the interest of the large wholesels firm of Erectoric Starten. wholesale firm of Frederick Stearns Co., druggists of Detroit, Mich., by whom he is employed. Mrs. Felton came on from Detroit last week to spend a day and say goodbye to her mother-Mrs. Juliet R. Stone, and to her sister-Mrs. Dudley Moors at Charlestown. Mrs. Felton telephoned to her sister-Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, to meet her at Charlestown, which Mrs. Woolley accordingly did last week Friday.

Inheritance.

Death.

Mrs. Roxa S. Southard, a well-known wealthy lady of this town, has just come into an inheritance with one other heir, of \$1,000,000. These two are great grandchildren of the late John Rayner, who died in 1856. He created a trust under his will for the benefit of his two daughters—Har-riet Edmands and Frances E. Rayner, a son John J. Rayner and five grandchildren. All these have died and the only blood relatives are now the above-mentioned two great grand-children, Mrs. Southard and Mr. Edmands.

The Rayner trust, which has tied up the property for the past fifty-five years, has now been set aside by a full bench of the Massachusetts supreme The trust property now to be inherited consists of three parcels of real estate and buildings located at the corner of Hanover and Elm streets, the corner of Union and Blackstone streets and 43 to 49 Han-over street, Boston, its approximate value being one million dollars, subject to two mortgages on two of the

Mrs. Fannie E. (Derby), widow of James Sherburne, and an old resident of the town, passed away at her home on the Lowell road on Tuesday, December 12. The house is the last one in Groton on that road. Mrs. Sherburne had been ill of heart trouble for the past two months, but the end at last came to her suddenly while sitting in her chair. Her age was seventy-five years. She lived a good en route to Vermont, where he has been engaged to give a number of his popular entertainments.

Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck, who has been quite ill at her home here with an attack of acute indigestion, is able to be out again.

Seventy-five years. She lived a good life and her name is spoken with affection and respect. She was the youngest of eleven children in an old Groton family, a sister of the late E. D. Derby, of the Boston road.

Interment was in Groton cemetery on Thursday. After the committal

Mrs. Chester Parker and daughter, on Thursday. After the committal and Mrs. John Fiske spent a day this service the relatives assembled at the week in Fitchburg as guests of Mrs. home of Mrs. E. O. Collier, who is a niece of the deceased. Mrs. Solon Leon Richardson has been confined Dodge and Mrs. Arthur Green, also of this town, are nieces by marriage. Other near surviving relatives are a son, Frank Davis, of Littleton, and Mrs. Grace Shattuck, of Leominster. and one brother, George O. Derby, of Wellsboro, Pa., formerly of Groton. He is eighty years old and did not feel able to come to his sister's fu-

Alliance Meeting.

The Woman's branch Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. William A. Lawrence. Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck read an interesting paper on the life and character, the good works and eccentricities of Rev. Elizabeth M. Bruce, of Maplewood. Mrs. Shattuck had prepared the paper for an Alliance meeting last summer, but there was a necessary postponement Mrs. Shattuck had frequently attended services in the chapel where Mrs. Bruce read or spoke, and had met her personally. This chapel was built by Mrs. Bruce herself, and at her own expense. It joined onto her own home. It was open every afternoon at five o'clock and all were welcome there, and no contributions ever asked. She was a regularly ordained Universalist minister, but exchanged with clergymen of all denominations. Mrs. Bruce was also an assistant editor of a paper and lived to do good, particularly among the poor, but she did her work in her own way. Through her influence, thousands of children were led to sign the total abstinence pledge. A perusal of such a life is deeply interesting and inspiring. Mrs. Bruce died last Octo-ber and the entire city showed their respect for her by public demonstrations on the day of her funeral.

Denth.

The following will be read with deep regret by Groton friends, who will feel sincere sympathy for the afflicted parents and other relatives. Ernest Sawyer, now a prominent business man of Winchendon, was a Groton boy and had frequently visited here with

his family:
Bertha Roxanna Sawyer, the beloved eldest daughter of Ernest L. and Mary L. Sawyer, died at Boothby hospital, Boston, early Sunday morning, after an illness of but a few hours. She had returned to her studies at a commercial school in Boston, after a On Sunday evening, December 24, Thanksgiving recess spent with her at five o'clock, there will be a vesper parents at her home in Winchendon.

On Friday of last week she was taken violently ill while in school. She was removed to her boarding place and a physician summoned who advised immediate surgical treatment. She was taken to the hospital where an operation was performed Saturday; it was found that there was a rupture of the

She recovered from the effects of the ether and was able to converse with her parents, but peritonitis set in and she passed away Sunday morn-

Miss Sawyer was of a particularly lovable nature. No one was heard to speak ill of her. For several years she had been of the greatest assistance to her father in the management of his business. She had a sweet voice and it was freely used for the church and entertainments.

She was born in Winchendon July 24, 1887. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church in that place on Wednesday afternoon.

West Groton.

Mrs. R. A. Webber, of Ayer, is a week-end guest at the home of her son, G. S. Webber. She is accompanied by Mrs. Eliza M. Swan, of Philadelphia, great-great-aunt of little Edward, son of the house.

Mrs. E. P. Shores, Mrs. G. S. Webber and Miss Bertha Bixby attended the meeting of the Eastern Star in Ayer on Wednesday evening, Miss Bixby as a candidate for initiation.

Mrs. Slaney, of Pawtucket, R. I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Blood, visited relatives here this

Reports have reached this village of the death in Burbank hospital, of Mrs. Lucia, a late resident of this place, who left town but a few weeks ago. Mrs. Lucia has been in poor health for some years, and has twice andergone surgical treatment in Groton hospital.

Willis Crossman, of Pittsfield, was a recent guest of his cousin, F. L. Blood. This was Mr. Crossman's first visit to Groton in fifty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Kierstead are entertaining a number of guests. Going on Saturday, Mrs. C. L. Roy spent several days with her parents in Westmoreland, N. H.

It was lately reported in this col-umn that Alonzo Jenkins, of North Shirley, had sold his farm and was to reside in Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have made different arrangements for the winter, however, and will occupy the Almond Holden place, so-called, until spring.

Miss Kathleen McGowan has returned to her position in Groton hospital and Mrs. Parkhurst is at present night

AYER.

Letters remaining uncalled for at he Ayer postoffice for the week end-ng December 11: Mrs. Carrie E. Blanchard, Charlie Carlson, Robert E. Eddis, Edward Moulton, C. T. Smith.

Anotice has been posted by the selectmen for a townway to be called Rogers street that should be laid out from West Main street to Shirley street over land supposed to be owned by Mary Rogers, and the hearing is to be in the selectmen's room on Thursday evening, December 21, at 7.30 o'clock to hear any objection which may be made to said taking and laying out. may be ing out.

Ing out.

Mr. Lovett will have his annual Christmas tree in Page hall on Friday. December 22.

Miss Amy Lougee, of this town, who has been employed at the C. A. Edgarton Company for the past three or four weeks got through last Saturday. While there she was employed on the calendar work previous to the holidays.

Ayer council, K. of C., will hold a social dance in Page hall on Thursday evening. December 28. Music by Newell's orchestra of Mariboro, five

The public schols will close next Friday for the Christmas vacation and will re-open on Monday morning, Jan-uary 1.

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Capt. George V. Barrett is not only a veteran of the civil war, but a veteran of the Boston custom house, where for the past twenty-three years he has occupied the position as boarding officer of inbound vessels, and last October was assigned to the position of inspector of coal at the yards of the New England Coke and Coke Company at Everett, and is employed in his new position every day in the week but one, leaving here on once of the early morning trains and returning in the evening. It is a much easier position than the boarding of thound vessels for one of his years.

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A. E. Lawrence intends to build an addition to his mouse on Washington street. When the change is made, the upper tenement will be rented to Geo. O. Fillebrown, who will take possession as soon as the present tenant, Frank S. Bennett, moves into his new house. Beginning last evening the eight days celebration is the Jewish people of the feast of Hat ika began. On the first night there we be one light burning, and each succeeding night one is added till the ast night of the celebration, when eight are burning at once. While the lights are burning every night, process are said. The local Jewish people will celebrate the ople will celebrate the

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

Mass will be colebrated at the town hall in Littleton by Rev. P. J. Sheddy on Christmas morning at eleven o'clock. It is expected that services will be held there every Sunday. will be held there every Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Rand were agreeably surprised at a meeting of the members of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., last week Friday evening, the occasion being their tenth wedding anniversary. The meeting was called for the supposed purpose of rehearsal for the class initiation. The presents given them consisted of tin and agate ware, and were placed in a wash boiler in the center of the hall. The presentation was made by Warren L. Preble, in behalf of the party. Refreshments were served, followed by a social time.

social time.

Our stores were never more inviting than they are at this time of the holiday trade. The display windows of the stores carrying Christmas goods are beautifully arranged and the assortment of goods for holiday presents are large and varied. Be sure and come to Ayer to see what extensive showing there is to confront you in all of the many stores engaged in the holiday trade.

Annual Meeting.

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The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held on Monday evening. Augustus Lovejoy was chosen moderator, and these officers and committees were elected:

Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; F. C. Johnson, treas; Miss. Minnie H. Evans, col.; C. H. Hardy, and,; Augustus Lovejoy, Mrs. Clara E. Richardson, C. H. Hardy, pruden, com.; Mrs. William Sargent, Miss Mary F. Blood, church com.; Francis Lovejoy, dea. 2. yrs.; H. E. Evans, trustee parsonage fund; Miss Mary B. Johnson, Miss. Minnie H. Evans, C. H. Hardy, soliciting com.; E. B. Harlow, Miss Hachael A. Osgood, Francis Love.

The reports of the committees show-ed prosperity during the past year, \$1,447.03 having been raised for cur-rent expenses, and \$2.333.26 for the re-duction of the church debt.

Moving Pictures.

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At the moving picture show on Saturday, night will be shown the "Two orphans," in three reels over three thousand feet long. This is the best drama that has ever been shown on the curtain. The pictures on last Wednesday night, according to those who witnessed the show, were the best ever seen here, especially the picture "lighthouse by the sea," and "lost in the jungle." Two other big features will be shown with the "Two orphans," and a Boston singer is to be in attendance. On next Wednesday evening will be shown a picture full of tun and laughter, "The three musketters," in two reels. Three other features will be added to this.

SHIRLEY.

Ends His Life.

Leander S. P. Marsh, seventy-six ears old, a contractor and builder, took his own life by shooting, Wednes-day afternoon at his home on Hazen road. In a note the man left were these words: "It is 5.15 o'clock. Farewell to all."

Mr. Marsh had been unwell for some

time past and sent for Dr. Thomas E. Lilly on Tuesday, who called on Mr. Marsh during that day. Dr. Lilly found the man somewhat despondent.

The Marsh home is in the vicinity of the Boutillier, Evans and Holden farms in the direction of Woods Vil-lage from Shirley Village, and the deed was not discovered until Mr. Marsh's two sons, David and Mitchell, returned home at six p. m. from Ayer, where they are employed as carpenters by C. H. Hardy.

The body of the father was found

lifeless on a couch in a shop at the rear of the house, with a bullet hole in his head, and the rifle with which the act was committed was fastened in a vise.
Neighbors were notified and Dr.

Lilly summoned. The bullet passed through the head, above the right cheek bone in front of the ear, and was found lodged in some brackets in the shop. It is thought that the act was committed between five and six o'clock, as the note indicated.

Associate Medical Examiner Herbert B. Priest of Groton was sent for and viewed the body of the aged man soon after the deed was discovered by the sons.

News of the death of Mr. Marsh car. After his fall he succeeding in getting up only to fall again.

From this time on Mr. Brown says spread rapidly during the evening and was a great shock to the townspeople.

LITTLETON.

Denths.

Much sympathy is felt for Samuel Reed, jr., in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred in Marlboro on Tuesday, following an operation for appendictis on Monday. The pathos of the situation is especially touching because of the little week-old daughter that is left motherless. The funeral was held on Thursday aftenoon, Rev. H. L. Packard officiating, and the interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Reed was born in Maine, thirtyfour years ago, and wrevious to her marriage, little more than a year ago, resided in Westford. She was loyally devoted to the interests of the home and deserves much-credit fo the kindly care she gave Mr. Red's aged parent.

Mrs. Fannie A. Sherburne passed away at her home on Goldsmith street on Tuesday morning at the age of seventy-five years. She had been a sufferer from pleurisy and heart trouble for several weeks, her strength proving insufficient to conquer disease. Funeral services were held at her late home on Thursday forenoon, Rev. Harrison L. Packard officiating, and Mrs. Charles K. Houghton and Mrs. Perley D. Smith singing favorite hymns, Ploral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was in Groton, the native town, and for many years the home of the deceased.

Mrs. Sherburne leaves one son, Frank Davis, with whom she lived, and one daughter, Mrs. Grace P. Shattuck, of Leominster, besides two grandchildren. George and Francis Kimball. She will be greatly missed in the home, by relatives, friends and neighbors, who speak only in terms of esteem and praise of her many virtues.

Townsend Harbor.

Joel Cooke, who has been on the

her mother.

FOR SALE.—One Black Horse, nine years old, weighs 1200, good, sound and clever Mare, used on milk team. One Bay Colt. four years old, broke, safe for woman to drive. One new low-down Express Wagon. Prices way-down low. Come and see them. Will exchange or buy a good Democrat Wagon. J. P. NUTTING, River Street, East Pepperell. Mass. tion as teacher of the Harbor school. Mrs. Charles Warner's health has so far improved as to allow her daughter

is under the care of Dr. Holcombe of Brookline, N. H.

turning Thursday night, Mrs. Minnie Knight with several other townspeople attended the state grange at Worcester this week. Dan Spofford accompanied by his

consult a specialist relative to diseases of the back.

Missouri, after a two-weeks' visit with his family, returned last Tuesday to the Philadelphia navy yard

board and rooms, eleven men who are employed in West Groton in building standpipe, last Monday engaged board with Mr. Brown at the old hotel, But on account of the distance, the short days and inconvenient train service, after one day's trial the men felt this arrangement was not practicable. As the result of strenuous effort they have now found accommodations nearer their work.

some buck came within a few rods of Frank Conant's barn where it stopped to reconnoiter. Then it crossed the road nearly in front of Oliver Proctor's and walked around to the rear of the house. After a little while it began browsing in an orchard nearby

Accident

ing from a street car. Mr. Brown boarded the nine o'clock car at Lun-enburg en route for Worcester. Soon after starting he found he had for gotten a package and signalled the conductor to stop the car which was going rapidily down a heavy grade. dent in no other way than that he was thrown to the ground by the scription as the price will advance sudden checking of the speed of the to \$1.50 per year on that date.

The Holiday Season

It is quite the usual thing for Christmas shoppers, especially Mothers, Daughters and "Best Girls" to depend to a considerable extent upon a man's store. Time was, when gifts were given simply as a remembrance; they could answer no practical purpose, nor were they meant to. But in late years the useful, wearable gift has made an indisputable place for itself.

Our cases and shelves are laden with practical articles appropriate for Christmas giving and our selling staff is amply supplied with holiday suggestions. Do your shopping with us this season. Make your selections from a really wonderful assortment of articles, some of which we will enumerate:

UMBRELLAS NECKWEAR HANDKERCHIEFS HOSIERY CUFF LINKS WATCH GUARDS BATH ROBES SHOES SLIPPERS FUR COATS HOUSE COATS SHIRTS COLLARS SCARF PINS

SCARF HOLDERS MUFFLERS NIGHT ROBES PAJAMAS BAGS SUIT CASES TRUNKS FANCY WAISTCOATS HATS AND CAPS DRESS GLOVES FUR-LINED GLOVES ARM BANDS SUSPENDERS BELTS

LANE BROS.

East Pepperell

he remembered scarcely nothing. He was later taken into the house of Mr.

Bowles, nearby, and a doctor called.

A long cut on the nose necessitated the taken of three stitches. Mr. Brown's back and left side were also

severely wrenched. As soon as he was

able, the injured man was taken to his home and the first thing he re-members clearly is the passing of

some of his neighbors' houses. The next day Mr. Brown was so far re-

covered as to do some of his usual work. No blame is attached to any-

The Dominican republic has no gen-

eral telephone system. The govern-ment operates long distance lines be-

tween the cities and towns, but conversations are not permitted except through state officials. Concessions have just been granted to build and

operate telephone systems in Puerto Plata, Santiago de los Caballeros and

San Francisco de Macoris. The maxi-

mum charge for service is to be three

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

To your friend who enjoys good reading, you can make no better or more acceptable Christmas gift than a subscription to the Boston Evening

New Advertisements.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of SILAS P. MORGAN late of the country of Middlesex, decased, intestate, represented insolvent. The Probate Court for said Country ill receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said ILAS P. MORGAN and notice is here yelven that six months from the welfth day of December A. D. 1911, re allowed to creditors to present and rove their claims against said estate, and that the Court will receive and xamine the claims of creditors at ambridge, on the twelfth day of Janary, 1912, at nine o'clock in the forebon, and at Cambridge, on the twelfth ty of June, 1912, at nine o'clock in the forebon.

JOSEPHINE E. MORGAN

JOSEPHINE E. MORGAN, Administratix. 17, 1911. 3t14

NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the Share-holders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 8, 1912, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to

ing business:
To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 6, 1911. 4t13

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock-holders 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, Cashler.

Townsend, Mass., Dec. 5, 1911. 4t13

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Dec. 17, 1911.

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Mass.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

IN AYER, MASS.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Charles J. Day to Joseph Holden, Annie L. Walker, and Josephine C. Jilson, Trustees of the United Society of Believers (called Shakers) of Harvard, Massachusetts, which said mortgage is dated the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Regis-try of Deeds, book 3588, page 256, and for breach of the conditions contained therein, and for the purpose of fore-closing the same, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house on the premises hereinafter described, in Ayer, aforesaid on Saturday, the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock P. M., all and singular the premises described in and conveyed

by said mortgage deed, to wit:
"Two certain tracts or parcels of land situate in the southeasterly part of Ayer in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth aforesaid and the northerly part of said Harvard. The first tract with the buildings thereon is situate on the south side of the road leading from Ayer to Littleton and on the east side of the road leading from said Ayer and Littleton road to the Harvard Shakers and is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner

of the granted premises at a corner of the wall, said corner being at the junction of the east road line of the said road to the Harvard Shakers, and outh road line of the said Aye and Littleton road; thence by the said east line of the said road to Harvard Shakers as the wall now stands South 14° West 960 feet to a curve in the said road; thence by said curve about 90 feet: thence by said road as the wall now stands South 75° East passing through a bound between the town of Ayer and the town of Harvard 360 feet to an angle in the road; thence by said road South 73° East 500 feet to a County road; thence by said County road as the wall now stands North 2° West 790 feet to the said Ayer and Littleton road; sam Ayer and Littleton road; thence by said last named road North 53° 30' West 780 feet to the point of be-ginning contents 12° ginning containing 16-% Acres be the

same more or less:

The second tract is situate on the westerly side of the said road leading to the Harvard Shakers and is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner at the corner of the wall at the junction of the south road line of the road leading from Ayer to Littleton, and the west road line of the said road leading to Harvard Shakers; thence by said Harvard Shakers road as the wall now; stands: South 14° West, 1030 feet passing through a bound between the town of Ayer and the town of Harvard to a corner of the wall at land of grantee; thence by said grantee's or grantee; thence by said stands North 75° West 143 feet to a corner in the wall; thence by said grantee's land as the wall now stands North 5° East 1145 feet to the said Ayer and Littleton road; thence by said Ayer and Littleton road as the wall now stands South 56° East 335 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4-% Acres be the same more or less."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in part paynent will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made

known at time and place of sale. JOSEPH HOLDEN. ANNIE L WALKER,

JOSÉPHINE C. JILSON, Trustees of the United Society of Believers.

Mortgagees.

Ayer, Mass., December 7, 1911.-3t14

TOWNSEND.

Mrs. Strout's daughter is visiting

Miss Barnes has resigned her posito return to her school.

Mrs. Kervin, Mrs. Doherty's mother,

Going on Tuesday morning and re-

wife went to Boston on Thursday to Frank Taylor of the U. S. battleship

Because of the difficulty of securing

One morning this week a big, hand

Last Wednesday morning George Brown received several ugly bruises and a severe cut on the face by fall-Mr. Brown can account for the acciwas thrown to the ground by the

a subscription to the Boston Evening Transcript. The publishers have issuer a neatly engraved subscription certificate to be given to those ordering the paper as a holiday offering, which may be sent by mail to reach the recipient at the issues time. Free sample copies and rates will be cheerfully furnished by the Boston Transcript Co., Boston, Mass.